

Task 1.

Listen to the Russian interpretation of some part of a television series. Suggest YOUR idea how this part may sound. Guess the name of the series.

[Follow the link to get the audio file](#)

Task 2.

Look up *news* in a collocation dictionary. Then try to complete this short text:

A hundred years ago news was slow to 1. _____ in. Today as soon as news 2. _____, it is flashed across the world by satellite. It is almost impossible for governments to 3. _____ news. No matter what they do to stop it 4. _____, it will always 5. _____ out.

Look up *emergency*. Then try to complete this short text:

Emergencies can never be 6. _____. When they take 7. _____, the emergency services swing into action. As part of their everyday work, they 8. _____ for an emergency so that when one 9. _____, they are ready for all eventualities. Unfortunately, 10. _____ emergencies happen all the time and cannot be 11. _____, even with the best planning.

Look up *hair*. Then try to complete this short text:

Sandra had dull 12. _____ hair. She had tried every kind of shampoo. She had tried 13. _____ it a different colour. She had even 14. _____ it pure white just like Annie Lennox. Eventually, she had it all 15. _____ off - start from scratch, she said. But it grew back, the same 16. _____ straggly hair she had hated even from childhood.

Task 3.

Use each of these adverbs once to complete the sentences.

absolutely	densely	fatally	generally
heavily	hopelessly	ideally	narrowly
richly	severely	sorely	strictly

1. "Lord of the flies" is still _____ considered to be Golding's most successful book.
2. I'm _____ tempted to keep the money - I could do with some extra at the moment.
3. Supplies at this low price are _____ limited.
4. Central California is one of the most _____ populated parts of the United States.
5. I was _____ appalled to hear they were discussing bringing back the death penalty.
6. The house is _____ situated - on the coast, near the city and surrounded by beautiful mountains.
7. I realised I'd taken the wrong road, and when I came to the second roundabout, I was _____ confused.
8. Everyone was delighted at her success, which was _____ deserved.
9. The theory turned out to be _____ flawed.
10. Exporters who do not have foreign language skills are _____ handicapped.

11. All the news coming from the region is _____censored.
12. The polls suggest that the government will be _____ defeated in the referendum.

Task 4. Podcast

You are the author of a popular podcast with educational self-help content. You have faced the problem of the negative impact of technologies on the ability to study and concentrate, so you have decided to bring up this subject in the next episode of the podcast.

NB! Do not introduce yourself and do not mention your name in terms of privacy.

The podcast should:

- be 5 minutes long;
- deal with the subject matter in an appropriate and interesting way;
- be original and innovative. Try to avoid being too serious.

Tips! Think about the following:

- your target audience;
- the title of the podcast cues;
- smooth transitions;
- the way to present material;
- possible issues to cover (see the list below)

NB! All information should be connected with modern technologies.

Possible Issues:

- how to be productive without any gadgets;
- tips to reduce the amount of time spent in front of the screen;
- how to use gadgets efficiently;
- when technologies are justified and necessary;
- top applications for those who study;
- multitasking and its drawbacks;
- how to concentrate;
- the best time for studying;
- the best studying time
- your own ideas;
- ...

Record the podcast with the help of <https://vocaroo.com> and share the link.

The structure of the podcast:

- Introduce the podcast topic;
- Give a quick update on the current news;
- Move to the main topic;
- Summarize (in a non-intrusive way);
- Say goodbye to the audience.

Task 5.

How much do you know about the following unusual facts? Finish the sentences. Write up to 6 words.

1. In Quitman, Georgia, it is illegal for _____.
2. In college, former US vice president Al Gore was room mates with _____.
3. Salisbury Cathedral is home to the world's oldest _____.
4. In computer science, the technical term for 0.01 is a _____.
5. Designed by Colin Montgomerie, Rowallan golf course in Scotland is the only course in Europe to feature _____.
6. When she was at school, Catherine Zeta-Jones had her dinner money stolen by a fellow pupil who went on to become famous. That person was _____.
7. Movie director Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a _____.
8. Jean-Claude Van Damme learned to speak English by watching _____.
9. The Romans are credited with introducing the Scots to _____.
10. Attendees of Queen Victoria's funeral were banned from _____.
11. Of more than 500 people to have appeared on the FBI's Most Wanted list, only 8 have been _____.
12. Whilst studying at Cambridge, Lord Byron had a pet _____.
13. Ernest Vincent Wright wrote a 50,000 word novel, "Gadsby", without once using _____.
14. On her days off, Harry Potter star Emma Watson likes to _____.
15. In the 1960s, men were not allowed into Disneyland if they had _____.

Task 6. StartUp

You have to come up with the idea of a new educational platform and you have decided to launch a startup. Unfortunately, you have a lack of finances, so you have decided to find investors in the coming annual event at Skolkovo. Now it is time to prepare a business plan for the qualifier and present your project in the best way possible. Write 550-600 words.

Industry and market research	Target audience and the image of a potential buyer	Description of the product	Business objective

Concise marketing plan	Strategy of implementation (a brief review)	Competitive advantage of the product (USP)	Financial Plan (projected cash flow, projected profit and loss, risks)

Task 7.

Here is the list of scrambled quotations. Reconstruct the origins of these quotations and find the extra one.

1. “het oiucnnft fo andueocit si ot ahtce eon ot itnhk eeyisntlvn dan ot khitn lilitcacy. icegltnlenein slpu aehcarcr – atth si het aglo fo reut untoecda.”
2. “wtah ouy relna mrfo a eilf ni cneicse si eth sssnteva fo uor eoginancr.”
3. “teh ehlwo pepsoru fo nueatdoci si ot nurt msrorir onti sinwodw.”
4. “fi ouy rea ton lgwlnii ot krsi hte asulunu, ouy lwil aevh ot tselte fro het royidanr.”
5. “iuenacdto si tawh eisrnam efrat eno ahs egtnofrot hwta eon sha daenre ta lhocso.”
6. “irlagnen si tno etdaitna yb ncehac, ti utsm eb gstohu orf whti odarr dna dtdeatne ot hiwt elgindeci.”

Task 8.

There are three text passages which are presented as scrambled sentences. Group them accordingly and put them in the right order to have three complete stories.

STORY 1	STORY 2	STORY 3
1. The doctor had gone into the adjoining room.	2. He said he had originally supposed that such men were interested in business, and that was why they had opened their shops and sunk capital in them.	3. I had been out for a long last walk and had come in very late to dinner.
4. When I entered the smoking-room I found him reading a weekly review which I had bought the day before.	5. Here, however, they were to some extent in another world.	6. He said he liked water, he told us it was one of Nature’s best gifts, but he said that like all her gifts it was unfit for human

		consumption unless served in a suitable manner.
7. He would probably have turned to literature: he was very clever.”	8. In a way, perhaps, he really was sorry.	9. There was never any difficulty about this in our home in the city.
10. But this, of course, was a vain counsel of perfection.	11. He said that of course if he were camping out on the veldt or the tundra, he would expect few conveniences in the neighborhood and would do his best to forego them, but why should he be confronted with the wilds twenty miles from New York?	12. To reassure him that our position was not so desperate as it might seem, I took the earliest opportunity to mention that I was going away early next morning.
13. For their friendship had nearly come to an end.	14. The author assumes an expression of disapproval when he saw the doctor sitting at the deserted writing-table with a cigarette in his hand, which was, however, still unlit, and he closed the door behind him.	15. The author and the merchant came in.
16. The sight of white ashes in the bronze tray on the writing-table struck him as strange and almost uncanny.	17. It was a Sunday evening.	18. Hadn't heard of them, probably.
19. It was a crisis, we faced it like men.	20. One of the most disgraceful features of life in the country, Father often declared, was the general inefficiency and slackness of small village tradesmen.	21. “At my time of life,” he went on, pursuing his reflection, “it is quite impossible for a man like me to keep friends with someone who has no profession and never has had one.
22. When he had gone to the office, the ice was allowed to melt sometimes, and the water got warmish, but never in the evening, or on	23 And he remembered many malicious but pointed remarks the dead man had made, more especially about the works of their common friend, the author.	24. The social code forced us to talk now and we obeyed it like men.

Sundays, when Father might want some.		
25. Here he might certainly venture to light his cigarette.	26. Laider left his table almost immediately after I sat down to mine.	27. Usually, when Father talked this way, he was thinking of ice.
28. In the tone of his “Oh, are you?” he tried bravely to imply that he was sorry, even now, to hear that.	29. A great silver ice-water pitcher stood on the sideboard all day, and when Father was home its outer surface was frosted with cold.	30. He had the right to go as soon as he liked, since he had obviously been sent for as a doctor.
31. They took no interest in civilized ways.	32. But no, they never used them for anything but gossip and sleep.	33. He made, by word of mouth, a graceful apology.
34. He could not silently offer, nor could I have silently accepted, sixpence.	35. What would he have taken up if he had not been rich?	36. And the only right way to serve water was icy cold.
37. He strongly objected to spending even one day of his life without a glass of cold water beside his plate at every meal.	38. He wondered why he was still there at all, as he sat down on the chair by the writing-table.	39. Verbally, not by signs, I besought him to go on reading.

Task 9.

Read the headlines from different renowned newspapers and analyze their specific features (grammar, stylistic devices, etc).

1.

**100,000
DISAPPEARED**

2.

**Business anger at ‘vacuous
and bombastic’ PM speech**

3.

EXCLUSIVE
BRITNEY:
NOW LET
ME RUN
MY LIFE
'Co-conservator' legal bid

4.

Andrew lawyers to review Giuffre deal

5.

Squalid Border Camp Closed. A New One Is Worse.

6.

Flooding Ravages Tennessee, Killing at Least 22

7.

BOOST & BUST

**Task 10.**

Watch a [BBC TV show](#) in which Stephen Fry travels across the United States. How are the following things connected with the episode? What did Stephen Fry say about them? Write a full answer in a narrative way.

The total word count is 80 - 100 words.

- A cab/taxi
- «Mutton busting»
- Body farm
- Putting a lobster to sleep
- Pardons and Paroles
- Kennedy family and Harvard University
- Witchcraft
- “Ya’ll talk funny over there.”
- Pouring some water on the state line of Idaho and Montana