

Творческое занятие по теме «Путешествие»

Part I. Plans for the holidays.

Leisure

What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep and cows.

No time to see when woods we pass
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass
No time to see in broad daylight
Streams full of stars like sky at night.

No time to watch at beauty glance
And watch her feet how they can dance.
A poor life this, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

But rather soon we'll have summer holidays and there'll be enough free time for us. Let's plan our future holidays: where we can go, how we will travel and what we'll see there. What are the options?

1. We like travelling

Millions of people all over the world spend their holidays traveling. They travel to see other continents, modern cities and the ruins of ancient towns, they travel to enjoy picturesque places, or just for a change of scene. It's always interesting to discover new things, different ways of life, to meet different people, to try different food, to listen to different musical rhythms.

Most travelers and holiday-makers take a camera with them and take pictures of everything that interests them - the sights of a city, old churches and castles, views of mountains, lakes, valleys, plains, waterfalls, forests; different kinds of trees, flowers and plants, animals and birds.

There are different ways of traveling. We can travel by train, by plane, by boat, by car, by bike and on foot. All means of transport have their advantages and disadvantages. And people choose one according to their plans and destinations.

Song “It’s a Beautiful Life”

1. Adventure holidays in Russia

- If you are looking for adventurous holidays, then Russia is a dream country for you. There are great trekking and hiking opportunities in many parts of the country. You can have your holiday of a lifetime here in Russia enjoying places of remarkable beauty. Birdwatching, mountaineering sailing, canoeing and whitewater rafting holidays are all now available in Russia.

- But where can we go? Russia is a very big country.
 - If you want more adventure, you can go to the Caucasus in the south-west or the Altai mountains in the south of Russia. Both places are full of beautiful wild flowers. Horse-riding and mountain biking are popular activities here in the summer months.
 - And I've heard much about volcanoes and hot springs of Kamchatka. It's in the Far East of Russia and trekkers can see in this great place lots of wild birds and many different animals, including brown bears and, sometimes, the Siberian tiger.
 - And Siberia is a special place for holiday makers. Among the forests, mountains and great rivers of Siberia, Lake Baikal is one of Russia's most spectacular places of natural beauty. Tourists from all over the world come there. It's a great place for fishing and hunting. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world: its depth is 1700 meters and it has wonderful, clean water. The lake is very clear. You can easily see fish swimming forty meters below you. There is a legend that a boat passenger once lost his watch in the water – and you can see it on the bottom of the lake!
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2. Llama trekking

- When I first heard about llama trekking, I thought that I'd like to try it. We can go trekking in the mountains of New Mexico in the USA and visit some interesting places like the canyon of Rio Grande and the desert areas of the south.
 - Oh, it sounds interesting. Is llama trekking the same as horse riding?
 - Well, you see, llamas are as friendly and lovely animals as horses, but llama trekking is not the same as horse riding. You don't ride the llamas but they carry your things. That's why it's different from normal backpacking because you don't carry anything.
 - Will there be any guide with you?
 - Why, yes! There will be a guide and he will teach you about the plants, birds and animals of this natural environment. You will be able to see hundreds of different species, including the famous bald eagle, the symbol of the United States.
 - How shall we cook our food?
 - The guides are good at cooking, and you will eat gourmet lunches and dinners!
 - It's splendid. But what about Europe? Can we go to Great Britain for example and practice our favourite English?
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3. Sightseeing in London

- Sure. We can go to London and spend wonderful time there. We'll learn a lot of interesting things about the history and the present day life of this country.

- London is a unique city. LONDON
- Before choosing the place for our summer holidays let's ask our parents for their advice. Where would you advise us to go in summer?

- All right. Thank you very much. Now we know that we will go to London during our summer holidays and try to do our best there. It's high time to buy tickets for the plane.

Song “We are the World”

Part II. Getting ready for the trip.

1. Booking an airline ticket

- A: Can I help you?
- B: Yes, I'd like to have some tickets to London on Tuesday, the 10th of June.
- A: How many tickets do you need?
- B: Nine. I am going to travel with my classmates.
- A: All right. What time would you like to leave Moscow?
- B: Do you have early flights?
- A: Yes, There's a flight departure at 9 a.m.
- B: That'll be fine. And I'd like a return flight on July 10th. In the late evening.
- A: Fine.
- B: We won't have to change planes, I hope.
- A: Oh, yes. You will have a short stay in two more European countries, Germany and France before coming to Britain.
- B: So I'll happen to see two more cultures!
- A: Yes, you will. Shall I book your tickets?
- B: And how much are the tickets?
- A: Eight hundred each.
- B: Fine, I'll take them.
- B: I've booked you on Flight 64 departing Moscow on June 10th at 9 a.m. and arriving at Heathrow airport at 6.30 p.m., London time. Your return flight is Flight 63 departing London on July 10th at 10.05 p.m. and arriving in Moscow at midnight.
- A: Thank you.

2. Packing things

What shall we take with us to London?

- I think it's necessary to take a guide book and a map of London. We'll visit a lot of museums and monuments, palaces and castles, parks and gardens and we must know the information about the place where they are situated, their working hours and entrance fee.
 - It would be better to take our umbrellas. The weather in England is changeable and it often rains in summer. The rain doesn't last long, but it is better not to get wet.
 - To my mind it's important to take our walking boots. As far as we are going to see a lot of places, we need comfortable shoes and clothes.
 - Sunglasses will also be necessary for us because the sun shines brightly in London in summer and we will spend a lot of time outside.
 - OK. So we are ready for our trip. It's time to start. Goodbye Moscow! Hello London!
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Part 3. We are flying.

1. We stay in Germany
2. We stay in France

Part 4. London is the place of our destination.

1. Telephone call 1.

- A: Hello mum. It's me, your (son Andrew)
- M: Oh hi, dear. You are safe and sound. How was the flight?
- A: It was an exciting trip. I think there's nothing like flying. It's so convenient and besides, it's the quickest way of traveling. It took us only four hours to get here.
- M: And how did you like the plane? It's wonderful inside, isn't it?
- A: Oh yes. It's very comfortable. The hostess, a very nice-looking and easy-going girl, took good care of the passengers and offered us some snacks and soft drinks.
- M: I see that you traveled in comfort.
- A: Right. I'll call you again. Goodbye for now.
- M: Take care and enjoy yourself!

2. A tour about London

- T: Good morning. I'd like information about museums in London, please.
- G: There are three hundred museums in London, you know! What do you want to see?
- T: Well, I'm interested in painting.

- G:** OK, you can go to the National Gallery It has one of the really great collections of paintings in the world. Don't miss it!
- T:** Right. And when is it open?
- G:** From 10 in the morning until six in the evening. On Sunday it opens at two and closes at six.
- T:** How much are the tickets?
- G:** Entrance is free!
- T:** That's great! And how do I get there?
- G:** Well, you can get a bus or the tube. The tube station for the museum is Charring Cross.
- T:** Thank you very much!
- G:** Not at all!

3. Sightseeing in London

- Hello, mum and dad. The places of interest are fascinating here. Yesterday we visited the Tower of London. It's great! Now I know that the Tower of London comes first among the historic buildings of the British capital. It was founded by Julius Caesar and rebuilt by William the Conqueror.
Once it was used as a fortress, a royal residence and a prison. Now it is a museum of armour and the place where the Crown Jewels are kept. We also saw black ravens in the Tower of London. There is a legend that Britain will exist as long as the ravens live in the Tower.
- Hi, mum. You know, I've already seen St. Paul's Cathedral. It's the greatest of English churches. It was built by Sir Christopher Wren in Renaissance Style while all the other English churches are Gothic. It took the architect 35 years to build the Cathedral. Its huge dome contains the famous Whispering Gallery and in one of its towers hangs the largest bells in the world, Great Paul.
- Hello, my dear mum! I am happy to tell you that I've got an opportunity to visit Westminster, the seat of the British Parliament with its famous Big Ben that strikes every quarter of an hour. Especially beautiful the tower looks in the evening when the lights are on.
- It was my pleasure to see Westminster Abbey. It was built by King Alfred the Great. All kings and queens of England were crowned here and a lot of well-known statesmen, poets and artists were buried there.
- We saw Trafalgar Square in the centre of London. It is famous for the tall column with the monument to Admiral Nelson in the middle of it. The square was named so to commemorate the victory of the British fleet at Trafalgar in 1805 where Admiral Lord Nelson was killed. The square is wonderfully decorated with fountains and four bronze figures of lions as a symbol of the queen's power.
- The National Gallery is situated in the northern part of Trafalgar square. It contains collections of paintings from British, Italian, Spanish, French, Dutch and other famous schools. It is international, though it is called National Gallery.

- We've already visited a lot of historical places in London, but for me the most impressive place is Madame Tussaud's museum of wax figures. Here you can find perfectly made figures of the most famous people of the world from Lenin and Bill Clinton to Michel Jackson and the Beatles. There also figures of great people who lived long time ago, such as queens Elisabeth I, Victoria, king Henry VIII with his five wives.
 - We were fascinated to see Buckingham Palace. It is a royal residence. The ceremony of changing of the guards which takes place in front of the Buckingham Palace is of great interest to the tourists.
 - We've learnt much about the British holidays. By the way they celebrate Mother's Day in May, while we have Women's Day on the 8th of March.
 - We are so happy to have travelled to London that we would like to congratulate all our lovely mothers, grandmothers, sisters and our teachers with the coming day of spring and love, the 8th of March and with them all the best!
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Song “Hands Up”

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