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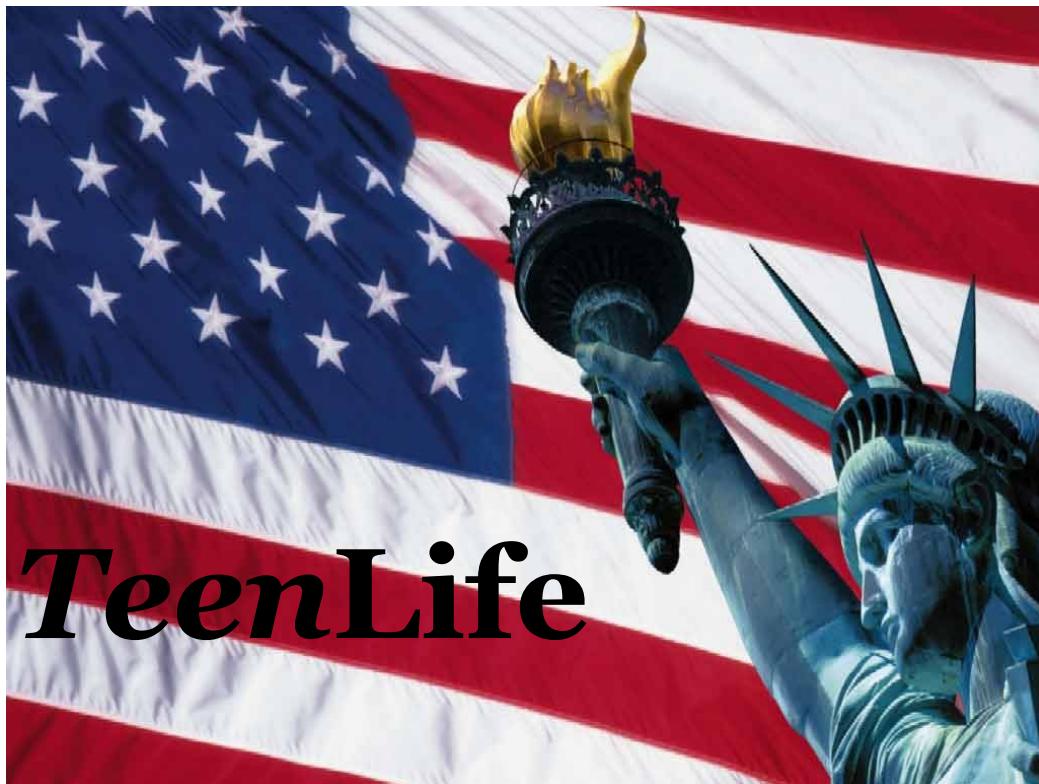
Nowadays it's popular to go abroad. America, European countries have a strong influence on the youth of Russia. In Soviet times our parents didn't know how people lived in other countries. In XXI century everything changed. Now lots of people go abroad and tell their friends, relatives and colleagues about other countries. Our magazine tells about foreign countries, too. We should know what foreigners think about Russians, our way of life, customs and traditions. Many people have an opportunity to travel. But there are people who don't have that chance, and it's wonderful that we can get acquainted with the life of other countries, their people and interesting places on the pages of our magazine.

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School News

- A survey of senior pupils (9-11 classes) at our school backed the idea of school magazine. The following questions were discussed:

What types of newspapers and magazines do you prefer?

Are you satisfied with the information published in them?

Do you think, school newspaper and magazine are necessary?

What kind of information would you like to find out in the school magazine?

How regular should a magazine be issued?

What kind of job would you like to do for the school magazine?

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- School English Olympiad was held on the 24th of October. 94 pupils of 5-11 took part in it. We congratulate the winners and their teachers! Well done!

At School

Our School Museum



Our school museum was founded in 2004. Many pupils and guests of our school often visit it. It is worth seeing a big collection of cups, medals and honorary diplomas of our teachers and students. Here you can study the history of our school, the oldest (it is 72 years old)

and one of the best schools of our district. There are portraits and personal things of famous people who studied at our school. Among them – Karushin Alexandre Fyodorovich, a Hero of the Soviet Union, the participant of Great Patriotic War, Igor Voznesenskii, ruined in Afghanistan, famous writers, sportsmen, scientists. We are proud of our school-leavers!

It is interesting to notice that there are a lot of old books, copybooks, pupil's mark-books there. You can also see an old school uniform, a pioneer tie, a bugle and a drum. The leader of museum Cherkasskaya Olga Vladimirovna is a very creative person. She often organizes exhibitions of pupils' works – paintings, hand-made things. Olga Vladimirovna tells the pupils about our school and carries out different subject contents.

There are photos of teachers, who worked in our school many years ago and teachers who work at present time. We come to our school museum again and again! And every time we find there something new and interesting!



Halloween Night

Teens Party

Halloween! Why is this holiday so popular all over the world? I know why. People like to wear unusual costumes and do terrible make-up. It's really interesting! Halloween is celebrated in Catholic countries. In Russia this holiday is not approved with Christian Church. But teens love it! This year Halloween was celebrated in our school.

Some words about the holiday. Many people think that Halloween came from the USA. But it isn't right. The history of the holiday began in the UK.

31st October is Halloween. This festival celebrates the return of the souls of the dead who come back to visit places where they lived. In the evening there are lots of Halloween parties. People dress up as witches, ghosts, devils, cats or bats. Houses are decorated with pumpkins with candles inside them. Some children follow the American custom called Trick or Treat. They knock at your house and ask, "Trick or treat?" If you give some money or some sweets (a treat),

they go away. If not, they can play a trick on you, like splashing water in your face.

No Halloween party is complete without a scary story. Usually people crowd together around a fire on Halloween night. And one person tells a scary story in a low voice.

I'd like to tell some words about Halloween disco-party in our school. As I have already said teens like this holiday, because they have a possibility to put so unusual costumes on. My schoolmates had so scary, horrifying costumes. It was so difficult to say who they were trying to represent. Look at the photos:

Lately I spoke to the American. He told about Halloween's costumes. He said that American teens had the same costumes every year. I can say that the Russians had so unusual costumes! And they are different from year to year. In my opinion the party had a great success. My schoolmates liked it very much!

Maria Raevskaya

"I have chosen the costume of a cat, because I like cats. Disco is really wonderful: good lights, mobility music..."

Irina Sovetova

"I have made the costume of vampire, because we (I and Irina Rahmanova) decided that we would be vampires. I think that the party is beautiful: illumination is so bright. All my friends are dancing with pleasure. It's fun!"

Lida Sedova

"I liked Halloween-Disco, but in my mind there were a few people. And at first music was not very good... But some time later we had wonderful music! I enjoyed the party!!!"

Most of my schoolmates agreed with me that the disco was a great success. I hope that the next Halloween party will be as beautiful as this one!

Hristina Filonchik





Halloween in primary school

На последней учебной неделе в нескольких классах начальной школы отмечали Хэллоуин. Праздники прошли в 3 «В», 3 «Г», 3 «Д» и 4 «Г» классах. В 3 «В» началось все еще до начала праздника. На уроках присутствовали странноватые ученики, и их количество постепенно возрастило.



Ну, а после уроков стало еще веселее. Родители помогали детям выглядеть ужасно:))) По итогам зрительского голосования выбрали мистера и миссис Кошмар. Все ребята и взрослые участвовали в различных конкурсах, танцевали...

В общем, праздник получился веселый!

Chernikova.S.B.



Travelling Around the World

New Zealand

"In the world there are many places you can go. But there is one country that can not go! "

I would like to tell you about my traveling to New Zealand.

The first thing I was impressed with was the number of different plants and birds that live right in the city. Even in the center of the city, birds nest in the trees beside office towers and busy streets. I was also impressed with people who were very polite, helpful and friendly.

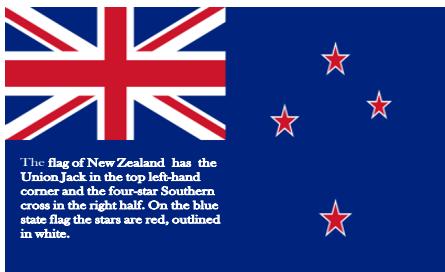
We visited my aunt. I lived there for two months and I went to school. Some

words about school. It was located in the big park and consisted of three parts in different houses. They were not very big, but very comfortable and nice. There was no dining-room in it, and pupils had to bring their lunch boxes with them. We had 7 – 8 lessons a day with a long break (for 1 hour) for dinner and rest. During the break children were allowed to walk or play games in the school park. It was very pleasant and funny! We had a very good time! During



my travelling in New Zealand I visited many beautiful places and found out much interesting information about this unusual country.





The flag of New Zealand has the Union Jack in the top left-hand corner and the four-star Southern cross in the right half. On the blue field the stars are red, outlined in white.

Some words about the country.

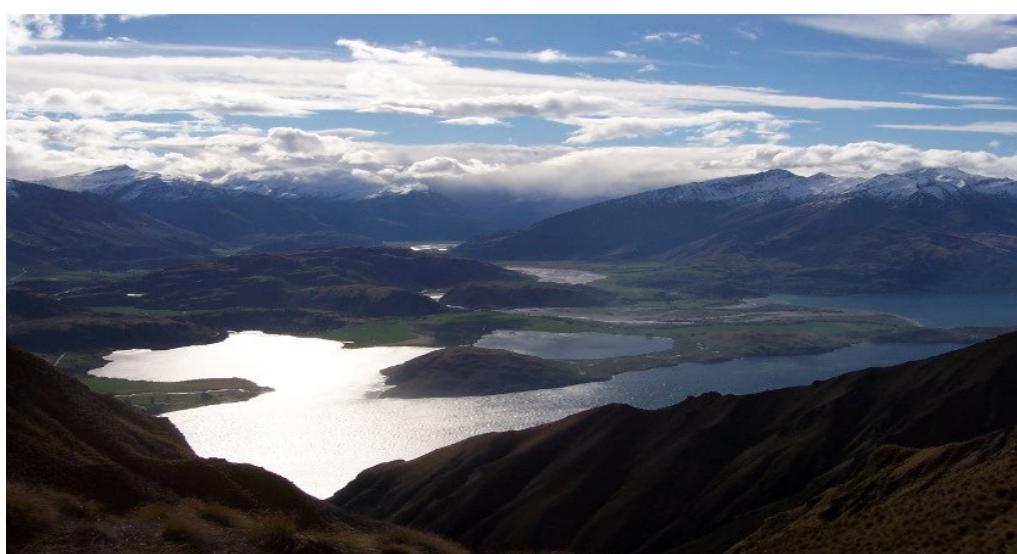
Maoris were the first inhabitants of New Zealand,

arriving on the islands in about 1000. Maori oral history maintains that the Maoris came to the island in seven canoes from other parts of Polynesia. The Treaty of Waitangi between the British and several Maori tribes promised to protect Maori land if the Maoris recognized British rule. Encroachment by British settlers was relentless, however, and skirmishes between the two groups intensified. Due to its remoteness, New Zealand was one of the last lands to be settled by humans. During its long isolation New Zealand developed a distinctive fauna dominated by birds, many of which became extinct after the arrival of humans and introduced mammals. With a mild maritime climate, the land was mostly covered in forest. After World War II, New Zealand joined Australia and the United States in the ANZUS security treaty, although the United States later suspended the treaty after New Zealand banned nuclear weapons. New Zealanders enjoyed one of the highest standards of living in the world. The majority of New Zealand's population is of European descent; the indigenous Maori are the larg-

est minority, followed by Asians and non-Maori Polynesians. English, Maori and New Zealand Sign Language are the official languages, with English predominant. Many artists now combine Maori and Western techniques to create unique art forms. The country's culture has also been broadened by globalization and increased immigration from the Pacific Islands and Asia. New Zealand's diverse landscape provides many opportunities for outdoor pursuits and has provided the backdrop for a number of big budget movies.

New Zealand has one of the most amazing landscapes on the planet; primeval forests, endless sandy beaches, snow-capped mountain peaks, bubbling volcanic pools, fast-flowing rivers and glacier-fed lakes. The spectacular landscape, temperate climate and fascinating range of animal and plant life, have made it a paradise for nature lovers from all over the globe. Not many countries have such different landscapes, environments and ecosystems all so close to each other. Whether you're out in the rugged wilderness areas of the natural parks or in some of the perfectly manicured private gardens, you'll find an amazing range of native plants found nowhere else on earth. To my mind, New Zealand is one of the most beautiful places in the world

Irina Rahmanova



Teacher's Comments

My First School Experience



*A school should not be
a preparation for life.
A school should be life.
E. Hubbard*

There is such a great difference of professions nowadays, but the profession of a teacher is one of the most exciting and useful.

It was my dream to become a teacher and last year we had got

this chance. School № 67 opened the doors for us, the fourth-year students of The Urals State Pedagogical University, The Institute of Foreign Languages. Our first school practice began. These two months were really great! We attended so many classes and holidays! All the teachers were so friendly, they tried to help us and it impressed us deeply.



Vatoropina Elena Vasilievna was our tutor. She is so bright and intelligent person! She gave us excellent pieces of advice how to create a lesson, how to speak with pupils, how to behave ourselves at the lessons. It helped us to organize perfectly our own classes. We appreciate it so much! During our block teaching practice we also visited many interesting holidays such as Pancake week, "Your Game", "Youth and Conflicts". It goes without saying that they aroused a great interest in English. Some pupils were very fluent in the English language. Ok, at the end I'd like to say that this time was really brilliant! We had got a great experience! I would like to finish my article and to say many thanks to this school.

Dariya Ivachyova, the USPU

Why and How to Study English? (Or the “Work and Travel” Programme)



To know English today is absolutely necessary for every educated person. But everyone understands that it is not easy. There are lots of reasons to study English. Some people need it at work or to communicate with foreigners. Others speak English travelling around the world. It is the language of business, sport and computers.

Students study the English language at schools, colleges and universities. Some of them have the extra studies to improve their English. They visit different courses and private tutors. So did I. Besides school there were five years of studying English at the University. It's quite difficult to be a student of the faculty of foreign languages, but interesting. I'd like to tell you about my experience of speaking English.

When I was a fourth-year student I got to know

about the “Work and Travel” programme, which offered students a chance to go to the USA in summer to work for American companies in a sphere of service and after that to travel around the country. I had a good opportunity to visit the USA, to earn some money, to meet new friends and I tried my chance...

At the beginning of May 2007, I got a visa, a job offer and air tickets from Yekaterinburg to New York. And on the 21st of May my dream came true. It was a long way by plane. I changed a plane in Check Republic and in nine hours I was in J. F. K. International Airport. Then my friend and I took a bus to Lake Placid, NY. It is a little town and we stayed there for 3 months. We lived in a two-storeyed house. There were nine of Russian students in our house. It was pretty funny. I worked as a housekeeper at my first job. I cleaned rooms in a hotel and for a good job I got tips from the guests. And my part time job was in a café like a McDonalds. I like both of the jobs because of my nice employers and communication with people. In general, Americans like Russian students who come to the USA for the summer. They are good hosts and

friends and ready to help. And of course I had weekends and travelled different cities. I liked New York City most of all. I had a lot of pictures when I returned to Russia.

The most fascinating thing in America is communication with native speakers. Everyone who comes to the States has the aim to improve their English, to see how Americans live. During my staying here I was collecting and studying the information about American slang which helped me to write my diploma.

America gave me a significant life experience. I realized who I am and improved my English, but I don't want to live here. I like my country and I wouldn't like to change my life. And I advise everybody to be a participant of the “Work and Travel” programme. It is worth it...

Maria Shihovtseva



American dream

Мода ездить за границу – распространенное явление XXI века. Франция, Германия, Турция, Египет, Чехия, о. Крит. И это ещё не весь список распространенных мест, где уже точно побывала нога русских туристов. И страна—«мечта», которая сама создала себе этот образ, не осталась без внимания. Практически каждый школьник знает об этой стране и хотел бы туда поехать. Да, это Америка! Страна, в которую мечтают поехать миллионы девушек и юношей, чтобы прогуляться по улицам бегающего Нью-Йорка, выпить капучино в знаменитой кофейне *Starbaks*, увидеть небоскрёбы, которые так впечатляют нас в американских фильмах. Леманова Юлия Анатольевна уже осуществила эту мечту, и она поделится своими впечатлениями.

К.: Расскажите, где вы были в Америке, какие интересные места посетили, что вам больше всего понравилось?

Ю.А: Я была в Нью-Йорке, Бостоне, Вашингтоне. Плавала на теплоходе в открытый океан на встречу с китами. Там было прикормленное место, где китов было большое количество. Они выпрыгивали из воды, как дельфины. Экскурсовод была сильно удивлена: в тот день впервые за 40 лет её работы их было так много. И в итоге на прощание один кит проплыл прямо под кораблем.

Какой город больше всего понравился?

Ю.А: Все города совершенно разные. Нью-Йорк очень суетливый город.

Там действительно все «бегают»?

Да, там, действительно, все куда-то мчатся. Особенно, когда попадаешь на Таймс Сквер, понимаешь, что это настоящая суета, там стоит гул, кто-то кричит, кто-то кого-то толкает, кому-то нужно сфотографироваться. Нью-Йорк – это город высотных зданий. Можно стоять между двумя высотками и видеть лишь маленький кусочек неба.

В Вашингтоне, наоборот, нет высотных зданий. Там изначально было принято решение, что у них не будет зданий выше Капитолия, поэтому у них нет небоскрёбов. В Вашингтоне много афроамериканцев. Но, например, в Нью-Йорке они совсем другие: им платят большие пособия, они могут не работать, им оплачивают жилье, и поэтому они отличаются от афроамериканцев Вашингтона. В Вашингтоне чернокожие – ин-

теллигентные, образованные, все в строгих костюмах. В Нью-Йорке – бесцеремонные и грубые, что весьма раздражало. А вот в Бостоне я была всего два часа, но очень бросилось в глаза, что это – город белых. Там очень мало людей со смуглой кожей.

Какое место вам больше всего запомнилось?

Ю.А: По Нью-Йорку я много гуляла. Конечно же, очень впечатляет статуя свободы. А в том месте, где были башни-близнецы, сейчас огромная стройка, но когда там стоишь, в душе что-то переворачивается, когда понимаешь, что именно там случилась эта трагедия. Когда-то перед башнями стояла металлическая сфера. Когда башни рухнули, она оказалась под руинами. А когда завалы раскопали, сферу не стали восстанавливать, а как она была, обуглившаяся и со всеми вмятинами, поставили недалеко от места, где упали башни-близнецы. Там сейчас горит вечный огонь.

Какой уклад жизни у американцев? Что едят? Как отдыхают? Какие взаимоотношения между людьми? Заметили это?

Да, я очень старалась это заметить. Во-первых, это страна, в которой много внимания уделяется удобству: нескользкие ступеньки, салфеточки в туалете. Туалеты у них везде бесплатные. Они уделяют внимание казалось бы мелочам, но с этими мелочами удобно жить, чего не скажешь о нашей стране. Отдыхают они, как в нашей стране: на природе, в кино. Что касается еды, то едят они много – культ еды американцев известен всем.

Говорят, что они очень любят есть гамбургеры, это так?

Нет, как раз таки гамбургеры едят мало, Макдональдсы там почти всегда пусты. Fast food они рассматривают в последнюю очередь. У них популярна китайская, итальянская и японская еда. Особенно небольшие рестораны. Они дешёвые, и в них можно вкусно поесть. Порции дают огромные. В Америке везде принято платить чаевые – в ресторане, в салоне красоты, у зубного врача...

Американцы ведь очень уважают закон?

Скорее, они боятся его. Боятся нарушить и получить штраф

Заметили что-нибудь интересное в самих американцах: привычки, свойства нации?

В шоке до сих пор. Ситуация, которая часто повторяется в Америке. Едем по хайвэю - магистраль, где нет светофоров, все едут на большой скорости. Вдруг, пробка. Медленно, медленно едем. В чем причина этой пробки? Когда ты доезжаешь до того места, где возникла эта пробка, ты понимаешь, что причина очень глупая. На обочине стоит полицейская машина, полицейские с кем-то там разбираются. А пробка скопилась из-за того, что всем американцам любопытно узнать, что там такое. И они все останавливаются, чтобы посмотреть. Эта многокилометровая пробка, из-за того, что все просто смотрят.

Вы бы хотели жить в этой стране?

Честно говоря, жить мне как раз таки там не захотелось. Америка создала миф, что у них может любой человек подняться, сделать карьеру. Подняться и достигнуть высот можно в любой стране, и не только в Америке. Они так же, как и в нашей стране, любят, чтобы люди работали по 12 часов в сутки. Если ты работал в частном предприятии, то пенсии у тебя может вообще не быть, это зависит от работодателя. Большие привилегии имеют те, кто работал на государство, их старость обеспечена хорошо. Ещё они любят помогать бедным и убогим людям, инвалидам. В Америке, как и в любой другой стране, есть свои проблемы.



Hristina Filonchik



Projects. Investigations

Questionnaire

We held a survey of senior pupils. The task of the investigation was:

- to make needs analysis of the community;
- to share the ideas with the school authorities and School Council;
- to conduct a survey on the necessity and the supposed content and framework of the school magazine that we are planning to organize;
- to work out the plan for making the school magazine;
- to tell about our experience on making school magazine “TeenLife”.

QUESTIONNAIRE (for pupils and teachers)	
Do you read newspapers and magazines?	What kind of information would you like to find out in the school magazine?
Yes, regularly	School life events
Sometimes	Youth life
No	Travelling around the world
What types of newspapers and magazines do you prefer?	News and problems of education
Informative	Teacher's comments
Social and political	Projects. Investigations
Sports	It is interesting to know
Entertainment	At your leisure
Are you satisfied with the information published in them?	...
Yes	How regular should a magazine be issued?
Not always	Once a week
No	Once a term
Do you think, school newspaper and magazine are necessary?	Once in half a year
Yes	What kind of job would you like to do for the school magazine?
No	Editor-in-chief
	Designer
	Correspondent
	Photographer
	Reader
	...

According to the results of the questionnaire a lot of students read newspapers and magazines regularly. They prefer to read informative, sports and entertainment newspapers. They are not always satisfied with the information published in them.

A survey of senior pupils (9-11 classes) at our school backed the idea of school magazine. They would like to have a new school magazine. They would like to find out in it the following information: School life events, Youth life, Travelling around the world, News and problems of education, At your leisure, etc. According to the students' answers a magazine should be issued once a term. Many students would like to take part in creating a magazine. Most of them would like to be designers, correspondents, photographers and, of course, readers.

Welcome to *TeenLife*!

Contests

Contest of students' compositions

"To be successful means..."

NATE announces the fourth all-Russia contest of compositions in English among high school and university students

The contest will be held in three stages:

1st stage – October 20th, 2011 – November 30th, 2011 (schools and universities level)

2nd stage – December 1st, 2011 – December 20th, 2011

(city level, mail to: eltha-urals@mail.ru)

3rd stage – January 20th, 2012 – March 1st, 2012 (all-Russia level)



The best compositions will be published and awarded.

The deadline for getting compositions for the all-Russia level of contest is January 20th, 2012.

School Competition for 2nd – 11th grades

"MY ENGLISH PORTFOLIO"

The goal of the competition is to show all the different ways to make up a portfolio.

There are three groups: 2nd-4th grades, 5th-8th grades, and 9th-11th grades.

To be eligible, you must submit a written presentation containing the following chapters: about myself, my family, my friends, my hobbies, my school, my favourite school subject, health, special interests, my achievements, plans for the future (school or professional), and travelling and holidays.

All portfolios should be submitted on CD by February 1st, 2012.

The top three portfolios in each group will be published and awarded.

Exams

Some Advice on How to Learn English



- We acquire 10% of information when we read.
We acquire 20% of information when we listen.
We acquire 30% when we see.
We acquire 90% when we teach others.
- It is necessary to repeat the material you've learnt every three days.
If you do not repeat the material within three days most of the information vanishes as if you never learnt it.
- It's best to memorize material before you go to bed.
You'll memorize it more quickly.
- It's very useful to listen to the material you are learning.
There are a lot of words in English which are not pronounced according to the rules of reading.

Easy ways to learn English



Today English is the most popular language in the world; we use it in different ways. We can say that English is an international language, and if we travel abroad we can communicate in English in all the countries. So we can say that learning English is one of the most important things for the most of people. A lot of people do not know English well. May be because of they don't know how to learn it. I think there are some ways to make studying English much more easier. I'd like to share my thoughts about easy and effective ways of learning English with my friends.

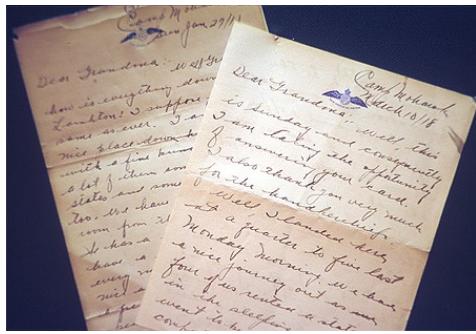
The most important thing is to learn as many English words and grammar rules as it possible. In the result you will learn how to *use* words and grammar. Then, and it is very important, you

should listen to the Englishmen and try to understand them. As for me, I usually choose an interesting topic and write it in the notebook, 20 – 30 words and/or word combinations plus 1 – 2 grammar rules, translate the words from Russian into English. Then I talk to my friends or relatives (or simply looking in the mirror) on this topic. I try to discuss different points of view, ask various questions, etc. The next day I choose the other theme for discussion and do the same. In my opinion, this exercise is very effective. I'd like to add, that it is very useful to listen to the songs of the British and American singers and musical groups. At first you should listen to songs with a slow rhythm like "Belladonna", "I have a dream", "Love me do". Then you should to increase the tempo of songs. In a half of the year you will be able to speak English fluently.

Alexandra Shevichkina

Writing Practice

How to Write a Personal Letter



Sender's address: Put your address in the top right-hand corner of the letter.
Don't write your name.

Date: Write the date under your address. Leave a space between your address and the date. There are different ways of writing the date:

October 8, 1997
8th October 1997
8 October 1997
8/10/97

Greeting or opening of letter: Put a comma after the greeting or opening of letter.
Dear Emily.

Body of letter: Start the letter with greeting. Begin with a capital letter.

Hi, Emily! How are you?
I'm sorry I haven't written...
Thank you for your letter...

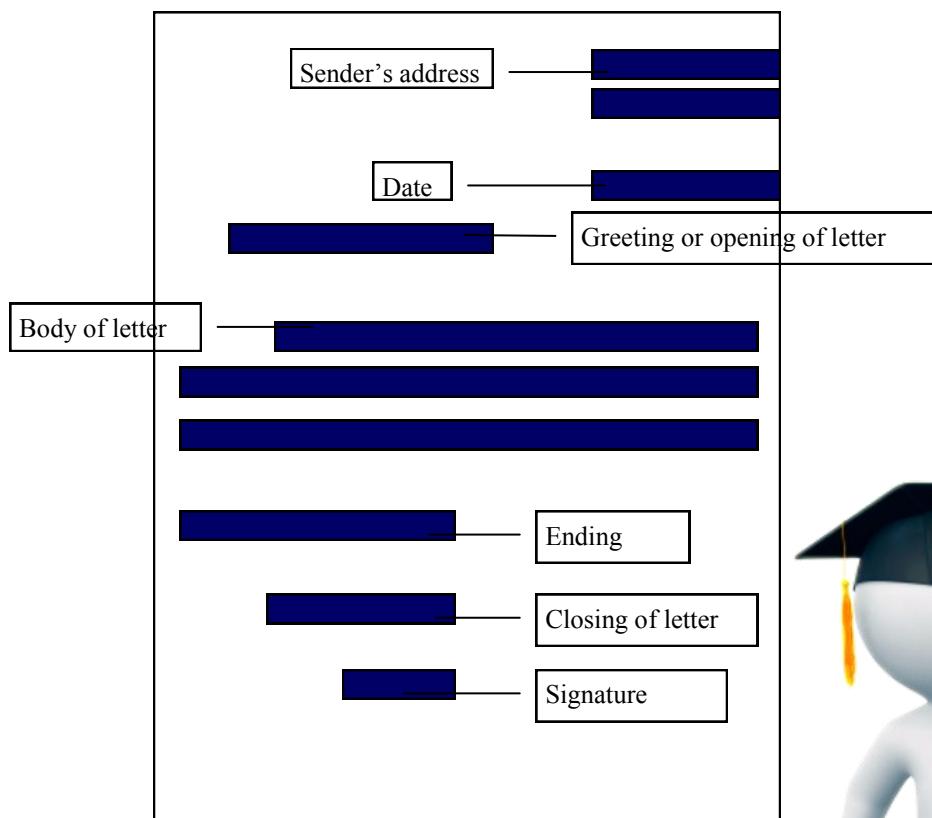
Ending: End the letter like this:

Please write me soon.
I hope to hear from you soon.
Best regards to your family.

Closing of letter: Sign the letter:

Love (with close friends and family)
Best wishes.
Sincerely and Yours sincerely (are used in more formal letters)
A comma is usually placed after these expressions:
Your friend,

Signature: If you use a computer or typewriter, don't forget to sign your name in your own writing



Around the World Cinema

The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring



Hello, let's talk about wonderful world of cinema. Today I'd like to tell you about "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring". It is a fantasy film directed by Peter Jackson. It is based on the first volume of J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings". Do you know what the film of Peter Jackson means? It consists of beautiful computer graphics, fantastic storylines and good reviews of critics and fans.

Set in Middle-earth, the story tells of the Dark Lord Sauron, who is seeking the One Ring. The Ring has found its way to the young hobbit Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood). The fate of Middle-earth hangs in the

balance as Frodo and eight companions who form the Fellowship of the Ring begin their journey to Mount Doom in the land of Mordor, the only place where the Ring can be destroyed.

Today it is the 25th highest-grossing worldwide film of all time. In 2007, The Fellowship of the Ring took the 50th place in the American Film Institute's list of the 100 greatest American films. And I should say a few words about this film. To my mind, the storyline of LOTR is interesting to everyone because of new information about amazing Tolkien's world. There are many things you will never see in real life. Magic creatures and medieval style make a great atmosphere of fantasy world. The beautiful views of Middle-earth were captured in New Zealand. So if somebody wants to visit this fantasy world his dreams can be realized.

I like this film very much. I like characters that were played by famous actors.

I like great special effects that make this fairy-tale beautiful. I like this story about real. The main word here is LIKE. I advise you to watch this film.

Here you can read about my schoolmates' opinions about "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring".

Sedova Lidia, 10A: I've heard this film is very popular, but I won't watch it because I don't like films of this genre.

Alexander Podbereznyh, 10B: "The Lord of the Rings" is very interesting and unusual film. The book was great realized in the film and I like it. Even in our days film looks fantastic and I can watch it again and again.

Alex Chikurov



At Your Leisure

Theatre Crossword Puzzle

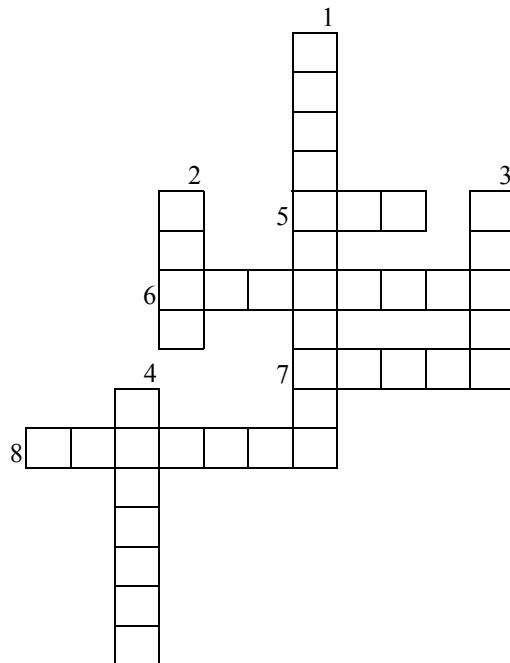
Let's Have Fun

Down

1. Time between the parts of the show
2. A **noise** you make with your hands to show you like something.
3. A line of waiting people.
4. A small **booklet** that gives details about the show

Across

5. A line of seats.
6. People who watch something.
7. The place where the actors **perform**.
8. A piece of the material at the front of the **stage**.



Who Does What?

Fill in the missing letters to complete the names of these people and match them to the pictures.

a _____



b _____



c _____



d _____



e _____



f _____



g _____



1. art_st
2. co__oser

3. auth__
4. _ct_r

5. con_ucto_
6. _usi_ian

7. d_nc_r

