

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



Great Britain is home to the world's oldest school. *The King's School* was established in 1567 and it is still open. It has a long history. Many famous people have been educated at this old school. Nowadays *The King's School* is an independent secondary school for boys and girls. More than 800 pupils study at the school. Though *The King's School* is located in old buildings, it has up-to-date technical equipment and provides a full modern education. *The King's School* is also famous for its festival of music, drama and arts. It is held during the last week of the summer term and attracts a lot of people from different parts of the country.

## My school

Hello. I am Jane and I am in the 9th grade.

**My typical school day is very busy.** It usually starts at 8 o'clock in the morning and finishes at 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Every day we have 6 and sometimes 7 lessons a day. Our teachers usually give us much homework and it takes me 3 hours to do it all.

**My favourite subject is English.** I have been learning it since the 2nd form and I find it most useful for my future. On Tuesday and Friday I have extra English lessons to prepare for the exam.

**We wear black and white uniform at school, but it's uncomfortable for me,** I prefer a casual style. During the school year we celebrate different events.

For example, Teachers' Day, New Year's Day and Victory Day. We usually have concerts and arrange parties.

**Most of all I like my classmates at school.** I have a lot of friends. We spend much time together having fun, playing active games, doing sports, going to the cinema.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that school education is very important for my future career.



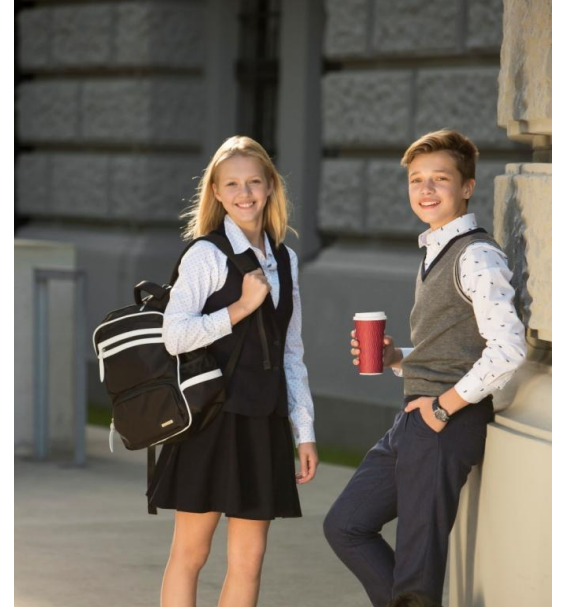
**Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer 6 questions.  
Give full answers to the questions.  
Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.**



**Task 3. You are going to give a talk about your *school*. You will have to start in 1.5 minutes and speak for not more than 2 minutes (10–12 sentences). Remember to say:**

- what your typical school day is like;
- what subjects at school you find most useful for your future, and why;
- what you are going to do when you leave school;
- what your attitude to school life is.

**You have to talk continuously.**



4. My attitude to \_\_\_\_\_ is positive. In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.

In conclusion, I would like to say that \_\_\_\_\_.

That's all I wanted to say about subject.

By the way, \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, \_\_\_\_\_.

So, \_\_\_\_\_.





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During the academic year, most students in Russia wear school uniform. Though school uniform is not compulsory, lots of teachers and parents approve of it. They say it helps the students focus on the learning process and avoid distractions. The tradition dates back to 1834. In those days it was obligatory for high school students to wear military clothes. Boys' school jackets were dark-green or navy. For special occasions they were decorated with golden buttons. Also, each school had its own cap colour. Official girls' school uniform appeared 60 years later. Girls had to wear brown dresses with black or white aprons.

**35. You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Jim:**



From: Jim@mail.uk

To: Russian\_friend@oge.ru

Subject: School subjects

*... Next month I'll choose my subjects for the next year. I want to continue learning languages. I also need to improve my academic results in general.*

*... How many lessons do you usually have a day? What foreign languages can you learn at school? What subject do you find the most important for your future career, and why? ...*

Write a message to Jim and answer his **3** questions.

Write **100–120 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.



**Task 3. You are going to give a talk about your *school homework*. You will have to start in 1.5 minutes and speak for not more than 2 minutes (10–12 sentences). Remember to say:**

- how long it takes you to do your homework;
- what subject you usually start with, and why;
- whether schoolchildren should be given more or less homework, and why;
- what your attitude to school homework is.

**You have to talk continuously.**



4. My attitude to \_\_\_\_\_ is positive. In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.

In conclusion, I would like to say that \_\_\_\_\_.

That's all I wanted to say about subject.

By the way, \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, \_\_\_\_\_.

So, \_\_\_\_\_.



35. You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Sam:



From: Sam@mail.uk

To: Russian\_friend@oge.ru

Subject: School homework

*... I've just changed school. I'm fond of Mathematics and it's the major subject in my new school. The only thing I don't like here is too much homework!*

*... What is your favourite subject? How long does it take you to do your homework? What do you do in your free time?...*

Write a message to Sam and answer his **3** questions.

Write **100–120 words**.

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