**1.Познакомьтесь с мнениями молодых людей о семье и выскажите свой взгляд на семью. Лексические таблицы помогут вам в этом. Объем высказывания - от 100 до 150 слов.**

**Dick  
is speaking:**

Family  
life? Who needs it I wonder? One can live a happy life without any family. In ä family  
we have a lot of duties and we must spend much time at home. When family has a  
child the parents must take care of him. One has no spare time for reading  
books, listening to musik , watching TV and so on. More than that a husband  
must help his wife to look after the baby and about the house. As the proverb  
goes: “A married man is like a bird in a cage”.

**Ann  
is speaking:**

And  
I think that every person needs a family. But it is no easy matter to make a  
family happy. Much depends on a husband and a wife. And I believe in happy  
families though I know they are not so many . It is a pity nobody prepares us  
for a family life. Everybody wants to have a happy family. But we don't know  
how to make it happy.

I'm  
sorry, Dick. But I don't believe your words. The life without a family is  
senseless. No man is useless while he has a family, I am sure.

**Nick  
is speaking:**

Yes,  
to make a family happy is very difficult indeed. To my mind the main thing  
about a family life is patience. Once Frankling said: “He that can have  
patience can have what he will”. I can't but agree with his words. And what  
about kindness? It is also very important in the family life. Kindness gives  
birth to kindness people say.

**Lena  
is speaking:**

I  
have no family of my own yet that is why I can speak only about the family in  
which I was bom. It consists of 4 members. They are: Mother, Father, my Sister  
and I. Our Mother is the heart and soul of the family. She understands us very  
well, and we trust her.

Our  
Father is very kind. He is so considerate towards us and treats us tenderly.

As  
for my sister she is my best friend. She is older than I.

I  
cannot even imagine my life without our united family. We are so devoted and  
attached to each other. It is a real source of our spiritual life. I'd like to  
have such a family of my-own. I am sure modem society wants a family like that.

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| **What does a happy family look like?** | | | | | |
| I think a family must have someone who is the heart and soul of it. It can be... | a mother | a father | a grandmother | a grandfather | grandparents |
| Besides there should be... in it by all means. | a child | some children | many children | a son and a daughter | some sons and daughters |
| In a happy family all the members... | take care of each other | respect each other | understand each other | trust each other | help each other |
| And of course they are... | devoted to each other | attached to each other | faithful to each other | kind to each other | considerate towards each other |
| Only such a family can... | be happy | be united | live a happy life | be a source of spiritual life | help build a new  society |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No man is useless while he has a family** | | | | |
| A family plays an important role... | in the life of a man | in the personal life of a man | in the spiritual life of a man | I  n the way he works or studies |
| Much depends on it. In a good united family a man can find... | love | understanding | kindness | respect |

**2.Прочитайте разговор двух мужчин о семье и отношении к семейной жизни.**

**Подготовьте 10 вопросов, которые вы можете задать преподавателю о семье.**

***DIALOGUE”Whose Photo is  
this***?

-  
Whose photo is this?

-  
Heavens! It's mine. How careless of me!

-  
You have a large family.

- Not very large. I have a  
wife, a son and a daughter.

-  
And who are these young people?

-  
They are my nieces and nephews, my sister's and my brother's children. I have a  
lot of relatives. This is my father-in-law.

-  
The young man on the left is your son, isn't he?

-  
How do you know?

-  
Why? He looks like you.

-  
But he takes after his mother in character. He is very hot-tempered.

-  
How old is he?

-  
He is twenty-one. He is two years younger than my daughter. She is in the  
middle next to him. I'm missing my children.

-  
Your daughter looks like a film star.

-Does she? Children adore  
her. She teaches French. She's devoted to her work. I attended one of her  
classes once. The children read and spoke French, wrote a little, sang and  
played a lot of games. Now I know learning can be fun. You are single, aren't  
you?

- Yes, I am. I've watched  
the married lives of my friends. If you don't mind I'll tell you what often  
happens. The wife usually complains:"When we sit in the living room you  
always watch TV and never look at me. When we eat breakfast together you always  
read newspapers and never talk to me. When we go to parties you usually sit  
with your friends and rarely dance with me. And you're lazy! You never help me  
with the housework. When our windows are dirty you never wash them. When our  
car breaks down you never fix it. You never play with the kids. Sometimes I  
think you don't love me". Do you find that a happy family life?

-  
Don't be so pessimistic.

-I'm  
not pessimistic. I'm being realistic.

-  
I'm afraid you exaggerate the difficulties of married life. Love conquers all.

**3.Прочитайте текст. Какая проблема в нем затрагивается? Выразите свое отношение к этой проблеме.**

***The  
Only Child***

I  
was one of six children. I have two younger brothers and three elder sisters.  
My father was not a wealthy man and we lived in a three-bedroomed house, so  
conditions at home were always quite cramped and there was little privacy. Yet  
1 consider that I was extremely fortunate. The house was on the outskirts of a  
small town. Meadows, woods and even a friendly stream lay within walking  
distance of our home. My mother and father were far too busy to occupy  
themselves with my affairs, so the greater part of my upbrining was left to my  
sisters. If I am now a comparatively calm and placid person, able to cope  
tolerably well with those problems that life presents us with, it is, I firmly  
believe, due to the fact that I was allowed to grow up without too much fuss  
being made of me.

The  
most dreadful fate that I can imagine would be that of growing up as an only  
child. All mothers and fathers experiment on their unfortunate firstborn. They  
read the latest baby books, they attend clinics and courses of lectures. They  
listen to the advice of maiden aunts.

They  
debate the exact moment to present him or her with solid food. What they find  
extremely difficult to do is to allow their child to grow up at his own pace,  
to make his own mistakes and quietly learn from them.

As  
soon as the second baby is on the way, the first escapes from this period of  
close attention. He begins to get away with things. He discovers that even if  
he does eat sandwiches with dirty hands, or unripe apples that have fallen from  
the tree, he may not be sick in the night. He acquires a sense of proportion  
regarding his own importance.

But  
what happens to the only child? Never, or at least not until it is far too late  
to do anything about it, does he or she escape from the minute examination of  
his every action. It is a miracle if he does not grow up a nervous person  
constantly worrying about his health, a wholly self-centred being, who shivers  
at the sight of his own reflection in the mirror.

*4.*Прочитайте и письменно переведите текст.

***How We Kept Mother's Day***

We  
decided to have a special celebration of Mother's Day. We thought it a fine  
idea. It made us realize how much Mother had done for us for years, and all the  
efforts and sacrifices that she had made for our sake.

So  
we decided that we'd do everything we could to make Mother happy. Father  
decided to take a holiday from his office and my sister and I stayed home from  
college and Mary and my brother stayed home from High School.

Our  
plan was to make the day like a big holiday. So we decided to decorate the  
house with flowers. We asked Mother to arrange the decoration because she  
always does it on holidays.

Well,  
after breakfast we had it arranged as a surprise for Mother that we would hire  
a motor car and take her for a beautiful drive away into the country. Mother is  
never able to go to the country because she is busy in the house all the time.

We  
asked Mother to cut some sandwiches and make up a sort of lunch in case we got  
hungry. Mother packed it all up in a basket for us ready to go to the car.

When  
the car came to the door, it turned out that there was no room in for us all.  
Father said that he could stay at home; he said that there was a lot of work in  
the garden that he could do. He wanted us to go right ahead and be happy. Of course,  
we didn't want to let Father stay at home.

So  
in the end it was decided that Mother would stay home and have a lovely restful  
day round the house, and make the dinner. Mother doesn't like fishing, and also  
it was a little cold and fresh out of doors and Father was rather afraid that  
Mother might take cold if she came. We said good-bye to Mother and drove away.  
Mother stood and watched us as long as she could see us.

We  
had a very happy day up among the hills. It was quite late when we came back,  
but Mother had guessed that we would be late, so she kept the dinner so as to  
have it just nicely ready and hot for us. She had to get up and down a good bit  
during the meal, fetching things back and forward. The dinner lasted a long  
while, and when it was over all of us wanted to help to clear the things away  
and wash the dishes. But Mother said that she would do it herself, and so we  
let her.

It  
was quite late when it was all over, and when we all kissed Mother before going  
to bed she said it had been the most wonderful day in her life, and I think  
there were tears in her eyes.

**5.Прочитайте следующий текст и выскажите свое мнение по проблеме. обсуждаемой в нем. Объем высказывания - не менее 150 слов.**

**CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE**

Appearances are deceptive. It is a common truth;  
practically everyone has met at least someone whose character and appearance differ radically.

When  
one sees a tall, broad-shouldered youth,  
one expects him to be strong-willed and brave. One thinks: ‘A model to follow!’ How often a good-looking individual turns out to  
be petty, weak-willed or even cowardly. Then one thinks: ‘A mediocrity!’

At  
the same time everyone knows that a lot of great people were of a poor build: short and fragile. It did not stop them fromdisplaying intelligence andcourage. Ingenuity does not depend on  
one’s complexion or constitution.

Plump or fat people create an impression of generous and kind personalities. Strangely  
enough, not rarely they may be thrifty or  
even greedy. One usually thinks:  
‘A scrooge!’

On  
the other hand, thin or slim nervous ladies often tend to be lavish. They like to buy and never  
think twice when they pay. One thinks: ‘I would call her open-handed and Mother would call her  
a spendthrift’. Yes, mothers are  
always stricter in judgements.

Has  
it ever happened to you that you come to an important of­fice and see an  
important boss? You immediately evaluate  
his looks: ‘Round-faced, small narrow eyes, dimples on the cheeks and an up­turned nose. What a kind-hearted person! A simpleton!’ You tell the boss of your  
troubles and expect immediate help. But the boss ap­pears to be rude, harsh and wilful. You never get your help  
affid" think: ‘A stone  
heart and  
an iron fist’.

When  
someone sees a delicately built pretty  
blonde with curly hair, blue  
eyes, a straight nose and  
a high forehead, one is inclined  
to think that the beauty is intelligent and nice. It maybe disappointing to think  
later ‘What a stupid, capricious,  
impolite bore!’

On  
the contrary, when one sees a skinny  
brunette with ugly ir­regular  
features — a hooked nose,  
pointed chin, close-set eyes andthin lips, strange thoughts come to one’s head; because it is the im­age of evil people — cruel and cunning . It may be a relief  
some time later to find her a clever,  
gentle and good-mannered lady  
and think: ‘What charm! A heart of  
gold!’

Another  
general misconception lies in the fact that children are always expected to resemble their parents. And parents  
like it when children take after them. Relatives  
like to compare moles, the shape of noses, etc. The greatest compliment is: ‘They are as like as two peas’. The greatest disappointment is to find nothing in common. We want to  
deny people their exclusiveness, we  
don’t want to admit that nature has selected other options from an enormous genetic fund developed over  
generations. Why do we like our copies? Who knows!

Nature  
likes to play tricks on us. But don’t you think it is a pre­sent  
on the part of nature? Life becomes not a boring routine, but a brilliant  
kaleidoscope of characters and appearances which often clash.

 Do  
you agree that appearances are deceptive? Tell your classmates about your own  
experience.

**6.Прочитайте мнения молодых людей о дружбе и выскажите свое мнение по этой теме. Объем высказывания - не менее 150 слов.**

***Once it so happened that  
quite all of a sudden our first-year students began speaking of friendship and  
friends. They had heated arguments, for some time their opinions differed.  
Would you like to know what they were? I think you would. Here they are.***

***Lena is speaking. She states:***

I  
am sure, to have confidence in a friend is what I value most of all. Where  
there’s no confidence, there’s no friendship. That’s what I know for sure, from  
my own experience.

Once  
I had a girl-friend. We had very much in common, we even thought the same way  
... but  
she betrayed me. Quite all of a sudden I felt that she enjoyed my failures and  
envied my success. Now I can think of her only as of my former friend.

And  
the friend I am eager to have is the one I can rely upon in everything, the one  
I can pour out my heart to, confide in, the one who can hear me out, sympathize  
with me and stand by me when hard times come. That is my idea of a true friend.

*Do  
you agree with Lena’s point of view? Give  
proof for your statement.*

***Lily is speaking. She  
shares her opinion with her group-mates:***

I  
have a friend too. Her name is Kate. She is my second self. In her presence I  
may think aloud and be sincere and she understands me perfectly. My thoughts  
are her thoughts. She never objects to what I say and do. She is able to give  
up everything for my sake. She spares neither time nor effort to help me. I must  
say we are aware of our merits and drawbacks and never mock at each other or  
speak behind the back. We tell the truth straight to the face. I care much for  
my friend and I can’t do without her.

*Is  
Kate really a true friend? What makes you think so?*

***Victor is speaking. He  
is pessimistic:***

We  
often hear the words ’’true friends, true friends”. Do you really think true  
friends exist? As for me, I have never seen them. I’ve a so called friend. But  
I feel our friendship is a bit strange. You see, we have much fun together: go  
to the cinema, to the discotheque. But I don’t have complete confidence in him,  
nor can I share all joys and sorrows with him. They say: “ A friend in need is  
a friend indeed”. Have you ever met one in your life? As you see, I haven’t. I  
think, true friendship is just a beautiful tale. I have no close friends. So  
what? I have got a lot of acquaintances. And it suits me perfectly.

*Why  
hasn’t Victor a true friend? What do you think of it?*

***Nelly breaks in the  
conversation.***

They  
say friends must be of the same age. Do you agree with it? I don’t. My best  
friend is my former teacher. She taught us not only to love her subject but to  
do people good. Thanks to her we learnt what it means to be human and decent,  
what it means to be just. She herself was modest and sympathetic, patient and  
sensitive.

Once,  
when I found myself in a predicament, my dear teacher was the only person, whom  
I could confide in, whom I could be frank. She comforted me and gave a good  
piece of advice which helped me out. Since then she has been my best friend. I  
must confess I can do everything for her sake.

**7.Signs of the Zodiak**

**CAPRICORN – КОЗЕРОГ               22 December – 20 January**

Capricorns are ambitious, hard-working, demanding, faithful, good organizers, patient, pessimistic, resourseful, serious, severe, shy, suspicious of new ideas and inventions. 

They can put up frustrations, don’t expect success to come quickly, enjoy solitude, like a fixed routine, like to plan, like to have money, may worry unnecessarily, need to organize, systemize, and structure things.

**AQUARIUS – ВОДОЛЕЙ                  21 January – 19 February**

Aquarians are broadminded, energetic, fanatical, friendly, full of unusual ideas, impractical, inventive, rude, tactless, thinkers, touchy, unpredictable. 

They find it hard to get close to people, need freedom and independence, resent criticism, think they are wonderful, need to reform, create and understand. 

**PISCES – РЫБЫ                              20 February – 20 March**

Pisces are absent-minded, artistic, careless, emotional, imaginative, loveable, not competitive, sensitive, sympathetic, temperamental, unselfish. 

They can’t bear to see suffering, cry easily, don’t like hurting people, get confused easily, lack ambition, put other people first. 

**ARIES – ОВЕН                                  21 March – 20 April**

Arians are fearless, impatient, impulsive, inconsiderate, not philosophical, not rational, not very thorough, perfect leaders, pioneers, punctual, quick-witted, ready to accept a challenge, thoughtless. They can be bullies, don’t brood over their mistakes and failures, don’t foresee problems, don’t like being told what to do, overtook details, think quickly, want quick results, need to assert themselves and initiate events.

**TAURUS – ТЕЛЕЦ                             21 April – 21 May**

Taurus is good at gardening, methodical, musical, patient, practical, self-centered, slow to anger, stable, reliable, stubborn. 

They hate changes, have great warmth, have strong feelings, love good food, need security and possessions, only work hard when they enjoy what they are doing, resent being contradicted, need to make things clear, be comfortable and to construct.

**GEMINI – БЛИЗНЕЦЫ                        22 May – 21 June**

Gemini are adaptable, always on the go, apparently two-faced, communicative, good at languages, inconsistent, light-hearted, witty. 

They can’t stand waiting, don’t like monotony, don’t take things too seriously, have sudden mood swings, like to find things out, love variety and change, need to communicate, make connections and satisfy their curiosity.

**CANCER – РАК                                    22 June – 23 July**

Cancers are good cooks, home loving, imaginative, travelers, sensitive, sentimental, untidy. 

They find out the best in people, get upset easily, hate to throw things away, like to stay in one place, take things to heart, need to feel safe.

**LEO – ЛЕВ                                           24 July – 23 August**

Leos are creative, faithful, generous, good organizers, playful, poor judges of character, self-confident, sometimes conceited, stylish. 

They like the sound of their own voices, like to be the centre if attraction, like to enjoy themselves, love power, make other people happy , need to shine as individuals and as leaders. 

**VIRGO – ДЕВА                                       24 August – 23 September**

Virgos are calm, conscientious, critical, discriminating, fussy, good at remembering details, good learners, modest, perfectionists, practical. 

They can be hypocritical, don’t suffer fools gladly, find it hard to relax, hate untidiness, need to be of service, tend to suppress their emotions.

**LIBRA – ВЕСЫ                                       24 September – 23 October**

Librans are ambitious, charming, considerate, diplomatic, good at persuading people, great entertainers, idealists, indecisive, over-sensitive, romantic, sociable, unselfish. 

They find friends everywhere, like to be liked, like nice smells, smile a lot, need to find harmony, balance and justice.

**SCORPIO – СКОРПИОН                        24 October – 22 November**

Scorpios are attractive, courageous, good parents, passionate, jealous, loyal, secretive, strong, silent types, stubborn. 

They are difficult to live with, can be vindictive and cruel, don’t trust people, enjoy solving problems, have a magnetic quality, have good self-control, need to change, investigate and reform.

**SAGITTARIUS – СТРЕЛЕЦ                    23 November – 21 December**

Sagittarians are boastful, deep thinkers, extravagant, good-humoured, kind to others, open-minded, optimistic, outdoor types, outspoken, restless, travelers. 

They have a sense of adventure, have lots of interests, like exploring, look on the bright side, love sport, need challenges.

**8.что значит для вас свободное время? Изучите материал лексических таблиц и выразите свое отношение к проведению свободного времени. Объем высказывания - не менее 100 слов.**

**How  
to Spend One's Time? Tastes Differ.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Many people can't imagine their spare time without...** | friends | merry music | a discotheque | a good book | a hobby |
| **My idea of a good time is...** | to meet new people | to see a film or a play | to have fun | to read smth  interesting | to go skiing  (swimming) |
| **Now that I'm аstudent I'llhave to give up...** | meeting friends | seeing a number of good films and plays | having much fun | reading thrilling books | my hobby |
| **But at the weekendI can be able to ...** | to have a nice chat | listen to my favorite music | go to a discotheque | read as much as I wish | enjoy skating |
| **In short, I'll be able to spend my time...** | at home | at the theatre or concert hall | with my friends | in my cosy nook | out of town |

**All  
Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **They say work must be...** | useful | Creative | effective | productive | efficient |
| **One can't but agree to it. But the success of our work depends on the way we ...** | combine work and leisure | plan our leisure | enjoy ourselves | amuse ourselves | spend our spare time |
| **I'm sure that a good leisure...** | helps us with difficult works | makes us healthier | makes us interesting  to talk to | makes us full of life | acts us into a cheerful mood |
| **So when I'm free I...** | go to the theatre (cinema) | meet with my friends | read books and papers | go to a disco-club | go out of town |
| **All that helps me to...** | get a lot of pleasure | develop myself | enrich my knowledge |  |  |

**9.Познакомьтесь с любимыми хобби жителей Великобритании. Переведите письменно следующие тексты.**

**The Englishman's garden**

The  
English like growing flowers. It is a useful occupation because it doesn't harm  
anyone. In winter the most romantic thing for some people is to pick up a seed  
catalogue and look at the brightly coloured pictures of summer flowers. Even  
people with a tiny patch of ground in towns like growing plants and people who  
have never seriously tried to speak any foreign language carefully learn the Latin  
names of the flowers they plant, so that can tell their friends.

If  
you want to please an English person, be very polite about his garden. He will  
probably tell you about his garden. So you listen and say: ’’How interesting!  
How clever of you!

The  
English gardens are internationally famous. Some of them are very beautiful,  
especially the big ones that are open to the public.

**At the Pub**

For  
company and conversation the English go to the “pub”. The cafes in English sell  
only coffee, tea and ‘soft” drinks. You go to the café for  
a meal or for a quick cup of tea, but not to sit and watch the world go by.  
When you want to relax after a day's work, you go to the local public house.

Everybody  
goes there, except children, who are not allowed in. If you go up to the bar,  
you may find every kind of person: doctors, schoolmasters, workmen. They all go  
there, to talk and to drink their usual drink.

Nearly  
everyone drinks beer. Most pubs, in fact, have a piano and on Saturday night  
the customers may well gather round it and sing. The songs they sing are the  
same all over England. Songes from the 1914 war, sentimental and sad,  
like “If you were the only Girl in the world’. They are easy to learn.

The  
people who want to sing ask someone to play the tunes on the old piano. They  
group themselves round it and they buy drinks for the pianist. That is the  
custom. The one who plays has free drinks as long as he plays.

Good  
humour and good temper give English pubs their character. If you go there  
regulary the landlord will try to get to know you. He will remember what you  
usually drink and may well become a personal friend. The pub is the place where  
you meet people. You get to know other “Regulars”, you buy drinks in turn,  
which is called “to stand a round” and you talk. You talk about the weather or  
how the English cricket team is doing in the Test Match against Australia.

The  
pub is often the only place where men may meet each other after work .It is  
very surprising, but even in large cities each public house has its own regular  
customers who go there every night, to drink one or two pints, slowly, and to  
have a game of dominoes or to play darts. And although they see each other  
almost every night for years, the regulars who meet there will never go into  
each other's homes.

**Nation of Animal Lovers**

The  
British have long been famous as a nation of animal lovers, from the Queen  
downwards. There's a pet in nearly every family and often the family dog or cat  
has a

special chair near the fire, special food and a  
special place in the hearts of his owners.

Most  
owners are very good to their pets; some people would say too good like the  
writer of this letter to a magazine:

“My  
mouth watered as I imagined soup I could make from some bones in the butcher's  
window. There was a lot of meat on them, too. “So, your dog will be pleased,madam”,  
said the butcherbrightly. My next stop was at the fish  
shop, where I asked for some cheap fish. “For your cat?” asked the assistant.  
As you may have guessed, neither bones nor fish were for pets-they were for me,  
a pensioner. But it made me think that any animals eat better meals than  
people!”

Others  
would say that many pet owners make the mistake of treating their animals as if  
they were human beings.

I  
have a friend who works in a Dog Parlour where they sell coats for dogs. Once a  
customer, choosing a coat, tried to describe her dog and the saleswoman  
suggested she bring the dog in so that they could fit him. Horrified the  
customer replied that she couldn't do that as it was for the dog's birthday  
present and she did not want him to see it!”

Does  
that surprise you?