

Topic 1. My school / Тема 1. Моя школа

Hello! My name's _____. I'm a pupil of the fifth form at the secondary school. I study at school number 79 (seventy-nine). It is in Samara in Tashkentskaya Street.

We usually have 5 or 6 lessons every day. We have classes six days a week on *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday*. We don't have classes on *Sunday*, it is our day off (ВЫХОДНОЙ). We have holidays four times a year, *autumn, winter, spring and summer* holidays. Our school year begins on the first of September and finishes at the end of May.

Pupils of our school follow a regular timetable (следуют постоянному расписанию). Our subjects are *Russian, English, Literature, Maths, History, Nature Study, Art, Music, PE, IT, Handicraft and others*. We wear uniform in our school: a white blouse, a vest and a black skirt for girls; a white shirt, a vest and black trousers for boys. We wear T-shirts, shorts or trousers and trainers in PE classes.

There are many opportunities to go in for sports in our school. **There are many different sports groups: football, basketball, boxing and rhythmic gymnastics.** Many pupils of our school attend these sports groups. **In our school we have also painting group, dance group, drama group and music group.** All these groups are very popular and many pupils attend them. **I like my school and my teachers very much!**

Questions:

- 1) Where do you study? – I study at school number 79 (seventy-nine).
- 2) Where is your school situated? – It is in Samara in Tashkentskaya Street 164.
- 3) When does school year begin/finish in Russia? – In Russia school begins on the first of September. It finishes at the end of May.
- 4) What form/class are you in? – I'm in the 5th form/class.
- 5) What subjects do you have? – I have Russian, English, Literature, Maths, History...
- 6) What are your marks at school? – I get excellent /good / bad marks.
- 7) How many classes do you have a day? – We usually have 5 or 6 classes a day.
- 8) What is your favourite school subject? – My favourite school subject is _____.
- 9) Who is your favourite teacher? – My favourite teacher is _____.
- 10) Do you wear school uniform in your school? – Yes, I do.
- 11) Do you like to read/to write/to count/to sing/to draw? – Yes, I do. /No, I don't.
- 12) Do you have classes on Sunday? – No, I don't. It's my day off.
- 13) Have you got holidays? – Yes, we have. We have holidays four times a year.

Topic 2. My country (My Motherland – Russia) / Тема 2. Моя страна – Россия

Russia is the biggest country in the world. It is a very beautiful country. **There are many mountains, many long rivers and deep lakes, beautiful hills, many forests, meadows, fields in Russia.** There are a lot of clever people in Russia. Most of famous artists, scientists and doctors are Russians. **The first man in space was Russian** too.

The capital of Russia is Moscow. This is a beautiful big city. **Many people go to see The Kremlin and the Red Square.** There are many fine buildings, wide streets, green parks, large squares, churches and monuments in Moscow.

There are a lot of old and new traditions in Russia.

Traditional Russian food is borsch (cabbage soup), okroshka, blini and other tasty things. Popular Russian drink in a hot day is kvass.

Traditional Russian holidays are Maslenitsa and Easter. Russian people like to celebrate holidays such as: birthdays, New Year (31 December – 1 January), Christmas (7 January), The 8th of March, the 23rd of February, Victory Day (9 May) and others.

As for me, (что касается меня) I was born and live in Samara. It is a big city in the European part of Russia. It was founded in 1586 (fifteen eighty-six) as a fortress on the Volga River. My native town is located on the left bank of the longest river in Europe.

I like to live in Russia! I think Russia is the best country in the world!

Questions:

- 1) Where are you from? – I'm from Russia.
- 2) What is the capital of Russia? – The capital of Russia is Moscow. / Moscow.
- 3) Where do you live? / What is your native town? – I live in Samara. /My native town is Samara.
- 4) When was founded your city? – It was founded in 1586.
- 5) Do you like your city? Why? What for do you like your city? – Yes, I do.
- 6) What Russian holidays do you know? – Traditional Russian holidays are Maslenitsa and Easter.
- 7) When do people celebrate New Year in Russia? – 31 December – 1 January
- 8) Do you love your country? What for? – Yes, I do. My country is my Motherland. They are huge, beautiful and fantastic!
- 9) Are you a patriot of your country? – I'm a patriot of my country and I love it very much.

Topic 3. OUR FLAT

I live with my parents in Samara. We have a flat in a block of flats. Our flat is on the _____ floor. We have kind and friendly neighbours (соседи).

Our flat is not small. **There are** three rooms in it: a bedroom, a living-room and my study. **There is** also a kitchen, a bathroom, a toilet, a corridor and two balconies in our flat. The flat is warm, comfortable, but not light. **There is** a lot of (много) furniture (мебель) and different technical devices (бытовая техника) which so necessary nowadays (в наши дни). My favorite place in our flat is my room. It is small but cozy. I learn my lessons, read many useful books, watch TV or a DVD, listen to music, communicate with friends online, sleep, sometimes eat in it and so on.

All rooms are cozy and beautiful in our flat. I like our flat very much!

Topic 3. OUR HOUSE

I live in Samara in a privet house number 38. It made of red brick. There are many rooms in my house. They are two bedrooms, two bathrooms and toilets, a kitchen, a living room and my study.

Our living room is very large. **There are** three big windows in it that why the room is light. **There are** beautiful yellow curtains on the windows. You can see many green flowers on the windowsills. The furniture is beautiful. **There is** a big oval table in the middle of the room. The table is made of wood. **There is** a soft light-yellow fluffy carpet under the table. In the middle of the table **there is** a beautiful vase full of sweets because all the members of my family like sweets. There is a beautiful chandelier above the table. When it is dark we switch on the light. When it is light we switch off the light. There are two soft armchairs and a sofa near the walls.

All rooms are cozy and beautiful in my house. I like to live in my house.

Questions:

- 1) Where do you live? – I live in a flat in a block of flats.
- 2) Is your flat big/small/cozy/light? – My flat is big and light.
- 3) How many rooms are there in your flat? – We have three rooms.
- 4) Do you have your own room? With whom do you share it? – Yes, I do./ No, I don't.
I share it with my younger/elder brother/sister.
- 5) What do you like to do in your room? – I like watch TV or a DVD, listen to music...
- 6) Is there a carpet/a bookshelf/a sofa/a lamp/a PC/ a TV in your room? – Yes, there is./No, there isn't.

Topic 4. My family / Тема 4. Моя семья

Let me introduce myself. (Разрешите представиться).

My **full name** is _____. **I am from Russia.**

I was born and live in Samara. I'm ____ (years old). Now I am a pupil of the fifth form at school number 79 (seventy-nine). I can speak Russian and English a little. My hobby is swimming/ boxing/ painting/ reading/ gardening/ photography/ collecting of stamps/toy cars/ cards.

My **Mum** is the best Mum in the world! My mother's name is _____. She is ____ (years old). She is a _____ (profession). Her hobbies are cooking/reading/gardening/watching TV. She is kind and careful.

My **Dad** is great! His name is _____. He is ____ (years old). He is a _____. His hobby is driving/playing football/ photography. He is strong (сильный) and clever.

My **younger/elder brother's name** is _____. He is _____. He's fond of (он увлекается) sport/cartoons. He is active (активный).

My **younger/elder sister's name** is _____. She is _____. She likes to draw pictures/ read books/ write poems/ listen to music/ play the piano. She is pretty.

I also have my grandparents. They love me and I love all my family very much!

That's all about my family. (Это всё о моей семье.)

Answer the questions:

- 1) What is your name / surname / full name? My **full name** is _____.
- 2) How old are you? – I am _____. How old is your mum/dad...? – She/He is _____.
- 3) When were you born? – I was born in Samara.
- 4) What country are you from? / Where are you from? – I am from Russia.
- 5) Where do you live? What is your address? – I live in _____ Street.
- 6) Where do you study? – I study at school number 79.
- 7) Do you like to study? – Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
- 8) Have you got a hobby? – Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.
- 9) What is your favourite school subject/ sport/ meal...? – My favourite ... is ...
- 10) Have you got a family? Is it big or small? – Yes, I have. It is big/ small.
- 11) Have you got any brothers or sisters / grannies or grandpas? What are they called?
- 12) How many members of family do you have? – Two/Three/Four/Five members
- 13) Do you have grandparents? – Yes, I do. /No, I don't.
- 14) What's your sister's /brother's name? – Her/His name is _____.
- 15) What is your dad's hobby? – His hobby is _____.
- 16) What does your dad/mum/sister/ brother like to do? – He/She likes to read books /draw pictures/ plant and water the flowers / take some photos /take a pet for a walk / ride a bike / do puzzles / watch TV/ play board games....

Topic 5. Animals / Тема 5. ЖИВОТНЫЕ

All animals are different in the world. Animals are clever and silly, funny and serious, kind and wicked. There are **wild** and **domestic animals**. Zebras, wolves, hares, foxes, lions, tigers, bears, monkeys, elephants and others are **wild animals**. They live in the forests, jungles and in the fields. We can see them only in the zoo. Cows, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, turkeys, cats, dogs are **domestic animals**. They live near the people. And some of them even help people.

Many years ago when there were no cars and trucks people used horses and bulls working in the fields. Dogs are our great friends! They guard our houses and they are used in the army and by the police. Cats catch mice and rats. As for other domestic animals they are also very **useful**. Hens, ducks, geese, turkeys give meat and eggs. Cows and goats give milk.

Everyone should remember that animals are not toys and they require care, love and understanding of their owners.

Questions:

- 1) What *domestic animals* do you know? – Pigs, horses, cows...
- 2) What *wild animals* do you know? – Foxes, wolves, bears, giraffes,
- 3) What is your favourite domestic/wild animal? – It is a _____.
- 4) What animals do people help? – Dogs guard our houses, cats catch mice.
- 5) What do hens give people? – Eggs and meat.
- 6) Who gives milk? – Cows, goats, horses.
- 7) Where do *wild animals* live? – They live in the forests, jungles and in the fields.
- 8) Where do *domestic animals* live? – They live in the farms or in the houses, flats.
- 9) Do you like *camels*? Why? – Yes, I do. / No, I don't. They are funny/nice/clever....
- 10) Have you got a pet at home? – Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

Who is it? – It's a _____.

How old is it? – It is _____.

What can your pet do? – It can fly/run/talk/swim/jump / climb/scratch....

What colour is your pet? – It's grey/black/white/brown/red/green/yellow.

Topic 6. MY DAILY ROUTINE / Мой распорядок дня (The Present Simple Tense)

In the morning I *always* **wake up** at 7 o'clock. After that I **go** to the bathroom, **brush** my teeth, **clean** my face and hands, **comb** my hair and **get dressed**. Then I **do** my **morning exercises**, **have breakfast**, **say** my parents "Good bye!" and **go to school**. I **come** to school at 8 o'clock. I *usually* **have** five or six lessons a day.

In the afternoon I **have lunch** and **do** my homework. After that I *often* **read** a very interesting book or **draw** something. I *often/rarely* **work on my computer**. At 5 o'clock I **have a cup of tea** with some biscuits or cakes.

In the evening I **go for a walk**, **play in different games** with my friends in the playground. After that I **have dinner** at home (дома). *Sometimes* I **watch** TV with my family. At 11 pm I *usually* **go to bed**. That's all about my daily routine.

Answer the questions:

- 1) When do usually wake up/get up? – I usually wake up/get up at 7 o'clock.
- 2) What do you do **in the morning/ in the afternoon/ in the evening**?
- 3) Do you like to go shopping? – Yes, I do. /No, I don't.
- 4) What time do you go to school /go to bed? – At 8 o'clock. / At 11 o'clock.
- 5) Can you use a computer? – Yes, I can. /No, I can't.
- 6) How often do you use your computer? – Every day/ twice a week/ seldom...
- 7) What do you like to do in your free time? – I like to watch TV and read a book.
- 8) Who helps you to do your homework? – My mum/dad/brother does. /Nobody. I do it myself.
- 9) Do you like to study? – Yes, I do./ No, I don't.
- 10) What games do you like to play **outdoors**? – I like to play *tag/ hide-and-seek/ hopscotch/ badminton/ football/ table tennis/ volleyball/ basketball...*
- 11) What games do you like to play **indoors**? – I like to play *chess, play puzzle, do crossword, play board games, play computer games* and others.
- 12) Where do you do your homework? – I do it **at home** (дома)/**at school** (в школе).
- 13) What do you do in the evening? – I go for a walk and watch TV.

Topic 7. Seasons and clothes / Тема 7. Сезоны и одежда

There are **four seasons** in the year: summer, autumn, winter and spring. Each of them brings different weather and different clothes. **When it is hot** people **wear** T-shirts or light blouses, shorts or skirts, socks, shoes or sandals and caps or hats. **In cold weather** people usually **put on** warm clothes: jeans and trousers, sweaters and jackets, overcoats and caps. **In winter** they wear fur coats and fur caps, high boots and mittens or gloves. **The proverb says: “There is no bad weather, there are bad clothes.”**

Another proverb says: “Everything is good in its season.” It means, when you think what to wear, choose the right dress. Think what is good on the sports ground and what is good at the party and why a long dress looks beautiful on a woman but is funny on a little girl.

When you buy clothes, try them on. Make sure that they are your size, that they suit you and that you like their colour.

Answer the questions:

- 1) What season do you like **best of all**? – I like summer/autumn/winter/spring.
- 2) Do you like winter? Why? – I like winter because I prefer winter activities such as: skiing, skating, and sliding.
- 3) What is your favourite clothes? – Jeans and T-shirts.
- 4) What do you like to wear in summer/in autumn/in winter/in spring? – I like to wear _____ in summer.
- 5) What **are you wearing** now? – I’m wearing _____.
- 6) What is your favourite colour? – My favourite colour is red/grey/white/pink/blue...
- 7) What can you say about **spring/ summer**? – Spring is a beautiful season.
Summer is the luxurious season. (роскошный)
- 8) What is your favourite season and the weather? Why? – My favourite season is summer/spring because I like warm and sunny weather.
– My favourite season is winter because I have my birthday *in winter* and I like when the weather is snowy and frosty.
– My favourite season is autumn because it’s beautiful and bright season.

Topic 8. Holidays in Russia/ Тема 8. Праздники

There are many national holidays in Russia, when people all over the country do not work and have special celebrations. The major holidays are: New Year's Day, Christmas, Defender's Day, Women's Day, Easter, Maslenitsa, Victory Day and others.

Some holidays come on **the same date**, some are **movable**. **New Year's Day** is very popular *all over the world*. It is my favourite holiday too. In every home there is a New Year tree glittering with coloured lights and decorations. Children always wait for Father Frost to come and give them a present.

We celebrate **Christmas** on **the 7th of January**. It's *a religious holiday* and *a lot of* people go to *church services* on that day.

Another religious holiday is **Easter**. It is **movable**. In Russia we have special attributes of Easter: Easter eggs, and "paskha". It is a very nice spring holiday.

Victory Day is on **the 9th of May**. It is a sacred holiday for every citizen. We are thankful to our grandfathers for the victory in the World War II.

Maslenitsa is one of the most favourite holidays in our country. It lasts from Monday till Sunday. It comes *either* at the end of February *or* at the beginning of March, this is so-called **movable festival**. This holiday means the end of winter and the spring coming.

Official holiday "**The Homeland Defenders Day**" is the **23rd of February**. On this day women usually give men small gifts.

On **the 8th of March** we celebrate **Women's Day** when men are supposed to do everything about the house and cook all the meals.

Russians adopted the Western holidays such as St. Valentine, and Halloween.

Answer the questions:

- 1) What **Russian/English holidays** do you know? – Easter, Maslenitsa, New Year's Day, Women's Day, Victory Day / New Year's Day (Jan.31), Christmas (Dec.25), Boxing Day (Dec.26), St. Valentine's Day (Feb.14), Halloween (Oct.31), St. Patrick's Day (March,17), St. Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November).
- 2) What is your favourite holiday? – It is ...
- 3) What are family holidays? – Birthdays, New Year's day, Family Day, International Children's Day - 1 June.
- 4) What **movable holidays** do you know? – Easter, Maslenitsa.
- 5) How does your family celebrate New Year's Day? – We decorate our flat, buy a New Year tree glittering with coloured lights and decorations.
- 6) Do you celebrate Women's Day in your family? – Yes, we do. / No, we don't.

Topic 9. Last weekend / Тема 9. Прошлый выходной (Sb. p.108)

We never guess where our family **was** last weekend. Our family **decided to go** to the Crazy Park in Cosmoport, Samara. The weather **was** great. **There were** *a lot of* people there. **There were** so many **gambling slot machines** (игровых автоматов) in the **amusement arcade**. (зал игровых автоматов). My mum **bought** me a card and I **couldn't choose** which one to play. I **tried to drive** a truck. It **was** great! I **felt** myself as if I **was** a driver.

Then we **played** boiling. My dad **was** the Star! He **won** that game!

At 4 pm we **had a snack**. It **was** fast food: pizza and Coke for me, and chips, burgers and coffee for my parents. They we **went shopping** to AUCHAN to buy food and other things. We came home at 7 pm. We **were tired**. Then my mum **cooked to eat**. At 7:30 we **had dinner** and **watched** a funny film on TV. At 10 pm I went to bed. It **was** fantastic weekend for me!

Answer the questions:

- 1) Where were you last weekend? – I was in Crazy Park.
- 2) Who else was with you? – My parents / friends / relatives
- 3) What did you like to do the best? – I liked to play mini games and boiling.
- 4) Where did you have lunch? – We had lunch outdoors /at home.
- 5) What did you eat? – We ate fast food.
- 6) Did you play outdoors last weekend? – Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
- 7) Did you enjoy last weekend? – Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
- 8) Did your parents like last weekend? – Yes, they did. / No, they didn't.
- 9) What did your parents do last weekend? – They watched TV / had a rest...
- 10) What time did you go to bed last weekend? – I went to bed at ___ pm.

Topic 10. Travelling / Тема 10. Путешествие

Many people travel every year. They travel by airplane, by ship, by train, by car or on foot (пешком). People travel on business, for pleasure or to see their distant relatives and forgotten friends. To my mind, travelling is very interesting and I enjoy all kinds of it.

Of course **travelling by plane** is very fast and comfortable. It is the fastest and the most convenient way if you want to visit far countries, but it is the most expensive, too.

Travelling by train is slower than by plane but it is very comfortable, too. You can see many interesting places through the window of a train. You see mountains and hills, rivers and lakes, woods, fields and meadows.

Going caravanning (путешествие с автоприцепом) **and camping out** are very popular in different countries. Lots of Russian people prefer travelling by train or by plane. They go to the South, to the Black Sea, to other cities or just to the countryside. **As for me** (что касается меня), **I like travelling by car. It is very interesting because you can see many things in a short time. Besides, we can stop at any place we like and enjoy the beautiful nature or different places of interest.**

I am also fond of travelling on foot. My family and I like to go for a walk in the forest. I think travelling on foot does us a lot of good. We get strong and healthy.

Answer the questions:

- 1) Do you like to travel? – Yes, I do. /No, I don't.
- 2) Does your mother like to travel? – Yes, she does. / No, he doesn't.
- 3) Would you like to go hiking? – Yes, I would. / No, I wouldn't.
- 4) How do you prefer to travel? – I prefer travelling **by train/by car/by plane/on foot**.
- 5) What countries or cities did you visit? – I visited Sochi/Kazan/Moscow/St.Peterburg.
- 6) Do you like travelling by plane, by ship or by train? – I like travelling by train.
- 7) Did you go to the South? / Did you see the Black Sea? – Yes, I did./ No, I didn't.
- 8) Were you in Turkey/Thailand/Egypt/Azerbaijan last year? –Yes, I was./ No, I wasn't.
- 9) Have you ever been to the USA? – Yes, I have./ No, I haven't.
- 10) Does your family like the extreme ways of travelling (hiking, climbing mountains, etc.), why? – Yes, it does. It's interesting. / No, it doesn't. It's dangerous.

