

The English language is nobody's special property. It is the property of the imagination: it is the property of the language itself. *Derek Walcott*

To have another language is to possess a second soul. *Charlemagne*

English is a dominant language in the world. The ability to speak and write English properly allows people to advance in the professional world. English has been described as “the language of opportunity”, it is the language you’ll be able to use most widely, as it’s spoken in more countries than any other language. That means that English is the language that will give you the best return for your efforts.



The last English contest took place at the end of the first term. As usual the following tasks were proposed: reading and listening comprehension, grammar tests, and discussion of the given topics.

Out of university students participated in it only few of them were selected for the finals. We are pleased to present you the winners:

1st prize

Maria Liakhova, gr. 921,
Mykyta Bedenko, gr. 922

2nd prize

Kateryna Kalynychenko, gr. 912
Andrii Serbiniuk, gr. 912

3rd prize

Viktoriya Kulyk, gr. 926
Maryna Steschenko, gr. 911

We hope that this event provides the opportunity for students to master their English skills.

Why do people leave their homes and voyage all over the globe? The reasons why people love to travel are varied. They're also very personal. You might feel like you're stuck in a rut in your daily life. Or you're yearning for something exciting and different. You're craving new experiences and new challenges. Travel is the ideal place to test yourself. It pushes people to their limits and gets them outside their comfort zone. Learning is a strong reason why people love to travel. They want to experience something unfamiliar and leave with new skills or knowledge. Another reason why people love to travel: it helps open your mind. You realize that there's no one way to live life. Meeting people from other places will show you that your world view isn't the same as everyone else's.

MY IDEAL TRAVEL

"Life while traveling is a dream in its purest form" A. Christie

For each person an ideal trip is something different and exciting, and I would like to tell you about my own experience, a trip to Spain last summer.



It was a trip that we had planned long before, in winter, so we had a detailed plan for those 7 days beforehand. The trip began quite interesting, since our plane was detained in Boryspil for 3 hours. The flight was pretty fast and we landed successfully in Barcelona. Then we got into the bus that took us to our hotel in Cap Salou. The hotel in which we stayed belongs to the global networks "Best Hotels", so everything was at the highest level: staff, food, rooms etc. There isn't only the sea in Spain, so we combined the rest at the seaside and traveling to other cities. During the time, when we were on a trip, I managed to enjoy the sea, visit many museums and historical places, and visit such cities as Barcelona, Tarragona. It is also worth noting that I was in Spain during the World Football Cup. I was very struck by the fact that all establishments, such as bars, expensive cafes and restaurants were overcrowded with people of different ages and different genders. During peak moments it became extremely quite as all fans were waiting what was going to happen. Of course, such moments were extremely excited.

I really liked the colors of nature and buildings of the country, besides I was very impressed by the tasty and healthy Spanish cuisine, which includes a lot of seafood and vegetables.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER ADVENTURES!



Maxim Moskovtsev, gr. 611

IN MY OPINION, a good journey does not depend on the destination but on the fact who you travel with and how.

Many people love to go abroad, there are many opportunities nowadays. I have never travelled outside my native country and I can confidently say that the beauty of Ukraine interests me more than the sights of foreign countries. Unfortunately, I visited only a few cities of Ukraine, so before going abroad, I want to start with getting to know my country better.

I imagine my ideal journey in the company of the friends, because half of the impressions you get during your journey depends on people you travel with. As for the transport it is a car. Thanks to the car, we could travel where we want and stop whenever we wish not to miss all the best moments of the trip.

I would like to start the trip from my native land of Donbas, where I want to visit the reserve “Stone Graves” and the Saint Mountains National Park. Then I want to visit all the regional centers of Ukraine, passing through villages, because they have preserved the natural beauty and culture of our nation. To have good memories of the journey, I want to capture not only famous sights in the photo, but also those places that will interest personally me, not most people, because many beautiful places in our country are not paid much attention, only those who can see the beauty in simple things really like them.

So, in conclusion, I would like to say that before travelling around the world, we should know better our native land.

Vitaliy Kharkovoy, gr.412

Travelling is very popular nowadays. A lot of people travel to different countries if they have such opportunity. Travelling allows you to get interesting experience, learn about people’s lives in other countries and continents. I think it is very interesting to discover new things, new places and different ways of life. While on travel, you meet new people, try different meals; see world famous places with your own eyes.

There are many ways of travelling – by train, by plane, by ship. I would like to visit South Korea, as for the transport I would choose a plane. Nowadays Korea is always associated with unique language, tasty food and peculiar k-pop music.

Korean music helps me express myself, calm down or cheer up. I would visit the capital of Korea, Seoul. In the morning I would visit “Gyeongbokgung Palace” which is considered the largest of the five most interesting and the biggest palaces. In the afternoon I would go to Lotte World amusement park, which is considered the largest amusement park. In the evening I would walk along the Bridge Rainbow Fountain.

And many other cultural and entertainment places...and of course I would also attend a concert of their favorite k-pop group.

What is more any kind of travelling helps you understand many things that you would never see or learn staying at home.

Alina Rudkovskaya, gr.412

The best trip I've ever had in my life was to Odessa. Although it happened two years ago I still recollect that wonderful time with a great pleasure. The city is a wonderful place with long and rich history. I went there with my friends, as the trip took much time, we played cards, told funny stories from life, and just had a lot of fun. When we arrived at the hotel that was situated not far from the center, a busy street was waiting for us, it seemed that they were selling everything they could, we were impressed by the traditional manner of communication in those places, it seemed that the process of buying and selling different goods and souvenirs was a kind of funny performance, it was like a comedy.

The next day in Odessa was fantastic as we went on a bus tour around the city. It was amazing, we could get off a bus and walk around the most famous places, there were a lot of them but the most interesting were the monument to Richelieu, as well as the city .

The other days we visited plenty of museums, went to the disco and bathed in the sea. Last evening we went on the excursion by boat. It was amazing to be on a boat and to see all sights again, it seemed they were saying goodbye to us.

It was fantastic time and I hope to come back to Odessa one day to get the same marvelous emotions there.

Dmytro Taranenko, gr. 611

TRAVEL is one of the best lessons for a person. You can discover a world of wonder, where the mountains are higher, the rivers are stronger, and the wildlife is richer... You can visit islands, castles, museums, galleries, exploring ancient places and enviable canals, theaters and legendary sights. While travelling one can practice a foreign language, taste local dishes and make new acquaintances.

My family and I do not travel much, but still I dream of a perfect journey. I like active holidays, so when travelling, I do not plan to sit at the hotel, but on the contrary I would like to visit as many places as I can. I would like to go to South Korea, and would start from the capital. Seoul is a kind of paradise: a variety of food, fashionable clothes, architecture and works of art. After Seoul, I would go to Pusan or Jeju Island. Busan is a port city, but it is also famous for its beaches, hot springs and parks. Jeju Island has many attractions, such as the famous Hwaseong Fortress or Suwon Hwaseong that is a fortification surrounding the centre of Suwon, the provincial capital of Gyeonggi-do, in South Korea, which is the World Heritage Site of UNESCO.

Besides during my perfect journey I would like to be in the company of my friends. I hope my dreams will come true.

Orina Kabzistova, gr.412

MY FIRST INDEPENDENT TRAVELLING. I'd like to start by saying that I'm very interested in travelling. I have already visited several cities in Ukraine such as Zaporizhia, Uman, Lviv, Donetsk, Berdyansk, a lot of cities in the Crimea: Evpatoria, Sevastopol, Yalta and Alushta. But all of these travels were with my family or with my classmates and teachers.

And my first independent travelling happened last month at the St. Valentine's Day. I went to Kharkiv with my boyfriend. That day started very early with sunrise. This trip lasted one day, but I got a lot of experience and impressions. Surprisingly, purpose of the trip was football match. Football matches usually start at 10 p.m., that's why we had great opportunity to learn Kharkiv, because we were in this city at first time and everything was new and interesting. Kharkiv met us with sunlights and without clouds in the sky. We have seen a lot of gorgeous Cathedrals and monuments. Also we have visited the highest Ferris wheel in Ukraine, which is located in the Gorky Park. It was so exciting and amazing. From there beautiful view was opened. We're lucky, because we saw picturesque sunset. Kharkiv also was very beautiful in late evening, when it was dark.



When we Metalist Stadium had football match I also it, but it was too cold to were free at midnight the end by that time.



came at the match, the full of the fans. At the was at first time. I liked sit on those seats. We and our trip had come to

I advice everybody or countries, because awesome places, you people or make new you can get a lot of Good luck in your beginnings.

to travel to different cities you can see new can meet new interesting friends. And in any case experience and emotions.

Julia Petrenko, gr.611

"In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles."

-Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion

MY JOURNEY TO ISRAEL. My most interesting trip was a trip to Israel in summer. I flew there to visit my father, he has been living in the city of Haifa for 3 years. It took me 3 hours by plane to get to Israel and it was my first flight. Israel is a very beautiful and developed country, it was very interesting for me to visit it and compare it with ours. There I saw many different people from other countries and visited different places.

Dad and I visited most interesting the sea is located Jordan. The Dead Sea and the shore are one of the saltiest Dead Sea is 430 level. The coast of the



the Dead Sea, it was the moment of the journey, between Israel and is very salty, the bottom covered with salt, this is reservoirs on Earth. The meters below the sea Dead Sea is the lowest

place in the world. It can hold a person on its surface. The Dead Sea is considered being a health resort which is visited by many people from all over the world. Also in Israel there is the Mediterranean Sea.

I visited the city of Jerusalem where the Wailing Wall is located. Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, it is one of the most ancient cities in the world. The Wailing Wall is a landmark of Jerusalem, it is visited by a large number of tourists. This is a place of prayer



and pilgrimage for the Jews. The

Wailing Wall is a part of the ancient wall around the western slope around the Temple Mount, which survived the destruction of the temple.

Another interesting place I visited was the Nimrod Fortress. This medieval fortress, which is located among the mountains, was built in 1299. Unfortunately, I was able to visit only the eastern part of the fortress, since many of the paths were closed. The Guard towers are preserved in the central part. The western part is the oldest part of the fortress, which was built firstly. It was protected by a movable bridge and a protective moat.

I have never been abroad before. Last summer I was full of good emotions. I really enjoyed spending time with my father.

Dmytro Bondar, gr. V318140

They say Poland is the Mexico of Europe. I don't know what that means, but I like it. Chris Pontius

MY WINTER VACATION JOURNEY. To begin with, I want to say that my winter vacation passed wonderfully. I was very happy! I didn't have to get up early in the morning and run to the university.

In the third week of my vacation my brother's family took me to a winter resort. We went to Poland, to the city of Zakopane, which is located in the south of the country in the Tatra

journey to the days of changing trains long time we were landscapes through the games and learning called the winter capital town has all the holiday! Mainly for well, so it was hard in how to ski down



Mountains. The mountains took us two and buses. During this watching the windows, playing Polish. Zakopane is of Poland. This resort conditions for a winter skiers. I don't ski very the beginning to learn mountain slopes.

Arriving in Zakopane, I immediately realized that for me it was a special place. It was here that I traveling: the harmony with the city streets. We really high speed descent while on the way home, we always made the snowmen.



discovered all the joy of nature and the charm of enjoyed sledding from a skating. In the evening, played snowballs or

Krupówki Street is the with a huge number of souvenir shops and delicious Krupówka is lighted up with center of night ride down the street on a We even went to the horseback.

central street of the city interesting shops, food. At night, lights and becomes the entertainment. You can horse-drawn carriage. mountains on

We also really liked Mount Gubaluvka, one of the most visited attractions. From the mountain you can see the whole city and the Tatras.

I enjoy the magnificent landscapes, a clean mountain air, the trees in snow and the whole atmosphere of doing an extreme sport! At the ski resort we spent 7 days. We had a wonderful time in this fabulous city. I enjoyed the holidays and got a lot of unforgettable impressions.

Olha Klimenko, gr. V318140

The best view comes after the hardest climb.

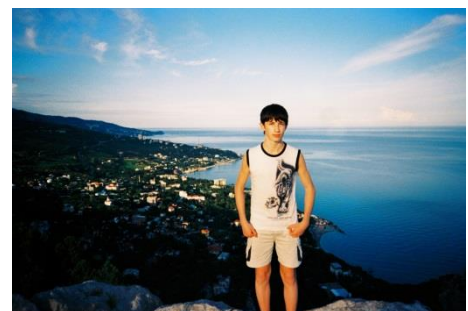
MY TRAVEL. One of my most memorable journeys is a journey when my mom and uncle went to the Crimea with tents. Spending eight hours on the road,



we had to put up our tents, stretch the awning, and find some dry branches. Living a week in tents is pretty uncomfortable, especially when you burn quite easily. The nights in the Crimea are rather wet and cool. In addition, we constantly needed to look for some water.

mountains, watching movies under the tent during the rain. It goes without saying that we visited the sea and the beach quite often. In the evening we were cooking kebabs and sitting by the fire and talking.

Despite the inconvenience, the journey was good. We were walking until the evening on the local attractions, climbing the



Living in tents is pretty difficult, not everyone is ready to experience it. Hiking can be a challenging activity and requires a positive attitude and determined frame of mind. Injured feet, burnt skin, the lack of water –

all these come on the third day. But the memories gained during your journey are worth it. I am glad that I had such a journey.

Artem Gulkovskiy, gr. V318140

TRAVELLING is one of the best activities a person can do. When you travel you get new experience, learn about the cultures of other countries and visit unique places around the whole world. Travelling is learning foreign languages, tasting local dishes and meeting new friends.

Our families travel quite a lot, we have already visited many places in Ukraine and abroad. But we still have a dream about a perfect trip, that we will have some wonderful day. Also, we would like to travel by railway transport. Our team believe, that there are many advantages of traveling by train. First of all, if you travel to long distances, which often happens in Ukraine (often in summer), it is very comfortable. You can sleep as much as you want, you don't have to sleep sitting, you can use a table to eat. Also, taking a train is cheaper than traveling by plane and even by bus or car, for example so almost every average family can afford it. We think that there is some kind of romance in trains. You can look out of the window for a long time and see the changing landscape, eat crisps, play cards with your fellow-travellers and etc.

If we talk about European countries which are not so big, we know they have a wide chain of railway transport in the cities and between them. For example in the Netherlands most of the people take trains every day when they commute to work, it is very comfortable and very fast.

We like beach holiday but at the same time we can't stay at one place for a long time. So usually when we go travelling we try to combine sightseeing and relaxing on the seaside. So our grand tour is not an exception. We would like to go to luxurious five star hotel with delicious food and drinks. There should certainly be a swimming pool and it should be close to the sea. Our team like when there are young people in the hotel, because then it usually has parties every night, where you can dance and meet interesting people.

Our perfect holiday should last for about 2 weeks – one week of relaxing on the beach and another one is for excursions and sightseeing. We are fond of watching ruins of ancient buildings, wonderful architecture of European cities. So if we had a holiday of our dream we would certainly go to Spain or Italy or to USA, where we would have a chance to combine sea and excursions. I would get up early to have time for every interesting place and activities.

My dream holiday also includes meeting new people. When I travel I always try to find new friends from different countries and then to stay in touch with them. We hope someday our dream will come true and we will have a perfect holiday!



MOVIE CLUB

Movies can and do have tremendous influence in shaping young lives in the realm of entertainment towards the ideals and objectives of normal adulthood. Walt Disney

A new session of English movie club was held last term. Students watched the film “Gift” where some important topics were raised: relationship between parents and children and meaning of the word “richness”.

Can you answer if you are rich? What do you need to be rich? Can money make you happy and is this enough for happiness? There are some quotations of famous people about money. Do you agree with them or not? Coco Chanel once said “There are people who have money and people who are rich”.



in his/her own way. As for this story, the son didn't love his father and didn't respect him. His father was poor and unsuccessful despite he worked very hard. The boy had lack of his father attention and love, and he didn't know that his parent helped other people in need, supported disabled children and old people. But the son didn't feel his support.

There are some students' thoughts about this film.

“There are two main lines in the film: a problem of misunderstanding between generations (a father and a son) and “being rich is not about how much you have but how much you give”. Watching this film made me reconsider my point of view concerning these topics”. – Vladyslav Horniaha, gr. 922.

“The main idea of this film is that wealth is not only money. But it seems to me the father was wrong that he gave his time and money not to his son but to other children. He took his son's pocket money without any explanations. He could tell his son about donation and it could be their common cause. And the son could be happier because of it.” – Nikita Nushtaev, gr.922.

“I think the main problem of this film is the relationships between a father and a son. The father spent little time with his son and didn't tell him about his deals, so the boy felt unhappy because he saw their life not the same as his father did. If the father had shared with the son, he might have been an inspiration for him.” – Kirill Chokan, gr.921.

