

Ticket 1

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As soon as spring brings a new growth of bushes and berries, bears start feeding. They eat and eat. All through the spring and summer their feeding goes on. The bears build themselves up. They store food and fats that they will need in the fall when they start their long sleep.

As days grow shorter, and the temperature begins to fall, bears hunt for a sleeping place. It may be a shallow cave, or a deep crack between rocks. Some bears end up sleeping in hollow logs. Logs seem to be bears' favourite places. Bears seem to choose small spaces. They can keep warmer in a cave that's just large enough to hold them than in a larger cave. They often line their sleeping place with leaves and dried grass.

All through their winter naps, bears will not eat. Often they will sleep for 7 months, moving only now and then.

Task 2. You are considering visiting the Istanbul city and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) dates for departures
- 2) hotel facilities
- 3) if breakfast is included
- 4) number of city tours

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) When does the trip start?
- 2) What facilities does the hotel have?
- 3) Is breakfast included?
- 4) How many city tours are available?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss sports. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. What region of Russia do you live in? Are there any prominent sports teams there?
2. What else could you tell about sport in your region?
3. What kinds of sports are popular in Russia? Which aren't?
4. What kind of sports is your favourite? Why?
5. Are your friends interested in sports? If so, what kinds of sports?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) I live in Samara region. The local football team "Lada" and basketball team "Krasnye krilya" are quite famous teams in Russia.
- 2) Sport is quite developed in our region. Every city and town has got huge amount of sport grounds out of doors and lots of sport centers.
- 3) Football and hockey are tremendously popular in Russia. Sports like golf and cricket have fewer players interested in them.
- 4) I personally love football and consider it my favourite. I enjoy it because it tests both your physical skills and your ability to strategise.
- 5) Most of my friends are heavily involved in sports. Most of them play football, while some enjoy hockey.

Ticket 2

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Many lands that had once been swamps were drained or filled in. There are different reasons why people drained swamplands. Some were drained to fight diseases caused by insects that lived in them. Because swamps were considered unpleasant places in which to live and harmful to health, many people thought that unless they were drained the land was worthless.

Other swamps were drained to make new land. As the population grew and more land was needed, people drained swamps or filled them to make room for more farms and factories, more roads and airports.

Few people thought that it might be harmful to get rid of swamps. As swamps disappeared, other things happened. There were both more floods and more droughts than before. There were also more fires, for swamps had acted as firebreaks. Hunters noticed that there was less wild game. Wild life that once lived in the swamps was dying out, because it had no place to live.

Task 2. You are considering visiting a museum and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) location of the museum
- 2) special offers
- 3) number of exhibitions
- 4) working hours

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) Where is the museum situated?
- 2) What special offers can you suggest?
- 3) How many exhibitions do you have?
- 4) What are the working hours of the museum?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss hobbies. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. Could you tell us what is unusual about Russian people?
2. What kinds of hobbies do people usually have in your country?
3. What was your first hobby? Do you still do it?
4. How do you spend your free time now?
5. What hobby would you like to pick up in the future? Why?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) I would say that the character of Russian people is fairly unusual. They are a bit harsh when you meet them, but they are extremely friendly after you get to know them.
- 2) Many people in Russia usually play various sports in their spare time. Reading and watching TV are also popular.
- 3) My first hobby was reading. I still do it from time to time, but I read the most when I was in elementary school.

- 4) I usually play football with my friends in the schoolyard. As I already mentioned, I also read from time to time.
- 5) I want to learn to play the piano in the coming years. I love classical music and I was never able to play it myself, so this skill would bring me great enjoyment.

Ticket 3

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A hobby is an activity you enjoy doing, it is something of your choice, something unique to your taste and talent. A hobby can improve our well-being; it can give more meaning to our life. Just as physical exercise is important for the body, relaxation of the mind is also essential. In fact, studies reveal that people who cultivate themselves through such activities are less likely to suffer from anxieties, depression and other negative feelings. A hobby is the easiest way to restore your balance whenever you are over-worked or stressed. Since it is an activity of your choosing, it will always give you pleasure and help you to relax. Even if you indulge in your hobby for a short period of time, you still can feel the difference in your energy level and spirit. When you have a hobby, you will always find time for it.

Task 2. You are considering visiting the coffee room and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) price list
- 2) discounts
- 3) online booking
- 4) diversity of desserts

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) Can I get a price list?
- 2) Do you have any discounts?
- 3) Can I book a table online?
- 4) What desserts do you have?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss friends. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. How do you get along with your peers?
2. What are the benefits of friendship?
3. Where did you meet your best friend? How long have you known each other?
4. How do you communicate with your friends?
5. How do you spend time together?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) Sometimes I have some arguments with my classmates, but overall, I get along with them quite well. They are smart and funny, so I enjoy spending time with them.
- 2) Friends can help you out in a moment of need and get you through tough moments in your life. The best support that you can get comes from the people who are close to you, which is the greatest benefit of friendship.

- 3) I've met my best friend in the first grade, when we both first went to school. We've known each other for 11 years now.
- 4) I prefer to talk to my friends in real life, if possible. However, when that is not possible, we communicate via social media.
- 5) We usually play football and other sports. Sometimes, we also spend time watching movies.

Ticket 4

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The first maps were drawn by explorers to help them find their way home and show people where they had been. The maps showed the shape of the land, distances between places and special features such as caves and old trees. Nowadays, maps show the towns and villages, and the roads, railways, rivers and mountains. Symbols are used to show all the different things on a map and there is a key to explain what the symbols stand for. Over the centuries, people explored most of the Earth and put together the map of the world we use today. Maps of the world or large areas are often either "political" or "physical". The political map shows territorial borders. The purpose of the physical map is to show features of geography such as mountains, soil type or land use including roads, railroads and buildings.

Task 2. You are considering visiting the fitness club and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) membership card
- 2) personal trainings
- 3) working hours
- 4) if they have muscle gain programmes

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) How can I get a membership card?
- 2) Are there personal trainings in your fitness club?
- 3) What are the clubs working hours?
- 4) Do you have any muscle gain programmes?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss extreme sports. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. What are the dangers of extreme sports?
2. Which kinds of extreme sports are popular in Russia? Which aren't?
3. If you had to choose, what kind of extreme sports would you try and why?
4. What benefits do extreme sports provide?
5. Are you interested in extreme sports? Why?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) Extreme sports can be potentially lethal and provide a high risk of injury. For example, a fall while rock climbing can lead to broken bones or even death.

- 2) Rock climbing is popular in the mountainous regions of Russia, such as the Caucasus mountains. Surfing is also popular in the regions near seas. To my mind, skydiving and base jumping are not popular in Russia.
- 3) I would probably try jumping from a plane with a parachute. It is relatively safe as the instructor would always be strapped to me and will control our descent.
- 4) Extreme sports can give people new exciting experiences. Moreover, extreme sports let people unwind and combat their fears.
- 5) I am not interested in extreme sports. First of all, they are too dangerous and I don't like risking my life. Secondly, they take too much physical preparation to participate in.

Ticket 5

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People have enjoyed sports for thousands of years. Children, men and women play sports both for pleasure and for challenge. Every sport involves physical skill. Every sport has a set of rules that the players of the sport follow. In some sports one person competes against other individuals. Examples of these sports include boxing, tennis and so on. In many games one team competes against the other team. People can go in for winter and summer sports. Summer sports are typical for warmer countries. Those who live in regions that experience cold winters have long enjoyed ice skating, skiing, and sledding. These activities have grown immensely in popularity over the years. Today thousands of resorts cater to the winter tourist trade, and millions of people each year take winter sports vacations.

Task 2. You are considering staying one night at the hotel and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) local museums and theatres
- 2) special offers
- 3) number of available rooms
- 4) quality of the staff

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) Are there any museums and theatres nearby the hotel?
- 2) What special offers do you have?
- 3) How many rooms are available?
- 4) What is the quality of the staff?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss school. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. What subjects do you consider the most important in schools?
2. What kind of change would make the education in schools better?
3. How do schools develop people's social skills?
4. What is the most important role of school?
5. Is homework important in the educational process? Why?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) I consider English to be the most important subject for anyone who wants to travel around the world in their lifetime. I also think that mathematics have a great number of everyday applications and are therefore important.
- 2) I believe that focusing more on real life application of various subjects would improve our school system. It would more clearly communicate the goal of education to students.
- 3) From a young age children go to schools and learn to communicate with one another there. School develops their skills to effectively cooperate and build relations.
- 4) I believe that the most important role of school is teaching children to learn on their own. When they leave school, they will still need to improve their skills, and knowing how to do that is extremely important.
- 5) I believe that homework is extremely important. It develops a child responsibility and time management skills.

Ticket 6

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Antarctica is the driest place on Earth. Parts of the continent have seen no rain for two million years. A desert is technically defined as a place that receives less than 10 inches of rain a year. The Sahara gets just 1 inch of rain a year. As well as the driest place on Earth, Antarctica can also claim to be the wettest and the windiest. Seventy percent of the world's fresh water is found there in the form of ice, and its wind speeds are the fastest ever recorded. The unique conditions in the Dry Valleys of Antarctica are caused by so-called katabatic winds. These occur when cold, dense air is pulled downhill simply by the force of gravity. Though Antarctica is a desert, these completely dry parts of it are called, somewhat ironically, oases. They are so similar to conditions on Mars that NASA used them to test the Viking mission.

Task 2. You are considering using car washing services and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) working hours
- 2) if they have a discount card
- 3) recommendations
- 4) number of clients per day

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) What are the working hours?
- 2) Do you have any discount cards?
- 3) Can you give any recommendations?
- 4) How many clients per day do you have?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss cities. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. What city of Russia do you live in? Is it an urban area?
2. Would you prefer to live in a city or in the countryside?
3. What advantages do cities provide to people living there?
4. What are the risks of living in an urban area?
5. What infrastructure does a well-planned city district need to sustain itself?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) I live in Togliatty. It is a quite big city with different industries.
- 2) I would prefer to live in a city. I can't imagine myself living in the countryside and I don't think that I will ever be living there.
- 3) Cities allow much more flexibility in career choice. Moreover, cities have more commodities readily available to its residents.
- 4) Urban areas are usually much more polluted than the countryside. This, in turn, leads to more health problems for the population.
- 5) A well-planned city district needs housing and supermarkets. It also needs the school infrastructure and businesses that can provide employment for local residents.

Ticket 7

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The ostrich is the bird that lays the smallest egg for its size. Although it is the largest single cell in nature, an ostrich egg is less than 2 per cent of the weight of the mother. A wren's egg, by comparison, is 13 per cent of its weight. The largest egg in comparison with the size of the bird is that of the Little Spotted kiwi. Its egg accounts for 26 per cent of its own weight.

An ostrich egg weighs as much as twenty-four hen's eggs; to soft-boil one takes forty-five minutes. Queen Victoria tucked into one for breakfast and declared it among the best meals she had ever eaten. The largest egg laid by any animal – including the dinosaurs – belonged to the elephant bird of Madagascar, which became extinct in 1700. It was ten times the size of an ostrich egg, nine litres in volume and the equivalent of 180 chicken's eggs.

Task 2. You are considering visiting the coffee shop and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out the following:

- 1) special offers
- 2) discounts for regular customers
- 3) most popular coffee
- 4) if they have a parking lot

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Варианты вопросов

- 1) Are any special offers available?
- 2) Are there any discounts for regular customers?
- 3) What is the most popular coffee?
- 4) Do you have a parking lot?

Task 3. Answer the interviewer questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello everybody! It's *Teenagers Round the World Channel*. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss family. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

1. What traditions does your family hold?
2. How does your family celebrate holidays?
3. What was your last family trip?
4. Where would you like to go together next? Why?

5. How is your family involved in your education?

Возможные варианты ответов

- 1) My family has a couple of long-lasting traditions. For example, we celebrate family day every July. On that day we have a huge dinner and spend time together.
- 2) My family always gets together on holidays, even if some of us are usually far away. We spend time talking to each other, sharing recent news and just having a good time together.
- 3) My last family trip was to Vladivostok. We spent two weeks exploring the natural reserves of the Russian Far East and we returned home with lots of souvenirs.
- 4) I would love to go on a trip to Saint Petersburg with my parents, who have never been there. I have already been there, so I could show them some places there, that is why I think that trip would be great.
- 5) My family always supported me throughout my educational journey. They have totally agreed with my choice of higher education and career.