



Tasks for grades R9–R10

The qualifying round is an **online-test** (in other words, **only answers** are required). The last day to send your answers is **December 25, 2020**.

All the information about the Olympiad and the instruction for participants: formulo.org/ru/olymp/2020-lang-ru/.

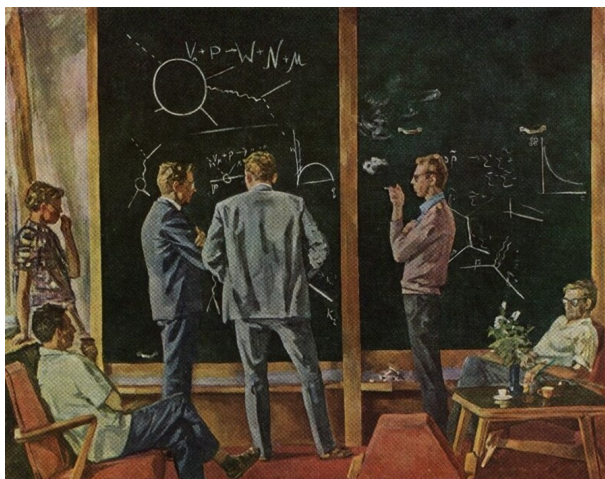
1. Match the following English idioms with their definitions (give the answer as a sequence of 10 letters without any separators).

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| 1) Culture vulture | A) to hope that something happens |
| 2) Couch potato | B) someone who can't wait to finish work, school, etc |
| 3) Party animal | C) someone who is very interested in music, art, theatre, etc |
| 4) Clock-watcher | D) something that is impossible or extremely difficult to find |
| 5) Wild-goose chase | E) a person with a pleasant and friendly appearance that hides the fact that they are evil |
| 6) Cross your fingers | F) a search that is a waste of time because the person or thing being searched for does not exist or is somewhere else |
| 7) A needle in a haystack | G) I would like to know what you are thinking |
| 8) A wolf in sheep's clothing | H) a person who watches a lot of television and does not have an active life |
| 9) A piece of cake | I) someone who enjoys going out and meeting people |
| 10) A penny for your thoughts | J) a very easy task |

2–11. Complete the sentences with one missing word.

- [2] When _____ the telephone invented?
[3] — I've cut my finger chopping vegetables.
— Oh, _____ you? Do you need help?
[4] I asked some people _____ way to the bank, but no one could help me.
[5] Our flat is _____ the second floor of the building.
[6] She is one _____ the best people I know.
[7] She _____ bought this dress this week.
[8] We hardly _____ meet new people nowadays. It's a small town.
[9] It was the _____ ridiculous thing to say.
[10] I feel sorry _____ Sarah. She's had a lot of bad luck.
[11] Last night police said that they _____ found the robber.

12. Compare two pictures (50–150 words, articles and contractions are counted as one word each).



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