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# Our Guests

## Grammar school #99

*This article is related to my school #99.*

*Our school is called “grammar” because it specializes in learning languages.*

The school was opened in 1953 and it is one of the oldest educational institutions of Ordzhonikidzevskiy area in Yekaterinburg. There are 810 students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> forms. It must be said that teaching stuff of our school is very professional. They involve students in participating in different school olympiads, contests, competitions, etc. For example, 12 students have participated in contests of regional level. Also, 16 pupils were involved in federal competitions. Students of our school successfully took part in one TV program, which is held on regional TV channel – OTV. This program is about history of Ural, it is called “The Ural game”. Students and teachers have written a social project “I’ll take you to the museum”, which achieved the first place in district and the second in city contest of social projects “Future – for us”. Last school

year (2013/14) our school was the infant platform of project “Night of museums”.

As mentioned earlier, our school isn’t a simple school, it’s a grammar school. Our students learn foreign languages: English, French and German. These foreign languages are taught at a high level in our school, especially English. Millions of thanks to our competent teachers. Our students participate in some competitions which are connected with foreign languages. For instance, three teams of students (9-10<sup>th</sup>) won prizes in telecommunication project “My planet looks at me”. Moreover, two students have won a one-year trip to the USA by the FLEX program. Last year our school was host school for an international student – Thordur Atlason from Iceland. Also, two pupils have written re-

search projects and received laureate Diploma of the third degree of all-Russian contest “Steps into science”. And two other students achieved the first and second places in IX all-Russian competition of research, practice-oriented and creative projects on English among school and university students. As well, three students participated in 5<sup>th</sup> all-Russian open Olympiad on French as a second foreign language for students of the Ural region and the UNESCO Associated Schools of Russian Federation.

I’d like to conclude and say that our school helps students to discover their talents due to different contests and, of course, our teachers.

**Elizaveta Proskuryakova, 10A,  
Grammar School # 99**





## MY DEAR, DEAR SCHOOL!

*Have you ever been to the best school?*

*If you haven't, then you are welcome to my school, school №27!*



Let us tell you about that special school, which, by the way, will be 40 next year though it feels like being your classmate.

It's a pity it is not mentioned in the national top awards lists but it is really worth praising. We have everything at our disposal: spacious classrooms, well equipped labs and a gym, a library full of interesting books and kids, an auditorium where interesting competitions and performances are held. School for us is a place which constantly attracts us to, inspires and gives motivation for the growth. It is the place where we share and learn the dearest and the most precious things such as being happy, being a good friend, being a human. It is our school where we share sorrow and joy, the happiness of being needed and gratitude to our dear teachers who are always ready to hold your hand on the hard way to knowledge.

My school  
unique special  
teaches inspires unites  
All main things in our life start  
with school  
Family



School is orange!  
It tastes like an orange!  
It tastes like knowledge!  
It reminds me of a hive of bees!  
It sounds like a lark singing high in the sky!  
School feels like constant agitation.  
If school could speak,  
It would say, "Knowledge is power!"

*Anna Terentieva, Victoria Solovarova, Karina Stepanova, Aleksandra Dorofeeva, School # 27*

## Our Guests

### A meeting with a citizen of Italy

On the 22nd of September, 2014 our school welcomed a guest from Italy Luca Bartolini. He came to our city with a short visit and



was invited to attend some classes in our school as he is a fluent speaker of English. The meeting was held with the students of the 6th forms. Luca attended the lessons and spoke with the pupils about their and his own hobbies and interests, about his job and realities of life. In Italy Luca works as a policeman and his job is interesting and sometimes dangerous. It goes without saying that it requires using a gun. At the news of this fact the boys in the class went into raptures and wanted to know every detail of wearing and using guns. The girls seemed also very interested. Luca answered every question no matter how difficult it was. And the students became more and more interested in the discussion with every new piece of information that was shared with them.

It was the first meeting with a foreigner for the students of the 6th forms. At the start some of them were eager to meet a new person, some of them were

very shy to ask anything and some were simply skeptical, as they didn't believe that Luca was a real foreigner. It took some time and effort before the students felt at ease and could ask meaningful questions. In particular Luca had to show his police badge and talk some Italian to dispel any doubts about his origin.



At the end of the meeting some of the students asked Luca to wish good luck to them with their studies, which he did, some asked him to take a picture with him and all the students wished to see him again at school in the near future.

Luca was pleased with the students, with the general atmosphere at the meeting and expressed his gratitude for a hearty welcome.





## A letter from Italy

### A VOI, CARI AMICI RUSSI

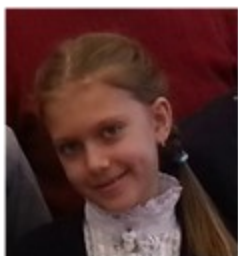
On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014, during a sunny morning in Ekaterinburg, a big city close to the Ural mountains, I had one of the most interesting experiences of my life. In fact, some teachers of the school #67 invited me to meet the students of different classes.



First of all I introduced myself and then talked to the kids. They asked me different questions about my personal life and others. I was very happy to answer them. The questions were interesting and some of them demonstrated that the kids are very smart, open-minded and care about the things happening in the world. One of the most interesting questions touched upon the international politics – the kids wanted to know my point of view on the crisis in Ukraine. At the same time, other boys and girls asked me about my personal life, about my job, why I came to Russia or other simple questions about my favourite food, if I like football or where I live in Italy and what the weather is like there. Moreover, I found a different school system compared to the Italian one. I realized that the kids should wear a uniform at school, while in Italy it is not required. The lessons last 40 minutes and the classes contain so many students that the teachers divide them in 2 groups. There were different boys and girls in each class. Some of them were shy in the first minutes to become very talkative later, others were very excited to meet me but they couldn't talk so much, perhaps being blocked by shyness. Despite this, I liked every student because they all expressed their interest in the meeting with me. At first, I was shy exactly as they were and I didn't know what to tell them. However, I gave the students many smiles to make them understand that all was ok, to break the ice. Also I told them that I was and now I am one of their colleagues, because I have a job but I study at the university too. I remember some nice students who told me "Welcome to Russia", someone called me "Mr. Luca" and some girls asked me to take some pictures with me. One of them even wanted an autograph too. At that moment I felt like a big Hollywood star, even though I am not. It's true that the happiness can be found in little things and it's true that children can give the most beautiful feelings to others, especially to adults. I just want to say that everything that you said and asked filled me with happiness and made my journey so bright. Thank you guys and girls for everything and I hope to meet you again. Thank you people who helped to make this project real, i.e. English teachers who invited me and who helped me in this funny adventure. In conclusion, I improved my Russian too thanks to the students, most of all when one of them asked me to write my name on the blackboard. I wrote it in English and in Russian.

Kids, you are our future.  
God bless you,  
Luca from Rimini

## *The first of September. Back to school!*



The weather was fine. It was a sunny day. I had been waiting for it for many days. So on that day I got up very early. I cleaned my teeth and had breakfast.

I put on my new school uniform, took a schoolbag and a big bunch of flowers for my favourite teacher. I went to school with my mum. Near the school I met my dear friends. I missed them very much in summer and was very glad to see them! In school we had a class lesson. We told each other about our summer holidays and plans for future. I went home at twelve o'clock.

I was tired, but happy. The new school year began!

*Alexandra Kovalyova, 5A*



## *Summer is a small life...*



I was in Cyprus this summer. I liked it very much. Cyprus is small state. The island can be reached in 3 hours. The sea is very clean and warm. If the storm begins you can see the strong waves on the sea. There are many large ships and yachts in the port. The port has shops, cafes and fortress. You can see the beautiful scenery of the sea in the fortress.

Cyprus has a donkey farm; everyone can feed the donkey and ride it. I couldn't see the dogs but there were a lot of cats there. Local food is very tasty; you can visit many family cafes. I had dinner in the



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lots of new impressions and made new friends. Certainly I want to come back there.

*Daria Kostareva, 10B*



I spent this summer fantastically! Most of all I remember the camp "Dawn." I've already had a rest for 5 years and every year I like it more and more. I always meet very good, kind, sweet and helpful people there.

This year, the Urals had not the great weather. It looked like autumn. I amused as I could and did my best. I swam, sunbathed, enjoyed the nature, grilled kebabs. There were a lot of competitions, contests, shows, discos.

One day we took part in a contest and unfortunately won the second place. My friends and I were sad, then got together and we became the first everywhere. It was awesome! We didn't sleep at night, ran to the girls, smeared them, tied sneakers and so on.

It is my last year at school and it was my last trip to the camp as a student. Next year I'm going to be a counselor there. I hope my dream will come true...

*Ivan Gilyov, 11A*



# Travelling is the best way to learn the world



## Spain

Who doesn't like travelling? Show me somebody who does, and I'll believe that our world has lost its mind. As for me, my life is full of travelling. Now I'd like to tell about the most impressive country of one of the oldest history and rich culture - Spain.

Lot of people think, the capital of Spain is the most interesting place. Let me prove, that Madrid - isn't the whole country. There're some places more popular, for example, in Catalonia, than Madrid.



First of all - Barselona. It's a centre of world-known culture of Spain. The greatest contribution to building of city invested by Antonio Gaudí. He become well-known after building the Park Güell

- is a garden complex with architectural elements situated on the hill. It built in the years 1900 to 1914. It has an extension of 17.18 ha (0.1718 km<sup>2</sup>), which makes it one of the largest architectural works in south Europe. The most famous construction in Barselona is the Church of the Holy Family (Sagrada Família). Construction of Sagrada Família had commenced in 1882 and Gaudí became involved in 1883. Gaudí devoted his last years to the project, and at the time of his death at age 73 in 1926 less than a quarter of the project was complete. Construction passed the midpoint in 2010 with some of the project's greatest challenges remain-



ing and an anticipated completion date of 2026, the centenary of Gaudí's death.

The second place worth to be visited - museum of Salvador Dalí. Dalí was a skilled draftsman, best known for the striking and bizarre images in his surrealist work. His painterly skills are often attributed to the influence of Renaissance masters. Dalí's expansive artistic repertoire included film, sculpture, and photography, in collaboration with a range of artists in a variety of media. Dalí was highly imaginative, and also enjoyed indulging in unusual and grandiose behavior. One of the main Catholic Spain centre is the Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey. Montserrat, whose name means serrated mountain, is ideally located to play an important role in the cultural and spiritual life of Catalonia. Virgin of Montserrat (the black virgin), is Catalonia's favourite saint. To believe the legend, it was founded on the place where the angel serrate the mountain. The Basilica houses a museum with works of art by many prominent painters and sculptors including works by El Greco, Dalí, Picasso and more.



To say the truth, it's only a little part of Spain culture... You need more than a year only to visit, to see all historical, religious places in Spain. But you can call yourself a lucky-one, if you're able to visit one of them.

*Anastasia Telmenova, 11C*

## Canary

Summer is time for travelling and adventure. This summer I travelled to the Canary Islands. These islands belong to the Kingdom of Spain and officially they are a part of it. Tenerife Island is the largest.



I travelled to Tenerife and La Gomera Islands. One of the most interesting places is volcano Teide. The top of Teide is the highest point in Spanish Kingdom. It is 3718 m. People usually come to this volcano by car on mountain roads. It's amazing travelling because during this trip you can see many beautiful views of mountains, clouds, forests and ocean. Everyone who visits Canary Islands has to make this trip.

It's very unusual that sand's color on the beach of Tenerife is black. It is because of volcanic history of this island.

The largest in the world Zoo of parrots is situated on Tenerife. Its name is "Loro Park". There are more than 500 kinds of parrots in there. Besides you can see many types of animals such as wales, dolphins, penguins, shark, monkeys and others. Everyone who visits "Loro Park" is surprised.

The second island that I visited in summer was La Gomera. Christopher Columbus began his travelling to America from this place. That's why many interesting buildings of architecture dedicated to him.

To sum up my travelling to Canary was beautiful not only because of ocean and beach but it was also interesting to see different historical, geographical and cultural places.

*Valeriya Rubbo, 9G*

# *Travelling is the best way to learn the world*

## *My Holidays in London*



I was in England twice. But it was my first visit to London. At school I learn German and I study English on my own, so that trip was rather extreme and exciting for me.

I know much about English climate and weather, so I was ready for the constant rain and moisture. Oh, those legendary London fogs ... But that time England met me very sunny and with hot hugs! The entire month that I was there the weather was fine so every Englishman felt obliged to talk to me about the English weather anomalies.

I lived in a guest family. The school was just two blocks from my guesthouse. The hosts received me warmly and cordially, fed me traditional dishes and tried to tell me about their city as much as possible. I was immediately amazed that people were walking around the apartment in street shoes, just like in the movies!

However, I spent much time with my new friends I made there. The school was a small private institution in a quiet remote area of London. In our school there were several

groups, distributed in level of knowledge. I studied in a group of C1, in the highest level of the school category. Obligatory lessons conducted from 9 am to 3 pm. The first two lessons we studied the English language. In that program we wrote many essays, did abstracts, presented and discussed them. The third lesson was usually a game. Teens from different countries

could show their creativity, individuality and some national traditions there. In such informal relationship I learned a lot of interesting things about the features of different countries.

My group was very diverse: my best friend was a guy from Italy, from Milan. He came with his sister. There were guys from Japan, Mexico and China, France and Iran, Poland and Finland. Every day after lessons we had different events where we could consolidate the knowledge and express themselves. That month I tried myself in drama: we were dramatizing "The Little Mermaid" (we staged it ourselves). I even made my debut as a teacher of Irish step. My classes were conducted once a week, and I am proud that I organized such a talented group. We often went to the parks and played active sports

(baseball, basketball, pool, football). And that

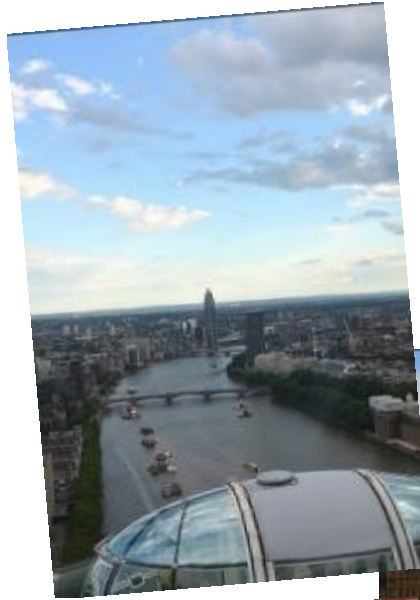
was only a compulsory program.

After school the most exciting and interesting time began. We went to the center of London and studied it along and across. If you want to know the city, go on foot. Our first excursion was to the legendary London Eye. This is one of the largest Ferris wheels in the world. It is a plurality of glass cabins, each of them can accommodate 25 people. I saw the beauty and majesty of the River Thames and its surroundings. It was a great shock for me, that from the highest point you can see the French lands.

The next day we visited the famous London Aquarium. Yes, this is the aquarium where there are glass tunnels and transparent floors. There you have a feeling of total immersion in the ocean. The diversity of marine life amazes and delights.







One of the most exciting trips was our visiting Madame Tussauds. It contains all the celebrities from all over the world from James Bond to Einstein. But that's not all! The program of the museum includes a mini-tour of the history of England on the toy cab (taxi), a terrifying room of fear with live monsters. After that my knees were shaking all day long. Then we had a 15-minute watching of the film in the 5D, when we could fully immerse ourselves in atmosphere of the film with all the effects (from shake of seats to the water in the face).



A very romantic excursion was a bicycle tour through the parks of London. On that day there was a strong downpour, but nothing could stop us! We enjoyed the charms of English gardens: rain enhanced the fragrance of English meadows and lawns. A unique tour in the cab

to the places of the famous group The Beatles allowed me to touch the past!

This is only a small part of what I have learned during my journey! We visited a large variety of unusual museums, palaces, gardens and parks, fa-

mous bridges. I met a huge number of wonderful people. I felt completely relaxed and confident. It was the best vacation in my life!

Guys! The whole world is open for us! Do not be afraid to take a step forward! Take a camera, buy tickets and get new knowledge and experiences!

*Anna Shevchenko, 11A*



# Our School Life









# Travelling is the best way to learn the world

## The best journey

This summer was the most interesting in my life! I have visited three countries: Egypt, Israel and Jordan. I have got many new friends and unforgettable impressions. I'd like to go there again.

At the beginning of my travel I went to Egypt. I flew to Sharm-el-Sheikh. This city is full of beauty and charm. Most of all I liked the Red Sea. The water in the Red Sea is crystal clear. So when you enter into the water you can see many kinds of fishes, snakes and the other sea inhabitants. If you go there you should try diving. You will get unbelievable impressions! But if you are afraid you can swim with mask. It's cool, too! You can do other activities such as windsurfing, parasailing, boating, and canoeing.

In a week I went to Israel. Israel has



many faces of nature. There are forests in the north, mountains and deserts in the south where we saw the life of real Bedouins and wild camels.

I was on the Dead Sea and in Jerusalem. The Dead Sea is a unique place, of course! Standing on the shore you can see the Jordanian Mountains. It is one of the world's saltiest bodies of water, with 33.7% salinity. As well as almost the whole Mendeleev's Table is there. Bathing in this sea is very useful for the health. Because of the high density, the water hold you, but you can't flip over the back if



you want. You won't find sand on the bottom, instead of it there are salt crystals.

As for Jerusalem, it's truly saint place. I was at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and I still can't believe it! There are a lot of people from all over the world, but the opportunity to visit the tomb of Jesus is given to everybody. It's impossible to express all my feelings and emotions at that moment. We visited the Church of Blessed Virgin. It's been standing there since the 4th century. And of course, we were near the Western Wall. It's a magic place. The wall is not huge. Only men can pray there. But a little piece of this wall is for women. I liked that fact that so many young girls, students, good-looking and fashionable respected their religion and spent some time near the wall, reading religious books. There are a lot of notes in the wall. Once a week all of them are collected and put in the box. Then this box is buried on the top of the mountain. Jerusalem is a place everybody should visit just for once. I advise you to visit Israel. There are another people, another culture and nature there. The country is rather small, but interesting and keeps a lot of secrets.

And the last country I visited was Jordan. I went to Amman and Petra. It is not usual Arabic country. For example, a woman can drive a car, smoke etc. This country is very rich. If you are looking for big fun, you are welcome to Amman! There are many rich cars in the streets. And when you are walking you can see wagons with horses. You will find clubs with loud music, friendly people from all over the world, big shops and make many new friends! You will have unforgettable impressions! But I didn't spend my holidays so funny there, because I was there with my parents.

I was in Petra, too. This is a historical and archaeological center in the southern Jordanian. Another name for Petra is the Rose City because of the color of the stone it is carved. This is a symbol of Jordan, as well as Jordan's most-visited tourist attraction. Petra has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985. Today, about one million of tourists visit Petra every year. When tourists are going through the cool big canyon, at the corner



hey see El Khazneh - a majestic building with a facade, carved out of a huge rock.

This is one of the best preserved structures of the first century. Into this building the gold and precious stones were kept, - here is the name of the temple (Arabic for "treasure chest"). Bedouins offer the travelers a ride on a camel, souvenirs and water.



That trip was the best in my life! I would like to repeat it one day again!!!

*Anastasia Erofeeva, 11*







## My Native Land

### Irbit, one of the oldest towns of the Ural region

I would like to tell you about the town, located in the Sverdlovsk region, about Irbit. The town of Irbit is 204 km far from of Ekaterinburg to the east, on the right Bank of the river Nitsa. The total area of the town is 6423 hectares. There is a railroad going through the town. Irbit is one of the oldest towns in the Ural region having been an annual trade place between European Russia, Siberia, Middle Asia and China. There is a motorcycle plant in Irbit, which was the largest in the USSR.

In 1631 AD, a large village - Irbitskaya Sloboda was appeared at the confluence of the rivers Nitsa and Irbit. Soon a trade point Torzhok was emerged there. It has gradually grown to the second largest fair in Russia. In 1686 the Irbit trade fair was legalized, and a century later, in 1775, Catherine the Great, gave to Sloboda the status of the town. It was given for the "loyalty of the residents of Irbit" to their

Empress in her fight against "villainous warbands" of Pugachev. Next year, the city received its emblem adorning it to-day.

It attracts thousands of people. The amount of goods brought here reaches up to 60 000 000 rubles. This fair was the center of all trade communications between east and west. Nowadays the town authority brings significant efforts to revive the Irbit fair and to attract people from other cities to visit this annual event in August.

Soviet Irbit became a significant industrial center in the Urals. The development of engineering, production of building materials, light and food industries were begun in the city. During the war the Moscow motorcycle factory was moved to Irbit. It has produced over three million motorcycles for fifty years. The events of the late twentieth century have closed up the industrial period in the development of the city.

Today the glory of Irbit is created by the workers of milk and bread-baking plants. There are the best collective farms of the region - "Ural" and "Russia".



The town has preserved material evidence of the great fair: the remains of Gostiny Dvor, Passage, Houses of famous Russian merchants. There is a unique collection of heavy motorcycles, which is the national heritage. City has the informal title of "Motorcycle capital of Russia". It allows speaking about the Irbit as a unique city not only in the Urals, but also for the whole Russia.

**Elena Polovinkina, 6D**



My summer started with a positive note! I had an international competition in France. The contest was called "Russia is Young Europe". I played the guitar there. It took place in Nice, on the coast of the Marmara Sea.

The road was long. At first we went to Moscow by train. I spent only 6-7 hours in Moscow, but I had the advantage. It was my first time in Moscow and I liked it very much. But it's not enough 6 hours to see this city.

It took me four hours by plane to go to Nice. My first impression was super! I have been there for five days but I got a good experience. As for my competition I took the second place. I think it is very good result for students of my age. 26 year people and older took the first one!

Nice is beautiful! I could not realize what part of it I like best. If I have an opportunity to go abroad, I'd visit Nice again. I liked it so much.

**Danil Badyin, 9A**

This year I was in Greece. It was Island Rhodes. We stayed in a hotel on the East coast of the Island, next to the old picturesque Lindos. In antique times it was the biggest and the most prosperous city on the Island.

There are lots of luxuries places with beautiful views on the Island. One of these places is Lindosacropolis. It's surrounded

by an old fortress that is situated on high rock. Such a fantastic look! We went up to the hill by donkeys. It was the most exciting picture I could ever see in my life: tender sea, small beaches, white houses, and narrow streets, roads, tiled with mosaic and a small chapel of St. Paul.

The most impressive thing for me was 'Seas' kiss". This is the place where the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea join together. Also I liked Island Simy. We got there by the steamer. It's an incredible Island which has many colorful houses on it. People make the place so beautiful and travellers imagine themselves in a puppet theatre.

I had an amazing rest in Greece. I've been to many places, but there are some I would like to visit next year. I hope to come back there.

**Liza Martyusheva, 11 A**

# Our Translations



[Freddie Hodgson](#)

## **"BE WARNED: Insanely addictive!"**

This title, belonging to one of the world's best-selling apps "Doodle Jump", has grabbed the

attention of well over 10 million people and has helped to make the game a household name amongst users of iPhones, Blackberries, Androids and numerous other Smartphones around the world.

The "Doodle Jump" app, which was released on April 6th 2009, is a shining example of what can be achieved with a flash of ingenuity, lots of hard work and a great deal of luck. Developed by two brothers Igor and Marko Pusenjak over a period of just 3 months, much of the game's popularity and success is owed to its simplicity.

### **What's the aim of the game?**

Put simply, the purpose of the game is to guide a four-legged critter called the "doodler" up an infinite set of platforms using your phone's accelerometer to steer him left and right. Helping you on your way as you jump from platform to platform are a number of objects which provide short boosts. Jetpacks, rockets and propeller-hats will thrust your "doodler" upwards. Trampolines and simple springs may be slightly less effective, but they do add a great deal to the game's unique charm.

Sounds easy? Well, be sure to make sure you don't fall through a broken platform; jump into a monster; get abducted by a UFO; or get sucked into a black hole!

Once downloaded, the player can access nine different levels, each with a different theme. Switch between the spooky "Halloween" level, the underwater "Ocean" level, or the far-out "Space" levels at the touch of a button or the slide of a finger.

So what makes apps like "Doodle Jump", and more recently "Angry Birds", so popular?

The Price. By charging just £0.69, Doodle Jump's creators ensured that buying their app would not break the bank. This is a crucial marketing strategy. The vast majority of the best-selling apps on Apple's App Store are priced at just £0.69.

It's addictive! Hours and days can be spent (some might say wasted!) trying to improve your best score.

Its simplicity makes it fun for all ages and for all types of people. Lady Gaga's dancers, for example, have been known to wear images of the "doodler" on their clothes during concerts.

It's a wonderful time-waster. Have you ever been bored waiting for a bus, a train, or an aeroplane? So, it would seem, have over 10 million other people.

However, we shouldn't simply focus on the positive aspects of the world of apps. The danger that modern technology poses to young people has been well documented. We know, for example, that it is often hard to restrict what young people can access on the Internet. Or, more worryingly, who they might be talking to in Chat Rooms.

However, the rise and rise of apps has shed light on certain new issues. Namely:

### **1. "Are we becoming more and more antisocial as a species?"**

Nowadays it is rare to catch the Underground in London, or the Metro in Paris or Barcelona, without seeing at least one person engrossed in a mobile phone app. This may seem harmless at first and some may argue that Smartphones allow us to stay in contact with friends on Facebook and other social media websites. But at what price? Do we really pay attention to the world around us any more, or are we just slaves to our mobile phones?

### **2. "Are we doing enough reading?"**

It is undeniable that reading is a pleasure for some people but absolute

torture for others. Certainly the appearance of Amazon's Kindle and other electronic 'e-readers' are doing a great deal to keep the world of literature in line with the world of technology, and they are proving to be quite successful. However, in a world saturated with video games and mobile apps, it really is debatable whether or not young people are reading enough from a young age. Language, and the ability to converse, is the most obvious thing that distinguishes humans from apes and reading is the best way to develop your use of language. If mobile apps take the place of a good novel, might this have a negative effect on literacy rates?

There are many pros and cons associated with apps and their real impact remains to be seen. Their popularity, however, is undeniable, which means they're here to stay whether you like it or not!

## **Имейте ввиду: это затягивает!**



Этот титул, принадлежащий одному из самых продаваемых в мире приложений "Doodle Jump", привлёк внимание более чем 10 миллионов человек и помог сделать игру именем нарицательным среди пользователей айфонов, блэкбери, андроидов и многих других смартфонов по всему миру.

"Doodle Jump" приложение, которое было выпущено на 6 апреля 2009, является ярким примером того, чего можно достигнуть при помощи изобретательности, много тяжелой работы и большой удачи. Разработка двух братьев Игоря и Марко Пусенжак в течение всего трех месяцев, большая часть популярности игры и успеха заключается в своей простоте.

### **Какова цель игры?**

Цель игры состоит в том, чтобы направлять это создание по имени Дудлер до бесконечного множества платформ с использованием акселерометра телефона, чтобы была возможность направить его влево и вправо. Мы поможем вам на вашем пути, как прыгать с платформы на платформу, ряд объектов, которые обеспечивают короткие повышения. Реактивные ранцы, ракеты и гребных шляпы прогонят свой "Doodler" вверх. Батуты и простые пружины могут быть немного менее эффективны, но они добавляют много неповторимым шармом игры.

Звучит просто? Не забудьте убедиться, что вы не попали в разбитую платформу; прыгнули в монстра; были похищены НЛО; или втянуты в черную дыру!

После загрузки, игрок может получить доступ к девяти различным уровням, каждый с разной темой. Переключение между жутким уровнем "Хэллоуин", подводным уровнем «Океан», или в «Космос».

Так что же делает приложения, такие как "Doodle Jump", а в последнее время "Angry Birds", такими популярными?

Цена. Всего за £ 0,69, создатели Doodle Jump обеспечили, что покупка их приложения не будет обходиться в большую сумму. Это очень важная маркетинговая стратегия. Подавляющее большинство самых продаваемых приложений на App Store компании Apple по цене всего 0,69 руб.

Это затягивает! Часы и дни могут быть потрачены (некоторые могут сказать, впустую!) Пытается улучшить свой рекорд.

Его простота делает его интересным для всех возрастов и для всех типов людей. Танцоры Леди Гаги, например, как было известно, носили образы "Doodler" на своей одежде во время концертов.

Это замечательное убийство времени. Вам никогда не было скучно в ожидании автобуса, поезда или самолета? Так, казалось бы, есть более 10 миллионов других людей.



# Russia - my motherland

## Kazan is a charming place

Тем не менее, мы не должны просто сосредотачиваться на положительных аспектах мира приложений. Опасность того, что современные технологии представляют для молодых людей много документации. Мы знаем, например, что часто трудно ограничить то, что молодые люди могут получить доступ в Интернет. Или, что более тревожно, когда они могли бы говорить в чатах.

Тем не менее, рост и подъем приложений пролил свет на некоторые новые вопросы. А именно:

### 1. "Неужели мы все более и более антисоциальны, как вид?"

В настоящее время это редкость, встретить метро в Лондоне, или Метро в Париже или Барселоне, не видя по крайней мере, одного человека погруженного в мобильное приложение телефона. Это может показаться безобидными на первый взгляд, а некоторые могут возразить, что смартфоны позволяют нам оставаться в контакте с друзьями на Facebook и других социальных сайтов. Но какой ценой? Действительно ли мы обращаем внимание на окружающий нас мир больше, или мы просто рабы своих мобильных телефонов?

### 2. "Достаточно хорошо ли мы читаем?"

Нельзя отрицать, что чтение это удовольствие для некоторых людей, но абсолютная пытка для других. Конечно появление Kindle от Amazon и других электронных "читалок" делают многое, чтобы сохранить мир литературы в соответствии с миром технологий, и они, оказывается, довольно успешны. Тем не менее, в мире, насыщенном видеоиграми и мобильными приложениями, это действительно спорный вопрос или нет. Молодые люди читают достаточно с самого раннего возраста. Язык, и способность разговаривать, это самая очевидная вещь, что отличает человека от обезьяны и чтение это лучший способ, чтобы развивать свое использование языка. Если мобильные приложения займут место хорошего романа, это имеет негативное влияние на уровень грамотности?

Есть много плюсов и минусов, связанных с приложениями и их реальное влияние еще предстоит выяснить. Их популярность, однако, является неоспоримой, что означает, что они здесь, чтобы остаться, нравится вам это или нет!

**Михаил Ракшин, 10А**



Early morning. Outside about +8 degrees. It's awful! But three happy girls are going to train... The 18th of July. It is pity that summer-2014 did not want to give us a little sun and more warm days. My two sisters and me asked parents to go somewhere. That "somewhere" became Kazan.

To go to the other city or abroad means a lot of emotions, new views and happy mood! I thought that two weeks would be too much and we could get tired and bored. But those 14 days were my best time of all the summer.

We came to Kazan late in the evening. Night views are awesome! We were walking to our home across the river Volga. So beautiful and so many lights!

The next day from morning till night I and my sisters were walking. First what we saw was a big theatre. It looked like Disneyland! There was a monument of a Small Prince on the top, near the



roof. Everything looked like wonderful castle from a fairy-tale.

While we were walking only one thing impressed me the most. It is architecture. The houses were so different. It seemed like you were in Europe or somewhere else, but not in Russia. The second thing impressed me was that Kazan was very clear and very green city.

On 22 of July I walked near the Winter Castle. We gave it that name, but in reality it's called Farmer's Palace. I was shocked in good way, it was so nice. Giant tree on the whole wall! Fantastic!

Next days we were walking to parks, squares, lakes, rivers, Park of Attractions, Farmer's Zoo. We went across Bauman Street (it is like our Vainera Street in Yekaterinburg) and saw a magic Kremlin. I do not know why, but when I was looking at walls of Kremlin, I felt I was in Sweden I think everyone should go and see that place. We were outside, inside, were going everywhere, made thousands photos and bought couple things to remember our trip.

I liked Kazan very much! I'd like to visit it again!

**Alina Vinogradova, 11A**



# Discussion Club

## School in the past

I have a very big family and I am lucky to have two grannies. I asked both of them about their childhood and school years. They were really enthusiastic about telling me the stories of the happy



est years of their life.

The name of the first granny is Lyudmila and she is 58 years old. I was surprised that she still remembers all the small details of her school life.

But what I would like to tell you is the story of my oldest granny. Her name is

Tamara and she is 74 years old. She finished her school 56 years ago. She told me that she was studying in 3 schools during school years. I can't even imagine how difficult it is to change your school, your teachers and your friends.

My granny had a lot of subjects during her school years. Math, Russian, English, German were her favorite lessons. All the lessons were interesting and important for my granny, but there was one subject she did not really like. It was the History of the Communist Party. I am really happy that we are not forced to study it nowadays.

She went to the first class when she was 8. Her first school was located in the center of our city. As my granny told me it was just a wooden small house with several small rooms and canteen where they had lunches every day. Usually it was just a little cake and compote. They even used a Russian furnace to warm the building during cold

winters. All the most interesting and funny stories of my granny happened in this school.

My granny is a very sociable and friendly person and when she was a child she had a lot of friends. Together with school friends they liked to play simple but funny games. Hide and Seek, catch-up, football, and volleyball – were their favorite everyday games. Besides this they had a lot of optional courses such as: sewing, modeling, etc. What is important it was for free and a lot of students, even from the poor families could visit it.

Without any doubt the discipline was very strict. It was very important to wear a special school uniform otherwise they could not be accepted to the school. My granny really liked her uniform. It was a black dress, white shirt and a beautiful apron. Every girl was proud of her uniform and took care of it.

I am happy that I am studying in a good modern school. And I can say that I appreciate it after the stories of my granny even more.

**Dmitrii Pyankov, 10B**



Modern schools differ much from schools of the past. 20 years ago there were the other subjects, school uniform, discipline... There were about 25 pupils in the class. Now in my class there are 33 pupils. All the students wore a school uniform. After lessons the teacher conducted extra lessons for children who didn't understand a subject or missed lessons because of illness. Lessons lasted for 45 minutes. There were about 10 classes in the school. Pupils on duty helped to set the tables in the canteen and to clean the classrooms and corridors.

As my mum told me pupils were much more attentive, and never interrupted the teacher. They always did their homework themselves. They often went to the library and read much. There was no Internet there, and everybody had to do homework. It would be interesting for me to visit school in the past and try to learn in it.

**Alena Volkova, 10B**

My grandma learned into a sport boarding school. She had to live there because her house was too far from it. Many students lived there for the same reason. Their classes were not very big. For teachers was difficult to control many pupils. Their classrooms did not differ too much from ours. Discipline in their school was very strict. It was sport school that is why all students had to follow the regime of the day. They had not any uniform. Only form for their Physical Education lessons. Their dinners were held in the school cafeteria. Grandma said that it looked like our dinners now. Usually after their lessons they went for a walk or they can go to play football, basketball or tennis.

I have known some new information about schools of the last century!

**Olga Paramonova, 10A**





Sooner or later all of us face the problem of choosing a career when we are to decide what we are going to be in future. But I want to say it is not easy or simple to decide what career to choose. As it is known the success or failure of adult life depends upon the choice made early in life. It should be said that I've discussed this problem with my parents and teachers. We also have spoken a lot with my friends about our career prospects. Your choice should be based on your own opinion. Choosing the future career, we should consider the following things.

*Pay.* Is the size of your salary important?

*Place of work.* You ought to decide whether you want to work indoors (cashier, chemist, librarian, secretary, etc.) or outdoors (driver, firefighter, estate agent, etc.)

*Full-time, part-time, flexitime job.* There is no set pattern to part-time working.

*Communication with different people.* Meeting and dealing with people doesn't appeal to every person.

*Business trips.* You should keep in mind that some professions simply travelling all over the world, such as tour guides, scientists, actors, journalistic, pilots and so on. It's not always fun.

*Aspirations for creative work.* If you a creative person, it's a must for you to find such job. It can be a job of an artist, a tailor, a designer or a stylist.

*Jobs connected with risk.* Such jobs are usually well-paid, but very dangerous.

Analyzing all these points will help you not to make a wrong choice.

**Lilia Murtazina, 9B**



### Profession of a teacher

It's rather difficult to choose your own profession nowadays. There is plenty of vocations, so many places you can work in. But it is important to find a job to your taste, that you can go to work with pleasure, with a smile on your face.

Here you can see some reasons of choosing the profession of TEACHER. So I chose teaching because it's a *honorable profession*. It's not for everyone. I want to be useful for the society. And if you are very active person, you want to share with your knowledge with others - this job is for you.

Besides I find my *profession very interesting*. You can learn and find out something new every day. When pupils ask questions you can involve in the subject deeper and deeper, thinking of it.

To my mind teachers can *affect the future of their pupils*. It sounds trite, but it is true. Teachers mold the future each day in class. You advise them something, trying to show the right vision of life. In this way you are sure to be responsible for them, for their future.

By the way *you stay a young person* among your young pupils. Every day a teacher listen to new ideas and trends of life. It also helps break down barriers.

In addition my profession has an abundance of *communication, companionship and interaction*. As a rule in schools things are humming day after day. So a work schedule allows teacher to *spend more time with their families*, with children with the same time of holidays.

But also there are some disadvantages of it such as preparing for lessons and a lot of paper work but it's common for every profession to have cons.

In conclusion I'd like to say everyone can make a choice of this occupation, but it doesn't mean that you will be devoted to it. Teaching is a special calling. It is not a job well-suited to everyone. In fact, many new teachers leave within the first 3-5 years of teaching. You should feel, give ear to the sole and you won't fall into error.

**Varvara Votyakova, IFL**



### How to choose a profession

Here you're given a few tips from a person, who has already chosen. They may be useful for you.



- Listen to your heart.
- Just stop from daily rushing for a moment and try to listen what your heart will tell you. Have you heard it? Then, what is more likable and pleasurable to you?
- Switch on your sensibility.
- Remember, that through ages your preferences and likes can be contrary changed. What you like today, you may hate tomorrow. So, try to choose such speciality, that may be applied in various professions, so that you won't get bored to death with your work.
- Start surfing the Internet.
- It's high time you started looking through different universities admission commissions web-pages to learn what exams and documents they require.
- Save your parents' budget.
- Remember that it is always better to save your parents' money, so you'd better try to get free of tuition fee education. For that purpose, choose a university where they accept exams in the subject you're most likely to pass well.
- Work hard.
- Prepare for the exams beforehand. The earlier you start – the better are results! Don't skip classes and take some extra private lessons. Also, you have to do lots of self-controlled work!

Hope, following these steps will lead you to success! Good luck, guys!

**Alexandra Shesterova,  
Institute of Foreign Languages,  
the USPU**

# Discussion Club

## Escape from reality

When children grow up, they do not know what toys to play. So they start trying alcohol, cigarettes and gambling. I consider it to be an escape from the reality. A large number of teenagers vanish in online games wasting their money and health, organize alcoholic parties though they're not mature and smoke behind their school after PE lessons. Unfortunately, this behavior belongs to children who do not appreciate health and the death price. Such people cannot really be considered as adults. In my opinion, the person has to create good life round himself. But who

will teach us to do it? I doubt that boring parents' or teachers' instructions can do it. People have their negative addictions because they're inattentive and indifferent. It is not necessary to listen to lectures to create a good world around yourself, it is necessary to work! It is worth trying to change until it is late. It is necessary to experiment at yourself! No, it does not mean that it is necessary to do piercing, dye hair or shave them off, start smoking or taking drugs. It means that you shall try what you have never tried before. Try to read a book in a day, to write the most

sincere wish to parents for a holiday, to adopt experience from the grandmother or the grandfather, to learn to play a musical instrument, to tell good words the whole day, to grow thin, at last. Great writers eulogized and romanticized the youth. And they had serious reasons for that, for sure. The youth has great strength, they just need to lead it into some useful things. Try, it is easy, it is worth beginning! You will be able to create ideal reality around yourself!

**Valeria Grinberg, 11C**

## My hobby



Hello! My name is Olga. Some time ago I did not know what to do in my free time. One day I saw the poster of the Model Agency " Ural models". I was interested in it. I attended the first lesson and I was

very impressed. During my first photo session I worried very much but it was very cool. From time to time my photos became better and better and I was very happy. I combined school and my hobby.

It was not difficult.

Then the lessons at the model school became more difficult. I took part in the professional skills competition. It was my first competition. After it I participated in the competition "Young Miss of Ekaterinburg - 2014". My nomination was "Miss " The Best Figure".

In summer I continued my studying. I improved my knowledge. At the end of the course I took part in the holiday The Youth Day. And I was given the certificate of the graduation.

I liked to attend the model school. Nowadays I am happy. It was a good experience for me. Try yourselves in any business!!!

**Olga Yatskova, 8C**



Hello! My name is Diana. I am 10. I like to dance. It is my hobby. I am engaged in modern dancing.

My section's name is "Orange". Our teacher teachers us to listen to music and to dance well.

It is not easy, but I work hard and try to dance well. I take part in competitions and I have got a lot of medals and diplomas. I am happy. I adore dancing!

**Diana Adieva, 4A**

## How to make English easier to learn

Different foreign languages are not easy to learn. But they are necessary in our days. People should get along well with each other. And so we have to understand and respect people from different countries, their cultures and customs.

One of the most popular languages in the world is English. Moreover, it is the international language. English is not only the language of people, but also of computers, business, sport, politics, economy, science and art. I think everyone should learn English.

To make learning English easier, you should do the following. The important thing is to practice English in your own. It would be desirable to communi-

cate with native speakers. If you have a chance travel abroad. But if it is not possible, you can talk to people through the Internet. There are a lot of people, which engaged in this and can help you. You can write letters in English to English-speaking people. Also, you can attend English school, different courses and extra lessons.

If you want to learn language by yourself, it is necessary for you to learn many English words and grammar that is, to know the very basics. And to read English books. It is very useful for you, your memory and also it will help to expand your horizon. Of course, to watch films or TV in English and to listen to English songs.



It is not poorly important to be confident and relaxed. You should not be shy and diffident. If you try to do all your best your English will be accurate and fluent.

**Vlada Abakumova, 11A**



# Contests. Olympiads

## Online-Contest

### "Russia - our homeland"



was held in our school in April - September, 2014. Pupils from 3-11 grades took part in it. You can read their compositions and see presentations and booklets about interesting places of Russia and the Urals on the site - <http://englishteacher67.pedmix.ru/>.

### The winners of the contest

<http://konkurs.pedmix.ru/konkurs.php?id=145>

#### The 1st place

Жукова О., 10Б "Tourist routes of the Urals"  
Кочурин Е., Демуров А., 11Б "Seven Wonders of Russia"  
Тельменова А., 11В "Europe - Asia obelisks"

#### The 2nd place

Половинкина Е., 6Д "Irbit"  
Демидович Д., 11А "The fountain "Friendship of the people of the USSR"  
Ганчук Н., 11Б "Famous Russians"

#### The 3rd place

Серов Б., 6Д "Orenburg"  
Купров А., 11Б "Kungur Ice Cave"  
Гайнутдинов А., 11Б "The cathedral of the resurrection"  
Павлецова А., 11В "Little dam"

**We congratulate our brilliant students and their teachers  
and wish them every success!**



**Contests!**



# Teacher's Comments

## My Summer Vacation in Italy

Summer this year hardly smiled on us, making us believe that it left us for good. Days went one after another and when July came, which is supposed to be the hottest month of the year, it became quite clear that summer said "Good bye" to the Urals.



As luck would have it, I spent some days in a warm country near a warm sea, enjoying the sun, life and people. This summer I went to Italy. We all know much about it from the history books, from the films about the great emperors and yet you never seem to stop learning more and more new things every time you visit it. I must admit that it was not my first time in the Mediterranean and what is more I was not interested in shopping either. Culture, tradi-

tions sometimes forgotten by the very natives and life in general fascinated me most of all.

My visit started with rain. Strange as it may seem but even in Italy in summer there is rain. But Italians say: A wet trip is a lucky trip. They are right. Rare tourists seem to be bored with rain. I was no exception. Cafes, bars, restaurants, shops, entertainment centers all are open for tourists. The beach was in a stone's throw and when we didn't go sunbathing we could always have a walk there which was very refreshing. The days were packed full and we hardly had time to do everything we planned. We visited local fests and fairs, where people danced, tasted the best Italian food and specialties. And it is not only pizza and macaroni I should say that Italians are famous for. Some dishes were so delicious though they looked nothing special. "Brutto ma buono" Italians say in such a case. Local markets were something unbelievable. You could find there everything you wanted from socks to coats, different brands and different prices, from tomatoes to very delicious cheeses.

One of the days we visited a local concert. It was actually a TV show where they were searching for talented singers. All of



them were talented and the show was very impressive. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly and everyone felt at home. Another day we were lucky to get to a Backstreet Boys concert. The songs familiar to everyone, the lights, the air - to say that it was unforgettable is to say nothing. The impressions stay with you forever.

One of the days when going back home from the beach we happened to get right in the midst of another world event, World Ducati Week racing. The roaring of the motos from all corners of the world and even from Russia filled a small Italian town. The total of about 65 thousand bikers went through the streets of Cattedolica in one column. The show attracted huge crowds from all over the world and was a big success. I am happy to have joined the show on my small bike)))

The vacation, as usual, passed very fast and I returned home. Ekaterinburg welcomed me with cold weather and rain, which seemed more like autumn. But at heart I felt sunny and warm, rejoicing at the memories of a well spent summer.

*Natalia N. Shadrina*

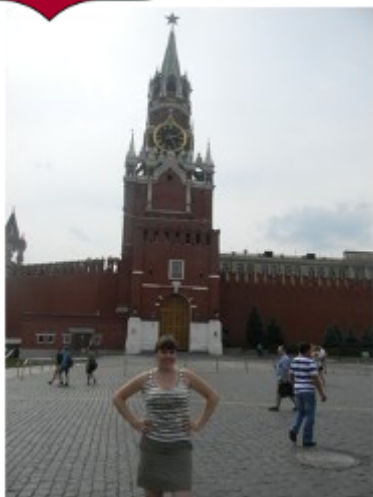






## Teacher's Comments

### Interesting places in Moscow



Sometime ago one or another said: "Travel. As much as you can. As far as you can. As long as you can. Life's not meant to be lived in one place. Go at least once a year to a place you have never been before".

I think almost every person from our magnificent country was in our capital no less than one time. Mostly people were in Moscow for a very short time only, on their way through. So did I. This summer I've had a great opportunity to stay in this city for a week (thanks to my cousin who lives there).

Tired of cold and rainy Ural days my husband and I were happy to be in hot and sunny place. The temperature was about 30C every day. We enjoyed such a weather, walked a lot, visited museums, parks and squares, had dinners in cafes and restaurants and, of course, studied the Underground.

I visited the famous State Tretyakov Gallery. It was my dream to see the original of some well-known pictures. Here you can see the works of such great painters as Shishkin, Serov, Surikov, Rublev and the others. One of my favourite masterpieces is "The girl with the peaches". It was painted in 1887 by Serov. You can see the 12-year-old girl with a peach in her hands. The painter has worked on the picture almost for 2 months and Vera's (girl's name) parents were worried. They said Serov tormented a girl. In spite of that we can have a look at this nice picture now.

One of my favourite films is "Titanic" and it was interesting to see the exhibition-sensation "Titanic: how it was". It takes place in trade center Afimall City. The unusual thing was that we were passengers and had a boarding pass of White Star Royal Mail Triple-Screw Steamer "Titanic". There were different stuff from the ship (plates and dishes, newspapers) and even the examples of the cabins and corridors.

Some people say: "There is nothing to see in Moscow". It's false. In general, many people know Red Square and The Kremlin only, but you can find many new interesting places any time you visit this city. I liked my trip and I consider that it isn't enough to stay in new cities for one day; to know the city you should study it in details.

**Maria I. Shikhovtseva**

### Travelling around the Urals

To travel or not to travel? This question is not for me - I adore travelling. I've visited more than 20 countries and many places in Russia.

Last summer I decided to investigate my native land - the Urals. One of the reasons for that decision was my driving licence. I've got it some months ago and now I use every chance to drive a car. Now I know for sure that travelling by car is the most comfortable. You do not depend on any things. You have a possibility to stop where you want and to continue your travelling at any time... So, my family (It's big and friendly - my husband, my sister with her husband, my son and his friends) often went to different places of the Urals by cars. We had a rest on the charming Ufa river, clear lakes of Chelyabinsk, magnificent Ural mountains... We also visited the Park "Deer's streams". We walked, fished, gathered mushrooms and picked berries. But the most pleasant thing for me was to breathe the fresh air and listen to the silence...

**Elena V. Vatoropina**



