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Why Study English?



I am sure, in order to have a good job one should know foreign languages. The most widespread languages in the world are Chinese, Spanish, English and some others. But every well-educated person in the world speaks English, because it is the language of communication, business, science and culture.

English is now the most important and widespread language in the world. It is the state language in five countries: Great Britain, Canada, the USA, Australia and New Zealand.

English is one of the six official and working languages of the United Nations. It is the second working language in the European Community. In many Asian and African countries, such as India or Egypt, in former British colonies people speak English besides their native one. People also speak English in Europe. English is spoken practically all over the world.

Russia has relations with many countries. More and more direct contacts are established with the countries of Europe, with the United States, Great Britain, Canada and other English-speaking countries.

There is a proverb "A new language — a new world".

I think English is worth studying.

Stromkina Anita, 11C

I often ask myself «Why I study English?» For me this question has different answers and each of them is important to me.

Today English is one of the most common languages in the world. This language is used in all spheres of life such as economics, science, sports etc. I really like travelling. English makes it easy to travel in different parts of the world. I'd like to visit all the interesting countries and my wish will come true if I continue to study English. If I speak English I shall have no troubles looking for a room or a meal.

I 'm going to study at the university abroad, and most of educational institutions accept students on the basis of knowledge of English. After the university I want to go to work. If you want to get well-paid job you have to know one or two foreign languages.

There is a proverb "A new language - a new world". English is my future. I want my world to be more interesting and pleasant.



Demidovich Dasha, 8 «C»

My Favourite Lesson

English language is very interesting and important. That is why I'd like to know it well. My favourite school subject is English. Our teacher Yelena Vasilievna shows us beautiful films about the capital of England – London and its interesting

places: Big Ben, the Tower of London, Westminster Abby, the Houses of Parliament. Recently we have seen the film about Madame Tussaud's life-size figures of famous people.

We read and learn poems by heart. At the English lesson we learn how to ask questions and answer them. We make up funny stories and dialogues. We study fascinating topics and new grammar rules. We translate texts from English into Russian and from Russian into English. Last week we drew the Family Tree and told about our family. We also listen to music and sing English songs.

Now you know why English is my favourite lesson.

Zhukova Olga, 7 "C"



I LOVE MY ENGLISH LESSONS



Firstly, I'd like to tell some words about my school. I like my school very much, because our teachers and students are unusual, merry and clever. Of course, I'm fond of my classmates. They are very kind and sociable.

Secondly, I'll tell you about our English lessons. We learn exciting topics, make discussions, learn new words and grammar rules. English is very important for modern students. We learn English to

be able to communicate with the other world. In future the knowledge of foreign languages will help us to find a good job.

I have been learning English for eight years and it is really hard to learn it! But the knowledge of English helps me very much, now when I learn French.

Our teacher explains us difficult English grammar. She teaches us how to speak and to communicate in English. We make dialogues, discuss interesting and important problems. We speak about our future, about conflicts and how to resolve them, about fashion of the youth, etc. Yelena Vasilievna often tells us about foreign countries, their customs and traditions, shows us the

photos of their interesting places. She travelled abroad many times, and it is very interesting for us to listen to her stories. Yelena Vasilievna can sing and play the guitar very well. She is interested in sport and politics. So we always learn something new and important when communicate with her.

I love my English lessons and I think that every student of my group loves them, too.

Kiselyova Anna, 10 "C"



Travelling Around the World

How I spent my holidays

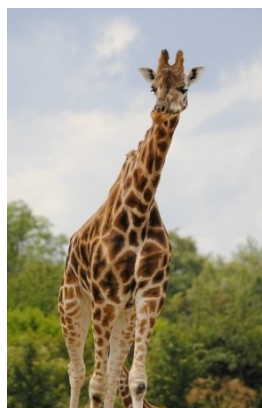
This summer was amazing. After I had passed exams I visited an unusual place. A year ago I even didn't think that in summer I would live abroad about three weeks... But dreams came true. And at the end of June my journey started. I was waiting for my flight to Ireland at the airport, my parents were very happy ('cos they were able to rest without me) and I was a little bit afraid ('cos I was familiar with nobody from my group before my trip). First few days in Dublin were difficult; I couldn't understand everything from speech of my host family. They asked something and I just said "OK" and smiled. Every day I studied English in local school. Irish school wasn't similar like Russian schools. Breaks lasted about half an hour. Teachers spoke to us like we were grown-ups. They said: "English isn't a lesson English is a need. We should learn English, if we want to be influential and significant people in the society. We shouldn't study English for teachers and marks at school, we should and we must study English for us. It's our life, it's our future. And they're connected with each other."

In our school there were lots of Spanish, Italian and of course Russian students. In my host family I lived with a girl from Barcelona. She was

very pretty and friendly, I miss her a lot. Every day we went to school by double-decker bus. It was unusual and cool! Every day we also went on excursions. I visited lots of interesting museums and places. I was in Dublin Zoo. It's so cute. Animals live there like kings in nice and very large cages. I saw giraffes for the first time in my life. It was magnificently! All Ireland is very green and clean country. There are parks, trees, lawns and bushes with flowers. And in Dublin I had lots of friends. We walked after lessons; we visited different cafes and shops. In Dublin there is one of the

biggest shopping centers in Europe and of course I was there, I spent some days for shopping. And I enjoyed it! At the end of three weeks I understood everything what my host family and Irish said. After this journey I'm sure that I developed my spoken English. I made new friends from all over the world. I had a very good time. It was the best month in my life! I got beautiful experience of living in another country with another culture and traditions. It was awesome! I recommend everyone to visit this amazing island!

Pogosyan Maria



Travelling to Baikal

This summer was one of the most beautiful in my life. My dream to visit the deepest lake in the world Baikal became true. Now I can say that it is one of the most wonderful places that I have ever seen. We traveled to Baikal by train. It took us three days to get there.

Our camp was located near the lake Sludyanka. There were no comfortable rooms there. I slept in a small tent with my friends. But it was the best time for me. In the evening we gathered together around the camp fire and sang songs, playing the guitar. Now I understand why people visit this place every year. If you come to Baikal once you begin «to be ill with it» and admire it.

Shevichkina Sasha, 11B



Visiting Anapa



This summer all my family went to the seaside to Anapa. It was very pleasant for me to swim in the Black Sea. I saw different beautiful fishes and sea skates.

We went on excursion to the delphinarium and saw dolphins and fur seals there. In the evening we went to the park of attractions. Sometimes we went on discos. It was really exciting! I liked my summer holidays very much!

Tarhanova Yana, 4C



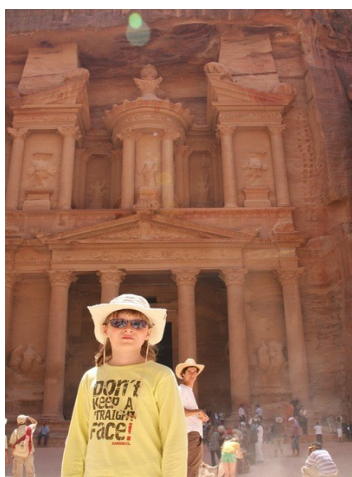
At the camp

Summer is the best time for pupils! We have much free time free in the summer. We need not to get up early, learn lessons, and go to school. This summer I went to the camp. It was near the wood and we had fresh air. In the morning we did exercises and had breakfast. Then we had interesting competitions. We played games, danced, read books in the library. The weather was fine. We often went to the forest and swam in the river. In the evening we sat around the camp fire and sang songs. I made many new friends. I had a very good time! It's a pity that summer came to the end so quickly!

Galieva Alyona, 4 «C»



There are many ways of spending summer holidays. Some people stay at home – sleep, watch TV, play computer games. Others have a kind of cultural programme – they go to the theatres, cinemas, and museums. But it is always a little boring to spend summer holidays in the city, especially if summer is hot. So I prefer to travel. This summer I travelled to Egypt. This country is very interesting. I visited Jordan and Petra. It was very impressive. After that I went to Sahara desert. The end of the summer I spent in my country house. The nature is very beautiful in this place and the air is really fresh! The weather was fine at that period – sunny, not very rainy, quite pleasant. I spent a lot of time with my parents and my sister. We walked and played together. There is a river not far from my house, so it was nice to go swimming. We went to gather berries and mushrooms. So my summer holidays were very happy.



Bezukladnikov Slava, 6 «A»



In my summer holidays I went to the village. I lived in the house. My dad and I played computer games and watched TV, we worked.

Then I went to Turkey. Father and I were in the hotel “Long Beach”. It is very big and nice. There are six pools and one pool with sea water. We went there on my birthday. There was a big restaurant and a lot of ice-creams. Long Beach had aqua park with six hills.

Also I was in Thailand. Thailand is the kingdom as The United kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Thailand has Buddhism religion. It is very interesting country, its history is very unusual. There are a lot of different fruit and fishes in this country. I didn’t eat fish but I ate fruit, they were very tasty. There were fruit with unusual names, for example an eye of a dragon. Fish were different for example sharks, squids. Then I came back to Yekaterinburg and two weeks later I went to school.

I like my summer holidays very much.

Tolstikov Zhenya, 6A

Travelling Around Europe



In July I travelled to Spain, Mallorca. I was there together with my aunt. The weather was great. We lived not far from the pine drove, where green parrots lived, and every day we walked through it to the sea. On the beach there were not so many tourists as in Sochi, so the sea was clean and transparent. Mallorca is a small island, there are no special attractions, but there are many extremely beautiful

sights. Barcelona is a fantastic city! I admire architecture of Antonio Gaudi, nice winding streets, the spirit of antiquity, delectable coffee ... Barcelona breathes it, and with it I did.

This summer I visited Europe twice. I moved from sunny Spain to the heart of Europe – the Czech Republic. We were in Carlsbad. We stopped at a military sanatorium Chopin. Every day we strolled through the lovely town and were treated with mineral water. After seeing most of the city, my father rented a car and we rode to neighboring Germany. We visited Dresden, Bamberg, old and modern Nuremberg. Each city is beautiful and interesting. This summer has been rich in events and experiences. I will never forget it.

Barmina Anna, 11 C

It Is Interesting To Know

Studying at University of Oxford

The University of Oxford is world famous for academic excellence. We pick the best and brightest students purely on their academic merit and passion for their chosen course. If that sounds like you, and you like to think for yourself, Oxford could be right for you.

Studying at Oxford is no more expensive than anywhere else – but it is more exciting. It is a springboard from which to dive into an ocean of opportunities.

Learning and teaching



depending on their subject. The Oxford system combines the best of one-to-one or small-group teaching in college with the wealth of resources in the University.

What happens in a tutorial?

Tutorials take place at least once a week and it's up to you to research and prepare for them. Then you meet your tutor, perhaps with one or two other students, to discuss an essay or solutions to set problems. The aim is to review your answers or theories and explore ideas that arise in discussion.



Tutorials are central to study at Oxford. They give you the chance to discuss your subject with a world leader in the field. Your tutor gives individual support and encourages you to develop your full potential. As well as tutorials in college, students share lectures, classes and practicals in their department,

A tutorial relies on the exchange of ideas between you, your tutor and other students. You need not be experienced in debating; you just need to be ready to present and defend your opinions, listen to others and accept constructive criticism. Tutorials develop your ability to think for yourself, an essential ability for academic success but also a skill that the best employers look for in Oxford graduates.

Am I only taught in my own college?

Your college may also arrange tutorials for you in another college, particularly when you start to specialise. This ensures that, whatever options you choose, you are always taught by an expert. It also exposes you to new ideas and different ways of conducting a tutorial. Equally important are the University's lectures and practicals; your tutor will advise which ones are useful or essential for you.



Whichever college you go to, the course is the same: the University organises the lectures and practical classes, and sets the examinations. Whichever course you choose, an Oxford degree aims to make you think for yourself, logically and laterally. Selecting the right course for you is the most important decision you will have to make when applying to university. You should be sure that your chosen degree and the way it is taught at Oxford are right for you. Usually, you cannot change courses after you start; where this is possible, the course page mentions it.

How is my work assessed?

In most courses you sit exams in your first year, which you must pass to continue the course, but they do not count towards your degree. You then work towards final exams, which usually take place in your last term.



Science students sit some exams in the second year. Some exams may be replaced by projects or dissertations. Most science courses have a fourth year; this may be entirely research-based, or part research and part exams. Non-science ('arts') students also sit finals in their last term – typically several exams, each lasting three hours, within a two-week period. In some subjects like Modern Languages, there is also an oral exam. Some exams may be replaced

by a thesis and/or extended written work. The course pages give more detail.

What is academic dress?

You may have seen pictures of Oxford students in gowns. The only times you have to wear this 'academic dress' are matriculation, the ceremony which admits you to the University, and formal exams, when you must wear a gown, with dark skirt or trousers and white blouse (women) or a dark suit (men).

Is it all work and no play?

You work hard, but there is plenty of time to play too. You can take up sports, join societies, take part in our rich cultural and musical life, or just enjoy time with your new friends.



October, 5th

Teacher's Day



Our Dear Teachers! We love you so much!
May your Holidays be wrapped with joy
And field with happy surprises!
We congratulate you and wish you all the best!
Your crazy pupils





At Your Leisure

CURIOUS PROBLEMS, PUZZLES AND RIDDLES

TRY TO MOVE

Tell a friend that you can stand him beside the wall of the room so that he will not be able to move his right leg. Your astonished friend will not believe you, of course. Then tell him to stand near the wall of the room so that his left foot touches the wall, and his left shoulder touches the wall. Now tell him to try to move his right leg. You may be sure that while his left foot, hip and shoulder touch the wall, he won't be able to do it.

NUTS FOR THE MONKEYS

A man went to the Zoo with a bag of nuts. At the Zoo he stopped near three cages of monkeys and decided to give the monkeys all his nuts. "If I divide all the nuts equally among the eleven monkeys in the first cage," thought the man, "one nut will remain. If I divide them equally among the thirteen monkeys in the second cage, eight nuts will remain. If I divide them among the seventeen monkeys in the third cage, three nuts will remain. And if I divide the nuts equally among the forty-one monkeys in all three cages or among the monkeys in any two cages, some nuts will remain, too." What is the smallest number of nuts that the man could have in his bag?

WHEN DID ALFRED REACH SCHOOL?

Alfred had a very long walk to school every morning. When he got to the church, he had walked one quarter of the way, and it was usually half past eight on the church clock when he passed it.

When he got to the railway station, he had walked one-third of the way, and it was usually twenty-five minutes to nine on the station clock when he passed it. At what time did he usually reach school?

HOW OLD IS MR. BROWN?

"How old are you, Mr. Brown?" Mr. Smith asked his friend. "I forgot exactly," was the answer. "But my brother is two years older than I, my aunt is four years older than he, my mother was twenty when I was born, and she told me yesterday that the average age of each of the four members of our family (my brother, my sister, my mother and me) is thirty-nine years." How old is Mr. Brown?

THE PUZZLED BOOKKEEPER

One day a bookkeeper noticed that the word balloon had in it two double letters, one after the other. "Is there a word that has three double letters one after the other?" the bookkeeper thought. There is, and the word is on this page. Can you find it?

Projects. Investigations



Pogosyan Masha is the winner of the All-Russia competition «Учебный проект». Her research paper «Conflicts in teenagers' life» took the first place. We congratulate Masha and wish her every success!

You can read her paper : [<http://portfolio.1september.ru/work.php?id=589472>]

Kuzevanov Igor took part in the All-Russia festival of investigate projects «Портфолио» with his research paper «English character» : [<http://portfolio.1september.ru/work.php?id=589469>]

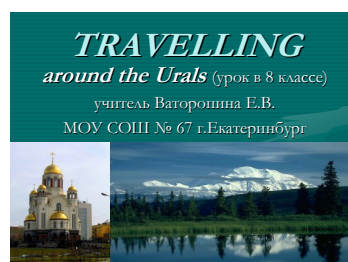
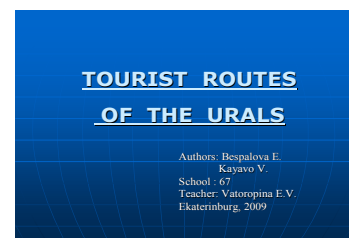
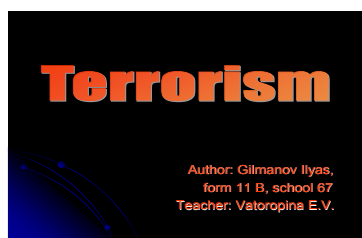
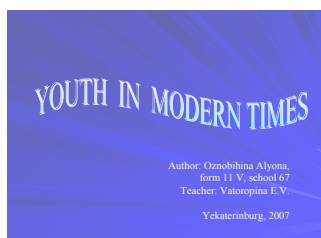


Vatoropina Elena Vasilievna became the prize-winner of All-Russia competition «Презентация к уроку» with her paper «People we admire. Famous Russians»:

[<http://festival.1september.ru/articles/586170/>]

Well done!

This year a lot of students of our school will continue their project work. Filonchic Hristina, Kiselyova Anna, Rahmanova Irina, Gogichaev Ruslan, Gainutdinov Danil, Zhukova Olga, Alaeva Alyona and others are going to take part in different Olympiads, competitions, conferences and concerts.





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