

Assignment 3

- 1) The list of things she does with her hands:

She stroked his face, she was patting his cheek, she used to peeling a pencil, she was inserting her finger into her ear and then vibrating it. She was Opening copybook with her hands, she made margin, she imprinted a line, pressed it, released it and smoothed it out, she was dipping a pen and she hunted through spelling texts.

- 2) Given words: take aback, affection, stupendous, pant, emit, puff, moisten, dip, sloppy, exquisite

1) You took me aback when you showed up there, even though, you were supposed to be in India.

2) When he first saw his newborn son he was overwhelmed with love and affection. *Nice!*

3) I wanted to thank you all for such a stupendous result of our work.

4) I was running and I did not feel really well, I even started to pant, so I stopped to catch my breath.

5) The sun emits the radiation. */no def. article / general /*

6) Smoking cigarettes is really dangerous, but my father really enjoys to puff and does not want to stop. */ puff on sth.*

7) I think that you need to moisten your dry throat, go get a tea. */non-count noun (no article 'a') /*

8) Dip your rug before you use it for cleaning.

9) My aunt is always giving me sloppy kisses and it is really gross. *Nice!!*

10) We went to see an exhibition and I saw really exquisite painting. I wanted to buy it immediately. *Sing. count noun.*

Task 3

1. Why does Nabokov focus on Mademoiselles' hands?

Probably because of the things she did to him using her hands, such as patting and stroking. And maybe because he saw things which caught his attention.

2. How old is Mademoiselle? Give evidence for your speculations from text.

Judging by his description she was probably an elderly lady, She could be maybe 60, 70 years old, since she had ecchymotic spots, she was panting and emitting asthmatic puffs. *I agree with your assumption, but asthma, I believe, has nothing to do with age*

3. How would you characterize her? Is she a good teacher? Bad? Or.....? Why?

She was probably really rigorous and serious about her job, but I guess he did not have any fun with her, she was hard on him. We can judge by the last sentence, when she was trying to find something difficult for him. But since he wrote about her, she had to be special for him.

① I agree but the reason N. focusses on hands is given simply in the 1st sentence: that a child's line of vision is on the same level as an adult's hands (paraphrase)

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Good work... see comments above

Thanks, f

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