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## Hello dear friends!

### What is the most important thing in learning English?

Firstly, you should be motivated but most of all you should have interest, even love or passion to learn any foreign language. Only true love to what you are doing can bring you benefits. What's more, you will be satisfied with the results.

The more time you spend on studying language the faster you learn it. This means listening, reading, writing, speaking, and studying words and phrases. This means neither sitting in the class looking out of the window nor listening to other students who do not speak well. This means spending time enjoyably on the language you are learning.

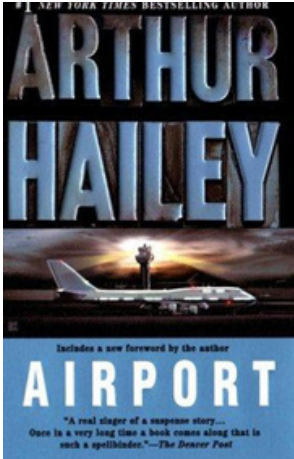
Here are some tips for those who

are really fond of learning English.

- Listen and read every day!
- Build up your vocabulary, you'll need lots. Start to notice words and how they come together as phrases. Learn these words and phrases through your listening and reading. Do not worry about how accurately you speak until you have accumulated a plenty of words through listening and reading.
- If you do not want to learn the language, you won't. If you do want to learn the language, take control. Do not wait for someone else to show you the language, nor to tell you what to do.
- Talk when you feel like it. Write when you feel like it. A teacher cannot teach you to become fluent, but you can learn to become fluent if you want to.
- Do not worry about what you cannot remember, or cannot yet understand, or cannot yet say. You are learning and improving.
- Make sure you spend enough time on the language. That is the greatest guarantee of success.

*Good luck!*





One of the most famous books of the writer Arthur Hailey "Airport" has received a wide recognition and love of the readers around the world.

A beautiful story about the organization and the people working for it: a Director of the airport, an insurance agent, a dispatcher, cashier and others. This book has everything you need for an exciting story: danger, intrigue, conspiracy and an almost happy end. The author has taken care to be sure that you will not be bored.

The action takes place in a fictional International Airport Lincoln, on Friday evening, from 18:30 until 01:30, on one January day in 1967.

The airport is hit by a snow storm and the airport authorities, ground service and crews force to work in such conditions so that the airport continues to function.

This story is about Mel Bakersfield, the general manager of the airport. He has a lot of problems. It starts with a missing truck with food for the passengers; Boeing 707 blocks runway No. 30, and family problems. Many things seem unreal nowadays. For example, now it's almost impossible to get the bomb in the aircraft and you can't fly without a ticket but the book is still good and breathtaking keeping readers in suspense from the very beginning to the end.

*Alexander Mal'kov, 9 B*

## Wonderful Trip

I went on a trip with my aunt on my autumn holidays. We visited many different places and saw interesting sights. The weather was wonderful and we enjoyed our trip. I am going to tell you only about the most interesting places which attracted us and things that happened there.

On the first day we visited the Uspenskaya (cave) and the Church in the town of Pechory. I was amazed by a beautiful church. Suddenly we saw a squirrel. It was so cool! I took a few photos of it and made a video.

On the second day we went to Pskov and visited many sights, including the Pskov Kremlin, the monument to Princess Olga. The monument that impressed me most was the monument to Alexander Nevsky riding a horse. This is a huge monument 30 meters high.

The excursion lasted for 2 days and during that time I got so much impressions that I would never forgot. I would really recommend to visit such wonderful places!

*Arina Kuzyakina, 6 B*

## Is Technical Progress Good ?

Many years ago people didn't know what a TV set was and they could not imagine that in the future people would use wireless telephones. Different inventions and technologies entre our lives constantly.

Of course, every invention improves our lives and facilitates the work of doctors, builders, engineers and even policemen. Nowadays, in different laboratories scientists use a 3D printer to print out details of the mechanisms, weapons, construction materials and even human organs. For example, not long ago scientists from Wake-Forest University printed out a copy of human ear for 30 minutes.

Unfortunately, technical progress can also be very dangerous. People can become very lazy and get ill if robots will do all for them.

So, the future only depends on us...

*Grigory Shabunin, 8 B*



## Dolphin's communication

There is no doubt that dolphins are one of the most intelligent mammals in the world. As a consequence, they have quite a developed communication skills.

They use gestures such as variety of poses, jumps, twists. Besides, different ways of swimming and signs are given by a tail, head and fins.

Another manner lies in the use of sound signals. For instance, buzzing, screeching, clicking, clapping and screaming. The most common way is whistling. It is estimated that dolphins can express 32 types of whistle. A curious fact is that every dolphin has its own name that is determined unique whistle. Therefore, thanks to whistles these animals can recognize each other.

There are some examples from dolphin's dictionary:

1. High melodic whistle, followed by a short and dull = «I'm in trouble», «Come to me»!
2. Sound resembling barking = «I'm angry».
3. Thin squeak is a call for mother.

*Arina Semyonova, 11B*

## Among the trash - grenade thrower!

What will happen, if you connect outdoor games and cleaning? You'll get "Clean games". This means that you clean a territory and after that you are allowed to play different games. "Clean Games" have been arranged for some years in our city. At the beginning of September I also participated in these games - we cleaned the park Khvoyniy in the Krasnoselskiy area. There were 48 teams consisting of 4 people. They got points and at the same time they cleaned park. After that teams showed their accuracy in throwing lids from plastic bottles into the basket. The most amazing thing was that one team found non-working granade thrower and became a winner.

I advise you to play this interesting game! You will experience unbelievable emotions!

*Egor Tipicev, 6 B*



## Mariinsky Theatre

At the beginning of October 10th classes went to the Mariinsky theatre, a new stage, to watch the performance «Yaroslavna. Eclipse».

Choreographer is Vladimir Varnava. «Yaroslavna» is a ballet in three acts based on "The Word about Igor's regiment".

Before the play began, the volunteers working there, gave us a tour around the theater.

We went to the dressing rooms and the place where notes, various texts, costumes, props and decorations stored. I took a chance to go behind the scenes.

I knew that only a small part of the scene is visible to the viewer. After the excursion we had some time to explore the theatre. We enjoyed modern architecture of the theater and took a lot of photos.

The ballet itself disappointed me a little bit, because I prefer classical ballet to modern one. It seems to me that the director did not cope with the task, and the main idea of the ballet was transferred incorrectly. Maybe I'm wrong but this is my personal opinion.

Nevertheless, I would like to say it was a fantastic day. There is mysterious atmosphere which attracts many people.

*Konshina Maria, 10 B*

## Wonderful Experience!

On the 7th of October, 2017, a group of students consisting of me, Sasha Mal'kov and Stas Malkov from 9 B took part in our first debate competition for young teams. There were two games: prepared and unprepared. The theme for prepared round was called "This house believes entrance to all museums should be free." It was pretty hard and terrifying to search all the information relevant to the theme.

Of course, we were nervous. However, after the first round we calmed down as understood it wasn't as difficult as we had expected.

The most important and fascinating part of the game for me was the round of improvisation. It was a great opportunity to use all the knowledge and intelligence we had. The last thing I expected anxiously at the end of the debate was the results of the games. Can you imagine how surprised I was when I heard that we were the best team in the League! After that, we were given the Cup! I was full of joy and happiness, as I understood that all our efforts and time we had put into the game gave such a great result!

All in all, debate is a great way to develop your speaking and critical thinking skills, to learn a lot of new things. It is also a chance to make new friends! Join us!



*Ulyana Placshevskaya, 8 A*



## Informal English



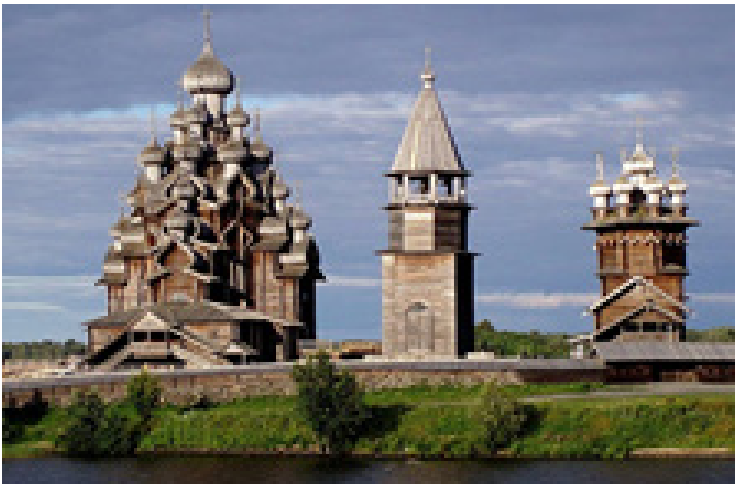




*The world is so full  
of a number of things,  
I'm sure we should all be  
as happy as kings.  
R.L. Stevenson*

## Wonders of Russia

### Architectural Ensemble of Kizhi



Open-Air museum Kizhi is one of the first in Russia, currently contains about 87 wooden constructions.

Kizhi Island is a complex of buildings outside. The first records of a village date back to 1496. Since the 16th century, Kizhi has become a center of the whole region with a population of twelve thousand people. This is a huge number for this piece of northern earth isolated from the mainland. There are many wooden churches made without a single nail. These churches have been almost intact there for many centuries. The Church of the Intercession is a «winter» church, which means it is heated. Church services are conducted here from October 1st until Easter, when the Church of the Transfiguration is closed. Kizhi is amazing in spring, when tremulous fresh grass appears near the Kizhi Pogost fence. Kizhi is gorgeous in summer, when the spicy smell of herbs and flowers envelops the ancient buildings. In fact, sunny summer lasts only for a few days here. Kizhi Architectural Ensemble is into the World Heritage List of UNESCO.



## Lenticular Clouds

A special type of cloud is often mistaken for a UFO. These clouds, known as 'lenticular clouds' form above a mountain when a breeze creates a number of 'standing' waves on the downwind side of the mountain. These clouds can be dangerous for pilots of large planes who avoid flying over these planes due to the turbulence above them.



## Maya people

Maya people were masters of mathematics and calendars and they were keeping track of time using three separate calendars. Most interesting fact about Mayans was their artificial cranial deformation practice. They believed that flat heads represent nobility so they flattened babies heads with two large sticks and newborns were left for days to endure pain.



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