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Данное пособие поможет качественно подготовиться к успешной сдаче раздела «Письмо» ЕГЭ по английскому языку. Книга содержит все темы заданий 39 (Письмо другу) и 40 (Эссе) экзамена в соответствии с требованиями ФИПИ.

В пособии содержится вся необходимая для подготовки к экзамену информация:

- 19 тем кодификатора ФИПИ,
- 228 писем,
- 171 эссе,
- 19 лексических схем,
- рекомендации по избежанию типовых ошибок.

В части 1 «Письмо» предлагается ознакомиться с письмом-эталоном, затем заполнить пропуски в другом письме по этой же теме, и, наконец, написать собственное письмо в формате экзамена.

В части 2 «Эссе» предлагается ознакомиться с эссе-эталоном, затем заполнить пропуски в другом эссе по этой же теме, и, наконец, написать собственное эссе в формате экзамена. В каждой теме также предлагаются наглядные схемы, позволяющие систематизировать и актуализировать лексику, необходимую для выполнения этого задания повышенной сложности.

Книга предназначена для учащихся 10-х и 11-х классов, а также для учителей и репетиторов, готовящих учеников к единому государственному экзамену.

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# ОТ АВТОРА

Дорогие старшеклассники, их родители и учителя!

Я искренне рада, что вы приняли решение сдавать единый государственный экзамен по английскому языку, ведь ваш выбор значит, что вы прекрасно понимаете важность умения говорить на одном языке со всем миром. Это также свидетельствует о том, что вы не ищете легких путей, а значит, добьетесь успеха в будущей карьере.

Английский язык — не только один из самых востребованных среди современных выпускников предметов, но и самый сложный, потому что экзамен по английскому выходит за рамки простого контроля знаний фонетических, орфографических и грамматических правил, а проверяет ваше умение общаться на этом языке в разных речевых ситуациях. Этот экзамен определяет вашу готовность стать полноценным человеком мира.

Это пособие поможет вам подготовиться к письменной части единого государственного экзамена по английскому языку. Книга, как и сам экзамен, состоит из двух частей и содержит все темы заданий 39 «Письмо» и 40 «Эссе» в соответствии с требованиями Федерального института педагогических измерений и кодификатором элементов предметного содержания речи.

В части 1 «Письмо: темы и структура» на каждый отдельный элемент кодификатора приводится 4 письма-эталона. После ознакомления с письмом-эталонами предлагается заполнить пропуски в другом письме по этой же теме и затем написать собственное письмо в формате экзамена.

В части 2 «Эссе: темы и аргументы» на каждый отдельный элемент кодификатора приводится 3 эссе-эталона, а также ментальная карта, позволяющая систематизировать

и актуализировать лексику, необходимую для выполнения этого задания повышенной сложности. После ознакомления с эссе-эталоном предлагается заполнить пропуски в другом письме по этой же теме и затем написать собственное эссе в формате экзамена.

В начале каждой части также дается введение с необходимой для успешной сдачи экзамена информацией: критерии оценивания, ожидаемая структура письма или эссе, рекомендации по избежанию распространенных ошибок, особенности пунктуации, правила подсчета слов, а также приводится универсальная формула для того или иного вида текста.

Я уверена, что вы найдете эту книгу крайне полезной, и желаю вам удачи на экзамене!

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**ЧАСТЬ 1.  
ПИСЬМО:  
ТЕМЫ И СТРУКТУРА**

# КРИТЕРИИ ОЦЕНИВАНИЯ

Задание 39 представляет собой личное письмо, оно не официальное и пишется другу. Формат личного письма позволяет проверить знание норм вежливости иностранного языка, умение отвечать на вопросы, умение задавать вопросы, умение отличать формальный и неформальный стиль общения. Максимально за задание по письму учащийся может получить 6 баллов на основе трех критериев:

- решение коммуникативной задачи — 2 балла,
- организация текста — 2 балла,
- языковое оформление текста — 2 балла.

При получении 0 баллов по первому критерию всё задание оценивается в 0 баллов.

## СТРУКТУРА ПИСЬМА

### АДРЕС

Адрес пишется в верхнем правом углу. Он может быть полным и кратким. Полный адрес:

flat number  
house, street  
city (town, village)  
country  
index

Указание индекса в адресе не обязательно:

flat number  
house, street  
city (town, village)  
country

Краткий адрес:  
City  
Country

Допустимо также размещать город и страну на одной строке:

City, country

## **ДАТА**

Дата пишется под адресом. Она может писаться двумя способами соответственно британскому и американскому вариантам английского:

day/month/year  
(British English)  
month/day/year  
(American English)

Правильными вариантами считаются:  
The 4th of November, 2019

4th of November, 2019

November 4, 2019

4.04.19

4.04.2019

20/04/19

20/04/2019

Нельзя использовать неправдоподобные даты:

4.11.1956

(нельзя написать письмо из прошлого)

27.06.2035

(нельзя написать письмо из будущего)



## ОСНОВНОЙ ТЕКСТ

Текст письма располагается по левой стороне. Необходимо соблюдать нейтральный или разговорный стиль. Сленг может быть уместен только в этом задании.

Обращение пишется слева на отдельной строке. Допустимые варианты:

Dear Sam,  
(предпочтительно)  
Hi, Sam,  
Hello, dear Sam,

Далее отдельным абзацем следует благодарность за письмо:

Thank you for your letter.  
Thanks for your recent letter.

Предложение I was glad to get your letter не считается благодарностью за полученное письмо.

После благодарности необходимо упомянуть предыдущий контакт. Это можно сделать с помощью следующих фраз:

It's nice to hear from you **again**.  
I'm **always** glad to receive letters from you.  
I **always** like to read your letters.

Необходимо подчеркнуть, что история переписки состоит более, чем из одного письма.

Благодарность за письмо и ссылки на предыдущие контакты не следует пытаться объединить. Также не нужно пытаться расширить содержание письма, используя информацию из письма-стимула. Это не даст дополнительных баллов, только будет сложнее соблюдать необходимый объем.

Следующий абзац посвящен ответам на вопросы. К ним обязательно должен быть сделан логический переход — «мостик» в начале параграфа. Возможные варианты:

In your letter you asked me ...

As for your questions, ...

Ответы должны быть развернутыми и точными. Между ответами на вопросы должны быть логические переходы или хотя бы слова-связки, например, well или actually.

Следующий параграф должен быть посвящен ответам на вопросы. К ним тоже должен быть дан логический переход. Возможные варианты:

You wrote about ...

You're writing about ...

As for ... , ...

Вопросы должны быть прямыми. Внимательно читайте, о чем нужно задавать вопрос в задании.

Следует соблюдать порядок вопросов в задании при ответе на них в письме.

В следующем параграфе обязательно должен содержаться запрос будущего контакта:

I can't wait to hear from you.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Write back soon.

Keep in touch.

Drop me a line.

Завершающая фраза пишется на отдельной строке:

Yours,

Lots of love,

Best wishes,

Имя пишется на отдельной строке после завершающей фразы:

Nataly



## ПУНКТУАЦИЯ И ПОДСЧЕТ СЛОВ

К особенностям пунктуации письма другу относятся:

- запятая после обращения,
- запятая после заключительной фразы
- и отсутствие точки в самом конце, после собственного имени.

Минимальное количество слов в письме — 90, максимальное — 154. Если ответ превышает 154 слова, то отчеркивается и проверяется только 140 слов. Если в ответе менее 90 слов, то письмо не проверяется и выставляется 0 баллов.

При подсчете слов считается каждое отдельное слово. Стыженные формы (isn't, I'm), аббревиатуры, сложные слова, числительные считаются как одно слово. Адрес, записанный цифрами, считается как одно слово. Если в адресе есть слова, то все символы считаются по отдельности.

## ОБРАЗЕЦ ПИСЬМА

Moscow  
Russia  
06.04.2019

Dear (обращение к другу),

Thanks for your letter. I was glad to hear from you again.

In your letter, you wrote about (тема письма, сформулировать из задания). In my opinion, (ответы на вопросы из задания в порядке упоминания).

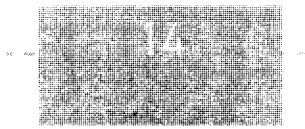
In your letter, you write that (тема собственного вопроса из задания). (3 собственных вопроса из задания).

That's all for now. Write me soon.

Best wishes,

(собственное имя)

**А. ПОВСЕДНЕВНАЯ ЖИЗНЬ И БЫТ,  
РАСПРЕДЕЛЕНИЕ ДОМАШНИХ  
ОБЯЗАННОСТЕЙ В СЕМЬЕ. ПОКУПКИ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ann who writes:

... Yesterday my Mum asked me to help her about the house. We were very busy with cleaning up the whole morning. I always get tired and bored when I do the house. What family duties do you have? Is there anything you really like or dislike about housework? Is it necessary for you to help your parents, why or why not?

Oh, I have some great news! I got a lovely puppy for my birthday ...

Write a letter to Ann.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her puppy.

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

15/06/2019

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to hear from you again.

In your letter you asked me about housework. Well, as for me, I have many family duties. I do the washing-up and dust the furniture. Also, I do the vacuum-cleaning at weekends. Actually, I hate it as I don't like the noise of the vacuum cleaner. Still, I find it necessary to help my parents as they are very busy at work.

You write about your new puppy. How old is it? How did you name it? What colour is it?

That's all for now. Write me soon.

Best wishes,

Tanya

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ann who writes:

... Yesterday my Mum asked me to help her about the house. We were very busy with cleaning up the whole morning. I always get tired and bored when I do the house. What family duties do you have? Is there anything you really like or dislike about housework? Is it necessary for you to help your parents, why or why not?

Oh, I have some great news! I got a lovely puppy for my birthday ...

Write a letter to Ann.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her puppy.

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

15/06/2019

Dear Ann,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ . It is always \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Well, my family duties \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking about housework, we usually \_\_\_\_\_

As for me, it is \_\_\_\_\_ .

In your letter you wrote about \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

It's time for me to finish my letter. Write back soon.

Love,

Jane





## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Max who writes:

... Last week it was my sister's turn to go to the grocer's. We didn't have much variety in food while our parents were out. Who and how often buys food in your family? What kind of food do you usually have at home? What do you think about the food stores in your neighbourhood?

Our teacher is planning a school trip to the natural reserve ...

Write a letter to Max.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask 3 questions about the trip

Write 100–140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Rostov

Russia

16/05/2019

Dear Max,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to hear from you.

You asked me about shopping for food. Actually, my parents usually buy food in my family. They do it twice a week. At home we usually have fresh vegetables, bread, meat and fish. Speaking about the food stores, I can say that they are rather good and offer a good variety of products.

You wrote about a school trip. When are you going to have a trip? Where are you going to travel? How long is the trip going to be?

Write back soon.

Best wishes,

Alice

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Max who writes:

... Last week it was my sister's turn to go to the grocer's. We didn't have much variety in food while our parents were out. Who and how often buys food in your family? What kind of food do you usually have at home? What do you think about your local food stores?

Our teacher is planning a school trip to the natural reserve ...

Write a letter to Max.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask 3 questions about the trip

Write 100–140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Rostov  
Russia  
21.06.2019

Dear Max,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_

It is always \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_

Well, in my family \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking about our home, we usually \_\_\_\_\_

As for the food stores, I think that \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you wrote about \_\_\_\_\_

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It's time for me to finish my letter. Write back soon.

Love,

Jane



## 2.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Max who writes:

... Last week it was my sister's turn to go to the grocer's. We didn't have much variety in food while our parents were out. Who and how often buys food in your family? What kind of food do you usually have at home? What do you think about your local food stores?

Our teacher is planning a school trip to the natural reserve ...

Write a letter to Max.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask 3 questions about the trip

Write 100–140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Miriam who writes:

... It's so hard to live in a big family. I have three siblings and my mother always asks me to sit with them as she thinks it's my responsibility. Do you find it difficult to babysit? What do you do if you stay at home with little kids? Is it better for you to have a big or a small family?

By the way yesterday we celebrated my Mom's birthday ... .

Write a letter to Miriam.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her Mom's birthday party

Write **100-140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow  
Russia  
21.06.2019

Dear Miriam,

Thank you for your letter. It's nice to hear from you again.

In your letter you wrote about your siblings. As for me, it's difficult to babysit as little children find it hard to explain what they really want and I don't understand them. If I stay at home with little kids I usually play with them and read them books. To be honest, I'd prefer to have a small family because I think that in such families people are close to each other.

In your letter you wrote about your Mom's birthday party. When did you have it? How long was it? How many guests were invited?

I have to finish my letter. Write back soon.

Love,

Natasha

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Miriam who writes:

... It's so hard to live in a big family. I have three siblings and my mother always asks me to sit with them as she thinks it's my responsibility. Do you find it difficult to babysit? What do you do if you stay at home with little kids? Is it better for you to have a big or a small family?

By the way yesterday we celebrated my Mom's birthday ... .

Write a letter to Miriam.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her Mom's birthday party

Write **100-140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow  
Russia  
21.06.2019

Dear Miriam,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. It is always \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you \_\_\_\_\_.

I think, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If I stay with little kids, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

To my mind, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you wrote \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Write \_\_\_\_\_

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Miriam who writes:

... It's so hard to live in a big family. I have three siblings and my mother always asks me to sit with them as she thinks it's my responsibility. Do you find it difficult to babysit? What do you do if you stay at home with little kids? Is it better for you to have a big or a small family?

By the way yesterday we celebrated my Mom's birthday ... .

Write a letter to Miriam.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her Mom's birthday party

Write **100–140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Janet who writes:

... My grandmother is caring and kind. She always tries to support me. Though my brother often gets irritated and says he gets too much attention. Do you think it is important to follow your grandparent's advice? How often do you visit your grandparents? What do you do to help them?

By the way, yesterday my grandparents left for Prague ...

Write a letter to Janet.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about her grandparents

Write **100–140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow  
Russia  
21.06.2019

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter. It's nice to hear from you again.

In your letter you told me about your grandparents. I am sure that we should follow our grandparents' advice because elderly people are wise and have much experience. As for me, I visit my granny once a week. I try to do my best to help her. For example, I do all types of house work for her, take her to the cinema and teach her to surf the net.

You said your grandparents had left for Prague. Actually, how old are your grandparents? What are their names? How old are they?

Write back soon.

Yours,  
Nikita

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Janet who writes:

... My grandmother is caring and kind. She always tries to support me. However, my brother often gets irritated and says he gets too much attention. Do you think it is important to follow your grandparent's advice? How often do you visit your grandparents? What do you do to help them?

By the way, yesterday my grandparents left for Prague ...

Write a letter to Janet.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about her grandparents

Write **100-140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter \_\_\_\_\_

Actually, \_\_\_\_\_

As for me, \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_?

Yours,





**Б. ЖИЗНЬ В ГОРОДЕ  
И СЕЛЬСКОЙ МЕСТНОСТИ.  
ПРОБЛЕМЫ ГОРОДА И СЕЛА**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Robert who writes:

... We've moved to a new town. It's green and historic. My neighbourhood has been the same for years. Have you noticed any changes in your city? What are they? Do you like or dislike them? Why?

Yesterday my mum won a sports competition ...

Write a letter to Robert.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the sports competition

Write **100–140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow  
Russia  
15/06/2019

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter. It was a pleasure to hear from you again.

In your letter you asked me about my town. Well, as for me, I live in one of the biggest cities in the world. It is Moscow. Moscow has changed a lot recently. Actually, we have more parks and shopping centres, there are many e-services and new parking spots. I really like these changes. Thanks to them, Moscow has become modern and innovative.

You write about your mum's competition. What kind of sport was it? How many competitors were there? Where did the competition take place?

That's all for now. Write me soon.

Best wishes,

Darya

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Robert who writes:

... We've moved to a new town. It's green and historic. My neighbourhood has been the same for years. Have you noticed any changes in your city? What are they? Do you like or dislike them? Why?

Yesterday my mum won a sports competition ...

Write a letter to Robert.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the cooking competition

Write **100–140** words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow  
Russia  
15/06/2019

Dear Ann,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ . It was a pleasure \_\_\_\_\_ .

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_ .

Well, as for me, I live in \_\_\_\_\_ .

It is \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ has changed

a lot recently. Actually, we have more \_\_\_\_\_ ,

there are many \_\_\_\_\_ and new \_\_\_\_\_ .

I really like these changes. Thanks to them, \_\_\_\_\_

has become \_\_\_\_\_ .

You write about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

How many \_\_\_\_\_ ? Where

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Darya

### 1.3

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Write a letter to Robert.

In your letter

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## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Molly who writes:

... I know you've just moved to a smaller town in your country. How do you like it there? How do you get to your school now? How is it different from the city you lived in before?

Just imagine I won the county spelling contest last week ...

Write a letter to Molly.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the county spelling contest

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Saratov  
Russia

February 14, 2019

Dear Molly,

Thank you so much for your letter. I was glad to hear from you again.

In your letter, you ask me about my new town. Well, to be honest I don't really like it here because I haven't made any friends yet. The school is closer to my home now, so I just walk there or ride a bike. It is so much different from my old city! For example, there's no underground or a huge department store, but there is a big river nearby and I'm looking forward to fishing in summer.

As for the spelling contest, I am so happy for you! What was it like? How many people took part in it? What did you get as a prize?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Yours,

Vlad

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Write a letter to Molly.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the county spelling contest

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter.

I \_\_\_\_\_ again.

In your letter, \_\_\_\_\_ my new town.

Well, \_\_\_\_\_ because

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\_\_\_\_\_ .

As for \_\_\_\_\_ , I am so happy for you!

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ . Drop me a line.

Yours,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Molly who writes:

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Write a letter to Molly.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the county spelling contest

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Greg who writes:

... My family and I have just moved to the state capital. It's pretty big compared to my old town. Honestly, I don't like it at all. Why do people like big cities? Do you live in a big city or a small town? Would you like to move to a bigger city and why?

I got an invitation to my friend's birthday party next weekend ...

Write a letter to Greg.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about his friend's birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Saransk

Russia

28 June, 2019

Dear Greg,

Thank you for your letter. It's nice to hear from you again.

As for your questions, I think some people like big cities for the opportunities they offer. It's easier to find a job or university just for you in a big city than in a small town. I live in a rather big city; it's the capital of our republic. I'm not sure yet if I would like to move to a bigger city because there's everything I need in mine. Perhaps I will move to Moscow or Kazan to get a job there when I finish my studies here.

You also wrote about your friend's birthday party next weekend. Where will it take place? Are many people coming? Is there a dress code?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Ivan

### 3.2

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Write a letter to Greg.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about his friend's birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

28 \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. It's nice

As for \_\_\_\_\_, I think some people like big cities

\_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in a big city than in a small town.

I live in \_\_\_\_\_; it's \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ to move to a bigger city because \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps I will \_\_\_\_\_.

You also wrote about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Where \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

Is there \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in touch.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,

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I got an invitation to my friend's birthday party next weekend ...

Write a letter to Greg.

In your letter

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- ask **3 questions** about his friend's birthday party

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend James who writes:

... Last summer I spent with my grandparents on their farm. I had to wake up early and help my grandfather around with his chores. I realized how difficult life could be in rural areas. Why do you think people move from cities to rural areas? Would you like to live on a farm or in a village and why? How are the two lifestyles different?

By the way, my vet said my cat is ok now ...

Write a letter to James.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about his cat

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Novosibirsk

Russia

The 18th of April, 2019

Dear James,

Thank you for your letter. It was so cheering to get a letter from you again.

As for your questions, I think people move to rural areas because of a better environment and a slower lifestyle. As for me, I wouldn't like to live either on a farm or in a village because I find both boring and too tiresome. The lifestyles are absolutely different. For example, you have to get up very early in the village to take care of your own household, while in a city you can sleep in a bit, but you have to work all day for another person's company.

In your letter you mentioned your cat. What was wrong with it? How does it feel now? Does it need any meds?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Misha

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend James who writes:

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By the way, my vet said my cat is ok now ...

Write a letter to James.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about his cat

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. It was so cheering to get a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, I think people move to rural areas because \_\_\_\_\_.

As for me, I \_\_\_\_\_ like to live either on a farm or in a village because \_\_\_\_\_. The lifestyles are absolutely different. For example, \_\_\_\_\_, while in a city \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_?

In your letter you mentioned your cat. What \_\_\_\_\_?

How \_\_\_\_\_? Does it \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



**В. ОБЩЕНИЕ В СЕМЬЕ И ШКОЛЕ,  
СЕМЕЙНЫЕ ТРАДИЦИИ,  
МЕЖЛИЧНОСТНЫЕ ОТНОШЕНИЯ  
С ДРУЗЬЯМИ И ЗНАКОМЫМИ**





## 1.1

You have received a letter from your pen-friend Tom who writes:

... In our city, there's an annual competition for teenagers that shoot their own short films. This year my film about my grandparents got the third prize. Do you think it's important to record family history? Who in your opinion should do it? What's the best way to do it?

My dad has his birthday this month, and I am thinking about a gift for him. I want it to be very special ...

Write a letter to Tom.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his dad

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Vladivostok

Russia

27/04/2019

Dear Tom,

Thanks for your recent letter. I am always happy to receive letters from you.

As for your questions, I do think it's important to record family history. Every family member should do it in the way they like. The best way to record family history is to take pictures of your dearest, shoot short videos with your parents or grandparents, and upload those pictures and videos to your family's photo account.

You wrote your dad has his birthday this month. How old is your dad? Does your dad have a hobby? What does he do in his free time?

It's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Anna



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your pen-friend Tom who writes:

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My dad has his birthday this month, and I am thinking about a gift for him. I want it to be very special ...

Write a letter to Tom.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his dad

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ recent letter.

I \_\_\_\_\_ letters from you.

\_\_\_\_\_ questions, I do think it's important

\_\_\_\_\_ should do it

\_\_\_\_\_. The best way to \_\_\_\_\_

is to \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

You wrote \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. How old \_\_\_\_\_? Does \_\_\_\_\_?

What \_\_\_\_\_?

It's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_

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In your letter

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## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend May who writes:

... Last Saturday was my mom's anniversary and the whole family gathered at our place. There was so much food that we lived on leftovers for 3 days after the event. What do you usually cook for special occasions? Do you celebrate your family holidays at home or eat out and why? What was the most recent holiday you celebrated with your family?

Oh, before I forget, my eldest brother won our school tennis tournament ...

Write a letter to May.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her eldest brother

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kazan  
Russia

The 27th of April, 2019

Dear May,

Thank you for your letter. I always like to read your letters.

In your letter you asked me what food we cook in our family for special occasions. Well, I should say we don't really have a specific menu. What we cook depends on the occasion. For example, we can bake a cake for a birthday or a goose for New Year. As for family holidays, we mostly eat out because we have a large extended family but a rather small flat to fit everyone in. The most recent holiday my family and I celebrated together was New Year, it was fun.

In your letter you mentioned your brother was a tennis tournament. How old is he? Does he go to the same school as you? Does he play tennis professionally?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Lots of love,

Angelina

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend May who writes:

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Oh, before I forget, my eldest brother won our school tennis tournament ...

Write a letter to May.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her eldest brother

Write **100-140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kazan  
Russia

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ to read your letters.

In your letter you asked me \_\_\_\_\_. Well, I should say we \_\_\_\_\_. What we cook depends on \_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_. As for family

holidays, \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. The most recent holiday \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you mentioned \_\_\_\_\_. How old \_\_\_\_\_? Does he \_\_\_\_\_? Does he \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Lots of love,

\_\_\_\_\_

## 2.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend May who writes:

... Last Saturday was my mom's anniversary and the whole family gathered at our place. There was so much food that we lived on leftovers for 3 days after the event. What do you usually cook for special occasions? Do you celebrate your family holidays at home or eat out and why? What was the most recent holiday you celebrated with your family?

Oh, before I forget, my eldest brother won our school tennis tournament ...

Write a letter to May.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her eldest brother

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

... Happy belated birthday! Sorry I couldn't write earlier. Where and how did you celebrate it this year? What presents did you get and which of them did you like most? Are you going to share photos from the party?

Oh, by the way, my elder sister has moved to New York ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her sister's accommodation

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Yakutsk

Russia

December 12, 2019

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to get one from you.

In your letter you asked me about my birthday this year. I celebrated in an entertainment centre with my friends and parents. We played laser tag and arcade machines. I got books, computer games, and some small things for my hobbies. But most of all I liked a photo album my parents got me. It had all the photos of me as a little child which I didn't remember or didn't know I had. I'm sharing my party photos on my Instagram.

You wrote your sister moved to New York. Does she live in a flat or in a house now? Is it big or small? Is it well-situated?

That's all for now. Can't wait to hear from you.

Yours,

Vika



### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

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Oh, by the way, my elder sister has moved to New York ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her sister's accommodation

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. It is \_\_\_\_\_ from you.

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_.  
This year I celebrated \_\_\_\_\_  
with my friends and parents. We \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I got \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. But most of all I liked a \_\_\_\_\_  
my parents got me. It \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sharing party photos \_\_\_\_\_.

You wrote \_\_\_\_\_ New York. Does  
she \_\_\_\_\_? Is it \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_ from you.

Yours,  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 3.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

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Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her sister's accommodation

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Peter who writes:

... My little brother makes unbelievable things with his LEGO blocks. What kind of toys did you play with when you were young? What amazes you most in kids today? How do you and your friends get along with younger brothers and sisters?

I had a wonderful trip to Florida ...

Write a letter to Peter.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Cheboksary

Russia

07.05.2019

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter. It was a pleasure to get your letter again.

In your letter you asked me about my childhood and today's kids. When I was young, I used to play with LEGO blocks, too. It was so fun! What amazes me in today's kids is how easy they get by with modern technology. I can't ride a hoverboard, but my younger brother does it all the time! My friends and I get along with our younger siblings quite well because we have a lot in common.

You also wrote you had a trip to Florida. How did you get there? How long did you spend there? What did you like most about it?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Ivan

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Peter who writes:

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I had a wonderful trip to Florida ...

Write a letter to Peter.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. It was a pleasure to get \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you \_\_\_\_\_. When I was young, I \_\_\_\_\_. It was so fun! What amazes me \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_! My friends and I \_\_\_\_\_ with our younger siblings \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ a trip to Florida. How did you \_\_\_\_\_? How long \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Г. ЗДОРОВЬЕ И ЗАБОТА О НЕМ,  
САМОЧУВСТВИЕ,  
МЕДИЦИНСКИЕ УСЛУГИ.  
ЗДОРОВЫЙ ОБРАЗ ЖИЗНИ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Olaf who writes:

... The weather has been so nasty here I even got a cold! What do you usually do not to catch a cold? What is a healthy lifestyle for you? How can you catch up with the class if you do fall ill?

My cousin is coming to stay with us for Thanksgiving ...

Write a letter to Olaf.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her cousin

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Ryazan

Russia

03.05.2019

Dear Olaf,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to get letters from you.

In your letter you ask me how I live a healthy lifestyle. Well, I always put on warm clothes and keep my feet dry not to catch a cold. A healthy lifestyle for me means to do exercises in the morning, jog in the evening, and keep a balanced diet. If I fall ill during school year, I look up what home task we had on that day and do it myself.

In your letter you wrote your cousin is visiting you. Is it a boy or a girl? What's his or her name? Is he or she staying for long?

Anyway, that's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Angela



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Olaf who writes:

... The weather has been so nasty here I even got a cold! What do you usually do not to catch a cold? What is a healthy lifestyle for you? How can you catch up with the class if you do fall ill?

My cousin is coming to stay with us for Thanksgiving ...

Write a letter to Olaf.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her cousin

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_

03.05.2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from you.

In your letter you ask me \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. A healthy lifestyle for me \_\_\_\_\_

If I fall ill during school year, I \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you wrote \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_? What's \_\_\_\_\_?

Is \_\_\_\_\_?

Anyway, that's \_\_\_\_\_. Hope to hear \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 1.3

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My cousin is coming to stay with us for Thanksgiving ...

Write a letter to Olaf.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about his cousin

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Margot who writes:

... I've had a terrible toothache for the last two days, and I'm seeing my dentist tomorrow. I am so nervous that I can't eat! What do you think about dentists? Are you afraid of any doctors? Why do you think some people fear seeing doctors?

My parents are going on a trip to Nicaragua for their anniversary ...

Write a letter to Margot.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her parents' trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Belgorod

Russia

30.04.2019

Dear Margot,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read your letters.

As for your questions, I'm not afraid of the dentist, and I'm sorry you feel that way. Honestly, I'm not afraid of any doctors and visit them fearlessly when I need to. I think some people are afraid of doctors because they had bad experience with medical help in the past and can't cope with it in the present.

You also write that your parents are going to Nicaragua. How long are they going for? Is it an all-inclusive trip? Are they going by plane?

That's all for now. I can't wait to hear from you.

Yours,

Nina

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Margot who writes:

... I've had a terrible toothache for the last two days, and I'm seeing my dentist tomorrow. I am so nervous that I can't eat! What do you think about dentists? Are you afraid of any doctors? Why do you think some people fear seeing doctors?

My parents are going on a trip to Nicaragua for their anniversary ...

Write a letter to Margot.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her parents' trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

It's \_\_\_\_\_ reading your letters.

As \_\_\_\_\_, I'm \_\_\_\_\_

Honestly, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and visit \_\_\_\_\_ when I need to. I think some people are afraid of doctors because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ your parents are going to Nicaragua. How long \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. I can't wait \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours,  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Margot who writes:

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My parents are going on a trip to Nicaragua for their anniversary ...

Write a letter to Margot.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her parents' trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

... I've been feeling a bit under the weather recently. I haven't made an appointment with my doctor as I don't think it's anything serious. What do you do when you feel slightly unwell? In what cases do you see your doctor? Do you think it's OK when people take meds without their doctor's recommendation and why?

My old phone stopped working and I'm going to get a new one ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new phone

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Oryol

Russia

04.05.2019

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your letter. I am always happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I don't rush to the doctor's office when I feel a bit unwell, but I think you should visit one as soon as possible as it's been going on for a while. I usually see my doctor if the pain is acute or if it's been going on for some time. I also see my doctor for a yearly check-up. I don't think it's OK to take meds without a doctor's recommendation because it can harm your health worse than an illness.

As for your new phone, what make is it? Is it expensive? Is it a new one or a second-hand one?

That's all for now. Stay in touch.

Yours,

Oksana

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

... I've been feeling a bit under the weather recently. I haven't made an appointment with my doctor as I don't think it's anything serious. What do you do when you feel slightly unwell? In what cases do you see your doctor? Do you think it's OK when people take meds without their doctor's recommendation and why?

My old phone stopped working and I'm going to get a new one ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new phone

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ letter.

\_\_\_\_\_ letters from you.

As for your questions, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I think

you should visit one as soon as possible as it's been going on for a while. I usually see my doctor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I also see my doctor for a yearly check-up. I \_\_\_\_\_ think it's \_\_\_\_\_ to take meds without a doctor's recommendation because \_\_\_\_\_

As for your new phone, \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours,

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

... I've been feeling a bit under the weather recently. I haven't made an appointment with my doctor as I don't think it's anything serious. What do you do when you feel slightly unwell? In what cases do you see your doctor? Do you think it's OK when people take meds without their doctor's recommendation and why?

My old phone stopped working and I'm going to get a new one ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new phone

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Lois who writes:

... I've been keeping a new diet for a couple of weeks now and I've already lost 2 kilos! Do you think it's good for your health to keep a diet? Have you ever tried it? Would you recommend a diet to a friend and why?

I ordered a new dress online ...

Write a letter to Lois.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new dress

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Saint Petersburg  
Russia

05.04.2019

Dear Lois,

Thank you for your letter. I am always delighted to get letters from you.

In your letter, you asked me about diets. Well, I think keeping a diet can be good for one's health, but it can also be very harmful if one doesn't do it right. I have tried dieting a couple times, but I'm no longer interested in it. I would never recommend a diet to a friend because a diet is only good when it's designed individually for your health condition.

As for your new dress, what colour is it? Is it a designer dress? What kind of dress is it?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Lots of love,

Maria

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Lois who writes:

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I ordered a new dress online ...

Write a letter to Lois.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new dress

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I am always delighted to get letters from you.

In your letter, you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, I think keeping a diet \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_

it. I would \_\_\_\_\_ recommend a diet to a friend because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.  
As for your new dress, \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_? What kind \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Lots of love,  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Д. РОЛЬ МОЛОДЕЖИ  
В СОВРЕМЕННОМ ОБЩЕСТВЕ,  
ЕЕ ИНТЕРЕСЫ И УВЛЕЧЕНИЯ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Nick who writes:

... I'm doing a project on reading in different countries. Could you help me? Do young people read as much as old people in your country? Do you prefer to read e-books or paper books and why? How much time do you and your friends spend reading weekly?

As for the latest news, I have just joined a football team ...

Write a letter to Nick.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about Nick's football team

Write **100-140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Magas

Russia

May 4th, 2019

Dear Nick,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read them.

In your letter, you asked me to help you with your project on reading, and I will gladly do. I think young people read as much as old ones in my country. As for me, I prefer to read e-books because it's very hard to find new paper books in my city and it takes too long to deliver a book from an online shop. I buy e-books from *Litres* and read them on my phone. My friends and I spend about 5 hours reading weekly.

As for your new football team, what's its name? How many people are on the team? Does it have a motto?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Emal

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Nick who writes:

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As for the latest news, I have just joined a football team ...

Write a letter to Nick.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about Nick's football team

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to read them.

In your letter, you asked me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.  
I think \_\_\_\_\_ in my country.

As for me, I prefer to read \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I buy \_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_ and read them \_\_\_\_\_. My friends  
and I spend about \_\_\_\_\_ weekly.

As for your new football team, \_\_\_\_\_?

How many \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ tto?

\_\_\_\_\_. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_





## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barnabas who writes:

... I've just came back from a weekend at my grandparents'. My grandfather wouldn't stop talking about how better his generation was than modern young adults. Do you think modern young adults are so bad? How are we different from our grandparents? Should the youth look up to their grandparents and why?

Yesterday, I watched a great film ...

Write a letter to Barnabas.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film he watched

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Petrozavodsk

Russia

February 26, 2019

Dear Barnabas,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get one from you.

As for your questions, I don't think modern young adults are bad at all or in any way worse than older generations. We are different from our grandparents in the way we communicate with the world, use technology, and have a more tolerant view on current affairs. The youth should definitely look up to the elderly, but not to adopt their old-fashioned ideas and rather to learn from their mistakes.

You also wrote you watched a great film. What is it called? How long was it? Is it worth watching?

Anyway, that's all for now. Can't wait to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Tamara



## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barnabas who writes:

... I've just come back from a weekend at my grandparents'. My grandfather wouldn't stop talking about how better his generation was than modern young adults. Do you think modern young adults are so bad? How are we different from our grandparents? Should the youth look up to their grandparents and why?

Yesterday, I watched a great film ...

Write a letter to Barnabas.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film he watched

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

February 26, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I'm always happy to get one from you.

As for your questions, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ older generations. We are different from our grandparents \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. The youth \_\_\_\_\_ look up to the elderly, \_\_\_\_\_.

You also wrote you watched a great film. What \_\_\_\_\_? How \_\_\_\_\_? Is \_\_\_\_\_?

Anyway, \_\_\_\_\_. Can't wait to hear from you.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,

## 2.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barnabas who writes:

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Write a letter to Barnabas.

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Remember the rules of letter writing.

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### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend William who writes:

... In my country, all people of my age seem to be obsessed over the same things—music, films, etc. What interests people of your age in your country? Are there any trends young people in your country follow? What do you think about following such trends?

I'm visiting a museum of my dream next weekend ...

Write a letter to William.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the museum

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Tver

Russia

04.05.2019

Dear William,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

In your letter, you asked me about interests of people of my age. Well, everybody seems to be interested in his or her own thing, but there's one common interest everybody seems to share – rap music. Young people also follow latest fashion trends like wearing shorter jeans and parkas of certain brands. I don't really mind it that people follow trends unless they make other people who don't feel sad.

You also said you're visiting a museum next weekend. What kind of museum is it? Is it far from your place? What is it called?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Maksim



### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend William who writes:

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I'm visiting a museum of my dream next weekend ...

Write a letter to William.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the museum

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

04.05. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

letters from you.

In your letter, you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Well, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Young people \_\_\_\_\_

latest \_\_\_\_\_ trends like \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ it that people follow

trends \_\_\_\_\_.

You also said \_\_\_\_\_ next weekend.

What kind \_\_\_\_\_? Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

What \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in touch.

\_\_\_\_\_

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### 3.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend William who writes:

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In your letter

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- ask **3 questions** about the museum

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Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jacob who writes:

... Recently, I have come across an interesting article in a magazine. It said that the majority of fake news on the internet is spread by people older than 45 years. Do you think it's true and why? Why don't the young spread fake news on the Internet? Do young people in your country believe the news on TV or on the internet?

I'm thinking of taking up German classes ...

Write a letter to Jacob.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his German classes

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

April 22, 2019

Dear Jacob,

Thank you for the letter. I'm always so happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I honestly think that's true because I see a lot of older people reposting fake news on social media. I think younger people don't spread fake news on the Internet because we have been using the Internet since we were kids and we eventually learned how to analyze and process shady information. Young people in my country don't believe the news and often check the information they receive.

In your letter you mentioned taking up German classes. Are you thinking about beginner's course? How often are you going to learn German? How long will the classes last?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Love,

Nadya

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jacob who writes:

... Recently, I have come across an interesting article in a magazine. It said that the majority of fake news on the internet is spread by people older than 45 years. Do you think it's true and why? Why don't the young spread fake news on the Internet? Do young people in your country believe the news on TV or on the internet?

I'm thinking of taking up German classes ...

Write a letter to Jacob.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his German classes

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

April 22, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ the letter. I'm  
\_\_\_\_\_ from you.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ that's true because

\_\_\_\_\_. I think younger people don't spread  
fake news on the Internet because \_\_\_\_\_

Young people in my country \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you mentioned \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_? How often

\_\_\_\_\_? How long

\_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ for now. \_\_\_\_\_ me a line.

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_





Е. ДОСУГ МОЛОДЕЖИ:  
ПОСЕЩЕНИЕ КРУЖКОВ,  
СПОРТИВНЫХ СЕКЦИЙ,  
КЛУБОВ ПО ИНТЕРЕСАМ.  
ПЕРЕПИСКА



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jill who writes:

... Today, we had a volleyball competition at my school. I played for my class team and we won! What sport competitions do you have at your school? Do you have a school sports team? What kind of sport clubs can you join at your school or in town?

Oh, I have some more good news! My brother had a great birthday party yesterday!

Write a letter to Jill.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her brother's birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Yoshkar-Ola

Russia

The 30th of March, 2019

Dear Jill,

Thank you for your letter. Your letters are always a pleasure.

In your letter you asked me about sport competitions and clubs at my school or in my town. Well, there's plenty. My school holds an annual chess tournament that I take part in every year. My school also has a great volleyball team, but that's not my cup of tea. As for sports club in my town, there are even more activities to join. For example, there's a junior swimming team, which I am going to join this summer, and also a football club in the neighbourhood.

In your letter you also mentioned your brother's birthday party. Where did it take place? Did many people attend? How long was it?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Andrei

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jill who writes:

... Today, we had a volleyball competition at my school. I played for my class team and we won! What sport competitions do you have at your school? Do you have a school sports team? What kind of sport clubs can you join at your school or in town?

Oh, I have some more good news! My brother had a great birthday party yesterday!

Write a letter to Jill.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her brother's birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
The 30th of March, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. Your letters are \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ you asked me \_\_\_\_\_ my school or in my town. Well, there's plenty. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. My school also has a \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

As for sports club in my town, \_\_\_\_\_ For example, \_\_\_\_\_

and also \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you also \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_? Did \_\_\_\_\_?

How long \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ Keep in touch.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Charles who writes:

... I wish I could have visited South Korea during the Olympics! The event was so exciting on TV! What kind of international sport event would you like to visit and why? What sports do you do yourself? What do you do in your PE classes?

I got a wonderful book as a birthday present ...

Write a letter to Charles.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new book

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kovrov  
Russia  
28.04.19

Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get your letters.

In your letter you ask me about sports. Well, I would really love to visit World Gymnastics Championships because I like this kind of sport. I also do gymnastics myself and play tennis twice a week. In my PE classes at school we don't do anything special – just run and jump, that's why I don't like PE at school.

You also write about the book you got as a present. Who's the author? What is it called? What is it about?

That's all for now. Looking forward to your letter.

Lots of love,

Polina

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Charles who writes:

... I wish I could have visited South Korea during the Olympics! The event was so exciting on TV! What kind of international sport event would you like to visit and why? What sports do you do yourself? What do you do in your PE classes?

I got a wonderful book as a birthday present ...

Write a letter to Charles.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new book

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

28.04. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ ask me about \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, I would really love to visit \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_. I also do \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. In my PE classes

\_\_\_\_\_.

that's why I \_\_\_\_\_.

You also write about \_\_\_\_\_.

Who \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_. Looking \_\_\_\_\_.

Lots of love,

\_\_\_\_\_





### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Michael who writes:

... I've recently taken up a new hobby – birdwatching. It means I go out and spot birds in the wild with my binoculars. What hobby do you have? How much of your time does it take? What do your parents and friends think about it?

Remember I told you about how my elder brother is studying away from home? He promised to be back home from college on my birthday ...

Write a letter to Michael.

In your letter

answer his questions

ask **3 questions** about his elder brother

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Mytishchi

Russia

January 31, 2019

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read your letters.

In your letter you asked me about my hobby. Well, I collect bottle caps as a hobby. It doesn't really take much time as I do it casually, but it isn't easy to find a cap I don't have in my collection yet, because my collection is pretty big now. My parents don't think it's a good hobby, but my friends love my caps and sometime even give me new caps!

In your letter you said your brother is coming over. How old is he now? Does he like it in college? What does he study?

Anyway, that's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Max

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Michael who writes:

... I've recently taken up a new hobby – birdwatching. It means I go out and spot birds in the wild with my binoculars. What hobby do you have? How much of your time does it take? What do your parents and friends think about it?

Remember I told you about how my elder brother is studying away from home? He promised to be back home from college on my birthday ...

Write a letter to Michael.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his elder brother

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ letter. I'm \_\_\_\_\_

letters.

In your letter, you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ as a hobby.

It \_\_\_\_\_ as I \_\_\_\_\_, but

My parents \_\_\_\_\_,

my friends \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you said \_\_\_\_\_.

How old \_\_\_\_\_? Does

\_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

Anyway, \_\_\_\_\_ . Keep in touch.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Michael who writes:

... I've recently taken up a new hobby – birdwatching. It means I go out and spot birds in the wild with my binoculars. What hobby do you have? How much of your time does it take? What do your parents and friends think about it?

Remember I told you about how my elder brother is studying away from home? He promised to be back home from college on my birthday ...

Write a letter to Michael.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his elder brother

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Naomi who writes:

... Yesterday I watched an adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet, and I must say I liked the book more. Why do you think many people prefer movies to books? Are there any books you can reread many times? Where do you get books to read?

Yesterday, I've won the school table tennis competition ...

Write a letter to Naomi.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the ping-pong tournament

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kaliningrad

Russia

01/05/19

Dear Naomi,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to read them.

In your letter, you ask me about books and movies. Well, I think many people prefer movies to books because quite often it takes more time to read a book than to watch a movie and also because movie adaptations can be more exciting than the original story. As for me, there's one book I reread all the time – it's Coraline by Neil Gaiman. I enjoy the story very much and I adore the heroine. I usually buy books from shops with my pocket money and rarely download them on my iPad.

You also said you won the competition. Congratulations! How many people competed? Where was it? How long did it last?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Yours,

Maria

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Naomi who writes:

... Yesterday I watched an adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet, and I must say I liked the book more. Why do you think many people prefer movies to books? Are there any books you can reread many times? Where do you get books to read?

Yesterday, I've won the school table tennis competition ...

Write a letter to Naomi.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the ping-pong tournament

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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01/05/19

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

It's \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, I think \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

As for me, \_\_\_\_\_.

I enjoy the story \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ buy books \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ download them on my iPad.

You also said you \_\_\_\_\_. Congratulations!

\_\_\_\_\_ people competed? Where \_\_\_\_\_?

How long \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours,

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**Ж. РОДНАЯ СТРАНА  
И СТРАНА/СТРАНЫ ИЗУЧАЕМОГО ЯЗЫКА.  
ИХ ГЕОГРАФИЧЕСКОЕ ПОЛОЖЕНИЕ,  
КЛИМАТ, НАСЕЛЕНИЕ, ГОРОДА И СЕЛА,  
ДОСТОПРИМЕЧАТЕЛЬНОСТИ**





## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mary who writes:

... Thank you for the book about your hometown. I absolutely loved it! How long have your family lived there? What is your favourite place there? Would you like to move to different place and why? This year I'm planning to have an awesome birthday party ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her future birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Naberezhnye Chelny  
Russia  
29 March 2019

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to read your letters.

As for your questions, my family have lived here since 1978 when my grandfather moved here from Kazan. My favourite place here is Azatlyk square where the annual flower festival takes place. I wouldn't like to move to a different place for a long time because I like it here and my whole family lives here, but I'm going to move to Kazan for university studies.

As for your upcoming birthday party, how many people are coming? Where will it take place? When is it?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Lots of love,

Agilya

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mary who writes:

... Thank you for the book about your hometown. I absolutely loved it! How long have your family lived there? What is your favourite place there? Would you like to move to different place and why?

This year I'm planning to have an awesome birthday party ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her future birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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29 March 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter. It is \_\_\_\_\_  
to read your letters.

As for \_\_\_\_\_, my family have lived here \_\_\_\_\_.

My favourite place here is \_\_\_\_\_.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ like to move to a different  
place \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

As for your upcoming birthday party, \_\_\_\_\_?  
Where \_\_\_\_\_? When \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. Hope to \_\_\_\_\_.

Lots of love,  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 1.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mary who writes:

... Thank you for the book about your hometown. I absolutely loved it! How long have your family lived there? What is your favourite place there? Would you like to move to different place and why?

This year I'm planning to have an awesome birthday party ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her future birthday party

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Paul who writes:

... You know that my family and I moved to the north of our country. The climate here is different from the central part, where we used to live. What's climate like in your country? How many seasons do you have? Would you like to move to a different climate zone and why?

It was my first day at a new school yesterday ...

Write a letter to Paul.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new school

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Magadan

Russia

The 4 of July, 2019

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get one from you.

In your letter you asked me about climate in my country. Well, the climate varies significantly throughout the country because it lays in all the climate zones possible. In my hometown, the climate is subarctic; we have 4 seasons, but summer is really short and it's mostly winter all year round. I would like to move a bit further to the south because it's really hard to live in this area.

As for your new school, what's it like? Is it close to your home? How big is it?

That's all for now. I can't wait to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Mikhail

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Paul who writes:

... You know that my family and I moved to the north of our country. The climate here is different from the central part, where we used to live. What's climate like in your country? How many seasons do you have? Would you like to move to a different climate zone and why?

It was my first day at a new school yesterday ...

Write a letter to Paul.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new school

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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The 4 of July, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter, you asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, the climate \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the country because it lays in all the climate zones possible. In my hometown, the climate is \_\_\_\_\_; we have \_\_\_\_\_ seasons,

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ . I \_\_\_\_\_ to move \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your new school, \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it \_\_\_\_\_? How \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. I can't wait to \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_

## 2.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Paul who writes:

... You know that my family and I moved to the north of our country. The climate here is different from the central part, where we used to live. What's climate like in your country? How many seasons do you have? Would you like to move to a different climate zone and why?

It was my first day at a new school yesterday ...

Write a letter to Paul.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new school

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Matthew who writes:

... I'm going to London next month! I honestly don't know what to see there, as we don't really learn much about foreign countries here in the US. What sights should I see first? What museums are there in London? Can you recommend any typical British food?

I bought a new game for my gaming console yesterday ...

Write a letter to Matthew.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new game

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

04.05.2019

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read letters from you.

In your letter, you asked me about sights of London. There's plenty to see there, but you should start with Elizabeth Tower which is the proper name for Big Ben. As for museums, there's also a lot of them but I think you'll find the Natural History Museum the most interesting. As for the British cuisine, it's not fancy at all but please be sure to try some fish and chips.

You also wrote that you bought a new game. What is it called? Have you played it yet? What genre is it?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Timofei



### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Matthew who writes:

... I'm going to London next month! I honestly don't know what to see there, as we don't really learn much about foreign countries here in the US. What sights should I see first? What museums are there in London? Can you recommend any typical British food?

I bought a new game for my gaming console yesterday ...

Write a letter to Matthew.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his new game

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_ a pleasure to read letters \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter, you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_. There's plenty to see there, but \_\_\_\_\_.

As for museums, \_\_\_\_\_ the most interesting. As for the British cuisine, it's not fancy at all but please be sure to try \_\_\_\_\_.

You also wrote that you bought a new game. \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_? What genre \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all \_\_\_\_\_. Drop me a \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Thomas who writes:

... I'm finally going on a trip to France! That's been my dream ever since I started learning French ten years ago. Would you like to visit an English-speaking country and why? Where would you go? What would you see there?

I've already booked my flight to Paris ...

Write a letter to Thomas.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his flight to Paris

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Izhevsk  
Russia  
May 30, 2019

Dear Thomas,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read your letters.

As for your questions, I would definitely like to visit an English-speaking country because I would like to have some real practice of my English. I would go to the USA because I want to see Washington D. C. with my own eyes. I would love to see the Lincoln Memorial and the Smithsonian.

In your letter, you wrote that you had already booked your flight. What company are you flying with? Is it a one-way flight or return? What airport are you arriving at?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Marina

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Thomas who writes:

... I'm finally going on a trip to France! That's been my dream ever since I started learning French ten years ago. Would you like to visit an English-speaking country and why? Where would you go? What would you see there?

I've already booked my flight to Paris ...

Write a letter to Thomas.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his flight to Paris

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
May 30, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to read your letters.

As for your questions, I would \_\_\_\_\_ an English-speaking country because \_\_\_\_\_. I would go to \_\_\_\_\_ because I want to see Washington D. C. with my own eyes. I would love to see \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter, you wrote \_\_\_\_\_. What company \_\_\_\_\_? Is it a one-way \_\_\_\_\_? What airport \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ from you soon.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_





**3. ПУТЕШЕСТВИЕ  
ПО СВОЕЙ СТРАНЕ И ЗА РУБЕЖОМ,  
ОСМОТР ДОСТОПРИМЕЧАТЕЛЬНОСТЕЙ**



## 1.1

You have 20 minutes to do this task.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Matt who writes:

... Last week our class had a trip to Washington. We visited the National Museum of American History. It was my first time there and it was fun! How often do you go to museums with your class, if at all? Which museum is your favourite or what museum would you like to visit? Why do you think people should go there?

This summer my parents and I are going hiking ...

Write a letter to Matt.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his summer plans

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Ufa

Russia

14 April, 2019

Dear Matt,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read letters from you.

In your letter you asked me about museums. I go to museums with my class about once a month. My favourite museum is Bashkir Nesterov Art Museum, which is located here in Ufa. I think people should go there because it has a great collection of works by artists from Bashkortostan as well as great paintings by well-known Russian artists.

In your letter you also wrote that you're going hiking with your parents this summer. Where are you going? Are you bringing tents with you? What equipment do you need for this trip?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Larisa



## 1.2

You have 20 minutes to do this task.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Matt who writes:

... Last week our class had a trip to Washington. We visited the National Museum of American History. It was my first time there and it was fun! How often do you go to museums with your class, if at all? Which museum is your favourite or what museum would you like to visit? Why do you think people should go there?

This summer my parents and I are going hiking ...

Write a letter to Matt.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his summer plans

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_.

to read letters from you.

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_. I go to museums with my class \_\_\_\_\_. My favourite museum is \_\_\_\_\_, which is located \_\_\_\_\_. I think people should go there because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

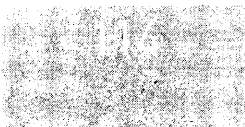
In your letter you also wrote that you're going hiking with your parents this summer. \_\_\_\_\_?

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\_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



### 1.3

You have 20 minutes to do this task.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Matt who writes:

... Last week our class had a trip to Washington. We visited the National Museum of American History. It was my first time there and it was fun! How often do you go to museums with your class, if at all? Which museum is your favourite or what museum would you like to visit? Why do you think people should go there?

This summer my parents and I are going hiking ...

Write a letter to Matt.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his summer plans

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ben who writes:

... Last month my family and I went to the famous Great Lakes. It was so fun! We enjoyed the weather and fresh breeze on our faces. It reminded me of our last rafting trip. Where can you see famous water sights in Russia, if at all? Have you ever done rafting? What do you think about extreme sports?

By the way, we are going to Spain this summer ...

Write a letter to Ben.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his trip to Spain

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Irkutsk

Russia

12.04.2019

Dear Ben,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, there are a lot famous water sights in Russia, but the most famous one is Lake Baikal, which is situated in South Siberia, not far from my home town. I have never done rafting, but my family and I go on a boat trip every summer. I think extreme sports are cool, and I do snowboarding myself.

In your letter you also said that you're going to Spain this summer. What city are you going to visit? Are you flying to Spain? When are you going there?

That's all for now. Can't wait to get your letter.

Best wishes,

Olga

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ben who writes:

... Last month my family and I went to the famous Great Lakes. It was so fun! We enjoyed the weather and fresh breeze on our faces. It reminded me of our last rafting trip. Where can you see famous water sights in Russia, if at all? Have you ever done rafting? What do you think about extreme sports?

By the way, we are going to Spain this summer ...

Write a letter to Ben.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his trip to Spain

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm always

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
As for your questions, there \_\_\_\_\_ water  
sights in Russia, but the most famous one \_\_\_\_\_  
which is situated in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I have \_\_\_\_\_ done rafting, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I think extreme sports are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ myself.

In your letter you also said that you're going to Spain this  
summer. What \_\_\_\_\_ ? Are  
\_\_\_\_\_ ? When \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_. Can't wait to get your letter.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mary who writes:

... I know you had a school trip to a museum last month. What kind of a museum was it? How far was it from your school and how did you get there? Would you like to go there again and why?

We have two new girls in our class. They have just moved to our town ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new classmates

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Ekaterinburg

Russia

The 4th of April, 2019

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your letter. I always like to read your letters.

As for your questions, we visited Ekaterinburg Art Museum. It wasn't very far from my school, we went there by bus and it only took us around 20 minutes. I would really like to go there again because I adored the collection of Russian porcelain there.

In your letter you said you have two new girls in your class. Are they sisters? How old are they? What are their names?

Anyway, that's all for now. I can't wait to hear from you again.

Best wishes,

Inga

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mary who writes:

... I know you had a school trip to a museum last month. What kind of a museum was it? How far was it from your school and how did you get there? Would you like to go there again and why?

We have two new girls in our class. They have just moved to our town ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new classmates

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

As for your questions, we visited \_\_\_\_\_.

It \_\_\_\_\_ far from my school, we went there \_\_\_\_\_ and it took us around \_\_\_\_\_. I would \_\_\_\_\_ like to go there again because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you said you have two new girls in your class. Are \_\_\_\_\_? How \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

Anyway, \_\_\_\_\_. I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_





## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Luke who writes:

... I would like to ask for your help with my school project. I am doing a research of how people travel around their own countries. Do you travel around Russia? What's your favourite place in Russia and why? Do you think travelling in your motherland is as exciting as abroad?

My cat had lovely four kittens yesterday ...

Write a letter to Luke.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his cat and kittens

Write **100–140 words**.

Yaroslavl  
Russia  
05.05.2019

Dear Luke,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

In your letter you ask me about travelling around Russia. Well, I travel around Russia a lot. I have visited many big cities and small towns, but my favourite place is Veliky Ustyg because it's the official residence of Father Frost and it always feels like being in a fairy-tale every time I am there. I think travelling in one's motherland can be as exciting as travelling abroad because you can discover unusual and exotic places within a stone's throw from where you've lived all your life.

In your letter you also mention your cat had four kittens. How is she feeling now? Are the kittens alright? What are you going to name them?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Natasha

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Luke who writes:

... I would like to ask for your help with my school project. I am doing a research of how people travel around their own countries. Do you travel around Russia? What's your favourite place in Russia and why? Do you think travelling in your motherland is as exciting as abroad?

My cat had lovely four kittens yesterday ...

Write a letter to Luke.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his cat and kittens

Write **100–140 words**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ letters from you.

In your letter you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ around Russia a lot. I have visited \_\_\_\_\_, but my favourite place is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ and it \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. I think travelling in one's motherland \_\_\_\_\_ because you \_\_\_\_\_ discover \_\_\_\_\_ within a stone's throw from where \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you also mention your cat had four kittens. How \_\_\_\_\_? Are \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



**И. ПРИРОДА  
И ПРОБЛЕМЫ ЭКОЛОГИИ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Joanna who writes:

... It feels like it rains every time I leave my umbrella at home this summer. What's the weather like in summer where you live? What do you usually do when it rains? How do you protect yourself from bad weather?

I bought a new coat a couple of days ago, but now I think I should take it back to the store ...

Write a letter to Joanna.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new coat

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Novokuznetsk

Russia

22 February, 2019

Dear Joanna,

Thank you for your letter. I always enjoy reading a letter from you.

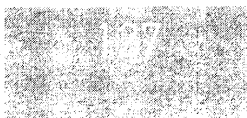
In your letter you asked me about the weather in my region. In summer the weather here is OK. It's not very cold or hot – around 20 degrees. It doesn't rain much either, but when it does I just take my umbrella. When the weather is really bad, I wear a raincoat and rubber boots or something really warm if it snows.

You also wrote you were thinking of taking your new coat back to the store. What's wrong with it? Does it not fit? What colour is it?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Lots of love,

Astam



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Joanna who writes:

... It feels like it rains every time I leave my umbrella at home this summer. What's the weather like in summer where you live? What do you usually do when it rains? How do you protect yourself from bad weather?

I bought a new coat a couple of days ago, but now I think I should take it back to the store ...

Write a letter to Joanna.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new coat

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ reading a letter from you.

In your letter you asked me \_\_\_\_\_.  
In summer the weather \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. It doesn't rain \_\_\_\_\_  
but when it does I \_\_\_\_\_. When the weather  
is really bad, I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

You also wrote \_\_\_\_\_.  
What's wrong \_\_\_\_\_? Does it \_\_\_\_\_? What colour \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in touch.

Lots of love,

\_\_\_\_\_





## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dave who writes:

... We had an awful winter this year. What was it like in your country? What do you do on snowy days in winter? What is your favourite season and why?

Our Literature teacher this year is just fantastic!

Write a letter to Dave.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his Literature teacher

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Mozhaisk  
Russia  
May 22, 2019

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your letter. Your letters always make me happy.

In your letter, you asked me about winter in my country. It wasn't very cold and we barely had any snow this year, which is not very common for my country. On snowy days I often go out to enjoy snowflakes, but if it's very cold, I prefer to stay at home. My favourite season is spring because my city is very beautiful in spring.

You also mentioned that you have a new Literature teacher this year. Is it a he or a she? What's his or her name? Will he or she stay for more than a year?

That's all for now. Looking forward to your letter.

Yours,

Polina

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dave who writes:

... We had an awful winter this year. What was it like in your country? What do you do on snowy days in winter? What is your favourite season and why?

Our Literature teacher this year is just fantastic!

Write a letter to Dave.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his Literature teacher

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. \_\_\_\_\_  
always \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter, you asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

It \_\_\_\_\_ this  
year, which is \_\_\_\_\_ for my country. On snowy  
days I \_\_\_\_\_, but if it's very cold,  
I \_\_\_\_\_. My favourite season is \_\_\_\_\_ because

\_\_\_\_\_  
You also mentioned that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_? What's \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_  
That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ your letter.

Yours,  
\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jack who writes:

... This summer there were a couple of tornadoes not far from where I live. The houses in the neighbourhood were absolutely destroyed! Why do you think some people "hunt" them instead of hiding from them? What natural phenomena would you call the most dangerous and why? Will we ever learn to protect ourselves from them?

Yesterday I spent the whole evening watching a football game ...

Write a letter to Jerald.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the football game

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Nizhnevartovsk

Russia

30 April 2019

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter. I always enjoy reading letters from you.

In your letter you asked me about natural phenomena. I honestly don't know why people would chase tornadoes instead of running from them. Perhaps, some people think it's a good hobby like extreme sport. I think the most dangerous natural phenomena are earthquakes because they not destroy cities but also cause tsunamis that destroy even more cities. I think one day scientists will figure out how to prevent natural phenomena and protect us against them.

You also mentioned you watched a football game. What teams played? Was it spectacular? Where did the game take place?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Alexei

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jack who writes:

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In your letter

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- ask **3 questions** about the football game

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
30 April \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ letter. I always \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ people would chase tornadoes  
\_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps, some people think it's  
\_\_\_\_\_. I think the most dangerous  
natural \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I think one day scientists will \_\_\_\_\_

You also mentioned you watched a football game. \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_

### 3.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jack who writes:

... This summer there were a couple of tornadoes not far from where I live. The houses in the neighbourhood were absolutely destroyed! Why do you think some people "hunt" them instead of hiding from them? What natural phenomena would you call the most dangerous and why? Will we ever learn to protect ourselves from them?

Yesterday I spent the whole evening watching a football game ...

Write a letter to Jerald.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the football game

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Samuel who writes:

... Yesterday I was in the zoo. Do you think zoos are a good thing? Do you think animals like it there? Is it better to keep wild animals in natural reserves than in cages and why?

By the way, I've adopted a dog from a dog shelter ...

Write a letter to Samuel.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the dog

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Krasnogorks

Russia

The 2nd of May, 2019

Dear Samuel,

Thank you for your letter. As always, it was a pleasure to read it.

In your letter you asked me what I think about zoos. I certainly think zoos are a good thing for humans but a bad thing for animals. For people it's a great opportunity to see exotic and rare animals, but it's a prison for the latter. I don't think animals love it there, but they don't know other ways. I think it's better to keep animals in natural reserves because they can roam freely and don't suffer from limited space.

You also wrote that you had adopted a dog. I'm so happy for you. What breed is it? Does it have a name? What colour is it?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Yours,

Sasha

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Samuel who writes:

... Yesterday I was in the zoo. Do you think zoos are a good thing? Do you think animals like it there? Is it better to keep wild animals in natural reserves than in cages and why?

By the way, I've adopted a dog from a dog shelter ...

Write a letter to Samuel.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the dog

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

The 2nd of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you \_\_\_\_\_.

I certainly think zoos are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. For people it's a great opportunity to see exotic and rare animals, but \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

I think it's better to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

You also wrote that you had adopted a dog. What \_\_\_\_\_?

Does it \_\_\_\_\_? What colour \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours,

\_\_\_\_\_





**К. КУЛЬТУРНО-ИСТОРИЧЕСКИЕ  
ОСОБЕННОСТИ СВОЕЙ СТРАНЫ  
И СТРАН ИЗУЧАЕМОГО ЯЗЫКА**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Bob who writes:

... I know many people in Russia go to their dachas in May. What's a dacha? What do you usually do there? Why would you need one?

I've decided to take part in the spelling competition this year ...

Write a letter to Bob.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the spelling competition

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Samara  
Russia

The 5th of May, 2019

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter. I was happy to get another letter from you.

As for your questions, a dacha is a house in the countryside with a small piece of land around it that people who live in cities have. People usually spend their weekends in summer there. You can have a kitchen garden there or grow herbs and flowers. People say they need a dacha to have a hideout from the city fuss and a place to have a rest after a long week. I don't think it's true because all the people do even more hard physical work at their dachas.

In your letter you also mentioned a spelling competition. What is it? How many people compete? Is it an annual event?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Roman

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Bob who writes:

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I've decided to take part in the spelling competition this year ...

Write a letter to Bob.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the spelling competition

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

As for your questions, a dacha is \_\_\_\_\_

People usually \_\_\_\_\_

there. You can \_\_\_\_\_ there or

\_\_\_\_\_. People say they need a dacha

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ think it's \_\_\_\_\_ because

In your letter you also mentioned \_\_\_\_\_.

What \_\_\_\_\_? How many \_\_\_\_\_? Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jake who writes:

... I hate school meals. What kind of food do you get at school for lunch? What do people in your country usually eat? What's your favourite food and can you cook it yourself?

Would you believe my elder brother is going to Thailand next month ...

Write a letter to Jake.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** his brother's trip to Thailand

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Volgograd

Russia

The 14th of April, 2019

Dear Jake,

Thank you for your letter. As always, I was happy to get another one from you.

As for your questions, we get porridge and sausage for lunch at school and sometimes fruit and vegetables. It's not the best food I've eaten and I don't like it very much. Usually, people in my country eat a lot of meat, bread, and potato. However, there are also people who practice a different diet, for example, vegetarian or vegan, so nowadays it's really hard to say what typical food is like throughout the country. My favourite food is tofu, but I can't cook it myself, so I usually buy it.

As for your brother's trip to Thailand, when is he leaving? How long is he staying there? Has he booked his flight?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Margarita

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jake who writes:

... I hate school meals. What kind of food do you get at school for lunch? What do people in your country usually eat? What's your favourite food and can you cook it yourself?

Would you believe my elder brother is going to Thailand next month ...

Write a letter to Jake.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** his brother's trip to Thailand

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

The 14th of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

I was happy to get \_\_\_\_\_ from you.

As for your questions, \_\_\_\_\_

for lunch at school and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_.

It's \_\_\_\_\_ and I \_\_\_\_\_ like it very much.

Usually, people in my country eat a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

However, there are also people who practice a different diet, for example, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. My favourite food is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ cook it

\_\_\_\_\_. As for your brother's trip to Thailand, \_\_\_\_\_?

How long \_\_\_\_\_? Has he \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_





### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Benjamin who writes:

... Yesterday we had a school trip with my class to the area where Native Americans live. I was shocked to learn that not so long ago completely different peoples were exclusive masters of these lands. What peoples live in your country? Are they related? What languages do they speak?

You won't believe it but this morning a stray cat came to our house. We decided to keep it ...

Write a letter to Benjamin.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** his new cat

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kirov  
Russia

10.06.2019

Dear Benjamin,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read one from you.

In your letter you asked me about the peoples of my country. Well, there are many nationalities in Russia, for example Slavs, Tatars, Udmurt, Mari, and many more. Altogether more than 190 peoples live in Russia. Some of them are related, like Udmurt and Mari. Others are completely different like Chechens and Bashkir. Many peoples have their own languages, like again the Mari language or the Yakut language, but everyone speaks Russian as well.

As for your new cat, what colour is it? Have you given it a name? How old do you think is it?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Anton

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Benjamin who writes:

... Yesterday we had a school trip with my class to the area where Native Americans live. I was shocked to learn that not so long ago completely different peoples were exclusive masters of these lands. What peoples live in your country? Are they related? What languages do they speak?

You won't believe it but this morning a stray cat came to our house. We decided to keep it ...

Write a letter to Benjamin.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** his new cat

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you.

In your letter you asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, there are many nationalities in Russia, for example \_\_\_\_\_, and many more. Altogether \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia. Some of them are related, like \_\_\_\_\_. Others are completely different, like \_\_\_\_\_. Many peoples \_\_\_\_\_ languages, like the \_\_\_\_\_ language or the \_\_\_\_\_ language, but everyone \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your new cat, \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_? How old \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all \_\_\_\_\_. Drop me \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Megan who writes:

... My parents and I visited Wales this summer. It was so cool! Firstly, they can speak Welsh there, and it sounds so funny. Secondly, the type of food they have there is a bit different from English, like a thick soup called cawl. What national cuisines are there in Russia? What are typical dishes in your area? Are they different from other parts of Russia?

I'm really looking forward to the new school year ...

Write a letter to Megan.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** her new school year

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Chistopol  
Russia  
10.05.2019

Dear Megan,

Thank you for your letter. Your letters always make me happy.

As for your questions, each nationality that lives in Russia seems to have their own cuisine. For example we have Russian, Tatar, Mari, Georgian, and many more cuisines. In my area, which is the Republic of Tatarstan, the typical dishes are pilaw, chakchak, and beshbarmak. These dishes are common for Turkic nations of Russia, but they are different from what other nations like Udmurt or Komi have.

In your letter, you said you were looking forward to the new school year. When does it start? What new classes will you take? Will you join any new clubs or activities?

That's all for now. Stay in touch.

Love,

Timur

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Megan who writes:

... My parents and I visited Wales this summer. It was so cool! Firstly, they can speak Welsh there, and it sounds so funny. Secondly, the type of food they have there is a bit different from English, like a thick soup called cawl. What national cuisines are there in Russia? What are typical dishes in your area? Are they different from other parts of Russia?

I'm really looking forward to the new school year ...

Write a letter to Megan.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** her new school year

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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10.05.2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your letter. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
As for your questions, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ their own cuisine. For example we have \_\_\_\_\_, and many more cuisines. In my area, which is \_\_\_\_\_, the typical dishes are \_\_\_\_\_. These dishes are common for \_\_\_\_\_, but they are different from what other nations like \_\_\_\_\_ have.

In your letter, you said you were looking forward to the new school year. When \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_ in touch.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Л. ВКЛАД РОССИИ  
И СТРАН ИЗУЧАЕМОГО ЯЗЫКА  
В РАЗВИТИЕ НАУКИ  
И МИРОВОЙ КУЛЬТУРЫ**





## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Boris who writes:

... I've come across a name in my Chemistry book, which I believe is Russian. It was Dmitri Mendeleev. What is he famous for? When and where did he live? What other prominent Russians should I know?

Last night I had the most delicious dessert of my life ...

Write a letter to Boris.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** the dessert he had

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Tyumen

Russia

28 April, 2019

Dear Boris,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read them.

In your letter you asked me about Dmitri Mendeleev. Dmitri Mendeleev was an outstanding Russian chemist who formulated the Periodic Law and created the periodic table of elements. I'm not sure about the exact date and place, but I believe he lived in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century somewhere in present-day Tyumen oblast. As for other prominent Russians, I think you should know Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, and Igor Stravinsky, a composer and a conductor.

In your letter you mentioned a delicious dessert. Where did you have it? What was it? What is it made from?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you.

Love,

Rita

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Boris who writes:

... I've come across a name in my Chemistry book, which I believe is Russian. It was Dmitri Mendeleev. What is he famous for? When and where did he live? What other prominent Russians should I know?

Last night I had the most delicious dessert of my life ...

Write a letter to Boris.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** the dessert he had

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. It's always a pleasure to read them.

\_\_\_\_\_ about Dmitri Mendeleev.

Dmitri Mendeleev was \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I'm not sure about the exact date and place, but I believe he lived in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ century somewhere in \_\_\_\_\_.

As for other prominent Russians, I think you should know \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you mentioned a delicious dessert. \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Nick who writes:

... Yesterday at school, we learnt about space exploration and read a great story of Neil Armstrong, the first man to step on the Moon. Did any Russians explore space? What are they famous for? Do people remember them now?

I fell off my bike this morning on my way to school ...

Write a letter to Nick.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his bike accident

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Novyie Vatutinki

Russia

10.04.2019

Dear Nick,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to read them.

As for your questions, many Russians explored space, and I should let you know that space exploration started with Russians in 1961. The most famous Russian astronaut is Yuri Gagarin. He is famous for being the first man to fly into space on 12 April, 1961. People remember Yuri Gagarin nowadays, and there is a very tall monument to him in Moscow. What's more, every year Russians celebrate the anniversary of the first manned space flight on 12 April.

In your letter you said you had fallen off your bike. How are you? Are you hurt? Did the bike break?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Dasha

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Nick who writes:

... Yesterday at school, we learnt about space exploration and read a great story of Neil Armstrong, the first man to step on the Moon. Did any Russians explore space? What are they famous for? Do people remember them now?

I fell off my bike this morning on my way to school ...

Write a letter to Nick.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his bike accident

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_  
to read them.

As for your questions, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and I should let you know that space exploration  
started with Russians in 1961. The most famous Russian astronaut  
is \_\_\_\_\_. He is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on 12 April, 1961. People remember  
\_\_\_\_\_ nowadays and there is a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. What's more, every year Russians celebrate \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you said \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_? Did \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Lisa who writes:

... Yesterday, I watched a documentary about fashion and learnt that the creator of the famous perfume Chanel No. 5 was a Russian chemist Ernest Beaux. What other famous Russians who worked abroad do you know? What are they famous for? Why do you think they moved elsewhere to work?

I'm saving money for a new bag that I want so badly ...

Write a letter to Lisa.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the bag she wants

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

12.05.2019

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get one from you.

In your letter you asked me about famous Russians who worked abroad. Apart from Ernest Beaux, I also know Igor Stravinsky, a famous composer who wrote music for such ballets as the Firebird, Petrushka, and the Rite of Spring. He is known for his great music pieces, which were quite versatile genre-wise. Stravinsky left Russia with his family in 1914 and couldn't come back because of World War I. By the time the war ended, he made a career abroad and decided to stay and work in Europe.

As for the bag you want, what colour is it? What brand is it? How big is it?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Oksana



### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Lisa who writes:

... Yesterday, I watched a documentary about fashion and learnt that the creator of the famous perfume Chanel No. 5 was a Russian chemist Ernest Beaux. What other famous Russians who worked abroad do you know? What are they famous for? Why do you think they moved elsewhere to work?

I'm saving money for a new bag that I want so badly ...

Write a letter to Lisa.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the bag she wants

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
12.05. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ happy to  
get one from you.

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Apart from Ernest Beaux, I also know \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is known for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ left Russia \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ made a career abroad and  
decided to stay and work in \_\_\_\_\_.

As for the bag you want, \_\_\_\_\_? What brand  
\_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mycroft who writes:

... It seems the US have a great advantage in internet technologies nowadays. Do you agree with this idea and why? What's the IT-sector in Russia like? How do you think it will change in the near future?

My parents and I are going to Italy next month ...

Write a letter to Mycroft.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his trip to Italy

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

St Petersburg

Russia

May 10, 2019

Dear Mycroft,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always glad to get one from you.

As for your questions, I absolutely agree with your idea. The US have a significant advantage because they invest a lot of money in IT and world's best internet-companies are based in Silicon Valley. The IT-sector in Russia is not that developed; we have some big companies like Mail.ru or Yandex, but it seems that we have only two. I don't think it will change at all in the near future because there are still some places in Russia with no internet access and a lot of families don't have a computer at home.

As for your trip to Italy, when are you leaving? How long will you stay there? Are you flying to Italy?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Mark

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mycroft who writes:

... It seems the US have a great advantage in internet technologies nowadays. Do you agree with this idea and why? What's the IT-sector in Russia like? How do you think it will change in the near future?

My parents and I are going to Italy next month ...

Write a letter to Mycroft.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his trip to Italy

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
get one from you.

As for \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ with your idea.  
The US \_\_\_\_\_ a significant advantage because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and world's best internet-companies are based  
in Silicon Valley. The IT-sector in Russia is \_\_\_\_\_;  
we have some big companies like Mail.ru or Yandex, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ it will change  
\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

As for \_\_\_\_\_, when are you leaving? How long  
\_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ in touch.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



**М. СОВРЕМЕННЫЙ  
МИР ПРОФЕССИЙ,  
РЫНОК ТРУДА**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend John who writes:

... My grandfather worked as a milkman when he was young, but now there's hardly a job like that. Do you think any of the present-day jobs will vanish as well? Which jobs are in danger and why? What new jobs will come after them?

It's my sister's birthday this weekend ...

Write a letter to John.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his sister's birthday

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Petrozavodsk

Russia

20 May, 2019

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to read letters from you.

As for your questions, I think some of the present-day jobs will disappear in future. I think jobs like a taxi driver or a cashier will vanish because there are self-driving cars like Tesla now and some shops have self-checkouts. Because of that, I think some new jobs in computing and programming will appear like a traffic regulator for self-driving cars or a teacher for androids.

In your letter, you said your sister has her birthday this week. How old is she? What will you give her? Is she going to have a party?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Anna



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend John who writes:

... My grandfather worked as a milkman when he was young, but now there's hardly a job like that. Do you think any of the present-day jobs will vanish as well? Which jobs are in danger and why? What new jobs will come after them?

It's my sister's birthday this weekend ...

Write a letter to John.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his sister's birthday

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_

letters from you.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ some of the present-day jobs will disappear in future. I think jobs like a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ vanish because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.  
I think some new jobs in \_\_\_\_\_ will appear like a \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter, you said your sister has her birthday this week.

How \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

Is she \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ from you soon.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Martha who writes:

... My brother is looking for a job now, but he will only take one that can be worked from home. I think it's not a job if you can do it from home. What do you think about it? Would you like to work from home and why? What is an ideal job to you?

My parents are leaving for the weekend and I'll have a whole house to myself ...

Write a letter to Martha.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her plans for the weekend while parents are away

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Khimki

Russia

04.01.2019

Dear Martha,

Thank you for your letter. I'm happy every time I get a letter from you.

In your letter you asked me what I think about working from home. Well, I think it's a great thing if one can work from home. I would like to work from home because it could save me so much time I would spend commuting. An ideal job to me is one that pays decently, requires the qualifications I have, and can offer something new to learn.

In your letter you also wrote your parents are leaving for the weekend. Do you have any plans for that time? Have you invited your friends over? Will you have a party?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Ksenia

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Martha who writes:

... My brother is looking for a job now, but he will only take one that can be worked from home. I think it's not a job if you can do it from home. What do you think about it? Would you like to work from home and why? What is an ideal job to you?

My parents are leaving for the weekend and I'll have a whole house to myself ...

Write a letter to Martha.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her plans for the weekend while parents are away

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter. I'm happy \_\_\_\_\_ a letter from you.

In your letter you asked me \_\_\_\_\_. Well, I think \_\_\_\_\_ if one can work from home. I \_\_\_\_\_ to work from home because \_\_\_\_\_. An ideal job to me is one that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you also wrote \_\_\_\_\_. Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_? Have you \_\_\_\_\_? Will \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ for now. Hope to \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Agatha who writes:

... I would like to drive a train as a career, but my father says it's not a lady's job! I think it's crazy to have such beliefs in 2019! What do you think about it? Do you think there should be strictly men's and women's jobs and why? What job prejudice do people in your country have?

I'm reading a book now ...

Write a letter to Agatha.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her the book she's reading

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Zhukovski

Russia

May 10, 2019

Dear Agatha,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always pleased to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I think it's crazy to have such beliefs, too. I don't think there should be any men's or women's jobs because present-day jobs are done with either brains or machinery, so there's no need in raw force which so called men's jobs required decades ago. Some people in my country think there are gender-based jobs too, but some also think certain jobs should only be done by people of certain age.

In your letter you say you are reading a book. What kind of book is it? What's it called? Who's the author?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Lots of love,

Nina

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Agatha who writes:

... I would like to drive a train as a career, but my father says it's not a lady's job! I think it's crazy to have such believes in 2019! What do you think about it? Do you think there should be strictly men's and women's jobs and why? What job prejudice do people in your country have?

I'm reading a book now ...

Write a letter to Agatha.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her the book she's reading

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I'm always pleased to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ there should be any men's or women's jobs because \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. Some people in my country think there are gender-based jobs too, but some also think \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you say you are reading a book. What kind \_\_\_\_\_? What's \_\_\_\_\_? Who's \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ me a line.

Lots of love,

\_\_\_\_\_





## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ben who writes:

... My brother who's 24 is looking for a job now. He applied for one he really liked, but they said he was too young for the job. I don't think it's fair to discriminate people in that way. What do you think about it? Do you think some jobs should only be done by people of certain ages and why? What other odd beliefs about jobs do people in your country have?

I'm going to the cinema with friends tonight ...

Write a letter to Ben.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film he is going to watch

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Murmansk

Russia

May 20, 2019

Dear Ben,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read your letters.

As for your questions, I don't think it's fair to discriminate people over anything, especially over those things they can't change like their gender or age. I don't think a job should be done by a person of a certain age because what's more important is a qualification. A doctor is a person with a medical degree, not the one who's 60 years old. Some people in my country also think there are exclusively men's jobs and women's jobs, but I think it's wrong to believe such things in 2019.

In your letter you say you're going to the cinema. What film are you going to watch? Who directed it? Who stars in the film?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Love,

Zalina

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ben who writes:

... My brother who's 24 is looking for a job now. He applied for one he really liked, but they said he was too young for the job. I don't think it's fair to discriminate people in that way. What do you think about it? Do you think some jobs should only be done by people of certain ages and why? What other odd beliefs about jobs do people in your country have?

I'm going to the cinema with friends tonight ...

Write a letter to Ben.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film he is going to watch

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to read your letters.

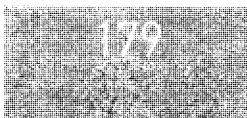
As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ it's fair to discriminate people over \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ over those things they can't change like their gender or age. I \_\_\_\_\_ a job should be done by a person of a certain age because \_\_\_\_\_. A doctor is a person with a medical degree \_\_\_\_\_ who's 60 years old. Some people in my country also think there are exclusively men's jobs and women's jobs, \_\_\_\_\_ I think it's \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you say you're going to the cinema. What \_\_\_\_\_? Who \_\_\_\_\_? Who stars \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in touch.

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_





**Н. ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ  
ПРОДОЛЖЕНИЯ ОБРАЗОВАНИЯ  
В ВЫСШЕЙ ШКОЛЕ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Maurice who writes:

... I'm finishing school this year. My parents want me to apply for some fancy university, but I'm not sure I want to continue my education. I'd rather get a job and start earning money to move out. Is having a university degree really so important? Would you like to continue your studies in a university and why? If not university, what else can the young do after finishing school in your country?

I've discovered a cool rock band I enjoy so much ...

Write a letter to Maurice.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the rock band he likes

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Perm  
Russia

11/04/2019

Dear Maurice,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get a letter from you.

As for your questions, I believe a university degree is important in certain fields like medicine or engineering, but you can do without one in others like blogging or fashion. I would like to continue my studies at a university because I want to have a career in programming, and you need a degree for that. If young people in my country don't want to go to university, they can find a job or go to a technical school.

In your letter you mentioned a rock band. What are they called? What kind of music do they play? What country are they from?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Best wishes,

Alla

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Maurice who writes:

... I'm finishing school this year. My parents want me to apply for some fancy university, but I'm not sure I want to continue my education. I'd rather get a job and start earning money to move out. Is having a university degree really so important? Would you like to continue your studies in a university and why? If not university, what else can the young do after finishing school in your country?

I've discovered a cool rock band I enjoy so much ...

Write a letter to Maurice.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the rock band he likes

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
11/04/2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
to get a letter from you.

As for your questions, I believe a university degree \_\_\_\_\_ in certain fields like \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but you \_\_\_\_\_ one in others like \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ to continue my studies at a university because \_\_\_\_\_, and you \_\_\_\_\_

a degree for that. If young people in my country don't want to go to university, they \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you mentioned \_\_\_\_\_. What are \_\_\_\_\_? What kind \_\_\_\_\_? What country \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ back soon.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_





## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

... The school is soon over, and I haven't decided yet what I want to do after it. Maybe I will apply for a university, but I don't know what I want to study as a future career. Is it bad I don't know what to do with my life at 18 years old? Have you decided what to do after school? Would you like to go to university and why?

I found a new website that I browse all the time ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the website she found

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kaluga

Russia

The 11 of May, 2019

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your letter. Reading your letters is always a pleasure.

As for your questions, I think it's totally OK that you can't decide what to do because you're still young and inexperienced. I have already decided what I will do after school. I would like to apply for a university because I would need a degree to work in the fields I like, but I can't decide if I want to be a chemist or a doctor yet.

In your letter you mentioned a website. What's it called? What kind of a website is it? What's its address?

That's all for now. I can't wait to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Misha

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Barbara who writes:

... The school is soon over, and I haven't decided yet what I want to do after it. Maybe I will apply for a university, but I don't know what I want to study as a future career. Is it bad I don't know what to do with my life at 18 years old? Have you decided what to do after school? Would you like to go to university and why?

I found a new website that I browse all the time ...

Write a letter to Barbara.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the website she found

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

The 11 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. Reading your letters is \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your questions, I think it's \_\_\_\_\_ that you can't decide what to do because \_\_\_\_\_.  
I have \_\_\_\_\_ decided what I will do after school.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ like to apply for a university because \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ but I can't decide if I want to \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you mentioned \_\_\_\_\_. What's \_\_\_\_\_?  
What kind of \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ its address?

That's \_\_\_\_\_. I can't wait \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Bruce who writes:

... My friends and I are finishing school this year. I would really like to study Literature at university, but there's a trend of studying programming and design in my country, which all my friends seem to follow. Do you think it's OK to study what's trendy and not what you like and why? What professions or degrees are now in trend in your country? What are you going to study after school?

I like this book I'm reading now ...

Write a letter to Bruce.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the book he is reading

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Tambov

Russia

The 29 of April, 2019

Dear Bruce,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read your letters.

As for your questions, I think it's OK to study what's trendy because that means there's a demand for this kind of people and you will always find a job. In my country jobs in programming and online-marketing are in trend now. After school I'm going to study online marketing.

In your letter you write you like the books you're reading now. What kind of book is it? Who's the author? What is it called?

Anyway, that's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Radislav

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Bruce who writes:

... My friends and I are finishing school this year. I would really like to study Literature at university, but there's a trend of studying programming and design in my country, which all my friends seem to follow. Do you think it's OK to study what's trendy and not what you like and why? What professions or degrees are now in trend in your country? What are you going to study after school?

I like this book I'm reading now ...

Write a letter to Bruce.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the book he is reading

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

The 29 of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ happy to read your letters.

As for your questions, \_\_\_\_\_ to study what's trendy because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. In my country jobs in \_\_\_\_\_ are in trend now. After school I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you write \_\_\_\_\_. What kind \_\_\_\_\_? Who's \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

Anyway, \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ruth who writes:

... I'm finishing school this year, and I'm going to study Law at University of Birmingham after that. I don't really like it, but my parents are lawyers and my dad says it's a job that will always feed me. Do you think it's OK to study things you don't really enjoy for a future career and why? What are you going to do after school? Do your parents force you to do that or support your own choice?

I've found a cool show on Netflix ...

Write a letter to Ruth.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the show

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Tomsk

Russia

02.06.2019

Dear Ruth,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I don't think it's OK to study something you don't enjoy as a future career because you're supposed to do that for the rest of your life and it will never make you happy. I'm going to study Applied Maths at Tomsk State University after school. My parents support my decision and help me get ready for the exams.

In your letter you mentioned a cool show on Netflix. What is it called? What genre is it? Are there any famous actors in it?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Lots of love,

Tamara

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Ruth who writes:

... I'm finishing school this year, and I'm going to study Law at University of Birmingham after that. I don't really like it, but my parents are lawyers and my dad says it's a job that will always feed me. Do you think it's OK to study things you don't really enjoy for a future career and why? What are you going to do after school? Do your parents force you to do that or support your own choice?

I've found a cool show on Netflix ...

Write a letter to Ruth.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the show

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
02.06.2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ letter. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ it's OK to study something you don't enjoy as a future career because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ after school. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
In your letter you mentioned \_\_\_\_\_. What is \_\_\_\_\_? What genre \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ actors in it?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

Lots of love,  
\_\_\_\_\_





**О. ПЛАНЫ НА БУДУЩЕЕ,  
ПРОБЛЕМА ВЫБОРА  
ПРОФЕССИИ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dave who writes:

... I got accepted to a university in Pasadena. They have a good physics department there. What do you plan to do after school? By the way, what's your graduation party going to be like? What are you going to wear?

My youngest sister has started taking swimming lessons ...

Write a letter to Dave.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his sister

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Ulyanovsk

Russia

The 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read your letters.

In your letter you ask me about my plans after school and my graduation party. Well, I would really like to work at the local print shop, so I'm going to study chemistry at Ulyanovsk State Technical University. My graduation party is not going to be very fancy; my classmates and I will have a traditional ceremony at the school. I'm going to wear a smart suit.

In your letter you say your sister's taking swimming lessons. How old is she? What's her name? Does she go to school?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Alexei

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dave who writes:

... I got accepted to a university in Pasadena. They have a good physics department there. What do you plan to do after school? By the way, what's your graduation party going to be like? What are you going to wear?

My youngest sister has started taking swimming lessons ...

Write a letter to Dave.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his sister

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ for your letter. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ your letters.

The \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

In your letter you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, I would really like to work \_\_\_\_\_, so I'm going to study \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. My graduation party is \_\_\_\_\_; my classmates and I will \_\_\_\_\_. I'm going to wear \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you say your sister's taking swimming lessons. \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ in touch.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Charlotte who writes:

... My Dad got a new job! What do your parents do? What kind of job would you like to have and why? What kind of training do you need for it?

I saw a hilarious film last week ...

Write a letter to Charlotte.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Irkutsk

Russia

12.06.2019

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read letters from you.

As for your questions, my mother is a hairdresser and my father is a small business owner. I would like to own a small business like my father because I like the idea of being my own boss and work only for myself. To be a small business owner, you don't need any kind of training, but knowing the basics of maths, economics, and marketing will help very much.

In your letter you mention a hilarious film. What's it called? Who directed it? What actors star there?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Artyom

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Charlotte who writes:

... My Dad got a new job! What do your parents do? What kind of job would you like to have and why? What kind of training do you need for it?

I saw a hilarious film last week ...

Write a letter to Charlotte.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_

12.06.2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to read letters from you.

As for your questions, my mother is \_\_\_\_\_ and my father is \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. To be

\_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_ need \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ knowing \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ will help very much.

In your letter you mention \_\_\_\_\_. What's it

\_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ directed it? \_\_\_\_\_ star there?

\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_





### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Suzy who writes:

... Yesterday I had my first shift as a baby sitter, and I decided I will never work with kids any more. What would you like to be when you grow up? Do you have a dream job? Is there a job you would never do and why?

Oh, I have some great news! I am going to stay with my cousin in New York for a week ...

Write a letter to Suzy.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her cousin

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Chita

Russia

11/06/2019

Dear Suzy,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I would like to be an architect when I grow up because I want to build beautiful buildings, which are so rare in my city. My dream job is an architect as well. I would never be a baby sitter or a shop assistant because I don't like children or talking to unfamiliar people.

In your letter you also write that you're going to stay with your cousin in New York. Is your cousin a boy or a girl? What part of New York does he or she live in? What does he or she do for a living?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Love,

Galina

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Suzy who writes:

... Yesterday I had my first shift as a baby sitter, and I decided I will never work with kids any more. What would you like to be when you grow up? Do you have a dream job? Is there a job you would never do and why?

Oh, I have some great news! I am going to stay with my cousin in New York for a week ...

Write a letter to Suzy.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her cousin

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. \_\_\_\_\_ to get letters \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your questions, I would like to be \_\_\_\_\_ when I grow up because \_\_\_\_\_.

My dream job is \_\_\_\_\_.

I would never be \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you also write that you're going to stay with your cousin in New York. \_\_\_\_\_? What part of New York \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_ for a living?

\_\_\_\_\_ all for now. Drop me a \_\_\_\_\_.

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Rupert who writes:

... I would like to be historian when I grow up, but my parents force me to go to a medical university. Do you think it's OK that parents choose their children's career and why? What would you like to be when you grow up? What do your parents think about it?

I'm going on a school trip with my class ...

Write a letter to Rupert.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the school trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Amursk

Russia

The 10th of June, 2019

Dear Rupert,

Thank you for your letter. Your letters always make me happy.

As for your questions, I don't think it's Ok that parents choose their children's career because parents sometimes don't know modern job trends and children will have to do something they don't enjoy or that doesn't pay well for their lives. I would like to be an electrical engineer when I grow up. Fortunately, my parents support me and say it's a good career path.

In your letter you write you're going on a school trip. Where are you going? How long are you going for? What will you do there?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Best wishes,

Sergei

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Rupert who writes:

... I would like to be historian when I grow up, but my parents force me to go to a medical university. Do you think it's OK that parents choose their children's career and why? What would you like to be when you grow up? What do your parents think about it?

I'm going on a school trip with my class ...

Write a letter to Rupert.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the school trip

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. Your letters

\_\_\_\_\_.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ it's Ok that parents choose their children's career because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be \_\_\_\_\_ when I grow up. \_\_\_\_\_ my parents \_\_\_\_\_ and say it's a \_\_\_\_\_ career path.

In your letter you write you're going on a school trip. Where \_\_\_\_\_? How long \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_ now. \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



**П. РОЛЬ ВЛАДЕНИЯ  
ИНОСТРАННЫМИ ЯЗЫКАМИ  
В СОВРЕМЕННОМ МИРЕ**





## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Amolak who writes:

... My parents and I have just come back from our trip to France. I liked it there so much, but the I found it strange that people didn't speak English at all! Don't you think everyone in the world should speak English? What are languages do you know? Would you like to learn a new foreign language and why?

My parents and I are going to the theatre ...

Write a letter to Amolak.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the play he's going to watch

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

11.05.2019

Dear Amolak,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

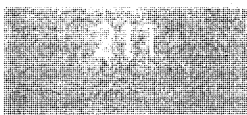
In your letter you ask me about English and other foreign languages. Well, I think knowing English can help you while travelling, but I don't think every single person should speak it fluently. Apart from English, I know Russian because it's my native language and German because I learn it at school. I would also like to learn Spanish because many people in the world speak it.

In your letter you say you're going to the theater. What play are you going to watch? Who's the playwright? Do any famous actors play in it?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Polina



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Amolak who writes:

... My parents and I have just come back from our trip to France. I liked it there so much, but the I found it strange that people didn't speak English at all! Don't you think everyone in the world should speak English? What are languages do you know? Would you like to learn a new foreign language and why?

My parents and I are going to the theatre ...

Write a letter to Amolak.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the play he's going to watch

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

11.05. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
to get \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_.  
Well, I think \_\_\_\_\_ can help you while  
travelling, \_\_\_\_\_ every single person should speak  
it fluently. Apart from English, I know \_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_. I would also like to learn \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you say you're going to the theater. What play  
\_\_\_\_\_? Who's the \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_ actors play in it?

\_\_\_\_\_ now. Drop me a \_\_\_\_\_.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Vanessa who writes:

... I can't afford going to college here in the US, so I'm working hard on getting a scholarship to cover the tuition. If only I could speak German! I would then move to Cologne or Berlin to study there. Do you think knowing another language but English is a good idea and why? How many languages do you know? What other languages would you like to learn?

My grandparents are moving to a new house ...

Write a letter to Vanessa.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her grandparents

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Saint Petersburg  
Russia  
The 12th of May, 2019

Dear Vanessa,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get a letter from you.

As for your questions, I think it's a good idea to speak more foreign languages than just English because it broadens your horizon and opens so many opportunities. I know 2 languages, Russian and English, but I'm going to learn Italian or French at university. I would like to learn Korean, but it's too difficult.

In your letter you say your grandparents are moving. How old are they? What are their names? Where are they moving?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Kirill



## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Vanessa who writes:

... I can't afford going to college here in the US, so I'm working hard on getting a scholarship to cover the tuition. If only I could speak German! I would then move to Cologne or Berlin to study there. Do you think knowing another language but English is a good idea and why? How many languages do you know? What other languages would you like to learn?

My grandparents are moving to a new house ...

Write a letter to Vanessa.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her grandparents

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ get a letter from you.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ it's a good idea to speak more foreign languages than just English because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
I know \_\_\_\_\_ languages, \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to learn \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you say your grandparents are moving. How old \_\_\_\_\_? What are \_\_\_\_\_? Where \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ for now. Hope to \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Marge who writes:

... My dad's company is relocating to Switzerland, and my mom and I are moving with him. Thankfully, my mother and I know French, but my dad is going to have a hard time learning a new language at his mature age of 48. Do you think it's important to speak foreign languages to make a career and why? What languages do you know? Would you like to use a foreign language in your work?

I'm going to say goodbye to my friends from Greenwich ...

Write a letter to Marge.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her friends

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

10 April, 2019

Dear Marge,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

In your letter you ask me about foreign languages and work. Well, I think it's very important to speak a foreign language to make a career even if you're going to stay in your home town because any business is international in 2019. I know 3 languages—Russian, English, and German. I would like to use a foreign language in my work because I would like to work in a global company.

As for your friends in Greenwich, how long have you had them? What are their names? Will they miss you?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Love,

Zhenya



### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Marge who writes:

... My dad's company is relocating to Switzerland, and my mom and I are moving with him. Thankfully, my mother and I know French, but my dad is going to have a hard time learning a new language at his mature age of 48. Do you think it's important to speak foreign languages to make a career and why? What languages do you know? Would you like to use a foreign language in your work?

I'm going to say goodbye to my friends from Greenwich ...

Write a letter to Marge.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her friends

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

10 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ you for \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ happy to get letters \_\_\_\_\_ you.

In your letter you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ it's very important to speak a foreign language to make \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ because any business is international in 2019. I know \_\_\_\_\_ languages—\_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ a foreign language in my work because \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your \_\_\_\_\_, how long \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ names? Will they \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

Love,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Chris who writes:

... I'm going to visit Russia this summer and I wanted to ask you a couple of questions. Do many people speak English in your country? Can I find people who speak English in downtown? What other foreign languages but English do people in your country speak?

My flight to Moscow is early in the morning ...

Write a letter to Chris.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his plans in Moscow

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow  
Russia  
01.06.2019

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read your letters.

In your letter you asked me if people speak English in my country. Well, not so many people in Russia can speak English, especially the elderly. However, you'll find a lot of people who speak English in downtown—in cafés, restaurants, hotels, or sometimes in the streets. As for other languages, some people know German or French because they learnt them at school.

As for your flight to Moscow, what are you going to do in the city? What museums would you like to visit? What hotel are you staying at?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Zoya

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Chris who writes:

... I'm going to visit Russia this summer and I wanted to ask you a couple of questions. Do many people speak English in your country? Can I find people who speak English in downtown? What other foreign languages but English do people in your country speak?

My flight to Moscow is early in the morning ...

Write a letter to Chris.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his plans in Moscow

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ you for \_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_ a pleasure to \_\_\_\_\_ letters.

In your letter you asked me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Well, \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia \_\_\_\_\_ speak English, especially the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, you'll find \_\_\_\_\_ who speak English in downtown—in cafés, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. As for other languages, some people know \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

As for your flight to Moscow, \_\_\_\_\_  
the city? \_\_\_\_\_ would you like to \_\_\_\_\_? What hotel \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_ now. Drop \_\_\_\_\_.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Р. ШКОЛЬНОЕ ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ.  
ИЗУЧАЕМЫЕ ПРЕДМЕТЫ,  
ОТНОШЕНИЕ К НИМ. КАНИКУЛЫ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Timothy who writes:

... Last year my family and I went hiking into the mountains. We spent two weeks together and enjoyed it greatly. How often do you go on active vacations? Who is the best company for you? What extreme sports would you like to try, if any, and why?

Last month I got an interesting project in my English class. I wrote a paper about my country's interesting historical events ...

Write a letter to Timothy.

In your letter:

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his project paper

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk

Russia

20.05.2019

Dear Timothy,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get a letter from you.

As for your questions, I go on active vacations every other month. The best company for me is my dad or my friends, and we often go fishing or snowboarding together. As for extreme sports, I would really love to try base-jumping because I want to know what a free fall feels like, but my parents don't let me do that.

In your letter you mention your English project paper. How long was it? What mark did it get you? How did you call it?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Danila



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Timothy who writes:

... Last year my family and I went hiking into the mountains. We spent two weeks together and enjoyed it greatly. How often do you go on active vacations? Who is the best company for you? What extreme sports would you like to try, if any, and why?

Last month I got an interesting project in my English class. I wrote a paper about my country's interesting historical events ...

Write a letter to Timothy.

In your letter:

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his project paper

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

20. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. \_\_\_\_\_ happy to get a letter

\_\_\_\_\_.

As for your questions, I go on active vacations \_\_\_\_\_.

The best company for me is \_\_\_\_\_, and we often \_\_\_\_\_ together. As for extreme sports, I would \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_, but my parents don't let me do that.

In your letter you mention your English project paper. \_\_\_\_\_? What mark \_\_\_\_\_? How \_\_\_\_\_ call it?

That's \_\_\_\_\_. Keep in \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_

### 1.3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Timothy who writes:

... Last year my family and I went hiking into the mountains. We spent two weeks together and enjoyed it greatly. How often do you go on active vacations? Who is the best company for you? What extreme sports would you like to try, if any, and why?

Last month I got an interesting project in my English class. I wrote a paper about my country's interesting historical events ...

Write a letter to Timothy.

In your letter:

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his project paper

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dave who writes:

... This summer I'm going to a youth sports camp. I hope I will play soccer there all day long! What sports do you like to play? Would you like to go to a youth summer camp, why or why not? What are your plans for the nearest holiday?

I almost failed my last week's Maths test ...

Write a letter to Dave.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his test

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski

Russia

The 11th of May, 2019

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read letters from you.

In your letter, you ask me about sports and my holiday plans. Well, I like playing chess and basketball. I would like to go to a youth summer camp because I like meeting new people. My plans for the nearest holiday are to go out to play basketball with my friends and to go fishing with my grandfather.

As for your Maths test, was it difficult? How many tasks were there? How much time did you have to write it?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Maksim

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dave who writes:

... This summer I'm going to a youth sports camp. I hope I will play soccer there all day long! What sports do you like to play? Would you like to go to a youth summer camp, why or why not? What are your plans for the nearest holiday?

I almost failed my last week's Maths test ...

Write a letter to Dave.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his test

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ of May, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_.

to read letters from you.

In your letter, you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, I like playing \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ to go to a youth summer camp because \_\_\_\_\_.

My plans for the nearest holiday \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your Maths test, \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ tasks

\_\_\_\_\_? How much time \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ all for now. Hope \_\_\_\_\_ you soon.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mark who writes:

... I hope everything is fine at school. What's your regular school day like? What is your favourite school subject? What afterschool activities do you do if any at all?

I've got a pet snake ...

Write a letter to Mark.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his pet snake

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Anadyr

Russia

29.05.2019

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get a letter from you.

In your letter you ask me about my school day and afterschool activities. Well, my regular school day starts at 7:30 when I get up and get ready for school. Then I walk to school as it's close to my home and have 6 or 7 classes. My favourite school subject is Maths. As for my afterschool activities, my friends and I go to the gym every day after school.

In your letter you write you got a pet snake. What's its name? What breed is it? Is it long?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Best wishes,

Kolya

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mark who writes:

... I hope everything is fine at school. What's your regular school day like? What is your favourite school subject? What afterschool activities do you do if any at all?

I've got a pet snake ...

Write a letter to Mark.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his pet snake

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm always happy to get a \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, my regular school day starts at \_\_\_\_\_ when I get up and get ready for school. Then I \_\_\_\_\_ to school as it's \_\_\_\_\_ my home and have \_\_\_\_\_ classes. My favourite school subject is \_\_\_\_\_. As for my afterschool activities, \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you write you got a pet snake. \_\_\_\_\_ name? What breed \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ long?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ back \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_





## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Benedict who writes:

... I've failed another Physics test. I hate this subject so much! I don't think I'll ever need it in my life after school. Is there a subject you don't like? Do you think we should only have subjects we like and why? What are your plans for your spring period?

My dog is having puppies soon ...

Write a letter to Benedict.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his dog

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Surgut

Russia

28 February, 2019

Dear Benedict,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always glad to receive a letter from you.

As for your questions, I don't like Chemistry at all; I think it's boring and incomprehensible. I don't think we should only have subjects we like because you never know what you might need to know in the future. In my spring period, my friends and I are going to the cinema to watch the new Avengers film.

In your letter you also write about your dog. What's its name? How old is it? What breed is it?

That's all for now. Can't wait to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Aleksandr

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Benedict who writes:

... I've failed another Physics test. I hate this subject so much! I don't think I'll ever need it in my life after school. Is there a subject you don't like? Do you think we should only have subjects we like and why? What are your plans for your spring period?

My dog is having puppies soon ...

Write a letter to Benedict.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his dog

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. I'm always glad to

\_\_\_\_\_.

As for your questions, I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ at all; I think it's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ we should only have subjects we like because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. In my spring period, \_\_\_\_\_ going to \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you also write about your dog. \_\_\_\_\_ name? \_\_\_\_\_ is it? What breed \_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_ now. Can't wait to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



**С. НАУЧНО-ТЕХНИЧЕСКИЙ  
ПРОГРЕСС, ЕГО ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ  
И ПОСЛЕДСТВИЯ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Lucy who writes:

... My grandmother worked as a typist when she was young, but now everybody has a computer at home and there's hardly a job like that. Do you think any of the present-day jobs will vanish with technical progress as well? Which jobs are in danger and why? What new jobs will come to replace them?

It's my brother's birthday next weekend ...

Write a letter to Lucy.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her brother's birthday

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Nizhniy Novgorod  
Russia  
20 April, 2019

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for your letter. It is always a pleasure to read letters from you.

As for your questions, I think some of the present-day jobs will disappear in future. I think jobs like a taxi driver or a cashier will vanish because there are self-driving cars like Tesla now and some shops already have self-checkouts. Because of that, I think some new jobs in computing and programming will appear like a traffic regulator for self-driving cars or a teacher for androids.

In your letter, you said your brother has his birthday next weekend. How old is he? What will you give him? Is he going to have a party?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Anna

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Lucy who writes:

... My grandmother worked as a typist when she was young, but now everybody has a computer at home and there's hardly a job like that. Do you think any of the present-day jobs will vanish with technical progress as well? Which jobs are in danger and why? What new jobs will come to replace them?

It's my brother's birthday next weekend ...

Write a letter to Lucy.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her brother's birthday

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ . It is \_\_\_\_\_

letters from you.

As for your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ some of the present-day jobs will disappear in future. I think jobs like a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ vanish because \_\_\_\_\_

I think some new jobs in \_\_\_\_\_ will appear like a \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter, you said your brother has his birthday next weekend. How \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_? Is he \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ from you soon.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Margaret who writes:

... I've seen the first photos of a black hole on the Internet. That's amazing that scientist can take pictures of so distant things that used to be a theory just a few years ago! Do you think the humanity will make even more discoveries in the nearest future and why? What new technologies will appear? Would you like to make a scientific discovery yourself?

I've joined my school's Frisbee team ...

Write a letter to Margaret.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her Frisbee team

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Pskov

Russia

12.05.2019

Dear Margaret,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I think the humanity won't make any more significant discoveries in the nearest future because it's getting more and more difficult to develop breakthrough technologies. I think some new technologies that will make life easier will appear but nothing to help us learn more about the world. I would like to make a scientific discovery, but it's not very likely.

In your letter you write about your new Frisbee team. How many people are there? How often do you train? Do you have a uniform?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Vasya

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Margaret who writes:

... I've seen the first photos of a black hole on the Internet. That's amazing that scientist can take pictures of so distant things that used to be a theory just a few years ago! Do you think the humanity will make even more discoveries in the nearest future and why? What new technologies will appear? Would you like to make a scientific discovery yourself?

I've joined my school's Frisbee team ...

Write a letter to Margaret.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her Frisbee team

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

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\_\_\_\_\_.05.2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ happy to get \_\_\_\_\_ you.

\_\_\_\_\_ questions, I think the humanity \_\_\_\_\_ more significant discoveries in the nearest future because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ new technologies that \_\_\_\_\_ appear but \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ to make a scientific \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you write about \_\_\_\_\_. How many \_\_\_\_\_? How often \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ uniform?

That's \_\_\_\_\_ touch.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_





### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Archie who writes:

... Here in the US, we have a guy called Elon Musk, who created a lot of cool stuff! One of his latest inventions is electro cars with computer vision – they don't need a driver and navigate all by themselves! Do you have anything like that in your country? What inventions have been made in your country recently? Are any of them widely used in your country?

I'm so glad the school year is over soon ...

Write a letter to Archie.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his school year

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Krasnodar

Russia

The 12 of May, 2019

Dear Archie,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read a letter from you.

In your letter you ask me about inventions in my country. We don't have self-driving cars in Russia. My country isn't very good at inventions, but I can name a few. First, there's a YotaPhone, a mobile phone with 2 screens. Then, there's a Flashsafe, a limitless USB-drive. Unfortunately, these inventions aren't widely used because they are too expensive.

In your letter you also write you're glad the school year is over soon. How was it? Did you get good marks? When exactly does it end?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Polina

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Archie who writes:

... Here in the US, we have a guy called Elon Musk, who created a lot of cool stuff! One of his latest inventions is electro cars with computer vision – they don't need a driver and navigate all by themselves! Do you have anything like that in your country? What inventions have been made in your country recently? Are any of them widely used in your country?

I'm so glad the school year is over soon ...

Write a letter to Archie.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his school year

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

The 12 of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to read \_\_\_\_\_ you.

In your letter you ask me \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ self-driving \_\_\_\_\_. My country \_\_\_\_\_ good at inventions, \_\_\_\_\_ I can name a few. First, there's \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_. Then, there's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, these

inventions \_\_\_\_\_ widely used because \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you also write \_\_\_\_\_ is over soon. \_\_\_\_\_ it? Did you get \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ does it end?

\_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ a line.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Sabrina who writes:

... In my city, there's a company that makes prosthetics for injured people. The robotic hands and legs they make can move and act like real human's! Don't you think it's great that technology can help people? What other advantages of technology can you think of? Are there any disadvantages to technology and why?

Yesterday was my best friend's birthday ...

Write a letter to Sabrina.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her best friend

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Khanty-Mansiysk

Russia

May 12, 2019

Dear Sabrina,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to read a letter from you.

As for your questions, I think it's great that modern technology helps people. Another advantage of technology is that the more advanced it is the more we learn about the world. However, there are some disadvantages to the use of technology because the more advanced it is the more natural resources it requires.

In your letter you say yesterday was your best friend's birthday. How old is your friend? What is his or her name? How long have you known him or her?

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.

Lots of love,

Tanya

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Sabrina who writes:

... In my city, there's a company that makes prosthetics for injured people. The robotic hands and legs they make can move and act like real human's! Don't you think it's great that technology can help people? What other advantages of technology can you think of? Are there any disadvantages to technology and why?

Yesterday was my best friend's birthday ...

Write a letter to Sabrina.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her best friend

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 12, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. \_\_\_\_\_ a letter from you.

As for \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ it's \_\_\_\_\_ technology helps people. Another advantage of technology is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, there are \_\_\_\_\_ disadvantages to the use of technology because \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you say \_\_\_\_\_ friend's birthday. \_\_\_\_\_ friend? \_\_\_\_\_ or her name? How long have \_\_\_\_\_ or her?

That's \_\_\_\_\_ for now. Hope to \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

\_\_\_\_\_ love,

\_\_\_\_\_





**Т. НОВЫЕ  
ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫЕ  
ТЕХНОЛОГИИ**



## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Janet who writes:

... My parents took me shopping with them – can you imagine that – in a store! Who goes out to shop these days? I always buy what I need online. Do people shop online in your country and what for? Do you think it's safe to order things from the Internet? How do you think people will shop in the future?

You know I had my birthday last week ...

Write a letter to Janet.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her birthday

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Ulan-Ude

Russia

The 15 of May, 2019

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get one from you.

In your letter you ask me about online shopping. Well, a lot of people shop online in my country. They buy books, clothes, food, etc. I think online shopping is absolutely safe if you buy from a recognised shop like book24.ru, ozon.ru, or labirint.ru. In the future, I think people won't shop online, instead their home will order everything they need. For example, if you run out of milk, your fridge will order milk itself.

As for your birthday, how old are you now? Did you have a party? Did you do anything special on that day?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Vika

## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Janet who writes:

... My parents took me shopping with them – can you imagine that – in a store! Who goes out to shop these days? I always buy what I need online. Do people shop online in your country and what for? Do you think it's safe to order things from the Internet? How do you think people will shop in the future?

You know I had my birthday last week ...

Write a letter to Janet.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her birthday

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

The 15 \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ you.

In your \_\_\_\_\_ you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, \_\_\_\_\_ shop online in my country. They buy \_\_\_\_\_ . I think online shopping is \_\_\_\_\_ safe if \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. In the future, I think \_\_\_\_\_ shop online, \_\_\_\_\_ . For example, if \_\_\_\_\_

As for \_\_\_\_\_, how old are you now? \_\_\_\_\_ a party? Did you do \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ for now. \_\_\_\_\_ me a \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Harvey who writes:

... I can't keep up with all the modern apps! First, we had Instagram, then there was Snapchat, and now everybody is using TikTok! Do you use any of them and why? What other new apps do you think will appear? How will we communicate in a couple of years?

I'm reading a new book now ...

Write a letter to Harvey.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the book he's reading

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Smolensk  
Russia  
14 May, 2019

Dear Harvey,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always so happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, I actually use all the three because I like them and all my friends use them, too. I think some new video apps will appear because shooting videos is very popular nowadays. To my mind, in a couple of years we will communicate via text messages and video chats.

In your letter you write you're reading a book now. What's it called? Who wrote it? What genre is it?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Ekaterina

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Harvey who writes:

... I can't keep up with all the modern apps! First, we had Instagram, then there was Snapchat, and now everybody is using TikTok! Do you use any of them and why? What other new apps do you think will appear? How will we communicate in a couple of years? I'm reading a new book now ...

Write a letter to Harvey.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the book he's reading

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ so happy to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

\_\_\_\_\_ your questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ the three because \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ will appear because \_\_\_\_\_. I think \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ To my mind, in a couple of years we will communicate \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ you write you're reading \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ called? Who \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ touch.

Best \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_





### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Theo who writes:

... My parents think I use the Internet too much. They just don't understand that modern life IS the Internet. How often do you use it? What devices do you browse from? What do your parents say about it?

I've watched a film that inspired me so much ...

Write a letter to Theo.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film he watched

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Kostroma  
Russia  
12/05/2019

Dear Theo,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read letters from you.

As for your questions, I use the Internet every day. I browse the Net from my phone, my laptop, and my iPad. My parents don't like it very much, but they understand that I need it to get in touch with my friends and study.

In your letter you mention a film that inspired you. What was it about? Is it old or new? Who stars there?

Anyway, that's all for now. Can't wait to get another letter from you.

Best wishes,  
Yaroslava

### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Theo who writes:

... My parents think I use the Internet too much. They just don't understand that modern life IS the Internet. How often do you use it? What devices do you browse from? What do your parents say about it?

I've watched a film that inspired me so much ...

Write a letter to Theo.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about the film he watched

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ you for \_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to read letters

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ questions, I \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet \_\_\_\_\_.

I browse the Net from \_\_\_\_\_.

My parents \_\_\_\_\_ it very \_\_\_\_\_ they understand that

I need it to \_\_\_\_\_.

In your \_\_\_\_\_ mention a film that inspired you.

\_\_\_\_\_ about? \_\_\_\_\_ or new? \_\_\_\_\_ stars there?

\_\_\_\_\_, that's \_\_\_\_\_ now. Can't wait to get

\_\_\_\_\_ you.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dan who writes:

... My grandparents don't like it that I play games on my gaming console. They say I should go out more and play actual games like football or volleyball. Do you play computer games? What kind of games do you like best and why? What does your family think about it?

I got a postcard from my friend who's in Vienna now ...

Write a letter to Dan.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his friend

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Bratsk

Russia

The 29th of May, 2019

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your letter. I was happy to get another one from you.

In your letter, you ask me about computer games. I do play computer games myself. My favourite genres are action games and RPGs like PUBG or the Witcher because I like it how dynamic action games are and RPGs have a great fantasy setting which I enjoy very much. My parents and grandparents don't mind it because I don't spend much time playing.

In your letter, you also mention your friend in Vienna. What's his or her name? How long have you known each other? Is he or she your classmate?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Fyodor

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Dan who writes:

... My grandparents don't like it that I play games on my gaming console. They say I should go out more and play actual games like football or volleyball. Do you play computer games? What kind of games do you like best and why? What does your family think about it?

I got a postcard from my friend who's in Vienna now ...

Write a letter to Dan.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his friend

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_ of May, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. I was \_\_\_\_\_ another one \_\_\_\_\_.

In your \_\_\_\_\_, you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ computer games myself. My favourite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. My parents  
\_\_\_\_\_ it because \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter, you also mention \_\_\_\_\_.  
What's \_\_\_\_\_ name? How long have \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_ classmate?

\_\_\_\_\_ now. \_\_\_\_\_ a line.

Best wishes,  
\_\_\_\_\_





## **У. ПРАЗДНИКИ И ЗНАМЕНАТЕЛЬНЫЕ ДАТЫ В РАЗЛИЧНЫХ СТРАНАХ МИРА**





## 1.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Deborah who writes:

... I hope you liked the postcard I sent you for New Year. Where and how did you celebrate New Year this time? What was the weather like? What's your secret wish or at least hopes and expectations for the coming year?

We had our house redecorated and it looks much nicer now ...

Write a letter to Deborah.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the way her house looks now

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Barnaul  
Russia  
1 May, 2019

Dear Deborah,

Thank you for your letter. As always, I was happy to receive another one from you.

In your letter you asked me about my New Year celebration. Well, this time I celebrated New Year at my grandparents'. My parents and I stayed with them for a week and had a lovely family time together. The weather was good—cold and sunny, and it sometimes snowed. My secret wish for the coming year is that I pass the exam successfully and get accepted to the university I want to study at.

As for your house, what colour are the walls? What kind of floor do you have now? What about the ceiling?

That's all for now. Drop me a line.

Best wishes,

Yulia



## 1.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Deborah who writes:

... I hope you liked the postcard I sent you for New Year. Where and how did you celebrate New Year this time? What was the weather like? What's your secret wish or at least hopes and expectations for the coming year?

We had our house redecorated and it looks much nicer now ...

Write a letter to Deborah.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about the way her house looks now

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. \_\_\_\_\_, I was happy to receive another \_\_\_\_\_.

In your letter you asked me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, this time I celebrated New Year \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ and I stayed \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and had a \_\_\_\_\_ time together. The weather was \_\_\_\_\_, and it \_\_\_\_\_ snowed. My \_\_\_\_\_ for the coming year is \_\_\_\_\_.

As for \_\_\_\_\_, what colour are \_\_\_\_\_? What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ now? What about \_\_\_\_\_?

That's \_\_\_\_\_. Drop \_\_\_\_\_.

Best wishes,

\_\_\_\_\_



## 2.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Kevin who writes:

... This year Thanksgiving Day is on the 28th of November. The celebration dates back to 1621 when the pioneers had it tough and the Native Americans helped them. Do you have modern celebrations that commemorate events of the past? What do you do on such days? Do you think it's important to keep such traditions and why?

I'm getting something special for my mum's birthday this year ...

Write a letter to Kevin.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his mum

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Naro-Fominsk

Russia

12/05/2019

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to get letters from you.

In your letter you ask me about modern celebrations that commemorate past events. Well, we have a few. For example, every year the 12th of April is Cosmonautics Day in Russia. We celebrate it because on that day in 1961 Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly into space. We don't do anything special, but on this day there are a lot of shows and films about space on TV. I think it's important to keep such traditions because that way we won't forget great events of the past.

As for your mum, how old is she? What's her name? What is she?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Love,

Masha

## 2.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Kevin who writes:

... This year Thanksgiving Day is on the 28th of November. The celebration dates back to 1621 when the pioneers had it tough and the Native Americans helped them. Do you have modern celebrations that commemorate events of the past? What do you do on such days? Do you think it's important to keep such traditions and why?

I'm getting something special for my mum's birthday this year ...

Write a letter to Kevin.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his mum

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ your letter. \_\_\_\_\_ a pleasure to get letters from you.

\_\_\_\_\_ you ask me about \_\_\_\_\_. Well, we have a few. For example, every year the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia. We celebrate it because on that day in \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ on this day \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ important to keep such traditions because \_\_\_\_\_.

As for your mum, \_\_\_\_\_ is she? \_\_\_\_\_ name? What \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_. Keep in touch.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



### 3.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Michael who writes:

... The fourth of July is soon, and I'm looking forward to it. I'm sure you know that we celebrate Independence Day on this day. Do you celebrate your country's independence day? What do you do on this day? Do you think nations should celebrate their independence days and why?

I'm getting ready for my exams now ...

Write a letter to Michael.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his exams

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Moscow

Russia

The 30 of May, 2019

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter. I'm always happy to get letters from you.

As for your questions, we don't really have an independence day in Russia. Some people falsely think June 12 is Independence Day, but it's actually called Russia Day and it commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of State Sovereignty of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic in 1990. We don't do anything specific on this day, but it's a public holiday, so nobody has to go to work. I think nations should celebrate their independence days because no one should forget that freedom is a thing many people fought for.

As for your exams, when do they start? How many exams do you have? How long does one last?

That's all for now. Write back soon.

Love,

Zina



### 3.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Michael who writes:

... The fourth of July is soon, and I'm looking forward to it. I'm sure you know that we celebrate Independence Day on this day. Do you celebrate your country's independence day? What do you do on this day? Do you think nations should celebrate their independence days and why?

I'm getting ready for my exams now ...

Write a letter to Michael.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his exams

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia

The \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ you for \_\_\_\_\_. I'm always \_\_\_\_\_ from you.

\_\_\_\_\_, we don't really have an independence day in Russia. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ June 12 is \_\_\_\_\_, but it's actually \_\_\_\_\_ Russia Day and it \_\_\_\_\_ the adoption of the Declaration of State Sovereignty of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic in 1990. We \_\_\_\_\_ on this day, \_\_\_\_\_ a public holiday, so nobody has to \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ nations \_\_\_\_\_ their independence days because \_\_\_\_\_ that freedom is a thing \_\_\_\_\_ fought for.

\_\_\_\_\_, when do they start? How many \_\_\_\_\_? How \_\_\_\_\_ last? \_\_\_\_\_ all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## 4.1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jose who writes:

... I just came back from Mexico where my family and I visited my grandparents for Día de los Muertos. It's a bizarre holiday they have in Mexico to commemorate the dead. What other bizarre holidays do you know? Do you have any bizarre celebration in your country? What do you do on this day?

By the way, my sister got into Harvard ...

Write a letter to Jose.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about sister

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Saint Petersburg

Russia

12.05.2019

Dear Jose,

Thank you for your letter. It's always a pleasure to read letters from you.

In your letter you asked me about bizarre holidays. Well, I also know la Tomatina in Spain, which is celebrated with a tomato fight. There are some celebrations in Russia that you might find bizarre. For example, in late February or early May Russians celebrate Maslenitsa. It's a week-long celebration when people eat pancakes and burn a straw dummy of a woman on the last day.

In your letter you wrote your sister got into Harvard. How old is she? What will she study there? Is she going to live on campus?

That's all for now. Keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Christina

## 4.2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Jose who writes:

... I just came back from Mexico where my family and I visited my grandparents for Día de los Muertos. It's a bizarre holiday they have in Mexico to commemorate the dead. What other bizarre holidays do you know? Do you have any bizarre celebration in your country? What do you do on this day?

By the way, my sister got into Harvard ...

Write a letter to Jose.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about sister

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

12.05. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ letter. \_\_\_\_\_ to read letters from you.

In your letter you asked me \_\_\_\_\_. Well, I also know \_\_\_\_\_, which is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_. There are \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia that you might find bizarre. For example, \_\_\_\_\_

It's \_\_\_\_\_ when people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

In your letter you wrote \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is she? \_\_\_\_\_ study there? Is she going to \_\_\_\_\_?

That's all for now. \_\_\_\_\_ touch.

\_\_\_\_\_ wishes,



**ЧАСТЬ 2.  
ЭССЕ:  
ТЕМЫ И АРГУМЕНТЫ**

# КРИТЕРИИ ОЦЕНИВАНИЯ

Задание 40 — это задание повышенной сложности, поэтому к нему предъявляются более высокие требования, чем к личному письму. Это касается уровня используемой лексики и грамматики, и, безусловно, самого содержания параграфов письма. Задание проверяет способность выражать и аргументировать собственную точку зрения, приводить контраргументы, последовательно строить высказывание, использовать соответствующие средства логической связи, соблюдать стиль письма и грамотно использовать языковые средства.

Задание может принести максимально 14 баллов. При этом оценивается отдельно решение коммуникативной задачи (3 балла), организация текста (3 балла), лексическая грамотность (3 балла), грамматическая правильность речи (3 балла), правильность орфографии и пунктуации (2 балла).

Особенность задания в том, что на выбор предлагается две темы.

## СТРУКТУРА РАБОТЫ

Перед нами стандартное задание к сочинению в задании № 40.

What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem paraphrasing the given statement)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion

- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Во вступлении нужно выполнить две задачи. Во-первых, необходимо показать проблемный характер темы, во-вторых, тему нужно перефразировать. Выражения для постановки проблемы:

In today's world of ... it is important for ... .

There is no doubt that ....

People have always agreed/believed that ...

People have always argued if ...

Some people think ... /Others ...

Some people claim that ... , while others argue that ...

In my essay I will try to look upon this issue.

In my essay I will try to express my opinion on this issue.

In my essay I would like to express my point of view on this matter.

Перефразом считается изменения грамматической конструкции и подбор синонимов к словам в задании. Если вы измените 1—2 слова, такая формулировка не будет считаться перефразом задания.

В следующем параграфе учащийся высказывает собственное мнение. Не должно быть никаких указаний на совпадение мнения с точкой зрения других людей. (I belong to the group, As many others, etc). Вам необходимо дать 2–3 аргумента в пользу собственного мнения.

Фразы для введения мнения:

In my opinion, ...

As for me, ...

The way I see it ...

It seems to me (that) ...

As I see it ...

To my mind, ...

From my point of view, ...



Personally, I think that ...

I am certain that ...

As far as I am concerned

Фразы для введения аргументов:

The first thing to be considered is ...

To start with, ...

In the first place ...

First of all ...

To start/begin with ...

Firstly, ...

Last, but not least ...

Фразы для дополнения аргументов:

Furthermore, ...

Moreover, ...

What is more, ...

In addition to, ...

Besides, ...

Also, ...

Apart from, ...

Not to mention the fact that ...

Secondly, ...

Thirdly, ...

Finally, ...

Мнение оппонентов приводится в следующем параграфе. Вам будет достаточно 1—2 аргументов.

Выражения:

There is an opposing opinion.

However, many people believe ...

Фразы для контраста идей:

However, ...

On the other hand, ...

In spite of ...

Despite ...

Even though ...

Although ...

Nevertheless, ...

Otherwise, ...

Yet, ...

Фразы для введения примеров:

For example, ...

For instance, ...

Such as ...

Like ...

In particular ...

Следующий параграф должен содержать контраргументы. Контраргумент должен разбивать противоположный аргумент, при этом не следует подменять контраргумент очередным аргументом в защиту своей точки зрения.

Примеры выражений:

I do not agree with my opponents.

I cannot agree with this opinion because ...

I am afraid I cannot agree with this idea because ...

В заключении еще раз повторяется собственное мнение.

Примеры выражений:

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All in all, I would like to state ...

In conclusion, ...

Finally, I would like to state that ...

I would like to point out ...

I would like to pay your attention to ...

Немаловажным аспектом является стилистическое оформление сочинения. Наиболее распространенные стилистические ошибки выглядят следующим образом:

- стяженные формы: I'm, he's, don't, didn't, haven't, can't, mustn't, couldn't и т. д.;
- риторический вопрос;
- сниженная/разговорная лексика folks, guys;
- разговорные конструкции Let's, I guess.

Структура сочинения должна соответствовать плану. Оптимальное деление включает в себя вступление, 3 параграфа основной части и заключение. Минимальное количество слов в сочинении — 180 слов, максимум можно написать 275 слов. Если ответ превышает 275 слов, то от-

черкивается и проверяется только 250 слов. Если в ответе менее 180 слов, то письмо не проверяется и выставляется 0 баллов.

При подсчете слов считается каждое отдельное слово. Аббревиатуры, сложные слова, числительные считаются как одно слово.

### **ОБРАЗЕЦ СОЧИНЕНИЯ**

The problem of \_\_\_\_\_ has been acute for a long time.  
Some people think that \_\_\_\_\_.  
Others consider that \_\_\_\_\_.

In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.  
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However, there is an opposing opinion. Some people state that

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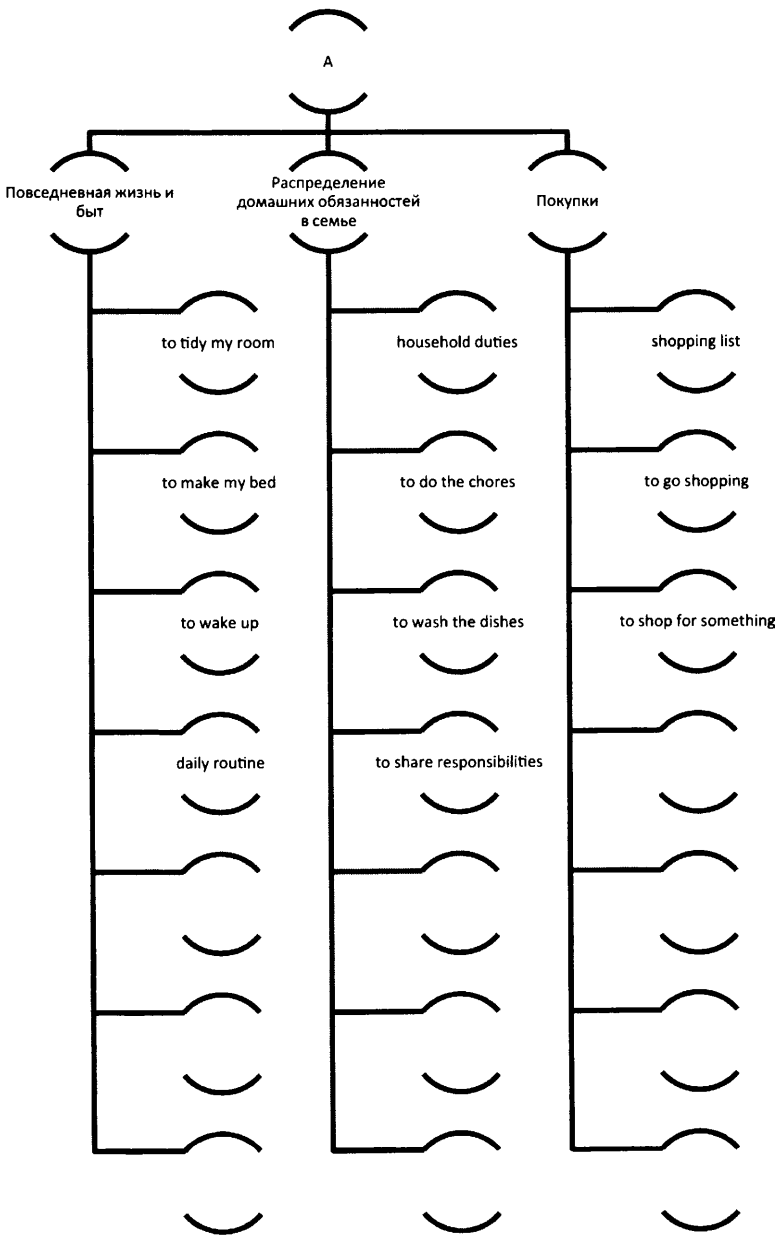
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**А. ПОВСЕДНЕВНАЯ ЖИЗНЬ И БЫТ,  
РАСПРЕДЕЛЕНИЕ ДОМАШНИХ  
ОБЯЗАННОСТЕЙ В СЕМЬЕ. ПОКУПКИ**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по тем



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Your room tells a lot about your personality*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

There are many opinions on the connection between a room and a person's character. Some people believe that a room can tell a lot about its owner. However, others are sure that you will never tell the identity of a person with the help of his/her home.

From my point of view, a room shows a lot about its owner's personality. Firstly, you can understand whether the person likes order. For example, there are some people who never make their bed or throw their socks around the room. It probably means that they are lazy and disorganized. Secondly, in the living space you can see different things that display one's personality. For instance, there can be a lot of posters of their favorite bands, some sports equipment or a home library. Such things tell a lot about preferences and habits of the dweller.

However, my opponents think that it is a common stereotype that a room can tell something about a person. They claim that someone can simply get tired and forget to clean up. Therefore, a cluttered room does not necessarily mean that its inhabitants are idle or untidy.

I cannot agree with the opinion above. It is a habitual thing to do the cleaning so if the room is in bad condition then a person does not consider cleaning the room necessary which speaks of the character. A few days without cleaning will not spoil the look of the room.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that I believe that a room can reflect a person's daily life, their hobbies and character.

## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Your room tells a lot about your personality*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

Many people think \_\_\_\_\_  
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In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_  
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There is an opposing opinion. Some people state that \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am afraid I cannot agree with this idea because \_\_\_\_\_  
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Finally, I think that \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*It is important to share responsibilities in a family.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

The question of sharing responsibilities in a family has always been a controversial one. Some people think that everybody in the family should have family duties while others claim that a certain person in a family ought to deal with all the important issues.

In my opinion, each family member is supposed to be in charge of something. Firstly, sharing duties helps to understand each other better because people in a household feel that they are taken care of. Secondly, families that share responsibilities have better relationships as it takes less time to complete all the necessary work together. That is why, members of a family have more time off and can spend it on relaxing activities to become less nervous and agitated.

However, there is an opposing opinion. Some people are sure that only one person in a family should take responsibility for everything because in this case he/she will be able to manage all the issues successfully without any distraction. Otherwise, it is difficult to control your family and their activities.

I cannot agree with this opinion. I believe that members of a family understand that their actions are important and do their best whereas one person in charge of everything will not be able to manage all the tasks and become frustrated.

All in all, I still think that it is advisable for every family to share responsibilities and act together.

## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*It's important to share responsibilities in a family.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

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I cannot quite agree with my opponents. To my mind, \_\_\_\_\_

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To sum it up, I would like to say that I still think \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.





### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Online shopping is a waste of time.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

There are many ways of shopping nowadays. Some people choose to do their shopping via Internet while others believe it leads to spending time irrationally.

As for me, online shopping is not a waste of time but a way to save it. Firstly, online shopping does not require going out and interrupting your work or studies. That means that you can do your shopping wherever you are without spending time on getting to a shop or a mall. Secondly, online shopping makes you concentrate better on the things you need. That is why, you do not get distracted by anything around you which can easily happen in a shopping center full of entertainments.

Contrary to what I believe, my opponents say that online shopping is time-consuming and useless. They claim that many people buy unsuitable things because they do not understand the real size and quality of a thing. As a result, they waste time on exchanging their goods and purchasing new ones.

I cannot agree with my opponents. Modern sites provide correct and precise descriptions along with size charts. This means that an attentive customer is able to buy a necessary thing without spending time on exchanging.

To sum up, I would like to say that online shopping is a way to make life easier and economise time.

### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Online shopping is a waste of time.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

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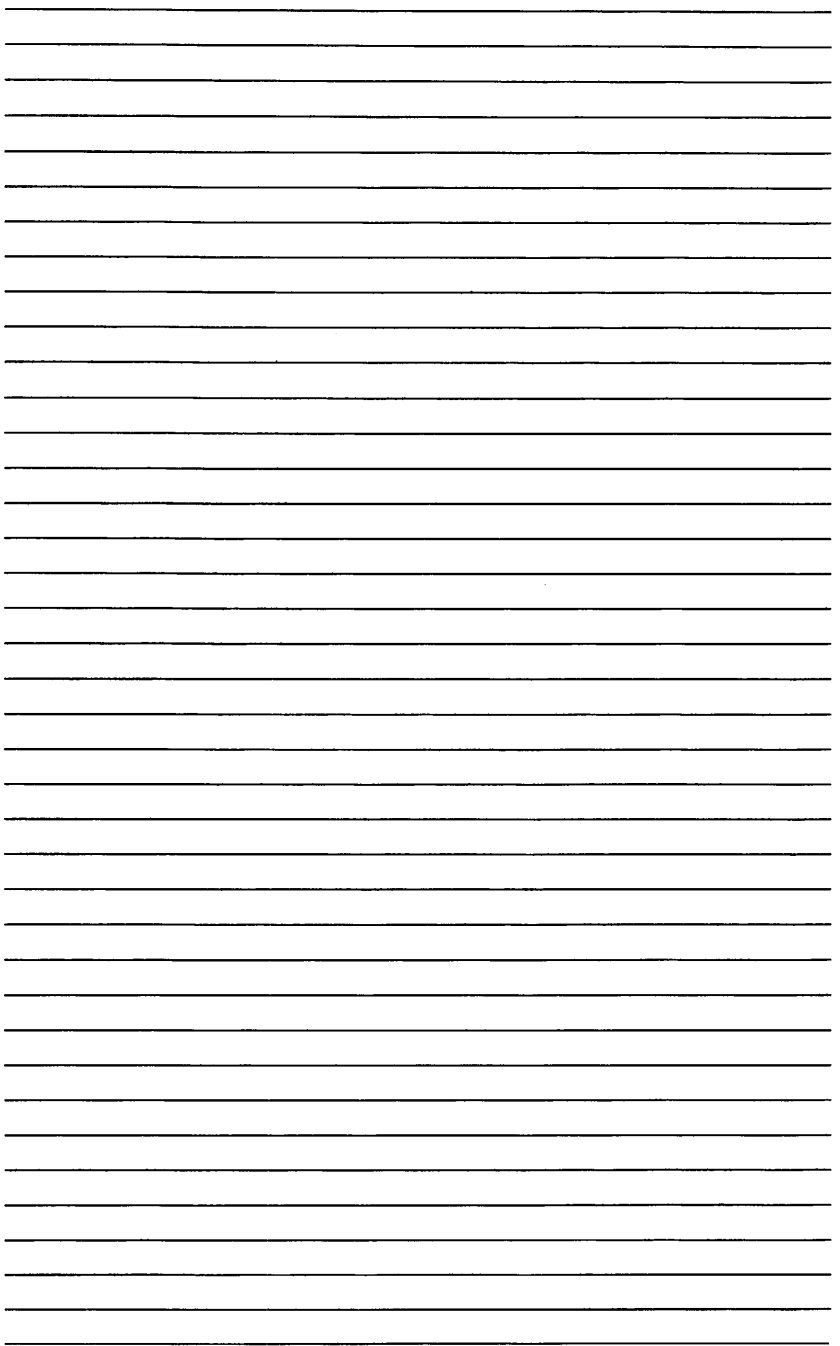
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Despite this widespread belief, I adhere to my own standpoint  
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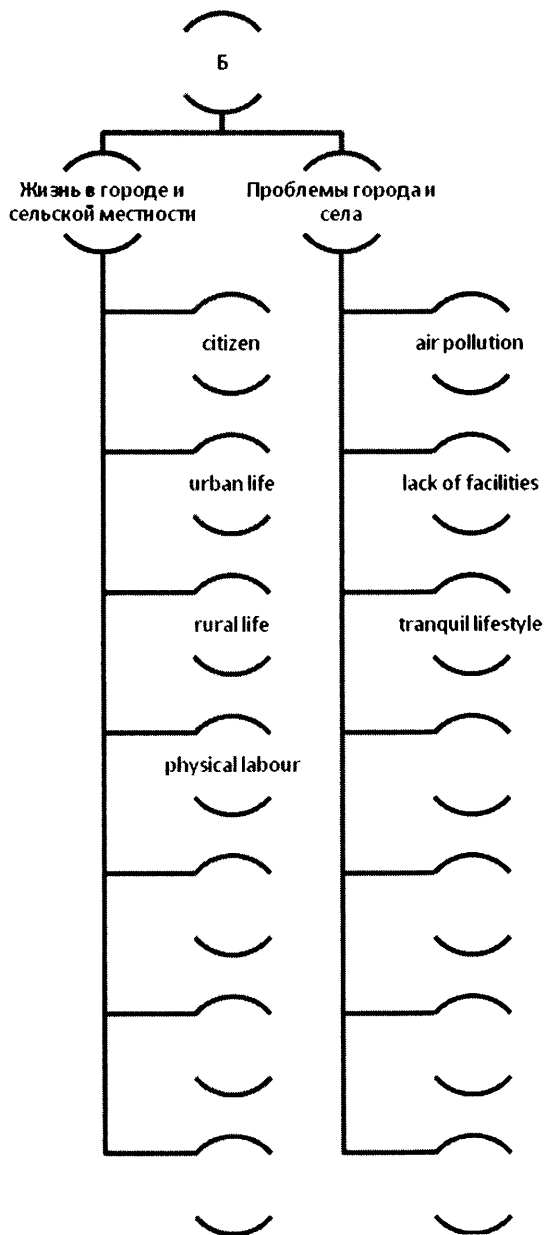




**Б. ЖИЗНЬ В ГОРОДЕ  
И СЕЛЬСКОЙ МЕСТНОСТИ.  
ПРОБЛЕМЫ ГОРОДА И СЕЛА**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*In a city it is necessary to close the central areas to private transport.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Some people think that private transport in the centre of big cities should be forbidden. Others share the view that private transport should be allowed in central parts of cities.

I strongly believe that it is advisable to do without personal cars in the city centre. Firstly, big cities usually have a good system of public transport so it is easy to access any destination in the centre. Moreover, it will be faster in comparison with using private vehicles. Secondly, the centre of any city offers a lot of opportunities for walking so it is pleasant to get around it on foot.

However, there are people who cannot think of living without the opportunity to use private transport in city centres. According to them, public transport is not convenient enough and a person may find it complicated to plan a route around the centre and get to the required destination on time.

I cannot agree with them. Nowadays there are applications for smartphones and tablets that allow you to find out the actual schedule of a bus or a tram, so that you do not miss them. Moreover, public transport has become modern and fast and delays are really rare.

To conclude, I would like to say that banning cars from city centres can definitely be a positive change for big cities and should be considered by politicians.

## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*In a city it is necessary to close the central areas to private transport.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

make an introduction (state the problem)

- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

In modern cities there are \_\_\_\_\_.  
Many people think \_\_\_\_\_. However,  
some people disagree and say that \_\_\_\_\_.

In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.  
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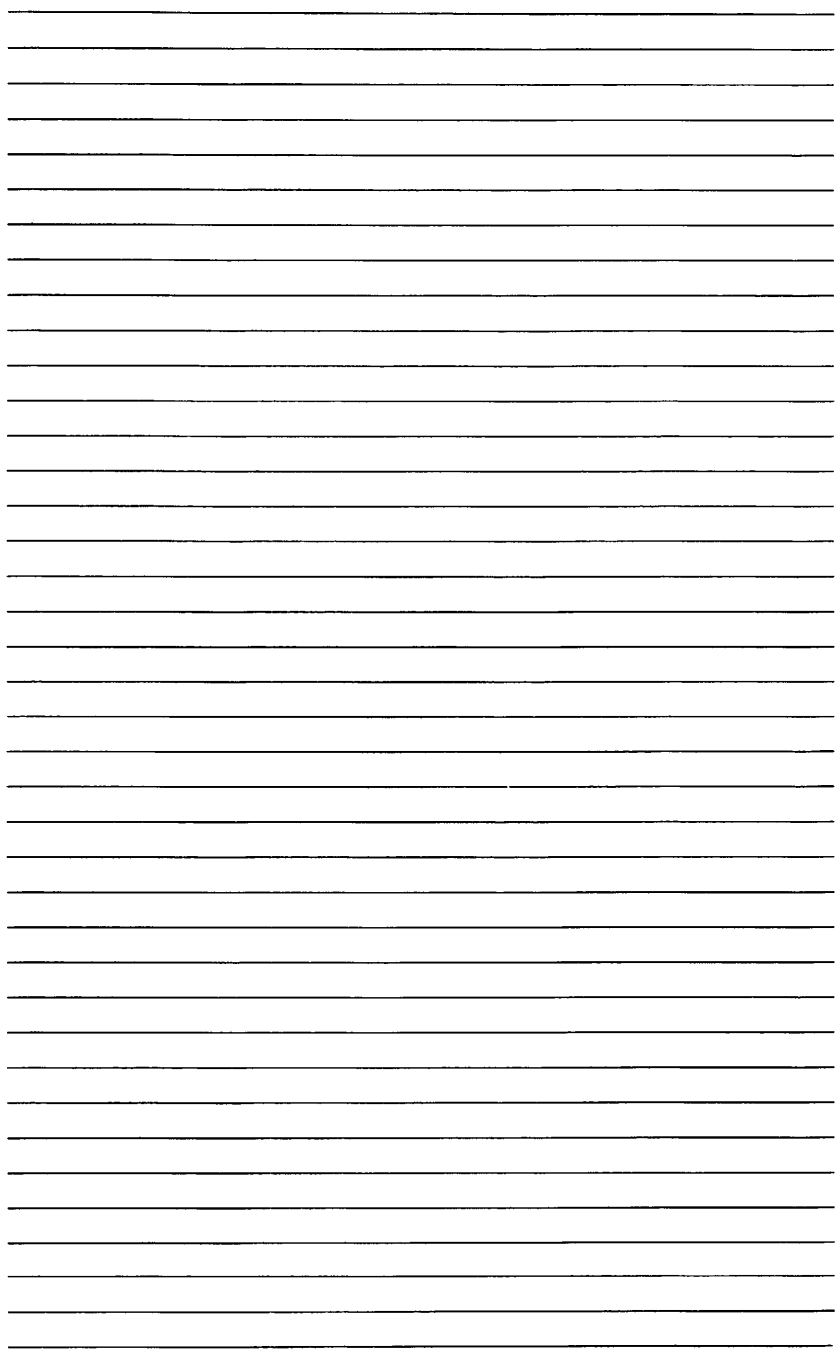
Finally, I think that \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*It is better to live in the countryside than in a city.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

There is no doubt that urban life has more advantages than rural life. However, many people think that life in the country is preferable for everybody. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

To my mind, one should strive for living in a city as it is more beneficial than country life. To begin with, city allows you to have good education. There are numerous universities, schools and colleges where you are able to get knowledge. At the same time villages lack educational facilities. Also a city offers many job opportunities. That is why, after receiving education one can start practicing new skills on a working position.

However, there is an opposing opinion. Some people say that life in the countryside helps to avoid problems with health as the ecological situation there is much better than in busy cities.

I do not quite agree with this opinion. Nowadays there are many parks and gardens in big cities where you can breathe in fresh air. They are the lungs of cities and improve the ecological situation there. Moreover, in a city you can always consult experienced doctors who will help you to strengthen your health.

Finally, I would like to point out that life in a city is more advantageous than life in the country.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*It is better to live in the countryside than in a city.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

In today's world of \_\_\_\_\_  
it is important \_\_\_\_\_ Many people  
think \_\_\_\_\_. However,  
some people argue \_\_\_\_\_.

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I am afraid I cannot agree with this idea because \_\_\_\_\_

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To conclude, I think that \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Big cities influence people badly.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays many people share the opinion that cities affect their dwellers negatively. On the contrary, some people think that cities produce a positive effect on people. In my essay I would like to express my point of view on this matter.

In my opinion, cities have a good effect on people. Firstly, city life is always fast so people try to become more concentrated and efficient in their work than they used to be. Moreover, they even attend extra classes that teach them how to act effectively. Secondly, every city is full of historic sights and allows people to raise their cultural level. There are parks, museums, libraries, theatres and cinemas that are available for every citizen.

However, many people state that city life spoils people. They become greedy and concentrate only on money issues.

I do not agree with this as I am sure that greed is an inborn quality which does not depend on the place where a person lives. One can be equally greedy in a city and in the country.

To sum up, I would like to say that I firmly believe that a city does not have any negative influence on people and even improves them.

### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Big cities influence people badly.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
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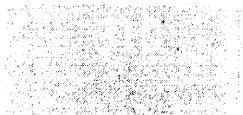
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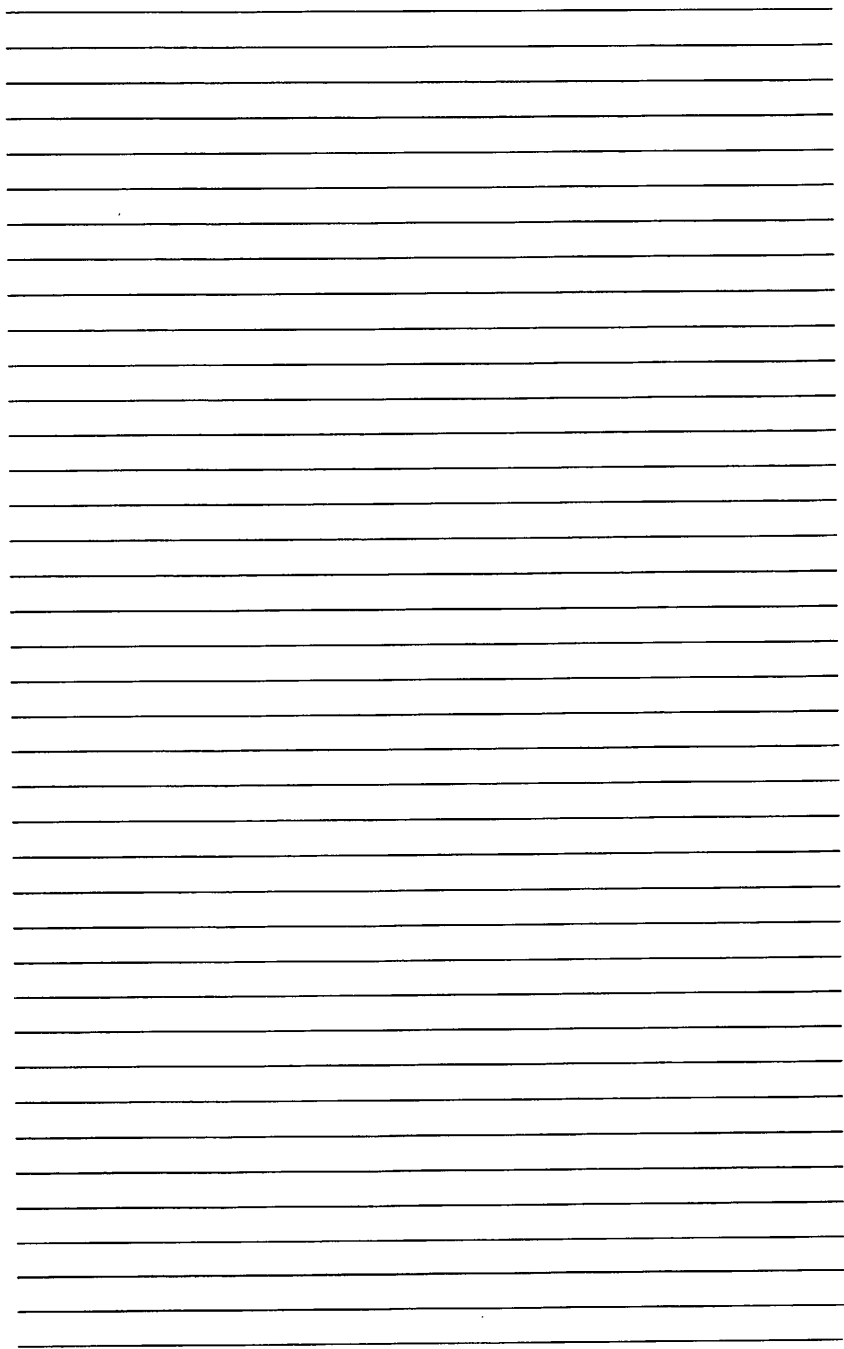
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**В. ОБЩЕНИЕ В СЕМЬЕ И ШКОЛЕ,  
СЕМЕЙНЫЕ ТРАДИЦИИ,  
МЕЖЛИЧНОСТНЫЕ ОТНОШЕНИЯ  
С ДРУЗЬЯМИ И ЗНАКОМЫМИ**





## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Nothing is more important than friendship.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

The question of friendship has always caused great argument. Some people claim that friendship is the most valuable thing in life whereas others say that there are many other things which are more important in our life. In this essay I would like to express my point of view on the issue.

I strongly believe that friendship is truly the greatest gift in our life. Firstly, our friends support us in any difficult situation. Without support one may find it complicated to solve different problems. Secondly, real friends give us motivation. They show us a good example to follow so we try to do our best and develop ourselves to achieve new goals.

However, there are people who think that friendship is not the most important aspect. They suppose that marriage is essential and acts as the most necessary thing in our lives. Friends may disappoint us but a spouse will always be there to soothe and comfort.

I cannot agree with this standpoint. I am absolutely sure that a person who we marry is also our friend. That is why, friendship is still the core of all significant things in our lives.

All in all, I am still convinced that friendship is the highest award life has given to us. A true friend will share our sorrows and joys and give a helping hand.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Nothing is more important than friendship.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

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In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.  
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I cannot quite agree with my opponents. To my mind, \_\_\_\_\_

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To sum it up, I would like to say that I still think \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*To bring up a child one should be strict.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays some people believe that being strict with children is a right thing. Others argue that it is unnecessary to put children under pressure. I would like to express my opinion on the matter.

I strongly believe that strictness is not the best way to bring up children. Firstly, children often do not understand their mistakes and only kind explanation can teach them how to avoid such mistakes in the future. Therefore, children should not be blamed and punished for the inability of doing everything correctly and consciously, as adults do. Secondly, children copy their parents' behavior. By showing an example of severe attitude parents teach their children how to treat other people. Consequently, this may lead to problems in future communication.

However, some people have another opinion. The stricter you bring up your child, the easier it is to live. The child is taught obedience, good behavior and self-indulgence is not allowed. Treating children softly leads them only to becoming unruly.

I do not quite agree with this opinion. Treating children harshly will cause disobedient behavior as a child will rebel to protest against such attitude. At the same time softness will provoke children to show good behavior.

To sum up, I want to say that being a parent is very hard but I still think that any child should be brought up without strict attitude from the parents.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*To bring up a child one should be strict.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

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In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_  
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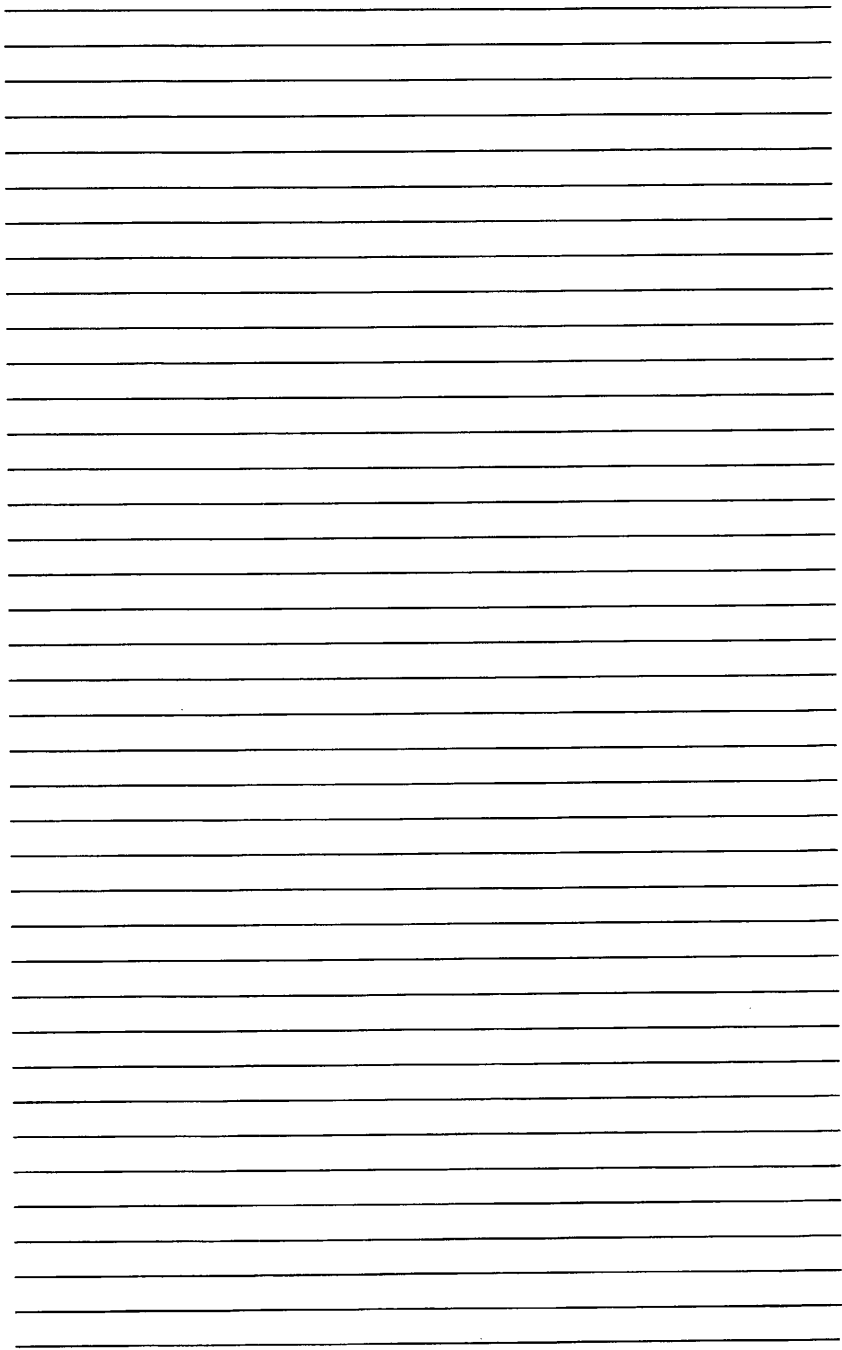
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I am afraid I cannot agree with this idea because \_\_\_\_\_  
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Finally, I think that \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*There can be only one true friend in a lifetime.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

One of the most important elements of our life is friendship. Nowadays many people claim that it is possible for a person to have not more than one close friend during his/her life. However, there are those who think that having several soulmates is absolutely natural. I would like to express my opinion on the matter.

In my opinion, there can only be one faithful friend. Firstly, the more friends you have, the greater possibility is that you will not feel safe trusting them. When a person shares secrets with a few friends, they may spread the news and discuss them behind the person's back. Secondly, relationship between two people is much closer than among a big company, so there is a big chance that in a difficult situation a close friend will give you a helping hand while other companions may simply turn their backs on you.

Nevertheless, the opponents of my view state that there are usually many friends in a person's life. They claim that people change their place of living, work and studies so they meet new friends.

I completely disagree with my opponents. I think that most people who you meet become your good acquaintances. A real friendship between two people will last regardless of one's changes in life whereas your acquaintances may come and go.

In conclusion, even though there is a view that people can have several real friends, I am firmly convinced that there is only one true friend in everyone's life.

### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*There can be only one true friend in a lifetime.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

The problem of \_\_\_\_\_ has been acute for a long time. Some people think that \_\_\_\_\_  
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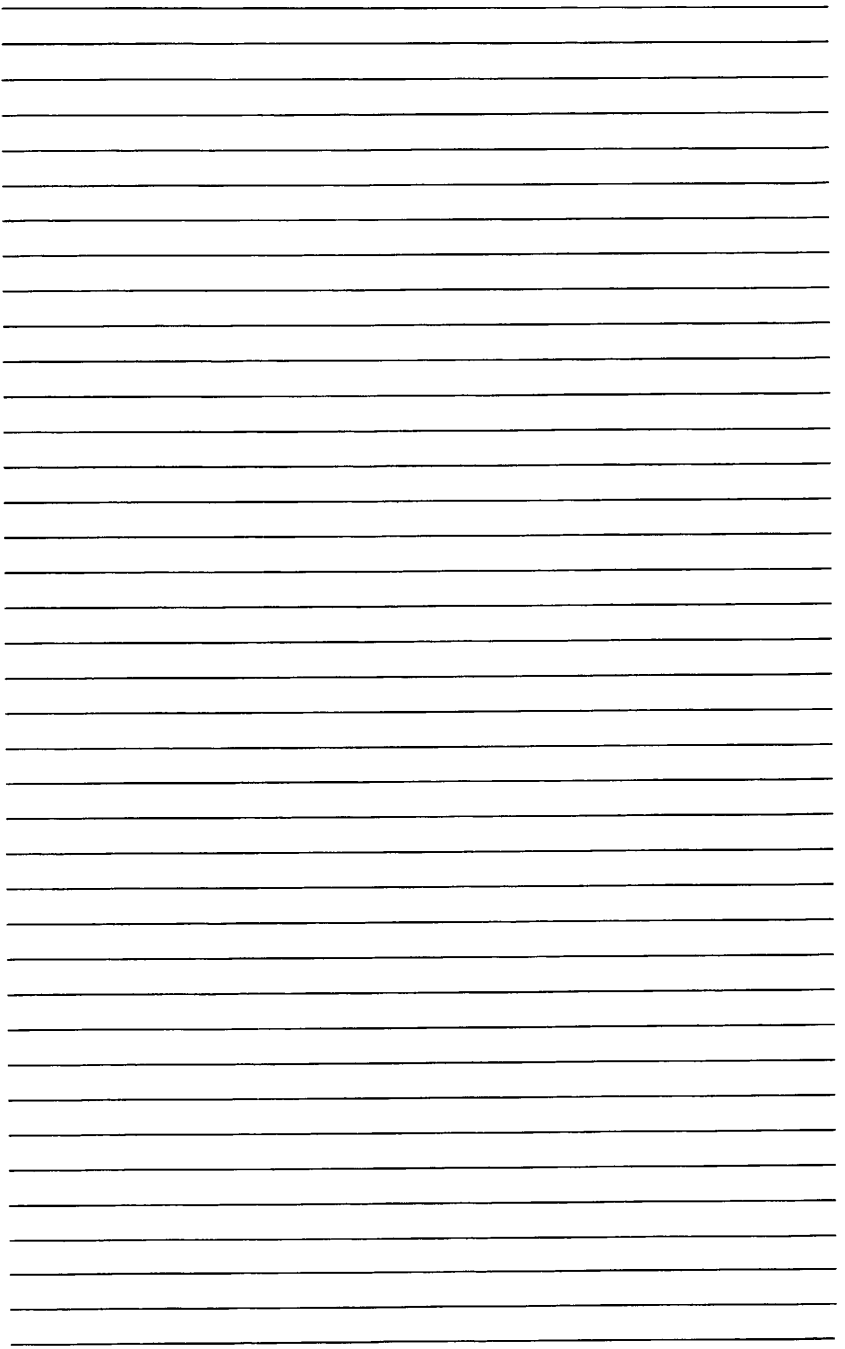
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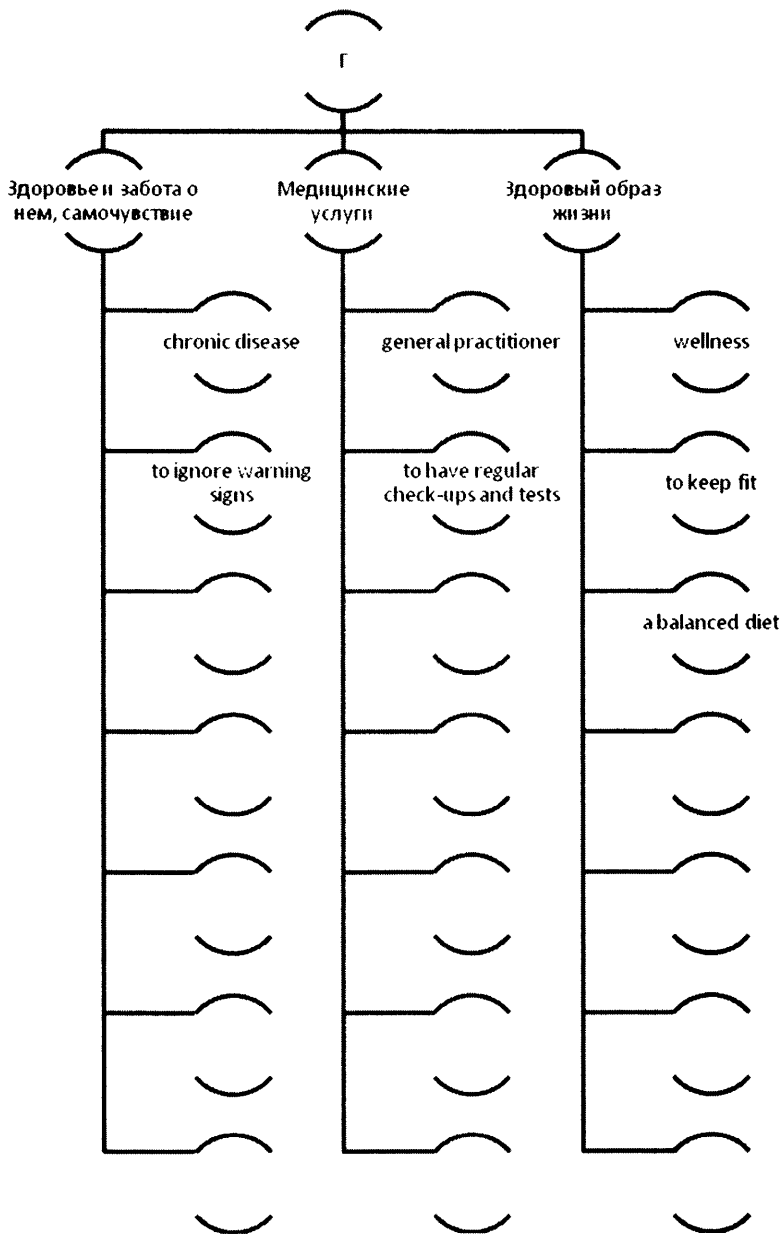
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**Г. ЗДОРОВЬЕ И ЗАБОТА О НЕМ,  
САМОЧУВСТВИЕ, МЕДИЦИНСКИЕ УСЛУГИ.  
ЗДОРОВЫЙ ОБРАЗ ЖИЗНИ**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Everybody should become vegetarian*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays most people want to have good health. There are many aspects of this problem but a vegetarian diet is more and more popular all over the world. Some people suggest we should become vegetarian. Others say that people cannot do without meat or poultry.

In my opinion, all people should follow the vegetarian way of eating. Firstly, we cannot deny that a vegetarian diet is as nutritional as the regular one but vegetarians consume less fat and more fiber. As a result, they reduce the risk of illnesses including heart failure, obesity, diabetes which cause millions of deaths each year. Secondly, a vegetarian diet not only improves our health but also makes the environment better. Farms where animals are kept produce gases which destroy the ozone layer. That is why, the more people eat plant food, the less animal farms there are. Thus, we protect the environment from pollution.

However, some people say that we should keep to a regular diet of meat and dairy products. They say that some of the plant foods do not supply enough energy for our needs each day. So if we stick to a vegetarian diet for a long time, our body will lack necessary vitamins.

I do not agree with my opponents. Any diet should be balanced. If we pay enough attention to our nutrition on a vegetarian diet, we will not have any problems because of plant foods.

In conclusion, I would like to say that people should choose eating vegetarian food to live a long and happy life.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Everybody should become vegetarian*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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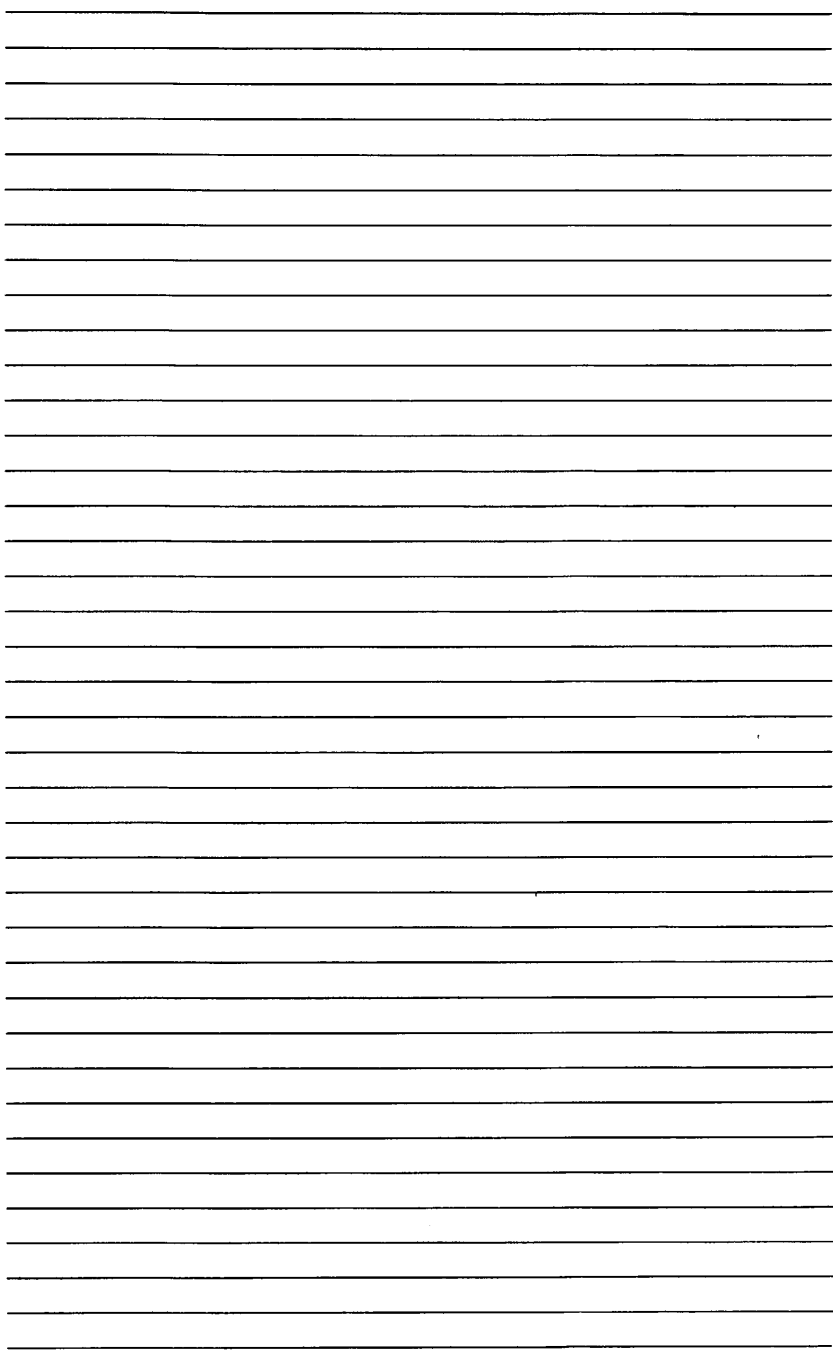
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*There should be no fast food restaurants*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

Some people say that there is a necessity to close restaurants offering junk food, while others claim that there is no harm in them and they should continue working.

In my opinion fast food shops, restaurants and cafes have the right to exist. Firstly, modern life is really busy. Therefore people cannot spend time on cooking three times a day or waiting for a restaurant to complete their order. They need their food quickly otherwise they can stay hungry for the whole day. Secondly, fast food outlets usually have low prices. That is why, a person can have a nutritious meal without paying much money.

However, there are people who claim that fast food restaurants and shops are to be closed. They blame them for making people eat unhealthily. As they think, people are too weak and cannot resist the temptation of buying tasty but harmful food.

I cannot agree with this opinion. Nowadays fast food does not necessarily mean unhealthy food. Many restaurants have vegetables, steamed food and low-calorie dishes on their menu. These dishes are not only healthy but also delicious. Also people are usually aware of what they eat and there will be no harm in having a tasty cheat meal once in a while.

To conclude, I would like to say that fast food restaurants are an element of our life and they should be in our world.

## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*There should be no fast food restaurants*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Sport is a way to avoid stress.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

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- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays people pay a lot of attention to physical activities. There are people who say that going in for sports relieves stress, while others are sure that sport is not effective against stress. I will try to express my opinion on this issue.

To my mind, sports can help to manage stress. Firstly, any physical activity or exercise reduces stress. Our body starts to produce hormones such as endorphins, which lessen stress. Secondly, sporting activities strengthen one's character s. They help to stabilize mood, reduce anxiety, improve self-esteem and sleep. Therefore, a person becomes less susceptible to stress.

However, there are people, who are sure that sports are not effective in fighting stress. Sports themselves can be the source of stress. The fear of failure or injuries causes tension and makes a person vulnerable.

I cannot agree with this opinion because these concerns belong to professional sportsmen whose success depends on the result. Amateurs can choose any sport, which suits them, or simply start with enhancing physical activities without feeling any duty to show some certain progress.

To conclude, I would like to say that sports provide a real opportunity for people to cope with stress. Sports help us to live in peace and calm with ourselves and the surrounding world.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Sport is a way to avoid stress.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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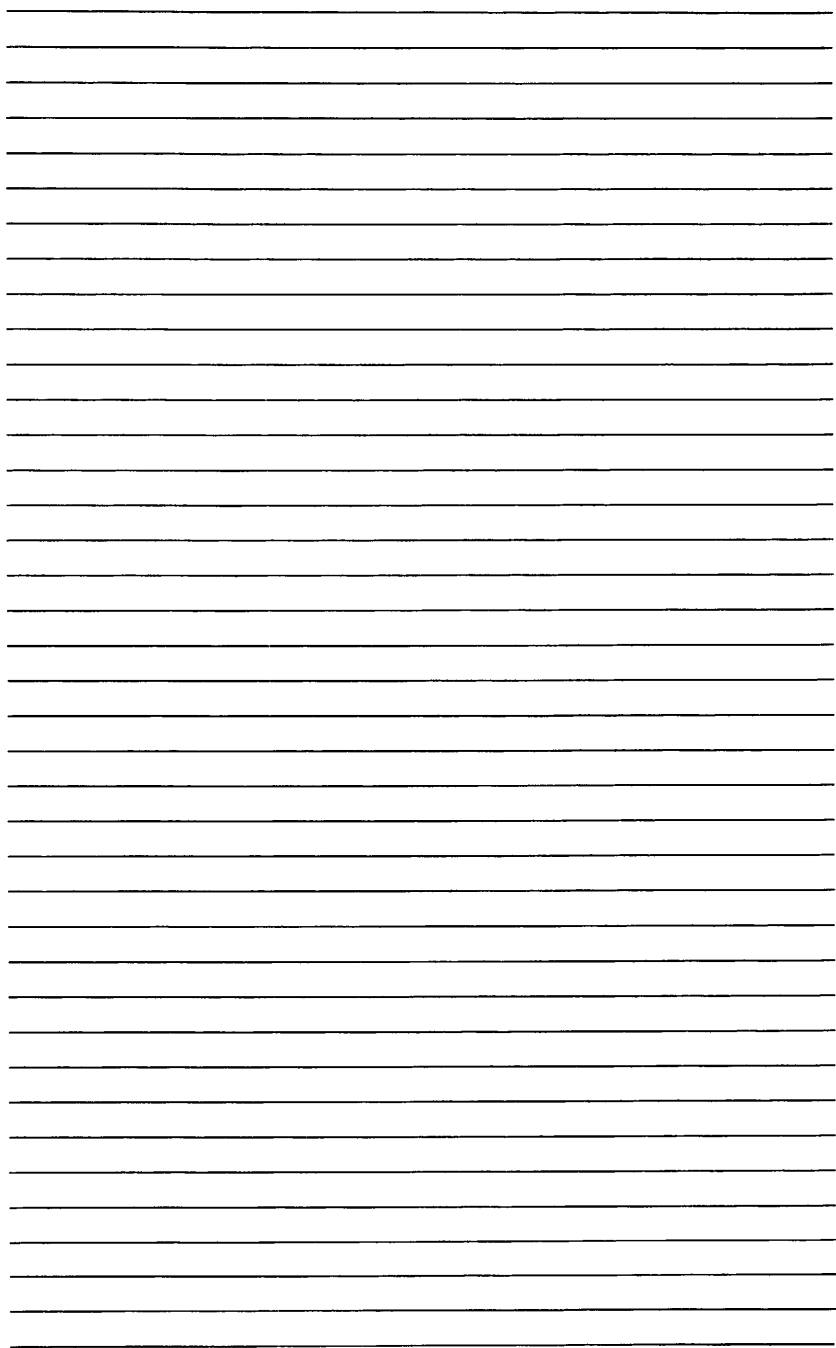
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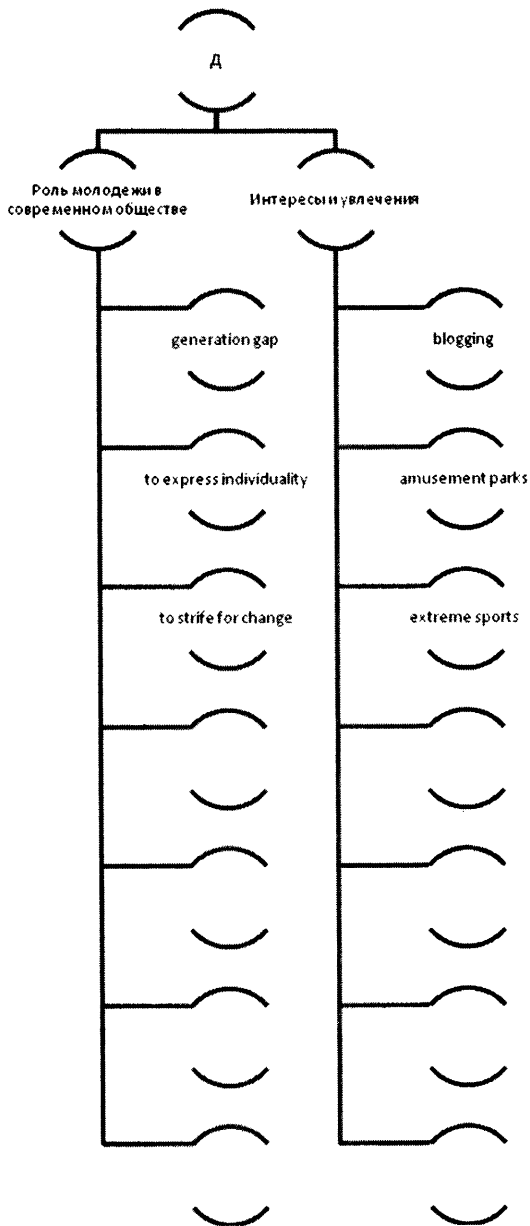




**Д. РОЛЬ МОЛОДЕЖИ  
В СОВРЕМЕННОМ ОБЩЕСТВЕ,  
ЕЕ ИНТЕРЕСЫ И УВЛЕЧЕНИЯ**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Youth is the best period in one's life*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

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Many people are convinced that young years bring you more joy than any other period. Their opponents think that other periods of life can be considered to be jubilant in a life of a person.

To my mind, youth is truly the most joyful period in any life. Firstly, it is the time when you get new experience. It is real happiness to try new things and discover new talents. Secondly, in youth one does not have many serious responsibilities. Teenagers have only household duties and studies so they have enough time to entertain and party.

However, some people state that youth is one of the most complicated periods in our life so it cannot be called the happiest one. They claim that adulthood is the time for a person to be most pleased because one has overcome all the difficulties of young years and is able to handle any situation.

I cannot agree with my opponents as adults cannot control their declining health. The younger a person is, the healthier he/she is. Young people are cheerful and energetic while adults often have to make great effort to save energy and well-being.

All in all, youth is a period which may be very complicated and happy at the same time. However I still think that it is really the most joyful period of our life no matter how many difficulties it may hold.

## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

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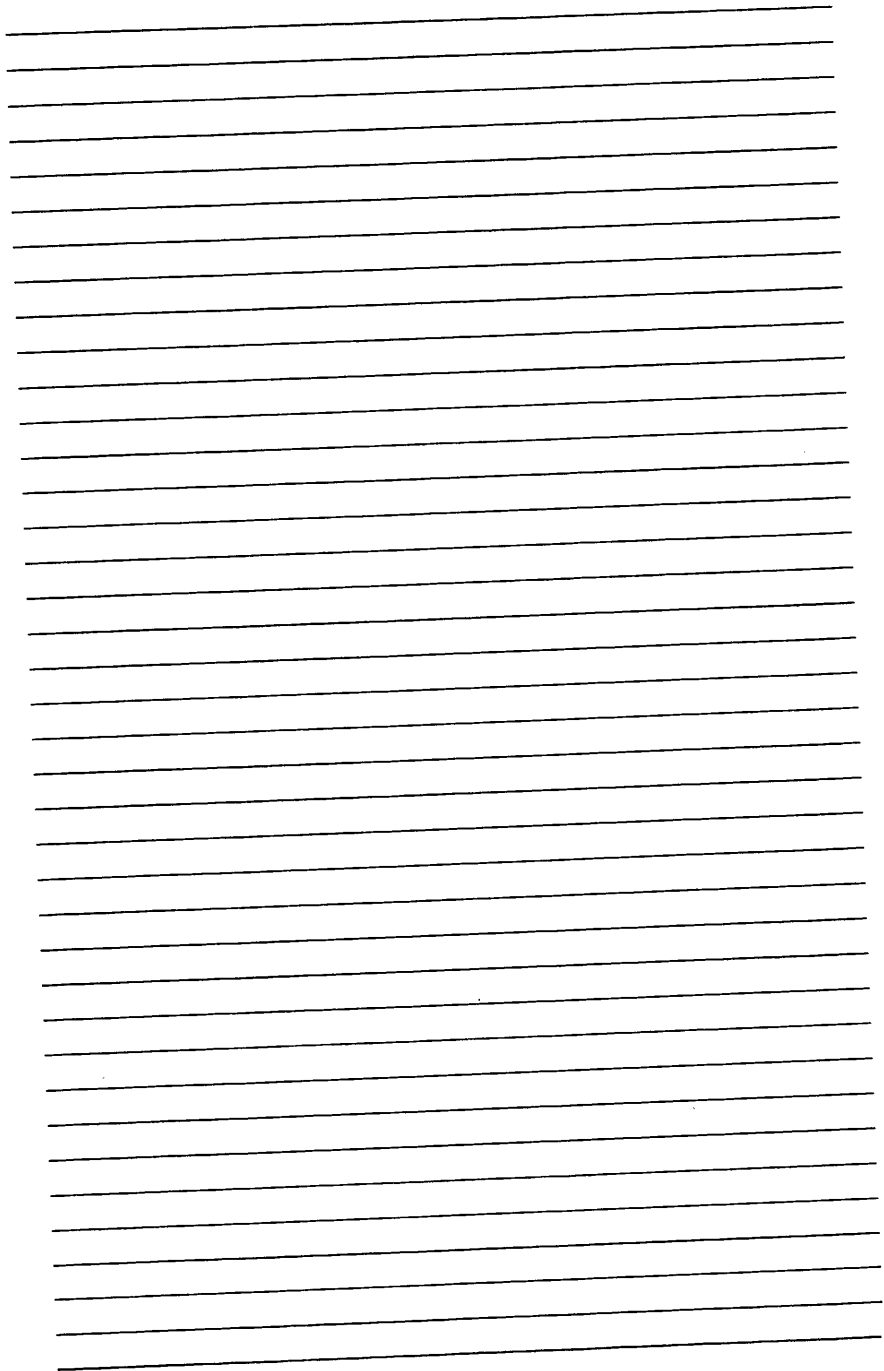
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Several generations of one family should live together.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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The problem of family life has always been a controversial one. Some people think that in a family its members of all ages are supposed to share the same home whereas others are sure that it is better for a family to live separately with grandparents and grown-up children. I would like to express my opinion on the problem.

Personally, I think that children and their grandparents should spend more time together and live in the same place. Firstly, all generations of a family mutually help one another. Children always need attention so grandparents can look after them. That is how elderly people will feel useful and needed. At the same time parents can go to work and feel safe knowing that their youngsters and elderly are together. Secondly, grandparents and children can exchange their knowledge. The elderly will pass over their skills and experience to whereas younger generations can teach them how to use modern devices such as mobile phones and laptops.

There is an opposing opinion. Many people state that there is a problem of a generation gap which is difficult to solve. Different generations simply do not want to understand and listen to one another and constantly argue.

I do not agree with the opposing opinion. I think that a family can always find compromise and establish peaceful relationship. A generation gap is a serious problem but also possible to overcome.

To conclude, I would like to emphasise that a family will only benefit if its members of different generations live together.

## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Several generations of one family should live together.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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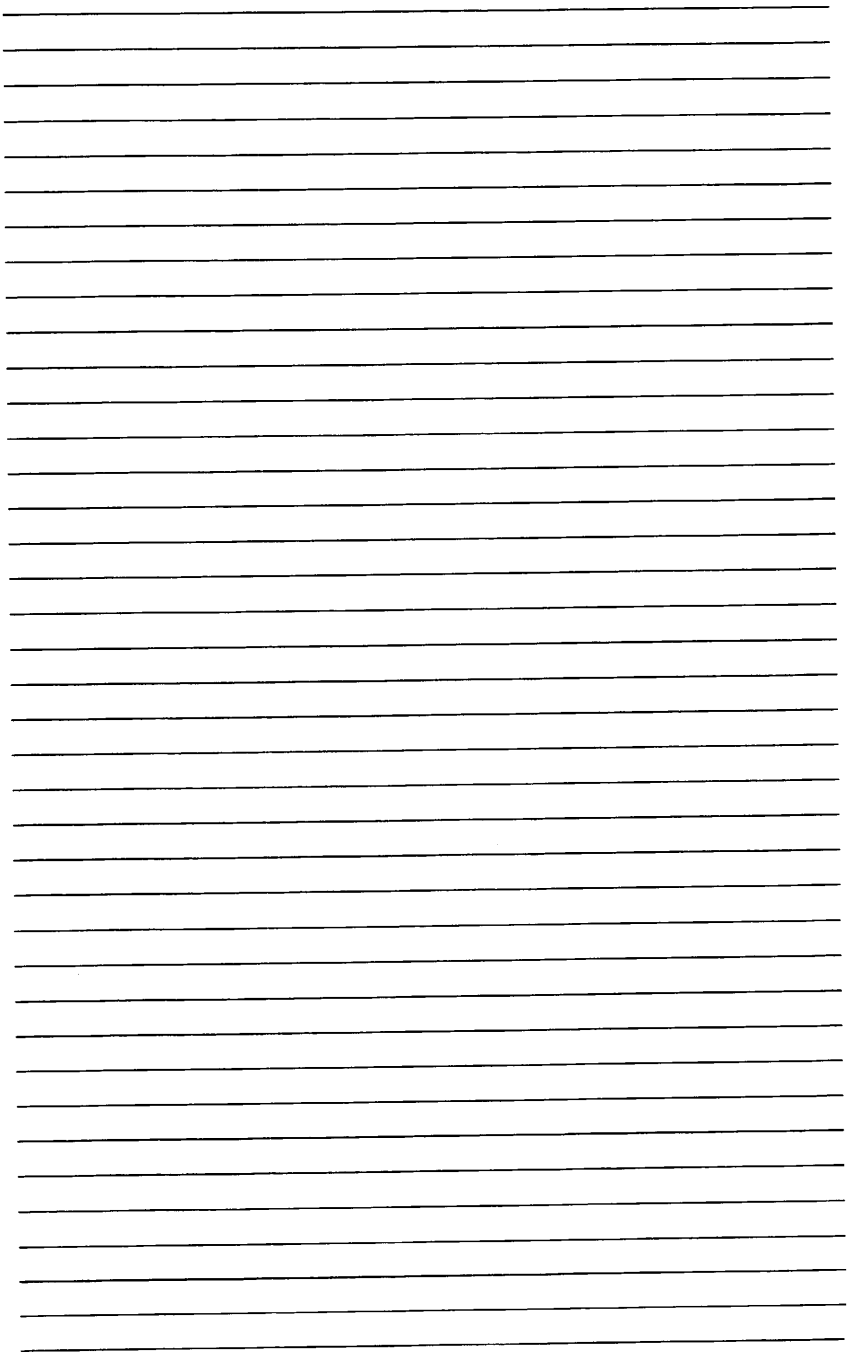
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*There should be youth organisations in our society.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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- make a conclusion restating your position

There is no doubt that young people are the future foundations of our society. Some people say that institutions for uniting young people are compulsory whereas the others say that young people do not require any organisations at all. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, there is need in organisations for adolescents. Firstly, youth organisations help young individuals to socialize. Youngsters find it essential to communicate but some of them fail in social interaction. In an organization they will have common tasks and learn to make friends. Secondly, youth organisations may help to prevent such negative phenomena as smoking, alcoholism, drug addiction. Young people usually try smoking or taking drugs when they have nothing to do but an organization will set tasks to keep a young person busy with useful activities.

However, my opponents claim that young people become less creative and independent due to the influence of youth organisations. They learn to work in groups but forget how to stand for themselves.

I do not agree with the opposing opinion. Young people are not limited in youth organisations and always have their vote. That is why, they are not given ready solutions to their problems but are supposed to find them together. In this way they are taught both creativity and compromise.

To sum it up, I would like to say that we have need of organisations for young people as they are useful for our society.

### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

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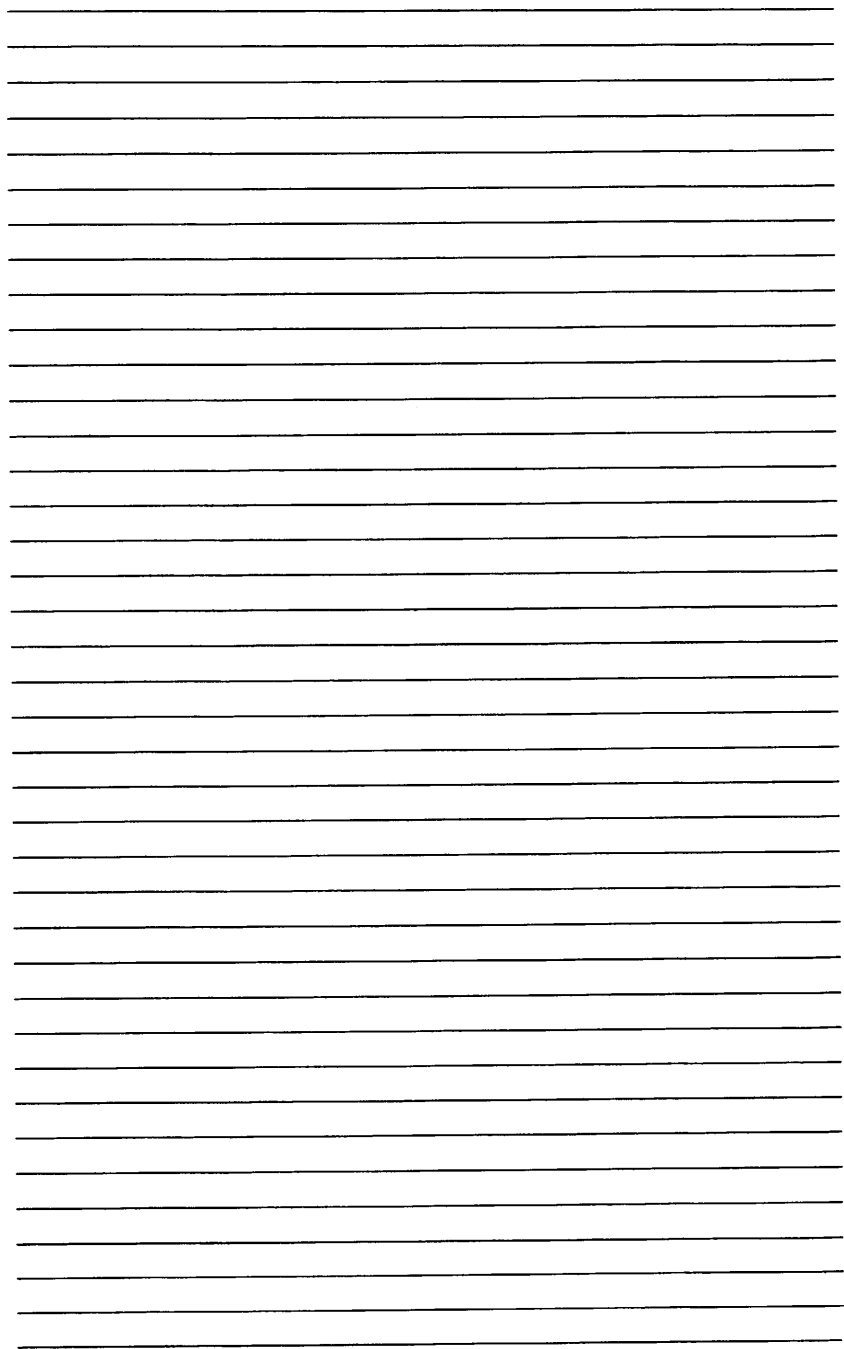
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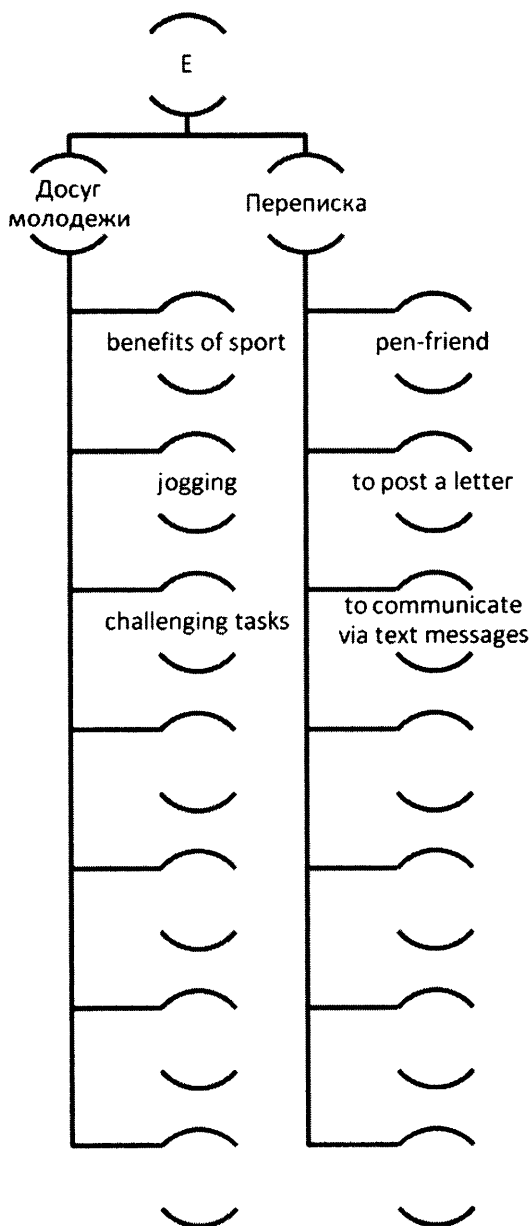




**Е. ДОСУГ МОЛОДЕЖИ:  
ПОСЕЩЕНИЕ КРУЖКОВ,  
СПОРТИВНЫХ СЕКЦИЙ, КЛУБОВ  
ПО ИНТЕРЕСАМ. ПЕРЕПИСКА**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Sport keeps people united.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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There is a great number of people who say that sport brings people together, while some are sure that sport makes people oppose each other. In my essay, I will try to express my point of view on the issue.

As for me, I believe that sport is a great uniting power. Firstly, team sports teach to value the teammates, trust them, respect the rules and work for the same purpose. Joint achievements grant satisfaction that you have done something worthy. Secondly, sports do not have any nationality. People in different countries watch international competitions, athletes take part in them and people around the world become closer. Moreover, we are taught to be tolerant to modern multinational community.

However, some people believe that sport creates barriers between people. There are fights or arguments among people who support different teams. Their clashes can be so harsh that may lead to injuries.

I cannot totally agree with this opinion because I believe that sports teaches to respect teammates and rivals. People who show aggression do not show the true attitude.

To summarize, I would like to say that sport definitely unites people. It teaches them to treat each other with respect and follow the rules.

## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

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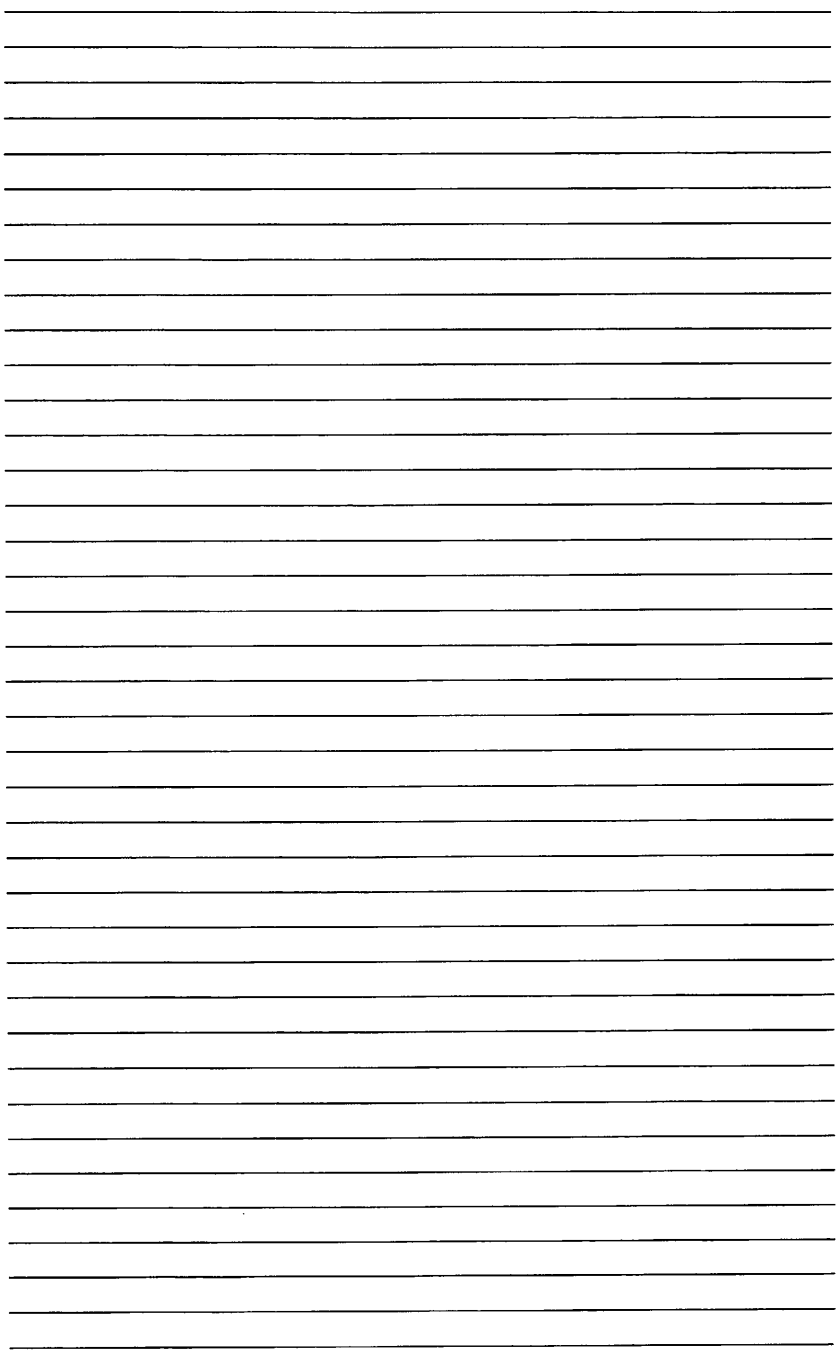
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Clothes influence our behavior*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Today we cannot imagine our life without clothes. Some people claim that the things we wear really affect people's behaviour. However, other people believe that clothes cannot change our manners and conduct.

As for me, I am convinced that we feel and act differently depending on the clothes we are wearing. Firstly, the colour and the style of a thing you wear make you look and behave in certain ways. For example, a person who wears a suit in an office feels serious and confident. Moreover, many schools encourage their students to wear a uniform to make them more concentrated on their studies. Secondly, different types of clothes change our mood. For instance, we always feel relaxed and comfortable at home when we put on our favourite cosy pyjamas. Consequently, our manners change too.

On the other hand, there are people who think that they do not change their behaviour in accordance with their clothes. They say that clothing has an effect only on our appearance as our behaviour depends on our personality.

Nevertheless, I strongly disagree with this point of view because our looks are closely linked with our conduct. A person who likes his/her reflection in a mirror will show a completely different pattern of behavior from a person who doesn't.

To sum up, I would like to say that clothes have an impact on a wearer. People feel more confident and free in the clothes they like.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

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**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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### 3.1

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*It is better to go in for a sport than to watch it on TV*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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In today's world there is no doubt that sport has become an essential part of our lives. Some people think that following sports on TV or internet site is worse than doing them. Others consider that people should stay away from sports grounds and watch sports in front of their TV-sets.

Personally, I am sure that playing sports is better than watching them. Firstly, sport games make our body stronger. Therefore, we become more athletic. Secondly, many scientists say that people become concentrated and patient doing sports. Without self-control an athlete will win no matches.

However, there are people who sharply disagree with my opinion. They point out that any sport is dangerous for our health and due to this it is better to watch it, to be on the safe side.

I totally disagree with this position, because lack of physical activity has proven to be extremely dangerous for people. It leads to heart diseases and poor brain functioning. No sporting activity may be more dangerous than those perspectives.

To sum up, I would like to say that I firmly believe in the necessity of doing sports instead of watching them.

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Comment on the following statement.

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**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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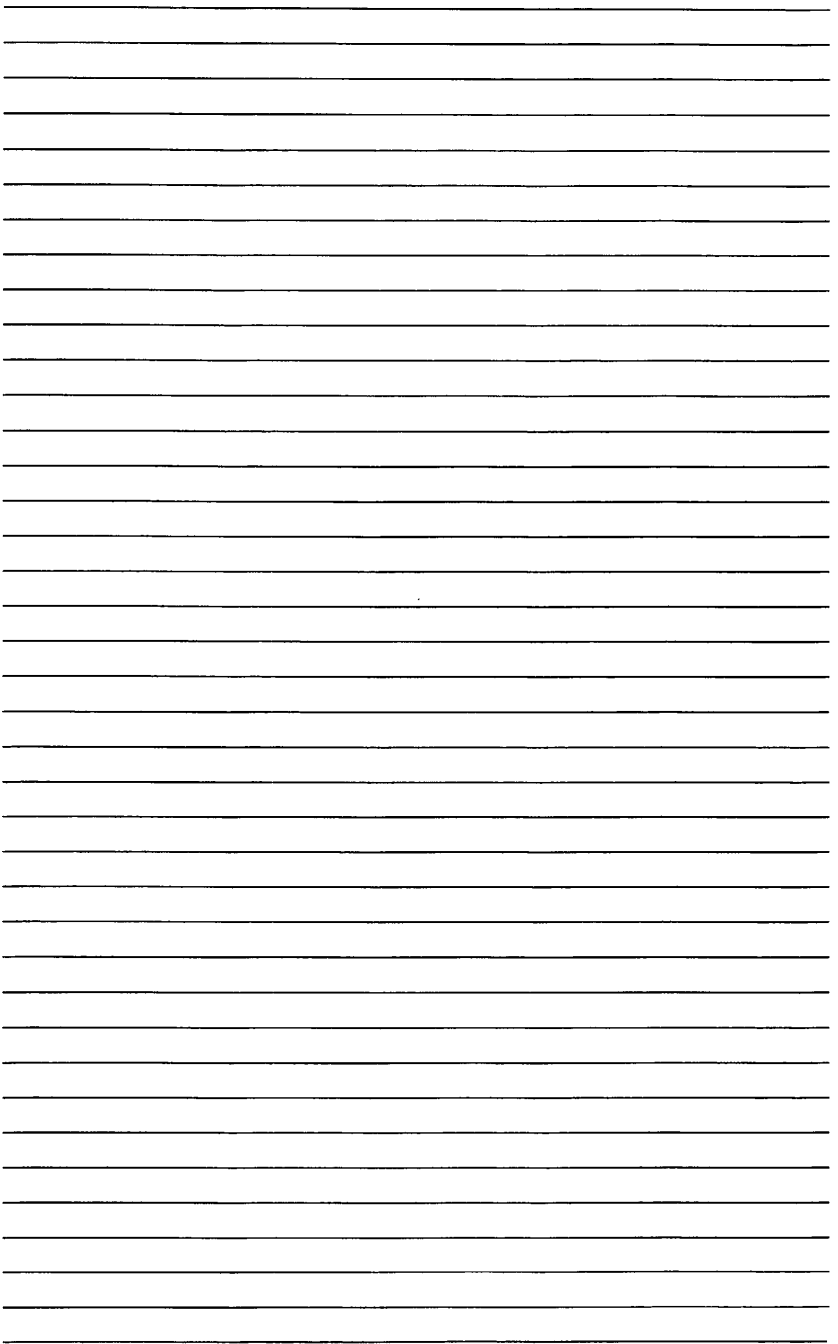
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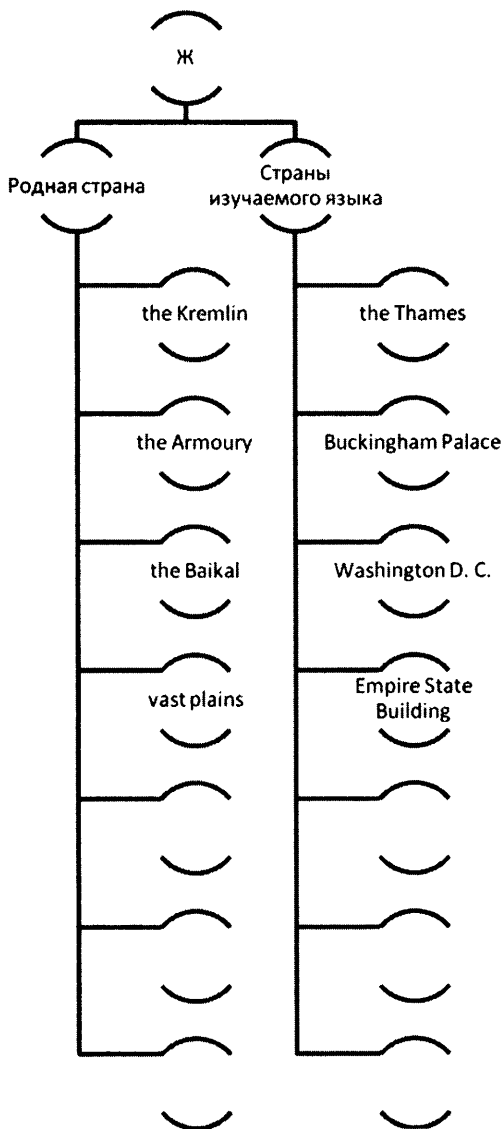


**Ж. РОДНАЯ СТРАНА  
И СТРАНА/СТРАНЫ ИЗУЧАЕМОГО ЯЗЫКА.  
ИХ ГЕОГРАФИЧЕСКОЕ ПОЛОЖЕНИЕ,  
КЛИМАТ, НАСЕЛЕНИЕ, ГОРОДА И СЕЛА,  
ДОСТОПРИМЕЧАТЕЛЬНОСТИ**



## ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Public libraries should be closed.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

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Nowadays some people hold the opinion that in the modern world people tend to avoid public libraries and it is high time for these institutions to stop working. However, others believe that public libraries should continue existing. I would like to express my opinion on the problem.

Personally, I think that people should preserve public libraries. To begin with, public libraries are places where some people can take a rest and forget about the hustle of working life. There are rules of silence and tactful behavior observed by librarians. Therefore, library visitors are granted a chance to relax. Furthermore, public libraries are free for people and those who cannot afford to buy books can borrow them. Public libraries also provide some extra services such as faxing and internet, workshops and lectures.

Others believe that nowadays there is a more convenient alternative of reading books than visiting a certain place. For example, electronic versions of books are becoming more and more popular among people. They can be downloaded to any device and there is no need in going to a library and spending time on it.

However, I cannot agree with this opinion. I am sure that the usage of electronic books cannot replace libraries as rare books and manuscripts do not have an electronic version yet and probably will not have one. That is why, libraries should stay to allow researchers and readers to use their great variety of books.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am firmly convinced in the necessity of public libraries. They should exist in our cities and towns.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Public libraries should be closed.*

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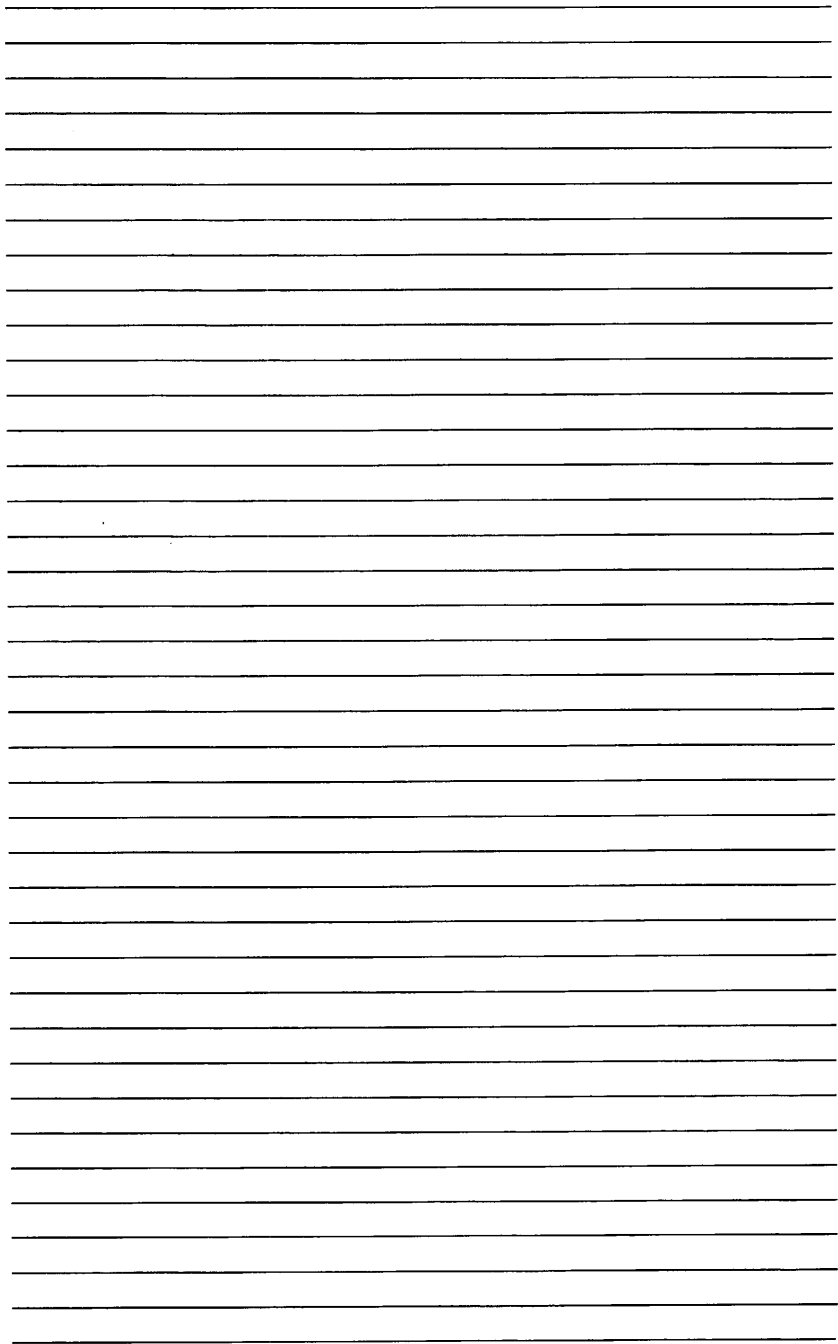
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Zoos are necessary for cities.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

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Many people support the idea of having zoos in every other city, while others say that there should be as few zoos as possible. In this essay, I would like to express my opinion on this issue.

Personally, I think that the number of zoos should be restricted. Firstly, wild animals are meant to live in the wild because it is their natural habitat. Keeping them in a cage means being against nature. Secondly, no one can certainly say how animals are treated in zoos. Sometimes the staff do not care what wild creatures eat, where and how they sleep, so the conditions crucial for animal well-being are not provided. For example, horrible treatment of animals on Thailand animal farms is notorious all over the world.

Nevertheless, there are people who have an opposing opinion. They claim that zoos should be built in every city because they save endangered species from extinction.

I cannot agree with that opinion. Most animals never breed in zoos. People should solve ecological problems differently and create national reserves to protect animals in danger.

To summarize, I would like to say that zoos are not necessary for cities, so people do not have to boost the number of existing ones. They should develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment and protect animals for real.

## 2.2

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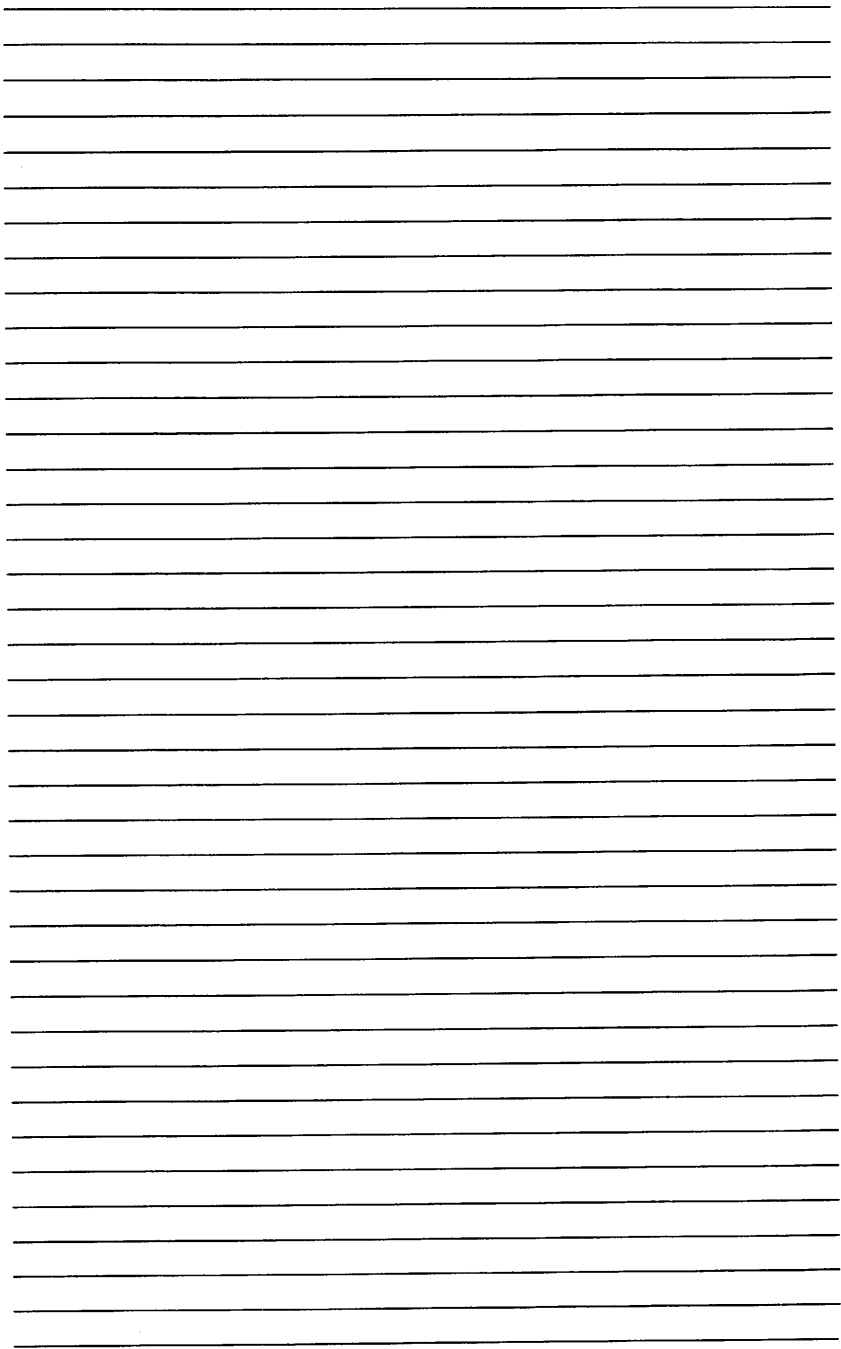
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Domestic tourism is more important than international tourism.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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Nowadays people have got used to traveling to various destinations around the world. Some people are sure that it is a more meaningful way to travel in your homeland than go abroad whereas others claim that travelling to foreign countries is preferable to travelling in your own country. I would like to express my opinion on the matter.

To my mind, people should see more importance in internal tourism than in going abroad. To begin with, by travelling around your country you help to develop your own economy. Tourists spend money on food, services and entertainments. Consequently, they provide working places, distribution of money and growth of local businesses. Also domestic tourists find traveling and visiting places easier because they are more aware of the traditions, customs, rules, etiquettes, of the country.

However, there is an opposing opinion. Many people think that only travelling abroad will satisfy a tourist. They consider domestic tourism dull as in one's home country all of the sights and places are already known and do not excite anyone.

I cannot agree with this opinion. People usually underestimate tourism in one's own country. The only thing you need to do is to look more attentively at the map of your own country and find new places. For example, not many Russian people have been to Baikal which is one of the most attractive tourist destinations for foreign travelers.

To conclude, I would like to emphasise that we all should travel around our motherland first and only then search for other places to go.

### 3.2

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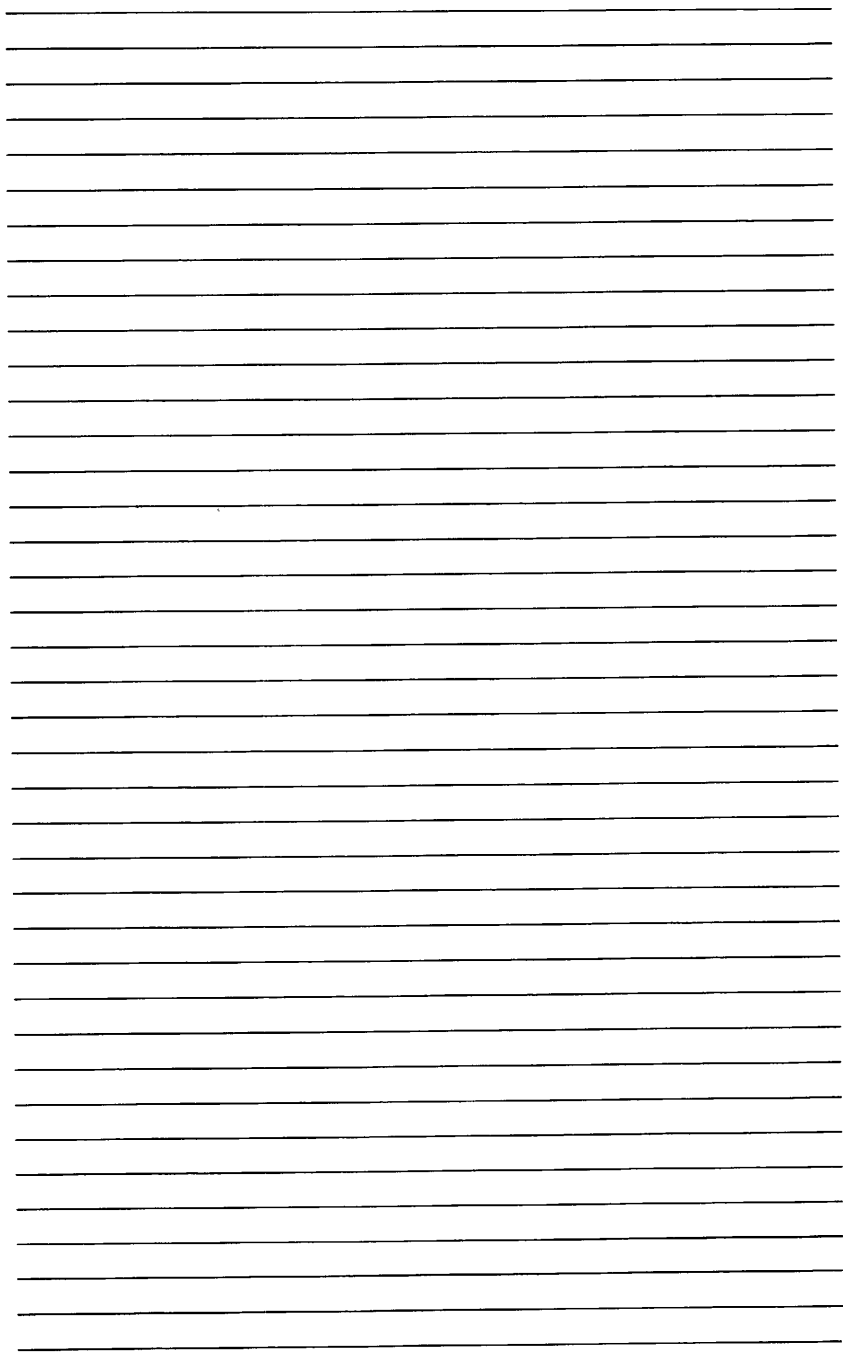
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### **3. ПУТЕШЕСТВИЕ ПО СВОЕЙ СТРАНЕ И ЗА РУБЕЖОМ, ОСМОТР ДОСТОПРИМЕЧАТЕЛЬНОСТЕЙ**



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*A person who wants to do sightseeing should read about the sights beforehand.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Nowadays people are often doubtful about visiting sights. Some people consider, that it is better to read about the places one is going to visit in advance. Others are sure that there is no necessity in this kind of preparation.

As for me, people should read about the sights before traveling. First of all, it allows travelers to save money, because there is no need in expensive excursions. Guide books and Internet will provide you with the same information as a guide. Moreover, it is not easy to find a good guide during high season. Secondly, reading about some sights in advance can save you a lot of time. The more you know about a place, the better you will understand whether it is relevant for you to visit it. Consequently, you will not waste time on the sights that are unlikely to attract you.

However, there is another point of view on this issue. Some people consider that reading about the sights you are going to visit will spoil the whole impression as there will be nothing left to excite you.

Despite my respect for this point of view, I cannot agree with it. Every sight can impress you because you see it in reality. There are many differences between the pictures and the sights which you see with your own eyes.

To conclude, I would like to say that it is essential to read about the sights before you see them in front of you.



## 1.2

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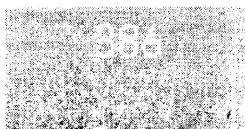
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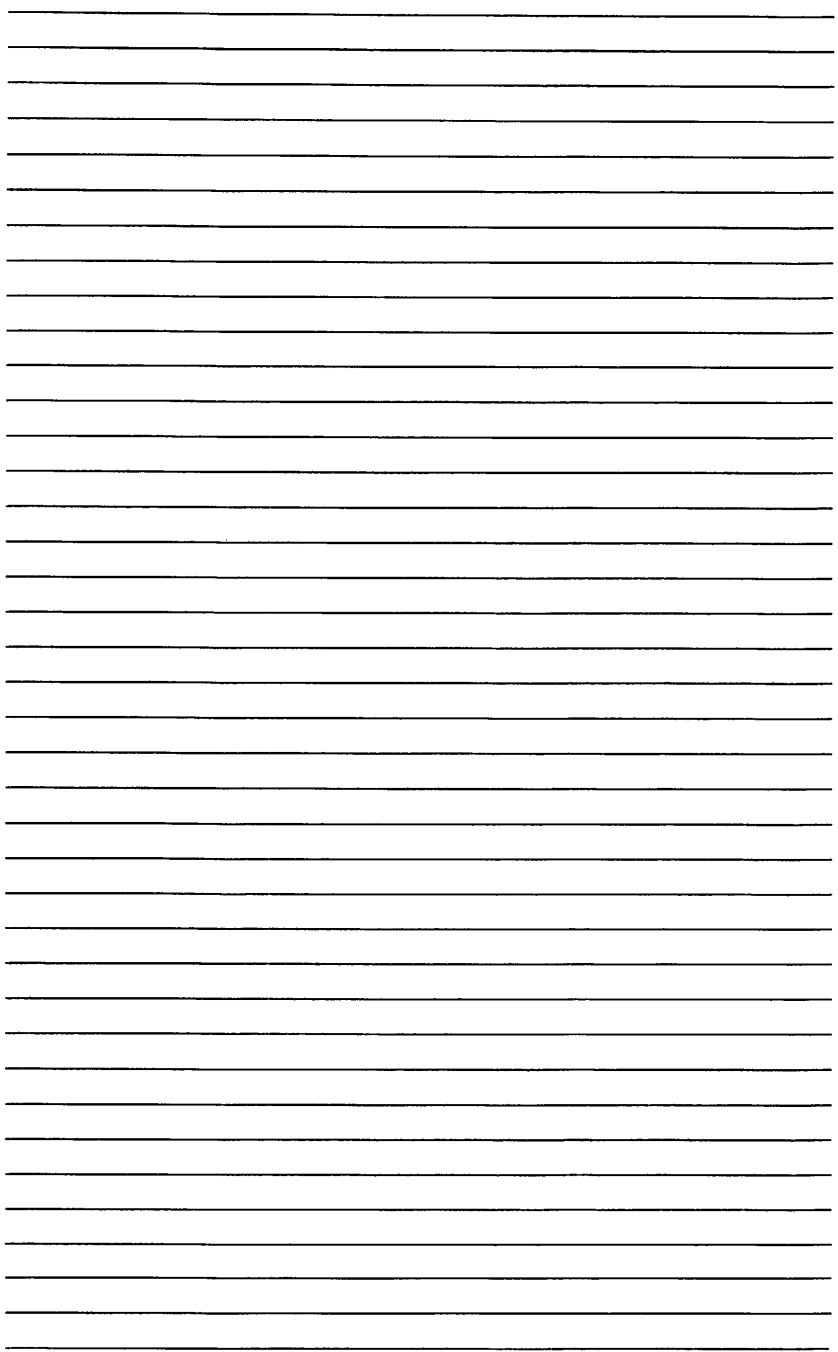
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Organized travel is better than independent travel*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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Nowadays people have various points of view on the subject of travelling. Some of them are convinced that arranged tours provide the best type of holiday, whereas others are sure that one should plan tours themselves without the help of travel agencies.

From my point of view, independent travel allows you to explore foreign cultures in the best possible way. First of all, an independent traveler is not limited by additional boundaries such as scheduled excursions, prearranged places and time of meeting with the group, etc. There is no doubt that it is better to choose what places you want to visit and how long you are going to stay there without any pressure from a travel agency. Moreover, an autonomous tourist has a lot of choice as there is a variety of hotels, guides and car rentals that are not available for travel agencies.

On the other hand, many people think that it is safer to trust your holidays into someone's hands than to do all the planning. An experienced company will do their best and a tourist will have nothing to worry about.

I cannot agree with my opponents as many companies are not reliable enough to organize a perfect journey so a tourist will certainly be involved in the process. Moreover, the industry of tourism is full of swindlers and a holiday may end with frustration.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that that I am strongly for independent travel as it gives any person a lot of freedom and choice.



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Organized travel is better than independent travel

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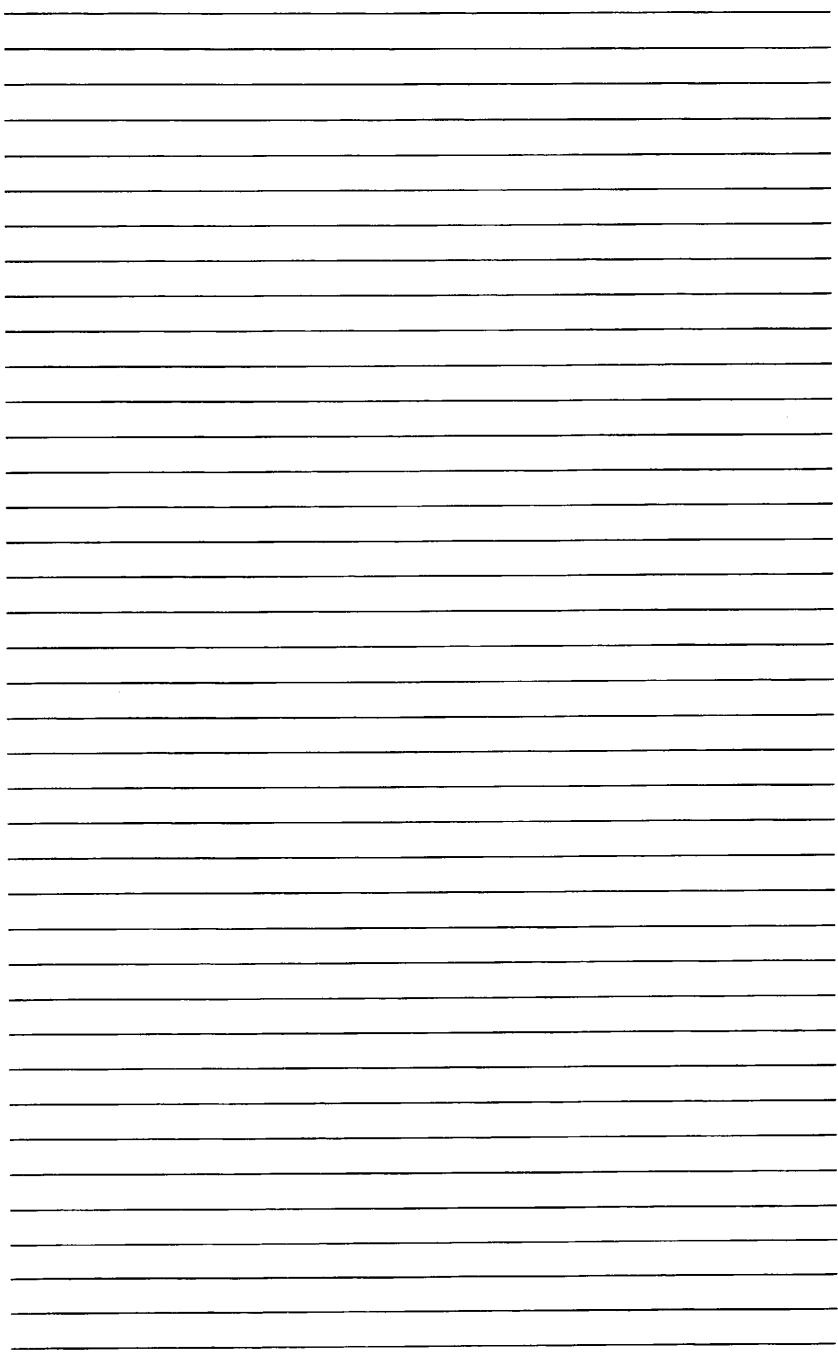
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Travel broadens our mind*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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It is hard to imagine our life without travelling. Some people believe that travelling is beneficial for them as it widens their scope, while others do not agree with this point of view and state that travelling is not the key point in this aspect. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, travelling is an important educational experience. Firstly, it is the best way to discover unknown countries and cultures. Travelers can communicate with alternative ethnic groups and learn many new things about their habits and history. Secondly, travelling teaches people how to be tolerant as it eases misunderstanding. Those who travel a lot know how important it is to keep an open mind. They realize that there are many religions and customs in the world so they fully appreciate them and do not have any prejudices against them.

However, there are people who think differently. They believe that it is not necessary to travel to broaden one's mind. They say that modern people can use the Internet as a means of personal growth. Consequently, they do not waste time and money on tourism.

Nevertheless, I cannot agree with my opponents. I strongly believe that the Internet does not convey the real beauty and value of places. That is why, to appreciate a place fully and open intellect to new horizons one should travel personally in real life.

To sum up, I would like to say that travelling is a practical way to develop and discover new sides of mind and personality.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Travel broadens our mind*

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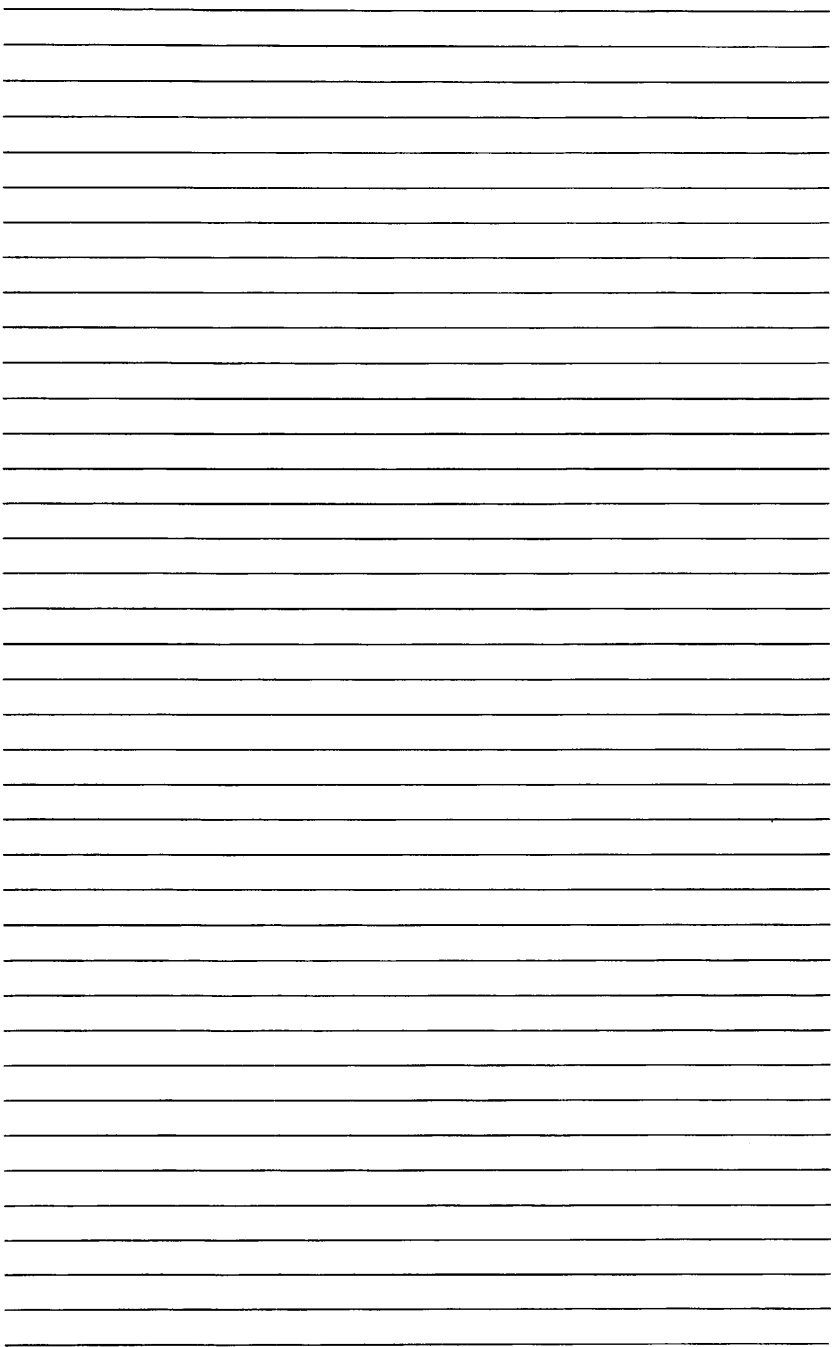
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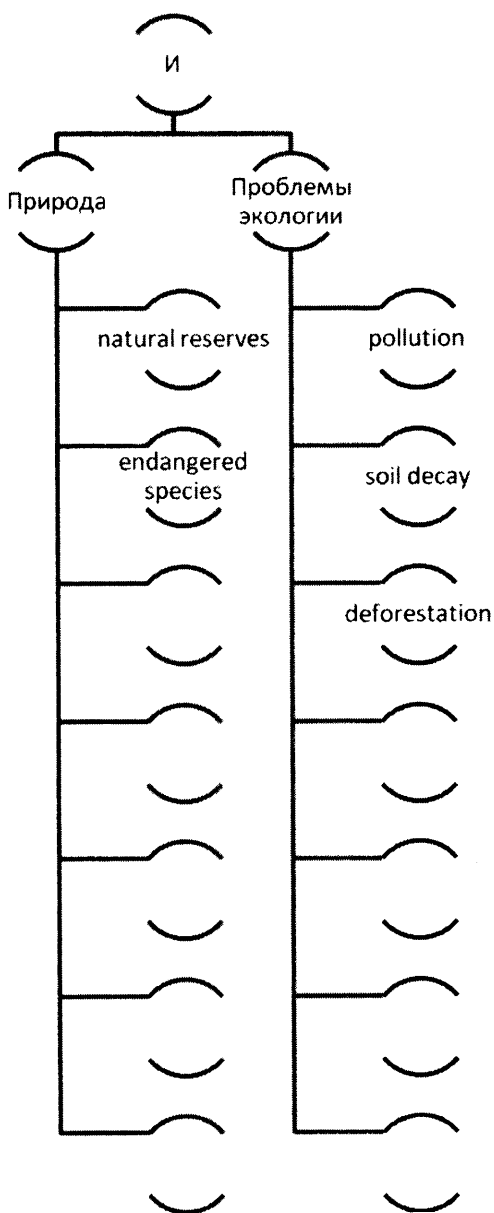




**И. ПРИРОДА  
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# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

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## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*The duty of governments is to protect the environment.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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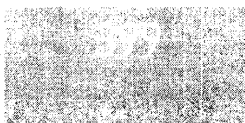
In today's world of growing industries the question of environmental protection is acute. Some people say that authorities are responsible for preserving the environment whereas others think it is the duty of citizens to keep the world around us clean. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

To my mind, a government should take the responsibility of preserving our ecology in the best possible condition. Firstly, there should be laws regulating ways of conserving nature. Making laws is beyond power of common citizens. Furthermore, governments not only make laws but also control their implementation which doubles their effectiveness in the question of ecological protection. Secondly, a government is able to raise funds for environmental protection. Eco-friendly technologies are expensive but it is less costly to provide them on the governmental level.

However, many people still think that it is a duty of every civilian to protect nature. There are a lot of possibilities for volunteering such as clean-up days or sorting garbage which do not require help from local authorities.

I cannot agree with my opponents as volunteering means that any activity depends only on the good will of people. Taking care of the environment should be guaranteed and only governments can account for it.

To sum up, I would like to say that even though people are of great help in the matter of environmental protection but governments are the first to take the responsibility.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Tourism ruins the ecology of our planet.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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Nowadays tourism is an important part of economy for many cities. Many people think that tourists do a lot of harm to the ecological situation of the earth destroying its eco-system. Others are sure that on our planet there are problems which are more severe for ecology than visitors from different countries.

As far as I am concerned, the dramatic effect of tourism on ecology seems to be greatly underestimated. Tourists cause a lot of damage to nature. To begin with, the air pollution coming from tourist transportation is one of the major negative effects of tourism. Traveling by train, plane, and coaches results in air pollution. Moreover, transport emissions can lead to acid rain and global warming. Secondly, it is evident that the tourism industry overuses the water resources for the development of golf courses, swimming pools, hotels, and even the personal use of water by some tourists. As a result, these could lead to the degradation of water supplies and water shortages.

However, my opponents claim that tourists are practically harmless and with the help of the money they spend inside a country buildings are constructed and working places are provided.

I cannot agree with my opponents. Expansion of construction sites leads to land degradation. No matter how much tourists spend, their money is not worth the destructive effect of tourism such as deforestation created by land clearing.

To sum up, I would like to say that it is obvious that the tourism industry brings a lot of harm to the ecology of our planet and should also have limitations like every other damaging activity.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Tourism ruins the ecology of our planet.*

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I cannot quite agree with my opponents. To my mind, \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*The growth of cities is harmful for our environment.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

In recent years, new environmental problems have emerged. Some people believe that urban development is very dangerous for nature and its future. However, others say that our planet is not affected by this process. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

I think that ecological problems are mostly related to the growth of cities and the reasons for my opinion are numerous. Firstly, it is common knowledge that factories in cities pollute the environment with waste waters and emissions containing very high concentrations of toxic elements. Therefore the ecology of our planet suffers. Secondly, the increasing number of cities leads to deforestation that can cause the extinction of plant and animal species.

However, some people think differently. The opponents are convinced that cities provide different technologies to save our environment from pollution such as the use of electric cars, solar panels and closed cycle factories. Thus, there is no need worrying about urbanization.

I am afraid I cannot agree with the arguments. I believe that it is not easy to solve environmental problems even with the help of modern technologies because at present, new ideas are only gradually being implemented while other harmful processes never stop.

To sum up, I am firmly convinced that the growth of cities contributes to worsening of the current ecological situation and we must do our best to deal with it.

### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*The growth of cities is harmful for our environment.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

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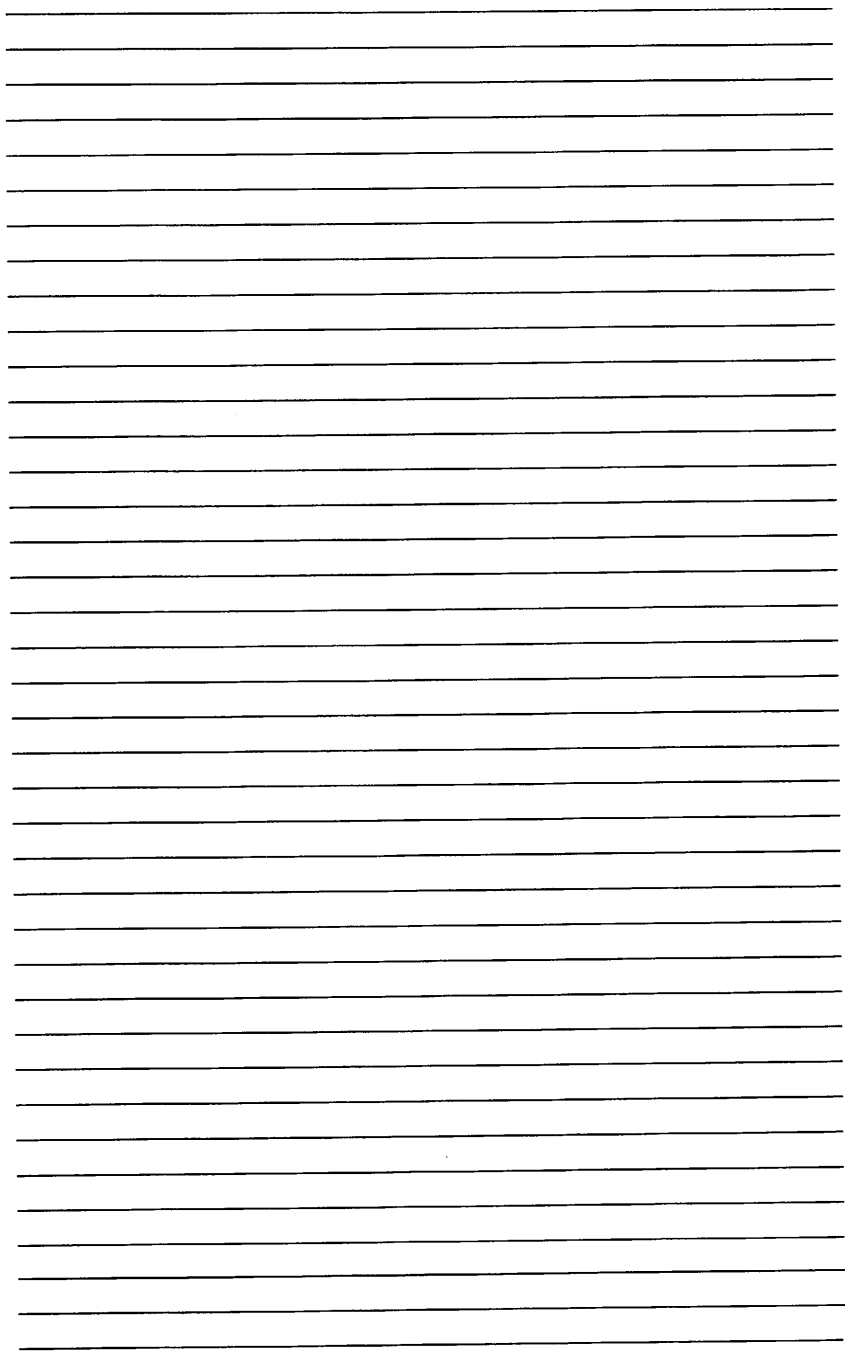
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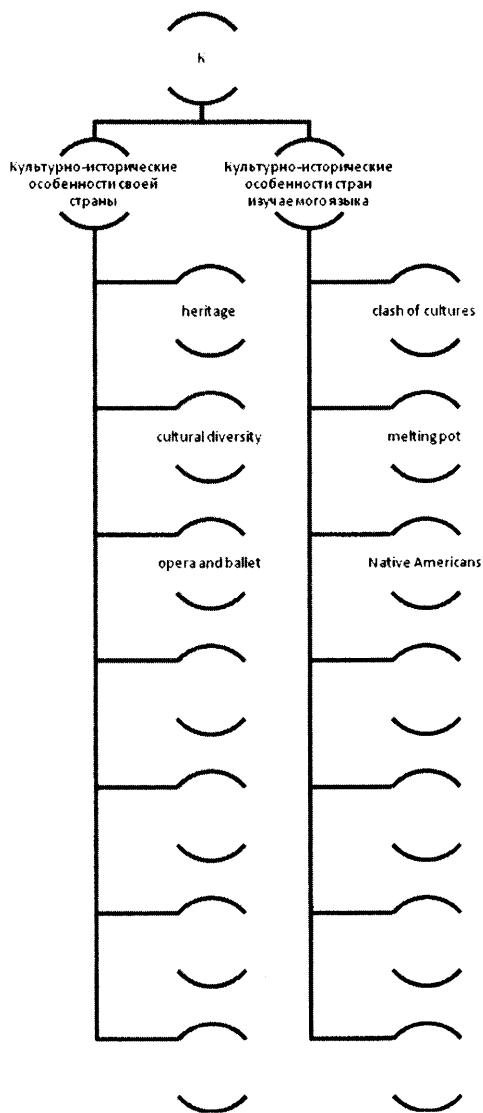




**К. КУЛЬТУРНО-ИСТОРИЧЕСКИЕ  
ОСОБЕННОСТИ СВОЕЙ СТРАНЫ  
И СТРАН ИЗУЧАЕМОГО ЯЗЫКА**

## ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*It is impossible to understand the culture of a country without visiting it*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

make an introduction (state the problem)

- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays there are many things that people can do even without leaving their homes. Many people say that there is no possibility of full comprehension of a culture unless you see it yourself. Others claim that modern pace of life does not require personal visits to a place with an aim of learning it better.

In my opinion, one should visit a country to get a real acquaintance with its culture. Firstly, during a visit you will have a possibility to meet common people and share emotions with them. Only real interaction can give you a true impression of people and their culture. Secondly, every country gets a lot of characteristics from its language. For example, Italians are very expressive and accompany their speech with a lot of gestures, Spanish people talk very fast. So even when you simply listen to foreign speech without talking to people yourself, you have a clearer idea of a folk.

However, there are people who consider that travelling to a country to understand it better is excessive. Nowadays people have various messengers to communicate with foreigners and there are numerous sights that provide you with all types of reviews and stories about any country of the world.

I cannot agree with my opponents. It is better to visit a country once than to read a hundred internet articles and chats with strangers. During a visit one can truly appreciate the atmosphere of a place that no gadget can convey.

To sum up, I would like to say that I still think that no one can manage to feel and apprehend the culture of a country without paying a visit.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*It is impossible to understand the culture of a country without visiting it*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Everyone should know the history of the country they live in.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Each country has a very long and interesting history. But not everyone knows the history their motherland. Some people do not realise the importance of their country history, whereas others consider knowing their country history a must. I would like to express my opinion on the problem.

In my opinion, learning history can only benefit people and everybody should know the history of the place they live in. Firstly, people can understand their forefathers' commitments and be grateful to the contributions. Through learning the old life style and the way their ancestors built the country, they will realise the hardship of founding a country. Secondly, history expresses the confidence and togetherness of a country as a nation. Knowing all the moments that united people in the course of history helps to bring them together as a nation

However, some people are sure that we spend too much time learning the country's history. They say that when we look back into the past, it hampers future development. They think that we should concentrate on our future

I cannot fully agree with this opinion. I understand that it is very important to think about the future but we all know that the process of learning history is the process of learning a lesson from life. The mistakes which were made by the ancestors should be prevented. It is especially important for younger generations.

To sum it up, I would like to say that knowledge of our country's history helps us to understand what problems await us in the future and we all should know the history of our motherland.





## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Everyone should know the history of the country they live in.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

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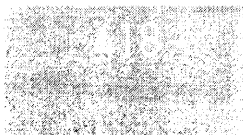
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Children should have a list of books for summer reading.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays, parents are concerned about the fact that a younger generation does not read books a lot. Many people think that it is necessary to provide children with a list of books for summer reading whereas others say that children should not be made to read in summer so lists of books are highly optional.

Personally, I think that it is important to encourage pupils to read a lot during summer vacations. Firstly, there are lots of benefits of reading books for a young mind. They improve children's memory, develop their imagination and speech. Secondly, books are a way of distracting children from playing video games and watching inappropriate videos so that they can increase their knowledge by reading different books.

However, there are people who say that it is wrong to make pupils read a lot in summer. They say that nowadays children are busy and have many extra classes and it is important to give them an opportunity to have a rest and enjoy their summer holidays. Also, they are sure that there is no sense in making children read books as this should be voluntary.

I cannot agree with this point of view. Reading is an essential part of people's development. It is the goal of adults to teach children to love literature and choose good books for them even though at first stages children are not willing readers. Moreover, when children develop a habit of reading, it will be a way of having a rest for them.

In conclusion, I want to say that it is highly significant to have a list of books for children to read during long summer holidays.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Children should have a list of books for summer reading*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

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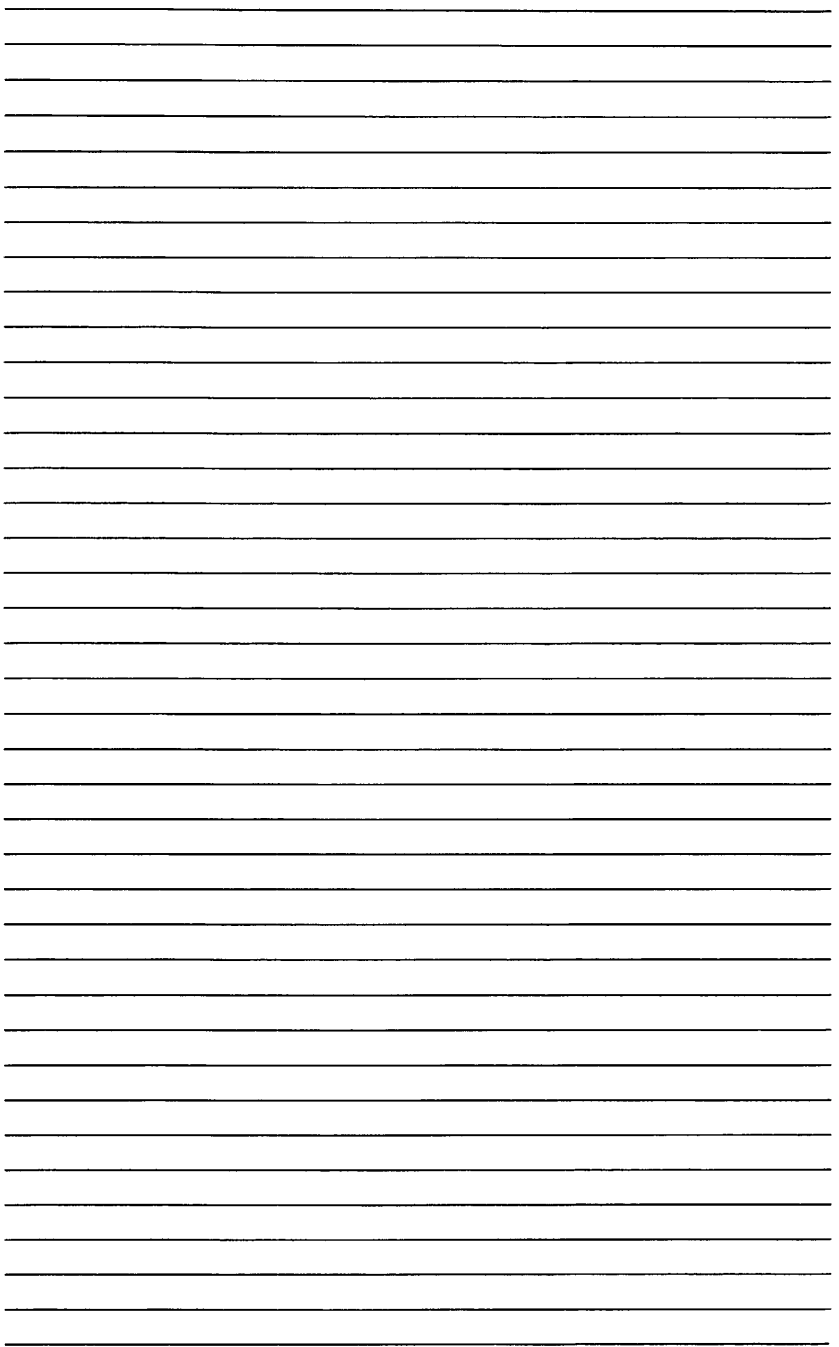
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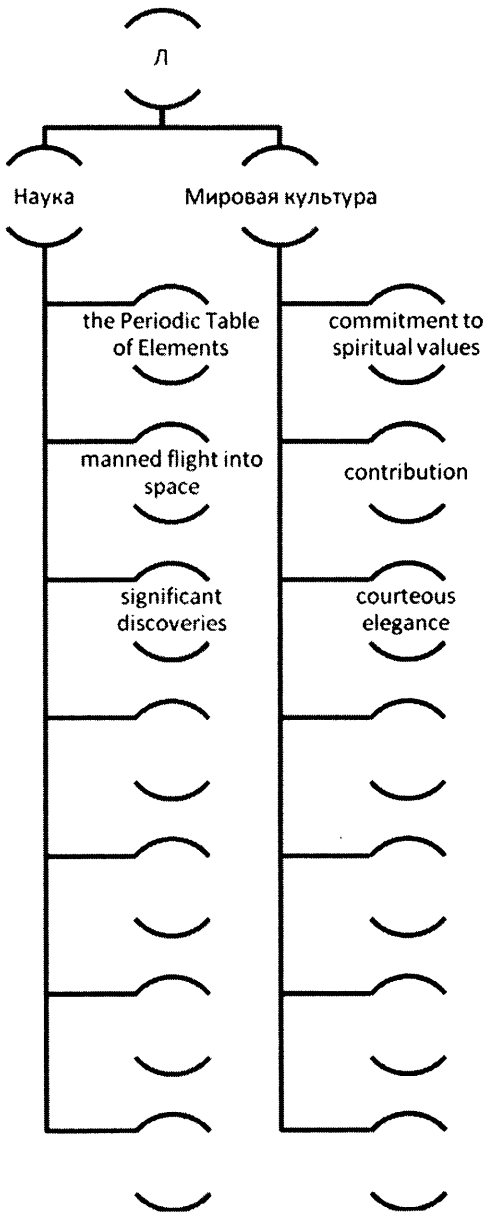


**Л. ВКЛАД РОССИИ  
И СТРАН ИЗУЧАЕМОГО ЯЗЫКА  
В РАЗВИТИЕ НАУКИ  
И МИРОВОЙ КУЛЬТУРЫ**



# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Space exploration was the greatest achievement of the 20th century.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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It is common knowledge that the twentieth century is marked by the beginning of space exploration. Many people claim that it was the most significant accomplishment of the previous century. However, there are those who think that there were more meaningful discoveries. I would like to express my opinion on this issue.

In my opinion, space exploration stands out as the most important achievement. Firstly, space exploration led to an outburst of new discoveries in many fields of science. For example, people have managed to systemise their knowledge of astronomy greatly. Secondly, space exploration gave people powerful motivation for personal development. Many people realized how mighty Man was and tried to do their best to confirm it. For instance, people did not stop after the first flight to space and sent astronauts to the Moon and outer space.

Nevertheless, there are opponents who argue that space research was not the greatest event of the previous century. They say that there were other useful deeds for the whole mankind such as the invention of mobile phones which nobody can live without nowadays.

I disagree with this point of view. I think there is a direct link between the development of space research programmes and mobile technologies. Without space exploration there would be no satellites in space and mobile phones would be useless toys in our hands.

In conclusion, I am firmly convinced that space research was the biggest success of the twentieth century.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Space exploration was the greatest achievement of the 20th century.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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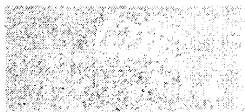
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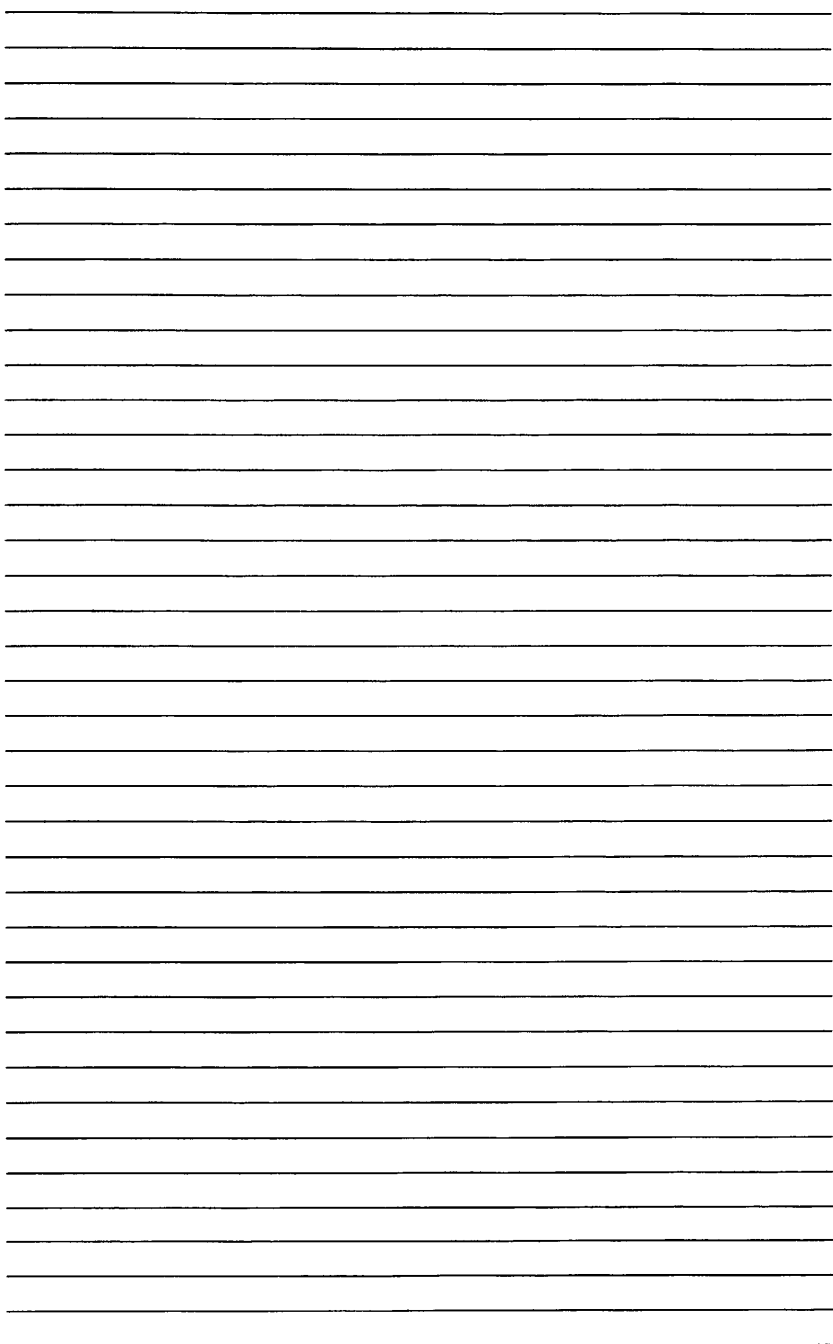
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To sum it up, I would like to say that I still think \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Scientific development has done a lot of harm to our society.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

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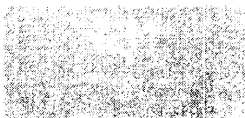
Nowadays we live in a fast and changeable world. Many people think that due to scientific development our world has become a far worse place than it used to be. Others claim that progress in science is a completely positive process that has given us many benefits. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

I am firmly convinced that scientific development has contributed to the best changes in our society. Firstly, our world is a safer place now than many years ago as all the countries have worked out a system of medical care and have found cures for many fatal illnesses such as scarlet fever and cancer. Secondly, with the help of science people have become closer to each other as thanks to new inventions and discoveries there are many new means of transport and communication such as planes, helicopters, mobile phones, computers, etc. Consequently, the world of humans has less borders and limitations.

However, many people think that science has affected our world negatively. They state that scientists invented new weapons that bring death and damage to the mankind. For example, weapons are used during wars and terroristic attacks and cause thousands of deaths.

I cannot agree with my opponents. Weapons become a danger when they are concentrated in the hand of wicked people. Nowadays scientists are already working on the ways of preventing the usage of weapons in a harmful way and I am sure they will soon work them out.

To sum up, I would like to say that despite some of the drawbacks scientific development has done a lot of good to our society.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Scientific development has done a lot of harm to our society.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Art does not have a nationality.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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- make a conclusion restating your position

There have been many talks on the issue of art. Some people think that art has a universal sense clear for everybody while others claim that every nation has art forms that are close and meaningful only for it. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

I am firmly convinced that art does not belong to a single nation. Real art forms are close to every human on our planet. Firstly, art appeals to the feelings people experience throughout their lives. They are love, hate, friendship etc. Those feelings are familiar to anyone and do not depend on a certain nation. Secondly, art speculates on the notions that are characteristic of all human beings. In works of art we comprehend ideas of brotherhood, independence, equality and many others. Again all of those belong to all people of the world.

However, some people state that people of different nations have art forms that only they can understand. For example, in Asian cultures there are certain symbols which convey deep meanings and other nationalities do not understand them completely.

I cannot agree with this point of view. Even though people cannot interpret art as connoisseurs do they sense the importance and depth in it. That is why, people of all nations understand what art is but take it differently.

To conclude, I would like to say that to my mind, people are united by art and in this aspect become the same nation.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Art does not have a nationality.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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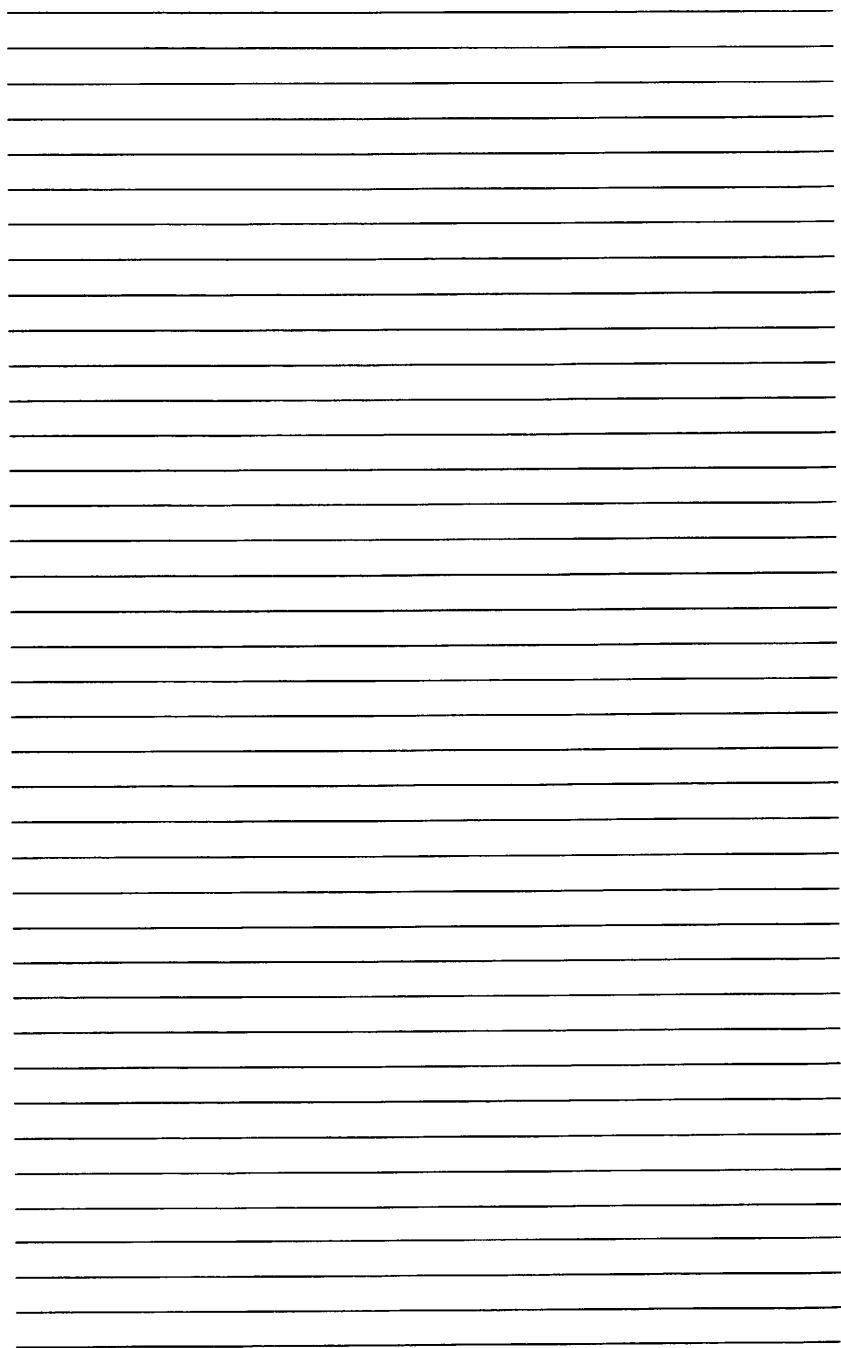
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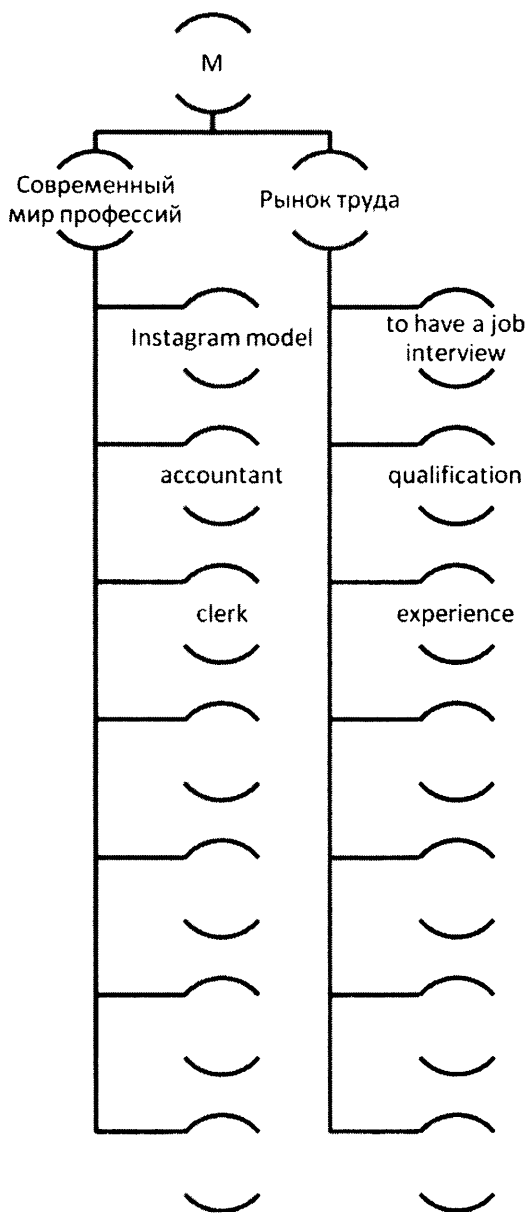




**М. СОВРЕМЕННЫЙ МИР ПРОФЕССИЙ,  
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# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*In any occupation discipline is more important than talent.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

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There is no doubt that the issue of discipline is an arguable one and people differ greatly in their attitude towards it. Some of them believe that to build a successful career a worker should have discipline in the first place whereas others hold the view that there are more important characteristics.

As far as I am concerned, self-discipline stands above all other qualities of an employee and there are some reasons to support my point of view. Firstly, a disciplined person knows how to keep a schedule and observe working hours. This is significant for any occupation because it helps to work efficiently. Secondly, disciplined people are focused on self-development as they understand that success comes gradually. That is why, discipline gives people better perspectives in their career.

However, some people disagree with me. They claim that talent is more important than discipline in some occupations. Talent makes people outstanding. For example, many artists and musicians were greatly talented but lacked discipline. Still, we remember them by their work.

I cannot agree with my opponents. We should not forget that the majority of undisciplined creators were unsuccessful in their career and lived in poverty. Moreover, many talented people work hard understanding that a talent can survive only being nourished.

To sum up, I would like to say that discipline is more significant than any other quality for a working person.





## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*In any occupation discipline is more important than talent.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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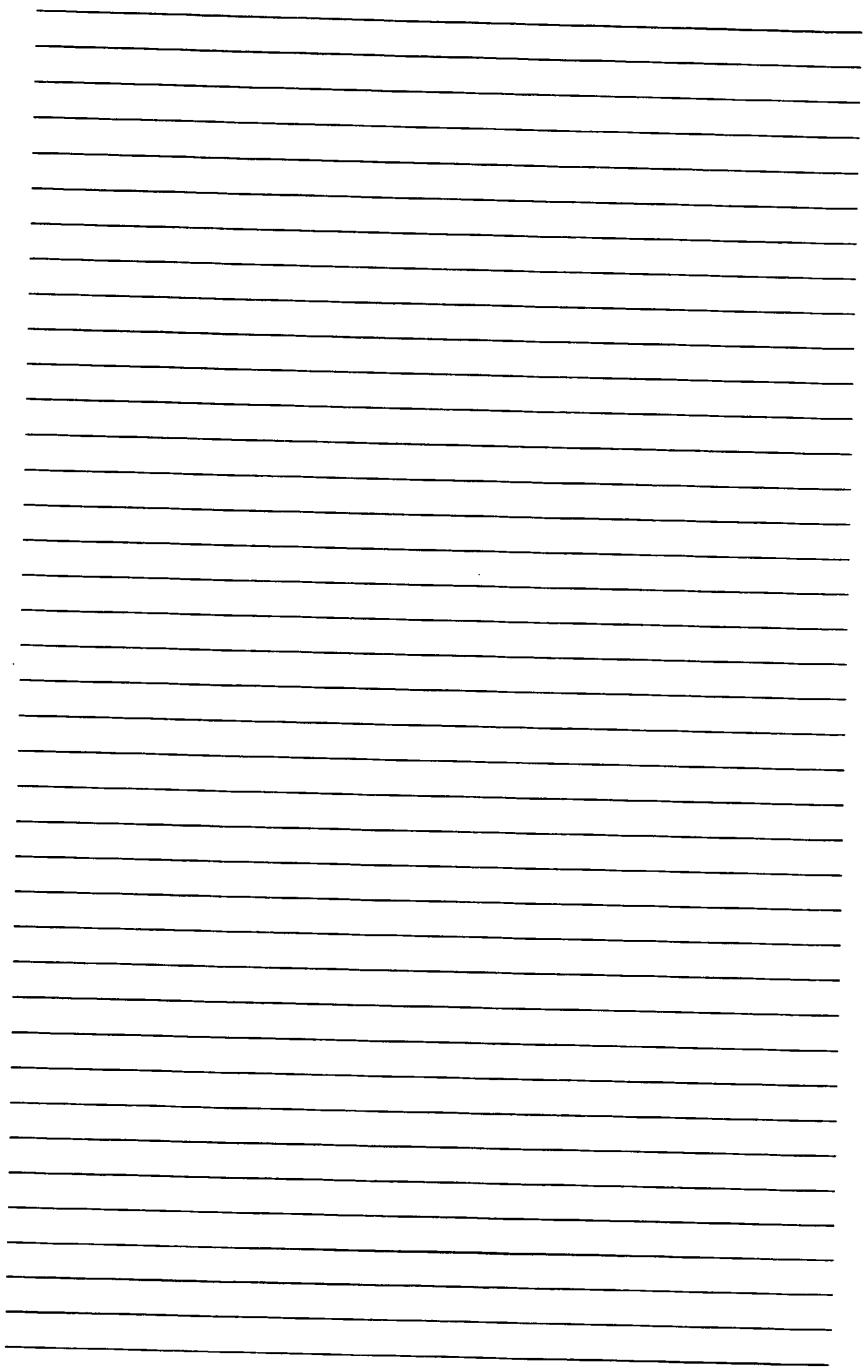
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*There are no men's or women's professions.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

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Women are struggling against the discrimination of their rights nowadays. Many people are in favour of the idea that women are able to carry out any work as well as men. Others claim there is a number of occupations that are suitable only for men. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, women have been underestimated for years and are capable of any work. Firstly, modern technologies provide an opportunity for both men and women to manage various tasks. There is equipment which allows people of both genders perform effectively. For example, even on construction sites women operate heavy machines. Secondly, in the mental aspect, women have proved that they have equal capacity as men. Men and women, under the right circumstances and in the correct environment should be expected to do the same work because they have the ability to develop the same skills.

However, some people argue that women are incapable of doing some types of work. According to them, male jobs require more physical strength than female jobs so women will never have an opportunity to do them.

I cannot agree with the opposing opinion. Nowadays women have the right to make their choice. If they have decided to take up a job that involves physical exercise, they will train and get additional skills. There are numerous examples of women working as boxers, pilots and officers. They all set their goals and reached them.

To sum up, I feel that women should choose a career to their taste as there is no actual division between male and female professions.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*There are no men's or women's professions.*

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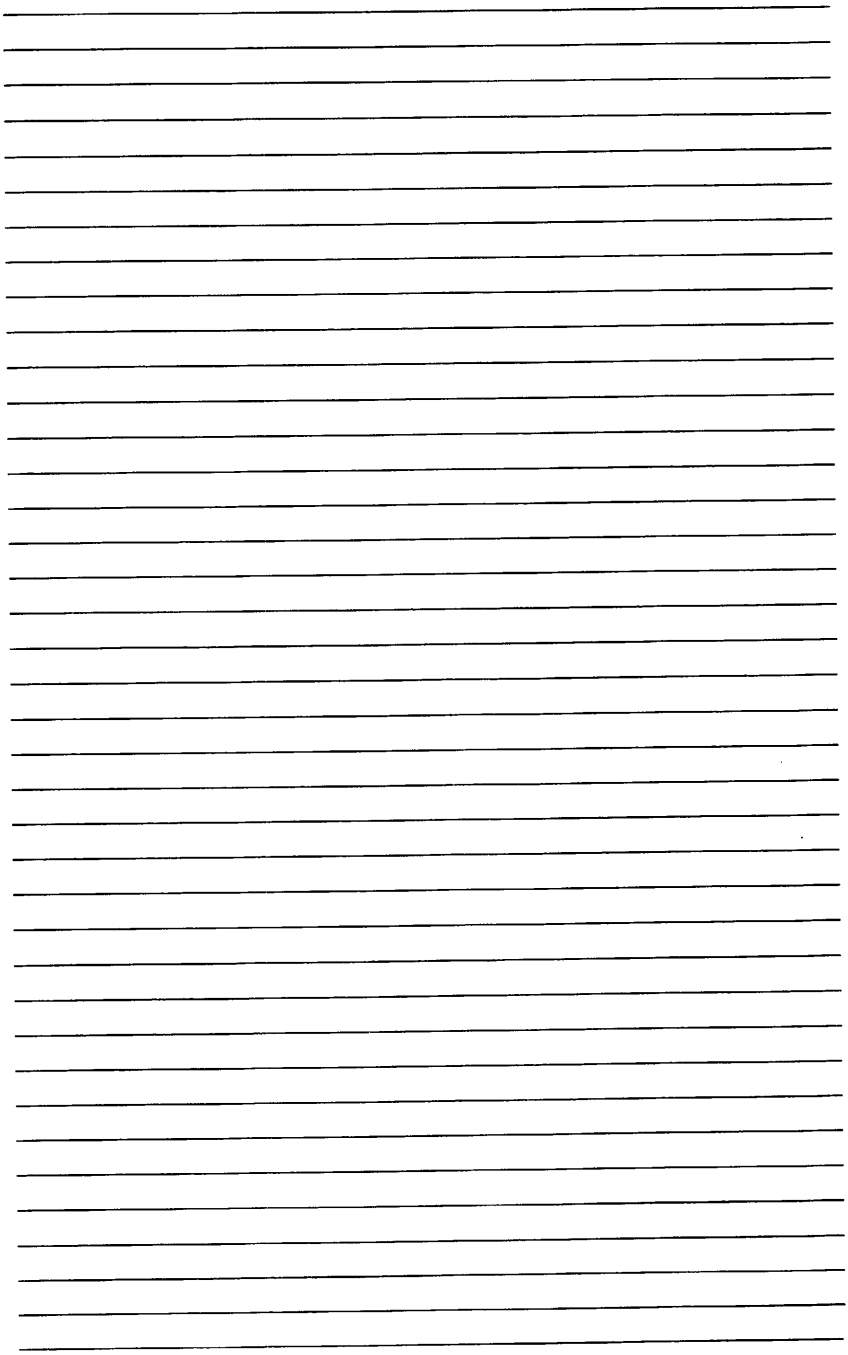
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### 3.1

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*Everybody wants to work from home.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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Some people say that the preferable working option for everybody is to work from home, while others believe that there are people who choose to work in the office. I would like to express my opinion on the problem.

As far as I am concerned, working from home is a better option than office work. First of all, it provides a lot of flexibility. People working from home can organize and schedule their activities in the most appropriate way. For example, people can dedicate time to their hobbies and families during breaks in their working activities. In addition, working from home saves money on transport and lunches. Eating home is always cheaper and usually healthier. Time and money saved on commuting can be spent on other purposes

However, some people prefer to work in the office. They say it is easy to get distracted from work at home. Family members and neighbours make a lot of noise whereas the working atmosphere in the office helps to work effectively.

I cannot totally agree with this opinion because a person who is easily distracted from work at home is as easily distracted in the office. Colleagues can be talkative and eager to make breaks so there is no guarantee of good working conditions in an office. One should train to be self-disciplined and work from any place.

To sum up, I am sure that most people prefer to work from home as it is less time-consuming and more productive than working in the office.





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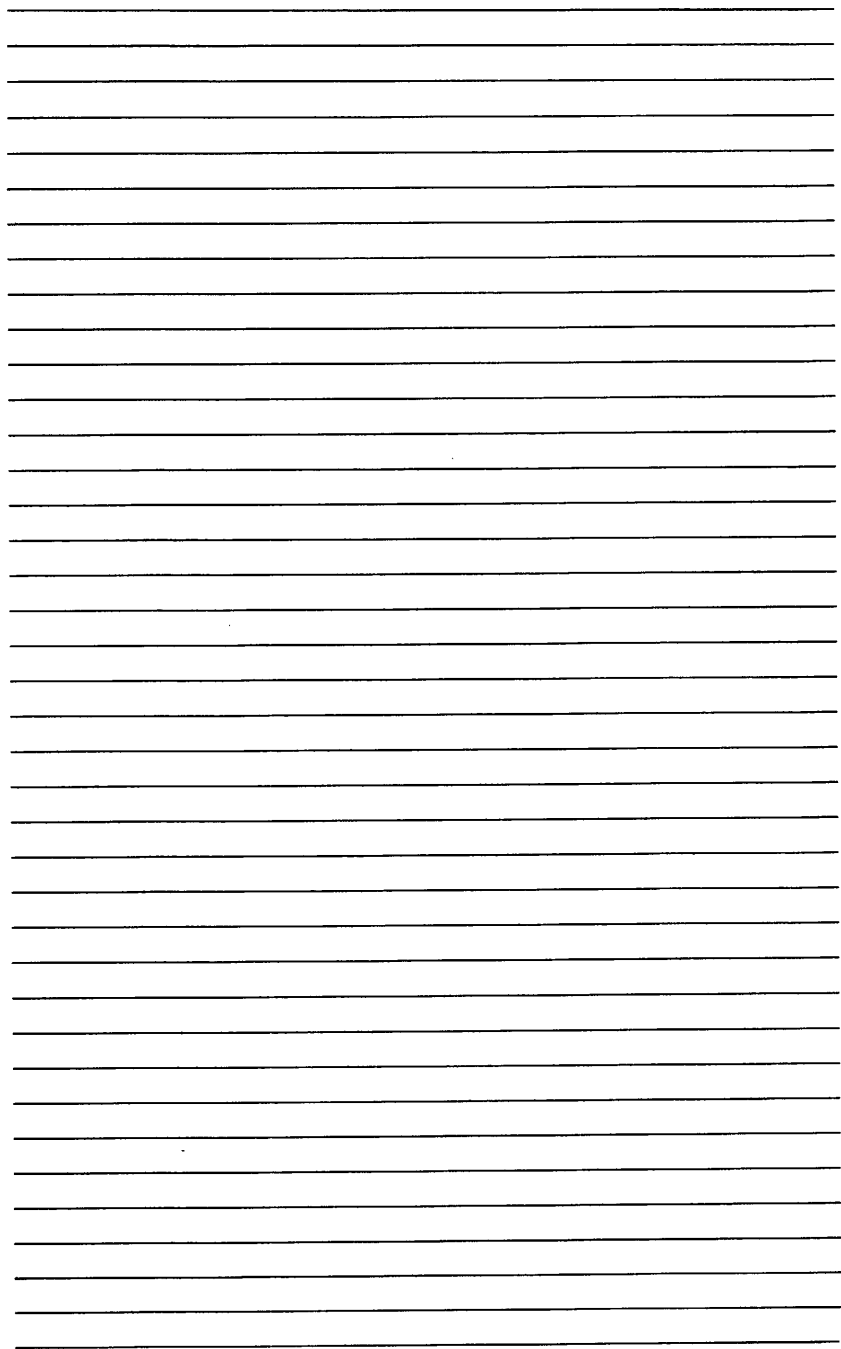
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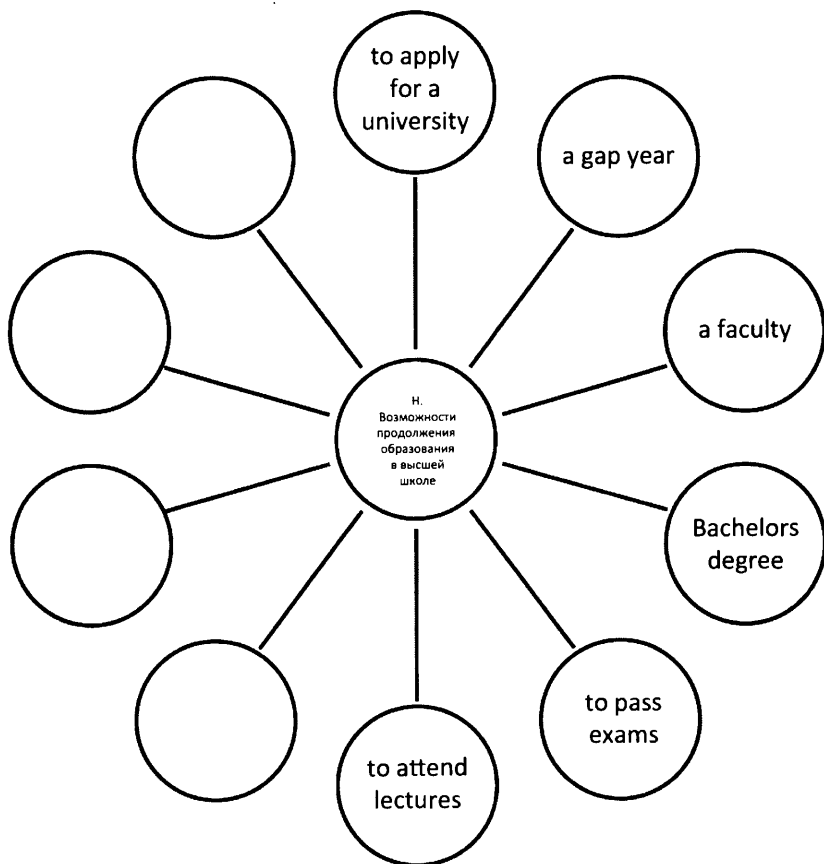
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**Н. ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ  
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В ВЫСШЕЙ ШКОЛЕ**

## ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Only abroad a person can get a good higher education.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Nowadays there is a great number of people who believe that university education in foreign countries is better than education in their motherland while others think that education in one's native country is superior. In this essay I will try to express my opinion on this issue.

To my mind, getting higher education abroad is the best choice a student can make. Foreign education has a lot of advantages. Firstly, foreign universities are ranked higher than universities in Russia. Therefore, their diplomas have a better account with one's potential employers. Secondly, higher education abroad gives an exclusive chance to improve one's foreign language skills, while gaining useful experience.

However, some people believe that, it is possible to get a good education in the native country. They say that life abroad is difficult for students because they are away from home and family, so it can be hard for them to concentrate on their studies properly.

Personally, I do not agree with my opponents because difficulties make people grow and develop so for students they are a key to their future success.

To sum it up, going abroad is the best way to get a good higher education, which will provide students with necessary skills and experience.

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*Everybody should have a chance to take a gap year.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Nowadays some young people do not enter a university after leaving school to spend one year travelling, working or relaxing. Some people say that it is a completely good and rational idea while others consider that young people should not waste time in this way. I would like to express my opinion on the problem.

To my mind, it is necessary for all young people to have a year off after finishing school. Firstly, during a gap year students can practice in the field they have chosen for their future career. Each student is able to shape their gap year independently through work, internships, and apprenticeships. Secondly, another gap year benefit is that it allows students to discover the world. This is important since entering the workforce often means saying goodbye to extended vacations.

However, there are many opponents of my ideas. They are sure a gap year is a waste of time because during this year a student loses motivation and does not focus on important goals.

I cannot agree with my opponents as people take a gap year to formulate their future goals and then aim at them. Those who take a gap year to have fun usually do not have any purposes either before or after their gap year.

To sum up, I would like to say that it is highly recommended to take a gap year for all future university students and I would like to do it if I have an opportunity.



## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Everybody should have a chance to take a gap year.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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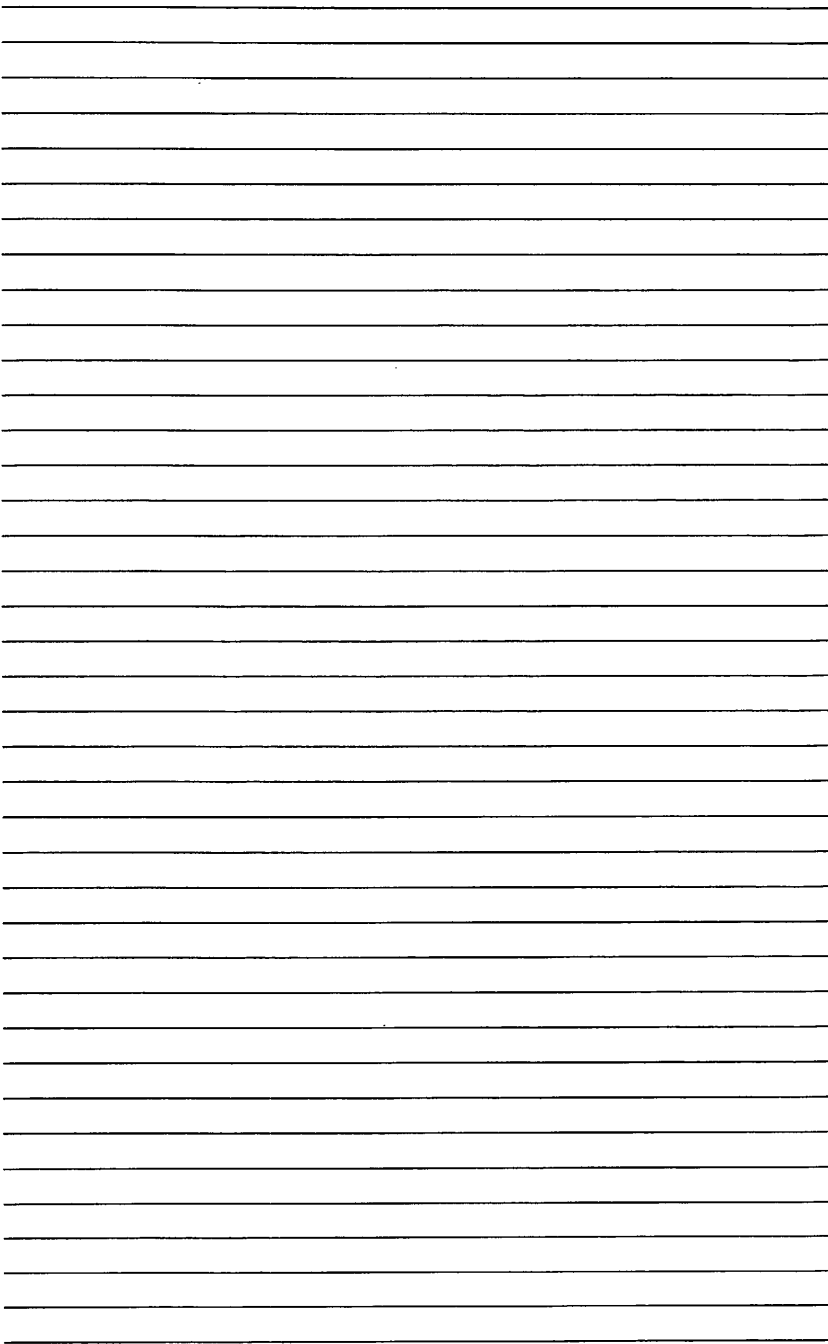
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*University students should study only the subjects they choose.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Nowadays, university students have a lot of different subjects. Some people claim that students should be taught only the subjects they want, while others think that students should learn all the subjects.

I am utterly convinced that high school students should study only the fields of science they are interested in. Firstly, learners choose subjects that will be useful for them in their future work, so certain sciences will help to get deep knowledge in their occupation and there will be no necessity in being distracted by useless ones. Secondly, students are able to choose subjects according to their interests so they will be motivated to study hard. Consequently, the level of education will rise. However, some people think that students should learn subjects from different areas, because many of them provide basic knowledge of the world which is useful in any sphere of life.

I cannot agree with my opponents. I think that learning subjects for basic knowledge means wasting time. A person learning many subjects at a basic level will not master any of them so his/her knowledge is not applicable to any sphere.

To sum it up, I am strongly convinced that universities should teach their students only the subjects they choose.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

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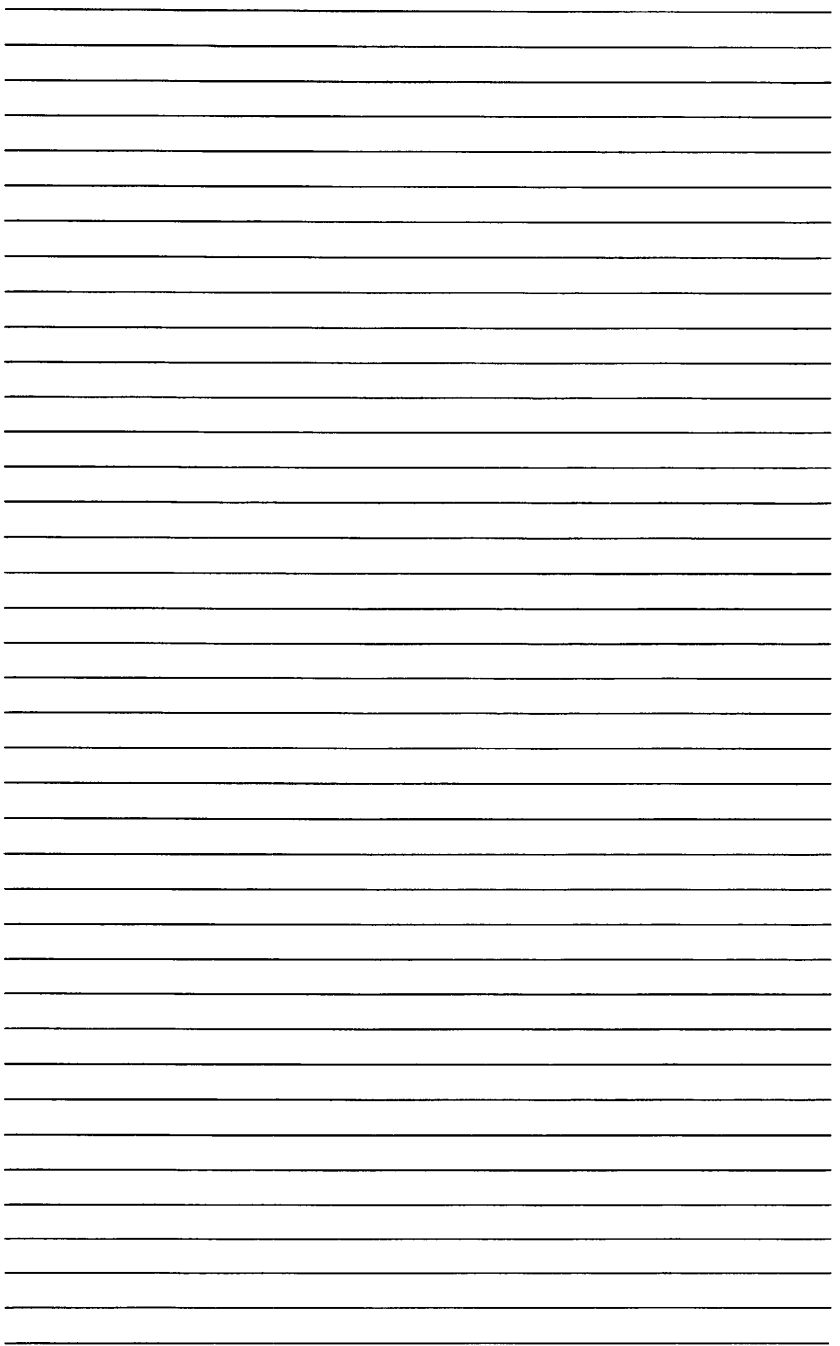
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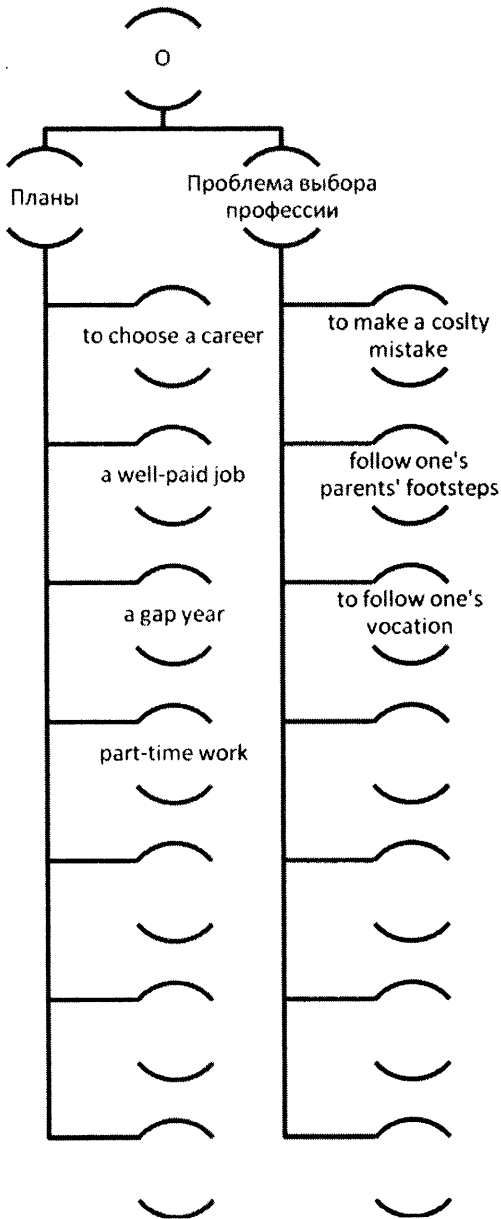




О. ПЛАНЫ НА БУДУЩЕЕ,  
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# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

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*Young people should follow career paths of their parents.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Some people are sure that children should be guided by their parents experience in their career choice. Others consider that children are supposed to choose their career independently paying attention to their personal qualities. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

As for me, the best career choice can be made only by children themselves. Firstly, children and their parents are different individuals so blindly following in their parent's footsteps children may face frustration. Secondly, a person engaged in any business must be truly enthusiastic and motivated about it. Otherwise a passive choice of a career path may lead to lack of skills and poor performance.

However, there are people who are sure that parents should be the main factor in the choice of a career. This is true due to the fact that parents can assist in having a good start. Nowadays it is hard to get a good working place so parents may be of good help.

I do not agree with my opponents as after a start there is a continuation. Those people who did not choose their career themselves will not be able to work successfully and reach their goals.

To sum up, I would like to say that the choice of a career path lies on the shoulders of young people and there is no need in following one's parent's example without careful thinking.



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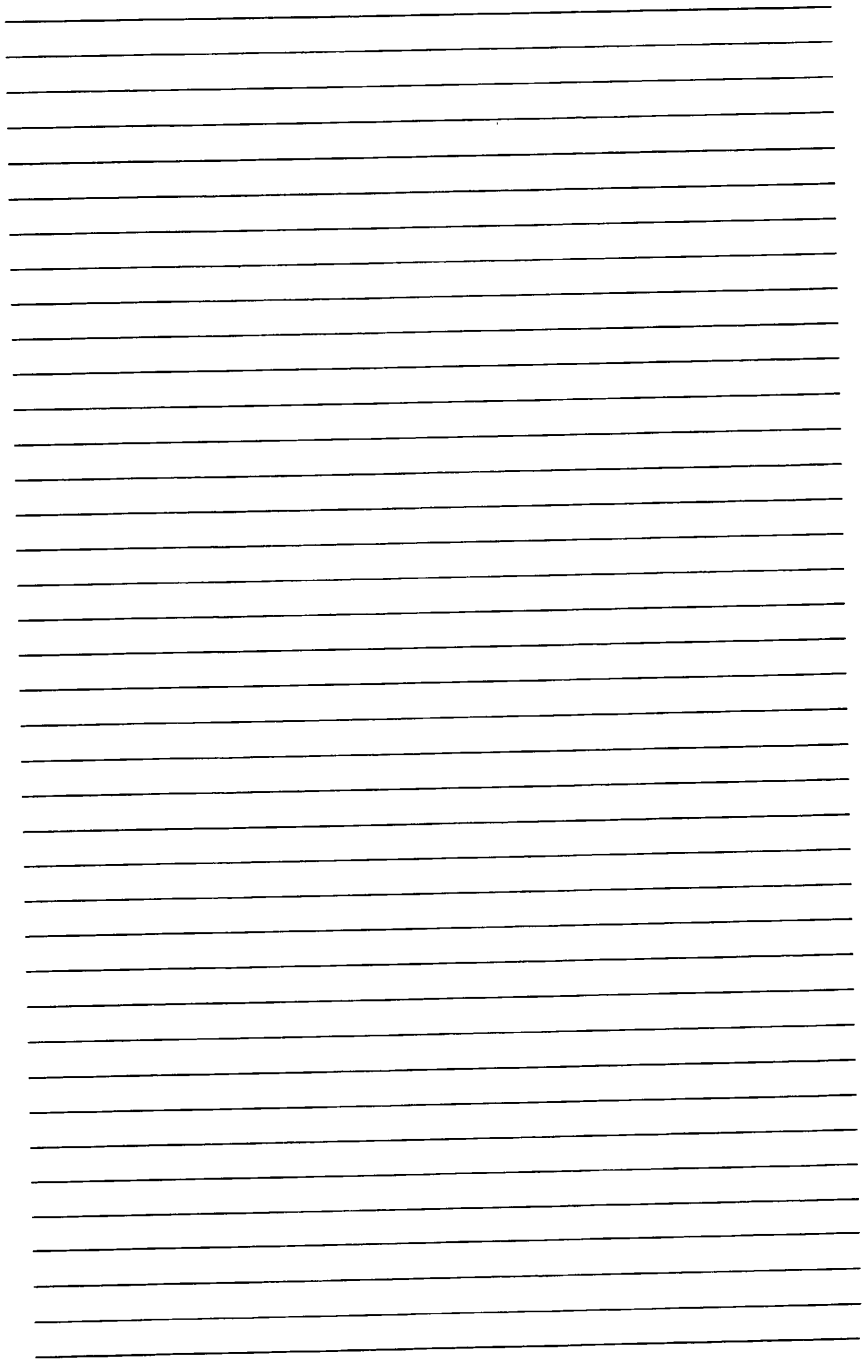
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Comment on the following statement.

*Digital literacy can make you a successful employee in any area.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write **200–250 words**.

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In our world of technological breakthroughs any person is supposed to have basic digital skills. Some people think that knowledge of technologies is useful for any career whereas others are sure that only some spheres require digital literacy and many working people can simply do without it. I would like to express my opinion on the matter.

As for me, digital literacy is an important component of working skills that can bring you success. Firstly, gadgets facilitate our life greatly if a person knows how to use different types of them. Such devices as printers, scanners, PCs and smartphones save time allowing people to avoid unnecessary steps in their activities. So a person who knows how to use them is able to work efficiently. Secondly, digital literacy helps workers to be multifunctional. They can combine elements of several jobs. For example, a shop assistant who is digitally literate can work as a cashier. Consequently, employees who are digitally literate earn more money and become valued at work.

However, there are people who say that many spheres of life do not include any digital elements so there is no need to strive for digital literacy.

I do not agree with this point of view because our life is changeable so there is no guarantee that a person will never need digital skills in his/her practice. Computer technologies are used in all spheres so those who are able to operate with them triumph.

To sum up, I would like to say that nowadays digital literacy is one of the key factors that will help to succeed in any career.



## 2.2

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*It is important to choose a career early.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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A career is supposed to be an important element of everyone's life. Some people say that the choice of one's future career should be made as early as possible whereas others consider that in this delicate matter there is no need to hurry.

In my opinion, those who decide what career path to follow early become more successful in life than careful thinkers. First of all, the earlier one chooses a career, the more theoretical knowledge and practical skills he/she acquires. Consequently, it is possible to become a good professional at a relatively early age. Good professionals are always in great demand in every sphere and they are highly rated and well-paid. Secondly, to build a career one needs energy and if the career choice is made early, there are many opportunities to apply the energy of youth in the chosen sphere. As a result, energetic approach can be an advantage over more knowledgeable but slower colleagues.

But there are people who consider that career choices should be carefully thought over so it is wrong to make them early. Those who take time to ponder choose the way which is well-suited for them no matter how long the process may take.

Nevertheless I do not agree my opponents. Time has the greatest value in the world. Nowadays almost every company expects their employees to be not older than a certain age. So the later one starts, the harder it will be to find a job.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that the earlier people take the first step towards their professional future, the more prospects of success they gain.

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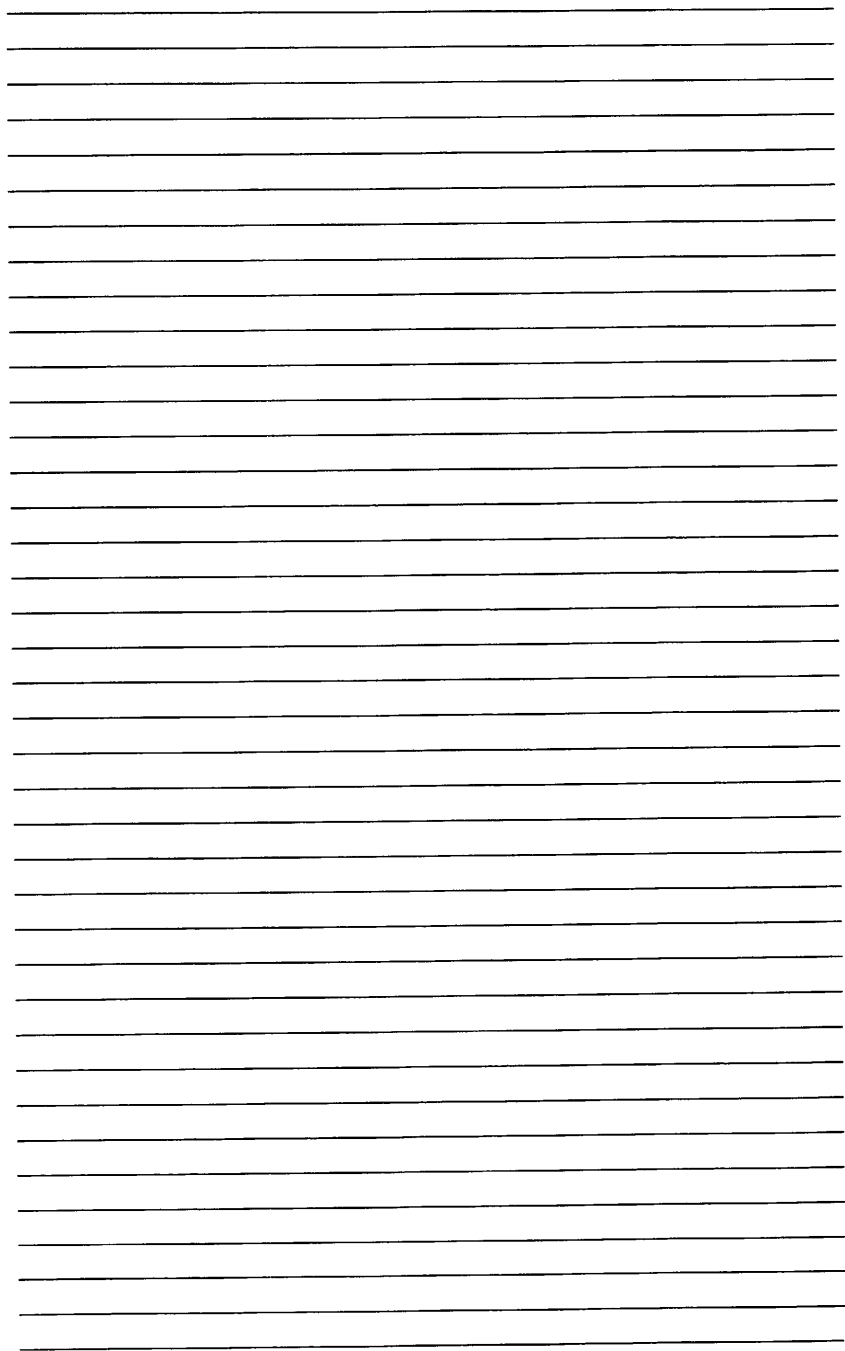
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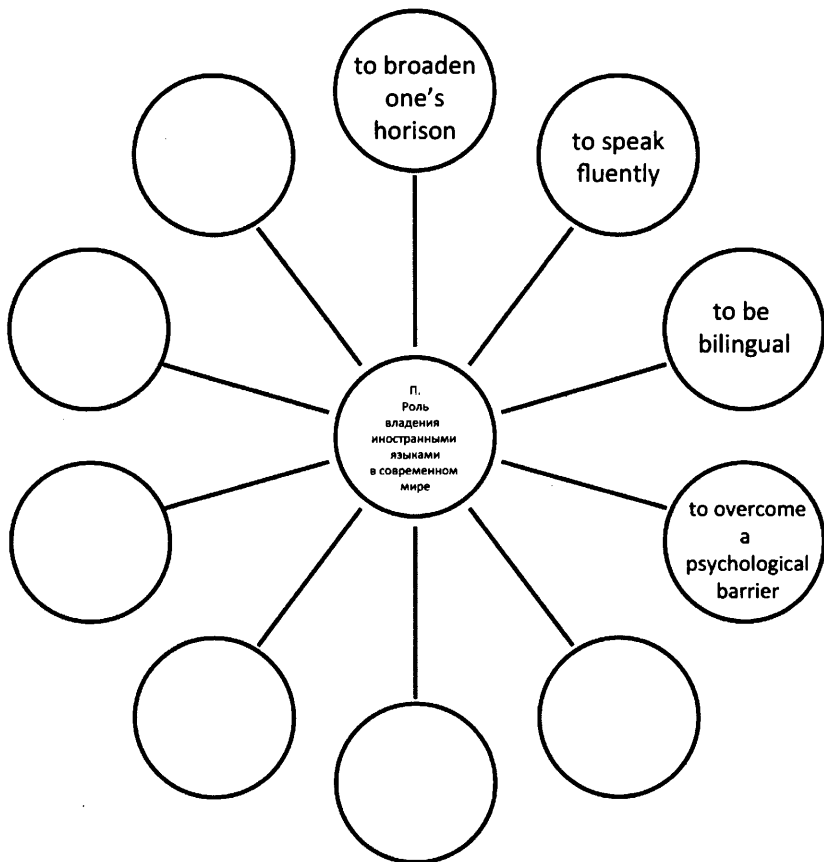


**П. РОЛЬ ВЛАДЕНИЯ  
ИНОСТРАННЫМИ ЯЗЫКАМИ  
В СОВРЕМЕННОМ МИРЕ**



## ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

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## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Nowadays learning foreign languages is useless.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Nowadays people learn foreign languages at all ages and stages of life. Some people think that people should not waste time on language learning as it is senseless. However, others claim that it is worth educating oneself in this way. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

As for me, I think learning languages is a must. To begin with, it helps to communicate with people of different nations. Furthermore, the people who speak more than one language are likely to get a higher-paid job than those who do not have foreign language skills. Finally, learning languages improves one's memory and broadens one's scope.

On the other hand, some people think that learning foreign languages is a waste of time and money. They say that modern online translators are so good that no one needs to know languages at all.

I cannot agree with these people. No matter how good a translator is, it is likely to make mistakes. Moreover, no translator will be able to provide the right intonation, body language and many other elements that lead to successful interaction between people.

To sum up, I would like to say that learning foreign languages is very important. both a great hobby and a way to progress in life.

## 1.2

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

There is no doubt that \_\_\_\_\_  
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However, there are people who oppose \_\_\_\_\_  
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To put it in a nutshell, I think that \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Any speaker of a foreign language can teach it.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

In our world of international communication many people tend to take lessons of foreign languages. There are people who consider that knowing a language well any person can become a teacher of it. Others disagree and claim that a teacher of a language requires more than simple knowledge of a language.

As for me, I strongly believe that to teach a language one needs not only to know it. Firstly, teachers should be able to explain things to their students. Consequently, a teacher has to operate a big number of notions and have wide theoretical knowledge. Secondly, to tutor people it is necessary to understand the rules of constructing lessons, know psychology and be able to interact with people no matter how old and willing to study they are.

Nevertheless, there are people who believe that general knowledge of a language is enough to teach it as people need basic language skills and the theory is not necessary.

I disagree with this opinion because teaching basic skills is the most difficult part of the whole process because they lay the foundations for the future development. Therefore, a teacher must be a real expert in a language and teaching methods to cope with this task.

To sum it up, I believe that knowing a language is not enough for a career in teaching. It is necessary to learn how to teach first and then start a career.

## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Any speaker of a foreign language can teach it.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

make an introduction (state the problem)

- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

The problem of \_\_\_\_\_ has been acute for a long time. Some people think that \_\_\_\_\_. Others consider that \_\_\_\_\_.

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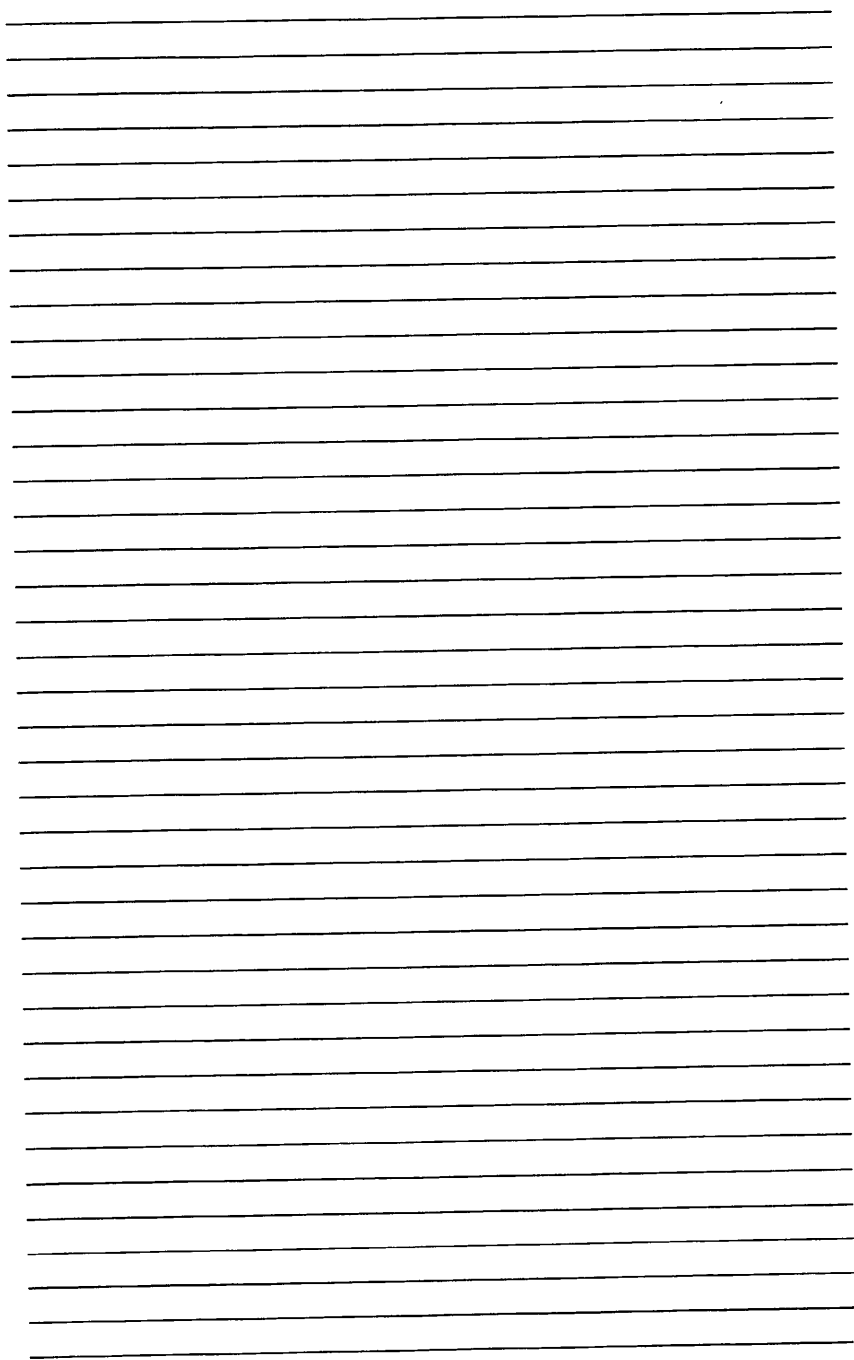
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To sum it up, I would like to say that I still think \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*It should be compulsory to learn a foreign language.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays many people know foreign languages though their levels of knowledge differ greatly. Some people think that obligatory language learning should be introduced everywhere. However, others claim that it is a matter of choice whether to know a foreign language or not.

In my opinion, it is mandatory to learn a foreign language. Firstly, the modern world has no borders so it is necessary to be able to communicate with people around the world. So there should be at least one foreign language which one will use. Secondly, people who learn languages also develop critical thinking. Consequently, they will solve problems in any area quickly and successfully.

However, there are people who say that it is useless to make a person learn languages as they will not be able to succeed in anything that is not voluntary.

I do not agree with my opponents as learning languages brings pleasure in any case and people will be eager to do it. When it is compulsory, people will be given additional motivation not to stop the educational process. Moreover, compulsory learning usually starts rather early and children find it easier to study languages than adults do.

To sum up, I would like to say that it is a duty of people to know foreign languages and it should be compulsory to learn them.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*It should be compulsory to learn a foreign language.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
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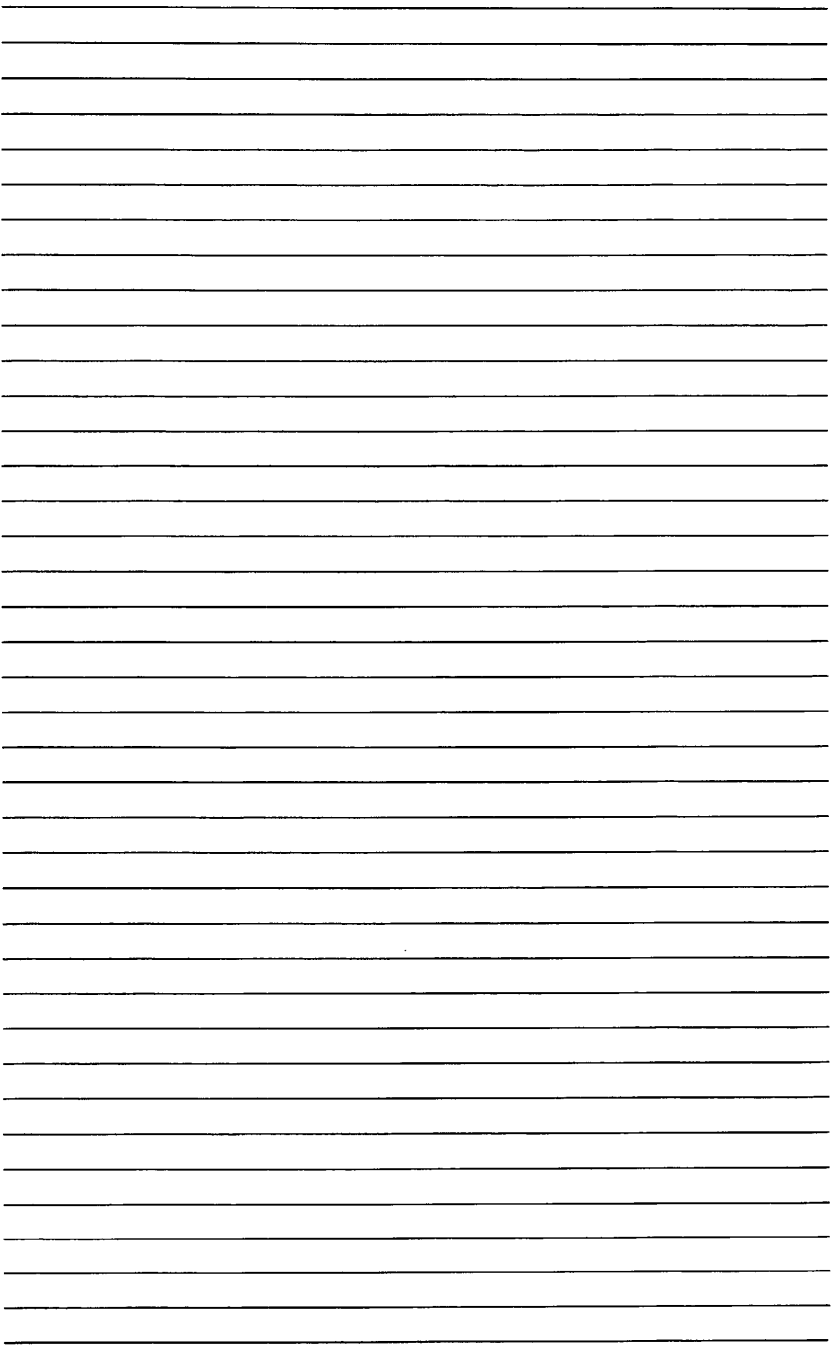
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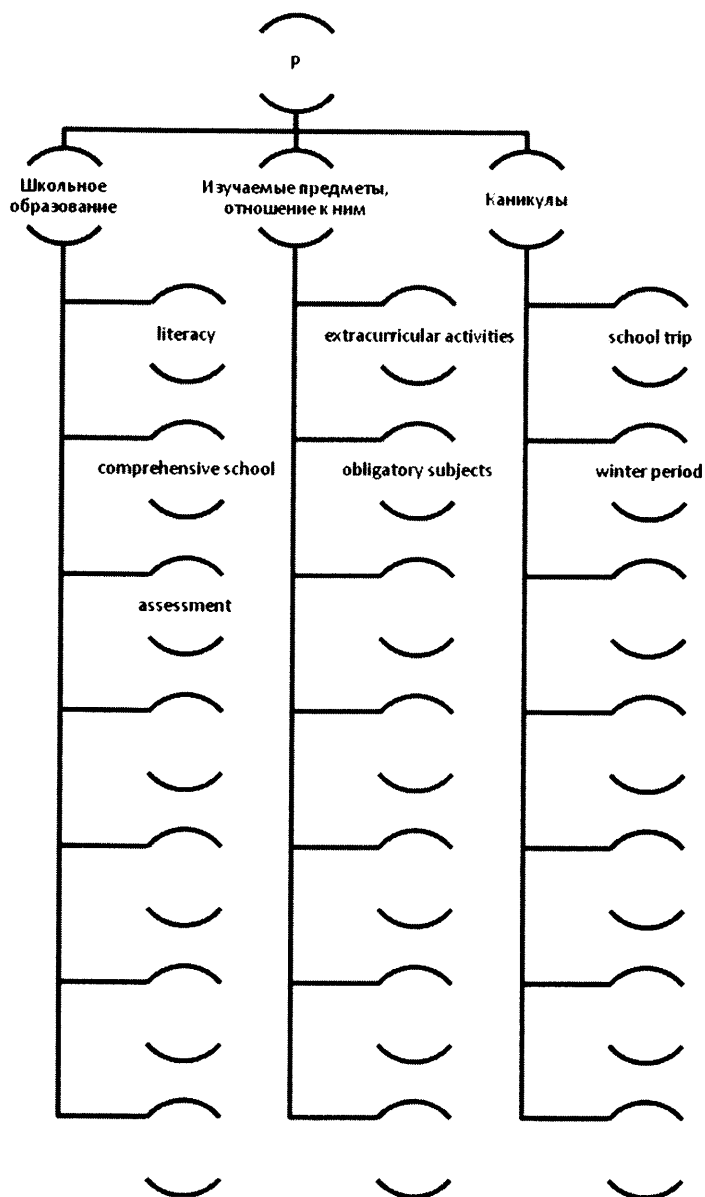




**Р. ШКОЛЬНОЕ ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ.  
ИЗУЧАЕМЫЕ ПРЕДМЕТЫ,  
ОТНОШЕНИЕ К НИМ. КАНИКУЛЫ**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по тем



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Exams are a type of motivation.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays every country has a system of exams on various levels of education. Some people say that for students exams are a trigger that helps them to move on whereas others claim that exams discourage students and they do not want to continue learning.

In my opinion, exams provide students with the necessary motivation for their studies. Firstly, students understand that they are supposed to reach a set goal in the end. That makes them study in order to give a good display of their knowledge. Secondly, exams are a way to see gaps in people's understanding. So there is always a possibility for students to see their gaps and then bridge them before another exam.

However, there is an opposing opinion. Many people think that exams depress students and they feel a lot of pressure because of them. As a result, students lack motivation in their studies because they are afraid of the upcoming unpleasant procedure.

I cannot agree with the opposing opinion because exams teach people how to face difficulties. Life is full of unpleasant moments so exams are a relatively safe way to learn to withstand them.

To sum up, I would like to say that I strongly support the idea of exams as they motivate students to learn more.





## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Exams are a type of motivation.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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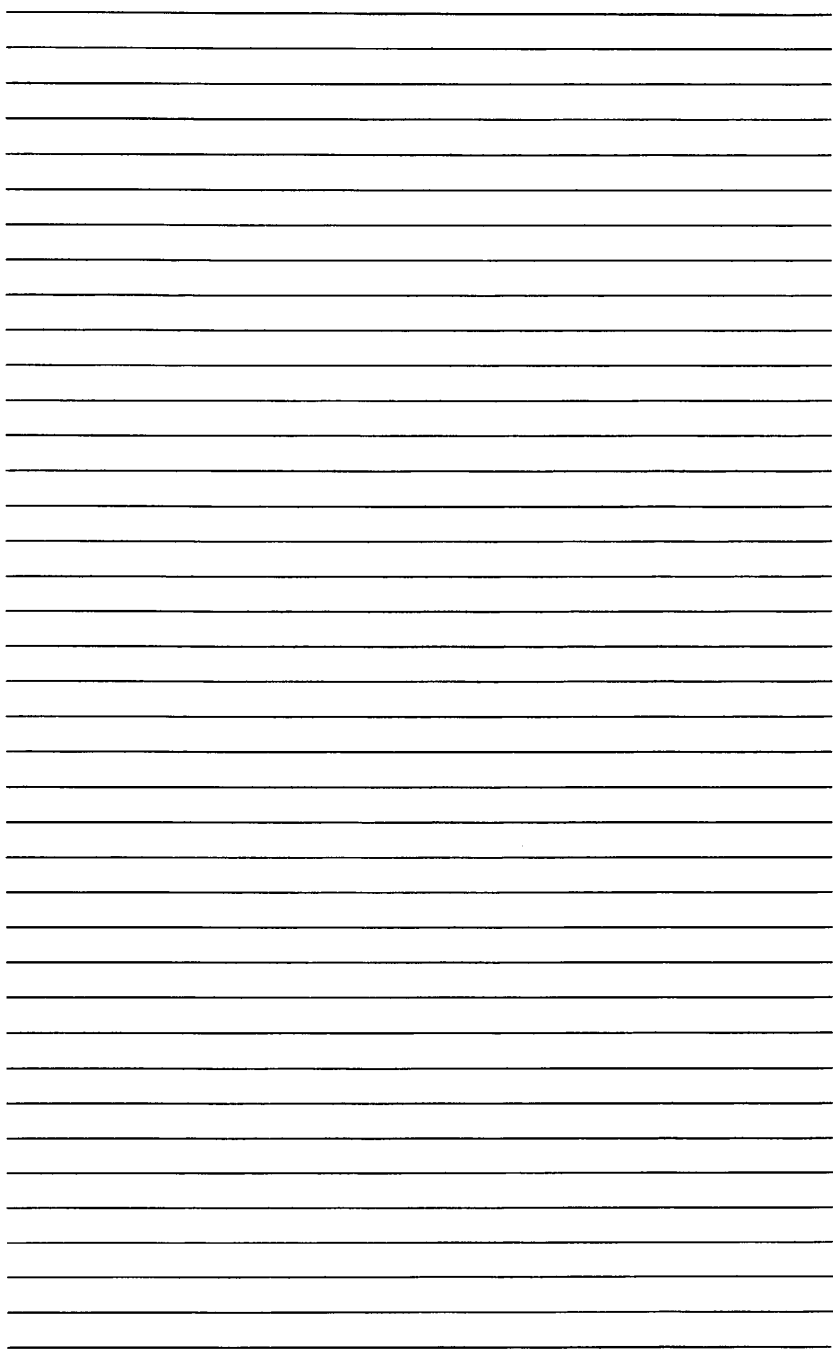
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*For modern students distance learning is preferable.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays many people are in favour of the idea that students should practice distance learning. However, others say that students should continue attending classes. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, distance education can be a really good idea. Firstly, online learning education is a great help to those people who have a full-time job because it is impossible for a full-time worker to have schooling during their working time. With distance learning a person gets flexible hours of studies. Secondly, distance learning is less expensive because it allows to cut down some expenses (transportation costs, daily allowance, food allowance and other basic expenses).

However, there is an opposing opinion. Some people say that through distance learning, there is no direct contact with the instructor and there is a lack of personal interaction or discussions with the teachers.

I do not agree with my opponents. I am sure that one should not mix education and communication. Distance learning programs provide all necessary contacts with teachers. Moreover, a person who studies from the distance does not often have time to chat with fellow students but he/she will be able to relax with friends at the weekend.

To sum up, I would like to say that distance learning is the choice of future students who will be able to study flexibly.

## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*For modern students distance learning is preferable.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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To conclude, I think that \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2.3

Comment on the following statement.

*For modern students distance learning is preferable.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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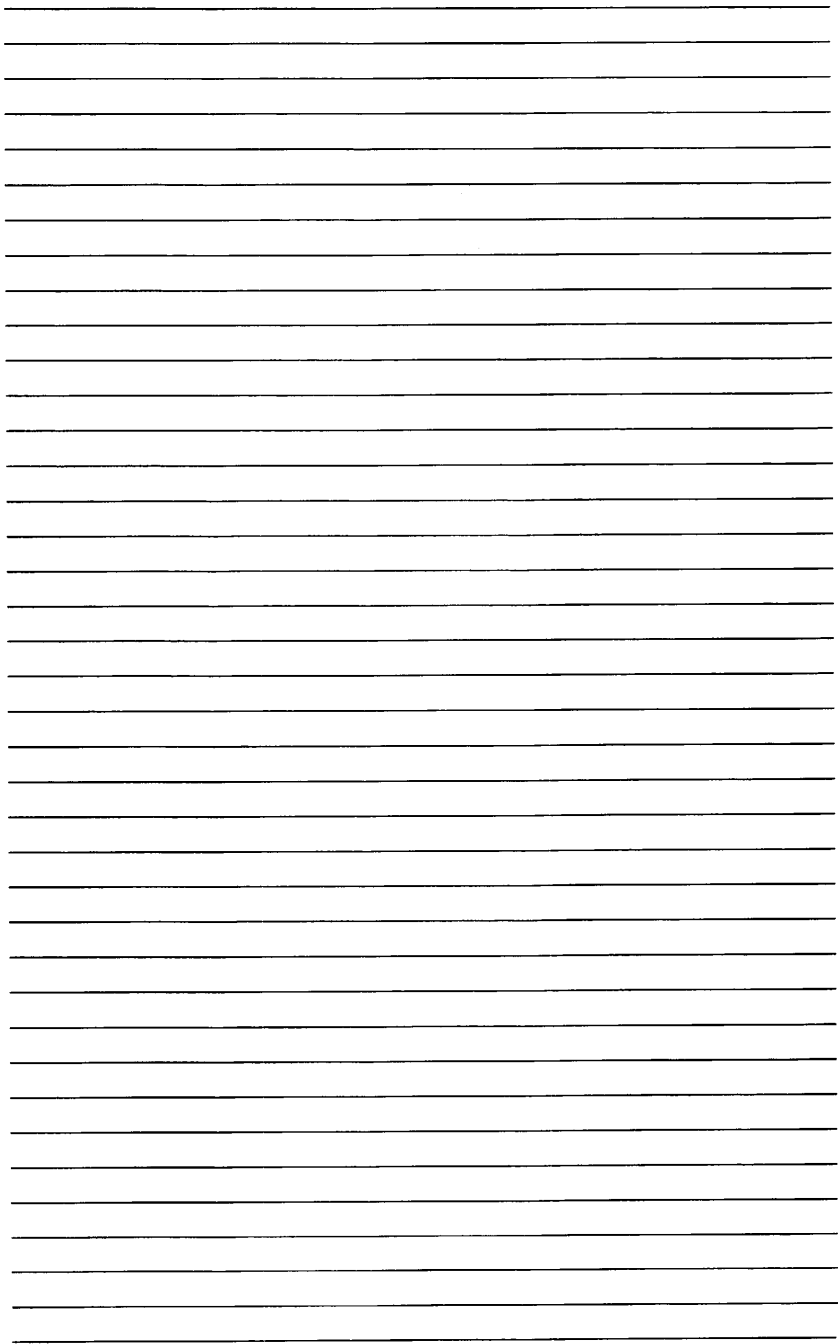
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Children should spend holidays in summer camps.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

In summer there are different options for children to have a rest. Some people say that the best way for children to have a vacation is to go to a summer camp, whereas others state that children should spend holidays differently.

In my opinion, summer camps provide good rest for children. Firstly, there are a lot of organized activities in camps. Children do not get distracted by TV and Internet and spend much time in the open air enjoying the sun and sports, performing arts and various games. Secondly, in summer camps children form a society. They learn how to establish relationships with other people and meet peers with the same interests which is not always easy at school.

However, some people do not agree with my point of view. They are sure that in summer children should have as much freedom as they can get. Otherwise, summer camps have too many regulations and limitations to let children spend their summer as they want.

I do not agree with my opponents. I think that freedom can be dangerous for children as they may try to get inappropriate experience such as smoking. Summer camps have a schedule which is useful and healthy for children. Moreover, all the limitations are aimed at protecting children from possible dangers. So they will have enough independence.

To sum up, I would like to say that summer camps are definitely good as a variant of spending time during school summer holidays.



### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Children should spend holidays in summer camps.*

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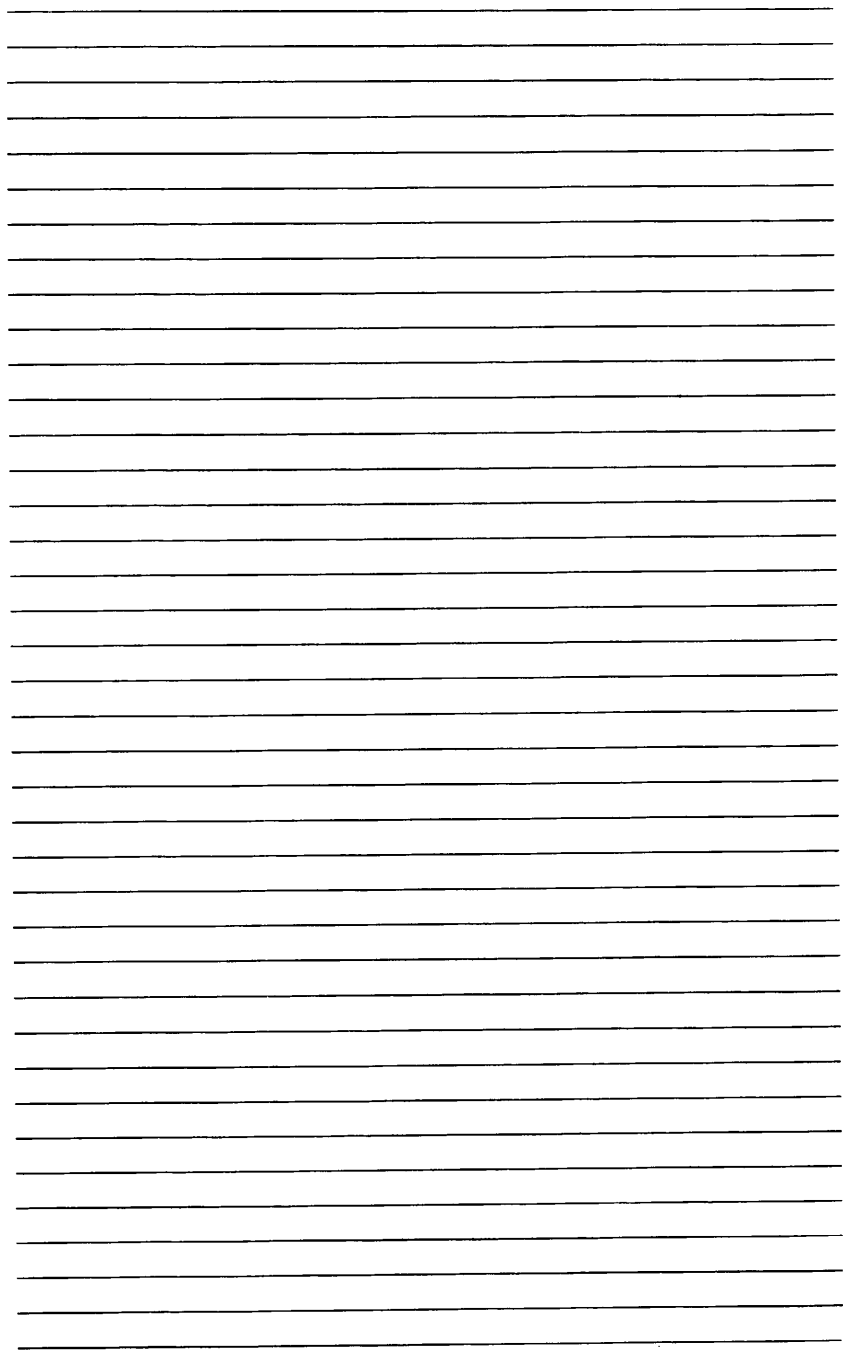
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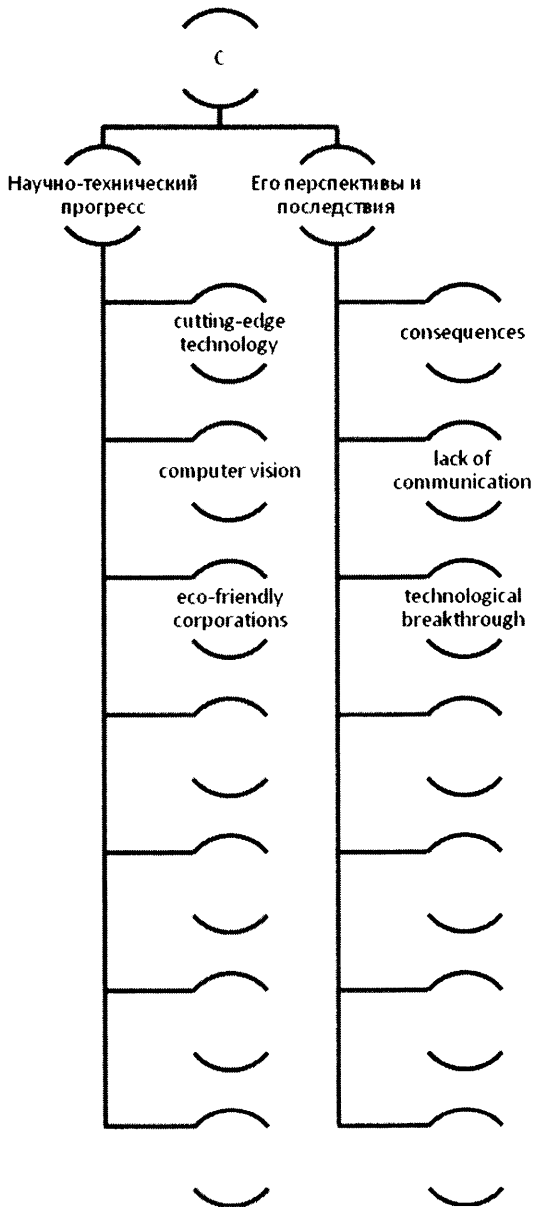




**С. НАУЧНО-ТЕХНИЧЕСКИЙ  
ПРОГРЕСС, ЕГО ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ  
И ПОСЛЕДСТВИЯ**

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

Посмотрите на схему и дополните ее лексикой по теме.



## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Real-life communication will be replaced by virtual communication.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
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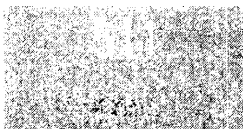
In our world communication exists in different dimensions. Many people interact with each other online. Some people consider that soon internet communication will substitute casual talks with friends. However, others state that socializing in real life is irreplaceable. I would like to express my opinion on the matter.

In my opinion, people will never give up communicating in reality. Firstly, talking via devices people do not see real emotions of each other. This means that they have to use emojis which do not convey actual feelings. Real smiles and tears, laughter and winks are those things that people will always want to see live. Secondly, real life communication is more secure than virtual communication because people are often very inventive in their Internet accounts and you can never be sure what kind of person you have got acquainted to before you see him/her in person.

However, there are people who believe that chatting on the Internet is the future of communication. People do not have to leave their homes and can talk to people all around the world.

I disagree with this opinion because a person on the Internet differs from a person in the real world. Consequently, all participants of Internet talks will be eager to meet in real life and see one another face to face.

To sum up, I still believe that reality will always be stronger than virtual reality in the aspect of human communication.



## 1.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Real-life communication will be replaced by virtual communication.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Computers are a necessary part of school education*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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There are people who believe that school students should have personal computers because they are helpful for their studies. Others are convinced that the process of education can do without a computer.

In my opinion, computers are essential for modern schooling. First of all, modern schoolchildren use their personal electronic registers where they can look up their home assignments, download files, watch presentations and do many other things. Without a computer a child will not be able to work effectively. Secondly, computers save a lot of time for modern pupils. They often have to make reports which are quickly completed with the help of computers. Otherwise a child can spend hours reading books and writing down the information.

However, many people say that there is no need in computers. They consider that most of the children just play computer games all day long and do nothing useful.

I cannot agree with the given opinion as children who only play computer games, obviously, have no control from their parents. It is necessary to explain to children how they can use computers to their advantage in school work and they will be pleased to see how easy some tasks can become.

All in all, I would like to highlight that computers are required for full value education in modern schools.

## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Computers are a necessary part of school education*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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## 2.3

Comment on the following statement.

*Computers are a necessary part of school education*

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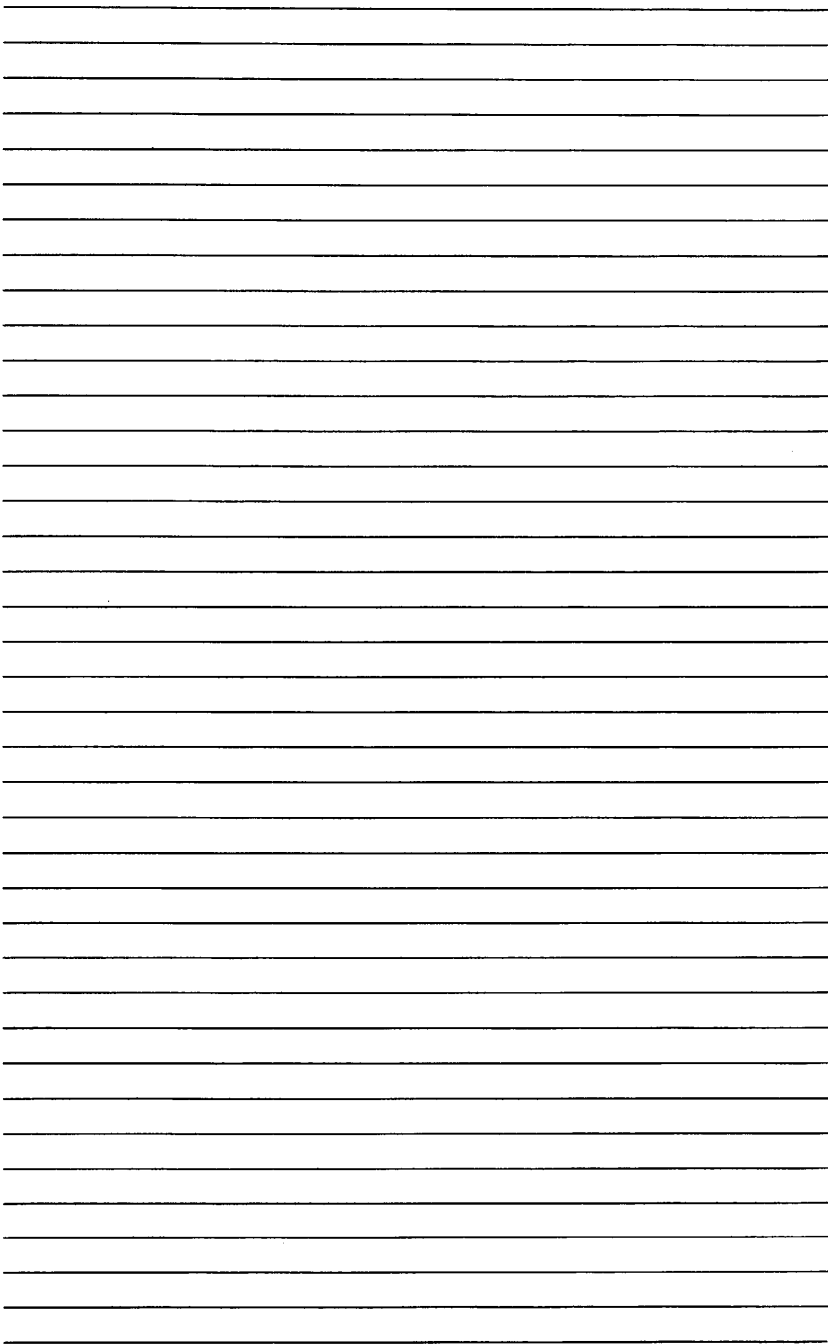
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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Modern world should put science in the first place.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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- explain why you do not agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

There have always been debates on the most important aspect for modern life. Nowadays some people say science is the key factor for our society, while others believe there are many more important areas than science. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

To my mind, people should concentrate on scientific progress most of all. Firstly, scientists are able to solve a lot of environmental problems which people face nowadays, for example, global warming and high level of pollution. Secondly, scientists work out decisions that make our life easier in comparison with our ancestors. Therefore, lives of our descendants will be even more pleasant due to scientific growth.

However, there are people that think science must not be the world's priority. They say that scientific development is costly whereas money is far more necessary in health care, industries and all other areas that take care of the present well-being of our society.

Still, I cannot agree with those people. Science is a way of investing and not wasting. People will see the results of scientific activities sooner than they think because scientists work on the solutions to the most acute problems and do it successfully.

To sum up, I think it is obvious that science is the main priority for our society nowadays.

### 3.2

Comment on the following statement.

*Modern world should put science in the first place.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
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Despite this widespread belief, I adhere to my own standpoint  
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To put it in a nutshell, I think that \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 3.3

Comment on the following statement.

*Modern world should put science in the first place.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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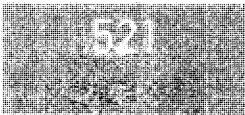
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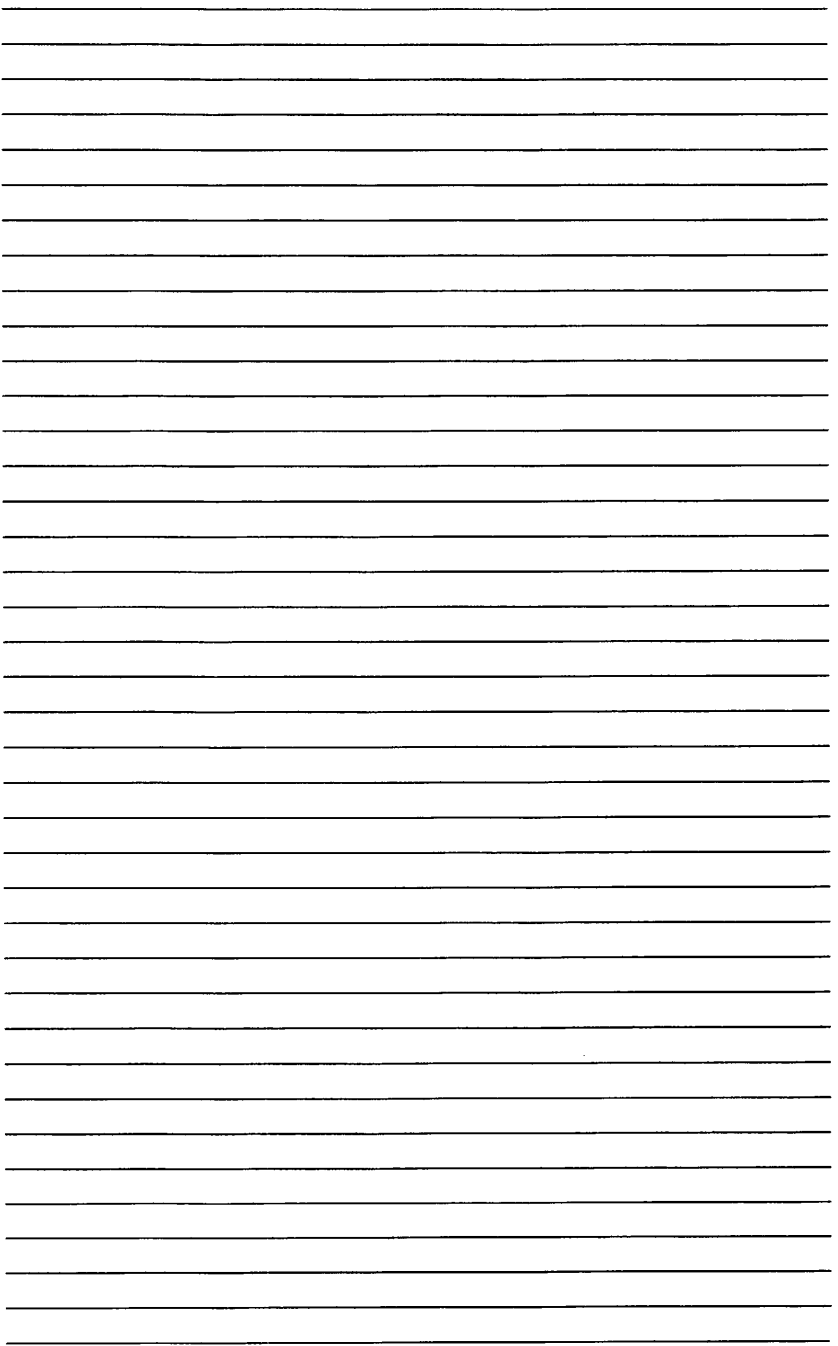
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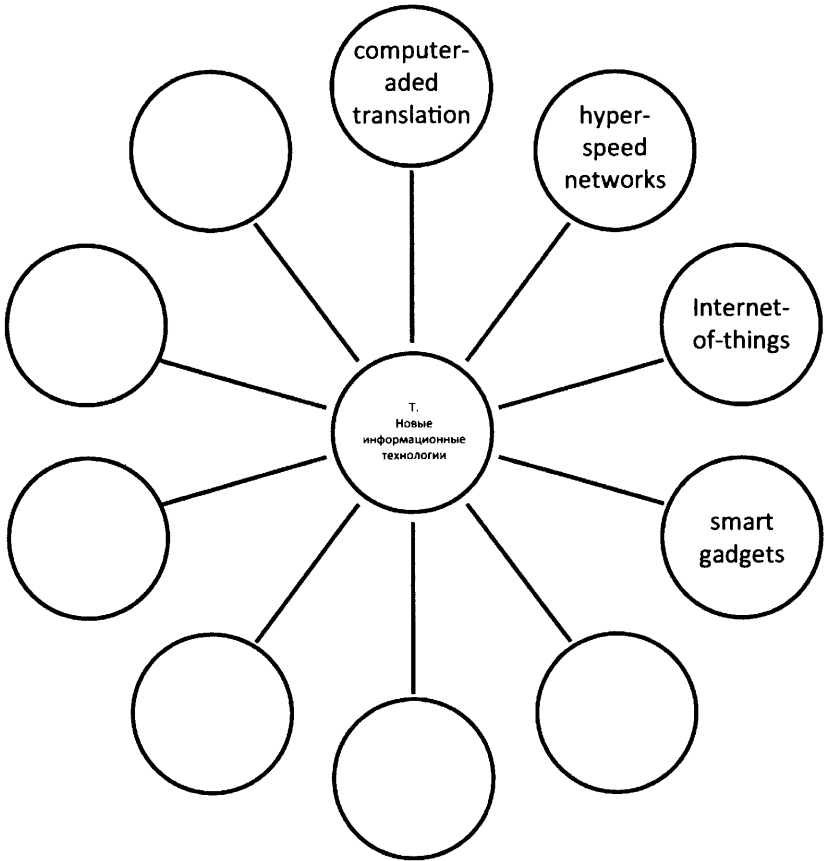




# Т. НОВЫЕ ИНФОРМАЦИОННЫЕ ТЕХНОЛОГИИ

# ПОЛЕЗНАЯ ЛЕКСИКА

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## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Internet is a way of killing time.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

Write 200–250 words.

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- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
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- make a conclusion restating your position

Nowadays, people are getting more and more concerned about spending too much time on the Internet. Some people believe that the Internet is useful for our modern life, while others claim that it is just a way to while away the time. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, today our world is unimaginable without the biggest worldwide communication network, and we can use it wisely. Firstly, Internet facilitates various everyday problems, for example, to find a recipe or to consult a dictionary. Secondly, it is the easiest way to communicate. One can contact the family in any part of the world quickly. Moreover, the Internet can help people with education. Students of all ages use Internet for their research works, theses and reports.

However, many people state that Internet is just a way of distraction because it helps us to waste free time. Playing games, watching films and just surfing the Internet all day long let people forget about worries for a while. Eventually, these activities become a single purpose of using the Internet.

Personally, I do not agree with my opponents I think, that Internet serves a lot of practical purposes and killing time is not the major one. Those who waste time on the Internet simply do not know how many other options it offers.

To sum up, I believe that the Internet is an enormous storehouse of knowledge and opportunities for self-development and it is much more than a way of spending time without any purpose.

## 1.2

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To put it in a nutshell, I think that \_\_\_\_\_  
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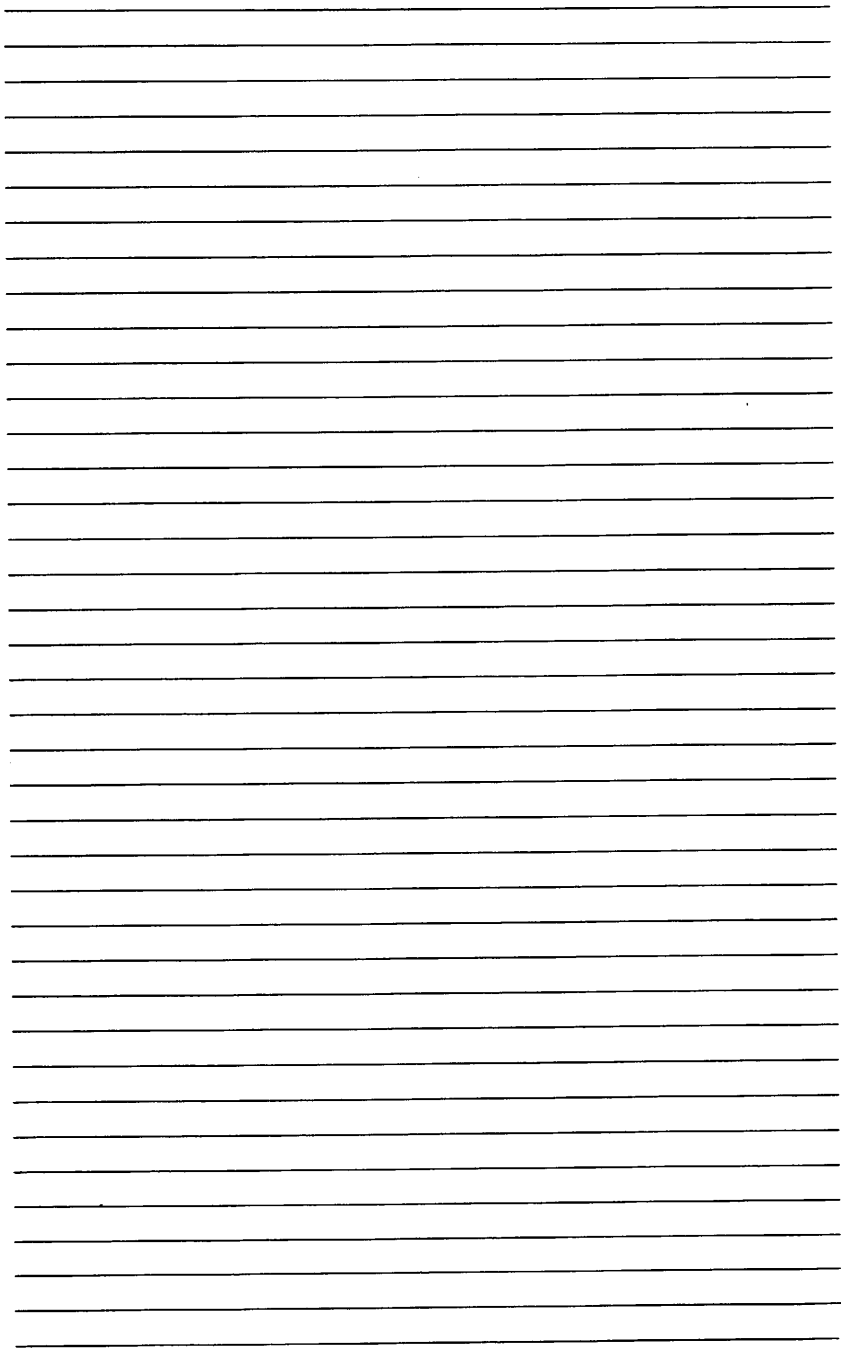
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*Computers can replace people.*

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There is no doubt that computers are an essential part of our daily life. Moreover, they have become more efficient in doing the work that people used to do. Many people believe that it is impossible for computers to substitute people. Others claim that computers will take people's places in many areas.

To tell the truth, I am convinced that there is no chance for computers to replace people. Firstly, computers work only with schemes of action. However, there are many situations in which standard schemes do not work so only people can work out a solution to them. Secondly, computers do not have feelings. In many cases compassion and kindness are necessary so computers are unable to substitute people under any circumstances when humane attitude is necessary.

However, many people are sure that there is no area that computers will not be able to cover in future. They believe that computers are faster and more accurate than humans, that is why, it will be easy for them to replace people and become better than them.

I am afraid, I cannot agree with my opponents because, even though computers are really powerful, they are not able to work without people. Only if they are programmed in a certain way, they can complete difficult tasks. Otherwise human creativity is required.

To sum up, I strongly believe that computers cannot replace people as people are those who operate computers and make them useful. Without humans they are just pieces of metal.





## 2.2

Comment on the following statement.

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The problem of \_\_\_\_\_ has been acute for a long time. Some people think that \_\_\_\_\_. Others consider that \_\_\_\_\_.

In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.

Firstly, \_\_\_\_\_.

Secondly, \_\_\_\_\_.

For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

Moreover \_\_\_\_\_.

However, there is an opposing opinion. Some people state that

I cannot quite agree with my opponents. To my mind, \_\_\_\_\_.

To sum it up, I would like to say that I still think \_\_\_\_\_.



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### 3.1

Comment on the following statement.

*The Internet is pure evil.*

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Nowadays it is difficult to imagine our life without Internet and all the opportunities it gives to us. Some people say that Internet is a blessing whereas others consider that Internet is malicious and should be avoided. I would like to express my opinion on the problem.

In my opinion, Internet is full of benefits for modern people and cannot be considered to be evil. Firstly, Internet makes life simpler due to a number of Internet services such as online booking, shopping and even virtual travelling. Secondly, Internet has broadened the borders of human communication. People have friends and acquaintances all around the world and it is simple to keep in touch and never lose contact with one's friend's and family.

There are people who believe that the Internet is harmful and useless. They say that a lot of the content that is being created now, including content on social networks, is done for the sole purpose of making money.

I cannot agree with the above opinions as these people fail to understand that apart from making money people create content which is of great use for people. They meet demands of the surrounding world and create important things.

To sum up, I would like to say that even though there are two different points of view on the problem, I strongly believe that the Internet is useful for people and does a lot of good.

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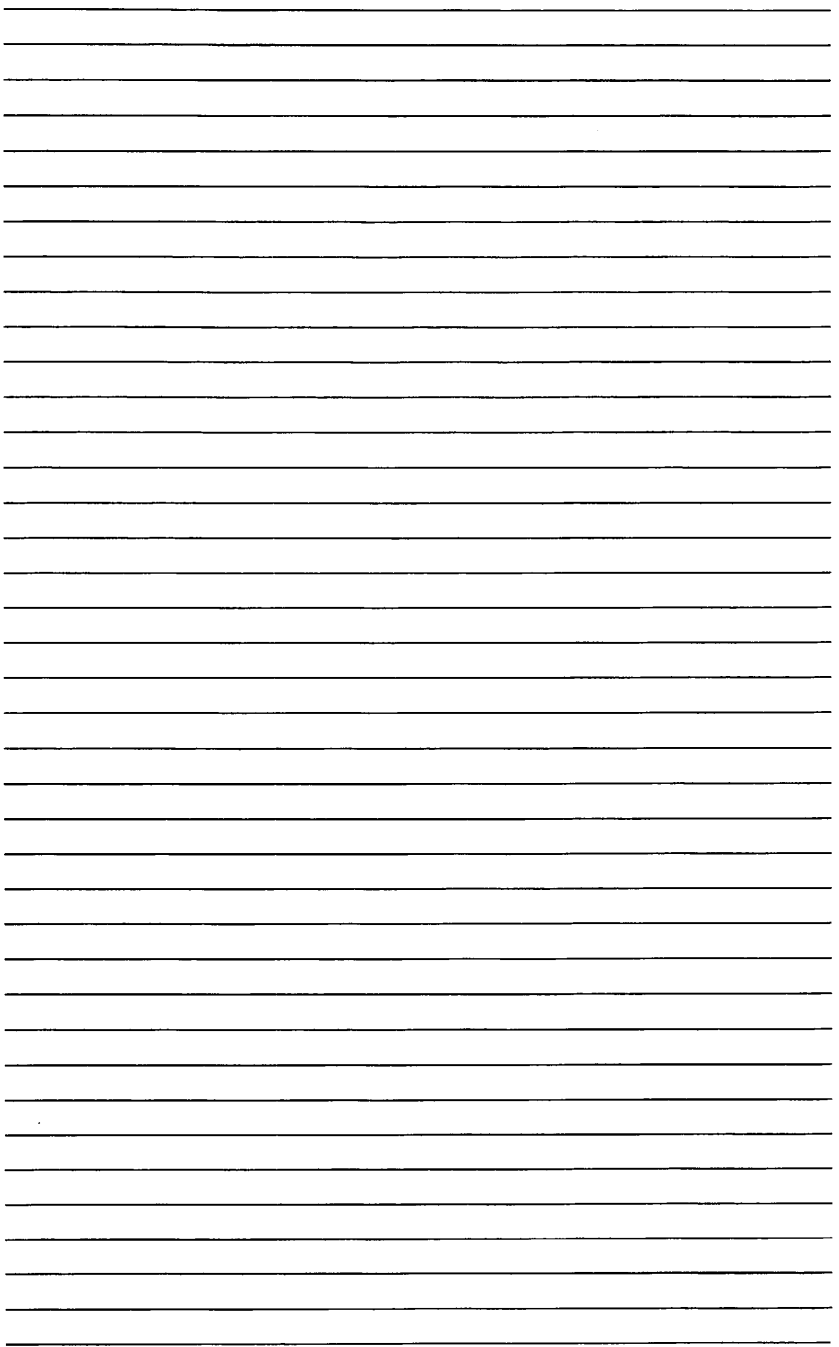
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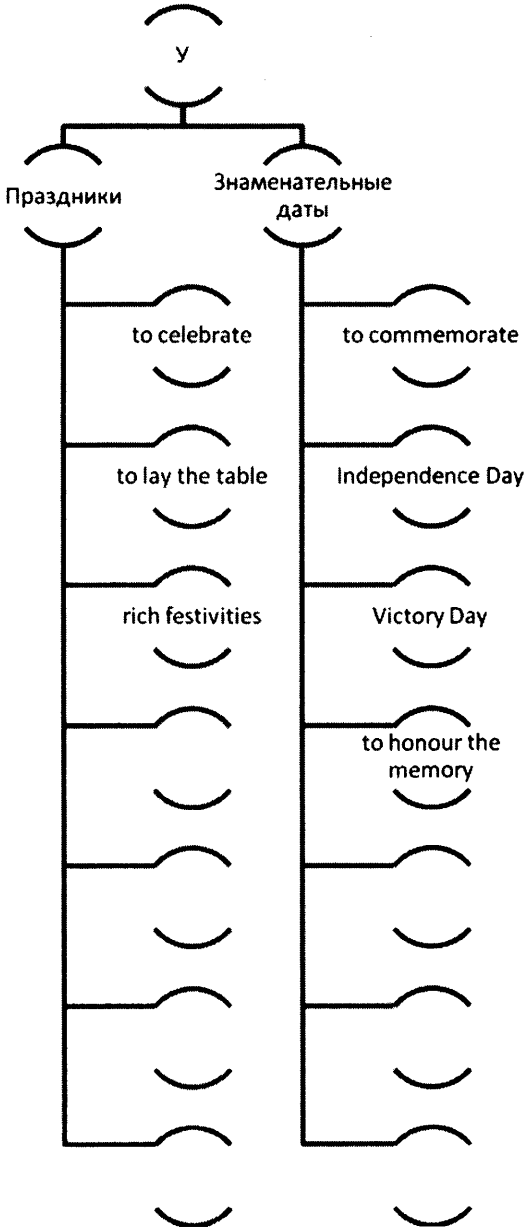


**У. ПРАЗДНИКИ  
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## 1.1

Comment on the following statement.

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**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Some kind of holidays falls out practically for every day on the calendar. Some people say that all festive days are equally meaningful while others claim that only holidays and celebrations marked by ceremonial activities are remarkable. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, holidays with traditional celebrations have a special place for every person. Firstly, people prepare for traditional holidays. To observe the necessary rituals they cook food, make decorations, buy new clothes. All of these make the day of the holiday special for everybody. Secondly, traditions are always connected with bringing families together. In this way holidays work as a uniting element and people remember them with warmth.

However, there are people who say that all festivals and holidays are equal. People do not have to observe any rituals and a holiday is simply an option to relax.

I do not agree with the opposing opinion. I believe that people become attached to everything they put effort into. The same thing happens to holidays. People value only those festivities which take time and effort to organise.

To sum up, I would like to say that holidays and festivals including traditional celebrations are highly rated by people and are very important for them.



## 1.2

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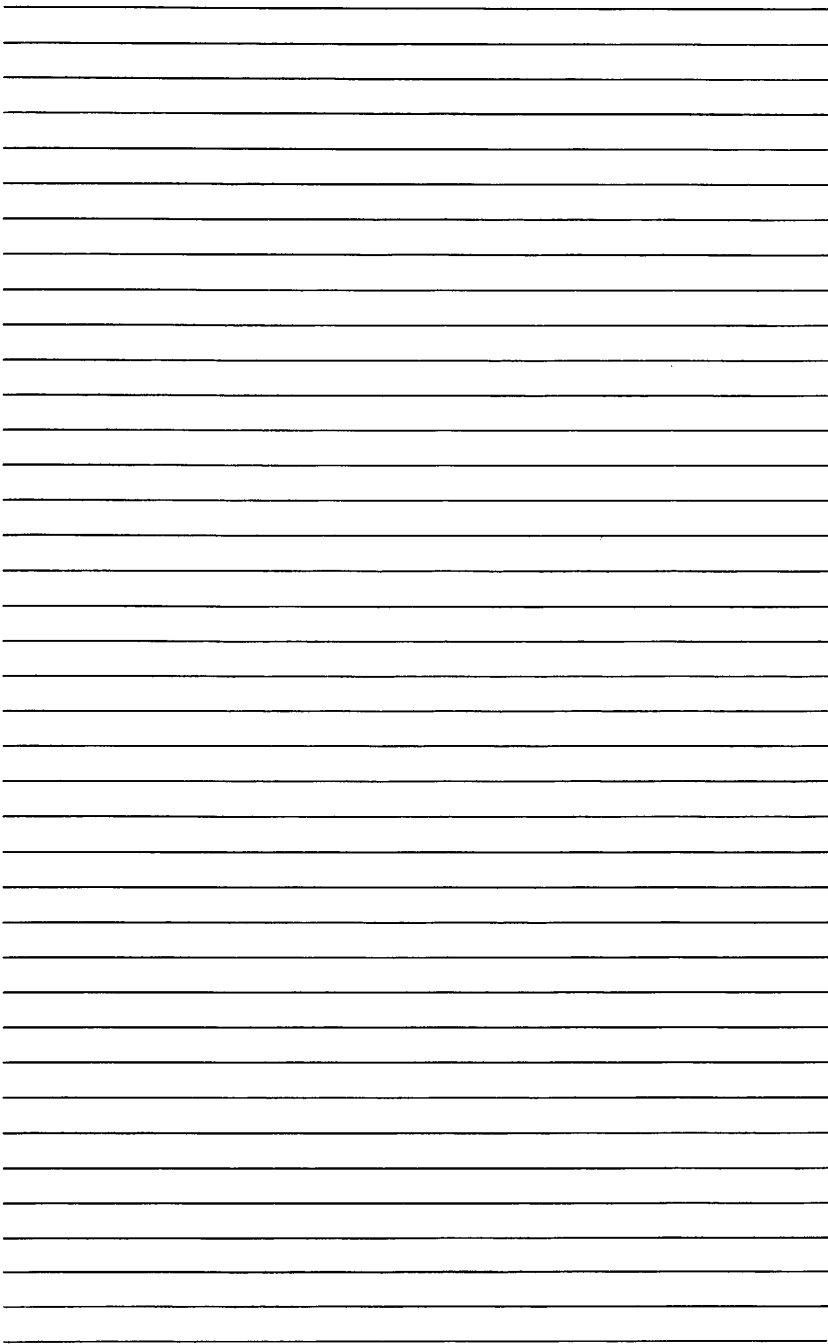
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## 2.1

Comment on the following statement.

*The best holiday time is that spent with family and friends.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

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Nowadays the importance of having a family cannot be overestimated. Some people consider that days-off devoted to family and friends are the best way to spend free time. Others claim that there are many good ways of having holiday time without families. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

As for me, spare time should be spent with the nearest and dearest. Firstly, family and friends are people who are close to you so you will be able to behave naturally without hiding any feelings. Secondly, it is important to have as many good moments with people who you value as possible. There are times when memories of such moments are precious and life-saving.

However, some people say that on holiday a person should concentrate only on self-indulging. Any company will do in this case and the person will be able to have a great time.

I cannot agree with this point of view. I am sure that holiday time is not only about getting but also about sharing. If you share your best moments with close people, you will feel completely relaxed and contented.

To sum up, I would like to say that people should try to spend their holiday time in the circle of close friends and family members.



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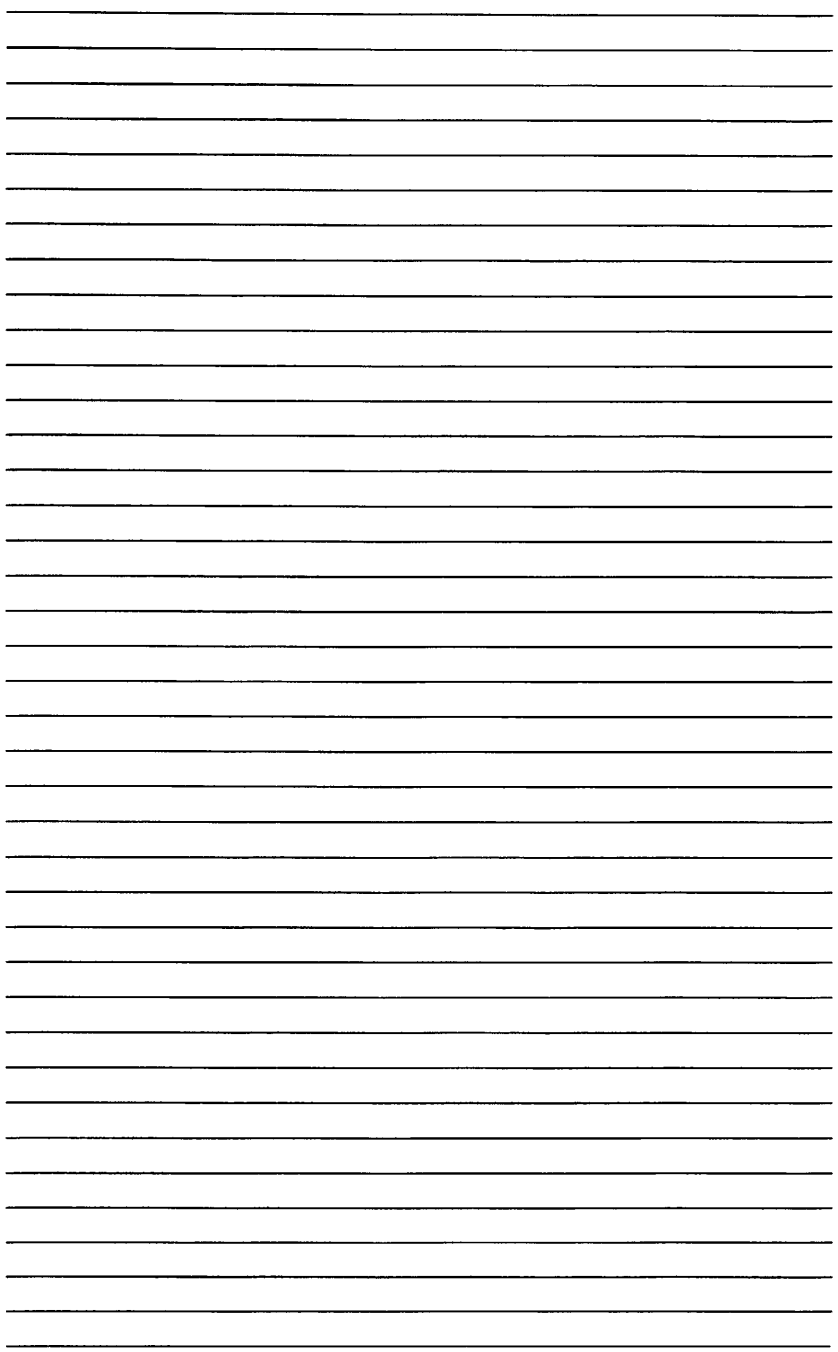
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*The 1st of September is a special day not only for pupils and teachers*

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Every September people celebrate the Day of Knowledge. Some people say that this holiday is meaningful only for those who work or study at educational institutions. Others claim that not only teachers and students celebrate this holiday as a special one. I would like to express my opinion on the issue.

In my opinion, the First of September is important for all people in the world. Firstly, we have all been students once and memories of childhood and adolescence play a great role for us. Secondly, all students and teachers are surrounded by friends and family members. That is why, they feel supportive and encourage their nearest and dearest on this day.

However, many people say that the Day of Knowledge is significant only for students and their teachers. They state that only these people really feel the meaning of this holiday as they are connected with getting knowledge and sharing it.

I cannot agree with my opponents. I am firmly convinced that everybody has their own comprehension of the true meaning of holidays. No matter how many differences there are in this aspect, people still remember the Day of Knowledge as an outstanding date.

To sum up, I would like to say that I still think that people around the world celebrate the Day of Knowledge in their own way and there are not only students and teachers among them.



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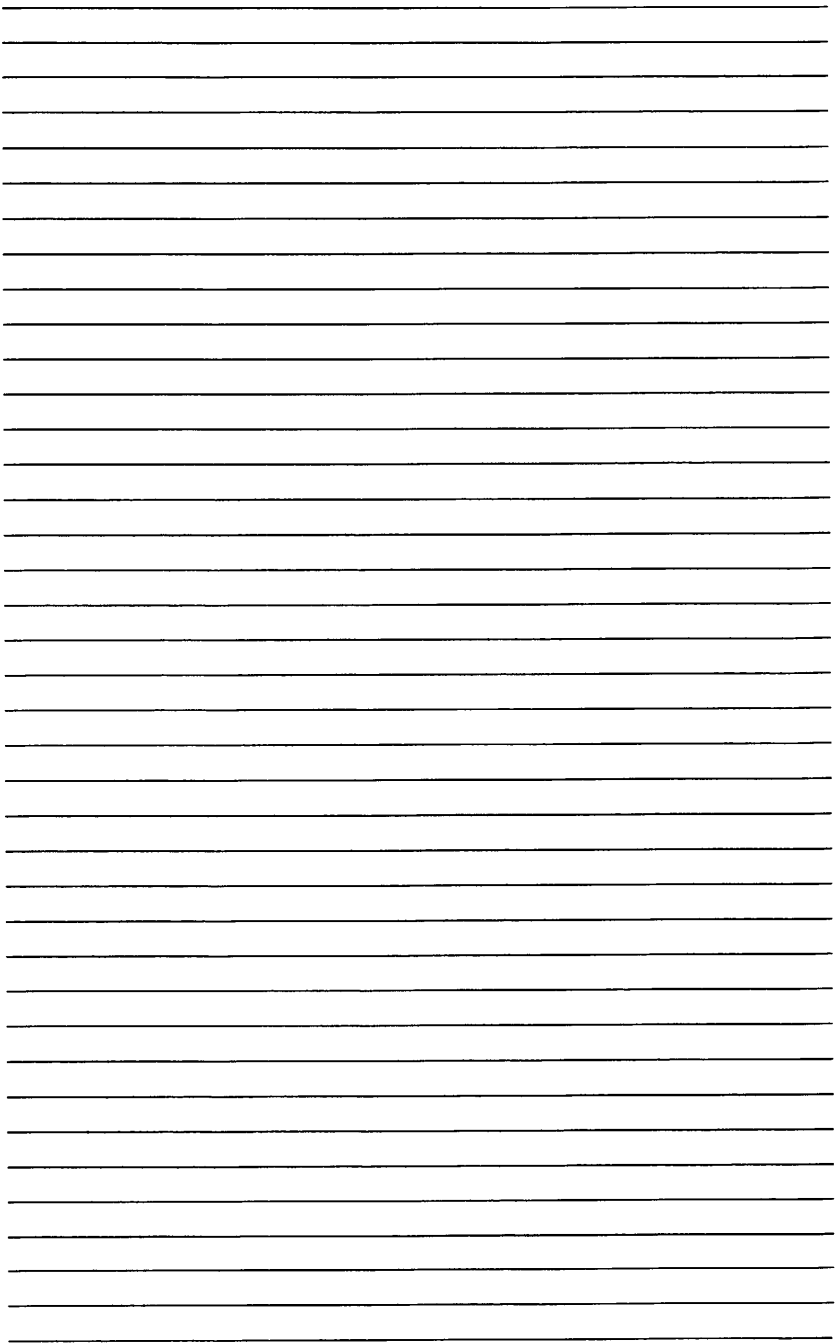
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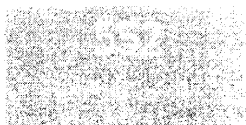




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