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# World of Jobs

**We spend great part of our lives at our jobs, so choosing a right career is one of the most important decisions you will make in your life.**

What do you want to be when you grow up? We have heard this question many times during our school years. Many roads are open before us: technical schools, colleges and universities. Centuries ago there were only a few jobs: people were farmers, bakers, butchers or carpenters. Today there are thousands of different kinds of jobs, and new ones are constantly appearing. No wonder that it is not an easy thing to make the right choice.

It's good when you get satisfaction from your job. It is very important to choose a profession that suits your interests. A job should be interesting and socially important. Some jobs are considered to be more suitable for men and others for women. For example, the professions of secretary or nurse are more suitable for women. A lifeguard or a pilot are more likely

the jobs for men. You should also decide whether you want to work indoors or outdoors.

To make the right choice, you should take into account your traits of character. It goes without saying that to become a good doctor you must be patient, caring and kind. Teacher's work requires love for children, profound knowledge of subjects, and the ability to explain. A secretary has to be efficient and careful in order to do her work quickly and accurately. Salespeople need to be friendly and persuasive, to get people buy their products.

There are so many people who influence us in choosing our occupation. Parents, friends, teachers play a very important role in our choices.

## **The most interesting and difficult professions**

Everyone has a hobby. Somebody plays football, the others dance or solve problems in mathematics. Following their hobby, people often find their future profession.

I'm not a fan of sports or mathematics - I love creative activities. My hobbies are drawing and watching fantastic films and programs about science and cars. I like such professions as professions of an actor and TV presenter. To my mind, they are so special! I'd like to tell you some words about them.

An actor can be anyone he wants. You can be a king, a spy, a sailor, an alien, a cook, etc. The actor needs to learn a lot of texts by heart. He has to be able "to live a different life" and I think that's great. But this profession is very difficult! Becoming an actor is a challenging task that requires relentless determination, professional training without the promise of success. If you want to be an actor you have to be serious and driven to enter a profession that is unpredictable, fiercely competitive, superficial and judgmental.

I like profession of a TV presenter, too. TV pre-

senters can find out many new things earlier than the other people. They can travel very much and be aware of everything. They are able to talk about many interesting things, for example cars (I adore cars!), animals or politics. The profession of TV presenter is a bright dream for many people. But in fact, the popularity and status of the profession are based on hard work and diligence. At the top there is the opportunity to communicate with the known socially significant people. Furthermore, the profession of a TV host, journalist, presenter is well-paid. As for the negative aspects, then here is to provide a waiver of privacy, the need for absolutely always be good-looking, take care of appearance, the TV presenter should be the brightest person in the room.

If I were an actor, I would play in the TV series "Doctor Who", and if the TV presenter, I would lead the program "Top Gear". But I have to draw... I adore drawing and painting!

*Anastasia Ziryanova, 11B*



## I will be a diplomat



One of the most difficult problems for me is making a decision about my future

profession. I think, that to choose the right way of a further education is very hard, because it's serious and responsible decision for school leavers. You will ask me, what I would like to become. It is a very important and difficult question for me.

My favourite school subjects are history and foreign languages, so I want to become

a diplomat. In my opinion, nowadays this profession is prestigious, useful and interesting. Diplomats try to understand a political situation in the world. They have to protect interests of their native country. I believe that diplomats can influence the history. To become a diplomat you have to be able to speak some foreign languages fluently (at least, two or three languages). Among the most popular languages are English, German, French, Chinese, etc. So, I try to do my best to acquire English and German. Being a diplomat, you have a great opportunity to communicate with different politicians, diplomats and people of different nations.

My dream is studying in Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). I know, that it is very-very hard, but possible. I am sure my dream will come true after school.

Students, don't waste time! Start to choose your future now!

*Elena Manasyan, 11A*



## A policeman or a pilot?



I have not decided yet what I want to be. I think on this question very often.

May be I'll become a policeman. Policemen are responsible for our safety. They have to protect us and our families from felons and malefactors. Being a policeman is a dangerous job, so policemen usually wear bullet-proof vests.

But sometimes I want to be a pilot, because I like the sky. This profession is very romantic and interesting. To become a good pilot you

have to learn very much. A pilot needs to be in good physical condition. I like to read books and watch films about pilots and cosmonauts.



I have rather much time to make a decision about my future job, but I know for sure to become a good specialist I have to study well and go in for sports.

*Igor Klepikov, 6A*

# World of Jobs

## *I want to be a doctor like my father*

When my father was at my age he chose the profession of a surgeon. A doctor is a person who is ready to devote himself to people. Doctors are very human and kind people. Love and humanity are the main qualities of a good doctor. We need them very much.

My father is always calm, confident and attractive. He can control his actions and thoughts. He always supports his patients with kind words and it makes a patient happy and confident. To my mind, a doctor must be brave, deviated, curious and hard-working. But sometimes he must cause pain to care a patient.

I am proud of my father. He will always be the best doctor for me. I want to become a doctor like my father.

**Tatyana Kurzhakova, 10B**

I want to be a doctor. I will be a surgeon. It is my dream from the very childhood. I want to help people, save lives, do surgeries and other useful things. After finishing secondary school I will enter Medical University. The most necessary school subjects for me are chemistry and biology. And I really like them. I have a nurse in my family and she often tells me about her work. She told me that to be a doctor was very interesting and pleasant to be useful to people. I really want to be a doctor after her words.

**Anastasia Yurchenko, 9C**

## *My future profession is a doctor*

There is a wide choice of different professions but from the very childhood I dreamt of becoming a doctor. I think that nowadays this profession is of great need and importance to our country. I like to help people and children. This profession requires great responsibility because it deals with the most precious thing that a person has — with his health. A doctor can't make a mistake. Qualified specialist always diagnoses and institutes therapy correctly. A doctor always must worry about a health of his patient.

My mom is a doctor, she saves people's lives and I want to be like her. I think that my facilities combined with the knowledge would be quiet enough to succeed in my work. I consider that a doctor is the best profession.

**Nikita Zadorozhniy, 9C**



## *I want to be a teacher*

I am Dasha. I am nine. I live with my mum, dad, my brother and granny. Our family is good and happy.

I want to tell you about my mum and her interesting profession. My mum's name is Svetlana Stanislavovna. She is a teacher. She teaches her pupils to read, to write, to count and to draw. She teaches her pupils to be kind, curious and smart. Her lessons are very interesting. I like to be at her lessons. My mum likes her pupils, she helps them in everything. I want to be like my mother, I want to be a teacher, too. It is a good and kind profession.

**Dikaya Dasha, 4B**

## *My father's job*

My father's name is Igor. He is an engineer-constructor. It's a difficult profession and it requires good knowledge of physics and mathematics. Engineers need excellent technical knowledge.



Moreover, strong computer skills are required, as most of the equipment today is computerized. My father has analytical skills,

logical thinking and he's attentive to details. He invents military equipment. He does drawings on computer. He often visits plants and enterprises in different regions of Russia. He's a good worker, and loves his job.

**Nastya Shipachyova, 5A**

## *A professional engineer*

I want to be an engineer. If I become a mechanical engineer, I will definitely have to deal with machinery and software programs for solving problem. If I enter the Technological University, I will study for 5 years to become a professional engineer. The entrance exams usually include mathematics and physics. I think I should be fine with these subjects. By the way, a good knowledge of English is very useful for specialists of all professions. It can help me as very often various foreign specialists and delegations come to our country. They share different technologies with our specialists and discuss important problems. So I can be among the best professionals. In my opinion, engineering is a great profession.

**Slava Chebotin, 8B**

## To choose a profession is very important!

There are many professions in the world: teachers, doctors, engineers, builders, drivers, firemen, salesmen and so on. Nowadays the number of professions grows fast every year so it is impossible to remember all kinds of professions. Today we have new professions: designer, landscaper, florist, merchandiser, programmer and others.

Many young people don't know what they want to be. It is very difficult for them to find the way in the life, to make the right choice. The youth often doubts in their own choice, tries to find the definite decisions, asking their relatives, friends, comrades. At last, some young people don't want to work at all, they prefer to live at the expense of others. So there are many crimes, offenses in our country. People who have too much free time, as a rule, often commit illegal actions. At the same time they do great damage to themselves, the people and the state. I think this problem must be solved by the government as soon

as it is possible because every year the problems which are connected with the youth and their jobs just increase in our state.

As for me, in my childhood I wanted to be a cosmonaut. I read many interesting stories about space, the Earth and other amazing planets. Also I watched science-fiction films about the University. Then, when I was 12, I dreamed about profession of a driver. I thought that it was very romantic, interesting, wonderful for me but it wasn't so. By the age of seventeen I understood that I would be a teacher of biology because I was interested in natural science subjects. But then I had to pass exams in mathematics to enter the Ural State University, Biology faculty. So I decided for myself that I would be a teacher of foreign languages. I like to learn foreign languages (English, German, Spanish) and now I don't regret that I am a teacher because it is a creative



profession. I have been working as a teacher since 2009. Today many graduates of different universities and institutes don't work in the specialty. It is awful because the state spends much money to teach growing up youth.

The problem of choosing profession is very widespread among young people and they should think about it seriously before making some decisions.

In conclusion I want to say that all professions are important in our interesting world!

*Nikolai A. Shalnev,  
school № 72*



**INFORMATION  
SECURITY**

We live in the 21st century - the time of progress and new technologies. Hopefully, modern society allows us to make free choices in our life.

This year I am going to finish my school. I understand that now I am going to make a very important step in my life - I am going to choose my future profession. I realize, it is a very difficult and serious decision I have to make. Probably, I have already done my

choice. I would like to be a military (information security services). You can ask why I made this decision. First of all, I want my family to be proud of me. Second, I want to help my country. And it is not a secret that information security service is a very prestigious and well-paid job in our beloved country. Frankly speaking, there are not so many universities in our country that can give you this education. Hopeful-

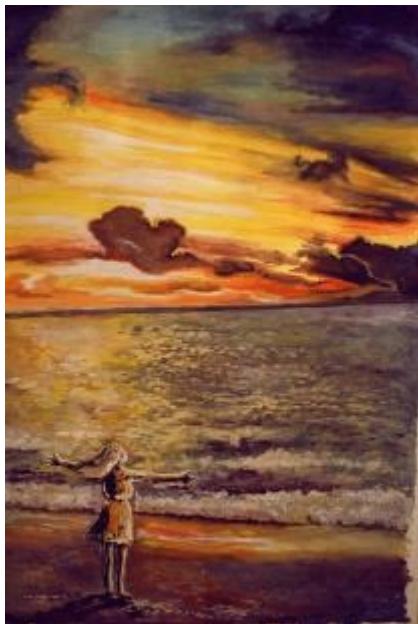
ly, the Ural Federal University trains specialists in this field. I understand it is not going to be easy, but I am ready to work hard. I am going to have a lot of classes of mathematics, informatics and very serious physical trainings. I will do my best to achieve this goal. My future is in my hands.

*Dmitrii Pyankov, 11B*



# Our Talents

## My childhood dream



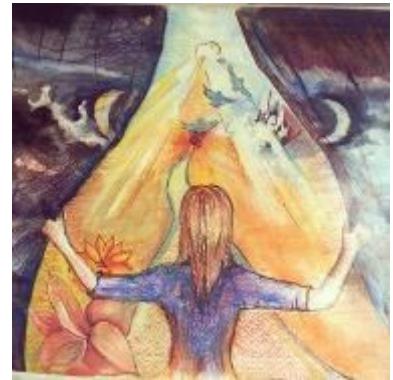
Some pupils follow the advice of their parents, the others can't decide what to be even after leaving school.

I made my choice long ago. I always wanted to be an artist. During all school years drawing was my favourite subject. Since my childhood, I studied at art school. I graduated from it with honorary diploma at the age of 16. I like to draw and create something new. On the walls of my room you can see my works I like most of all. I like to draw portraits and landscapes. I adore the sea and flowers! My favourite colours are yellow, orange and blue.

I often took part in many art competitions and won many of them.

I'll be an artist and I'm sure my childhood dream will come true!

*Daria Sanatina, 11B*



## My hobby will be my future job



Hobby is what people like to do in their free time. Many people spend much time going in for sport, knitting, playing different musical instruments, drawing, dancing, singing, playing football or hockey, etc. And often people's hobby becomes their job. I am not an exception.

My hobby is dancing. I dance in Pop Jazz Ballet "An orange" – the greatest and the most friendly and successful team. There are more than 350 people in our group.

We have about 100 concert performances and more than 200 rehearsals per year. Every rehearsal is like a small talk or a dialogue, or a great competition among the friends. We often travel abroad and take part in international competitions and contests. And very often we win them. I and my friends from the "Orange" have already been to Spain, the Check Republic, Greece, Hungary, Germany, France and other countries. We love travelling! We take part in the

concerts and go sightseeing, visit the most beautiful places, museums, parks. We have a very good time!

The leader of our group helps us to become real masters. She is very intelligent, kind, athletic, energetic and has a good sense of humor. I think when I grow up, my career will be connected with dancing....

I'd like to be a professional dancer and to teach children to dance.



*Anna Kuzmina, 6A*

## The Fourth Power

*Politicians care of the light future,  
About the light past - historians,  
About the light present - journalists.*

*Jarko Petan*

I think the most interesting profession is a profession of journalist. Journalists express their opinion by means of the articles. Journalists can interview different people. Journalist has to be patient, creative, talented, fair, persistent.

What is journalism? People answer differently. But there are some famous statements:

*Journalism is romance.*

*Journalism is the Fourth power.*

*Journalism is newspapers and magazines.*

*Journalism is radio and television.*

*Journalism is correspondents.*

*Journalism is creativity.*

*Journalism is information.*

And this list can be continued while journalism exists and creativity is necessary for people.

To be able to write an interesting book or an article you have to be well-educated person, to read much and be aware in all spheres of people's life. It is not easy and takes much time. It is important to choose a hot topic for discussion. It has to cause interest and intrigue among the readers. To start writing is difficult, but it is impossible to stop it!

The world of journalism is very big. You can work on TV, be a video operator, a reporter, an editor. There is a lot of opportunities. Inspire and aspire, try to rich the highest top!

I think that nowadays this profession is not only very interesting, but also demanded and prestigious. Journalists are necessary in newspapers, editions, magazines. It is very profitable and you always have a possibility of career development.

Karl Krauss wrote, "A journalist is a person who foreknows everything."

*Alena Volkova, 11B*

# Summer is a little life...

## *My vacation*

Summer is a small life. I think that summer is the best season, because it's warm and we have too much free time.



Many people have a rest in summer time for travelling in beautiful places. I prefer spending vacation in other countries or in the garden. I love nature and opening new places.

I've visited Turkey this summer. I went every day to a beach, went on different excursions. Most of all I remembered the tour of Pamukkale. Because I saw white mountains and swam in the pool of Cleopatra. There was warm and clean water with bubbles like in champagne there. I had a tan. I made friends with teenagers from Poland. Every evening, after dinner we met and spoke English a lot. It was funny, because sometimes we didn't understand each other and we were trying to explain in different ways. Everyday, I swam in the sea and I liked it. There were waves.

After Turkey, I went to my friend's garden, where we had fun and adventures.

Of course, summer hadn't got only sweet moments for me. I have passed the graduating exams at school. A part of my summer vacations I spent sitting with the books. But I'm glad that I did it because I did my best and didn't lose time.

***Murtazina Lilia, 10 A***

In summer it was hot. The sun was warm. And I enjoyed a wonderful summer. In June I walked with my friends. We ate ice-cream and drank cold drinks when it was hot. Later me and my family went on picnics and walked in the parks. I and my brother swam in the lake and sunbathed. June was the best month!

In July and August the weather was bad. Every day it rained. So I stayed at home. I read books, listened to music and did creative work. Sometimes I went outside to feed the birds. I think this summer was wonderful.

***Katya Pyatilova, 7D***



Hello! My name is Daniil. I flew to Turkey with my mother, father and brother Mike. My hotel was near Alanya. The name of the hotel was «Aydinbey Gold Dreams». This is a five-star hotel. I swam in the Mediterranean Sea and rode on the hills in aquapark. I flew on parachute. I went to Alanya. My hotel was beautiful. I was in Turkey for twelve days. And I was very happy in Turkey. I had a wonderful summer!

***I was in Turkey***



***Zaharenko Daniil, 5B***

This summer I was in Alanya - it is a town in Turkey. We had four tickets and our airplane flew at 2 p.m. When we were in the sky, we saw our beautiful city.

In Turkey we went to the hotel by bus. The six-storeyed hotel was very beautiful. It had the biggest restaurant and two long pools. There were many people on the beach. My aunt, sister and I went to the beach

every day at 9:00 a.m., because the sea wasn't so hot this time of the day.

In Turkey people cook tasty candies, ice-cream, pies, cakes. Every evening there were concerts, baby-parties and discos till the morning. I made new friends: Turkish photographer and singer. The singer sang Russian songs.

One of the greatest Alanya's sights is "The red tower". It has "Cleopatra's beach". Also I went on a ship "White rose". I jumped down in to the sea from the ship. It was unforgettable! The sun, the warm sea, the nice blue sky... I liked my trip so much! I want to come back to Turkey in 2016!

***Daria Golyasheva, 11A***

# Summer is a little life...

## *Summer is a little life as it is sung in a song.*

It is true. You never know what it has in store for you until it comes and every day can offer you such a bundle of opportunities that sometimes it takes your breath away.

This summer I travelled a lot and visited many interesting places, some of them historical, some modern and some just interesting to see and to be a part of.

June passed by very quickly in anticipation of the holiday but still gave an opportunity to enjoy a glimpse of the Ural sun. Work over, the baggage was packed very quickly and the plane took me to the Italian coast, so dear and warm. Finally I could enjoy the sun, the sea, the beauty of nature and the tasty food. Italian food is just fantastic. It seems a whole life is not enough to taste everything. At sagras, local food festivals with food and music, you can eat your head off. The atmosphere there is warm and homy and people from all parts of Italy come to just sing, dance, eat and enjoy themselves. Every summer there are dozens and dozens of sagras in all parts of Italy and it's a must to visit them if you really want to feel the local spirit and learn about the tradi-

tions. So never say that Italy is just pizza and the sea.

From Italy I was lucky enough to go to Spain on a short wonderful but unexpected trip. The capital of Spain welcomed us with much heat, every day the temperature went above + 40° and remembering that Madrid has no sea, it turned out to be a bit exhausting. But the parks, cafes and just the metro saved the day. In one week we were able to see the home place of Real Madrid, corrida, Plaza del Sol, museums, parks, palaces, taste paella and tapas and so many other things. Madrid metro is something to be said about separately. It's a whole city connecting all the corners of Madrid. Going 3-4 floors down and having many lines and directions it is very easy to be lost there, but, having a map, you get to your destination with no problem. Madrid card, a ticket for a certain number of trips, is very convenient as it



can serve you during all your stay there. Bars, restaurants and cafes offer all kinds of cuisine. Night life lacks nothing either and you can choose from discos to bars. And don't forget to visit Hard Rock café.

Summer is over but memories are still there. Looking through the photos every time you get nostalgic and happy about the unforgettable moments of a small summer life.

**Natalia N. Shadrina**

## Travelling to the Gelendzhik Bay of the Black Sea



Summer is the time for travelling. The whole year we wait for our favourite season. People like sunshine, warm

weather, hot days and lots of adventures. But what people do if the best weather doesn't appear.

Unfortunately this summer in my city left something to be desired. It was pretty cold, raining heavily and the forecast was disappointing. All of us tried to go

somewhere to get "a piece of summer" and walk in the streams of sun. It is better to have a rest and feel a wonderful atmosphere of the greatest season by the sea.

In July my husband and I went to the South of Russia. I've already visited Gelendzhik for the third time. It is a resort town in Krasnodar Krai, Russia, located on the Gelendzhik Bay of the Black Sea, between Novorossiysk and Tuapse. The name "Gelendzhik" is translated "The white bride" from the Turkic languages.

Laying on the beach, catching tan, swimming, having fun you understand that it's just a day to

relax, not a day for work, and enjoy it. We were lucky to visit the carnival devoted to the Navy Day. A great number of colored and decorated ships were moving to the seashore. Also we had a trip to the blue water and saw the beautiful landscapes. Each day was full of good emotions and interesting.

There is a nice poem about the weather. It says, "Be thankful together whatever the weather" ... I agree with this statement because the nature hasn't got any bad weather and people should accept everything they have. But anyway sea trips are better than staying in a grey cold city...

**Maria I. Shikhovtseva**

# My Native Land

## *Welcome to the Urals!*

### **Sysert**

(named after the river Sysert) is situated 30 km south from the city Ekaterinburg. It spreads on steep slopes covered with coniferous forest of the deep valley of the river Sysert, and on the banks of ponds at the foot of Mt. Besenkovaya.

This mountain and Sysertskii pond are the main sights of the local landscape - from the upper part of the mountain a spectacular panorama of the city and the river valley opens before us. Mt. Besenkovaya is the highest peak in the area. At its base the first buildings of the Sysert metallurgical factory were built. On the peak and slopes, signs of primitive men were found - among them bronze bird idols - similar to those found on the top of Mt. Azov near the town Polevskoi, arrow-heads and stone boomerangs.

The first settlement was based here in 1732, in connection with construction the metallurgical factory on the river Sysert. The raw material (iron ore) for the factory was sent from the deposit, discovered by peasants from the village Ar-



amilskaya Sloboda in 1680. The factory's location was chosen directly by William de Gennin - an engineer and artillery general. He found this convenient place for a future factory at the confluence of the rivers Sysert and Chernaya in 1731.

For a long time Sysert was the central administrative department of the Sysert mountain district, including the following metallurgical factories - Sysertskii, Polevskoi, Severskii, Verkhnesysertskii, and Iliinskii. Sysert was originally planned and built by Alexey Turchaninov (famous salt producer and merchant in the Urals) in 1779 - a monument of the architecture of the 18th century.

Two notable buildings - the Church of Saint Simeon and Anne and Turchaninov's house are located in the factory square on the bank of the Sysertskii pond, where different holidays are often celebrated.

Sysert is "washed" by lakes - Big Sysert from the south and southwest, Small Sysert and Iliinskii from the east. Big Sysert is located within the town limits and includes three gulfs: in the north, Chernovskoi (named after the river Chernaya), in the south, the longest Verkhnesysertskii and the shortest gulf in the northeast. The river Sysert flows from the last gulf. In the lake several species of fish are found - perch, ruff, crucian, small fry, bream (freshwater) and pike. On the northern bank of the lake Mt. Bolshoi Ugor ("Big Hill") raises, and along the western bank stretches Mt. Chernovskoi Uval (named after the river Chernaya) - covered with mixed (pines, birches)



forest. Also on the northern bank is the natural monument - the rock "Sivka-Burka" (named after the hero of a Russian fairy-tale).

In the first quarter of the 19th century Sysert's metallurgical factory was one of the largest enterprises in the Urals. Sysert was known as the administrative centre of the rich mountain district, including Severskii and Polevskoi metallurgical factories, tin mines, gold mines and many subsidiary manufacturing enterprises and services. Sysert's factory smelted cast iron and manufactured iron articles. At various exhibitions the factory received many awards for the excellent quality of its production, on which the brand - the image of a heron, was put.

In the beginning of the 20th century Sysert was a typical Uralian settlement - founded at the factory. Located here were schools - including the higher national school, a children's shelter with school, a small hospital, post office, telegraph office, meteorological station and some churches.

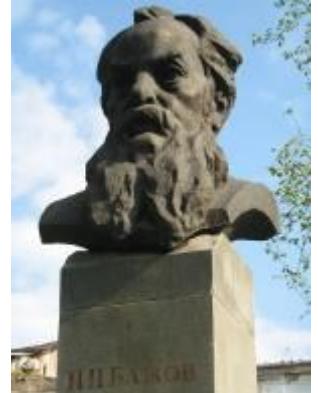
Sysert received "town status" in 1946 and it still maintains the aspect



## It is worth visiting!



One of the sights in the region is *Lake Talkov Kamien* - located in a westerly direction 4 – 5 km from the town centre near Mt. Chernovskoi Uval. The lake has an artificial origin - it is an old abandoned talc mine, which was flooded by subterranean waters. Talc schist was mined here by hand in the last decades of the 19th century and was used as a fire retardant material in the metallurgical factories of the former Sysert mountain district.



The town's main tourist attraction is *Bazhov's house*. Pavel Petrovich Bazhov (1879-1950) is one of the most famous Russian writers. He is widely popular because he wrote many fairytales dedicated to the Urals and local craftsmen. The house holds many unique objects of Russian people daily life of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The exhibits include works made by gifted local artists and also kitchen utensils, spinning wheels, weaving loom, Russian sledges and other objects created by anonymous folk craftsmen.

*The Syssertiv Farfor* Porcelain Factory, which now produces porcelain tableware and sculpture, was founded on the basis of «Promcooperator» Guild, existed since 1942. First the Guild manufactured earthenware, but from the late 40-ies it came close to renovation of porcelain industry, which had definite traditions in Sysert' - a small porcelain manufacture existed there as far back as the late 19th - the early 20th century.



At present the enterprise produces decorative sculpture on subjects of folk fairy-tales of the Urals Russian narrative poems and ballads; tea- and coffee-sets, decorative vases. Usually the articles are decorated with underglaze

painting, but sometimes overglaze painting is applied. Soft brownish-grey and light blue tones are mostly used in painting. Ornamental concepts are often found in the landscapes of the Urals.

Collections of Sysert' artworks are represented in many museums of the Russian Federation. These articles are rewarded with diplomas of different exhibitions.

**Elena V. Vatoropina**

## *Sabantuy!*



*Sabantuy* is a Bashkir and Tatar summer festival, that dates back to the Volga Bulgarian epoch. At first *Sabantuy* was a festival of farmers in rural areas, but it later became a national holiday and now is widely celebrated in the cities.

The name of the festival (“*Sabantuy*” in Tatar) means “plough’s feast”, and the festival originally marked the start of the sowing season. Today it is a general celebration of Tatar culture (and, to a lesser extent, of Chuvash and Bashkir culture as well). There are events across the region, but the largest is Kazan’s, which takes place a short drive outside of the city.

Sabantuy traces its origins to the pre-Islamic epoch, when it was celebrated before the sowing seasons. The presence of *Sabantuy* was noticed by ibn Fadlan as early as in 921.

Traditional songs and other customs of the *Sabantuy* probably had a religious connotation at that time. Later, with the spread of Islam among Tatars and Bashkirs and Christianity among Chuvashs, it became a secular holiday. In each region, villages took turns to celebrate the holiday. In the beginning of the 20th century *Saban-*

*tuy* gained recognition as the national festival of the Tatars. The Soviet authorities approved of this festival probably due to its humble rural origin. However, they moved *Sabantuy* to the after-sowing season, thus merging it with the ancient summer festival.

The main distinctive elements of *Sabantuy* include the traditional sporting competitions such as köräş (Tatar wrestling), horse racing, race-in-sack, pillar-climbing, egg-in-spoon-in-mouth-racing, sacks-battle on the crossbar, pot smashing, finding a coin in a qatıq (a beverage made from sour milk), and other contests. Such activities take place on the möydan, which would usually be located at the edge of a forest.



## Sabantuy!

On June 12<sup>th</sup> the official celebrations for Sabantuy took place in the village of Kadnikovo not far from Yekaterinburg.

The central area of the festival was full of small stages, with various folk musicians and dancers all dressed in resplendent national costumes. It seemed as though each stage had been set up independently, and that they were all in competition with each other. Walking around, one could always hear at least two or three different sources of music, blending together into a medley of accordions and voices. In the wooded area were also a host of traditional Tatar games, with which anyone was free to join in. Some of the games were familiar, albeit with a bit of a twist: there was a sack race, but the competitors were all running in their sacks rather than jumping; there was an egg-and-spoon race, where participants had to hold the spoon in their mouth rather than hand.

Other games were completely new: there was one involved trying to walk barefoot up a long, narrow, smooth tree trunk stuck into the ground at an angle; best of all, however, was the pillow fighting that took place straddled on a log, first to fall off was the loser. Many people were taking part in games for fun rather than the prizes anyway.



The focal point of the event was the enormous main stage. Various performers of folk and pop music, both Tatar and Russian, were on the stage while various games went on around it. Most interesting to watch was kurash, traditional Tatar wrestling that was happening on the two squares in front of the stage. The games were short and usually only lasted one round: the two wrestlers locked into a sort of embrace, holding onto each other with towels, and then attempted to throw their opponent to the ground. Once one person had been thrown off his feet, the game was over and the next contestants entered the ring.

It was very interesting and fun for me and my friends to visit this celebration!

*Elena V. Vatoropina*

*Photo by the author*





# Travelling is the best

## My wonderful trip to America

Hi, everyone! I'd like to tell you about my wonderful trip to America. I feel like my life absolutely changed after this August 2015.

Firstly, it was my biggest dream to visit USA, so, now it's done. I participated in the Youth Leadership program, Russia. It's a three-week exchange program for Russian students of age 15-16. I'd prepared for a long time writing an essays and getting ready for a successful interview.

There were nineteen students from all over Russia and one of them was from Yekaterinburg too. They're all very active, positive and smart teenagers. So, I was really proud that I was one of them.

We all met in Moscow and visited US embassy. It was interesting and informative for us, because organizers of this program were there and told us what we're going to do.

As about our flights to America, we had three flights: Moscow - Frankfurt - Washington DC. We spent about 13 hours in different plains.



First and foremost, we arrived to the Washington DC. We've lived there for three days in the 4-H center. Our group visited Department of State and it was a great experience for us. The Department of State is like an international relations ministry of the United State of America. It's a really important place. So, we had a conversation with different American diplomats and I felt like I was a diplomat too! After that, we went to the China town and had our lunch at the China restaurant. We even met a street artist; he sang different popular songs like "See you again". It's a really good memory for all of us. At night we had a bus tour through the Washington. This city is full of historical monuments. We'd seen the Lincoln memorial, The Capitol, The White house and the Stone of hope. We were on the second floor of the bus, it was open, but weather was really nice.

So, on the fourth day we went to Delaware. There we had a lunch with our host-families. As about my host-family, they are amazing people! I think that I was really lucky because of it. My host-family has five members: mother, father, two sisters (16 and 13 y.o.) and a little brother (2 y.o). I've never had any brothers or sisters, so I was confused when we met. But when we set into the car, I and my elder sister started to sing a song by the radio. We realized that we prefer the same type of music. As about my host-mother, she is really kind, positive and smart person. She and my host-father worked at the casino.

We lived in different little cities, but our American mentors picked us up every day to take to school. But we didn't study; we had a lot of work-

shops. We were volunteers. Also, we had different games and projects.

Later, we visited Philadelphia. We've been there for 2 days. Our group had excursions to the Independence hall, Liberty bell and Benjamin Franklin museum.

And of course, we had "Family days" on the weekend. For example, my host-family took me to the beach and it was awesome!

But the most awesome trip was the trip to New York City! We spent there three days. Our hotel was straight in the middle of Manhattan. So, there were a lot of places that we've visited. We went to the Statue of Liberty National monument, we had a night bus tour through the NY, we visited the United Nations, Wall Street, Rockefeller Center and Minsk off theatre. As about the theatre, we were so excited! We watched The Lion King Broadway musical. It was fantastic, even boys of our group were crying in the end.

So, I have thousands of good memories from America. This trip changed me forever and I'll never be a person like before. Now I have a strong motivation to move on, I have to work hard to come back to the USA one day. Never forget that if you have a dream, you have to work hard and all of your dreams will come true!

**Victoria Maslennikova, 9A,  
gymnasium 99**



# way to learn the world

## My London

I have been to London with my father this year on spring holidays. I saw a lot of beautiful and interesting places there. I visited such sights as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, the National Gallery, the Science Museum and the National History Museum.

The world famous musical spectacle "Mamma Mia" at Novello theatre was very amazing. During the "Making of Harry Potter" tour I saw all the real decorations and characters for the film. It was fantastic!

But the most unforgettable event was the visit to

the stadium "White Hart Lane" where London team Tottenham played versus Lester. It was a super game with emotional fans and many smart goals. Tottenham won 4:3 due to hat-trick by Harry Kane.

I was very happy in London. One day I would like to come back there.

**Leonid Rozenberg, 6A**



## *Don't be afraid of participation in competitions! It's a great chance to see the world!*

Nowadays people are often afraid of participation in different kinds of competitions including language

contests putting forward the argument that they can't follow the rules right and they can't become a winner and to get any prizes like vouchers for studying in international schools. Actually, lots of people just don't believe in themselves and refuse such suggestions for participation. They say I can't do that, that's too hard for me and don't want even try. Nevertheless, in the same way they always want to win these vouchers or just some smaller prizes. Some are just crazy about culture and people from USA, others dream of visiting the museum of Madam Tussauds and want

to see London from a bird's eye view from the London Eye. Many people like these just do nothing to achieve their dream.

I thought the same way for a while, thought that it is impossible to get a grant through hundreds of students.

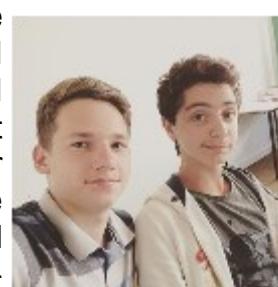
One day during my English class, we had a test; it was a competition, where students with the best results got the second round. You had to make four exercises and write an essay. This contest was for the whole region. Obviously, I took part in it. I didn't think I would get something, but three weeks later my teacher told me, that I and one more girl from the whole our school won the first part of the competition.

In the final round, I had to make a video with information about me. When I heard about it, I immediately reject it! I didn't want to take part in it, because I had just two days to make a video before I left my home (I had to go to the basketball competition far away from my motherland). My parents, my sister and my teacher insisted on my participation. I tried to make a video and finally did it before my leaving. I couldn't trust myself I did it.

Finally, I won the third prize in this competition and got a two-weeks

studying in London. It was an unbelievable feeling.

My trip was so fantastic, that I can't tell you all my emotions about my experience. I have met many interesting students from all over the

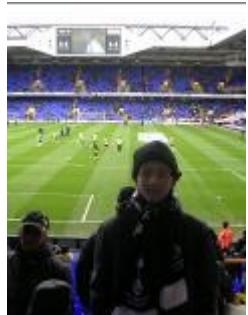
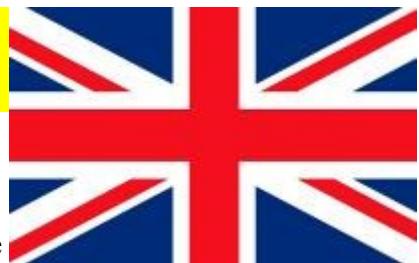


world: USA, Japan, China, Turkey, Italia, Spain, France and Hungary. Also, I practiced my English with native speakers and during my classes with my teachers at school. Today I still keep in touch with them by the Internet.

I will keep join language contests in the future, because now I'm on my own example realized, that everything is possible!

Remember! You need to do a lot of work to make your dreams come true.

**Sergey Krivosheikin, 9B,  
gymnasium 99**





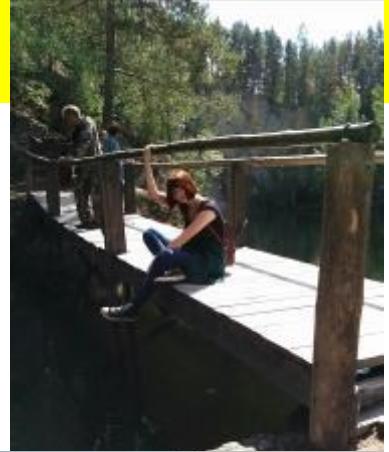
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# Our School Life



# Our Guests

## *My summer trip*



Hello! My name is Maria Kurochkin a. I am 18. I was born in Velikiy Novgorod, one of the most ancient cities of Russia located in its North-West, near the site where the Volkhov river takes its waters from Lake Ilmen. I studied at gymnasium and art school in Novgorod. I love my native town and admire it!

Last year I graduated from gymnasium and entered St.Petersburg State Institute of Culture, Faculty of design. My hobby is painting. I did all my best to enter this university (I got 100 points for USE in Literature and high result for special entrance exam). And my dream came true! The first year of studying at the university gave me an incredible amount of positive emotions and pleasant memories. But after such a long absence from home, a vacation with the family became the most welcome event.



The trip to relatives in Sverdlovsk region, the town of Sysert became one of the most beautiful and memorable trips of my life. I love travelling very much! It's always interesting to discover new things, different ways of life, to meet different people, to try different food, to listen to different music rhythms. This year I spent my summer holidays in the Urals. Together with my mum and my brother I visited my dear grandparents and the family of my uncle who live not far from Yekaterinburg.

To tell the truth, I didn't think my rest would be so interesting and exciting! The weather in the Urals is almost such unpredictable as in Britain. It doesn't change here every half an hour like in London but within a few days the weather may change many times. I felt it myself. But we had some lovely warm and sunny days. And, of course, we travelled much. We prefer to travel by car, because we can see many things in a short time.

I always take a camera with me and take pictures of everything that interests me. Look at the pictures and you will see the most interesting Sysert sights and places, inside and around it.

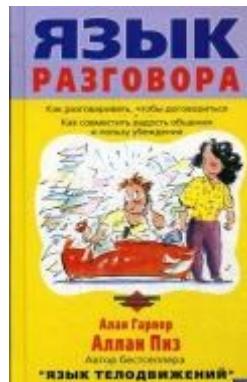
From the every part of this small town everyone can see the endless Ural mountains covered with pine forests. Among the forests there is a great number of hidden bodies of water – lakes, rivers and dams. Majestic eagles soar high in the sky. The air is so clear that it is even sweet to breathe. Not far from the town there is the natural Park "Bazhovskie mesta". We had a very pleasant walk through the park. Among the pines, rivers, beaver dams we saw a small but very deep lake Talkov Kamien, with amazingly clear water. Over the lake there is a rock with a breathtaking view from it.

I admire the sights of a city, old churches and castles, views of mountains and planes, forests and rivers, different kinds of trees, flowers and plants, animals and birds. Later, they will be reminded by the photos of the happy time they have had.

Time passed quickly and soon we had to make our way back. We returned home restful and full of impressions.

I advise you to visit all Sysert attractions and historical places. Welcome to Sysert!

**Maria Kurochkina,  
Velikiy Novgorod**  
**Photo by Ivan Kurochkin**



## Relations between teachers and students

In our time the topic of relations between teachers and students is very popular. I think each of us has ever had a misunderstanding

with the teacher. But what should we do in these situations? I want to understand it that is why I interviewed some teachers and children of our school.

The first was Pashkova Elena Yuruevna, our music teacher. She said that a teacher has to stay a kindly person in every situation. In her point of view, each student is individual and at the lessons teacher shouldn't raise his voice on the student. She thinks that teachers need to talk with students on equal. But once Elena Yurieva had a conflict with the students and she solved the problem very wisely. She did not call the parents to the head teacher; she just talked with the pupils after school. There was no misunderstanding any more.

The next teacher I've interviewed was Vatoropina Elena Vasilievna, our English teacher. She thinks that it is very important to know how to speak with people. Nobody has the right to humiliate the person as well as there is no need to curry favor with people. If you have a conflict, you should look at the world through the eyes of the person with whom you have mis-

understandings. This is the best way to understand a person's feelings and resolve a conflict. Elena Vasilievna said: "I have wide experience: I have been working with children for many years. Children listen to me, share their problems and often use my advice. It is very important not to impose your opinion. There are no big conflicts after this."

What do children think about relations between teachers and students?

Natasha Yakovenko, 11 "B", thinks conflicts are possible, but they can be solved. Natasha says, that students should behave sensibly and teachers should be fairly. It is hard to disagree with her opinion.

Denis Arslanov, 11 "A", advises to comply with the requirements of the school. Conflicts often occur because of pupil's disagreement with the School Charter.

Anastasia Zyryanova, 11 "B", said that a teacher should be of interest to the student. We need to be like one family. It is true, because relations depend on both sides.

I agree with the teachers and the students from our school. We need to remember that every conflict situation has its own exit. I wish all the people to respect each other.

**Olga Paramonova,  
Alyona Volkova, 11B**

# It is interesting to know!

## «Alice in Wonderland» is 150 years old!



fairy-tale many times and watched it on TV and video in my childhood. What do we know about its author?

Lewis Carroll was the pen-name of Charles L. Dodgson(1832-1898). He was a teacher of mathematics at Oxford. His hobby in his student days was photography, it was a new kind of hobby at that time. Charles Dodgson had no family, but he loved children very much. He often visited his friend George Liddell, who had three daughters: Loreen, Alice and Edith. Dodgson liked Alice very much and he often told her interesting stories which he made up himself.

Charles told Alice Liddell the adventures of a little girl in Wonderland, and some years later Alice asked him to write down these stories. He called the heroine of this book Alice. The handwritten book had many pictures made by Charles himself. Soon Charles decided to publish his book but he did not want to do it under his own name. So he took the pen-name of Lewis Carroll.

The book came out in 1865 and all the people who read it liked it very much. Lewis Carroll

My favourite fairy-tale is «Alice in Wonderland». It was written by Lewis Carroll in 1865. I read the

gave some of the first books to his friends, one of whom was the famous English scientist Michael Faraday. Later the book was published in the United States, France and Germany. The first Russian translation of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" came out in 1923.

After Lewis Carroll received the money for his book, he went together with his friend Liddell on a long travel. They were in France, Germany and Russia. In Russia they visited Petersburg, Nizhniy Novgorod and Moscow. This was the only long travel made by Lewis Carroll. After that he came back to Oxford. But he did not work as a teacher of mathematics.

Why do I like this fairy-tale? There are many interesting characters, amazing events, unreal things in it. On the one hand, it is funny and picturesque fairy-tale (a rabbit with watches, very strange queen, royal garden with roses), but on the other hand, it is a philosophical fairy-tale. It contains a deep meaning of such concepts as the time, space, power, strength, reality, fiction, dream.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" is still one of the most beloved children's books in the world.

*Nikolai A. Shalnev, school № 72*



# Keep up your English!

Have you ever sent  
a postcard?

Dear Mum and Dad

I'm having a great time here in New York! Aunt Eva has shown me everything - the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and Central Park. I haven't taken a yellow taxi yet but I really want to.

It's sunny and hot every day. Tomorrow we're going to watch a show at a theatre on Broadway.

Wish you were here.

Love Ami xx

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## Top Tips for writing

1. Start your postcard: Dear + name.
2. Use the present continuous to say you're enjoying the holiday.
3. Use the present perfect to say what you have done.
4. Use going to for your future plans.
5. A good way to finish a postcard.
6. Finish your postcard: Love + your name. xx are kisses!

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Eric Johnson  
12 Lake Avenue  
Brighton  
BN1 2AQ

Hi Eric!

We're having a great holiday here in Scotland. We're staying in a hotel in the centre of Edinburgh. It's got a swimming pool but it's too cold to swim! There are lots of things to do. The people are very friendly, but sometimes I can't understand them.

Last week we went to Loch Ness but we didn't see the monster, unfortunately. Scotland is very beautiful but the weather is awful. It's very cold and windy and it rains every day!

Are you having a good holiday at the beach?

See you soon

Jenny x



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## Top Tips for writing

Use contractions in informal writing.

We are having a great holiday	= We're having a great holiday
It has got a swimming pool	= It's got a swimming pool
It is very cold and windy	= It's very cold and windy

