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Тип работы: Эссе

Предмет: Английский продвинутый

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1. The author is Bel Kaufman. She is an American writer and teacher. She became mainly famous due to her novel "Up the Down Staircase" published in 1962 and based on her long teaching experience. It was first published in Saturday Review. It was translated into 16 languages and got over 6 million copies. Its title became idiomatic. Bel Kaufman was an English teacher at high schools in New York and then in New York State University. The text under analysis is a piece of narration as it is taken from the novel "Up the Down Staircase" and represented by the main character of the book.
2. The passage is presented from the first person as we can see the use of the personal pronoun I: "It's FTG (Friday Thank God), which means I need not set the alarm for 6:30 tomorrow morning; I can wash a blouse, think a thought, write a letter". "Though I hope that by time she gets into the public high school system, things will be different". "I'm told that since the recent strike threats, negotiations with the United Federation of Teachers, and greater public interest, we are enjoying "improved conditions". But in the two weeks that I have been here, conditions seem greatly unimproved". "You ask what I am teaching". "I've been trying to teach without books. There was one heady moment when I was able to excite the class by an idea I had put on the blackboard Vrowning's "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" and we got involved in a spirited discussion of aspiration vs. reality. Is it wise, I asked, to aim higher than one's capacity?" "It's the sound of thinking, Mr. McHabe," I said".
3. The passage could be split into 4 parts. They are logically connected. The parts can be entitled as follows: "Little Suzie", "The subject of teaching", "Discussion of aspiration vs. reality", "Audio-Visual Aids".

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