

Вариант № 1

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There was a time not so long ago, when space exploration was a battleground where nations fought to be the first to make new breakthroughs in space. Once, countries, such as the Soviet Union and the USA kept all their space research secrets to themselves to prevent the other side from winning the "space race". But now all that has changed.

It all changed because the countries involved in space research and exploration realized that working alone is just too expensive. Working together and cooperating means they can all make progress, so some of the countries involved in leading space research decided to set up a space station together.

The International Space Station is run by space agencies from Russia, the US, Europe, Japan and Canada.

The aim of the ISS is to carry out experiments in such fields as physics, astronomy and meteorology. Work on board the station involves testing space equipment. In addition, the station participates in educational programmes and encourages young people to become interested in science and space.

Task 2. Study the advertisement.



You are considering taking a language course in Australia. You have just found an advertisement to join a local surfing club and now you are calling to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- location of the club
- classes for beginners availability
- personal coach availability
- price for a week
- discounts for students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

Task 3 Imagine that while travelling during your holidays you took some photos. Choose one photo to present to your friend.



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Task 4 Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what kind of tennis you would prefer to play with your friends
- Explain why



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Вариант № 2

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As you have probably noticed, there has been quite a revolution in shopping habits because of the Internet. A great number of people are shopping online for everything from books and DVDs to clothes and shoes.

Why has Internet shopping taken off in such a big way? Well, there is really no denying that we all live in a consumer society nowadays. And the fact is the Internet makes shopping very easy to do. There is little effort needed to click on the items you want, pay for them with your credit card and all from the comfort of your room. All you have to do after that is wait for them to arrive in the post. It's such a convenient way to shop, isn't it? Especially for people with busy lives and no time to take a trip to the mall or high street.

There are a few drawbacks, though. Just as with catalogue shopping, you don't get the chance to try on the clothes before you buy them. And another problem is that you can't take unwanted or faulty clothes back to the shop. Instead you'll have to post them back and you usually have to pay for the postage as well.

Task 2



You and your family are going to spend 2 weeks in Cyprus. You have just found an advertisement about a nice hotel. You are making a phone call to the hotel to make some clarifications. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following: location of the club

- classes for beginners availability
- personal coach availability
- price for a week
- discounts for students

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- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say where you would prefer to buy food: in the market or in the shop
- Explain why



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You are hungry, so you buy a packet of crisps. You eat the crisps and throw away the packet. No problem, right? Wrong!

The disposal of rubbish has been a social and environmental problem for thousands of years. The first landfill site in history was opened by the ancient Greeks in about 2,500 BC. They realized they had a problem with rubbish in Athens, so they dug a big hole several kilometers outside town, where all the rubbish was thrown.

The problem is that we're producing a huge amount of rubbish each year, and the existing landfill sites are nearly full. Finding new sites isn't easy. Where are we going to put all our rubbish in the future? Farmland and the countryside have to be destroyed – and that's bad for the environment and farming industry.

We'll have to reduce the amount of rubbish we throw away. We can do that by buying unpacked goods rather than goods which are wrapped and packaged in plastic. The less we throw away, the more we help the environment.

Task 2



You are considering taking a language course in England. You want to try horse-riding. You have just found an advertisement to join a horse-riding club and now you are calling to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- location of the club
- the timetable
- personal coach availability
- price for a 10 days course
- discounts for student

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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- Say what kind of telephone you would prefer to talk with your friends
- Explain why



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What is life like aboard a huge floating space laboratory? What do the crew of six do every day? Firstly, the day begins with an inspection of the whole station. As well as carrying out their duties and conducting experiments, each crew member has to exercise several hours a day and have regular medical checks, too.

It's not easy living in a weightlessness environment. Food is sealed in individual vacuum-packed plastic bags and only has to be heated. When eating, the astronauts have to be very careful not to create crumbs that would float off into equipment and damage it. Drinks come in powdered form and are then mixed with water and sipped from a plastic bag with a straw. Even one drop of water floating around could cause damage to systems. There are no showers on the station, so the crew use a little water and wet wipes. They also have shampoo that doesn't need rinsing off and edible tooth-paste, so water is not wasted.

All in all, it can be stressful living on the space station.

Task 2



You are considering taking a language course in Scotland. You want to visit an ancient castle with a group of Russian friends. You have just found an advertisement inviting to do it and now you are calling to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- opening hours
- an excursion for today availability
- a Russian speaking guide availability
- ticket price
- discounts for a group of 1

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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Task 4 Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what kind of gadget you would prefer : a computer or a laptop
- Explain why



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They are found all over the world. They can lift up to 50 times their own body weight. They seem to behave in complicated ways, yet each individual is typically no more than a couple of centimetres long. Ants. There are more than 4,500 species of ant, with most of them found in the rainforests. Unfortunately, due to deforestation in these areas, many species will never be recorded.

Ants live in a colony, which is built around the queen. She is the largest ant and her sole occupation is producing eggs, while all her physical needs are taken care of by the worker ants around her. These are all female and infertile. They perform such functions as defending the colony from attacks as well as tending to the queen and the colony's eggs.

There is the honeypot ant. These ants select certain workers to act as living containers for food. They are fed enormous quantities of honey until their bodies become so big that they can't move. They act as a store for the food and feed other ants by producing the honey.

Task 2



You are considering taking a language course in London. You are going to fly back to Russia and now you are calling to the Heathrow Airport to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- possible direct flights to Russia on Saturday
- tourist class availability
- check in time
- price for a ticket
- discounts for students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what kind of music you would prefer to listen to: classical or rock
- Explain why



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Before the 1800s, few homes had any luxuries. Devices like vacuum cleaners and dishwashers only appeared in the 1900s. Until then, all housework had to be done by hand and this took a very long time.

The home of the future will be designed to offer its inhabitants a secure, comfortable and adaptable environment. Architects and engineers will take advantage of advances in electronics. They will create living spaces that can easily be altered by occupants.

Intelligent devices will play an important role in many houses. Robot cleaners and "smart" exercise machines that can monitor health will be as common as today's microwave ovens and washing machines. Experts predict that by 2025, the average home will have as much computing power as a nuclear power station in the 1990s.

Computers will be smart and cheap and we will be able to have them everywhere. They will be able to sense our presence and adjust the light and temperature automatically to our needs. By 2015, designers will have created furniture that can change shape and colour. They may have designed a robot vacuum cleaner which detects dirt and cleans it up automatically.

Task 2



You are considering staying in London with a group of students next month. You want to reserve some rooms at the hotel. You are making a phone call to the reception to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- location of the hotel
- double rooms availability
- facilities offered
- price for a 5 nights double room
- discounts for the group of students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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Task 4 Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what kind of books: paper or electronic books you would prefer to read
- Explain why



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ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE

Until recently most scientist believed that animal behavior is caused by evolution. However, a lot of research has been carried out into animal behavior over the last 20 years and experts have been amazed by the results. It is becoming clear that animals possess many mental skills. These skills are highly developed in many species.

What do you know about animal intelligence? First, all animals can count. Birds like pigeons and parrots have been trained to bit a button exactly twenty four times if they want to get food. Some animals are so intelligent that they can use numbers to solve problems. Second, many animals have good memories. In one experiment monkeys were shown a banana that was then hidden in a cup. The cup was placed behind the screen among other cups. In every experiment, the monkeys chose the right cup. Thirdly, animals can calculate. Birds have a mental map of the sun and stars which can be used for navigation.

Some animals have developed very advanced systems of communication.

Task 2



You are considering going to the cinema. You want to reserve a ticket. Now you are calling to the booking office to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- the films on
- the session start time
- tickets availability
- the ticket price
- discounts for students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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Task 4

Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say how you celebrate holidays, what kind of festivals you prefer
- Explain why



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EXTREMES IN THE EARTH'S CLIMATE

The Earth is hottest near the Equator, as this is always roughly the same distance from the Sun and receives the strongest rays. The highest shade temperature ever recorded was 58 degrees in the Sahara Desert, in September 1922. In fact, the Sahara is so much hotter than anywhere else that the three countries with the highest average temperatures in the world are all in North Africa. The eastern Sahara is also the world's sunniest place with over 4,000 hours of sunshine a year, which is nearly 11 hours each day. To the south Sahara is actually getting bigger, with many square miles of previously cultivable land turning into desert every year.

The world's driest place, however, is the Atacama Desert in Northern Chile. It is such an arid area that until 1971 it had not rained there for four hundred years.

The coldest places are of course near the Poles where the sun never rises high in the sky and its rays are relatively weak. The lowest temperature ever is -89 degrees, recorded in July 1983 at the Russian scientific base in Antarctica.

Task 2



You are considering buying a ticket for the Saturday performance. You need a seat in the stalls. You are making a call to the theatre box-office to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- Saturday performances
- tickets availability
- the time of the performance
- the ticket price
- discounts for students

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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Task 4 Study the two photographs. In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:

- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what kind of restaurants you would prefer to eat out
- Explain why



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Вариант № 9

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TIPS FOR FLYING

As the human body was not designed for flying, people can suffer if they are on an airplane for a long time. Therefore, it is important to take certain measures to increase your comfort. In the air your body is more sensitive to the effects of alcohol, coffee, tea and rich or fatty foods, so it is best to avoid these the day before you leave as well as during the flight. A long distance journey often leaves travellers feeling stiff, because they have been sitting in one position for several hours.

In order to reduce the chances of this happening to you, there are some exercises you can do while you are flying. Besides this, a hot shower taken after the flight can be an effective way of minimizing stiffness. If you wear loose clothing made from natural materials, such as cotton, you will feel more comfortable as your skin will be able to breathe more easily.

Your skin suffers in other ways too, becoming drier once you have left the ground. This can be avoided, however, if you take some skin cream on board with you.

Task 2



You are considering applying for a summer job. You have just found an advertisement of the job centre and now you are calling to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- available jobs
- job description
- skills required
- working hours
- pay

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- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
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- Say what kind of transport you would prefer when you travel
- Explain why



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LIGHTNING STRIKE

It is not surprising that people in the past were afraid of lightning and thought that it was a sign of anger from the gods. In fact we still find lightning thrilling and fascinating. It is now also an important area of research for scientists, who are trying to uncover its secrets and are looking for ways to predict storms and protect people against lightning strikes.

Before scientists started this vital work people could not do very much to protect themselves or their buildings from lightning. In fact up until the eighteenth century people were given dramatic proof that lightning can really strike the same place twice. Every year a dozen people are struck by lightning in England and Wales and a quarter of those are killed as a result. Men are six times likely to become victims than women.

Things used to be much worse. The number of fatalities has dropped by eighty per cent since the mid- 1850s. This isn't because lightning is less common, but because fewer people now work in the open.

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You are considering having your birthday and you would like to reserve a table for the Saturday night. You are making a call to the restaurant to find out more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:

- tables availability
- live music
- the types of cuisine available
- discounts for students
- special offer

You have 20 seconds to ask each question.

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- Give a brief description of the photos (location, action)
- Say what the pictures have in common
- Say in what way the pictures are different
- Say what kind of travelling (travelling by plane or by train) you would prefer
- Explain why



You will speak for not more than 2 minutes. You have to talk continuously.