

DISCUSSION

Discuss the differences between the Russian and Irish education systems.

Write a piece about the advantages and disadvantages of going to a university in another country. Would you like to study abroad? Why? What are the advantages? Why not? What are the disadvantages?

Russian psychologists argue that Internet and social network create a barrier to real, live communication: “Интернет меняет психологию общения подростков, которые неспособны найти себе друзей в реальной жизни и общаться вживую.” Would you agree with that? Why?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of sending a child to school away from home? Where might you send a child to school? Why? What are the advantages? Why not? What are the disadvantages?

Is English enough?

OR

Should animals be kept in confinement for our amusement?

OR

School holidays are too long!

Sergei Gurin argues that: “Ребёнок должен заниматься тем, чем он хочет сам, а не его родители.” Would you agree with him? Why?

Do Russian and Irish life styles have anything in common? In your discussion make reference to at least two of the following:

- i. where people live
- ii. how people spend their leisure time and/or holidays
- iii. what people eat and drink, when and where
- iv. the education system

School trips and exchanges. In your answer make reference to the following:

1. Two possible benefits of a school trip / exchange
2. Two possible problems of a school trip / exchange
3. Are school trips / exchanges a valuable part of education or a waste of time?

Outline your experiences of secondary education.

In your essay comment on the following:

1. What you have enjoyed

2. What you would like to see improved
3. How well prepared you feel for the future

Discuss the findings of the following polls on how Russians and their children spend their holidays. In your answer include reference to the following:

- (a) in your own words, summarise the findings of these two polls
- (b) discuss whether you are surprised at the findings of either of these polls
- (c) state how you enjoyed spending holidays as a child
- (d) state how you enjoy spending holidays now
- (e) explain how you would want your children to spend their holidays when you have a family

Каким образом Вы проводите свой отпуск?

Во время отпуска я нахожусь дома или выезжаю на дачу 37.50%

Обычно путешествую, бываю где-нибудь, но в пределах России 33.93%

Отдыхаю обычно за рубежом 19.64%

Отдыхаю обычно в странах ближнего зарубежья 8.93%

Где проводят каникулы ваши дети?

Болтаются по улицам родного города; дома перед телевизором 35%

Сидят на даче; у бабушки, на свежем воздухе 24%

Находятся в заграничном вояже 19%

Отправляются к теплому морю 11%

Едут в загородный лагерь 7%

Работают 5%