

Задания: перевести тексты письменно, заполнить таблицу, написать аннотацию (2)

Plants

Plants have always played a fundamental role in the life of people and animals. Nothing on the earth can be compared with them and nothing can replace them. Oxygen, food, fodder, fuel, timber, medicaments and many other necessary things come from plants.

Scientists classify them into three classes: food plants, industrial plants, and medicinal plants. Life is supported by food and fodder plants. It is protected by industrial plants and preserved by medicinal plants.

Most plants are green because they contain the substance called chlorophyll. They use it to trap light energy which is used during photosynthesis to make food.

Plants are usually anchored in a growing medium such as soil. Some, such as mosses (мхи) and liverworts (печёночники), are small and delicate. Others, such as giant redwood trees are huge. Many plants, such as marigolds (ноготки) and sunflowers, are annuals, which means that they live for just a year. Perennials can live for many years: some relic pine trees, for example, are 5,000 years old.

Man began to change plants more than 10,000 years ago, when he began to grow the first food plants.

Animals

Animals are organisms that move and actively find their own food. Their sensory

organs help them to locate their food, and also to respond to their environment.

Most animals are heterotrophic feeders, which means they feed on plants or other animals. Animals are found in all kinds of habitats.

Some animals are aerial (надземное воздушное обитание), such as birds, bats and some insects. Others, such as fish, are aquatic, living in rivers or oceans. Many are terrestrial, living both above and below the ground. Some groups of animals, such as frogs, have adapted to life in more than one of these habitats.

More than one million species of animals have been identified so far, and it is thought that many more species remain to be discovered.

In general animals have been domesticated for the following three purposes: as a source of food, clothing, as assistants used in various human activities, or as pets. The origin of domestication is unknown. The dog is likely to be the most widely distributed and variably used domesticated animal. Cattle are the most important of the animals domesticated by man and, next to the dog, the most ancient.

Exercise 1. Scan texts and complete the chart.

	Plants	Animals
Importance		
Classification		
Food		

