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A student was one day taking a walk with his teacher. As they went along, they saw a pair of old shoes lying in the path. They were a poor farmer's, who was working in the nearby field.

The student turned to the teacher, saying: "we will hide his shoes, and hide ourselves behind those trees, and wait to see what he will do."

"My young friend," answered the teacher, "we should never make fun of the poor. Why not put a coin in each shoe, and then we will hide ourselves and watch?" The student did so and they both hid themselves behind the trees. The poor man soon finished his work, and came across the field to the path where he had left his coat and shoes.

After putting on his coat, he put his foot into one of his shoes, and felt something hard. Then he bent (弯腰) down to feel what it was, and found the coin. Surprised, he looked at the coin, turned it around and looked at it again. He then looked around, but no person was seen. He put the money into his pocket, and continued to put on the other shoe. His surprise was doubled on finding the other coin.

He couldn't control his feelings and fell to his knees, looked up to the sky and expressed his thanks. Then he spoke of his wife, sick and helpless, and his children without bread. He said the help would save them from dying.

The student stood there deeply moved, and his eyes filled with tears. "Now," said the teacher, "are you not much happier than if you had hidden the shoes?"

【1】When the student saw the shoes, he wanted to ____.

A. steal them B. find their owner

C. play a joke on the owner D. give the owner some money

【2】According to the passage, the teacher is ____.

A. quiet and honest B. kind and friendly

C. patient and clever D. strict and careful

【3】When the farmer saw the second coin, he ____.

A. was very excited and grateful

B. was worried and looked up at the sky

C. was surprised and decided to find the owner

D. spoke of his difficulties and asked for more help

2.

American and British people both speak English of course. But sometimes it does not seem like the same language. In fact, there are some important differences between British English and American English.

First of all, they sound very different. Often, Americans don't say each word separately. They say several words together. Americans may say "I dunno" instead of "I don't know". Or they may say "Whaddya say?" instead of "What did you say?". However, the British are more careful in their speech. They usually say all the words and keep them separate.

Sound is not only the difference between British English and American English. Words sometimes have different meanings too. Some American words are never used in England. The same thing is true of some British words in America. For example, the vocabulary for cars and driving is very different. Americans drive trucks, but in England people drive lorries.

Many expressions are also different in the two countries. In England, if you are going to telephone your friends, you "phone them up". In America, you "give them a call". When you are saying goodbye in England you might say "Cheerio!" In America you might say "See you later."

There're also some differences in grammar. For example, Americans usually use the helping verb "do" when they ask a question. They say "Do you have a storybook?" But the British often leave out the helping verb. They say "Have you a storybook?"

All these differences can be confusing if you are learning English. But most languages are like this. Languages change over time. When people live in separate places, the languages change in different ways. This is what has happened to English. It can also happen to other languages, such as French. Many people in Canada speak French, but their French is very different from the French of France.

【1】What does the author think of the differences between American and British English?

A. American and British English are the same language.

B. American and British English are quite different.

C. Although American English came from the British English, there are still some important differences.

D. There are slight differences between American and British English.

【2】What does the underlined word "separate" in Paragraph 2 mean?

A. Together. B. One by one.

C. In common. D. In different ways.

【3】What does the underlined sentence "The same thing is true of some British words in America." mean?

A. The words of American and British English are the same.

B. The spelling of American and British English is the same.

C. Although they don't sound the same, the words are the same.

D. Some British English words are not used in American English.

【4】How many ways are talked about the differences between American and British English in the passage?

A. One. B. Two. C. Three. D. Four.

3. 阅读理解

A man came home from work late, tired, to find his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door.

"Daddy, how much money do you make each hour?"

"If you must know, I make \$20 each hour."

"Oh," the little boy answered, with his head down. He thought for a moment, looked up and said, "Daddy, could you lend me \$10?"

The father was furious, "If you asked for the money to buy a toy or some other rubbish, then go straight to your room and think about why are you so selfish (自私)!"

The little boy went to his room no words and shut the door. After a short while, the father calmed (平静) down, and started to think, "Maybe he really needs to buy something and he didn't really ask for money very often." So he went to the little boy's room.

"Sorry! Maybe I was too hard on your just now," said the man, "Here's \$10."

"Oh, thank you Daddy!" he said happily. Then the boy took out some coins. When the father found that the boy already had money, he got angry again.

"Why do you want more money since you already have some?" the father shouted angrily.