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Книга посвящена устной части ОГЭ по английскому языку, в частности заданию 2: диалогу-расспросу. В ней выделены тематические блоки: «Здоровый образ жизни», «Дружба», «Досуг», «Средства массовой информации» и другие. Читатель найдет множество интересных вопросов для обсуждения с несколькими вариантами ответов на каждый из них, а также типовые задания условных диалогов-расспросов с развернутыми ответами.

Пособие включает тематический словарь, изучение которого необходимо для успешной сдачи экзамена по английскому языку.

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Предисловие

Книга ориентирована на подготовку учащихся к успешной сдаче устной части Основного государственного экзамена по английскому языку, готовит школьников к условному диалогу-расспросу.

Как известно, диалоги на английском языке направлены на то, чтобы значительно повысить словарный запас, устранить языковой барьер, улучшить восприятие и понимание речи на слух.

Цель пособия — познакомить читателя с новым форматом экзамена, дать рекомендации по выполнению заданий и улучшить уровень владения языком в целом. Следует отметить, что с 2016 года устная часть экзамена полностью компьютеризирована. Это значит, что учащиеся будут выполнять задания на компьютере, после чего экспертами ОГЭ будет проведена проверка выполненных работ.

Время, отведенное на экзамен, составляет 15 минут. Для успешной сдачи экзамена учащиеся должны будут продемонстрировать превосходное владение информацией по заданной тематике, отличное восприятие речи на слух, способность к логическому мышлению и использование богатой лексики.

Первая часть книги посвящена условному диалогу-расспросу, который представляет собой опрос на определенную тему («Семья», «Дружба», «Путешествия» и другие). Данная часть разделена на тематические блоки, что значительно упростит подготовку. На каждый вопрос будет дано несколько вариантов ответа. При подготовке учащийся сможет выбрать

наиболее подходящий для него ответ и по желанию дополнить его новой информацией.

Во второй части учащимся предлагаются 15 типовых тестов для выполнения и отработки материала, приведен список наиболее популярных и часто используемых клише и ключевых выражений.

Все типовые учебно-тренировочные варианты, представленные в данной книге, составлены в соответствии с открытым банком заданий ОГЭ по английскому языку 2019 года.

В приложении учащиеся найдут разделенный на тематические блоки словарь-минимум, запас наиболее часто употребляемых слов и выражений, необходимый для свободного общения на английском языке.

Топики для обсуждения

General Questions

How old are you?

— I am 17.
— I have already turned 17.
— I am a 17-year-old person.
— I was born in 2001. So, I am 17 years old.

Where are you from?

— I am from Russia.
— I am from Russia, Anapa. It is a small town just by the sea.
— I live in the capital city, Moscow.

What is your

— name?
— middle name?
— surname (family name)?
— My name is Anna. My middle name is Vladimirovna. My surname (family name) is Sokolova.

What are your nicknames?

— Well, I used to be called "know-all" in my primary school, because I could answer almost any teacher's question.

— Frankly speaking, I hate nicknames, and I prefer to be called by my real name.

— I used to be called "Cinderella" in my childhood, because this tale was my favourite one.

Is your family large or small? Have you got any siblings?

— Well, my family is rather large: my dad, my mom, my younger sister and an elder brother. Besides, at present my grandparents live with us.

— My family consists of 3 members: my dad, my mom and myself.

— At present I live with my grandparents. My mom and dad work in another city. So, unfortunately, I see them not quite often.

Do you have any pets?

— Yes, I've got a puppy. It is very cute and smart. I like to play with it.

— Well, at present I don't have any, but I am thinking about adopting a stray dog from a shelter. So, now I am trying to convince my parents that I am responsible enough to take care of a pet.

— Yes, I have a cat and a dog. They are our best friends and true members of our friendly family.

What are your "pet hates" (что-либо, вызывающее неприязнь)?

— One of my pet hates is when someone is behaving in an arrogant way.

— One of my pet hates is traffic jams.

— Well, I can't stand when people give unasked advice.

What is your hobby?

— I've got lots of hobbies and interests: music, ballet dances, books, cinema and horse-riding.

— I adore painting. Besides, in my free time I like reading biographies of famous artists.

— I am fond of dancing and swimming. So, I go to the gym every other day.

How many friends have you got?

— Well, I am lucky to have lots of friends. We have much in common and spend all our free time together.

— I have very few friends, precisely just one true friend. In my opinion, "a real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

— Well, I've got lots of acquaintances, but I've got no true friends. Frankly speaking, I am reserved and suspicious. I don't trust people and don't believe in friendship.

What is your favourite school subject?

— My favourite subject is English. I have been learning it since childhood. Let me tell you my little secret: my dream is to live and study in England.

— One of my favourite subjects at school is Literature. As for me, I read books not only in my native language, but also in a foreign one, in English.

— My favourite school subject is PE. I am a very energetic person. So, in our PE classes we usually play football, volleyball or take part in the running competitions.

Where do you usually spend your summer holidays?

— My parents and I often go to the seaside. I love swimming and sunbathing.

— Our relatives live in Moscow. So, I usually spend all my summer holidays there.

— I am fond of travelling. So, I often spend my holidays abroad. I have been to Greece, Italy, Spain and Mexico so far.

What is your favourite food?

— Actually, I am a sweet-tooth. I love strawberry ice cream and pancakes. My mom is a good cook. So, she always cooks something delicious.

— I love pasta of all kinds. My parents and I often visit some Italian restaurants.

— I prefer homemade food to most restaurant food. I love home fries, baked chicken and dumplings.

FAMILY

How big is your family?

— There are four in our family: my dad, my mom, my little sister and myself.

— There are five members in our family: my mother, my father, my elder brother, my younger sister and myself.

— My family is small: only my dad, my mom and myself. I've got no siblings.

Do you live with your parents?

— Yes, I do. Actually, children should live with their parents till they get married and start their own family.

— At present I live with my grandparents. My parents live and work in Moscow. So, I see them not quite often.

— Well, I live with my mom. However, very often when she works night shifts or on Sundays, I stay with my grandmother.

Do you often visit your grandparents?

— My grandparents live not far from us. So, I see them every other day. Besides, we usually celebrate all holidays together.

— My grandparents live next door to us. So, I go to see them almost every day after school.

— My grandparents live in the country. It takes about two hours to get there by car. So, we usually visit them once a month or so.

What do your parents look like?

— My mom is very beautiful. She has got long dark brown hair and big blue eyes. She is rather tall and slim. My father is also very handsome. He is broad-shouldered and well-built. He is tall and fit.

— My mom is a very attractive woman. She has got blonde shoulder-length hair and big hazel eyes.

— I think for each child his mom is the most beautiful in the world. So, mine is not an exception. She is a real beauty. She is of average height with grey eyes and plump lips. Her figure is graceful and slender. My dad is tall with dark hair and brown eyes. He has a beard.

What are your parents like?

— My mom is very kind and understanding. She is always there to help me. Besides, she is very smart: a couple of years ago she received her Master's degree in Economics. My dad is a very hardworking and purposeful person. He is confident and reliable.

— My mom is always cheerful and easy-going. She is the life of the party. My father is reserved and modest. You can always rely on him.

— My mom is strict and opinionated. But I get along with her well. My dad is friendly, kind and open-hearted.

How often do you quarrel with your parents?

— Well, it depends. When I get good grades and study hard, everything is just fine. But when I skip my classes or is too lazy to do my homework, I naturally have arguments with them.

— Well, actually, I never quarrel with my parents. I think it's because I am obedient and hardworking. My parents say that I am a well-adjusted person.

— Unfortunately, I often quarrel with my parents. I think there is a generation gap between my parents and me. For instance, they disapprove of my lifestyle and don't let me stay out late at night.

What do your parents do? What are their occupations?

— Well, my mom is an accountant, while my father is Head of car sales department. Both of them are hardworking and committed to their profession.

— My mother is an English teacher. She says that her work is her vocation. My father is a driver. I hope that one day he will teach me how to drive a car.

— My mother is a shop assistant. She works in a huge shopping centre. My father is an IT support specialist. He is crazy about electronic devices.

What household chores should you do daily?

— I tidy my room and sweep the floor every day. Besides, I go shopping for food and wash the dishes.

— My parents are very busy and usually come home late at night. So, I have to clean the house, cook meals and do the laundry.

— Certainly, I have some household chores. Thus, I go shopping and walk with our dog. Besides, I am responsible for washing up.

Do your parents help you with your homework?

— Frankly speaking, my parents spend most of their time at work. So, I have to do my homework without any assistance. However, I take some extra classes that help me a lot.

— Well, yes, they do. My mom is an English teacher and a linguist. So, she helps me with my homework on different subjects such as Literature, Russian and English. My dad is good in Math, Physics and Chemistry. He often explains new material to me.

— Unfortunately, my parents never help me with my home assignments. I believe that the best way to do anything is to do it yourself. The more attempts you make, the better results you will get.

How much time do you spend with your parents?

— Frankly speaking, I prefer spending time with my family more than with my friends. In my view, spending time with your folks (родные) strengthens family ties. So, we always have our breakfast and supper together.

In the evening we usually watch movies or discuss the latest news.

— Actually, I spend too little time with my family. The reason is that my parents are always very busy.

— I live separately from my parents and we see each other not very often. However, I usually go to visit them on my holidays and we enjoy ourselves.

Who are you closest to in your family?

— Well, actually, I am closest to my mom. We have much in common, and I always share my secrets with her. She is my best friend who, I'm sure, will never let me down.

— Frankly speaking, I am closest to my dad. We have similar interests and spend much time together. My dad is a very wise man, and he always gives me good advice.

— Unfortunately, I don't get along with my parents. So, the closest person to me is my elder sister. When I need some help or advice, she is always there for me.

Do you often go on family trips?

— Exactly! We love travelling and visit different countries on my holidays. We have visited France, Greece, Spain and Italy so far. We usually go sightseeing in the morning and afterwards unwind in a café with live music. It is amazing and breathtaking!

— Well, I can't say we travel a lot, but we go to the seaside every summer. I do love spending time with my family. We always have fun together.

— Unfortunately, we seldom go on family trips because my parents are very busy people. I mostly go to summer camps or stay with my grandparents while on holidays. I wish I could spend more time with my family.

FRIENDSHIP

How many friends do you have?

— Well, I am lucky to have lots of friends. We have much in common and spend all our free time together.

— I have very few friends, precisely just one true friend. In my opinion, "a real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

— As for me, I have a small circle of good friends. I can always be myself with them as if they are my family.

Do you like making new friends?

— Well, yes, I do. I'm a sociable and easy-going person. I love socializing with different people. Nowadays it is rather easy to make friends from all over the world thanks to social networking sites. Besides, I have a few childhood friends and some friends from my class.

— I can't say that I like the process of making new friends itself, but I often meet new and interesting people who in the course of time become my true friends. For instance, I made some friends at the gym and at the language school.

— Frankly speaking, I am rather shy and reserved. So, I hate making new friends. I am absolutely happy being alone, but sometimes I feel the need to socialize.

In this case I visit chat rooms and talk with someone I even don't know.

What qualities should a true friend have?

— In my view, a true friend is a person who is always there to help you out. A real friend should be loyal, understanding and be able to listen.

— I think that a true friend should be trustworthy, honest and sincere. These are the most important qualities I look for in a friend.

— Frankly speaking, I don't believe that friendship exists. In theory, a true friend is a person who is loyal and trustworthy and divides all your joys and sorrows, but in reality it's every man for himself.

Do you have any pen pals?

— Besides, they often invite me to visit their home countries. So, it is a brilliant chance for me not only to meet my new friends in real life but also to explore the world.

— I have built close relationships with one girl from Great Britain. I am a bit reserved and shy to make new friends in real life. So, it is easier for me to confide in a person who is not from my circle of friends and lives far away.

— I have no pen pals. I think it is a bit dangerous to make friends online. I don't want to turn into a computer addict who avoid face-to-face communication and live in virtual reality.

How do you usually spend time with your friends?

— As we have much in common, we always have fun together. If the weather is fine, we often go for a walk or ride our bikes. In winter we love skiing or skating. Besides, we go to the cinema every other week. Besides, we like dining out together.

— Frankly speaking, I am kind of stay-at-home type of person. So, I usually invite my friends to my place and we always have fun together. We chat, drink tea, watch movies or listen to music.

— My friends and I love roller skating. So, we spend all our free time outdoors. When we don't feel like going out, we stay at home and play computer games.

Do you often quarrel with your friends?

— Well, I never quarrel with my friends. I try to avoid any conflicts in my life. If we have some misunderstandings, we openly discuss them and try to understand each other's viewpoints.

— Frankly speaking, I often quarrel with my friends. It happens because I am too emotional and uncompromising. I quickly fly into a temper. I always say what I think.

— I am such kind of person who easily gets offended. I think it is my weak point. I can't stand sorting out our relationship with friends. So, in case of falling-out I draw conclusion and separate myself from my friends. It takes me a lot of time to calm down.

Has your friend ever let you down?

— Unfortunately, one of my best friends betrayed me. As is known, hard times always reveal true friends. So, my so called best friend turned her back on me when I most needed her help. Besides, she tried to turn my classmates against me. Of course, it is sad and painful, but that's life.

— Luckily, my friends have never let me down. I am always careful with friendships. As far as I am concerned, it takes long time for me to work out who my true friend is and to open up.

— One of my friends has let me down. It turned out that she always envied my success and gossiped about me.

Where did you meet your best friend?

— Well, I met my best friend at the gym. Both of us are crazy about sports. So, we not only work out together, but also take part in different competitions.

— As far as I am concerned, I have met my true friend at the language school. We have similar goals for the future: we both want to study abroad.

— As for me, I have met my best friend in a summer camp. Unfortunately, we don't see each other very often, but we chat via Skype every day.

LEISURE TIME

How much free time do you have on weekdays?

— Well, frankly speaking, I am always pressed for time. I take extra English, Russian and Math classes. I go to the gym four times a week. Besides, I am completely overloaded with my homework.

— To be honest, homework overload stresses me out. So, I have too little free time for myself. Besides my home assignments, I have to help my mom about the house, go shopping and babysit my little sister.

— Honestly, I have enough free time on weekdays because I am able to manage my time properly. I do well in school. So, I don't have to take any extra classes. As my mom is a housewife, I help her with housework only on weekends.

How do you usually spend your weekends?

— As far as I am concerned, I try to spend all my free time with my family. On weekends we usually go shopping, walk in the park and dine out. We often go to the movies or to the theater. Sometimes we invite friends to our place and have a lot of fun together.

— I usually spend my weekends with my friends. We roller-skate in the park, eat ice cream and enjoy ourselves. Sometimes we go to the zoo or sit in an open-air café.

— On weekends I often go to visit my grandparents who live in the country. We often go fishing with my grandfather and then I help my grandmother to cook freshly-made fish soup.

What hobbies do you have?

— As far as I am concerned, my biggest hobby is ballet dancing. Besides, I take private piano classes. As I am a creative person, in the nearest future I'm going to take dressmaking classes. I have been dreaming of becoming a fashion designer since my childhood.

— As for me, I've got more than one hobby. One of my hobbies is collecting dolls. I've collected hundreds of dolls from every corner of the world. There is another hobby that keeps me fit — roller skating. Besides, recently I have decided to take up photography as a hobby. In my view, nature photography is very inspiring.

— My hobby and my passion are collecting rare books. Most of them have an interesting history. Besides, I take vocal and dance classes.

Which hobbies are the most popular among young people?

— Well, I think the most popular hobbies in Russia are video games like "Counter Strike", sports and learning foreign languages.

— In my view, the most popular hobbies are listening to music, taking photos, playing computer games and dancing.

— Well, hobbies differ like tastes. Some people are crazy about motor racing, others like collecting model cars. But the most popular hobbies, in my opinion, are sports, painting and ice-skating.

What do you prefer more: active or passive leisure activities?

— Frankly speaking, I am a stay-at-hope type of person. So, I naturally prefer passive leisure activities such as watching TV, reading books or listening to music.

— As far as I am concerned, I prefer active leisure activities in the open air such as hiking, rafting and playing sport games. I can't live without walking tours and rock climbing.

— Personally, I like active leisure activities. I am fond of skating and skiing. Besides, this summer I am going to try surfing. It is breathtaking, I suppose. Moreover, recently I've decided to take horse-riding lessons.

Who do you usually spend your free time with?

— Actually, I spend all my free time with my mom. As we have the same interests, we always enjoy each other's company. No matter what we do, we have fun.

— I usually spend all my free time with my best friend. We do a lot of things together. We both love taking photos and watching movies.

— Well, I always spend my free time with my elder sister. I am lucky because she shares my hobbies. So,

we always go shopping together, ride our bikes and go jogging together.

What kind of books do you like to read?

— Well, as for me, I enjoy reading various types of books. But I am especially fond of detective stories, thrillers, psychological novels and memoirs. In my childhood I used to read fantasy and fairy tales.

— Frankly speaking, reading has always played an important role in my life. I am sure that books are a great source of information, knowledge and enlightenment. As for me, I can't live without love stories, poems and biographies.

— Personally, I like different types of books. Everything depends on my mood. Sometimes I can't get enough of (не могу оторваться от) murder mysteries, but sometimes I am fascinated by tragedies and myths.

Who is your favourite writer?

— To be honest, I have more than one favourite writer. I enjoy reading books by Walter Scott, Erich Maria Remarque, Victor Marie Hugo, Francis Scott Fitzgerald and William Somerset Maugham. Besides, I usually study the biographies of famous authors. I think such study is helpful for the better understanding of a book.

— As far as I am concerned, Russian literature is my passion. I love reading books by Pushkin, Tolstoy, Chekhov and many others.

— Personally, I prefer foreign literature. I like books by Virginia Wolf, Jonathan Swift, William Somerset Maugham and many others.

How often do you borrow books from the library?

— Well, I rarely go to the library because most information I need I can find online. Besides, we have a good library at home. For example, my parents are reading more printed books than e-books. Anyway, sometimes I do borrow some books from my local library, especially when I am preparing for my exams.

— Frankly speaking, I never go to the library because I prefer e-books. In most cases I even don't have to buy them, as there are lots of sites where you can download books for free.

— As far as I am concerned, I often go to the library. I prefer traditional paper books. I love the feeling when I hold a book in my hands, enjoy its smell and turn page after page.

Why do you think teenagers are reading less and less now?

— It is a rather difficult question for me. As for me, I can't imagine my life without books. But it is true that nowadays lots of teenagers think that reading books is boring and unfashionable. They prefer watching movies or playing computer games.

— I think that modern teenagers are addicted to their smartphones and tablets. As a result, they have no free time or wish to read books.

— In my view, teenagers are reading less and less nowadays because they have too much homework to do. So, they have to face information overload.

How can reading English books help students improve their English?

— I think that reading English books can help students learn new words and expressions, as well as improve their reading comprehension skills and spelling.

— In my opinion, the more books you read in the original, the more you immerse yourself into a language. Besides, you start thinking in English.

— I am sure that reading English books together with watching movies help everyone master any foreign language.

What book would you recommend to your friend who wants to read something for pleasure? Why?

— I would recommend everyone to read my favourite book that made a lasting impression on me. It is definitely "Heaven Has No Favourites" by Remarque. It is a love story between a young girl, a terminal patient, and an automobile racer, who constantly puts his life at risk. This book teaches us to appreciate every breath we take and every moment we live.

— I'd recommend everyone to read "Three men in a boat" by Jerome K. Jerome. It is a humorous story about three friends and a dog who take a boating holiday. The men discuss illnesses they suffer from and conclude that they all need a holiday.

— My favourite book is "The adventures of Sherlock Holmes" by Arthur Conan Doyle. As far as I am concerned, I love detective stories and thrillers. So, this book is the gold standard of this genre. It is full of suspense for the entire time.

What after school activities do you take part in?

— Well, I regularly go to the boxing gym. When I have enough time, I go to the swimming pool with my best friend. In summer I like to play badminton and volleyball with my friends, while in winter I go to the skating rink.

— As for me, I play tennis professionally. Besides, I am going to sign up for graphic design classes.

— As far as I am concerned, I enjoy my dance classes. Besides, I am learning two foreign languages.

Do you think everyone should find some time for doing sports? Why?

— I am sure sports are very important to people of all ages. In order to be in a good shape people should exercise regularly, do morning exercises and go to the gym.

— In my view, sports help people reduce stress and stay in a good shape, while lack of exercise can lead to poor health. So, I am absolutely convinced that everyone should find time for doing sports, no matter how busy he is.

— Personally, I think that physical exercises are essential for everyone, as they are good for health and well-being. Even the busiest person in the world can find a little time for doing sports. As they say, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

What kind of music do you usually listen to?

— As for me, I can't imagine my life without music. I am a keen music lover. I listen to music on my way to college or before going to sleep. I enjoy listening to music when I browse the Internet or even while fulfilling some tasks. As for genres of music, I like Pop, Jazz, Country, Rap and Rock.

— Well, I love electronic music such as Progressive House and Trance.

— As far as I am concerned, I prefer classical music to pop music. It always helps me relax and unwind.

What musical instrument would you like to learn to play?

— Well, I have always dreamt of learning how to play the piano. I think it is a very popular instrument. Now I am thinking about taking private music lessons. My school teacher says I am musically talented.

— As far as I am concerned, I'd like to learn how to play an electric guitar. My dad promised he would teach me in his free time.

— I wish I could play the violin. I think that violin melodies are very beautiful.

EDUCATION

Did you go to the kindergarten when you were a kid?

— Well, yes, I went to kindergarten when I was about 3 years old till the age of 6. At that time my mom had a regular job and my dad was not around.

— Yes, I went to kindergarten for a little while, but when my granny retired, she started looking after me. I enjoyed spending time with her: we played games, learned poems by heart and read books.

— Actually, I didn't go to kindergarten. At that time my mom was a housewife and my dad supported all our family. So, my mom devoted herself entirely to my upbringing. Just imagine: I learned how to read and to write at the age of 3.

Do you like going to school?

— Of course, I do. I am aware that a good education gives a better chance to succeed in life and build a career. Besides, I've got lots of friends at school.

— To be honest, I love learning. My mom says that I've got an enquiring mind. So, I like going to school and never skip my classes.

— Frankly speaking, I hate going to school. I can't wait for the holidays to begin. I am not very good with people. I wish I could start a homeschooling.

What is your favourite school subject?

— My favourite subject is English. I have been learning it since childhood. Let me tell you my little secret: my dream is to live and study in England.

— One of my favourite subjects at school is Literature. As for me, I read books not only in my native language, but also in a foreign one, in English.

— My favourite school subject is PE. I am a very energetic person. So, in our PE classes we usually play football, volleyball or take part in the running competitions.

How many lessons do you usually have?

— As a rule, we have 5 or 6 lessons a day. So, our classes usually begin at 8 a.m. and end at around 2 p.m.

— I usually have 6 lessons a day. Besides, I take extra Russian and English classes. So, I generally come home at around 4 p.m.

— As far as I am concerned, I have 5 or 6 lessons every day. My classes are usually over at 2 p.m.

What subject do you find the most difficult?

— We study different subjects: English, German, Russian, Literature, Geography, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, PE and Music. Well, the most difficult subject for me is Math. I am much better at languages and arts than in science and math. To be honest, I find humanities easier to study than Math, Physics and Chemistry.

— As far as I am concerned, the most difficult subject is Physics. I even take extra classes to understand the subject better. However, it is still too difficult for me to keep in mind all physics formulas and formulated laws.

— To be honest, the most difficult subject for me is Chemistry. Even though my father is good in Physics and helps me with my homework, I still have some difficulties in learning formulas.

What sports facilities do you have in your school?

— To tell the truth, our school is well-equipped. In our school we have such sports facilities as volleyball and basketball courts, a football pitch and a swimming pool.

— As for sports facilities in our school, we have a gym and a football pitch.

— Our school's sports facilities include football, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts.

Do you think school uniform is necessary or not? Why do you think so?

— In my opinion, school should make uniforms compulsory. In this case there will be no distinction between the rich and the poor and schoolchildren will focus on their studies rather than on trendy clothes and perform academically better.

— I guess, at schools where there are no uniforms children may feel pressured to wear fashionable and expensive clothes just to fit in and to be accepted by

the peers. So, I am absolutely sure that it is necessary for children to wear school uniforms.

— Well, I think this issue is rather controversial. In my view, there is no need to wear school uniforms. Personally, I think that they take away children's individuality.

What would you advise your friends to do to improve their English?

— I think if you want to be fluent in any foreign language, you should be ready to study a lot. There are lots of language schools, private teachers and manuals for self-tuitions to choose from.

— Well, if you want to be fluent in English, it is highly recommended to read books and watch films in the original. It is also essential to learn new words and expressions on a regular basis.

— The best way to learn English is to find an online friend who lives in an English-speaking country and practice it every day.

What foreign languages can you learn at your school?

— Well, English is a compulsory subject for all students at our school. Actually, it is our first foreign language. However, we should also learn the second language of our choice. So, we can choose from German and French.

— Personally, I study at school specializing in foreign languages study. I've been learning German since elementary

school. Besides, in our school schoolchildren can choose the second foreign language: Spanish or English. So, I've decided to choose English as it is a global language.

— Frankly speaking, I am not good in foreign languages. But all schoolchildren in my school have to study two foreign languages — French or German and English — simultaneously. To be honest, I always mix up these two languages.

How many English lessons a week do you have?

— We have 4 English lessons a week. Frankly speaking, English is one of my favourite subjects in my school timetable. So, if I had the chance, I would study English every day.

— I study at school specializing in foreign languages study. So, we have English classes every day.

— As far as I am concerned, I have English classes 3 times a week. However, next year I am planning to take extra English classes to improve my communicative skills.

For what reasons do people learn foreign languages nowadays?

— In my opinion, there are many reasons why people learn foreign languages. It is essential if people are going to build a successful career, if they are planning to travel around the world or if they want to get further education abroad.

— I think that the knowledge of foreign languages is becoming increasingly important in today's globalized world. There are many reasons for it. Firstly, most prestigious companies are looking for employees with a good command of a foreign language. Secondly, even basic language skills may help interact with lots of people all over the world.

— I think the main reason why people learn foreign languages is travelling. Nowadays more and more people travel around the world as travelling abroad has become more affordable and cheaper.

What is the most effective way to learn a foreign language, in your opinion?

— In my view, studying abroad is the most effective way to learn a foreign language. As a student residing, you are totally immersed in the language both in and outside of school. You have to carry out regular tasks in a target language. Besides, if you live with a host family you will definitely improve your conversational skills because you avoid speaking your mother's tongue. Additionally, all school subjects are taught in a foreign language.

— I think reading books in the original is one of the best methods to learn a foreign language. When you read a book in the target language, you learn new words and common expressions. Besides, experts recommend that learners should watch films subtitled in a target language.

— In my view, the best way to learn a foreign language is daily communications with native speakers. I am absolutely sure that listening comprehension and the ability to express thoughts in a target language are the main sticking points for every student. So, learners can fix this problem by practicing their communication skills with foreigners.

Do you think English will be useful for you in your future? In what way?

— Undoubtedly, English will be useful for me in the future. Personally, I want to become an interpreter. As is known, English is one of the most popular and widespread languages in the world. More and more foreign companies are opening their offices in Russia. So, I hope to find a highly-paid job in one of those companies.

— I am absolutely sure that English will be useful for me in the future. Whenever you go, everybody can speak it. Moreover, good language skills will help me read books and watch films in the original.

— I am convinced that a good command of English will be useful for me. It will give me the opportunity to travel around the world, to meet new people, to know their culture and traditions, as well as to explore different cuisines.

What language would you recommend that your English-speaking friend should learn? Why?

— Well, I would recommend my English-speaking friend to learn Spanish or Chinese. To be honest, these languages are likely to gain popularity. For instance, experts say that English, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese are the economic languages of this century. As for me, I would advise my friend to learn Russian. Today lots of huge companies in Russia are looking for English-speaking staff. So, it would be a brilliant opportunity for him to build a successful career in our country.

— Personally, I would advise my friend to learn the oriental language of his choice. As is known, oriental languages have gained widespread popularity nowadays. For example, Mandarin, the official language of China, is the second most popular language online.

How many students are there in your class?

— There are 28 students in my class. We are all very friendly and supportive.

— There are 25 students in our class. All of us are good and purposeful students. There is no one in our class who lags behind.

— There are 30 students in my class. There are too many bad students who always misbehave and distract our attention.

Do you have your favourite teacher?

— Yes, I do. My favourite teacher is an English teacher. In my opinion, she is a true professional. Since she became our teacher, our English skills have dramatically been improved.

— My favourite teacher is a History teacher. He is very kind to all students. Besides, he is a good storyteller. All of us always listen to him very attentively and learn the matter well.

— My favourite teacher is a Math teacher. He is motivated and committed to his profession. He always uses the individual approach to every student.

Have you ever experienced negative peer pressure?

— Frankly speaking, peer pressure had an influence over me. Sometimes I even felt like I couldn't be myself around my peers. I behaved badly in order to "fit in."

— Personally, I have never experienced any negative peer pressure, but one of my friends have. He started behave in a way his pals expected. We stopped being friends because of his aggressive behaviour.

— Well, I had some friends who pressured me to dress in a certain way to fit in and to be accepted by our clique. However, we are no longer friends. Now I am absolutely sure that it is much better for me to focus on my studies rather than on trendy clothes.

Do you think that teachers give you too much homework?

— Frankly speaking, yes, they do. I am so overloaded with my homework that I almost have no free time for my hobbies. It is rather stressful, and because of sleep deprivation I always feel tired and exhausted.

— I guess that homework overload has become a common problem among all schoolchildren. Today I can hardly find a student who is satisfied with the amount of homework given. As for me, I am always pressed for time and have to do my homework even on weekends.

— I can't say that I am overloaded with my homework. I guess I can manage my time reasonably.

Is home schooling better than traditional education?

— Yes, it is, in some extent. I think that home schooling has lots of benefits. Firstly, shy children can build up better relationship with their teachers, as face-to-face interaction promotes trust-building. Secondly, home-schooled children are likely to show more interest in their studies and perform better than those students who attend traditional schools.

— I consider that home schooling can be beneficial. Firstly, home-schooled children feel more comfortable and relaxed at home than at school. Secondly, they tend to understand the material more quickly with more personal approach. Thirdly, they don't have to experience negative

peer pressure. Furthermore, they are ill less often, since they don't have to study in a crowded classroom.

— I think that traditional schooling is better than home schooling. Firstly, home-schooled children have few friends. Secondly, they get used to their comfort zone and don't want to leave it.

Have you ever cheated on your exams?

— No, never. As for me, it is unacceptable. Doctors cheat during surgery, don't they? The same is true of exams. Students should study hard not because they want to get good marks, but because they want to become a true professional in their work.

— No, I have never cheated on my exams but I have copied my friend's homework for several times. It's not good, I know.

— Unfortunately, once I have been caught cheating on my exams. I felt so ashamed. So, since that time I have never cheated.

Do you think that higher education essential to get a well-paid job?

— Undoubtedly, higher education is necessary for everyone to succeed in life. As is known, students get all necessary knowledge and skills needed in the workplace. Besides, most prestigious companies seek for degreed employees.

— Well, it depends on what kind of profession you want to choose. For instance, if you want to become

a doctor, an engineer or an economist, a university degree is a must. But if you want to get a simple job like a shop assistant or a driver, it is not so important to pursue higher education.

— Personally, I think that higher education can't guarantee a well-paid job. It is more important to be talented, purposeful, responsible and creative. Most successful people are great decision-makers and risk-takers. Here is the thing. Did you know that Bill Gates and Steve Jobs dropped out of college and had no degree?

JOB

Is choosing a career an important decision?

— I am absolutely sure that choosing a career is one of the most important and tough decisions people will ever make in life. As is known, 'Find a job you love and you will never work a day in your life.'

— I am convinced that career choice is important for all individuals. If you are passionate about your work, you have more chances to succeed in life.

— I think it is very important to decide for yourself what you will do for living and to find your vocation. After all, people spend long hours in their workplaces. So, if a person dislikes his job, his life turns into a nightmare.

Have you already decided on your career?

— As far as I am concerned, I want to start my own business. The idea of doing a nine-to-five job doesn't appeal me at all. And if I can earn money from home, I'll be able to spend more time with my family. So, my success will depend on me and my own decisions.

— As for me, I want to become a doctor, as I come from a medical family. So, I am aware what a medical career is like. Today everyone agrees that it is a noble profession.

— Personally, I want to become a beautician. I want to make people look their best. Besides, cosmetic surgery has become a very profitable business nowadays.

Is getting a good salary more important than having a job you love?

— In my view, to find your true calling and job you are good at is much more important than high pay. Besides, an enjoyable job may equal a worthy salary. People can turn their hobby into some profitable business and earn decent money from home.

— I am absolutely sure that there is nothing like your true calling in life. I think that people spend too much time at work, and it is wrong to waste your precious time on unpleasant things.

— Personally, I think that a well-paid job is more important than a profession you love. Perhaps, I am too money-oriented, but I am convinced that money leads to a better quality life. In my view, rich and successful people live a more interesting and fulfilling life.

Do your parents try to influence your choice of profession?

— Unfortunately, my parents try to take full control and make all decisions disregarding my desires. They have already picked a certain career for me. Both of my parents are surgeons and want me to follow their footsteps. As for me, I want to follow my true calling and become a lawyer.

— Well, my parents encourage me to follow their footsteps but let me make my own decisions. As for me, I do listen to my parents' advice but always walk my own path.

— My parents have never tried to influence my choice of profession. In their view, it is very important to find a true calling in life. They advise me to explore the job options that match my interests, skills and knowledge.

What are the benefits of part-time job for students?

— I think there are lots of benefits of combining work and studies. Firstly, students who have some kind of work experience on their resumés look more impressive for their prospective employers. Secondly, students who earn money feel more confident and independent.

— Well, one of the most important advantages of a part-time job is that students become more organized and responsible. Another advantage is that they develop teamwork and learn to weigh their priorities.

— Frankly speaking, I doubt the benefits of combining work and studies. In my view, students who work part-time face a decline in academic performance and fall behind the schedule. Personally, I consider that it is better to concentrate on studies rather than on earning money.

What is your attitude towards self-employment?

— As far as I am concerned, the idea of doing nine-to-five job (работа с 9 утра до 6 вечера) doesn't appeal me. So, I am planning to set up my own business. In my view, there are lots of benefits of self-employment. When you are your own boss, you can spend more time with your family; you avoid daily stressful traffic jams and may have a more extended vacation.

— I think that self-employment is too complicated, unstable and risky. As for me, I would prefer to work for an employer and get my salary regularly.

— I think that self-employment has lots of benefits such as independence and job flexibility. After all, you can choose any work schedule that suits you or go on a trip anytime you like.

— I think that self-employment has its benefits, but I'd prefer to work for an employer. I think that not everyone can be an entrepreneur. A successful businessman should be dedicated to his job, be a good decision-maker and have leadership qualities.

What are some typical professions in Russia?

— Well, today there are a lot of job options to choose from out there. In my view, the most typical professions in Russia are lawyers, doctors, beauticians, accountants and economists.

— Personally, I think that today's world of professions is enormous. It seems to me that the most common jobs

in Russia are sales assistants, office clerks, accountants, teachers and drivers.

— In my opinion, the most typical professions in our country are hairstylists, waiters, drivers and managers.

Can learning English help you get a good job?

— I am certain that a good command of English will help me get a well-paid job. As is known, English is one of the most popular and wide-spread languages in the world. More and more foreign companies are opening their offices in Russia. So, I hope to find a highly-paid job in one of those companies.

— I am absolutely sure that foreign language fluency will help me find a better quality job. As is known, English has become the global language of business. So, today most employers list English language skills as required.

— Well, frankly speaking, I don't think that learning English can help me get a well-paid job. My future career won't be language-based. As for me, I want to become a lawyer.

What did you want to be when you grew up in your childhood?

— When I was a child, I wanted to be a TV presenter or a talk show host. I had really good communication skills and was able to improvise.

— My dream job was a lawyer. I wanted to help other people with their problems and to take justice in my hands.

— In my childhood I wanted to be a police officer. I watched lots of crime movies and TV series. I dreamt of becoming one of those heroes who rescued people. So, I had a collection of toy guns.

HOLIDAYS

What is your favourite holiday?

— Well, I like all holidays but my favourite one is naturally my birthday. It is always a very special day for me. I always get lots of gifts, postcards and congratulations. My family and friends do their best to make me happy. I usually invite my friends and we have a lot of fun.

— My favourite holiday is New Year. It is a generally accepted family holidays. All people see the Old Year out at midnight on the 31st of December and see the New Year in on the 1st of January. We always decorate our apartment with tinsel, toys and colored lights and cook a festive supper. It is a magic holiday indeed.

— My favourite holiday is the 8th of March. On this day all women are traditionally given flowers and presents. As far as I am concerned, I try to do my best to make my mom happy. I do all the work about the house, bake a festive cake and invite guests.

Are there many public holidays in Russia?

— Yes, there are. The major holidays are the Defender of the Fatherland's Day, New Year's Day, Women's Day, May Day, Victory Day, Russia's Day and some others.

— Well, Russians love to celebrate holidays. So, state or public holidays include Constitution Day, New Year's

Day, the International Women's Day, May Day, Victory Day and Russia's Day.

When is Christmas celebrated in your country?

— Christmas, or the birth of Jesus Christ, is commonly celebrated on the 7th of January by the Russian Orthodox Church.

— Christmas in Russia is most commonly celebrated on January 7th, according to the Russian Orthodox calendar. On this holiday people usually go to church and invite guests for the important dinner.

— Christmas in Russia is one of the most important religious holidays. Russians celebrate it on the 7th of January, according to the Old Julian calendar. As is known, Russia adopted Gregorian calendar in 1918. So, this is the reason why Christmas comes to Russia 2 weeks later. Catholics celebrate this holiday on the 25th of December.

How do people usually celebrate International Women's Day in Russia?

— International Women's Day is commonly celebrated on the 8th of March. It is a recognized public holiday and Russian people usually get the day off. On this day all women receive flowers and gifts from their male friends, relatives and co-workers.

— The 8th of March or International Women's Day is an officially declared public holiday. It is a special

day for all women. On this holiday all women are traditionally given presents and postcards. We also celebrate this holiday at school. We issue wallpapers, decorate our classroom and arrange a party.

— In Russia International Women's Day is traditionally celebrated on the 8th of March. It is a special day for all women. It is commonly celebrated in the family circle with a festive supper, flowers and champagne. But sometimes couples go out for dinner, go to movies or walk together.

How do Russian people celebrate May Day?

— Well, on May Day most Russians spend time with their families and friends. They go to the country, have picnic suppers or walk in the park.

— For most Russians May Day is a time for picnics. So, lots of people spend time outdoors. They make barbecue, play badminton and have a lot of fun.

— May Day, also known as International Workers' Day, is commonly celebrated on the 1st of May. It is a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Russian people usually go to the countryside and spend time out in the open. As far as I am concerned, on May holidays my family and I often go to the sea-side.

Is Victory Day an important holiday for Russian people?

— Yes, it is one of the greatest holidays in our country. It is celebrated on the 9th of May to commemorate

a great victory over fascism. There are parades and fireworks all over the country.

— Victory Day is an important national event for all Russian people. On this day people watch movies and documentaries about the World War II, also known as the Great Patriotic War. All Russian people honor the memory of fallen heroes and give veterans flowers and presents.

— Victory Day has a huge significance for all Russian people. Almost all Russians participate in the V-Day parade and watch fireworks at night.

Do Russian people usually celebrate the Defender of the Fatherland's Day?

— The Defender of the Fatherland's Day is a public holiday that is celebrated on the 23d of February. On this day all women traditionally congratulate men and give them presents.

— On the 23d of February all Russian people celebrate the Defender of the Fatherland's Day. Actually, this holiday was known as Soviet Army Day until recently. Women usually congratulate their husbands and co-workers and give them small gifts.

How do you usually celebrate your birthday?

— To be honest, I love my birthday very much. It is always a special day for me. I always invite my friends and we have a party. My mom bakes a birthday

cake and I blow up the candles. My parents and friends always give me nice flowers and gifts.

— As far as I am concerned, I usually invite my friends and relatives to dine out at a restaurant. We dance to music and enjoy ourselves.

— As for me, I hate my birthday and never celebrate it. It is just another day of my life. Sometimes on this day I switch off my cell phone and spend time by myself.

Do people celebrate Easter in your country?

— Easter is one of the most important religious holidays for all Russian people. The Russian church celebrates it in accordance with the Julian calendar, and falls on a different date each year. People traditionally go to the church, decorate eggs and bake Easter cakes.

— Christians pay special attention to this holiday. On this day people usually go to the church and then gather in the circle of their family. Easter marks the end of the Lent. So, people usually have festive meals such as Easter decorated eggs and cakes.

— Easter is a great religious holiday. This is the day when Jesus Christ has resurrected. It is a special day for all believers. Christians usually attend a midnight Easter mass at churches.

What public holidays are there in Great Britain?

— So, the British people celebrate different holidays. They are: Christmas, Boxing Day, Easter, New Year's Day and some others.

— The British have fewer holidays. During public holidays most banks and businesses are closed. That is why national holidays are often called bank holidays. So, the British people usually celebrate the following holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Spring Bank Holiday, Early May Bank Holiday, Good Friday and New Year's Day.

How do people usually celebrate Christmas in Great Britain?

— Christmas is one of the most beloved holidays in Great Britain. It is celebrated on the 25th of December in accordance with the Gregorian calendar. People begin to prepare for this holiday beforehand. They attack shopping centres for food, greeting cards and gifts for their relatives and friends. All houses, churches and shopping centres are decorated with garlands, lights and candles. On Christmas Eve children hang up their stockings and wait for Santa Claus to come.

— Christmas is one of the most important holidays in Great Britain. There is always a Christmas tree in every house. Decorating the tree is usually a family tradition. Children write letters to Santa Claus and throw them into the fire. In the morning all family members hurry to unpack their gift boxes placed under the tree.

At midday people usually enjoy their traditional festive dinner including roast turkey and fruity pudding.

Is Halloween a popular holiday in Great Britain?

— Halloween is one of the greatest and magic holidays in Great Britain. It is annually celebrated on the 31st of October. According to popular belief, on this day all witches, ghosts, and fairies are especially active.

— Halloween in the UK is an important festival. On this special occasion English children dress up as witches and ghosts, knock on doors and say: "Trick or treat". If they don't get anything, they play a trick on a person who opens the door.

— Halloween is a very popular and beloved holiday in Great Britain. It has many symbols such as orange pumpkins, black witches and cats. On the Halloween night almost in every window of the house or on the porch one can see a jack-o'-lantern.

TRAVELLING

Do you like travelling?

— Frankly speaking, I can't imagine my life without travelling. During trips I always get unforgettable impressions and vivid emotions, meet new people and learn about their lifestyle and culture.

— I love travelling more than anything in my life. I am absolutely sure that all people need holidays to change the scene and recreate.

— Well, to be honest, I don't often travel. I have never been to any foreign country yet.

Which countries have you visited so far?

— Unfortunately, I have never been overseas. My parents consider that through travelling to our home country we can better understand the past and the present. Last year we chose Golden ring of Russia package travel and visited Vladimir, Rostov, Yaroslavl and some other cities.

— I have visited more than 5 foreign countries including France, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands and Germany. But most of all I liked England. I wish I could live and study there.

— I have been overseas many times. I've visited Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, the UAE and Mexico.

Which country would you like to visit? Why?

— If I had a chance to travel overseas, I would definitely visit England. As a matter of fact, I've been studying English since childhood. So, I've always dreamt of visiting this country in order to practice my English with native speakers, to meet new people as well as to learn more about their culture, history and traditions.

— My dream country is America. Honestly, I love American movies. So, since the time I first watched the film "Home alone", I've decided to visit New York someday.

— Frankly speaking, I've always wanted to visit Mexico. As for tourist attractions I'd like to see, it is definitely Chichen Itza, a ruined ancient Maya city, and Acapulco.

Who do you like to travel with?

— As far as I am concerned, I always travel with my parents. I always feel more comfortable when I travel with them.

— As for me, I enjoy travelling with my best friend. We have the same interests and always have something to talk about. We enjoy going sightseeing and taking pictures.

— Personally, I really like to travel alone. When I am on my own, I always meet more new people and easily make friends with them. So, I've got lots of acquaintances from all over the world.

What mode of transport do you prefer for travelling? Why?

— Well, when I plan long-distance trips and want to save time, I usually choose travelling by plane. During the flight I can relax, read books, listen to music or take a nap. In a while air-hostesses offer passengers some snack and drinks. As for me, I really enjoy airline meals.

— Honestly, I hate travelling by air because I suffer from air sickness. So, I prefer travelling by train. I prefer express trains and compartment carriages. I always enjoy chatting with my fellow-passengers.

— Personally, I prefer travelling by ship. Actually, sea cruises are always full of adventures. I usually live in a comfortable cabin but spend most of the time on the deck swimming and sunbathing.

Have you ever taken a package tour?

— Honestly, my family and I always choose package tours which include flights, transfers, accommodation, insurance, as well as different excursions.

— As for me, I prefer independent travel to package tours. I enjoy arranging everything on my own: I book tickets in advance and make hotel reservations. I am absolutely sure that it is the cheapest way to travel.

— I used to travel independently for many years but last year I decided to take a package tour. So, I've come to the conclusion that travel agents offer great deals and have firsthand knowledge about the best air-fares and hotel rates.

Do you prefer active or passive holidays?

— As far as I am concerned, I prefer passive holidays. I think that the choice depends on the type of person you are. Personally, I am a stay-at-home type of person. So, I enjoy a relaxing atmosphere. On my holidays I feel like sleeping, swimming and sunbathing.

— Honestly, I prefer active holidays. I am crazy about sightseeing and exploring different cities. I enjoy visiting museums, art galleries and theatres.

— As for me, I am an active holidaymaker. Honestly, when I want to take a break from my dull daily routine, I usually choose backpacking holidays. It is always breathtaking and adventurous. I usually sleep in a tent, go fishing or boating.

In your opinion, why do people travel?

— Well, I am absolutely sure that travelling is a perfect way of recreation and a source of inspiration. People need holidays to change the scene and unwind.

— In my view, travelling broadens the mind. As a matter of fact, during trips people get unforgettable impressions, meet new people as well as learn about their lifestyle and culture.

— Actually, I think that modern life is impossible without travelling. Some people travel on business, others travel to relax and get new emotions. Personally, I think that no matter where you go on your holiday, travelling is a small life full of new impressions, exciting adventures and high spirits.

Where do you usually spend your summer holidays?

— Well, on my summer holidays my family and I usually go to the seaside. Personally, I like to catch beautiful sunsets at the beach, look at the stars and listen to the murmur of the sea waves. I enjoy sunbathing and swimming. We often play beach volleyball with my sister and build sand castles.

— As far as I am concerned, I usually spend my summer holidays at my grandparents'. They live in the country. Honestly, I enjoy fishing with my granddad. In the evening we often play cards or look through our family albums with my granny outdoors. Sometimes I help her with gardening.

— My family and I are fond of travelling. So, on my summer holidays we travel around the world. For instance, last year we took a cruise to the Mediterranean and visited Greece, Italy and Spain.

Do you try the local foods when you travel abroad?

— Yes, sure. I always seek out local cuisine when I travel. In Paris I always try croissants and Parisian potatoes, in England I enjoy traditional fish and chips and in Italy I love eating home-made pasta.

— Honestly, I always go for foods that are familiar to me. I often go to McDonald's when travelling to a foreign country.

— Actually, I love Italian cuisine. So, I can always find an Italian restaurant in almost any city of the world. So, I usually order my favourite traditional pasta dishes.

How often do you and your family travel?

— Well, my family and I usually travel twice a year: in summer and in winter. On my summer holidays we usually go to the seaside, while on my winter holidays we often go to the mountains.

— We usually go on holiday once a year, on my summer holidays. As my family and I want to know more about the history of our country, we often choose the Golden Ring of Russia programs and bus excursions.

— My family and I are fond of travelling. So, we usually go on holidays 4 times a year: in winter, in summer, in spring and in autumn. Each time we choose new travel destinations.

What place in your country would you recommend a foreign tourist to visit? Why?

— I'd definitely recommend visiting Moscow, the capital of Russia. The main tourist attractions such as Kremlin, St. Basil's cathedral and Red Square are situated in the heart of Moscow. Besides, Moscow is famous all over the world for its museums, theatres and art galleries.

— I'd recommend visiting Sochi. As a matter of fact, in recent years lots of changes and renovations have taken place in the Olympic city. Besides, there are lots of popular attractions and sites of tourists' interest there.

One should visit Stalin's villa, Sochi Discovery World Aquarium, Ritsa Lake and others.

— I'd recommend visiting St. Petersburg. In my view, it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is often called the cultural capital of Russia. This city is famous for its history, culture and landscapes. In my opinion, the best must-visit attractions are the Winter Palace, Peterhof, the Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood and many others.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Do you lead a healthy lifestyle?

— As far as I am concerned, I lead a healthy lifestyle, eat healthy foods, exercise regularly as well as avoid smoking and overeating.

— Personally, I am rather health conscious and avoid junk food. Besides, I have regular medical checkups, keep a balanced diet and go in for sports. I go jogging and drink fresh water.

— As is known, "Health is the biggest wealth in the world". So, I do my best to stay healthy and fit. I walk in the morning, go to the swimming pool twice a week, have a well-balanced diet and avoid harmful habits.

How many meals a day do you usually have?

— Well, I usually have four meals a day: breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper. For breakfast I usually have some porridge with a cup of green tea. For lunch I prefer fruit and cottage cheese. Dinner time is usually our favourite time. My mom is an excellent cook. Her famous dishes are fish with steamed vegetables or grilled chicken with rice. For supper I usually eat something light.

— I usually have 3 meals a day: breakfast, dinner and supper. As for me, breakfast and dinner are the most important meals of the day that provide me with

essential energy and nutrients. For supper I usually have healthy low-calorie meals.

— I usually have 3 meals a day. Honestly, I follow a diet. So, I usually have light breakfast which consists of a cup of green tea and no fat cottage cheese. I don't eat much for supper. I can have fresh fruit or steamed vegetables with rice.

What is your favourite food?

— Well, I have more than one favourite dish. I love stuffed fish in pastry. It is very tasty. Besides, I adore Italian cuisine. When I go out I always order my favourite pasta with beans or pizza with mushrooms and Mozzarella.

— My favourite food is roast turkey stuffed with apples and herbs.

— As for me, I can't live without meat dumplings. It is my mom's signature dish.

What do you usually have for lunch at school?

— For lunch at school I usually have some fruit or a vegetable salad. Sometimes I have a sandwich and a cup of tea with milk.

— Well, for school lunch I usually have some pastries and a cup of tea.

— I usually take a packed lunch at school. So, I usually have some fruit and sandwiches.

Do you prefer fast food or home-made food? Why?

— Personally, I try to lead a healthy lifestyle. So, I naturally eat home-made food. For regular meals I choose from fresh vegetables and fruit, mineral water, natural juices, dairy products, eggs, seafood and others. As for junk food, it has high caloric value and contains chemical additives that are very harmful to health.

— Honestly, fast food is very tasty, cheap and helps save time, but it is extremely unhealthy. So, I naturally prefer home-made food.

— There is nothing better than home-made food. It is tasty and healthy. As for me, I like cooking nutritious and low calorie food. As for fast food, I go to McDonald's very seldom, because I am aware that it is unhealthy.

What sport do you do regularly?

— As for me, I go to the gym every other day. I practice stretching and Pilates. Sport helps me to stay fit and healthy. As for Pilates, it is very relaxing and pacifying. It helps me to restore harmony and balance to the mind and body. Coupled with stretching, it makes my body work.

— As far as I am concerned, I am fond of volleyball and badminton. It is so exciting to compete with my friends. What's more, I do morning exercises, go jogging, and go to the swimming pool.

— Personally, I am taking boxing classes. I am sure that boxing teaches me self-discipline and makes me physically stronger.

What winter sports are popular with you and your friends?

— As for me, I like ice-skating and skiing. Most of my friends are fond of ice hockey. Besides, this year we are planning to take some snowboarding lessons. I believe it will be much fun.

— Well, my friends and I are fond of skiing. On our winter holidays we usually go to the mountains and take some classes.

— My friends and I often play hockey in winter. Honestly, it's rather challenging for me, but I like it.

Would you like to do any extreme sports? Why or why not?

— To be honest, I have always dreamt to take up motorsport professionally. In my opinion, this kind of sport is very exciting but dangerous. But for now I sometimes just play motor racing games online with my friends.

— Well, I've never dreamt of doing any extreme sports. I think it is too dangerous and risky.

— To tell you the truth, I am a risk-taker. So, I enjoy rock climbing, rafting, scuba diving and parachuting. As is known, extreme sports involve a high level of danger. And I enjoy the feeling of an adrenaline rush.

Can dieting lead to anorexia?

— I think that people who want to look like supermodels and follow various diets are at risk. They often go too far and become victims of eating disorders. Some of them refuse to accept that they need urgent medical treatment and psychological assistance. So, unhealthy dieting can lead to even fatal consequences.

— In my view, one of the predictable consequences of unhealthy dieting is anorexia. I am convinced that any diet should be appropriately planned by nutritionists. Otherwise, people put their health at risk.

— Well, I know that dieting can be dangerous and can lead to eating disorders. People who want to lose their weight and become more attractive should, first of all, consult a doctor, undergo medical tests and only with the help of a nutritionist choose a proper diet.

Why doing sports is so important?

— As for me, I am an enthusiastic supporter of a healthy life style. I am absolutely sure that people who are fond of sports are likely to be more energetic, fit and cheerful.

— Personally, I believe that sports caseharden the spirits. People who do some sports have got will for victory. Besides, physical exercises improve posture and strengthen the muscles of all body.

— In my opinion, sports have a wholesome effect on emotional well-being and lifestyle. I am sure that our life is impossible without sports.

MASS MEDIA

What role does the Internet play in your life?

— I am absolutely sure that the Internet has greatly changed the way we live. As far as I am concerned, I can't imagine my life without it. It helps me get in touch with my friends who live overseas, be abreast of the news in the world and find all useful information like rare books, encyclopedias or dictionaries. All in all, the Internet makes my learning easier.

— Honestly, the Internet plays a very important role in my life. It helps me improve my language skills. I've got a brilliant opportunity to practice English with my Canadian friends and increase my fluency.

— Well, the Internet is an inseparable part of my life. It helps me with my daily tasks. Thanks to the Internet, I can pay bills without leaving my home, look up for all necessary information and purchase different goods at e-shops.

How the Internet can help schoolchildren with their studies?

— I am sure that the Internet is beneficial to schoolchildren. There is no need to go to the library and spend hours there. You can always find any book on the Internet.

— I think that the Internet is useful for educational purposes. When it comes to writing reports, the Internet is the best assistant. Surfing the net, schoolchildren can find numerous sources of helpful information, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, reference materials, and tutorials.

— I am convinced that the Internet is helpful in studying. As far as I am concerned, it helps me improve my language skills. There are numerous educational websites and chat rooms for English learners on the Internet.

What are the negative effects of the Internet?

— Well, with the invention of the Internet children do spend less time with their friends and avoid face-to-face communication. Most of my friends, for instance, would prefer to play online games or chat on the Internet rather than go out.

— In my view, the negative impact of the Internet is that lots of schoolchildren don't do their homework, skip classes and lag behind their classmates. The thing is that they spend too much time online. So, the Internet is the greatest time-waster.

— As for the negative effects of the Internet, some schoolchildren become addicted to the computer and disobey their parents. So, most of them make the Internet a priority more than their family or friends. They can play computer games or surf the net for hours and become psychologically absorbed in virtual reality.

Do you often watch TV?

— Honestly, I can sit in front of my TV-set for hours and watch everything. I prefer watching TV to reading books, meeting with my friends and walking in the park. I can admit that watching TV is still the best way to relax and unwind for me.

— Personally, I watch TV both for pleasure and for information. I enjoy watching news programs. Sometimes I like to watch TV series or feature films.

— I think that watching TV is an excellent way to relax, to relieve stress and to boost your mood. So, I can't say that I watch TV very often. I do it from time to time when I need take my mind off some troubles.

What do you like to watch on TV?

— As far as I am concerned, I enjoy talk-shows and TV series. When I was a kid, I liked watching cartoons and films for children.

— I think that there is always something great to watch: TV serials, talk-shows, feature films, concerts, cartoon, live sport matches and so on. As for me, I prefer feature films and news.

— As for me, I enjoy watching sitcoms and history documentaries. Besides, I love music and reality shows.

What is your favourite TV program?

— As for me, I really like "Comedy Club". It is an entertainment program full of humor, wit, funny stories and jokes.

— My favourite TV program is "Sunday's evening with Vladimir Solovyev". In this program lots of burning and up-to-date problems are discussed.

— Well, my favourite program is "Destiny of a man" with Boris Korchevnikov. I think it is interesting, thought-provoking and cognitive. Each edition of this program is devoted to one or another outstanding person.

Do you often read newspapers?

— Personally, I can't imagine my life without newspapers and other periodicals. I enjoy reading a newspaper or a glossy magazine in the morning. When I am pressed for time, I usually read only the front page, carrying the most important news of the day. Besides, I like reading editorials.

— Well, in my view, newspapers are survivals of the past. I learn about the latest news from the Internet or the television. I think newspapers are outdated.

— I am sure that newspapers are one of the main sources of information. As for me, I like reading newspapers online. It is more convenient. As a matter of fact, most popular newspapers have their websites online.

What types of newspapers do you know?

— Well, there are different types of newspapers: dailies printed once a day such as "Komsomolskaya Pravda", weeklies printed once a week, such as "Arguments and Facts", and monthly newspapers.

— In addition to dailies, weeklies and monthly papers, there are such types of papers as gutter press, engaging in the private lives of celebrities, regional newspapers which contain news about particular local areas, national papers and tabloids dominated by sensational stories.

Условный диалог-расспрос. Тесты

Во время устной части экзамена учащимся будет предложено принять участие в условном диалоге-расспросе на определенную тему (семья, дружба, интернет, путешествия и другие) и ответить на шесть заданных вопросов. На каждый ответ выделяется 40 секунд.

Помните, что нужно отвечать непосредственно на поставленный вопрос, не отходя от темы, то есть давать не краткие, а четкие развернутые ответы. Для того чтобы эффективно справиться с заданием, нужно как можно чаще тренировать восприятие английской речи на слух.

В данной части книги предложено 15 вариантов тестов. Рекомендуется выполнять задания поочередно в паре: один из учащихся выполняет функцию электронного помощника (Electronic Assistant) и задает вопросы, а другой отвечает на них.

Ниже приведен список наиболее популярных выражений, которые помогут выразить мысль и выстроить предложение в логическую цепочку.

Ключевые выражения

My personal view is that...	Лично я считаю, что...
In my experience...	По своему опыту...
In my opinion / judgment / view...	С моей точки зрения...
It seems to me that...	Мне кажется, что...
I am convinced that...	Я убежден, что...
Hence...	Следовательно...
In fact...	Фактически / по сути / в сущности...
To be more precise...	Точнее говоря...
For example / for instance...	Например...
To begin with...	Начнем с того, что....
The first thing that needs to be said is...	Первое, с чего нужно начать, это...
On the one hand / on the other hand...	С одной стороны / с другой стороны
Moreover...	Более того...
Besides...	Кроме того...
Furthermore...	Кроме того...
Nevertheless...	Тем не менее...

Anyway	Как бы то ни было, в любом случае
Actually	На самом деле
Unfortunately / fortunately	К несчастью / к счастью
Undoubtedly / there is no doubt that...	Вне всяких сомнений, несомненно...
All the same...	Так или иначе, тем не менее...
Experts say that...	Эксперты считают, что...
To be honest / honestly	Честно говоря
To tell the truth	По правде говоря
That's not an easy question to answer at once	Это довольно сложный вопрос, чтобы сразу на него ответить
It depends	Все зависит от обстоятельств
First of all / secondly / thirdly / finally...	Во-первых / во-вторых / в-третьих / в конечном итоге...
As far as I am concerned...	Что касается меня...
Personally, I think	Лично я считаю...
I cannot but agree that...	Я не могу не согласиться с тем, что...

There are some reasons in favour of...	Есть несколько причин в пользу...
It should be mentioned that...	Следует отметить, что...
In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that tastes differ...	В заключение я хотела бы подчеркнуть, что о вкусах не спорят...
So it's up to you to decide whether... or not...	Так, каждый должен решить для себя... или нет...
In summary, I believe that...	Подводя итог вышесказанному, я считаю, что...
To sum up...	Подводя итог...
Taking into consideration all mentioned above...	Принимая во внимание все вышеупомянутое...
All in all, I still strongly believe that...	Так или иначе, я твердо считаю, что...
To summarize...	Подводя итог...
In conclusion, it should be noted that although...	В заключение следует отметить, что, хотя...
To draw the conclusion, it should be observed that...	В заключение следует отметить, что...

Вариант 1

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Friends' Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' relationships with their friends. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many friends do you have?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you like making new friends?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What qualities should a true friend have?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How do you usually spend time with your friends?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Where did you find your best friend?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What can you advise a teenager who has no friends?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Friendship Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' relationships with their friends. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many friends do you have?

Student: Well, I am lucky to have lots of friends. We have much in common and spend all our free time together.

Electronic assistant: Do you like making new friends?

Student: Well, yes, I do. I'm a sociable and easy-going person. I love socializing with different people. Nowadays it is rather easy to make friends from all over the world thanks to social networking sites. Besides, I have a few childhood friends and some friends from my class.

Electronic assistant: What qualities should a true friend have?

Student: I think that a true friend should be trustworthy, honest and sincere. These are the most important qualities I look for in a friend.

Electronic assistant: How do you usually spend time with your friends?

Student: Frankly speaking, I am kind of stay-at-home type of person. So, I usually invite my friends to my place and we always have fun together. We chat, drink tea, watch movies or listen to music.

Electronic assistant: Where did you find your best friend?

Student: As far as I am concerned, I have met my true friend at the language school. We have similar goals for the future: we both want to study abroad.

Electronic assistant: What can you advise a teenager who has no friends?

Student: Well, I'd recommend that a teenager should enroll in some courses or engage in sports. Actually, we meet our friends through some kind of social activity. Friendships are often based on common interests.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 2

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Family Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teen relationships with their parents. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How often do you quarrel with your parents?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How much time do you spend with your parents?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Who are you closest to in your family?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you often go on family trips?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What do your parents do? What are their occupations?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you advise your friend who's quarreled with his parents?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Family Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teen relationships with their parents. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How often do you quarrel with your parents?

Student: Well, it depends. When I get good grades and study hard, everything is just fine. But when I skip my classes or is too lazy to do my homework, I naturally have arguments with them.

Electronic assistant: How much time do you spend with your parents?

Student: Frankly speaking, I prefer spending time with my family more than with my friends. In my view,

spending time with your folks (родные) strengthens family ties. So, we always have our breakfast and supper together. In the evening we usually watch movies or discuss the latest news.

Electronic assistant: Who are you closest to in your family?

Student: Well, actually, I am closest to my mom. We have much in common, and I always share my secrets with her. She is my best friend who, I'm sure, will never let me down.

Electronic assistant: Do you often go on family trips?

Student: Well, I can't say we travel a lot, but we go to the seaside every summer. I do love spending time with my family. We always have fun together.

Electronic assistant: What do your parents do? What are their occupations?

Student: Well, my mom is an accountant, while my father is Head of car sales department. Both of them are hardworking and committed to their profession.

Electronic assistant: What would you advise your friend who's quarreled with his parents?

Student: Well, I think the best way to work things out is frank and open conversation. It is very important to take the first step and apologize for your misbehaviour.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 3

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Leisure Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out which leisure activities modern teenagers choose. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What hobbies do you have?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What do you prefer more: active or passive leisure activities?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Which hobbies are the most popular among young people?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How do you usually spend your weekends?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Who do you usually spend your free time with?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Which hobbies would you recommend for those who spend too much time online?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Leisure Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out which leisure activities modern teenagers choose. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What hobbies do you have?

Student: As far as I am concerned, my biggest hobby is ballet dancing. Besides, I take private piano classes. As I am a creative person, in the nearest future I'm going to take dressmaking classes. I have been dreaming of becoming a fashion designer since my childhood.

Electronic assistant: What do you prefer more: active or passive leisure activities?

Student: Frankly peaking, I am a stay-at-hope type of person. So, I naturally prefer passive leisure activities such as watching TV, reading books or listening to music.

Electronic assistant: Which hobbies are the most popular among young people?

Student: In my view, the most popular hobbies are listening to music, taking photos, playing computer games and dancing.

Electronic assistant: How do you usually spend your weekends?

Student: As far as I am concerned, I try to spend all my free time with my family. On weekends we usually go shopping, walk in the park and dine out. We often go to the movies or to the theatre. Sometimes we invite friends to our place and have a lot of fun together.

Electronic assistant: Who do you usually spend your free time with?

Student: I usually spend all my free time with my best friend. We do a lot of things together. We both love taking photos and watching movies.

Electronic assistant: Which hobbies would you recommend for those who spend too much time online?

Student: Well, the world of hobbies is huge. I am absolutely sure that it is very important to choose a hobby according to your interests, character and taste. I'd recommend roller-skating, dancing, swimming, learning foreign languages or photography.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 4

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the School Life Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out more about the educational process. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: Is home schooling better than traditional education?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Have you ever cheated on your exams?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you think that higher education essential to get a well-paid job?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How many students are there in your class?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you have your favourite school teacher?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend for those teenagers who experience peer pressure?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the School Life Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out more about the educational process. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: Is home schooling better than traditional education?

Student: I consider that home schooling can be beneficial. Firstly, home-schooled children feel more comfortable and relaxed at home than at school. Secondly, they tend to understand the material more quickly with more personal approach. Thirdly, they don't have to experience negative peer pressure. Furthermore, they are ill less often, since they don't have to study in a crowded classroom.

Electronic assistant: Have you ever cheated on your exams?

Student: No, never. As for me, it is unacceptable. Doctors cheat during surgery, don't they? The same is true of exams. Students should study hard not because they want to get good marks, but because they want to become a true professional in their work.

Electronic assistant: Do you think that higher education essential to get a well-paid job?

Student: Well, it depends on what kind of profession you want to choose. For instance, if you want to become a doctor, an engineer or an economist, a university degree is a must. But if you want to get a simple job like a shop assistant or a driver, it is not so important to pursue higher education.

Electronic assistant: How many students are there in your class?

Student: There are 25 students in our class. All of us are good and purposeful students. There is no one in our class who lags behind.

Electronic assistant: Do you have your favourite school teacher?

Student: My favourite teacher is a History teacher. He is very kind to all students. Besides, he is a good storyteller. All of us always listen to him very attentively and learn the matter well.

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend for those teenagers who experience peer pressure?

Student: Well, it's not easy question. I guess that teenagers who experience peer pressure should lean on people for support, like their parents, teachers or friends. It's not good to behave badly in order "to fit in". So, it is better to choose a different friend group and focus on studies.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 5

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Voyage Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out why teenagers like to travel. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: Do you like travelling?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Which countries have you visited so far?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Which country would you like to visit? Why?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Who do you like to travel with?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you try the local foods when you travel abroad?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What foreign country would you recommend visiting? Why?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Voyage Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out why teenagers like to travel. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: Do you like travelling?

Student: Frankly speaking, I can't imagine my life without travelling. During trips I always get unforgettable impressions and vivid emotions, meet new people and learn about their lifestyle and culture.

Electronic assistant: Which countries have you visited so far?

Student: I have visited more than 5 foreign countries including France, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands and Germany. But most of all I liked England. I wish I could live and study there.

Electronic assistant: Which country would you like to visit? Why?

Student: If I had a chance to travel overseas, I would definitely visit England. As a matter of fact, I've been studying English since childhood. So, I've always dreamt of visiting this country in order to practice my English with native speakers, to meet new people as well as to learn more about their culture, history and traditions.

Electronic assistant: Who do you like to travel with?

Student: As for me, I enjoy travelling with my best friend. We have the same interests and always have something to talk about. We enjoy going sightseeing and taking pictures.

Electronic assistant: Do you try the local foods when you travel abroad?

Student: Yes, sure. I always seek out local cuisine when I travel. In Paris I always try croissants and Parisian potatoes, in England I enjoy traditional fish and chips and in Italy I love eating home-made pasta.

Electronic assistant: What foreign country would you recommend visiting? Why?

Student: I'd definitely recommend visiting Great Britain, especially if you are an English learner. I am absolutely sure that you'll fall in love with London, the city with a rich history and outstanding culture. There are lots of tourist attractions there.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 6

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the city library. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' reading habits. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What kind of books do you like to read?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Who is your favourite writer?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How often do you borrow books from the library?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Why do you think teenagers are reading less and less now?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How can reading English books help students improve their English?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What book would you recommend to your friend who wants to read something for pleasure? Why?

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа:

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the city library. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' reading habits. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What kind of books do you like to read?

Student: Well, as for me, I enjoy reading various types of books. But I am especially fond of detective stories, thrillers, psychological novels and memoirs. In my childhood I used to read fantasy and fairy tales. Frankly speaking, reading has always played an important role in my life. I am sure that books are a great source of information, knowledge and enlightenment.

Electronic assistant: Who is your favourite writer?

Student: To be honest, I have more than one favourite writer. I enjoy reading books by Walter Scott, Erich Maria Remarque, Victor Marie Hugo, Francis Scott Fitzgerald and William Somerset Maugham. Besides, I usually

study the biographies of famous authors. I think such study is helpful for the better understanding of a book.

Electronic assistant: How often do you borrow books from the library?

Student: Well, I rarely go to the library because most information I need I can find online. Besides, we have a good library at home. For example, my parents are reading more printed books than e-books. Anyway, sometimes I do borrow some books from my local library, especially when I am preparing for my exams.

Electronic assistant: Why do you think teenagers are reading less and less now?

Student: It is a rather difficult question for me. As far as I am concerned, my parents instilled a love of reading in me at a very early age. I can't imagine my life without books. But it is true that nowadays lots of teenagers think that reading books is boring and unfashionable. Some of them prefer watching movies or playing computer games. Others spend much time on electronic devices such as smartphones and tablets.

Electronic assistant: How can reading English books help students improve their English?

Student: I think that reading English books can help students learn new words and expressions, as well as improve their reading comprehension skills and spelling.

Electronic assistant: What book would you recommend to your friend who wants to read something for pleasure? Why?

Student: I would recommend everyone to read my favourite book that made a lasting impression on me. It is definitely "Heaven Has No Favourites" by Remarque. It is a love story between a young girl called Lillian, a terminal patient suffering from tuberculosis, and an automobile racer, Clerfayt, who constantly puts his life at risk. This book teaches us to appreciate every breath we take and every moment we live. It shows us that life is a precious gift.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 7

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Free Time Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers prefer to spend their free time. Please answer questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How much free time do you have on weekdays?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How do you and your friends usually spend your free time?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Who do you prefer to spend your free time with?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What after school activities do you take part in?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you think everyone should find some time for doing sports? Why?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What hobby would you do if you had more free time?

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа:

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Free Time Club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers prefer to spend their free time. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How much free time do you have on weekdays?

Student: Well, as a rule I have a very little spare time on my weekdays. To tell the truth, every minute of my day is scheduled. I have extra English classes twice a week. Besides, every other day I go to the gym. I also have some household chores. So, at the end of the day I always feel tired.

Electronic assistant: How do you and your friends usually spend your free time?

Student: To be honest, I am an energetic person. So, I prefer active leisure activities in the open air, such as rafting, hiking and playing sports games. Fortunately, I have lots of friends who share my interests. What's more, we often go to the movies, play football or just walk in the park. We always have fun together.

Electronic assistant: Who do you prefer to spend your free time with?

Student: As I have already mentioned, I like to spend my free time with my friends. We always find

something to talk about. However, my highest priority is being with my family. I enjoy watching news or playing chess with my dad. And I just love sharing some secrets with my mom.

Electronic assistant: What after school activities do you take part in?

Student: Well, I regularly go to the boxing gym. When I have enough time, I go to the swimming pool with my best friend. In summer I like to play badminton and volleyball with my friends, while in winter I go to the skating rink. Besides, I am going to sign up for graphic design classes.

Electronic assistant: Do you think everyone should find some time for doing sports? Why?

Student: Undoubtedly, sports are very important to people of all ages. In order to be in a good shape people should exercise regularly, do morning exercises and go to the gym. Sports help people reduce stress and stay in a good shape, while lack of exercise can lead to poor health. Besides, to feel well people should have a good night's sleep, drink fresh water and give up smoking.

Electronic assistant: What hobby would you do if you had more free time?

Student: If I had more free time I would sign up for a football team. To be honest, in my childhood I dreamt of becoming a famous football player. In my free time I often play football with my friends.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 8

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the magazine "Healthy Life". We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' eating habits. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many meals a day do you usually have?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite food?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What do you usually have for lunch at school?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you prefer fast food or home-made food? Why?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Would you like to take part in a TV cookery show? For example, cooking your favourite dish in a TV studio. Why?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to keep fit?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа:

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the magazine "Healthy Life". We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' eating habits. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many meals a day do you usually have?

Student: Well, I usually have four meals a day: breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper. For breakfast I usually have some porridge with a cup of green tea. For lunch I prefer fruit and cottage cheese. Dinner time is usually our favourite time. My mom is an excellent cook. Her famous dishes are fish with steamed vegetables or grilled chicken with rice. For supper I usually eat something light.

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite food?

Student: Well, I have more than one favourite dish. I love stuffed fish in pastry. It is very tasty. To be honest, I adore Italian cuisine. When I go out I always order

my favourite pasta with beans and mussels or pizza with mushrooms and Mozzarella.

Electronic assistant: What do you usually have for lunch at school?

Student: For lunch at school I usually have some fruit or a vegetable salad. Sometimes I have a sandwich and a cup of tea with milk.

Electronic assistant: Do you prefer fast food or home-made food? Why?

Student: Personally, I try to lead a healthy lifestyle. So, I naturally eat home-made food. For regular meals I choose from fresh vegetables and fruit, mineral water, natural juices, dairy products, eggs, seafood and others. Undoubtedly, fast food is very tasty, cheap and helps to save time. It is extremely unhealthy. Junk food has high caloric value and contains chemical additives that are very harmful to health.

Electronic assistant: Would you like to take part in a TV cookery show? For example, cooking your favourite dish in a TV studio. Why?

Student: I guess it would be rather interesting to participate in a TV cookery show. It would be a great experience. I would definitely cook pasta with seafood. To be honest, I often cook meals for my family and friends like a professional chef. Besides, I love to watch "Jamie Oliver Food Tube." So, I am always open to trying new things.

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to keep fit?

Student: I would recommend everyone who wants to keep fit to lead a healthy lifestyle, to exercise regularly, to eat healthy food and to avoid smoking, alcohol abuse and overeating.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 9

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the city Art school. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about music and other arts. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What kind of music do you usually listen to?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What musical instrument would you like to learn to play?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What clubs or societies can you attend in your school?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How often do you have school concerts and performances?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you prefer: going to the theatre or watching a film at home? Why?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to your friends who want to make their free time more interesting?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the city Art school. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about music and other arts. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What kind of music do you usually listen to?

Student: As for me, I can't imagine my life without music. I am a keen music lover. I listen to music on my way to college or before going to sleep. I enjoy listening to music when I browse the Internet or even while fulfilling some tasks. As for genres of music, I like Pop, Jazz, Country, Rap and Rock.

Electronic assistant: What musical instrument would you like to learn to play?

Student: Well, I have always dreamt of learning how to play the piano. I think it is a very popular instrument. Now I am thinking about taking private music lessons. My school teacher says I am musically talented.

Electronic assistant: What clubs or societies can you attend in your school?

Student: Well, there are a lot of different clubs and societies at our school: literary society, singing club, photography club and drama. These extra-curricular activities usually take place after school hours.

Electronic assistant: How often do you have school concerts and performances?

Student: To be honest, there are many school events during the year, such as drama or musical performances. So, we have concerts before such holidays as Teacher's day, New Year, Defender of the Fatherland Day, Women's Day and May Day.

Electronic assistant: What would you prefer: going to the theatre or watching a film at home? Why?

Student: Frankly speaking, I don't often go to the theatre. So, as for me, I would rather stay at home and watch an interesting film than go to the theatre. However, my mom is a keen theatre-goer. So, sometimes she wants me to join her.

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to your friends who want to make their free time more interesting?

Student: Well, I would recommend my friends to find an activity they really love. Tastes differ. So, it is very important to use your free time for activities that expand your horizons and develop your personality. As for me, I love and always attend concerts of popular singers and bands. Such performances are always exciting

and breathtaking. And what's more, I would highly recommend my friends to attend various exhibitions and cultural events. It is more useful to go to the cinema or to the theatre than to play computer games.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 10

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Education Council. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about their school. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many lessons do you usually have?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What subject do you find the most difficult?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite weekday? Why do you like it?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What sports facilities do you have in your school?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you think school uniform is necessary or not? Why do you think so?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend your friends do to improve their English?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Education Council. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about their school. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many lessons do you usually have?

Student: As a rule, we have 5 or 6 lessons a day. So, our classes usually begin at 8 a.m. and end at around 2 p.m. We study different subjects: English, German, Russian, Literature, Geography, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Training and Music.

Electronic assistant: What subject do you find the most difficult?

Student: Well, the most difficult subject for me is Math. I am much better at languages and arts than in science and math. To be honest, I find humanities easier to study than Math, Physics and Chemistry.

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite weekday? Why do you like it?

Student: My favourite weekday is Friday. I like it because on this day we have 2 English classes. In my opinion, every educated person should know at least one foreign language. During our English classes we translate different texts, write essays, listen to tapes and make up some conversational dialogues. So, I always learn something new.

Electronic assistant: What sports facilities do you have in your school?

Student: To tell the truth, our school is well-equipped. In our school we have such sports facilities as volleyball and basketball courts, a football pitch and a swimming pool.

Electronic assistant: Do you think school uniform is necessary or not? Why do you think so?

Student: In my opinion, school should make uniforms compulsory. In this case there will be no distinction between the rich and the poor and schoolchildren will focus on their studies rather than on trendy clothes and perform academically better. I guess, at schools where there are no uniforms children may feel pressured to wear fashionable and expensive clothes just to fit in and to be accepted by the peers.

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend your friends do to improve their English?

Student: I think if you want to be fluent in any foreign language, you should be ready to study a lot. There are lots of language schools, private teachers and

manuals for self-tuitions to choose from. Well, if you want to be fluent in English, it is highly recommended to read books and watch films in the original. I would also advise my friends to learn new words and expressions on a regular basis.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 11

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the new supermarket net. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out what teenagers think about shopping and shopping centres. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: Who usually does the shopping in your family?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What can you buy in your nearest shopping centre?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How often do you usually go shopping?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Why are shopping centres so popular nowadays?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Why do some people hate shopping?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What time would you recommend that busy people should go shopping?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the new supermarket net. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out what teenagers think about shopping and shopping centres. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: Who usually does the shopping in your family?

Student: Frankly speaking, shopping is one of my favourite occupations. So, it is usually me who does the shopping in my family.

Electronic assistant: What can you buy in your nearest shopping centre?

Student: In our nearest shopping centre I can buy a lot of different kinds of goods such as clothes, foodstuff, electronic devices, perfumery, jewelry and so on. Besides, there are other facilities, such as restaurants, cafés, cinemas and even skating rinks there. So, if I get

tired after shopping, I can relax and enjoy a cup of tea in a café, or watch an interesting movie in a cinema.

Electronic assistant: How often do you usually go shopping?

Student: Well, it depends. If I am not too busy with my studies, I go shopping for food almost every day. I usually buy some meat, vegetables, fruit and dairy products. Sometimes my brother helps me with the shopping.

Electronic assistant: Why are shopping centres so popular nowadays?

Student: In my opinion, shopping malls are so popular today because they save people much time: you can buy different kinds of goods in one place. Besides, there you can buy some goods which are on special, which means that the price of them is lower than it usually is.

Electronic assistant: Why do some people hate shopping?

Student: Well, that's not an easy question to answer at once. As for me, I love shopping. I even take pleasure in window shopping. As for people who absolutely dislike shopping, perhaps, they hate spending money or consider it to be a waste of time. Such people prefer to shop online.

Electronic assistant: What time would you recommend that busy people should go shopping?

Student: Well, I think busy people should go shopping early in the morning or late in the evening when it is quiet and there are no long queues.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 12

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the teenagers' travel club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers spend their holidays. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite season?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Where do you usually spend your summer holidays?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What do you like to do during your winter holidays?

Student:.

Electronic assistant: How often do you and your family travel?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What means of transport do you find the most convenient? Why?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What place in your country would you recommend to a foreign tourist to visit? Why?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the teenagers' travel club. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers spend their holidays. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite season?

Student: My favourite season of the year is spring. The sun usually shines brightly and the nature awakens from its long winter sleep. The weather during spring is calm and dry. Actually, I enjoy walking in the park on warm sunny days. Besides, spring is a good time to revise the material learnt and to prepare for exams.

Electronic assistant: Where do you usually spend your summer holidays?

Student: Well, on summer holidays my family and I generally go to the seaside. Sometimes I go to the country where my grandparents live and stay with them for some time. Summer vacations always revive the best memories in our mind. It is the time for travelling, fun and pleasure. Personally, I like to catch beautiful sunsets at the beach, look at the stars and listen to the murmur of the sea waves.

Electronic assistant: What do you like to do during your winter holidays?

Student: To be honest, my winter holidays are always much fun. Winter is a good time for skating, skiing and sledging. As for me, I like to play snowballs or make a snowman. Sometimes my friends and I go to the mountains. The point is that we enjoy snowboarding and skiing.

Electronic assistant: How often do you and your family travel?

Student: Well, my family and I usually travel twice a year: in summer and in winter. As I have already mentioned, on my summer holidays we usually go to the seaside while on winter holidays we often go to the mountains. We usually choose the Black Sea coast, including Sochi, Yalta or Novorossiysk. Sometimes, if we want to learn more about the history of our own country, we choose the Golden Ring of Russia programs and bus excursions.

Electronic assistant: What means of transport do you find the most convenient? Why?

Student: Among all means of transport I prefer travelling by plane. The flight itself is very comfortable. When the plane takes off, passengers should fasten their belts and switch off all electronic devices. In a while I can relax, listen to music, read magazines or take a nap. During the flight the airhostess offers all passengers some drinks and snacks.

Electronic assistant: What place in your country would you recommend to a foreign tourist to visit? Why?

Student: I would definitely recommend visiting Moscow, the capital of Russia. The heart of Moscow and the main tourist attractions are the Kremlin, Saint Basil's Cathedral and Red Square. There are always a lot of people there: foreigners, tourists and Russians. In fact, Moscow is famous all over the world for its museums and galleries. The most well-known of them are the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts and the Tretyakov Art Gallery.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 13

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the sports centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' attitude to sports. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many lessons of PE, Physical Education, do you have a week?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What sports facilities do you have in your school?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What sport do you do regularly?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What winter sports are popular with you and your friends?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Would you like to do any extreme sports? Why or why not?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to be healthy and fit?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the sports centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' attitude to sports. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: How many lessons of PE, Physical Education, do you have a week?

Student: Well, I have 2 lessons of PE a week: on Monday and on Friday. To be honest, PE class is one of my favourite subjects at school. We always play different games such as football, basketball or volleyball. Besides, I always take part in school sports competitions.

Electronic assistant: What sports facilities do you have in your school?

Student: To tell the truth, our school is well-equipped. In our school we have such sports facilities as volleyball and basketball courts, a football pitch and a swimming pool.

Electronic assistant: What sport do you do regularly?

Student: I regularly go to the gym. I practice stretching and Pilates. Sport helps me to stay fit and healthy. As for Pilates, it is very relaxing and pacifying. It helps me to restore harmony and balance to the mind and body.

Coupled with stretching, it makes my body work. Besides, I am fond of volleyball and badminton. It is so exciting to compete with your friends. What's more, I do morning exercises, go jogging, and go to the swimming pool.

Electronic assistant: What winter sports are popular with you and your friends?

Student: As for me, I like ice-skating and skiing. Most of my friends are fond of ice hockey. Besides, this year we are planning to take some snowboarding lessons. I believe it will be much fun.

Electronic assistant: Would you like to do any extreme sports? Why or why not?

Student: To be honest, I have always dreamt to take up the motorsport professionally. In my opinion, this kind of sport is very exciting but dangerous. But for now I sometimes just play motor racing games online with my friends.

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to be healthy and fit?

Student: I would highly recommend everyone who wants to be healthy and fit to do sports and lead a healthy lifestyle. I think that doing sports can help teens not only lose excessive weight and stay fit, but also feel more vigorous and spirited throughout the day. Physical exercises are also the perfect way for emotional release. Besides, to improve school performance it is also essential to balance mental stimulation and physical activity.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 14

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the electronic magazine "Teen web." We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' daily routines. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: When do you wake up on weekdays?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What do you prefer to eat for breakfast in the morning?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How long does it take you to get to school?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite part of the day: morning, afternoon or evening? Why do you like it?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What do you do to help your parents about the house?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to teenagers who often late for school?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the electronic magazine "Teen web." We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out about teenagers' daily routines. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: When do you wake up on weekdays?

Student: Well, I usually get up at 6.30 a.m. I always do my morning exercises or go jogging. Then I take a shower and go for breakfast. At 7.30 I usually leave home for school.

Electronic assistant: What do you prefer to eat for breakfast in the morning?

Student: For breakfast I prefer a plate of oatmeal, a glass of orange juice and two apples. As is known, "an apple a day keeps a doctor away". Sometimes when I am in a hurry I can eat a sandwich and drink a cup of green tea.

Electronic assistant: How long does it take you to get to school?

Student: Well, it takes me about half an hour to get to school on foot. But sometimes my dad picks me up. In this case it takes me 15 minutes to get there.

Electronic assistant: What is your favourite part of the day: morning, afternoon or evening? Why do you like it?

Student: To be honest, my favourite part of the day is evening. I enjoy listening to music or watching interesting films. I also like to read a book before going to sleep. Besides, in the evening I usually spend time with my family. We love discussing a film straight after we watch it.

Electronic assistant: What do you do to help your parents about the house?

Student: As far as I am concerned, I have some household duties. Well, since childhood I got used to wash the dishes after meals. Sometimes I help my mom with cooking and clear or lay the table. As I am a good cooker, I often bake cakes or pies. We have lots of plants at home. That's why I regularly water them. I also take out the garbage and walk with my dog. Moreover, I always make the bed and clean up my room.

Electronic assistant: What would you recommend to teenagers who often late for school?

Student: I would highly recommend everyone not to put things off until the last minute. Perhaps, it is better to set your alarm clock half an hour before you have

to get out of bed. I think to become self-disciplined is very important not only for teenagers but also for people of all ages.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Вариант 15

Take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the online language school. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We want to find out what you think about learning foreign languages. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What foreign languages can you learn at your school?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: How many English lessons a week do you have?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: For what reasons do people learn foreign languages nowadays?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What is the most effective way to learn a foreign language, in your opinion?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: Do you think English will be useful for you in your future? In what way?

Student: ...

Electronic assistant: What language would you recommend your English-speaking friend learn? Why?

Student: ...

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Возможный вариант ответа

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the online language school. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We want to find out what you think about learning foreign languages. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous — you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What foreign languages can you learn at your school?

Student: Well, English is a compulsory subject for all students at our school. Actually, it is our first foreign language. However, we should also learn the second language of our choice. So, we can choose from German and French.

Electronic assistant: How many English lessons a week do you have?

Student: We have 4 English lessons a week. Frankly speaking, English is one of my favourite subjects in my school timetable. So, if I had the chance, I would study English every day.

Electronic assistant: For what reasons do people learn foreign languages nowadays?

Student: In my opinion, there are many reasons why people learn foreign languages. In fact, the knowledge of foreign languages is becoming increasingly important in today's globalized world. Learning foreign languages is essential if people are going to build a successful career, if they are planning to travel around the world or if they want to get further education abroad. There are lots of language schools, private teachers and manuals for self-tuitions to choose from. Well, the more languages you know, the more opportunities you will have for achieving success in life.

Electronic assistant: What is the most effective way to learn a foreign language, in your opinion?

Student: In my view, studying abroad is the most effective way to learn a foreign language. To begin with, as a student residing, you are totally immersed in the language both in and outside of school. You have to carry out all daily activities in the target language. Besides, if you live with a host family you will definitely improve your conversational skills because you avoid speaking your mother's tongue. You watch films, listen to music and carry out regular tasks in the language of the host country. Additionally, all school subjects are taught in a foreign language.

Electronic assistant: Do you think English will be useful for you in your future? In what way?

Student: Undoubtedly, English will be useful for me in the future. Personally, I want to become an interpreter. As a matter of fact, English is one of the most popular and wide-spread languages in the world. Whenever you go, everybody can speak it. Besides, more and more foreign companies are opening their offices in Russia. So, I hope to find a highly-paid job in one of those companies. Moreover, good language skills will help me read books and watch films in the original. Last but not least, English will also give me the opportunity to travel around the world, to meet new people, to know their culture and traditions, as well as to explore different cuisines.

Electronic assistant: What language would you recommend your English-speaking friend learn? Why?

Student: Well, I would recommend my English-speaking friend learn Spanish or Chinese. To be honest, these languages are likely to gain popularity. For instance, experts say that English, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese are the economic languages of this century.

This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.

Приложения

Приложение 1

Критерии оценивания выполнения задания 2

(Условный диалог-расспрос) — максимум 6 баллов

Баллы		
Ответ на вопросы 1–6	**1 балл.** Дан полный ответ на поставленный вопрос; допущенные отдельные фонетические, лексические и грамматические погрешности не затрудняют понимания	**0 баллов.** Ответ на вопрос не дан, или ответ не соответствует заданному вопросу, или ответ дан в виде слова или словосочетания, и / или допущены фонетические и лексические и грамматические ошибки, препятствующие пониманию ответа

Тематический словарь

Family

mother [ˈmʌðə] / **mom** / **mummy** — мама

foster mother — приемная мать

single mother — мать одиночка.

father / **dad** / **daddy** [ˈfɑːðə] — папа

brother [ˈbrʌðə] — брат

sister [ˈsɪstə] — сестра

aunt [ɑːnt] — тетя

uncle [ˈʌŋkl] — дядя

niece [niːs] — племянница

nephew [ˈnevjuː] — племянник

cousin [ˈkʌz(ə)n] — двоюродный брат, двоюродная сестра

parents [ˈpeər(ə)nts] — родители

grandparents — бабушка и дедушка

grandfather / **grandmother** — дедушка / бабушка

granny [ˈgrænɪ] / **grandma** — бабушка

grandson / **granddaughter** — внук / внучка

god father / **god mother** — крестная мать / крестный отец

mother-in-law [ˈmʌð(ə)(r) ɪn ˌlɔː] — теща, свекровь

father-in-law [ˈfɑːðə(r) ɪn ˌlɔː] — тесть, свекор

son-in-law ['sʌn ɪn lɔ:] — зять

daughter-in-law ['dɔ:tə(r) ɪn lɔ:] — невестка, сноха

sister-in-law ['sɪst(ə)(r) ɪn lɔ:] — невестка (жена брата), золовка

brother-in-law ['brʌð(ə)(r) ɪn ˌlɔ:] — зять (муж сестры), шурин (брат жены)

husband ['hʌzbənd] — муж

wife [waɪf] — жена

stepmother / stepfather — мачеха / отчим

stepbrother / stepsister — сводный брат / сводная сестра

relatives ['relətɪvz] — родственники

siblings ['sɪblɪŋz] — дети (потомство) одних родителей, братья и сестры

in the bosom of one's family — в кругу семьи

offspring ['ɔfsprɪŋ] — потомок, отпрыск, ребенок

newborn baby — новорожденный младенец

adolescent [ˌæd(ə)'les(ə)nt] — подросток

to bring up / raise children — воспитывать детей

family member / member of the family — член семьи

to get on well with somebody — хорошо ладить с кем-то

to have lot in common — иметь много общего

the head of one's household — глава семьи

household / folks — домочадцы

household chores / duties — домашние обязанности

to go to see somebody — ходить в гости

to spend time — проводить время

housewife — домохозяйка

to rely on — полагаться на кого-то

to let somebody down — подводить кого-либо, отворачиваться в трудный момент

family bonds / ties — семейные узы

generation gap — конфликт поколений

to bridge the generation gap — преодолевать разрыв между поколениями

to overcome generational differences — преодолевать конфликт поколений

to put pressure (on somebody) — оказывать давление (на кого-либо)

to punish [ˈpʌnɪʃ] — наказывать

to lecture [ˈlekʧə] — читать нотации, выговаривать

to get annoyed with somebody — злиться на кого-либо

to be disappointed — расстроиться, разочароваться

spoilt child — избалованный ребенок

disobedient [ˌdɪsəˈbiːdɪənt] **child** — непослушный ребенок

to obey [əˈbeɪ] — подчиняться, слушаться

to divorce — разводиться

family traditions — семейные традиции

to make up picnics — устраивать пикники

to lay the table — накрывать на стол

misunderstanding [ˌmɪsʌndəˈstændɪŋ] — разногласие

mutual understanding — взаимопонимание

to be busy — быть занятым

to be tired — быть уставшим

Friendship

faithful / loyal / true friend — преданный, верный, настоящий друг

best friend — лучший друг

lifelong friend — друг на всю жизнь

circle of friends — круг друзей

pen pal — друг по переписке

acquaintance — знакомый

relationship (with friends) — отношения (с друзьями)

to quarrel — ссориться

to argue [ˈɑːgjuː] — спорить

to get angry (with) — разозлиться

to lose one's temper / to fly into a rage / to lose patience — выходить из себя

to fall out — ссориться

to invite friends — приглашать друзей

to be there for somebody — быть готовым помочь

to give sound advice — давать мудрый совет

to get acquainted with somebody — познакомиться с кем-либо

to be the same age — быть одногодками, одного возраста

to enjoy each other's company — наслаждаться обществом друг друга

to trust — доверять

to count [kaunt] **on somebody** — рассчитывать на кого-либо

to socialize [ˈsəuʃ(ə)laɪz] — общаться

to help somebody out — подавать руку помощи, вытаскивать из беды

supportive [səˈpɔːtɪv] — оказывающий поддержку

reliable [rɪˈlaɪəbl] — надежный, верный

honest [ˈɔnɪst] — честный

understanding [ˌʌndəˈstændɪŋ] — понимающий, чуткий, отзывчивый

sociable [ˈsəuʃəbl] — общительный, коммуникабельный

easy-going — беспечный, добродушно-веселый, беззаботный

kind-hearted — мягкосердечный, добрый, отзывчивый

hard-working — трудолюбивый

polite — вежливый.

talkative [ˈtɔːkətɪv] — болтливый, словоохотливый

jealous [ˈʤeləs] — ревнивый, завистливый

envious [ˈenvɪəs] — завистливый

two-faced [ˌtuːˈfeɪst] — двуличный, лживый

to betray [bɪˈtreɪ] — предавать

betrayal [bɪˈtreɪəl] — измена, предательство

to envy [ˈenvɪ] — завидовать.

to make it up with somebody — помириться с кем-либо

A friend in need is a friend indeed. — Друг познается в беде.

to have a lot in common with somebody — иметь много общего с кем-либо

to get on well with somebody — хорошо ладить с кем-либо

to have something to talk about — иметь много общих тем, всегда находить о чем поговорить

to make friends — подружиться с кем-либо

to be friends with somebody — дружить с кем-либо

peer pressure — давление со стороны членов своего круга (в особенности сверстников, одноклассников и т. д.)

peer — сверстник

under-age — несовершеннолетний

youngster [ˈjʌŋ(k)stə] — юноша, девушка

adolescent [ˌæd(ə)ˈles(ə)nt] — молодой человек, юноша, девушка

bullying [ˈbulɪŋ] — запугивание; «буллинг» (травля в отношении ребенка со стороны группы сверстников)

to bully [ˈbulɪ] — запугивать, стращать

bully — задира, тиран

Leisure time

leisure [ˈleʒə] — досуг

to relax — расслабляться

to take a rest — отдыхать

to go on a trip / holiday — отправиться в поездку / отпуск

to go fishing — ходить на рыбалку

to go hunting — ходить на охоту

to collect stamps / coins / model cars, etc. — собирать (коллекционировать) марки / монеты / модели автомобилей и т. д.

to take dance classes — брать уроки танцев

to take up photography — заниматься фотографией

to take up scrapbooking — заниматься скрапбукингом (техника оформления и декорирования фотоальбомов, открыток и т. д. с помощью вырезок, ленточек, пуговиц и других материалов)

to start a band — создать свою музыкальную группу

to play ping pong / tennis — играть в настольный теннис / большой теннис

to play the piano / violin / guitar — играть на пианино / на скрипке / на гитаре

to go to the sea(side) — отправиться к морю

to invite guests — приглашать гостей

entertainment [ˌentəˈteɪnmənt] — развлечение, увеселительное мероприятие

to walk in the park — гулять в парке

to go camping — проводить отпуск на свежем воздухе в палатке

to play chess / basketball / volleyball / football — играть в шахматы / баскетбол / волейбол / футбол

to ride a horse — ездить верхом на лошади

to go jogging / to go for a run — выходить на пробежку

to take part in competitions — принимать участие в соревнованиях

to read books — читать книги

genres of books — жанры книг

memoirs [ˈmemwɑːz] — мемуары.

science fiction [ˈsaɪən(t)s ˈfɪkʃ(ə)n] — научная фантастика

adventure stories — приключения

thriller [ˈθrɪlə] — триллер

novel [ˈnɔv(ə)l] — роман

detective story — детектив

foreign literature — зарубежная литература

poem [ˈpəʊɪm] — стихотворение

to listen to music — слушать музыку

to be a keen music lover — быть меломаном

to browse / surf the Internet — бродить в просторах Интернета

to do yoga — заниматься йогой

to play computer games — играть в компьютерные игры

to watch TV — смотреть телевизор

cinema-goer — киноман

to go to the movies — ходить в кино

to catch the latest movie — смотреть кинопремьеры

box office — касса

to book tickets in advance — заранее бронировать билеты

lobby — фойе

horror / scary film — фильм ужасов

action film — боевик

thought provoking — наводящий на размышления

intricate [ˈɪntrɪkət] **plot** — запутанный сюжет

to take an unexpected turn — принимать неожиданный поворот

box-office hit — кассовый фильм

low-cost film — низкобюджетный фильм

starring — в главных ролях

special effects — спецэффекты

acting — актерская игра

breathtaking — захватывающий дух

director — режиссер

screen-writer — сценарист

movie trailer — трейлер к фильму

Education

ninth-grade / eleventh-grade student — девятиклассник / десятиклассник

classmate — одноклассник

to apply to a university — подавать заявление на поступление в университет

to enter a university — поступить в университет

to graduate from — окончить университет

school uniform — школьная форма

to study well — хорошо учиться

to be late for school — опаздывать в школу

to be absent — отсутствовать

to be absent-minded — быть рассеянным

to cheat — списывать

crib sheet / note — шпаргалка

to write a test paper — писать контрольную работу

compulsory [kəm'pʌls(ə)rɪ] **education** — обязательное образование

timetable / schedule ['ʃedju:l] — расписание

freshman / sophomore ['sɔfəmɔ:] — (студент) первокурсник / второкурсник

to drop out of school — бросать учебу

principal / headmaster — директор школы

pupil ['pju:p(ə)l] — ученик

to get a bad / good mark — получать плохую / хорошую оценку

to take an exam — сдавать экзамен

to pass an exam — сдать экзамен (успешно)

to fail an exam — завалить экзамен

Unified State Exam (USE) — Единый государственный экзамен (ЕГЭ)

to have extra lessons — брать дополнительные занятия

optional classes — факультативные занятия

diligent [ˈdɪlɪʤ(ə)nt] / **hardworking student** — прилежный, старательный ученик

school-leaving party / school prom — выпускной вечер в школе

nursery [ˈnɜːs(ə)rɪ] / **infant school** — дошкольное учреждение, детский сад, ясли

primary school — начальная школа

secondary school — средняя школа

private school — частная школа

boarding [ˈbɔːdɪŋ] **school** — школа-интернат

favourite subject — любимый предмет в школе

parents' evening — родительское собрание

Chemistry [ˈkemɪstrɪ] — химия

Biology [baɪˈɔləʤɪ] — биология

Geography [ʤɪˈɔgrəfɪ] — география

Physical Education / P.E. — гимнастика, физкультура

Mathematics / Maths — математика

History — история

English — английский язык

Literature — литература

assembly hall [ə'semblɪ hɔ:l] — актовый зал

well-equipped [welɪ'kwɪpt] **rooms** — хорошо оборудованные классы

canteen [kæn'ti:n] — буфет, столовая (в школе

library — библиотека

gym — спортзал

staff [stɑ:f] / **teachers' common room** — учительская

break [breɪk] — перемена (в школе)

school holidays / breaks — школьные каникулы

to revise the material learnt — повторять изученный материал

to learn by heart — учить наизусть

to study abroad — учиться за границей

foreign exchange programs — программы по обмену студентов

to enroll for a course — записываться на прослушивание какого-либо курса

language barrier ['bærɪə] — языковой барьер

to cope with — справляться с чем-либо

government student loan — правительственный заем на образование

government student grant — правительственный грант на обучение

to adjust [ə'ʤʌst] **to unfamiliar environment** — приспосабливаться к незнакомой обстановке

to reside — временно проживать, находиться

to immerse — погружаться (в языковую среду)

to improve conversational skills — улучшать навыки общения

mother's tongue — родной язык

target language — изучаемый язык

to master a language — овладеть языком

to become fluent in a language — бегло говорить на языке

host family — принимающая семья

to experience / to break through language barrier — испытывать / преодолевать языковой барьер

perfect command of English — совершенное владение английским языком

to develop language skills — развивать лингвистические навыки

improve language skills / geographical knowledge — улучшать языковые навыки / знания географии

widespread language — распространенный язык

Job & Career

accountant [ə'kauntənt] — бухгалтер

actor / actress — актер / актриса

architect ['ɑ:kɪtekt] — архитектор

businessman / businesswoman — бизнесмен / бизнес-леди

hairdresser / barber — стилист-парикмахер / барбер (мужской парикмахер)

flight attendant — стюардесса

judge — судья

lawyer [ˈlɔɪə] — юрист, адвокат

nurse [nɜːs] — медсестра

surgeon [ˈsɜːʤ(ə)n] — хирург

dentist — зубной врач

interpreter [ɪnˈtɜːprɪtə] / **translator** — устный переводчик / письменный переводчик

teacher / tutor — учитель / репетитор

personal secretary [ˈsekrət(ə)rɪ] — личный секретарь

engineer [ˌenʤɪˈnɪə] — инженер

shop assistant — продавец

waiter / waitress — официант / официантка

journalist [ˈʤɜːn(ə)lɪst] — журналист

editor-in-chief — главный редактор

to look for a job — искать работу

to choose a career — выбирать профессию

field — сфера деятельности

(true) life's calling — (истинное) призвание в жизни

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life. — Выбери работу по душе, и тебе больше не придется работать ни дня в своей жизни.

part-time job — работа на полставки, частичная занятость

to work part time — работать на полставки

full-time job — работа на полный рабочий день

to work in shifts — работать посменно

temporary [ˈtemp(ə)r(ə)rɪ] **work / job** — временная работа

permanent / regular work — постоянная работа

What's your job / occupation? — Кем вы работаете?

occupation [ˌɔkjəˈpeɪʃ(ə)n] — род занятий, профессия

monthly pay / salary / wages — ежемесячный оклад (зарплата)

vacancy [ˈveɪk(ə)n(t)sɪ] — вакансия

What are your main responsibilities in your job? — Что входит в ваши обязанности на работе?

to be responsible for — быть ответственным за что-либо

to have good communication skills — иметь хорошие коммуникативные способности

What do you do for living? — Как ты зарабатываешь на жизнь?

to earn [ɜːn] — зарабатывать

high-paying job — высокооплачиваемая работа

job interview — собеседование

job seeker — соискатель (работы)

work experience — опыт работы

to be one's own boss — работать на самого себя

to start one's own business — открывать свое дело

to run a firm — управлять фирмой

to broaden the mind — расширять кругозор

to be party to negotiations [nɪˌgəʊʃɪ'eɪʃ(ə)nz] — принимать участие в переговорах

employer / employee — работодатель / наемный сотрудник

to be unemployed / to be out of work — быть нетрудоустроенным, находиться без работы

work schedule — рабочий график

colleagues ['kɔli:gz] / **co-workers** — коллеги, сотрудники

Holidays / Праздники

Christmas (Day) ['krɪsməs] — Рождество

on Christmas Day / Eve — в день Рождества / в канун, в Рождественский сочельник

New Year [ˌnju: jɪə], [jɜ:] — Новый год

Easter (Day) — Пасха

International Women's Day (the 8th of March) — Международный женский день, 8 Марта

Independence Day — День независимости

Boxing Day — день рождественских подарков

Victory Day — День победы

May Day — 1 Мая

Thanksgiving Day — День благодарения

St. Valentine's Day — День Святого Валентина

Halloween — Хэллоуин

Mother's Day — День матери

Defender of the Motherland Day — День защитника Отечества, 23 февраля

April Fool's Day — 1 апреля, День веселых обманов

Pancake Week — Масленица

(Great) Lent — Великий пост

to celebrate (privately) — праздновать (в узком кругу)

to see the New Year in / to see the Old Year out — встречать Новый год / провожать Старый год

New Year's Eve — канун Нового года

festive supper — праздничный ужин

to decorate a New Year tree (with coloured lights, tinsel, toys) — наряжать елку (цветными гирляндами, мишурой, игрушками)

Grandfather Frost / Snow Maiden — Дед Мороз / Снегурочка

to go to / attend church [ʧɜːʧ] — посещать церковь

to make a wish — загадывать желание

parade [pəˈreɪd] — парад

firework [ˈfaɪəwɜːk] — фейерверк, салют

to honor the memory of — чтить память

Santa Claus [ˌsæntə klɔːz] / **Father Christmas** [ˌfɑːðə ˈkrɪsməs] — Санта-Клаус / Рождественский дед

long-awaited presents — долгожданные подарки

to send greeting cards — рассылать открытки

witch [wɪʧ] — колдунья, ведьма

ghost [gəust] — привидение, призрак, дух

Trick or treat [trɪkə'tri:t] — «Откупись, а то заколдую» (обычай, согласно которому на праздник Хэллоуин дети стучатся в двери и требуют угощения, угрожая подшутить над хозяином дома в случае отказа)

to play a trick — шутить, подшучивать

pumpkin ['pʌmpkɪn] — тыква

jack-o'-lantern [ˌʤækə'læntən] — светильник Джека (фонарь из полой тыквы с отверстиями в виде глаз, носа и рта, внутри которой горит свеча; по традиции ставится у входа в дом или на подоконнике 31 октября в канун Дня всех святых)

public holiday — официальный нерабочий день, государственный праздник

festival ['festɪv(ə)l] — праздник, празднество

Travelling

trip [trɪp] — путешествие, поездка

journey ['ʤз:nɪ] — поездка (обычно сухопутное)

cruise [kru:z] — морское путешествие, круиз

to travel by car / by train / by plain / by ship / on foot — путешествовать на автомобиле / на поезде / на самолете / на корабле / пешком

to get unforgettable impressions and vivid emotions — получить незабываемые впечатления и яркие эмоции

to meet new people — знакомиться с новыми людьми

to go abroad — поехать за границу

destination [ˌdestɪˈneɪʃ(ə)n] — пункт назначения, (туристическое) направление

to change the scene — сменить обстановку

health / holiday resort [helθ rɪˈzɔːt] — курорт

package holiday / tour — турпутёвка, включающая проезд, проживание, питание, экскурсии; турпакет «все включено»

to obtain prior visas — заранее получать визу

direct regular flight — прямой регулярный рейс

charter flight — чартерный рейс

travel agency — турагентство

transfer [træn(t)sˈfɜː] — трансфер

accommodation [əˌkɔməˈdeɪʃ(ə)n] — проживание (в гостинице)

insurance [ɪnˈʃuər(ə)n(t)s] — страхование

excursion [ɪksˈkɜːʃ(ə)n] — экскурсия, круиз

air travel — воздушное путешествие, путешествие на самолете

passenger [ˈpæs(ə)nʤə] — пассажир

to take off — взлетать (о самолете)

electronic devices [dɪˈvaɪsɪz] — электронные устройства

airhostess [ˈɛəˌhəustəs] — стюардесса, бортпроводница

to take a nap — вздремнуть, немного поспать

travel sickness pills — таблетки от воздушной болезни

compartment carriage [kəm'pɑ:tmənt 'kærɪʤ] — купированный вагон

express train — скоростной поезд

passenger train — пассажирский поезд

to board / to get on a train — садиться на поезд

to change trains — делать пересадку (с одного поезда на другой)

to miss a train — опаздывать на поезд

to take a train — садиться на поезд

dining car ['daɪnɪŋ kɑ:] — вагон-ресторан (пассажирский вагон, оборудованный сидячими местами и подразумевающий возможность покупки, как легких закусок, так и полноценных обедов)

fellow-traveler — попутчик

upper / lower berth [bə:θ] — верхняя / нижняя полка, спальное место (в вагоне)

cabin — каюта

deck [dek] — палуба

sea sickness — морская болезнь

scuba diving — погружение с аквалангом

backpacking ['bæk,pækɪŋ] — пеший туризм, туристический поход

sleeping bag — спальный мешок

arrival / departure time — время прилета / вылета

information desk — справочное бюро

to book tickets in advance — бронировать билеты заранее

one-way / return ticket — билет в один конец / билет туда и обратно

to rent a car — арендовать автомобиль

to go sightseeing — осматривать достопримечательности

to take pictures / photos — фотографировать, фотографироваться

tourist attraction — достопримечательность

places of interest — достопримечательности города

luggage / baggage — багаж

carry-on luggage — ручная кладь

to travel light — путешествовать налегке

Healthy lifestyle

to be in good shape — быть в хорошей физической форме

to go in for sports — заниматься спортом

to follow a diet — соблюдать диету

A sound mind in a sound body. — В здоровом теле — здоровый дух.

to case-harden the spirits — закалять дух

will for victory — воля к победе

poor / good posture — неправильная / правильная осанка

to have a wholesome effect on something — благотворно влиять на что-либо

to go for a jog / to go jogging every morning — совершать утреннюю пробежку

to participate — принимать участие
healthy lifestyle — здоровый образ жизни
emotional release — эмоциональная разрядка
teamwork — работа в команде
waste of time — пустая трата времени
well-being — здоровье, благополучие, процветание
thrill seeker — искатель острых ощущений
rafting — рафтинг
wakeboarding — вейкбординг
to relieve stress — снимать стресс
to run hazards — идти на риск
soccer [ˈsɒkə] / **football** — футбол
basketball — баскетбол
baseball — бейсбол
boxing — бокс
badminton — бадминтон
table tennis — настольный теннис
coach — тренер
to go skating / skiing — кататься на коньках / лыжах
to train hard — усиленно тренироваться
to visit a doctor — посещать врача
disease [dɪˈziːz] — болезнь, заболевание
catching disease — заразная, инфекционная болезнь
untreatable disease — неизлечимая болезнь
to be ill / to be sick — болеть

to fall ill / sick — заболевать

to feel sick — чувствовать тошноту

to catch a cold — простудиться

to have / suffer from headaches ['hedeɪks] — иметь / страдать от головной боли

to hurt — болеть

injury ['ɪndʒ(ə)rɪ] — повреждение, ушиб

wound [wu:nd] — рана, ранение

painful — болезненный

to take blood pressure — измерять артериальное давление

to faint [feɪnt] — терять сознание

to make an appointment with a doctor — записываться на прием к врачу

to send for a doctor — вызывать врача на дом

to call an ambulance ['æmbjələn(t)s] — вызывать скорую помощь

chemist's / drugstore — аптека

to prescribe (a) medicine ['medɪsɪn] — прописывать лекарство

to take a medicine / pills (for cold, flu, etc.) — принимать лекарство (от простуды, гриппа и т. д.)

to make a diagnosis [ˌdaɪəg'nəusɪs] — поставить диагноз

to keep the bed — соблюдать постельный режим

to go for regular checkups — ходить на регулярный медосмотр

(medical) treatment [ˈtriːtmənt] — лечение

cure [kjuə] — лечение, курс лечения; средство излечения

anti-inflammatory drug — противовоспалительное средство

pain-killer — болеутоляющее средство

medicine [ˈmedɪsɪn] — лекарство, медикамент

to follow the doctor's advice / recommendations — следовать советам / рекомендациям врача

to recover [rɪˈkʌvə] — выздоравливать

to be under (the) care of a doctor — находиться под наблюдением врача

Mass Media

social networks — социальные сети

to get in touch — оставаться на связи

to be abreast of the news — быть в курсе новостей

to extend the limits of communication — расширять границы общения

to improve language skills — улучшать языковые навыки

pen pal — друг по переписке

face-to-face communication — непосредственная коммуникация, живое общение

invention — изобретение

to lag behind — отставать (в учебе)

to go out — бывать в обществе, встречаться

to install [ɪn′stɔ:l] — инсталлировать, устанавливать (программу)

to download — загружать информацию из интернета

parental control — программа родительского контроля компьютера

pop-up — всплывающее окно

to surf the Internet / net — бродить по интернету, переходить с одного сайта на другой

to widen the circle of acquaintances — расширять круг знакомств

sources of up-to-date information — источники актуальной информации

to sign in (log in) / sign out (log out) — входить в свою учетную запись / выходить из своей учетной записи

laptop — ноутбук

tablet — планшетный компьютер

personal computer — персональный компьютер

to send / check an email — посылать / проверять электронную почту

username — имя пользователя

password — пароль

inseparable part of our life — неотъемлемая часть нашей жизни

telly — телевизор, ящик (разг.)

satellite [′sæt(ə)laɪt] **television** — спутниковое телевидение

cable television — кабельное телевидение

TV channel — телеканал

couch potato — бездельник, который все свободное время проводит у телевизора, сидень, лежебока

commercial [kə'mɜ:ʃ(ə)l] — реклама

soap opera — мыльная опера

a TV series — телесериал

talk-show — ток-шоу

feature film — художественный фильм.

cartoon — мультфильм

live sport matches — спортивные матчи в прямом эфире

news program — программа новостей

entertainment [ˌentə'teɪnmənt] **program** — развлекательная программа

events — события

to improve one's listening comprehension — улучшить навыки восприятия на слух

daily / weekly / monthly newspaper ['nju:sˌpeɪpə] — ежедневная / еженедельная / ежемесячная газета

source of information — источник информации

survival of the past — пережиток прошлого

to learn about the latest news from the Internet — узнавать о последних новостях из интернета

breaking news — главные новости

periodicals [ˌpɪərɪ'ɔdɪk(ə)lz] — периодические издания

glossy magazine [ˌmægəˈziːn] — глянцевый журнал

front page — первая полоса газеты

news of the day — новости дня

editorial [ˌedɪˈtɔːrɪəl] — передовица, редакционная статья

gutter press — «желтая», бульварная пресса

regional newspaper — региональная газета

tabloid [ˈtæblɔɪd] — таблоид

sensational stories — сенсационные сюжеты

to subscribe [səbˈskraɪb] — подписываться (на газеты, журналы и т. д.)

column [ˈkɔləm] — рубрика

on the last pages of the newspaper — на последних страницах газеты

TV guide [ˌtiːˈviː gaɪd] — телепрограмма

unreliable information — недостоверная информация

(newspaper's) circulation — газетный тираж

to keep abreast of the latest news — держать в курсе последних событий

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