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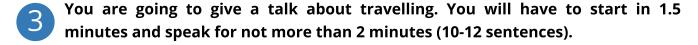
Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

The Sun is a star like many others in our Milky Way galaxy. It is located at the centre of our solar system. It is a yellow dwarf star that gives off energy as light. The Sun is about a hundred times as wide as the Earth. Since the Sun is all gas, surface features come and go. The Sun and everything that orbits it is in the Milky Way. The Sun orbits around the centre of the Milky Way. It takes along everything in the Solar System. The Sun moves at 820,000 km an hour. At that speed, it still takes 230 million years for a full orbit. If the Sun is viewed through a special solar telescope, dark areas called sunspots can be seen. These areas are caused by the Sun's magnetic field. The sunspots only look dark because the rest of the Sun is very bright. A solar eclipse appears when the moon is between the Earth and the Sun.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Cleaning Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about ecological situation in your region. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Is the ecological situation in your region good or bad?
- 2. What ecological problems are there in your region?
- 3. Are these problems serious? Why?
- 4. Why is it necessary to protect the environment?
- 5. What do you do to help our planet?
- 6. How can teenagers help our planet?



### Remember to say:

- why people travel so much nowadays
- what people usually do while travelling abroad
- what country you would like to visit, and why
- what your attitude to travelling is

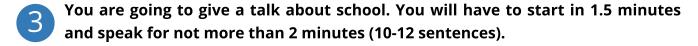
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Global warming is the current rise in temperature of the air and oceans. It happens because humans burn coal, oil and natural gas, and cut down forests. The extra warmth melts ice caps around the world. Sea level is rising for two reasons: ice on the land, like Greenland, melts into the sea. Water also gets larger when it warms. Many cities will be partly flooded by the ocean in the 21st century. Weather patterns, including where and how much rain or snow there is, will change. Deserts will probably increase in size. Colder areas will warm up faster than warm areas. Strong storms may become more likely and farming may not make as much food. These effects will not be the same everywhere. The changes from one area to another are not well known. People can change how they live because of the impacts of climate change. For example, they can go to places where the weather is better, or build walls around cities to keep flood water out. This costs money, and rich people and rich countries will be able to change more easily than the poor.

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Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Healthcare Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about eating habits. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What do you usually have for breakfast?
- 2. How many times a day do you usually have meals?
- 3. What time do you usually have your last meal?
- 4. Is your diet healthy? Why do you think so?
- 5. Is eating only healthy food important to you? Why?
- 6. What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to start a healthy diet?



### Remember to say:

- what school subject you like most, and why
- what school clubs or societies are interesting for schoolchildren
- how schoolchildren can make their school life better
- what your attitude to school uniform is

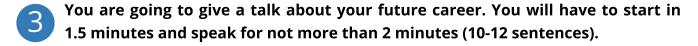
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The Eiffel Tower is a landmark in Paris. It was built by Eiffel for the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution. It took 2 years, 2 months and 5 days to build it. The tower is 300 metres tall, but this height does not include the 24 metres antenna on the top. The total height of the structure is 324 metres. There are 20,000 sparkling lights and 80 kilometres of cables covering the structure. There were 50 architects, engineers, and draughtsmen that created 5,300 drawings of the Eiffel Tower before the construction started. The construction of the Eiffel Tower began on the 28th of January 1887 and was concluded on the 31st of March 1889. People did not like the Eiffel Tower and reckoned they wanted it taken down because they thought it was an ugly structure polluting the scenery of the Paris sky. After people learned about the many benefits the tower provided, no one wanted it to be taken apart. Today, it is used to send radio and television signals to the capital city of Paris and beyond.

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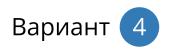
Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about family relationships. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How big is your family?
- 2. Who do you share your room with?
- 3. What household chores do you have?
- 4. What else do you do to help your parents?
- 5. How do you keep good relationships with your family members?
- 6. What would you recommend to a teenager who often quarrels with their parents?



### Remember to say:

- what you are going to be, and why
- what school subjects you consider most useful for your future career, and why
- who helps you with choosing your future career, and how
- what your attitude to higher education is

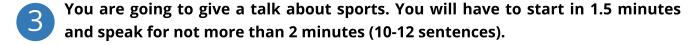


In nutrition, diet is the sum of food that is eaten by a person or another organism. Dietary habits are the usual decisions someone or a culture makes when choosing what foods to eat. Dietary habits and choices play a significant role in health. With the word diet, it is often meant specific nutrition for health or weight-management reasons. Diets are about eating the right quantity and type of food at the right time. When people talk about a diet, they are usually referring to a special kind of diet. When someone says they are "dieting", it means that they are trying to lose weight. When the diet is not right, people can gain or lose weight. To get back to their normal weight, they need to change their diet. This may be very hard to do. Often help from a specialist is required. Some people have diseases where they cannot eat certain foods without becoming very sick. They need to change their diet to avoid these foods.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's City Lifestyle Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about public places. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What is the name of the city, town or village you live in?
- 2. When was your city, town or village founded?
- 3. What is your favourite place in your area? Why do you like it?
- 4. What other places do you usually go to in your free time?
- 5. How do teenagers in your area spend their free time outdoors?
- 6. What could make your area better, in your opinion?



### Remember to say:

- how PE lessons can help children to keep fit
- what sport facilities should be in your school, and why
- if it is important to do sports, and why
- what your attitude to doing sport is

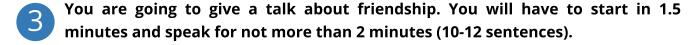
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A superstition is a belief that has no logical explanation or scientific evidence. Superstitious people believe in something that is irrational, non-physical and does not follow the rules of science. There are many superstitions believed in around the world. Many people believe superstitions to be complete nonsense while others live their lives according to superstitions such as avoiding black cats, looking for four leaf clovers and avoiding mirrors. Superstitions differ among religions and cultures. Some superstitions are connected with good luck, for example, crossing fingers for good luck, knocking three times on wood after mentioning good fortune, a horseshoe hung above the doorway, a four-leaf clover and so on. Some superstitions are thought to bring bad luck. They are: breaking a mirror, opening an umbrella inside the house, Friday the 13th and several others. There is a song called "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder. The song advises not to believe in theories such as superstitions.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Reading Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about reading. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you like reading? Why?
- 2. What is your favourite book? Who is the author?
- 3. What is your favourite book genre?
- 4. Do you prefer paper or electronic books? Why?
- 5. How many books do you read during the school year?
- 6. How does reading books in English help you improve your language skills?



### Remember to say:

- why people make friends
- what personal qualities are necessary to become a good friend
- if a person can have several best friends
- what your attitude to friendship with your classmates is

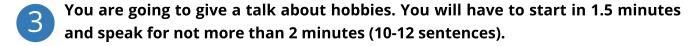
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Art is a creative activity that expresses imaginative or technical skill. It produces a product, an object. The product of art is called a work of art, for others to experience. Some art is useful in a practical sense, such as a sculptured clay bowl that can be used. That kind of art is sometimes called a craft. Those who make art are called artists. They hope to affect the emotions of people who experience it. Some people find art relaxing, exciting or informative. Some say people are driven to make art due to their inner creativity. "The arts" is a much broader term. It includes drawing, painting, sculpting, photography, performance art, dance, music, poetry, prose and theatre. Art is divided into the plastic arts, where something is made, and the performing arts, where something is done by humans in action. The other division is between pure arts, done for themselves, and practical arts, done for a practical purpose, but with artistic content. Art can also be a form of expression of emotion.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Shopping Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about pocket money. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you think every teenager should get pocket money? Why?
- 2. What age is best to start getting pocket money? Why?
- 3. How much money a week you think is enough for a teenager?
- 4. How much money a week do you get?
- 5. Do you prefer to spend or save your pocket money? Why?
- 6. What do teenagers in your country usually spend their pocket money on?



### Remember to say:

- why people take up a hobby
- if choosing a hobby depends on character
- what your hobby is
- what your attitude to having a hobby is

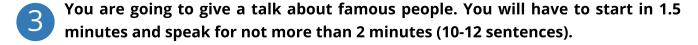
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Cats have been domesticated for nearly 10,000 years. They are currently the most popular pets in the world. Their origin is probably the African Wildcat. In the past, most notably in Egypt, people kept domestic cats because they hunted and ate mice and rats. Later cats were kept because they are friendly and good companions. Today, people often keep cats as pets. There are also domestic cats which live without being cared for by people. A cat is sometimes called a kitty. A young cat is called a kitten. Domestic cats are often called 'house cats' when kept as indoor pets. There are about 60 breeds of cat. Domestic cats are found in shorthair, longhair, and hairless breeds. There are also domestic cats which live without being cared for by people. The big cats are well known: lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, pumas, and cheetahs. There are small, wild cats in most parts of the world, such as the lynx in northern Europe. The big cats and wild cats are not tame, and can be very dangerous.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Culture Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about traditions. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you think traditions are necessary? Why?
- 2. What family traditions do you and your family follow?
- 3. What is your favourite family tradition?
- 4. What traditional celebrations are popular in your country?
- 5. How do you celebrate your favourite holiday?
- 6. What popular tradition in your country should disappear, in your opinion?



### Remember to say:

- why some people want to become famous
- if everyone can become famous nowadays, and how
- if a famous person can lead a normal life of an ordinary person
- what your attitude to being famous is

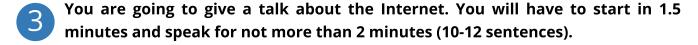
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A university is a higher learning institution where teaching and research are done. The word university comes from the Latin word which meant "community of teachers and scholars". Students can attend university to get an academic degree. Unlike the schooling they have done before, the courses at university are specialised. A person studying biology at university has a lot of courses about biology and fewer courses in other fields such as languages or history. To get a higher degree, people must do some research. Not all subjects are offered at universities. Mainly, universities offer courses which are about knowledge. They usually do not offer courses in practical trades. In some cases such as law, where there are both knowledge and practical issues, the university does mainly the theoretical side of the subject. Practical qualifications are done elsewhere. A university can include several campuses or different places where classes are taught by professors. In each campus there are several faculties and university schools (mainly for teaching), and also laboratories, departments and institutes of research.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Culture Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about learning foreign languages. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What foreign languages do you learn?
- 2. Is it easy for you to learn foreign languages? Why?
- 3. What foreign languages are popular in your country?
- 4. How can people learn a foreign language?
- 5. Do you think everyone should learn a foreign language? Why?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who starts learning a foreign language?



### Remember to say:

- how people use the Internet in their everyday life
- if all schools should have an access to the Internet, and why
- how the Internet can be dangerous for children
- what your attitude to the Internet is

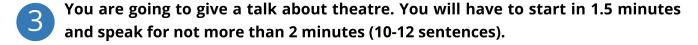
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Science is what we do to find out about the natural world. Natural sciences include chemistry, biology, geology, astronomy, and physics. Science uses mathematics and logic, which are sometimes called "formal sciences". Natural science makes observations and experiments. Science produces accurate facts, scientific laws and theories. 'Science' also refers to the large amount of knowledge that has been found using this process. People who study and research science and try to find out everything about it are called scientists. Scientists study things by looking at them very carefully, by measuring them, and by doing experiments and tests. Scientists try to explain why things act the way they do and predict what will happen. Science is a way to get knowledge by getting rid of what is not true. Scientists must be very careful to make explanations that fit well with what they observe and measure. They compete to provide better explanations. An explanation might be interesting or pleasing, but if it does not agree with what other scientists really see and measure, they will try to find a better explanation.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Sports Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about sports. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you do any sports? Why?
- 2. Is doing sports popular nowadays? Why do you think so?
- 3. What sports are popular in your country?
- 4. Should everyone do sports? Why?
- 5. How often should people do sports to keep fit?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who wants to take up sports?



### Remember to say:

- if theatre is popular with teenagers, and why
- what kind of plays could be interesting for teenagers
- if theatre is going to disappear soon
- what your attitude to theatre is

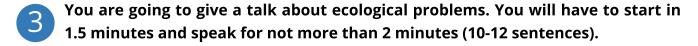
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Language is the normal way humans communicate. Only humans use language, though other animals communicate through other means. Language may be done by speech or by writing or by moving the hands to make signs. It follows that language is not just any way of communicating. Humans also use language for thinking. There are currently 7,117 known languages spoken by people around the world. Chinese is the language with the most native speakers in the world. Greek is one of the world's oldest surviving languages. English is often called the international language. It is the main second language of the world and the international language of science, travel, technology, business, diplomacy, and entertainment. French had a similar status until the 20th century, and other languages had it at other times. Some languages are made up so that a lot of people around the world can learn them, without the new languages being tied to any specific country or place. These are called constructed languages. UNESCO says that 2,500 languages are at risk of becoming extinct.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Music Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about music. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What kind of music is popular with teenagers nowadays?
- 2. What kind of music do you listen to?
- 3. Who is your favourite performer or musician?
- 4. How can music affect people's emotions?
- 5. Is music important to you? Why?
- 6. Do you think everyone should learn to play at least one musical instrument? Why?



### Remember to say:

- what ecological problems in your region are
- if the environment in your region has become better or worse, and how you can notice it
- how teenagers help the environment in your region
- what your attitude to teenagers' joining some ecological movement is

Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

A natural disaster is a major event caused by natural processes of the Earth. Examples include floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, and others. A natural disaster causes loss of life or property damage and leaves some economic damage afterwards costing millions. Often human activities also become causes of natural disasters, such as climate change and deforestation. It is the damage to humans and their property which counts most. If a strong earthquake happens in uninhabited areas, it is usually not seen as a disaster or a loss. The International Red Cross Movement was established to help in emergencies including natural disasters. To live through a disaster, it is important that your family and your city prepare in advance. This may be making a pack of things you need in an emergency, it may be a government sending soldiers to help, or it may be something in between. It is recommended to keep a disaster survival kit with canned goods, in the advent of such a disaster.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Culture Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about television. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you watch TV? Why or why not?
- 2. What TV programmes are popular in your family?
- 3. What TV programmes are popular with teenagers in your country?
- 4. How many hours a week do teenagers spend watching TV in your country?
- 5. Do you think television is becoming less popular nowadays? Why do you think so?
- 6. What kinds of TV programmes can be useful for teenages?



### Remember to say:

- why people celebrate holidays
- what popular holidays in your country are
- what traditional meals you have on your favourite holiday
- what your attitude to celebrating holidays only with a family is

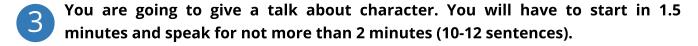
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Recycling is when you recover scrap or waste and reprocess the material into useful products. Glass, paper, plastic, and some metals are often recycled. Dead plants, fruit and vegetable scraps can be recycled through composting. It is important not to confuse recycling with reusing, which is where old things, such as clothes, are donated or given a new use instead of being thrown out. Recycling reduces trash in landfills and incinerators. Another reason people recycle is to reduce the amount of raw materials and energy used in making things. Most of the time, it takes less energy to recycle trash than to throw it away. Recycling can reduce your carbon footprint and it can help to minimise the whole size of landfills around the world. Most people make about two kilograms of trash every day, and about 7% of this waste is made up of plastic products that can be recycled. Today, plastic can be recycled into products like picnic tables, park benches, and even high-chairs.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Technology Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about technological progress. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you follow the news about technological progress? Why?
- 2. What is the most important invention or discovery, in your opinion?
- 3. What famous people influenced technological progress in the last 100 years?
- 4. What technologies do you use in your everyday life?
- 5. How can new technologies help you study?
- 6. Do you agree that schools should teach students how to use new technologies? Why?



### Remember to say:

- how character influences people's career choice
- what personal qualities one needs to become successful
- if people can change their character
- what your attitude to sensitive people is

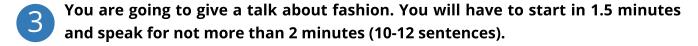
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Charles III is King of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth realms. He was Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester between 1956 and 2022. King Charles III was born at Buckingham Palace in London. He is the first son of Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Charles went to school at Gordonstoun and to university at Trinity College, Cambridge. He became the first British royal heir to earn a university degree. Charles became king on 8 September 2022, after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. When he became monarch at the age of 73, he was the oldest person to do so. Charles was married to his first wife, Diana, Princess of Wales, from 1981 until they divorced in 1996. They had two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. Charles has been married to his second wife, Camilla, Queen Consort, since 2005.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Global Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about global problems of the modern world. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What is the most serious problem in the modern world? Why?
- 2. How can people solve this problem or make it less serious?
- 3. What other problems of the modern world do you know?
- 4. Should travelling to other countries be easy? Why?
- 5. What country would you prefer to live in? Why?
- 6. What can teenagers do to make our world better?



### Remember to say:

- if fashion is important for teenagers, and why
- how fashion influences our social life and career
- if fashion is a waste of time and money
- what your attitude to fashion is

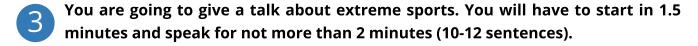
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An envelope is a form of packing. Envelopes are used for sending letters or documents using regular postal mail. Envelopes are usually made of paper or hardened paper. An envelope may be small enough to make you need to fold the paper going into it, or it can be as large as the paper so that you do not need to fold it. To pay to send the mail, a stamp is usually attached to the envelope. A postcard is a rectangular piece of paper or cardboard, which is intended to send a short message by post. Usually, a postcard is mailed without an envelope. Modern postcards usually have a photo or an image on one side of the card, the other side contains space for writing the address and a short message. The first postcards were used in the second half of the 19th century. Today, many people send postcards when they are on holiday. The designs of postcards have evolved since the early ages and many prefer to send personalised postcards now which gives a personal touch or adds a feeling or emotion to it.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Culture Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about eating out. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How often do you eat out?
- 2. Why do people eat out?
- 3. How much money a week do teenagers spend on eating out?
- 4. What dishes do teenagers usually have while eating out?
- 5. Do you prefer eating out or at home? Why?
- 6. What café or restaurant would you recommend to a person who wants to eat out in the place where you live?



### Remember to say:

- what extreme sports you know
- if extreme sports can be useful and why
- if you would like to try any of extreme sports and why
- what your attitude to extreme sport is

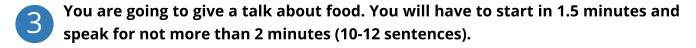
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An airport is a place where aeroplanes can land or take off. Most airports in the world have only a long strip of level ground called a runway. Many airports have buildings which are used to hold planes and passengers. A building that holds passengers waiting for their planes or luggage is called a terminal. The sections between planes and the terminal are called gates. Airports also have buildings called hangars to hold planes when they are not used. Some airports have buildings to control the airport, like a control tower which tells planes where to go. An international airport is a large airport that planes can use to fly to and from other countries. A domestic airport is an airport which is usually smaller and only has aeroplanes coming from different places in the same country. Most international airports have shops and restaurants for aeroplane passengers to use. Airports are made and operated for safety. Today, people must walk through a metal detector, a machine that can tell if metal goes through it. Airports also have X-ray machines that can look into luggage.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about social networks. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What social networks do you use?
- 2. How often do you use social networks?
- 3. What do you usually use social networks for?
- 4. How many hours a day do you spend texting with your friends?
- 5. How can social networks help you study?
- 6. Should social networks have age restrictions? Why?



### Remember to say:

- what you usually cook and how often
- what the most famous national dish in your country is, on what occasions people eat it
- what your favourite dishes are
- what your attitude to fast food is

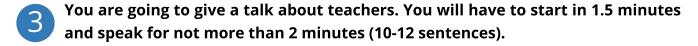
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The South Pole is the most southern point on the Earth. It is in Antarctica and is the centre of the Southern Hemisphere. People can tell that they are at the South Pole by looking at the stars — at the South Pole, a star just circles around at the same height, never dipping to the horizon. The Sun rises once a year and gives the South Pole half a year of summer but it is always cold. When the Sun sets half a year later it makes half a year of winter which is even colder. The South Pole is always cold because the Sun never rises high in the sky. The South Pole is hard to reach. Unlike the North pole, which is covered by the sea and flat sea-ice, the South Pole is on a mountainous continent called Antarctica. It is covered by thick ice (more than a mile thick in the centre). The South Pole is very high up and is very windy. It has a desert climate and almost never gets any precipitation. Air humidity is near zero. However, high winds can cause the blowing of snowfall.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Dental Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers care about their teeth. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you think your teeth are healthy? Why?
- 2. How many times a day do you brush your teeth?
- 3. What else do you do to protect your teeth?
- 4. How often do you go to see the dentist?
- 5. What food is bad for teeth, in your opinion?
- 6. What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to have healthy teeth?



### Remember to say:

- if you remember your first teacher, and why
- what personal qualities good teachers have
- if you would like to become a teacher, and why
- what your attitude to strict teachers is

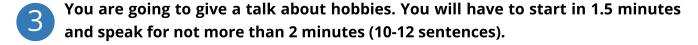
Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

Chocolate is a food made from cacao beans. It is used in many desserts like pudding, cakes, candy, ice cream, and Easter eggs. It can be in a solid form like a candy bar or it can be in a liquid form like hot chocolate. Commercial chocolate has sugar and sometimes milk added. The taste of chocolate is often described as sweet because chocolate makers usually add a lot of sugar and milk for taste. This means that chocolate can be bad for your teeth and health. There are three main types of chocolate: white chocolate, milk chocolate, and dark chocolate. White chocolate tastes much sweeter than the other two types because it has more of the sweeter ingredients in it. White chocolate is mostly made of cocoa butter. Milk chocolate is sweet, but not as sweet as white chocolate. Milk chocolate has lots of cocoa. Dark chocolate has less sugar, and a more bitter taste. It was originally used to make drinking chocolate. Chocolate is safe to eat unless it is eaten in large amounts.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Art Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about art. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you think art is important? Why?
- 2. What type of art do you like most?
- 3. How often do you go to art galleries? Why?
- 4. Do you have Art lessons at school?
- 5. Do you create any works of art? If yes, what are they?
- 6. Would you like to make your career in art? Why?



### Remember to say:

- what hobbies you know
- what hobbies are popular among teenagers
- if having a hobby is necessary and why
- what your attitude to unusual hobbies is

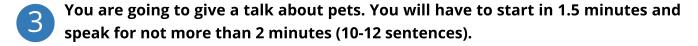
Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

Tea is a drink that is popular all over the world. It is made by soaking the dried tea leaves in hot water. Tea can have other herbs, spices, or fruit flavours in it, like lemon. Sometimes the word "tea" is used for other drinks that have been made by soaking fruit or herbs in hot water. These are called "herbal teas". There are two main types of tea: black tea and green tea. To make black tea, workers take the leaves and spread them out on shelves where they can dry. Next they are rolled and broken into pieces and put into a room where they absorb oxygen. Chemical reactions change the taste and style of the tea. Finally the leaves are dried with hot air until they turn brown or black. Green tea is made by putting freshly picked leaves into a steamer. This keeps them green. Then they are crushed and dried in ovens. India is the biggest maker and user of green tea. The word "tea" can also be used as another word for an afternoon meal.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Souvenir Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about souvenirs. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Why do people buy souvenirs?
- 2. Where can people buy souvenirs?
- 3. What are the most popular souvenirs in your country?
- 4. Are souvenirs good presents? Why or why not?
- 5. Have you ever bought souvenirs?
- 6. What souvenirs would you like to get? Why?



### Remember to say:

- why people have pets
- if everyone should have a pet
- what pets are the easiest to take care of
- what your attitude to having exotic animals as pets is

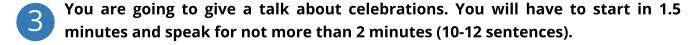
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A sandwich is a food prepared by placing different kinds of foods between two slices of bread. Between the slices of bread, people often add in vegetables, meat, or cheese. The sandwich is thought to have been made first for the Earl of Sandwich, hence the name. Many people enjoy the sandwich as it is easy and quick to make in a hurry. Also, the sandwich can be easily eaten with one hand without utensils which allows consumers to have a hand free to do other things. Some people prefer to eat a sandwich with both hands. In many countries, children eat sandwiches for lunch at school. The sandwiches are put in a lunchbox and often wrapped in cling film to keep them fresh. A sandwich is not limited to a single layer of filling between two pieces of bread. It can have more than one layer of filling and bread. Another form of sandwich is the toasted sandwich. The toasted sandwich can be made from slices of toast instead of bread or the sandwich is toasted whole in an oven or a sandwich presser.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Computer Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about computers. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What do people use computers for?
- 2. Do you have a computer at home?
- 3. Should everyone have a computer? Why?
- 4. Do you use a computer for your school studies?
- 5. How can computers help people learn foreign languages?
- 6. Do you think computers will replace teachers soon? Why?



### Remember to say:

- why people like celebrations
- what your favourite holiday is and why
- how you usually celebrate your favourite holiday
- what your attitude to using fireworks in celebrations is

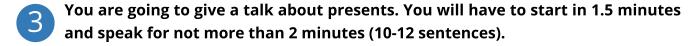
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Public transport is the transport of passengers. Passengers don't need their own cars or other vehicles. Most public transport lets many people travel at the same time. The main vehicles for public transport are buses, trolleybuses, trams and trains. Trams were first used in the late 1860s and used to be pulled by horses. Now trams are electric and run on a line of cable. Buses drive on the road, like cars do. Trolleybuses are like buses, but they use electricity from two wires above the road. Trains run on a track and are very fast. Many places use trams and trains as a form of public transport. Many people who do not have cars use public transport to go places near their house, and they use trains to go places far away. Public transport is good for the environment. When many people use the same vehicle, fewer cars are on the road. Fewer cars make less pollution. Cost is low, because it is very cheap to catch public transport every day, which is why even people who own a car often use public transport.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Hobby Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about hobbies. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What hobbies are popular in your country?
- 2. Why do people have hobbies?
- 3. What hobbies do your friends have?
- 4. Do you have a hobby? Why?
- 5. Should everyone have a hobby? Why?
- 6. What unusual hobbies do you know?



### Remember to say:

- if you like to give and get presents, and why
- what the best present you have ever got was
- if the price of a present is important, and why
- what your attitude to handmade presents is

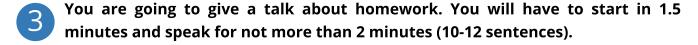
Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

Moscow is the capital city of Russia. More than 11 million people live there, so it is Europe's biggest city. It is also the seventh biggest city in the world. It sits on the Moskva River. Moscow is an important political, cultural, economic, religious, financial and transportation centre. It is a global city. Moscow was founded by Prince Yuri Dolgoruki in 1147. The middle of the city is an ancient walled city called the Kremlin. There are important government buildings, museums and churches in the Kremlin. Many of the buildings in Moscow are very beautiful and famous. There are also modern buildings. The many art galleries have big collections. Moscow has many scientific and educational buildings, as well as some sports complexes built for the 1980 Summer Olympics. Transport includes four international airports, nine railroad stations and the second busiest metro system in the world. The Moscow metro is one of the largest and the most beautiful ones in the World. It was opened for passengers in 1935.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Food Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about cooking. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you like cooking?
- 2. What dishes can you cook?
- 3. What are your favourite dishes?
- 4. Who cooks most often in your family?
- 5. Do you think that cooking is easy? Why?
- 6. What is the best way to learn how to cook?



### Remember to say:

- if you always do your homework, and why
- if teachers should give marks for students' homework
- if copying homework is unfair or not
- what your attitude to homework is

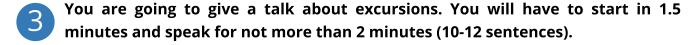
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A rainbow is an arc of colour in the sky that can be seen when the sun shines through falling rain. The rainbow has no definite number of physical colours but seven are traditionally listed. The pattern of colours starts with red on the outside and changes through orange, yellow, green, blue, to violet on the inside. Sometimes a second, larger, dimmer rainbow is seen. A rainbow is created when white light is refracted while entering a droplet of water, split into separate colours, and reflected back. A rainbow is actually round like a circle. On the ground, the bottom part is hidden, but in the sky, like from a flying aeroplane, it can be seen as a circle around the point opposite the Sun. Rainbows often appear after storms, and are popular symbols for peace in many cultures. The rainbow with the deepest effect in our minds takes place when half of the sky is still dark with draining clouds and when the observer is at a place with clear sky above. Another common place to see the rainbow effect is near waterfalls.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Sports Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about extreme sports. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What extreme sports do you know?
- 2. What are the most dangerous extreme sports, in your opinion?
- 3. Do you do any extreme sports?
- 4. What extreme sports would you like to try? Why?
- 5. What traits of character should people have to do extreme sports?
- 6. Do you agree that extreme sports should be banned? Why?



### Remember to say:

- what kind of excursions your school organises
- what kinds of excursions could be interesting and useful for teenagers
- what places you would like to visit
- what your attitude to excursions is

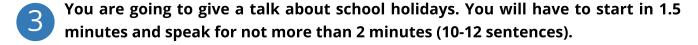
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Ballet is a type of dance. It is only done by dancers who have had special training. Ballet involves the creation of the dance itself, often a type of imaginary story. The story is told with the help of dance and mime. Ballet is a form of expression. It presents a story in a new form to the audience. Ballet is always performed to music, and in many cases, the music was specially composed for a particular ballet. Ballet is a major part of theatre, and a popular example is "The Nutcracker". It is a classical ballet in two acts. It is based on Hoffmann's fairy tale "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" which was written in 1816. It tells the story of a little girl who goes to the Land of Sweets on Christmas Eve. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky wrote the music. Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov designed the dances. "The Nutcracker" was first performed at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia, on the 18th of December 1892.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Career Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about professions. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What professions are popular in your country?
- 2. Who or what helps you with choosing your profession?
- 3. What profession or professions do you find most suitable for you?
- 4. Have you chosen your future profession yet?
- 5. What traits of character do you need for your future profession?
- 6. Do you think that in order to be successful everyone should go to university?



### Remember to say:

- how often you have school holidays
- what do schoolchildren do on different school holidays
- what events are organised at schools during school holidays
- what your attitude to long school summer holidays is

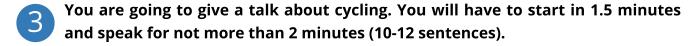
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Water is a transparent, tasteless, odourless, and almost colourless chemical substance which covers over 70% of Earth's surface. Water is the most common liquid on Earth. Pure water has no smell, taste, or colour. Lakes, oceans, and rivers are made of water. Precipitation is water that falls from clouds in the sky. It may be rain if it is warm, or it may be frozen if it is cold. If water gets very cold, it freezes and becomes ice, the frozen variant of water. If water gets very hot, it boils and becomes steam or water vapour. It is moved around in the water cycle. Water is essential for life. No known life can live without it. Plants, animals, and people are mostly water inside, and must drink water to live. Water is the main component of drinks like milk, juice, and wine. Water that a person can drink is called "drinking water". Though people can survive a few months without food, they can only survive for a day or two without water. A few desert animals can get enough water from their food, but the others must drink.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about school. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you like your school? Why?
- 2. What are your favourite school subjects?
- 3. What school subjects do you dislike? Why?
- 4. What school clubs or societies are there in your school?
- 5. What school clubs or societies do you attend?
- 6. What would you do to make your school better?



### Remember to say:

- if cycling is popular nowadays, and why
- if cycling is good for health, and why
- if you have a bicycle and if you can ride it
- what your attitude to cycling in a city or a town is

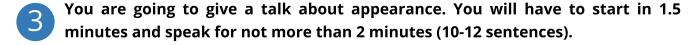
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The brain is the part of the body which lets us, as well as animals, make sense of things. It gets input from sense organs, and changes behaviour in response to this information. In humans, the brain also controls our use of language, and is capable of abstract thought. The brain is made up of special cells called nerves, which are connected with each other and with other nerves in our body. The brain does the thinking, learning, and feeling for the body. It is the control centre of the whole body. All the information about the world gathered by our senses is sent through nerves into the brain, allowing us to see, hear, smell, taste and feel things. The brain processes this information, and we experience it as pictures, sounds, and so on. The brain also controls basic body actions, like breathing, digestion, heartbeat, that happen automatically. These activities, and much else, are governed by unconscious functions of the brain and nervous system. A human brain accounts for about 2% of the body's weight, but it uses about 20% of its energy.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Leisure Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about holidays. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Why do you think people like celebrations?
- 2. What is your favourite holiday?
- 3. Who do you celebrate your favourite holiday with?
- 4. Do you decorate your house for holidays and celebrations?
- 5. What else do you do to prepare for different celebrations?
- 6. Do you agree that having fun is more important than presents? Why?



### Remember to say:

- if people's appearance can tell about their character
- what people do to look more attractive
- why some people want to look like celebrities
- what your attitude to unusual appearance is

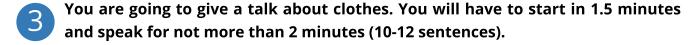
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Dolphins are mammals. They are part of the toothed whales. Generally, they are among the smaller whales. Most live in salt water oceans, but some live in rivers – there are oceanic dolphins and river dolphins. Dolphins are from 1.5 metres to 4 metres long, but the largest dolphin, the killer whale, can be up to 8 metres long. Dolphins breathe air. A dolphin's nose is on top of its head so the dolphin can easily breathe on the surface of the water. The skin of a dolphin has no scales. It is soft and smooth. However, it is very firm, due to how much muscle they have. Dolphins are very social and help each other fight off predators. Dolphins have fought off sharks in this way. They can kill large sharks by ramming them over and over again with their snouts and heads. All dolphins live in groups called "pods". They are social animals at all stages of their life. They have some remarkable behaviours. A speeding group of dolphins is a sight to see.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Sleep Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about sleep. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How many hours per night do you usually sleep?
- 2. What time do you usually go to bed?
- 3. What do you usually do before going to bed?
- 4. Do you sleep during the daytime?
- 5. What helps you sleep well?
- 6. Who or what wakes you up in the morning?



### Remember to say:

- where you usually buy clothes
- · what kinds of clothes you prefer
- how much you usually spend on clothes a month
- what your attitude to designer clothes is

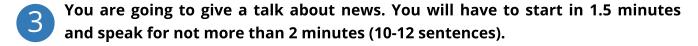
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Literacy means the ability to read and write. Being able to read and write is an important skill in modern societies. Usually, people learn how to read and write at school. People who can read and write are called literate; those who cannot are called illiterate. According to UNESCO, illiteracy is not being able to write or read a simple sentence in any language. They estimated that in 1998 about 16% of the world's population were illiterate. One of the causes of illiteracy is that someone who can manage to live without being able to read and write often does not have any reason to want to learn to read and write. Cultural factors also play a part, such as having a culture in which communicating by speaking is more important than writing. In English the word "literacy" has traditionally meant to be well educated and familiar with literature. In modern usage, literacy also means being able to read print, visual, and sound texts. To continue learning students must be literate in more than just reading and writing text.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Photography Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about photography. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you like taking pictures?
- 2. What do you usually take pictures of?
- 3. What camera do you use to take pictures?
- 4. Do you prefer taking pictures or having your pictures taken? Why?
- 5. How often do you take selfies?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who wants to take up photography?



### Remember to say:

- what sources of news you know
- if you follow the news, and why
- where you usually get the news
- what your attitude to watching news on TV is

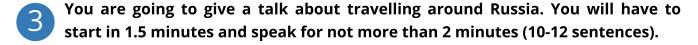
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William Shakespeare was an English playwright, poet, and actor. He wrote 39 plays (with about half of them considered comedies) and two long poems in his lifetime. His plays are still performed today. They are of different kinds. There are histories, tragedies and comedies. These plays are among the best known in English literature and are studied in schools around the world. Shakespeare wrote his works between about 1590 and 1613. Shakespeare's plays are written in poetic language. Many of the plays are set in strange, distant places and times. The stories are often exciting, very funny (in the comedies), or very sad (in the tragedies). These stories make people want to know what will happen to the characters. The plays talk about things that are still important today, like love, sadness, hope, pride, hatred, jealousy, and foolishness. Shakespeare added new words and phrases to the English language. He also made some words more popular. He created over 1,700 English words. He also made some words more popular. William Shakespeare is often quoted in modern writing.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Healthcare Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about happiness. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you think you are a happy person? Why?
- 2. What makes you happy?
- 3. Do you believe that happy people make their friends and relatives happy too?
- 4. What do you do if you feel unhappy?
- 5. Do you agree that any person can be happy?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who wants to be happy?



### Remember to say:

- what places in Russia are popular with tourists
- which of them you visited or would like to visit and why
- what transport people use while travelling around Russia and why
- what your attitude to travelling around Russia is

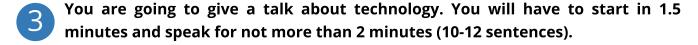
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Homeschooling is a form of education where the parent or guardian is the instructor. The reason for this form of education is that the parent is not happy with the nearby schools, or sometimes for religious or moral purposes. Many people also want to protect children from bullying and violence. In recent years, it has become popular in many countries. The idea of home schools came to life in the 1960s, when the effectiveness of classroom education was challenged. A common situation is for several families to come together to provide the skills needed. This serves two purposes. First, the range of knowledge and skills is wider. Second, schooling has a more social angle, which itself is good for the development of children. However, there are some problems with homeschooling. For example, education may be uneven, leaving children with a patchy grasp of many subjects. The children would also get to know fewer other children than they would if they were attending a school. Also, it is obvious that some parents are better placed to organise home education than others.

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Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Food Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about food. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. What is your favourite food?
- 2. Can you cook your favourite food?
- 3. Is your diet healthy? Why?
- 4. Do you like shopping for food? Why?
- 5. Do you prefer fast food or homemade food? Why?
- 6. What new dish would you like to try?



### Remember to say:

- what technologies you use every day
- in what jobs robots will replace people, and why
- what the greatest invention is, and why
- what your attitude to space exploration is

Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

Clothing is an item or fabric, usually sewn together to cover part of the human body. Humans are the only animals which wear clothing, and all people do wear suitable clothing. In cold climates, people also wear heavy, thick coats such as trenchcoats. Clothing protects the human body from the hot sun and high temperatures as well as from very cold temperatures. To some extent, clothing protects people from damage to their body. Clothing is also worn for decoration, as a fashion. People from different cultures wear different clothing, and have different beliefs and customs about what type of clothing should be worn. For many people, clothing is a status symbol. It helps people project an image. Often, clothing is a form of self-expression. Adults in different social or work situations present different views of themselves by the clothes they wear. Young people have an entirely different form of dress to express their personalities. Often people will simply follow popular fashion styles so that they will fit in. Clothing is far more than just a means to protect our bodies.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about friendship. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Why do people make friends?
- 2. Is friendship important to you? Why?
- 3. Is it easy for you to make friends?
- 4. How long have you and your friends known each other?
- 5. What do you and your friends usually do together?
- 6. What would you recommend to a teenager who wants to make friends?



### Remember to say:

- if homemade food is popular nowadays, and why
- whether you prefer homemade food or fast food, and why
- what food you usually cook
- what your attitude to eating only fast food is

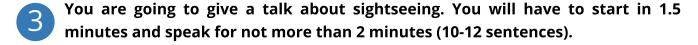
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Stonehenge is a prehistoric World Heritage Site in England. It was built between 3100 BC and 1550 BC, and was in use until the Bronze Age. The monument is made of a henge, with standing stones in circles. It is probably the most important prehistoric monument in the whole of Britain, and has attracted visitors from very early times. No one knows who built Stonehenge or why they built it. During the summer solstice, the sunrise lines up with some of the stones in a particular way. This suggests that the arrangement of stones may work as a calendar. In Egypt and South America, similar ancient buildings can be found. They also show the time of the solstice. Some scientists believe that early people were able to foretell eclipses of the sun and the moon based on their positions in relation to the stone monument. The site may have served as an observatory where early rituals or religious ceremonies took place on specific days of the year. Stonehenge itself is owned by the Crown and managed by English Heritage.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about cafés. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How often do you go to cafés?
- 2. Who do you go to cafés with?
- 3. What do you usually eat in cafés?
- 4. What is important for you when you choose a café?
- 5. Why do people go to cafés?
- 6. What café in your area would you recommend to a tourist? Why?



### Remember to say:

- what places people usually want to see in foreign cities or countries
- what sights in your country you would recommend to foreign tourists, and why
- what sight you would like to visit and why
- what your attitude to sightseeing is

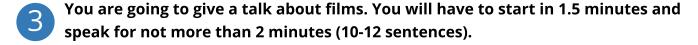
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Culture is a word for the 'way of life' of groups of people, meaning the way they do things. Different groups may have different cultures. A culture is passed on to the next generation by learning. Culture is seen in people's writing, religion, music, clothes, cooking and in what they do. The concept of culture is very complicated, and the word has many meanings. Cultures are what make the country unique and interesting. Each country has different cultural activities and cultural rituals. Culture includes material goods, the things the people use and produce. Culture is also the beliefs and values of the people and the ways they think about and understand the world and their own lives. Different countries have different cultures. For example, some older Japanese people wear kimonos, arrange flowers in vases, and have tea ceremonies. Some countries oppose some things in their culture, like discrimination or religion. Cultures constantly change as people move and communicate with new groups of people.

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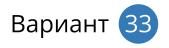
Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about learning English. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How long have you been learning English?
- 2. Where and how do you learn English?
- 3. Who helps you when you have problems with learning English?
- 4. How do you use English in your life?
- 5. Why do you think more and more people are learning English nowadays?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who starts learning English?



### Remember to say:

- what kinds of films you and your friends like
- where you prefer watching films and why
- what your favourite film is and what it is about
- what your attitude to cartoons is

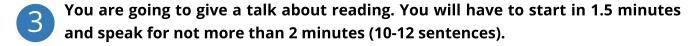


The London Underground is a system of electric trains which are in London, United Kingdom. It is the oldest underground railway in the world. It started running in 1863 as the Metropolitan Railway. After the opening, the system was copied in many other cities, for example, New York and Madrid. Even though it is called the Underground, about half of it is above the ground. The "Tube" is a slang name for the London Underground because the tunnels for some of the lines are round tubes running through the ground. The Underground serves 270 stations and over 408 kilometres of track. Fourteen stations are outside of London. Over 1 billion passengers use the underground. The escalators in the London Underground system are some of the longest in Europe. They run 20 hours a day, 364 days a year and are used by 13,000 people per hour, with 95% of them running at one time. Underground train systems in other cities may be called metros or subways. Subway is also used across Britain to refer to underground walkways.

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Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about school holidays. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How many school holidays do you have during a school year?
- 2. What school holidays are your favourite?
- 3. What do you usually do on your winter holidays?
- 4. What do you usually do on your summer holidays?
- 5. Do you think that schoolchildren should have more school holidays? When and why?
- 6. What is the best way to spend school holidays, in your opinion?



### Remember to say:

- if people read less nowadays and why
- what your favourite book genres are
- what the last book you read was about
- what your attitude to reading is

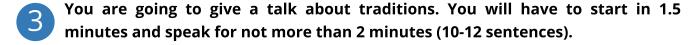


Gold is a soft, dense, yellow metal. It is a chemical element. As a precious metal, it has been used for many thousands of years by people all over the world, for jewellery, and as money. Gold is important because it is rare, but it is also easier to use than other rare metals. It is also used to repair and replace teeth and in electronic equipment such as computers. The colour of this metal is also called gold. Mining methods for gold are similar to other metals. Gold is so valued that the discovery of a new place to mine has sometimes caused a gold rush. The deepest workplaces for miners in the world are in South African gold mines. Most of the gold on Earth is deep inside the Earth's core because it is dense. Nearly all discovered gold was deposited on the surface by meteorites. Gold can mean that something or someone is very good or has done very well. A gold medal is often given to the first-place winner in a race or other sports. Something that is in some way good may be given gold status.

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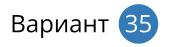
Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about shopping. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. How often do you go shopping?
- 2. What do you usually go shopping for?
- 3. Do you make shopping lists? Why?
- 4. Do you like to go shopping alone or with somebody? Why?
- 5. Where do you usually buy clothes?
- 6. Do you prefer online shopping or traditional shopping? Why?



### Remember to say:

- what traditions are popular in your region
- if you follow any of your family traditions and which one
- what tradition you would like to start and what tradition you would like to break
- what your attitude to family traditions is

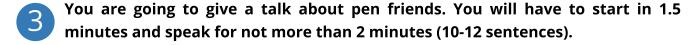


A tablet computer or a tablet is a type of computer that can be carried easily. Unlike a laptop it has no physical keyboard or trackpad, though users sometimes add those things. Users control a tablet mostly by using its touchscreen with multi-touch technology similar to a smartphone. The screen can be anywhere from 7 inches to 12 inches in size, but many have a screen size of about 10 inches. Almost all tablet computers can access the Internet using Wi-Fi, and many can use mobile phone networks. Like smartphones, many tablets have sensors such as a camera and a microphone. Compared to laptop computers, tablets are lighter, more portable, have longer battery life, make less heat, and do not need a mouse or keyboard to be connected. Typing is usually done on the touch screen with a "virtual" keyboard which appears on the screen. One bad thing is that the "virtual" keyboards are sometimes slow and easy to make typos on. Also, tablets often have limited storage compared to a laptop.

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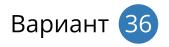
Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about the first day of school. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. When is the first day of school in your country?
- 2. Is this day important to you? Why?
- 3. Do you feel happy or sad on the first day of school?
- 4. Do you make any resolutions on this day?
- 5. What are the traditions of the first school day in your family?
- 6. What would you do to make your first day of school better?



### Remember to say:

- why people make pen friends
- what people can write to their pen friends about
- if you would like to have a foreign pen friend and why
- what your attitude to pen friendship is

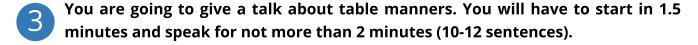


Australia is the sixth biggest country in the world by land area. Mostly it is a desert country. The population of Australia is about 26 million people. Most Australians live in cities along the coast, such as Sydney and Melbourne. The largest inland city is Canberra, which is also the nation's capital. The largest city is Sydney. Australia is known for its mining (coal, iron, gold, diamonds and crystals). Australia is also known for its animals. The national symbols of Australia are the kangaroo and the golden wattle. Australia is home to many animals and plants that can be found nowhere else on Earth, except perhaps New Guinea. Australia was colonised by people from Britain, but today people from all over the world live there. English is the main spoken language. Australia is multicultural. All its people are encouraged to keep their different languages and ways of life, while also learning English and joining in with other Australians.

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Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about surprises. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you like surprises?
- 2. What was the best surprise in your life?
- 3. What was the worst surprise in your life?
- 4. Do you like surprise parties? Why?
- 5. Have you ever organised a surprise party?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who wants to organise the best surprise party for their friend?



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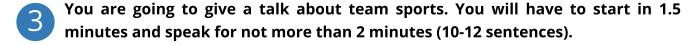
- what good and bad table manners you know
- if table manners are important, and why
- how to learn good table manners
- what your attitude to bad table manners is

A cake is a type of sweet dessert which is baked. Originally, it was a bread-like food, but not now. Cakes are often made to celebrate special occasions like birthdays or weddings. There are many kinds of cakes. Cakes are baked from a batter. Batter is made by mixing wet ingredients, like milk and eggs, with dry ingredients, like sugar and flour. Cakes are usually baked in an oven. Some savoury cakes are made on a griddle or a frying pan. A cake can be decorated with icing, chocolate, fruit, and much more. A layer cake is made by stacking cakes with icing or filling between the layers. Birthday cakes are sometimes decorated with candles. Cakes can be served with berries or other kinds of fruit.

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Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about childhood. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Do you remember your early childhood?
- 2. What is the best memory from your childhood?
- 3. What did you like to do in your childhood?
- 4. What activities from your childhood do you still do?
- 5. Do you agree that childhood is the best period of life? Why?
- 6. What should parents do to make their children happy?



### Remember to say:

- what team sports you know
- what team sports you can play and which of them you like
- if you prefer individual sports or team sports, and why
- what your attitude to team sports is

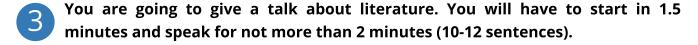


A ballpoint pen is a modern kind of pen for writing. It uses oil-based ink. The ink is inside a long, thin tube inside the pen. When a person writes with it, the ink comes onto the small, ball-shaped tip of the unit. The ink dries almost as soon as it is on the paper. Before the ballpoint pen was invented people usually wrote with pens which were dipped into ink, or fountain pens which were filled with ink. The ink in a ballpoint is different from the ink used in a dip or fountain pen. It is a paste. Ballpoint pens have the advantage of being easily portable. As a gel or paste, the dye does not run and is stable. Ballpoint pens may be cheap or expensive. Disposable pens are extremely cheap. They are made almost entirely of plastic. They can be thrown away once the ink is used up. Refillable pens are often of better quality and cost more.

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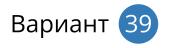
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- 1. What famous person do you admire? Why?
- 2. Why do some people become famous?
- 3. What traits of character help people to become famous?
- 4. Would you like to be famous? Why?
- 5. Do you think that famous people can live ordinary lives? Why?
- 6. Are all famous people rich? Why or why not?



### Remember to say:

- what kind of literature you read
- if you consider studying literature at school important, and why
- if literature will be replaced with video or audio lectures in the future, and why
- what your attitude to classical literature is

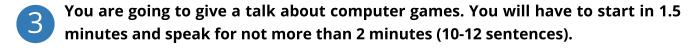


Tom and Jerry is an American comedy animated short series. The original cartoons were created in 1940, written and directed by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. It is named after its two main iconic characters, a blue-grey cat named Tom and a brown house mouse named Jerry. Each cartoon shows the two characters getting into comedic fights or chases, in which they often get hurt cartoon-style. A total of 114 Tom and Jerry shorts were produced by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cartoon studio from 1940 to 1958. Seven of these cartoons won an Academy Award for Animated Short Film. Tom and Jerry still holds the record of the most awards in the Animated Short Film category, which is tied for first place with Walt Disney's musical series, Silly Symphonies.

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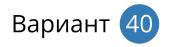
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- 1. How many close relatives do you have? What are they?
- 2. What distant relatives do you have?
- 3. How often do you communicate with your distant relatives?
- 4. Is it important for you to have good relationships with all your relatives? Why?
- 5. Do you always get on well with your relatives?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who wants to have good relationships with their relatives?



### Remember to say:

- why teenagers like to play computer games
- what computer games are most popular among Russian teenagers
- what kinds of computer games you like to play and why
- what your attitude to computer games is

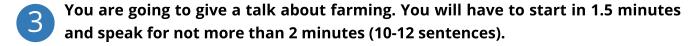


London is the capital of the United Kingdom, and its largest city. It is also the city with the highest population in the UK. The population is just under 9 million. The city is the largest in western Europe by population and area. On the Thames, London has been a central city since it was founded by the Romans two millennia ago as Londinium. London is one of the world's most important political, economic and cultural centres. London was the capital of the British Empire and so for almost three centuries the centre of power for large parts of the world. Tourism is one of London's biggest industries. London is the most visited city in the world by international tourists with 18.8 million international visitors per year. Within the UK, London is home to the ten most-visited tourist attractions. Tourism employed about 350,000 full-time workers in London in 2003. Tourists spend about £15 billion per year.

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Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Marvel's Social Centre. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how teenagers feel about discipline. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

- 1. Are you a disciplined person?
- 2. Why is discipline important?
- 3. How do you make yourself do something you don't want to do?
- 4. What is more important motivation or discipline? Why?
- 5. What traits of character help people to keep discipline?
- 6. What would you recommend to a person who wants to be disciplined?



### Remember to say:

- if farming is popular in your region
- why some people prefer growing fruits and vegetables rather than buying them
- if you have ever tried farming, and why
- what your attitude to farming is

Меня зовут Светлана, я преподаватель английского языка и эксперт в подготовке к ЕГЭ и ОГЭ. Я умею делать подготовку эффективной, готовить учеников на максимальные баллы и уже 7 лет обучаю этому преподавателей.

Моя миссия – сделать подготовку к ЕГЭ и ОГЭ эффективной, доступной и максимально приятной для учеников и преподавателей. Чтобы сделать как можно больше, я создала и делюсь с вами самыми полезными инструментами. У меня есть:



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- бот по грамматике в Telegram https://telegram.me/svetlanaenglishonlinebot.

Я обучаю коллег таким образом, что их ученики даже со средним и низким уровнем получают максимально возможные для них баллы. Отзывы коллег об обучении у меня можно прочитать здесь: https://vk.com/topic-96973096\_35194397.

Почему мне можно доверять? Я знаю всё о ЕГЭ и ОГЭ. Я внимательно изучаю все инструкции и знаю, где найти ответы на вопросы. Я всегда беру информацию из официальных источников и даю на них ссылки в спорных вопросах. Я тот самый человек, который читает все эти скучные многостраничные документы, чтобы докопаться до истины. Я регулярно учусь, в том числе на курсах ФИПИ.

Хотите привести ваших учеников к максимальным баллам на ЕГЭ или ОГЭ? Присоединяйтесь к сообществу преподавателей, которые уже сделали это не один раз с моей помощью! Буду рада видеть Вас в группе и на курсах.

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