

THE RANSOM OF THE RED CHIEF

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It looked like a good idea, but wait. I'll tell you. We were in Alabama — Bill Driscoll and I. And we decided to kidnap. It was, as Bill said later, “madness”.

There was a town which called Summit. We had six hundred dollars, and we needed just two thousand dollars more.

decide	[dɪ'saɪd]	v решать
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kidnap	['kɪdnæp]	v похищать
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madness	['mædnɪs]	n сумасшествие, безумие
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wait	[weɪt]	v ждать
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We talked about it near the hotel. The people love children, so a kidnaping project was a good idea here, in the country. Newspapers won't send reporters there. There were some constables and maybe some bloodhounds Summit. That's all. So, it looked good.

bloodhound	['blʌdhaʊnd]	<i>n</i> ищейка
children	['tʃɪldr(ə)n]	<i>n pl</i> дети
constable	['kɒnstəb(ə)l]	<i>n</i> полицейский; констебль
newspaper	['nju:zpeɪpə]	<i>n</i> газета
people	['pi:p(ə)l]	<i>n</i> люди; народ
project	['prɒdʒekt]	<i>n</i> проект
reporter	['rɪpɔ:tə]	<i>n</i> репортёр; корреспондент
send	[send]	<i>v</i> посылать; отправлять
talk	[tɔ:k]	<i>v</i> говорить; разговаривать



We chose the child of a rich citizen. His name was Ebenezer Dorset. The father was respectable. The boy was ten years old, with freckles and red hair.

child	[tʃaɪld]	<i>n</i> ребёнок
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choose	[tʃuːz]	<i>v</i> выбирать
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citizen	[ˈsɪtɪz(ə)n]	<i>n</i> гражданин; житель
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freckle	[ˈfrek(ə)l]	<i>n</i> веснушка
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hair	[heə]	<i>n</i> волосы
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respectable	[rɪˈspektəb(ə)l]	<i>adj</i> достойный уважения; почтенный
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rich	[rɪtʃ]	<i>adj</i> богатый
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wait	[weɪt]	<i>v</i> ждать
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year	[jɪə]	<i>n</i> год
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His father will give us two thousand dollars for his son, Bill and I thought. But wait. I'll tell you everything.



son

[sʌn]

n СЫН

everything

[ˈevriθɪŋ]

pron всё



There was a little mountain with a cave at a distance of two miles from Summit. We stored provision there. One evening after sundown, we came to the old Dorset's house.

cave	[keɪv]	<i>n</i> пещера
distance	['dɪstəns]	<i>n</i> расстояние
evening	['i:v(ə)nɪŋ]	<i>n</i> вечер
mountain	['maʊntɪn]	<i>n</i> гора
provision	[prə'vɪz(ə)n]	<i>n</i> съестные припасы
store	[stɔ:]	<i>v</i> снабжать; запасать; хранить
sundown	['sʌndaʊn]	<i>n</i> закат



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The kid was in the street. He threw rocks at a kitten on the fence.

“Hey, little boy!” said Bill, “do you want a bag of candies and a nice ride?”

The boy threw a stone into the Bill’s eye.

“Oh! Five hundred dollars more,” says Bill.

bag	[bæg]	<i>n</i> сумка
candy	['kændɪ]	<i>n</i> конфета, леденец, сласти
eye	[aɪ]	<i>n</i> глаз
fence	[fens]	<i>n</i> забор, изгородь, ограда
kid	[kɪd]	<i>n</i> ребёнок
kitten	['kɪt(ə)n]	<i>n</i> котёнок
stone	[stəʊn]	<i>n</i> камень
ride	[raɪd]	<i>v</i> ездить (верхом); кататься
throw	[θrəʊ]	<i>v</i> бросать