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# ON CHRISTMAS EVE

At the beginning of December I had a chance to visit the capital of our Motherland. New Year's Eve is a special occasion in Moscow that fills the air with magic, wonder, and joy. This holiday brings together people of all ages and cultures, creating an atmosphere of warmth and coziness on cold winter days.

Preparations for New Year begin long before December arrives. Streets are decorated with lights, garlands and snowflakes, transforming them into fairy-tale settings. The main Christmas tree of the city is set up at Red Square, becoming a symbol of celebration and attracting thousands of Muscovites and visitors. My friends and I went out onto decorated streets such as Nikolskaya and Arbat. We walked around watching musicians and street vendors. In this place you can really feel that holidays are coming.

The atmosphere of New Year in Moscow is unique. It combines traditional Russian culture and modern trends. The city comes alive with light, music, and merriment. Every

corner becomes a place where you spend time with family and friends.

I really liked my trip, New Year in Moscow isn't just a holiday but rather a grand event leaving unforgettable impressions and feelings of joy and anticipation of miracles.

**Shikhovtseva Maria**





Every New Year's, we celebrate at our dacha with our family. We decorate the tree with ornaments in advance, and every New Year's, we look for interesting new ornaments to collect and hang on the tree. We prepare the New Year's table together as a family, and we love making Caesar and Olivier salads. Every year, Dad buys a huge box of tangerines and places it under the tree.

An hour before midnight, we gather around the table and start discussing New Year's plans. When the clock strikes twelve, we wish each other happy New Year's wishes. After the president's remarks, we go set off the fireworks.

### **Kryuchkova Sofia, 11A**

The tradition of decorating a Christmas tree on New Year's Eve originated in Germany. According to a legend, the tradition was started by the German reformer Martin Luther. In 1513, on his way home on Christmas Eve, he was captivated by the beauty of the stars shining in the sky. At home, he placed a small Christmas tree on the table and decorated it with candles, placing a star on top to symbolize the star of Bethlehem that guided the way to the cave where Jesus was born.

The tradition came to Russia through

the imperial family, The traditions of New Year's toys in Russia have evolved over time. Initially, the Christmas tree was adorned with edible ornaments such as apples, nuts, and gingerbread wrapped in foil. Later, wealthy families began purchasing expensive cardboard toys and glass balls and beads from Germany, while those with fewer resources crafted decorations using pine cones, cotton, wood, and clay. The tradition to decorate the Christmas tree still remains.

### **Bekhtereva Sofia, 9B**





Christmas is a significant holiday celebrated with great enthusiasm both in the United Kingdom and the United States. While there are similarities between their traditions, each country has its unique customs that reflect cultural differences.

In the UK, families gather for a traditional Christmas dinner eating a roast turkey or goose accompanied by stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, and gravy. The meal often ends with mince pies or Christmas pudding soaked in brandy and set alight before serving. Another popular tradition includes exchanging gifts on December 25th after opening stockings filled with small presents left by Father Christmas during the night.

Americans celebrate Christmas similarly but also incorporate distinct elements. For instance, many households decorate trees elaborately with lights, garlands, and baubles weeks prior to the actual date. On Christmas Eve itself, children leave milk and cookies out for Santa Claus and also carrots for his reindeer. In addition, some regions hold parades like New York City's Rockefeller Center tree lighting ceremony which attracts millions of viewers annually.

Despite these differences an atmosphere of warmth, joyfulness, family bonding, and generosity towards others unites British and American Christmas celebrations.

And how is Christmas celebrated in your country?

**Checkryzhenkova Elena**





# MY DREAM SCHOOL

My dream school is a bright and spacious building surrounded by a green park. Interactive whiteboards and comfortable desks are installed in the classrooms, and thousands of interesting books are collected in the library. The teachers at my school are not just teachers, but real friends and mentors who help us discover our talents. Lessons take the form of exciting games, and homework is a creative project that is fun to do. My dream school has modern laboratories for conducting scientific experiments and sports fields for physical education. After lessons, we attend various clubs and sections where we do what we love. There is an atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding at school, where every student feels needed and important.

**Bazarova Maria, 7V**





Meine Traumschule ist eine Schule, die ich gerne besuchen würde, an der die Lehrer engagiert sind und es mir wichtig ist, dass sie den Unterrichtsstoff in einfacher Sprache vermitteln. Ich wünsche mir, dass der Unterricht frühestens um elf Uhr beginnt, nicht früh morgens. Er sollte kurz sein und die Themen so erklären, dass man sie gleich beim ersten Mal versteht. Ich wünsche mir keine Hausaufgaben und dass der Stoff direkt im Unterricht gefestigt wird. Ich wünsche mir, dass die Schule neben dem regulären Unterricht auch Musik-, Sport- und Kunstkurse anbietet.

**Kotlov Maxim, 7G**



In Russland ist die Schuluniform ein Standardkleidungsstück für Schülerinnen und Schüler an Bildungseinrichtungen. Die Einführung von Uniformen geht auf das Bedürfnis zurück, ein einheitliches Erscheinungsbild zu schaffen, die Disziplin zu verbessern und soziale Ungleichheit abzubauen. Uniformen haben sich im Laufe der Geschichte weiterentwickelt – von strengen, klassischen Designs bis hin zu legereren und moderneren Stilen. Derzeit besteht in Russland keine Uniformpflicht, und jede Schule kann ihre eigenen Regeln festlegen. Viele Bildungseinrichtungen entscheiden sich jedoch dafür, die Tradition zu wahren und verpflichtende Uniformen einzuführen, die sich in Stil und Farbe unterscheiden können.

**Kotlov Maxim, 7G**



# CHOOSING A CAREER

Choosing a future profession is not easy, especially for teenagers. There are so many jobs in the world, and sometimes it's hard to understand what you really want to do. But I think it's important to choose something that you find interesting. For me, this profession is business analytics. A business analyst is a person who helps companies understand their problems and find good solutions. They look at information, study how a business works, and try to make it better. I think this job is interesting because it combines working with people and working with data. It's like solving puzzles, but in real life.

I want to become a business analyst because I like analyzing things and thinking logically. I enjoy finding mistakes and figuring out how to fix them. I also like the idea of helping companies grow and improve. Today many businesses use technology, and business analysts are very important for that. Of course, to become a business analyst, I need to study a lot. I will have to learn maths, economics, and computer skills. But I think it is worth it. This profession is modern, important

and needed in many companies. I hope that in the future I will become a good business analyst and find a job that I enjoy. Choosing a profession is a big decision, but I believe I'm moving in the right direction.

**Orlova Veronika, 9B**

My dream profession is a dentist. Choosing a future profession is an important stage in every person's life. I am attracted to dentistry because it allows me to combine creativity and science. But most of all, it inspires me to give people beautiful smiles, good mood and self-confidence. To achieve your goal, you need to work hard, but this is not a problem. I also like working with people. I believe it is necessary to find the ability to find a common language with patients, this will create an atmosphere of comfort. Many people are afraid of dentists, because the treatment procedure is not always pleasant, sometimes painful. After every visit to the dentist, I dreamed that I would become a doctor who would be able to treat people completely without pain.

**Dosolyuk Alexandra, 9V**



# THE PERSON I ADMIRE

Not long ago, I went to the movie "Daddy's Daughters" and decided that Vitalina Kornienko is an actress I admire. I first saw her in the movie "The Ice." She was 8 years old at the time, but she played like a professional actress. For that role, she was nominated for the Golden Eagle Award for Best Actress in a Motion Picture. In addition to her acting career, Vitalina also provides voiceovers for foreign films and cartoons. She voiced Anna in the animated film "Frozen." But her most famous role is that of Lisa in "Daddy's Little Girls." She plays the role of a smart girl who cares about animals and the environment. Vitalina is currently 15 years old. She continues to act in movies and TV shows. She also has her own blog where she shares information about her life and her life as an actress

## **Absalyamova Alice, 7V**

Stephen Hawking was one of the greatest theoretical physicists. He was born on January 8, 1942, in Oxford. S. Hawking studied at the University of Oxford and Cambridge. At the age of 21, he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral

sclerosis (ALS). Subsequently, the illness permanently confined the young scientist to a wheelchair. Despite everything, he lived for more than 50 years, eventually communicating through a speech synthesizer.

Stephen Hawking made groundbreaking discoveries in physics and cosmology. He proved that black holes are not an abstraction but a reality; he discovered "Hawking radiation" – a theory that black holes "evaporate" due to a specific type of radiation, which was named after him; he refined the theory of how the Universe was formed; developed a model of an infinite Universe; and proposed the theory of the Multiverse.

Hawking was an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Hawking died in 2018

## **Miller Yevgeniy, 7V**

# MY REGION

I live in Russia, in the city of Yekaterinburg. It is a big city in the Ural region, and I am proud to call it my home. Yekaterinburg is located on the border between Europe and Asia, and many people say that it connects the two parts of the world. I think this makes my city special.

Yekaterinburg is an important city with a long history. There are many interesting places to see, like old buildings, museums, and monuments. One of the famous places is the Church on the Blood. It is an important historical site, and many tourists visit it every year. There is also the Ural University and many theaters where people can enjoy concerts and plays.

My region is known for its nature. The Ural Mountains are not very far from the city. They are not very high, but they are beautiful, especially in winter. There are many forests, lakes, and rivers around, so people can go hiking, skiing, or just relax outdoors.

I like living in Yekaterinburg because it has everything: modern buildings, shopping centers, parks, and cultural

places. It is always growing and changing. Even though the weather can be cold, the city feels warm to me because it is my home. I am glad that I live in such a unique and interesting region.

**Orlova Veronika, 9B**

My home region is the Sverdlovsk region. This region is famous for its incredible natural beauty. People come here to see the amazing mountains, swim in the clear waters of the numerous lakes, explore the caves, and raft down the turbulent rivers of the Urals. There are also writers who have made their region famous, such as Pavel Bazhov. The Bazhov regions of the Urals are known for their deposits of precious stones, but they are also associated with legends and tales that have inspired the creation of the Ural tales.

**Bekhtereva Sofia, 9B**





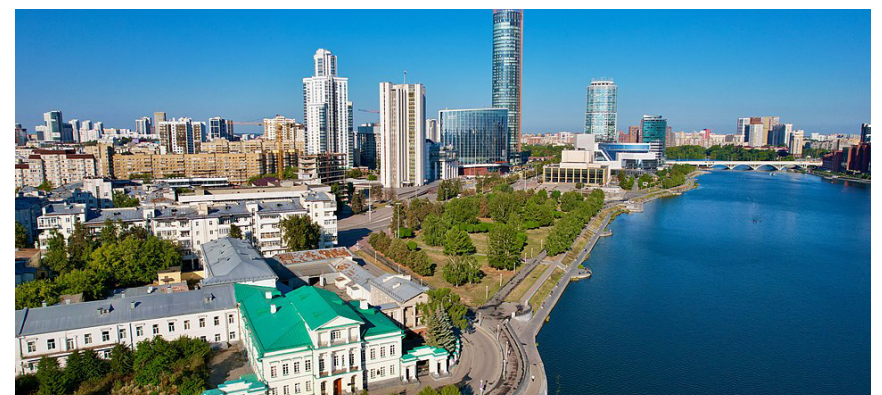
Dyatlov Pass is a place in the Ural Mountains, named after Igor Dyatlov, the leader of a group of tourists. In 1959, a mysterious accident occurred here, as a result of which nine skiers died. The group went on a camping trip, but did not return on time, which triggered a search operation. After finding the camp, the investigators found a broken tent on the inside and the bodies of the participants in different places. The circumstances of the death of tourists have given rise to many versions — from an accident and natural factors to mysterious phenomena. An avalanche is considered one of the versions, but it does not explain all the details of the incident. The Dyatlov Pass case remains a subject of controversy and research for scientists and mystery lovers. In 2019, Russian authorities completed the second investigation, concluding that an avalanche was likely the cause of the tragedy. Dyatlov Pass still attracts the attention of tourists and researchers from all over the world due to its mystery.

**Tsurkhan Victoria, 7G**

My region is Yekaterinburg. The city, which is located on the banks of the Iset River, between the vast expanses of the Urals, has absorbed all the power and

beauty of this ancient region. For me Yekaterinburg is a very beautiful city. There are many large, modern buildings on the streets of the city. There are also old houses. There are many parks, squares, and alleys in our city. Therefore, we can call Yekaterinburg a "green" city. We have many museums, theaters, and various sights. A special place in the heart of the city is occupied by Plotinka - a fateful line between the past and the future. The Plotinny Bridge connects the historical center with new districts, embodying the city's unstoppable desire for development and renewal. Here, on the embankment, you can meet artists, couples in love, and old people, slowly conducting dialogues about the days gone by. Yekaterinburg is the place where, regardless of the season, day or night, you can always feel the warmth and life.

**Begunkova Varvara, 9B**



The Ural Mountains have always been a source of inspiration for many Russians, including myself. Among these majestic mountains, there is one place that holds a special place in my heart—Kungur Ice Cave. Located near Kungur city, this cave system stretches over five kilometers underground with more than seventy magnificent halls filled with stunning stalactites and stalagmites. The unique microclimate inside creates an unforgettable experience as you walk through its twisting passages. What makes it even more fascinating are the ice formations that change their appearance every year due to temperature fluctuations. Each visit feels like discovering something new all over again. Exploring Kungur Ice Cave isn't just about admiring nature's beauty but also learning about geology and history. Guided tours provide insight into how these caves were formed millions of years ago and share stories from explorations conducted by Russian scientists throughout centuries. In conclusion, if you're looking for adventure combined with education, then visiting Kungur Ice Cave should definitely be on your list when traveling across Russia's beautiful landscapes. I strongly recommend you to visit this magnificent place if you haven't done it before.

**Checkryzhenkova Elena**







# *Happy Holidays!*

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