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**ВАРИАНТ 1**

7-9 классы

- 1. You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Cindy. Write a letter to Cindy, answer her questions and ask her 3 questions. . Remember the rules of letter writing.**

...I think it is very important to be good at all the subjects at school. But I'm not sure that I will have only excellent marks next year. What about you? Do you think it is always necessary to do your best to get the best marks? Isn't it better to choose and study some subjects that you really need for your future?

Vladivostok, Russia  
1 March 2019

Dear Cindy,

Thank you very much for your letter. I would like to answer your questions about getting excellent marks. I'm convinced that if you are good at all subjects, you are likely to take an advantage over others when you ~~enter~~ enter a university. However, it can be difficult to get the best marks all the time, not to mention the fact that

some students constantly feel nervous because of their results. That's why I think being good at every subject is not worth any kind of stress. Still, it's not important to get bad marks. Instead of seeking perfection it would be better to concentrate on certain subjects which are useful for your future job. In this case you will definitely feel less nervous and memorize more essential information.

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Do you think it's worth a huge amount of effort to succeed in all subjects? Are you sure seeking excellent marks all the time will contribute to your future success? Is, in your opinion, all the knowledge you get in school necessary? I'm looking forward to your answers.

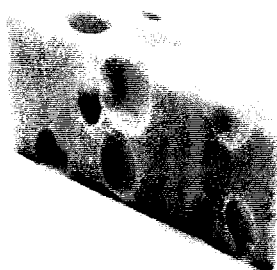
Best wishes,  
Christine

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1. A: What are you watching this for?  
B: (a) Documentaries are boring!  
(b) I happen to find it interesting.
2. A: What's on later?  
B: (a) Why don't you look in the TV guide?  
(b) I want to watch the news.
3. A: After this, there is a game show on Channel 3.  
B: (a) It's nearly finished.  
(b) Isn't there anything else on?
4. A: Big Brother is on Channel 4.  
B: (a) I 'm looking forward to it.  
(b) Actually, I'm enjoying the time!
5. A: Do you want me to change the channel at 7 p.m.?  
B: (a) That's fine with me.  
(b) He sometimes had to watch that.

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3. Solve the rebus and write the word in the table.



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4. Explain the meaning of the following proverb using no more than 50 words:

East or West, home is best.

I suppose this proverb means that no matter how attractive other cities and countries are, you will miss the place where you were born. Sometimes it seems like the life anywhere else is better, but nothing can replace your home, where you are given a warm welcome.

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5. Render the text in English, avoid translating the text. In the end write what you think of the ideas expressed in the text using the space given below.

Роль английского языка в мире

На английском языке говорят практически во всем мире. Он родной язык людей, живущих в Великобритании, Ирландии, США, Канаде, Австралии и Новой Зеландии. Но множество людей в других странах свободно говорят по-английски. Английский язык один из шести официальных языков ООН. Он изучается как иностранный во всех странах мира.

Знание английского языка совершенно необходимо. Говоря по-английски, сегодня можно путешествовать по любимым странам и континентам. Английский язык поможет вам лучше узнать и полюбить культуру и традиции одной из древнейших стран мира, которая очень бережно относится к своему историческому и культурному наследию.

Английский язык не стоит на месте. Как и любой живой организм он живет и развивается. Считается, что английский язык имеет самое большое количество слов, многие из которых были привнесены путешественниками из других языков.

Сегодня английский язык – это язык компьютерного бизнеса, спорта и политики. Чтобы найти хорошую, престижную работу также важно знать английский язык. Английский язык сегодня необходим любому образованному человеку – хорошему специалисту.

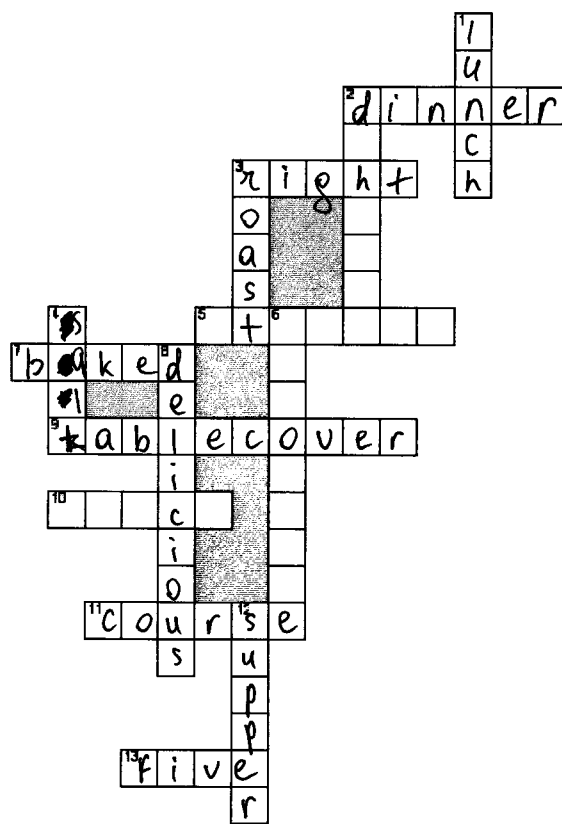
Undoubtedly, nowadays the English language is ubiquitous. We have to deal with the situations requiring at least the simplest knowledge of English very often, for instance, travelling, searching for information on the Internet, helping a foreign tourist find his or her destination and so on.

Moreover, the number of people who are fond of learning English rises every year. This language is attractive because of its wealth; the knowledge of it offers many opportunities. English makes it possible to communicate with people from all over the world.

To sum up, the English language is a vital part of modern life. If you speak English, you get many benefits; many people, including me, can't imagine their life without it.

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6. Solve the crossword and write the necessary words in the boxes and after each definition below.



### 9. Form plurals of the nouns.

1. taxi – taxis

2. gentleman – gentlemen

3. nucleus – nuclea

4. photo – photos

5. foot – feet

6. basis – basium

7. cactus – cacti

8. thesis – thesium

9. phenomenon – phenomena

10. criterion – criteria

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### 10. Write out the correct spelling of these words:

1. [bɜːθ] – birth

2. ['tʃɪldrən] – children

3. ['puːdɪŋ] – pudding

4. [ɪgˈzæm] – exam

5. ['hæŋkətʃɪf] – handkerchief

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This story is about a man whose purchase became useless. While he was doing window-shopping, he noticed the costume which he had <sup>wanted</sup> to buy for a long time. He dreamt about looking attractive and handsome, so he was thoroughly choosing the right size. After a long search he had finally ~~found~~ found a suitable costume and went home in a delighted mood. He felt even happier at the moment he noticed a glance of a woman, so he understood that his purchase was a success. However, the man didn't count on the case of bad weather: all of a sudden it started to rain. That's why he decided to hurry up. Soon the rain stopped. The man found out that his costume was totally wet, and it was not so attractive anymore.

To my mind, the plot of the story makes you contemplate about the way we should purchase something and use it. It is likely that unplanned and sudden decisions will turn out to be a waste of money and time, because something that you didn't expect may happen. That's why it is important to consider all factors, including bad weather conditions, so as the purchase would be not redundant and would please you.

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## По горизонтали

2. The most important meal of the day dinner
3. To cook over an open fire roast
5. A dish served before the beginning of a meal —
7. It can be vegetable or fruit baked
9. With what do you cover the table tablecover
10. A synonym for «a break» —
11. What is the English for «блюдо» course
13. At what time do they have tea in England five

## По вертикали

1. What meal do they have at 1 o'clock in England lunch
2. Another word for «a third course» —
3. In what hand should you hold a knife right
4. Without what can't you imagine any dish fork salt
6. What sweet is the favourite one in England chocolate
8. What is the name for a very tasty food delicious
12. The name for an evening meal supper

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## 7. Choose the correct word/words to complete the sentence.

- (1) When \_\_\_\_\_ you born?

a) did b) were  
c) was d) have been

- (2) He said he \_\_\_\_\_ to Rome.

a) had never been b) has never been  
c) never was d) never were

- (3) They don't know French. Neither \_\_\_\_\_ she.

a) doesn't b) does she  
c) don't d) is she.

- (4) She had to work a lot last year, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

a) hadn't she b) didn't she  
c) did she d) had she

