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Желаю вам плодотворной работы и уверенности в своих

силах!

С уважением,

Елена

# **Вопросы в письмах из открытого банка заданий ФИПИ ([www.fipi.ru](http://www.fipi.ru))**

*I've found my Grandma's photo album in the garage...  
ask 3 questions about the photo album*

**How many photos are there in the photo album?**

**Which person or event appears most frequently in the album?**

**What did the photos in the album reveal about your family history?**

*My sister is getting married...  
ask 3 questions about his sister*

**What is your sister's name?**

**How old is your sister?**

**What is she? / What job does she do?**

*By the way, I've taken a dog from a dog shelter...  
ask 3 questions about the dog*

**What is its name?**

**How old is it?**

**Does it like to play with you?**

**What kind of food does your dog like?**

**What colour is it?**

*Yesterday I went with my class on a school trip to the capital...*

*ask 3 questions about the school trip*

**What places did you visit during the trip?**

**What things did you take with you?**

**How long did the trip last?**

*As for the latest news, my brother has won a tennis tournament...*

*ask 3 questions about his brother*

**What is your brother's name?**

**How old is your brother?**

**What does your brother look like?**

*By the way, I've just returned from a youth camp...*

*ask 3 questions about the youth camp*

**What were the rules at the youth camp?**

**What were the main goals of the youth camp?**

**What activities did you have at the youth camp?**

*I've passed my Spanish exam!...*  
*ask 3 questions about the exam*

**Was the exam difficult?**  
**Was the exam oral or written?**  
**Did you have to write an essay?**

*I'm going to visit my friends in London soon...*  
*ask 3 questions about her trip to London*

**What places are you going to visit during the trip?**  
**What things are you going to take with you?**  
**What month are you going on the trip?**

*I've just returned from a trip to London...*  
*ask 3 questions about his trip to London*

**Who did you travel to London with?**  
**What sights did you see there?**  
**How long did the trip last?**

*I've passed all my school exams at last...*  
*ask 3 questions about her school exams*

**In what subjects did you take your exams?**  
**How many exams did you take?**

**Were the exams difficult?**

*I've just returned from a hiking trip...*  
*ask 3 questions about the hiking trip*

**Was it an organised hiking tour?**

**How long did your hiking trip last?**

**What places did you see while hiking?**

*I took all my final exams last week...*  
*ask 3 questions about her school-leaving exams*

**In what subjects did you take your exams?**

**How many exams did you take?**

**Were the exams difficult?**

*I'm planning my winter holidays...*  
*ask 3 questions about his plans for the winter holidays*

**Are you planning to go abroad on your winter holidays?**

**Are you going to try a new winter sport on your winter holidays?**

**Who are you going to spend your winter holidays with?**

*Yesterday my friends and I went to the cinema to watch a new film...*

*ask 3 questions about the new film*

**What is the title of the film?**

**What are the main characters of the film?**

**Who is the director of the film?**

*You know, I celebrated my birthday last week...*

*ask 3 questions about her birthday celebration*

**Where did you celebrate your birthday? / Did you celebrate your birthday at home?**

**Did you have a big party?**

**How many friends did you invite?**

*Yesterday my friend got an unusual present...*

*ask 3 questions about the present*

**What present did your friend get?**

**Who gave your friend this present?**

**What was unusual about it?**

*My uncle has come to visit us...*

*ask 3 questions about her uncle*

**What is your uncle's name?**

**How old is your uncle?**

**What are his hobbies?**

**What job does he do?**

**What does your uncle look like?**

*Hooray! My elder brother promised to be back home from college on my birthday...*

*ask 3 questions about his elder brother*

**What is your elder brother's name?**

**How old is your elder brother?**

**What are his hobbies?**

**Where does he study?**

**What does your elder brother look like?**

*I've just got an unusual present...*

*ask 3 questions about the present*

**What present did your get?**

**Who gave your this present?**

**What was unusual about it?**

*I have finished translating a book...*

*ask 3 questions about his translation*

**What language was the original book? What language did you translate it into?**

**How much time did you spend on the translation?**

**How many pages are there in the book you have translated?**

*I've bought a new computer game...*

*ask 3 questions about the computer game*

**Was the game exciting / thrilling?**

**What is the title of the game?**

**Did it help you to learn something useful?**

**Did it take much time to play?**

*My cousin is coming to stay with us for Thanksgiving...*

*ask 3 questions about her cousin*

**What is your cousin's name?**

**How old is your cousin?**

**What are his hobbies?**

**Does he study or work?**

**What does your cousin look like?**

*Last month I made some changes to the decoration of my room...*

*ask 3 questions about the changes she made in her room*

**Did you paint the walls?**

**Did you put any decorations / posters on the walls?**

**Did you rearrange the furniture in your room?**

*I am learning Russian now and I've started reading a very interesting book in Russian...*

*ask 3 questions about the book*

**Who is the author of the book?**

**What is the title of the book?**

**What is the book about?**

**How many pages are there in the book?**

*I saw an interesting film in Spanish last week...*

*ask 3 questions about the film*

**What was the title of the film?**

**What were the main characters of the film?**

**Who was the director of the film?**

*During the holidays my friends and I always help our local environment protection organizations...*

*ask 3 questions about the local environment protection organizations*

**What is the main goal of this organization?**

**What environmental issues in our area does the**

**organization focus on the most?**

**Does the organization work with schools?**

**How does the organization get its funding?**

*Yesterday I spent the whole evening watching a basketball game...*

*ask 3 questions about the basketball game*

**Which teams were playing?**

**What was the final score?**

**Who was the best player?**

**Where was the game held?**

**Which team had more fans?**

*I've started reading a book in French...*

*ask 3 questions about the book he started reading*

**Who is the author of the book?**

**What is the title of the book?**

**What is the book about?**

**How many pages are there in the book?**

*I've just finished watching an interesting film...*

*ask 3 questions about the film*

**What was the title of the film?**

**What were the main characters of the film?**

**Who was the director of the film?**

*I've just finished reading a collection of Anton Chekhov's short stories...*

*ask 3 questions about the book she has just finished reading*

**What short story did you like most of all?**

**How many pages were there in the book?**

**Which character did you like most of all?**

**Which story would you reread?**

*I'm reading a very interesting book about England in the 16<sup>th</sup> century...*

*ask 3 questions about the book*

**Who is the author of the book?**

**What is the title of the book?**

**How many pages are there in the book?**

*Last weekend my friends and I visited an arts exhibition in our local museum...*

*ask 3 questions about the exhibition*

**What type of art was on display?**

**Where was the exhibition held?**

**Did you have a favorite piece?**

*I've decided to start learning Russian...*

*ask 3 questions about her decision to start learning Russian*

**Why have you decided to learn Russian?**

**Do you find Russian easy or difficult?**

**Are you going to take classes, use an app, or learn on your own?**

**Do you know anyone who speaks Russian that she can practice with?**

**What is the first word or phrase you have learned in Russian?**

*I spend too much time surfing the internet and I'm thinking of joining our school sports club...*

*ask 3 questions about his school sports club*

**What sport does your school sports club play?**

**How often does the club meet or practice?**

**How many members are there in the club?**

**Has the club ever won any matches or competitions?**

**Do you have a favorite coach in the club?**

*I've just finished my school project on history...*

*ask 3 questions about the school project*

**What historical event or time period is the project about?**

**Do you have to write a report, make a presentation, or create a model?**

**What is the most interesting fact you have learned while working on it?**

**Did you have to use books, the internet, or both for your project?**

**Is there a specific historical figure you are focusing on?**

*Last Saturday our family went to the zoo...*

*ask 3 questions about the zoo*

**What animals were there at the zoo?**

**Was there a feeding show?**

**What are the zoo's opening hours?**

**How much did one ticket cost?**

**How big was the zoo?**

**How long did it take to walk through it?**

*Next week I'm presenting my project in history...*

*ask 3 questions about his project*

**What historical event is the project about?**

**What time period is the project about?**

**Do you have to write a report or make a presentation?**

**What is the most interesting fact you have learned while working on it?**

**Did you have to use books or the internet for your project?**

**Is there a specific historical figure you are focusing on?**

*My family and I still write letters to Santa at Christmas...*

*ask 3 questions about her letters to Santa*

**What do you usually write to Santa?**

**Are your letters short or long?**

**Do you and your family write letters together or does each person write their own?**

**What is the strangest thing you have ever asked for?**

*Yesterday was my father's birthday...*

*ask 3 questions about his father's birthday*

**How did you celebrate your father's birthday?**

**What gift did you give him?**

**Did you have a party or a quiet family dinner?**

*Our history class this year is just fantastic!...*

*ask 3 questions about his history class*

**What topics are you studying in history class?**

**What makes your history class so fantastic?**

**What topic are you studying now?**

**Do you have to write many essays for history classes?**

*My parents bought me a puppy for my birthday!...*

*ask 3 questions about the puppy*

**What breed is your puppy?**

**What is the name of your puppy?**

**How often do you walk your puppy?**

**What does your puppy like to eat?**

*Last week I returned from a sports youth camp...*

*ask 3 questions about the youth camp.*

**Where was the sports camp located?**

**What sports did you do there?**

**What activities did you do there?**

**How long did your camp last?**

**What were the rules at your camp?**

**What age groups were accepted in the camp?**

*By the way, I became keen on listening to audiobooks...*

*ask 3 questions about the audiobooks*

**What is your favorite audiobook you have listened to so far?**

**When do you usually listen to audiobooks?**

**Who is your favorite narrator?**

**Do you listen to audiobooks at a faster speed?**

**Where do you get your audiobooks from?**

*I spent hours working on a group project last week...*

*ask 3 questions about his group project*

**How many people were there in your group?**

**What was the project about?**

**Was everyone in the group doing their fair share of the work?**

**Did you have to present it in front of the class?**

*I had a wonderful trip to Florida...*

*ask 3 questions about his trip*

**Was it an organised trip?**

**How long did your trip last?**

**What places did you see during your trip?**

*Last week I took part in a photo competition*

*ask 3 questions about the competition*

**What was the theme of the photo competition?**

**Was it for beginners, professionals, or everyone?**

**How many people took part in the competition?**  
**What was the prize for the winner?**

*Last weekend my elder brother went hiking...*  
*ask 3 questions about her elder brother*

**What is your elder brother's name?**  
**How old is your elder brother?**  
**What are his hobbies?**  
**Where does he study?**  
**What does your elder brother look like?**

*I'm going to a summer arts camp in August...*  
*ask 3 questions about the summer arts camp*

**What kind of arts will you do at the camp?**  
**How long does the camp last?**

**Will you stay at the camp overnight or will you go home each day?**

**What do you want to learn or try at the camp?**  
**Do you need to bring your own art supplies?**  
**Will the camp provide any art supplies?**

*I bought new shoes two days ago, but now I think I should take them back to the store...*  
*ask 3 questions about her new shoes*

**Why do you want to take the shoes back?**

**Are your shoes too big or small?**

**What is the colour of the shoes?**

**What is the size of the shoes?**

*Yesterday I started reading a book about happiness...*

*ask 3 questions about the book*

**What is the title of the book?**

**Who is the author of the book?**

**What genre is the book?**

**How many pages does the book have?**

*I've just started watching an interesting TV show...*

*ask 3 questions about the TV show*

**What's the name of the TV show?**

**What is it about?**

**How many episodes are there?**

**How many seasons are there?**

**Where can I watch this TV show?**

*Yesterday I watched a very interesting documentary...*

*ask 3 questions about the documentary he liked*

**What was the documentary about?**

**What was the documentary called?**

**Who made the documentary?**

**How long was it?**

**What did you find most interesting in it?**

*My brother Tim has just passed his exams...*

*ask 3 questions about the exams*

**What subjects did Tim take his exams in?**

**Did he get good grades in all his subjects?**

**Were the exams written or oral?**

*My elder sister is getting married next week, it will be a big wedding...*

*ask 3 questions about his sister's wedding*

**Where is the wedding going to take place?**

**How many guests are expected to attend?**

**Are you playing any special role in the wedding?**

**What colour is the wedding theme?**

**Will there be a reception with food, music, and dancing?**

*By the way, we've just moved to a new flat...*

*ask 3 questions about the new flat*

**Where is the new flat located?**

**How many rooms does the flat have?**

**Is the flat bigger or smaller than your old one?**

**What do you like most about the new flat?**

*We've just returned from the trip to the seaside...*

*ask 3 questions about the trip*

**What things did you take with you?**

**How long did your trip to the seaside last?**

**Who did you travel to the seaside with?**

*I've just bought a present for my brother...*

*ask 3 questions about the present*

**What present did your buy?**

**Why did you choose that particular gift?**

**Is it for a special occasion?**

**What was unusual about it?**

*Last week my Dad organized a picnic for all our family...*

*ask 3 questions about the family picnic*

**Where was the picnic held?**

**What food and drinks did you have at the picnic?**

**What games did you play at the picnic?**

**Did any relatives come that you don't usually see often?**

**What was the best part of the picnic?**

**Did anything funny happen during the picnic?**

*I've decided to join our school dancing class...*

*ask 3 questions about the school dancing class*

**What style of dance will learn?**

**How many classes a week will you have?**

**Do you need to have any dance experience, or is it for beginners?**

**Do you need to wear special clothes for the class?**

**Will you dance solo, with a partner, or in a group?**

*I want to start taking singing lessons...*

*ask 3 questions about the singing lessons*

**What style of singing do you want to learn?**

**Do you want to take lessons in person or online?**

**How long does one lesson last?**

**How many lessons a week will you take?**

**What songs are you going to sing at your lessons?**

*I've just finished reading an interesting novel...*

*ask 3 questions about the novel*

**What is the title of the novel?**

**Who is the author of the novel?**

**Who is the main character?**

**What is the novel about?**

**What is the main problem or conflict in the story?**

*Yesterday I had my first lesson of Japanese...*

*ask 3 questions about the Japanese lesson*

**What did you learn in the Japanese lesson yesterday?**

**Did you learn any new words or phrases?**

**Was the lesson easy or difficult for you?**

**How long did your first lesson last?**

*Our teacher is planning a school trip to the national park...*

*ask 3 questions about the trip*

**What things will you take with you?**

**How long will your trip to the national park last?**

**Who will you travel to the national park with?**

*...I've joined a local volunteer group...*

*ask 3 questions about the volunteer group*

**What kind of activities do you do?**

**How many members are there in the volunteer group?**

**How often do you meet?**

*...Yesterday I watched a football match at the stadium...*  
*ask 3 questions about the stadium*

**What is the name of the stadium?**

**Where is the stadium located?**

**How many seats are there?**

**Is it modern or old?**

*...A new fitness centre was opened in our city a week ago...*  
*ask 3 questions about the fitness centre*

**Where is the fitness centre located?**

**What equipment does it have?**

**Is it expensive to join?**

**What are the opening hours?**

**Does it have a swimming pool?**

**Is it crowded in the evenings?**

*...My friends and I have started a book club...*  
*ask 3 questions about the book club*

**What's the name of your book club?**

**What book are you reading now?**

**How often do you meet?**

**How many members are there in your club?**  
**Do you meet online or in person?**

*...Last week I took part in a photo competition...*  
*ask 3 questions about the competition*

**What was the theme of the competition?**  
**How many people took part in it?**  
**Where was the competition held?**  
**Who were the judges?**

*...My parents have bought me a kitten...*  
*ask 3 questions about the kitten*

**What did you name your kitten?**  
**What colour is it?**  
**Is it playful or calm?**  
**What does it like to eat?**  
**Where does it sleep?**

# Ответы на вопросы в письмах

*Summer is coming and I decided to lose weight. How many PE classes a week do Russian teenagers have at school? What do they do during those classes? Where do teenagers spend their free time?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about PE classes and free time in Russia. Well, we have three PE lessons a week. We play football, basketball, and do gymnastics. Personally, I enjoy PE because it helps us to stay fit. As for free time, teenagers hang out in parks, shopping malls, or special youth clubs with games.

*My friends have just come back from a trip to Africa. It's been my dream for years! What is your dream trip, where would you like to go and why? Whom would you like to take with you? What is the most difficult thing for you when you travel?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my dream trip. Well, I'd love to visit Japan. I've always been fascinated by the culture and the food. Personally, I would take my best friend with me because we share the same interests. However, the most difficult thing for me when I travel is planning and packing. I always worry about forgetting something important or missing a flight.

*Yesterday I went to the zoo. What are the benefits of zoos in your opinion? Do you think there should be a zoo in every city*

*and why? Is it better to keep wild animals in natural reserves than in cages and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about the benefits of zoos. Well, I think zoos help to educate people and protect endangered animals. They can teach kids to love nature. Personally, I don't think every city needs a zoo because they are expensive and require good conditions. Besides, I believe natural reserves are much better for wild animals. Animals need space to live freely, not small cages. It's more humane.

*My parents gave me a laptop for my birthday. What do you use the Internet for? What do you usually download from the Internet? Is it popular with Russian teenagers to have their own blogs or websites, why or why not?*

In your email you asked me to tell you what I use the Internet for. Well, I use it for studying, watching videos, and texting friends. I usually download music, films, and school apps. Personally, I think blogging is not very popular with Russian teenagers because many of them are shy or just prefer to keep their lives private.

*At school we are doing an interesting project on the most popular pastimes with teenagers. What are the top leisure activities among Russian teenagers? What hobby do you have, if any at all? Do you think it is important for friends or relatives to share one's hobby, and why or why not?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about top leisure activities among Russian teenagers. Well, a lot of teenagers spend time on social media, watching videos, playing games, and hanging out with friends at malls or parks. Personally, I enjoy playing football and listening to music. Actually, I don't think it's important for friends to share my hobby. Different interests make conversations more interesting and help us learn from each other.

*In the modern world ecotourism has become a popular way to spend holidays. What is your attitude to ecotourism? Is it popular in your country, why or why not? What new opportunities does ecotourism offer?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my attitude to ecotourism. Well, I think it's a great idea because it helps to protect nature. Personally, I think ecotourism is becoming popular in Russia, but it's still not widespread because many people don't know much about it or find it too expensive. Ecotourism offers new opportunities like exploring untouched nature and learning about wildlife.

*My parents and I want to take a tour across Russia next summer. We need your advice. What cities should we visit, why these? Is it better to travel by rail or by air in Russia? What is the weather like in summer?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about which cities to visit. Well, I recommend Moscow for its Red Square and

Kremlin, St Petersburg for its stunning palaces and museums, and Kazan for its mix of cultures. Personally, I think travelling by rail is better in Russia because you can enjoy the scenery. Summer weather is usually warm, but it can be rainy.

*I've checked my diary and found out that I missed your birthday. I'm so sorry about that! I hope you enjoyed it this year! Which birthday gifts are popular in Russia? How do you usually celebrate your birthday? What is the best gift you've ever got?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about popular birthday gifts in Russia. Well, teenagers usually get gadgets, clothes, books, or money. Personally, I usually celebrate my birthday with a small party at home or at a cafe with close friends and family. By the way, the best gift I've ever got was a guitar from my parents, I still play it every day.

*This year the weather in winter was unusually cold. What about the weather in your region this winter? What do you do when it is snowing heavily? What is your favourite season, why?...*

In your email you asked me to tell you about the weather in my region this winter. Well, it was unusually cold, temperatures dropped to -25° C some days, we had lots of snow too. When it snows heavily, personally, I stay indoors and watch films. Actually, my favourite season is spring because everything blooms and the weather is perfect.

*Most of my friends prefer shopping online today. What kind of shopping do you prefer? Is online shopping popular in your country, and why or why not? What are the possible risks of shopping online?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my shopping preferences. Well, I prefer shopping online because it's convenient and saves time. Personally, I think online shopping is very popular in Russia, especially among teenagers. It often has better prices. However, there are risks like receiving low-quality items, delivery delays, or fraud.

*My friends and I enjoy eating out a lot. There are so many nice cafés around! How often do you eat out? Is eating out popular with young people in Russia, and why or why not? What traditional Russian dishes do you like?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about how often I eat out. Well, I eat out about twice a month. Personally, I think eating out is very popular with young people in Russia because it's a great way to socialize and try new food. However, it can be quite expensive. Actually, I prefer eating traditional Russian food. My favourite traditional Russian dishes are pelmeni and borsch. They're delicious.

*School is over! Holidays are looming on the horizon, hurrah! Where do Russian teenagers spend their summer holidays? What entertainment is popular among them? How do you prefer to spend*

*your free time?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about where Russian teenagers spend summer. Well, a lot of teenagers go to summer camps, visit grandparents in the countryside, or travel to the seaside. Others stay in the city and hang out with friends. Personally, I think swimming, playing sports and watching movies are popular. Actually, I prefer spending my free time walking in parks and playing football with friends.

*Summer is coming and my sister has decided to lose weight. Do Russian teenagers lead a healthy lifestyle, why or why not? What sports and games are popular among them? How do teenagers spend their free time?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about Russian teenagers lifestyle. Well, many of them try to eat well and exercise, but not everyone does as fast food and phones make it hard. Personally, I think football, basketball, and cycling are very popular sports. However, many teenagers spend free time on social media or playing video games.

*I've decided to go on a diet — I want to lose a few pounds. What are the most efficient ways to lose weight, in your opinion? Why do many people try to follow a healthy lifestyle? How important is your family's support if you choose a healthy lifestyle as your goal?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about efficient ways to

lose weight. Well, I think balanced eating, regular exercise, and drinking plenty of water are the most important ways. Personally, I believe many people try to follow a healthy lifestyle because they want to feel better, have more energy, and prevent illnesses. Actually, family support is very important as they can encourage you, cook healthy meals, and exercise together with you.

*I went shopping with my parents yesterday. Do you prefer to shop online or in regular stores? Why do you think many people like to spend their week-ends in big shopping malls? Do you like to go shopping on your own or with friends and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my shopping preferences. Well, I prefer shopping online because it's convenient and saves time. Personally, I think many people spend weekends in the shopping malls because they offer everything — shops, cafes, and entertainment. Actually, I like shopping with friends because it's more fun, we can share opinions and try on clothes together.

*...Last weekend I volunteered for a local event helping the elderly people. Have you ever participated in any volunteer projects? What are you ready to do to help the local community, if at all? Do you consider volunteer work important for teenagers, and why or why not?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my volunteer experience. Well, I have participated in a few projects, like

cleaning parks and helping at animal shelters. Personally, I'm ready to help to clean public spaces and support elderly neighbours with daily tasks. Actually, I think volunteering is very important for teenagers. It teaches responsibility and kindness.

*We've volunteered to plant trees in the park. Is volunteering popular in Russia today, why yes or no? What environmental issues do teenagers discuss today? What do you do to help our planet?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about volunteering in Russia. Well, it's becoming more popular, especially among young people who care about nature. Personally, I think teenagers often discuss pollution, recycling, and climate change. However, many still don't take action.

Actually, I try to help by sorting rubbish, using less plastic, and joining clean-up events.

*...I've got new hobbies — recording birds' songs and taking pictures of wild life. What hobby do you have? How much time do you spend on it? What do your parents and friends think of your hobby?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my hobby. Well, I enjoy playing the guitar in my free time. I usually spend about an hour a day practicing new songs. Personally, I think my parents like it because they enjoy listening to me. However, my friends sometimes joke that I'm becoming a musician. Actually, they all

support me and often ask me to pray for them.

*Yesterday at school our foreign language teacher told us a lot about Russian literature. What Russian writers are popular with Russian teenagers? Who is your favourite writer? What book of Russian literature do you think a foreigner should read first, and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about popular Russian writers among teenagers. Well, many enjoy Pushkin, Dostoevsky, and Bulgakov. As for me, my favourite writer is Bulgakov because his books are mysterious and thought-provoking. I love *The Master and Margarita*. Actually, I think a foreigner should read Pushkin's *Eugene Onegin* first. It's beautiful and gives great insight into Russian life.

*My elder brother has just come back from Peru and brought lots of souvenirs. Most of them are quite useless. What kind of things do you consider nice souvenirs? Why do you think people buy souvenirs at all? What do you do with the ones you don't like?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about nice souvenirs. Well, I think practical things like magnets, mugs, or local food are great because they're useful and remind you of the place. Personally, I think people buy souvenirs to remember their trips and share experiences with others. However, if I don't like a souvenir, I keep it anyway — it's the thought that counts!

*My friends and I regularly go to the theatre. Is it popular with teenagers to go to the theatre in your country? Are you a theatregoer? Who is your favourite Russian playwright, and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about theatre popularity among Russian teenagers. Well, it's not as popular as cinema, but many still enjoy it, especially in big cities. Personally, I am a theatregoer. However, I don't go very often because tickets can be expensive. Actually, my favourite Russian playwright is Chekhov. His plays are deep and full of meaning.

*...I know it's often cold in Russia in winter. What do you usually do not to catch a cold? What is a healthy lifestyle for you? How can you catch up with the class if you do fall ill?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about how I avoid catching a cold. Well, I dress warmly, drink hot tea with honey, and take vitamins. Personally, a healthy lifestyle for me means eating well, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep. However, it's not always easy to follow. Actually, if I fall ill, I ask my classmates for notes and catch up with the teacher's help.

*...Next weekend my aunt is coming to my place together with all her children. What did you enjoy doing as a child? What was your favourite toy when you were a child? Do you think it is better for children to live in the city or in the countryside?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about what I enjoyed as a child. Well, I loved playing outdoors with my friends, riding

my bike, and building forts. My favourite toy was a LEGO set — I could build anything I imagined. Actually, I think it's better for children to live in the countryside because they have more space to play and explore nature.

*I am learning to cook from my mother now. But I prefer eating out. There are so many cafés around, why should one cook at home? What about you — what are your preferences and why? Do you ever cook for yourself or for the family?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my cooking preferences. Well, I prefer eating out too because it's quick and I can try new dishes without any effort. Personally, I think cooking at home is healthier and cheaper. Actually, I do cook sometimes, mostly simple dishes like pasta or omelettes for myself and my family.

*Last week I went to a book festival. It was fantastic! We spent two hours looking through new books and talking to authors. What is the last book you've read? What books do you have to read for your literature classes? How often do you spend time reading a book for pleasure?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about the last book I've read. Well, I've just finished *The Master and Margarita* by Bulgakov. For literature classes we have to read classics like Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, and Chekhov. I actually enjoy them more than I expected. Besides, I try to read for pleasure at least a few

times a week, usually before bed.

*At school we talked about the events in the history of our country that we can be proud of. What is the event in the history of Russia that you are most proud of? What historical person do you think best represents the values of your country? Why is it important to know the history of your country?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about the event in Russian history I'm most proud of. Well, I think the victory in the Great Patriotic War is something we are all proud of, it showed our strength and unity. Personally, I think Alexander Pushkin represents Russian values best — he showed our creativity and love for culture. Actually, I believe it's important to know history to understand our roots and avoid past mistakes.

*This summer we've had two tornadoes. Why do you think some people «hunt» them, instead of hiding from them? What natural phenomena would you call the most dangerous for people, and why? Will we ever lear*

In your email you asked me to tell you about why people hunt tornadoes. Well, I think they are scientists or thrill-seekers who want to study them or experience the adrenaline. Personally, I think earthquakes are the most dangerous natural phenomena because they strike without warning and cause massive destruction. Actually, I believe we will learn to protect ourselves better with technology, but nature will always be

unpredictable.

*...I earned my first money! How do Russian teenagers earn their pocket money? What part-time jobs are popular among them? In which sphere would you like to try your hand and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about how Russian teenagers earn pocket money. Well, they can do many jobs, such as couriers, tutors, or helpers in shops and cafes. Freelance work online is the most popular job. Personally, I would like to try tutoring English because I enjoy teaching and it's flexible. However, it requires patience and good knowledge.

*Yesterday there was a local crafts festival in my region. It was incredible! What cultural events are held in your region? How often do you visit such local events? Do you think it is important for teenagers to take part in local cultural events, and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about cultural events in my region. Well, we have Maslenitsa (pancake festival), City day with concerts, and traditional folk fairs. Personally, I try to visit such events a few times a year because they're fun. Actually, I think it's important for teenagers to take part in local cultural events, as it helps them learn about our culture and feel connected to the community.

*They say that Russian students can choose a foreign language to study at school. Do many students choose other languages*

*instead of English? Why do you think they do so? Why have you chosen English?...*

In your email you asked me to tell you about language choices in Russia. Well, most students choose English because it's the most useful language. However, some choose German, French, or Chinese. Personally, I think they choose other languages because of future career plans. Actually, I chose English because it's the global language and it helps me to communicate with people all over the world.

*This year we had an unusually hot summer. What's the weather normally like in summer in Russia? What do you think about spending summer holidays at home? What is your favourite season, and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about summer weather in Russia. Well, summers are usually warm, around 20—25° C. Personally, I think spending summer holidays at home can be relaxing and cheap. However, it can also get boring without travelling. Actually, my favourite season is autumn because the weather is mild and the trees are beautiful.

*I would like to become a journalist. What profession would you like to go into? Why? What skills or knowledge does one need for it? How important for you is your parents' opinion of your choice?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my future profession. Well, I would like to become a programmer because

I love technology and solving problems. Personally, I think a person needs strong maths skills, logic, and creativity for this job. Actually, my parents support my choice and their opinion is important to me, but I will follow my own dream.

*They say that Russian New Year traditions are unique. How do Russians celebrate the New Year? What are some special New Year dishes? How does your family celebrate the New Year?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about how Russians celebrate New Year. Well, we decorate a fir tree, have a big dinner with family, and watch the president's address at midnight. Personally, I think special dishes include Olivier salad, herring under a fur coat, and tangerines. Actually, my family celebrates with a big feast, exchange gifts, and then watch the fireworks.

*I know that the Russian team won The International 10 — world cyber sport championship in 2021. What computer games are most popular with Russian teenagers? How much time do you and your friends spend playing computer games? What else do you use your computer for?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about popular computer games among Russian teenagers. Well, Dota 2 and Minecraft are very popular. Personally, I spend about 1—2 hours a day playing, but my friends sometimes play much longer. Actually, I also use my computer for studying, watching videos, and chatting with friends.

*Most of my friends enjoy reading books in their free time, and I like it too. Is reading a popular hobby with teenagers in Russia? What books do you read in your free time? What book by a Russian writer would you advise me to read in the future, and why this one?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about reading among Russian teenagers. Well, it's not as popular as social media, but many still read, especially fantasy and classics. Personally, I read adventure novels and science fiction in my free time. Actually, I would advise you to read «The Master and Margarita» by Bulgakov as it's magical and gives a unique view of Russia.

*I never eat breakfast, just like my mother. Do you have any special eating habits and what are they? What do you usually have for lunch at school? Can you give me the recipe of the dish you often cook yourself?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about my eating habits. Well, I always try to have breakfast, even if it's just a sandwich and some tea. Personally, I usually have soup or pasta with a salad for lunch at school. Actually, I often cook simple pasta with tomato sauce. I just boil pasta, heat the sauce, mix them, and add some cheese on top. It's quick and delicious.

*All my days, including weekends look almost alike. How do you spend your free time? Where do you usually go with your friends?*

*What do your parents think about your friends?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about how I spend my free time. Well, I usually play football, listen to music, or watch films. Sometimes I just relax at home. Personally, I usually go to the park, the cinema, or a café with my friends. However, we also like walking around the city. Actually, my parents like my friends because they're kind and responsible.

*Nowadays I always try to eat healthy food. But in the past, I used to love sweets and fast food very much. What kind of food do Russian people eat most often? How have your food preferences changed since you were a kid? Do you think your food preferences will continue to change as you get older, why or why not?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about what Russian people eat most often. Well, we eat a lot of potatoes, bread, meat, porridge and soups like borsch. Personally, when I was a kid, I loved sweets and fast food too. However, now I prefer healthier options like vegetables. Actually, I think my preferences will continue to change as I get older because people become more conscious about health.

*Reading books is my favourite pastime. Is reading important to you? Why? How do you like to spend your leisure time? What is your parents' attitude to your hobbies and interests?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about whether reading is important to me. Well, certainly, it helps me to relax, learn

new things, and escape into different worlds. Personally, I like to spend my leisure time playing sports, listening to music, or watching films with my family. Besides, my parents fully support my hobbies because they think they're useful and interesting.

*We had an awful summer this year. What was the weather like in the place where you spent your summer this year? What do you do on rainy days in summer? What is your favourite season and why?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about the weather in the place where I spent my summer. Well, I stayed in Moscow and it was warm but rainy. Personally, on rainy summer days, I stay indoors, watch films, read books, or play board games with my family. Actually, my favourite season is autumn because the weather is mild and the trees are beautiful.

*My parents want me to follow in their footsteps and become a doctor. But my dream is to study maths. What would you advise me to do? What are your plans after you leave school? Do your parents support you in your decision?*

In your email you asked me for my advice about your study. Well, I think you should follow your dream and study maths. It's your life and your future. As for me, my plans after school are to study programming at university. I love technology and want to work in IT. Actually, my parents fully support my decision because they want me to be happy.

*Many of my friends enjoy roller-skating in their free time, and I like it too. How do you and your friends spend free time in your region? Which hobbies are popular with teens in Russia? What new hobby would you like to try in the future, and why this one?*

In your email you asked me to tell you about how we spend free time in my region. Well, we often go to parks, play football, cycle, or just hang out in cafes. Personally, I think popular hobbies among Russian teens include gaming, sports, music, and photography. Besides, I would like to try photography in the future because I love capturing beautiful moments and nature.

*All of my friends think camping is a perfect way to spend the holidays. What is your attitude to camping? Is it popular with Russian teenagers, and why or why not? What are the best ways to spend the holidays for you and your friends?*

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