

**DRŽAVNO NATJECANJE IZ ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA**  
**za 2. razrede srednjih škola**  
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**This is the listening part of the state competition. Open your tests to page 2.**

**You will listen to the excerpt from a short story ‘*The Interlopers*’.**

**For statements 1- 5, choose the correct answer: T (true), F (false) or NI (no information - if not clearly stated in the text). There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write only the letters T, F or NI on the Answer Sheet.**

**You will hear the recording twice. There will be a short pause between the two listenings.**

**Now, let’s begin. You have 10 seconds to read the statements.**

(10 seconds)

**Now you will hear the recording.**

In a forest somewhere on the eastern spurs of the Karpathians, a man stood one winter night watching and listening, as though he waited for some beast of the woods to come within the range of his vision, and, later, of his rifle. But the game for whose presence he kept a keen outlook was none that could be seen in the sportsman's calendar; Ulrich von Gradwitz patrolled the dark forest in quest of a human enemy.

The forest lands of Gradwitz were of wide extent and well stocked with game, but the narrow strip of steep woodland that lay on its outskirts was not remarkable for the game it harboured or the shooting it afforded, but it was the most jealously guarded of all its owner's territorial possessions. A famous lawsuit, in the days of his grandfather, had taken it away from the illegal possession of a neighbouring family called the Znaeys. The dispossessed family had never accepted the judgment of the Courts, and a long series of poaching, quarrels and similar scandals had embittered the relationships between the families for three generations. The neighbour feud had grown into a personal one since Ulrich had come to be head of his family; if there was a man in the world whom he detested and wished ill to, it was Georg Znaeym, the inheritor of the quarrel and the tireless game-snatcher and raider of the disputed part of the forest. The feud might have died down or been compromised if the personal hatred of the two men had not stood in the way. On this cold and windy night Ulrich had summoned his foresters to watch the dark forest, not in quest of four-footed prey, but to keep a look-out for Georg's men, whom he suspected of being afoot from across the land boundary.

Ulrich separated from the others and wandered far down the steep slopes, listening through the whistling of the wind. And as he stepped round the trunk of a huge beech, he came face to face with the man he sought and despised. The two enemies stood glaring at one another for a

long, silent moment. Each had a rifle in his hand, each had hate in his heart and murder in his mind. But a man who has been brought up under the code of behaviour cannot easily shoot down his neighbour in cold blood and without a word spoken, except for an offence against his home and honour. And before the moment of hesitation had given way to action, a deed of Nature's own violence overwhelmed them both. A fierce shriek of the storm had been answered by a splitting crash over their heads, and before they could leap aside, a mass of falling beech tree had thundered down on them, pinning them to the ground.

Adapted from the short story *The Interlopers*, by H. H. Munro (Saki)

(Count silently to 5 and then say the following:)

**You will now hear the recording again.**

(After completing the task, say the following:)

**You now have 30 seconds to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

(After 30 seconds say the following:)

**This is the end of the listening task. You may now do the other parts of the test.**