

Подмосковная олимпиада школьников по английскому языку

Английский язык. 7–8 классы. Ограничение по времени 120 минут

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For each question, choose the best option. You will hear the recording twice.



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1. You will hear a brother and sister talking about their new school. What does the boy like about it?

- the science labs
- the fact that he can play a different sport
- the size of his class

1 балл

2. You will hear two friends talking about a film they've just seen. Why didn't the girl like the film?

- The actors were terrible
- It was too long
- It was boring

1 балл

3. You will hear two friends talking about their Christmas holidays. What did the boy enjoy most?

- the weather
- visiting his grandparents in Ireland
- going on a skiing holiday

1 балл

4. You will hear a girl telling her friend about a football match. How did she feel about her performance?

- satisfied
- disappointed
- very happy

1 балл

5. You will hear two friends talking about a journey. What does the girl suggest?

- buying the ticket on the train
- buying a day ticket
- booking the ticket as soon as possible

1 балл

6. You will hear a man talking to a security officer at the airport. What does the officer ask the man to do?

- put his computer in a bag
- put his belt in the tray
- take off his jacket and put it in the tray

1 балл

7. You will hear a tour guide talking to a tourist. The tour guide advises the tourist to

- visit the National Portrait Gallery.
- see more works by the same artist at Tate Britain.
- get a map from the Tourist Information Office.

1 балл

8. You will hear a man and a woman discussing a flight. They agree that the flight

- seemed to go very quickly.
- is going to be early.
- was more comfortable than the flight from London.

1 балл

За решение задачи 8 баллов

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1. You will hear a brother and sister talking about a computer problem. What does the girl suggest?

- checking that a cable is connected
- turning the computer off and on again
- installing better virus protection

1 балл

2. You will hear two friends talking about a mobile phone. What does the boy like best about his new phone?

- It has a big screen.
- It's much faster than his old one.
- It charges quickly.

1 балл

3. You will hear two friends talking about social media. What does the girl regret?

- tagging her best friend in a photo
- sharing her best friend's tweet
- writing a post about her best friend

1 балл

4. You will hear a father and daughter talking about phones. The father suggests...

- replacing the screen.
- getting a new phone.
- buying a new battery.

1 балл

5. You will hear a boy talking to his grandmother about the Internet. The boy agrees that he...

- should use books more than the Internet.
- shouldn't complain so much about technology.
- wouldn't be able to live without his computer.

1 балл

6. You will hear a boy and girl talking about a book they've read. What do they agree about?

- That its message seems modern.
- That it's a surprising book.
- That it makes you feel depressed.

1 балл

7. You will hear a boy telling his friend about an art exhibition. How did he feel about it?

- He enjoyed it, as expected.
- He was surprised that he enjoyed it so much.
- He didn't enjoy it at all.

1 балл

8. You will hear a mother and her son talking. The mother thinks her son has spent too long...

- playing video games.
- doing his homework.
- talking on the phone.

1 балл

За решение задачи 8 баллов

Part 1. Listen to an extract from the book "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift and choose 'true' if the statement is true or 'false' if it is false. You will hear the recording twice (1-8).



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1. The man was tied down with chains made of metal.

- true
 false

1 балл

2. He could only see the sky when he first woke up.

- true
 false

1 балл

3. The small men were bigger than his feet.

- true
 false

1 балл

4. The man hurt some of the little people without meaning to.

- true
 false

1 балл

5. The strange words the little men shouted were easy for him to understand.

- true
 false

1 балл

6. When he tried to break free, it was comfortable and easy.

true

false

1 балл

7. The little men protected themselves with arrows.

true

false

1 балл

8. In the end, the man felt safe and relaxed.

true

false

1 балл

9. Part 2. Listen to the second part of the text. For each sentence choose the correct ending. You do not need to use two endings. You will hear the recording twice. Если все варианты одновременно не помещаются в окно браузера, можно воспользоваться сочетанием клавиш ctrl и (-) (cmd и (-) для Mac) для уменьшения масштаба окна.



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The giant stayed still and listened...

while the crowd around him grew noisier.

The people built a wooden platform...

so they could stand closer to his face and speak with him.

The boy walking behind the older man...

carried part of the older man's clothing to keep it off the floor.

The man in the long coat started speaking...

but the words were strange to the giant.

Доступные варианты ответов:

so the giant could finally move his head.

carried part of the older man's clothing to keep it off the floor.

but the words were strange to the giant.

which helped the men climb up to his shoulders.

while the crowd around him grew noisier.

so they could stand closer to his face and speak with him.

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-4 1-3 2-2 3-1 4-0

4 балла

За решение задачи 12 баллов

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1. The trees in Lilliput were much taller than an ordinary person.

true

false

1 балл

2. The city looked so tiny that it reminded the man of a picture in a children's book.

true

false

1 балл

3. The king sat in his palace while watching the man from a window.

true

false

1 балл

4. The horse felt calm and happy when it saw the man-mountain.

true

false

1 балл

5. The king was able to stay on the horse because he was an excellent rider.

true

false

1 балл

6. Some people wanted to attack the man, but the king's soldiers stopped them.

true

false

1 балл

7. The man swallowed one of the attackers to frighten the others.

true

false

1 балл

8. In the end, the six men were free and ran away from the giant as fast as possible.

true

false

1 балл

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The king ordered his workers...

to make a place for the man to sleep.

Some men worried that the giant...

could be a danger because he ate a lot.

One advisor suggested killing the man...

but others replied that his dead body would cause problems.

In the end, the king decided...

to give him lessons in their language.

Доступные варианты ответов:

to send him away to another country.

but others replied that his dead body would cause problems.

to give him lessons in their language.

to lock him in a tall tower.

to make a place for the man to sleep.

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4 балла

За решение задачи 12 баллов

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The people below are all on holiday. Decide which attraction would be the most suitable for each person. There are two attractions you don't need to use.

Edward is a romantic at heart who admires history and architecture. He enjoys exploring beautiful gardens, learning about Mughal culture, and experiencing places that symbolize timeless love.

Taj Mahal, India. The Taj Mahal is a stunning white marble mausoleum built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal in the 17th century. Located in Agra, it is renowned for its beautiful architecture, symmetrical gardens, and reflecting pools. The Taj Mahal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of eternal love, attracting millions of visitors every year.

Olivia is fascinated by modern architecture and technology. She loves urban experiences, skyscraper views, and luxury. She also enjoys admiring city skylines from the tallest buildings on Earth.

Burj Khalifa, United Arab Emirates. Standing at 828 meters, Burj Khalifa in Dubai is the tallest skyscraper in the world. It features observation decks offering panoramic city views, luxurious hotels, restaurants, and advanced engineering marvels. This iconic tower symbolizes Dubai's modernity and rapid growth.

John is an adventurer and a history lover, eager to walk along ancient paths that stretch through mountains and deserts. He enjoys hiking and exploring legendary military sites. Curious and energetic, he appreciates learning about ancient engineering feats.

Great Wall of China, China. Stretching over 21,000 kilometers, the Great Wall of China was built to protect ancient China from invasions. It winds through mountains, deserts, and plains, showcasing impressive military architecture. Visitors can explore well-preserved sections near Beijing and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes.

Lily is nature-loving, spiritual, and adventurous. She enjoys hiking and taking photos of natural beauty, especially volcanos. She takes pleasure in viewing snowy peaks as well as blooming trees.

Mount Fuji, Japan. Mount Fuji is Japan's highest mountain and a sacred symbol known for its perfectly shaped volcanic cone. It is popular with hikers and photographers. The snow-capped mountain attracts tourists all the year round especially during cherry blossom season.

Harry loves archaeology and natural wonders. He enjoys wandering through narrow canyons and looking for archaeological mysteries of ancient kingdoms. He is interested in ancient trade routes and civilizations, and he seeks unique cultural experiences.

Petra, Jordan. Petra, known as the "Rose City" for its pink sandstone cliffs, is an ancient city carved directly into rock faces. It was the capital of the Nabataean Kingdom from around the 4th century BC. Famous for its elaborate tombs and the iconic Treasury building, Petra was a key trading hub in ancient times. Visitors explore its narrow canyons and grand archaeological ruins.

Leo is fascinated by history, spirituality, and art. He appreciates grand temples with old stone carvings and he loves photography. He likes exploring Khmer culture and ancient religious traditions.

Angkor Wat, Cambodia. Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world, originally built as a Hindu temple before becoming a Buddhist site. Located near Siem Reap, its breathtaking stone carvings and massive towers reflect the height of Khmer architecture. It's a must-visit for history lovers and photographers.

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Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. Marina Bay Sands is a trendy resort with a unique boat-shaped rooftop infinity pool offering striking views of Singapore's skyline. The complex includes shopping malls, theaters, and a rooftop observation deck, making it a popular hub for entertainment and tourism.

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Fushimi Inari Shrine, Japan. Fushimi Inari Taisha in Kyoto is famous for its thousands of bright red torii gates lining trails up Mount Inari. This Shinto shrine is dedicated to Inari, the god of rice and prosperity. Visitors love walking through its tunnel-like paths and exploring the mountain forests.

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За решение задачи **6 баллов**

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A. Perito Moreno Glacier, Argentina

Located in Los Glaciares National Park in Patagonia, this massive glacier covers about 250 square kilometers. It advances at a rate of about 2 meters per day, making it one of the few stable glaciers in the world. The bright blue ice blocks crash into Lake Argentino, creating spectacular sights viewed from platforms or boats.

B. Christ the Redeemer, Brazil

Situated atop Corcovado Mountain, the statue stands 30 meters tall with arms stretching 28 meters wide, symbolizing peace and openness. The site offers stunning panoramic views over Rio de Janeiro's beaches, the Sugarloaf Mountain, and the sprawling city below. It was completed in 1931 using reinforced concrete and soapstone, and it lights up beautifully at night. Visitors can reach the statue via train or a scenic hike.

C. Atacama Desert, Chile

The Atacama Desert is the driest non-polar desert in the world, with some weather stations never recording rain. Its landscape includes vast salt flats like the Salar de Atacama, bubbling geysers at EL Tatio, and colorful lagoons filled with flamingos. The desert's high altitude and clear air make it one of the best places globally for stargazing, with several observatories open to tourists.

D. Angel Falls, Venezuela

Angel Falls plunge 979 meters from the Auyán Tepui mountain in Canaima National Park. It is the tallest uninterrupted waterfall in the world. The falls are located in remote jungle, accessible mainly by river boat and hiking, attracting adventurous travellers seeking breathtaking natural beauty and a unique ecosystem.

E. Cartagena, Colombia

Cartagena is renowned for its well-preserved colonial architecture and vibrant culture. The fortified old city, with thick walls built to defend against pirates, is full of pastel-coloured houses, cobblestone streets, and lively plazas. It offers a mix of history, Caribbean charm, and modern nightlife. Its beaches, nearby islands, and Caribbean cuisine add to the attraction.

F. Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

This national park is famous for its dramatic mountain peaks, including the iconic three granite towers ("Torres"), turquoise lakes, glaciers, and diverse wildlife such as guanacos and Andean condors. It offers world-class hiking trails like the W Trek and O Circuit, attracting outdoor enthusiasts looking for adventure and stunning landscapes in Patagonia.

G. Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

This volcanic archipelago consists of 13 main islands and over 100 smaller islets. It is world-famous for its unique biodiversity, including giant tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and marine iguanas that inspired Charles Darwin's groundbreaking theory of evolution. Strict environmental controls ensure preservation. Visitors enjoy snorkeling with sea lions, hiking volcanic landscapes, and observing amazing wildlife that shows no fear of humans.

H. Machu Picchu, Peru

Machu Picchu is an ancient Inca city located about 2,430 meters above sea level in the Andes Mountains. Built in the 15th century, it features impressive stone temples, agricultural terraces, and plazas arranged on steep mountain slopes. The site was designed with extraordinary engineering skills to withstand earthquakes and provide water flow. Hidden for centuries in dense forest, it was rediscovered by explorer Hiram Bingham in 1911 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site visited by thousands yearly.

John is a passionate history and culture lover. He is fascinated by ancient civilizations and their engineering marvels. He enjoys hiking challenging mountain trails and uncovering hidden archaeological sites, connected deeply with Inca heritage.

H

Mark is an environmentalist and wildlife enthusiast who values rare ecosystems and conservation. He enjoys snorkeling alongside sea lions, observing marine iguanas and giant tortoises, and hiking volcanic islands.

G

Thomas is a nature adventurer who loves the thrill of powerful waterfalls, lush rainforests, and diverse wildlife. He is interested in exploring jungle trails, experiencing boat rides near roaring cascades, and marveling at panoramic views from famous spots.

D

Vicky is a professional photographer. She appreciates cultural landmarks combined with spectacular views. She finds peace and inspiration enjoying panoramic city views while taking photos.

B

Mary is interested in geology and explores salt flats, geysers, and colorful lagoons. She is always in search of unusual landscapes and enjoys stargazing.

C

Sophie is a lover of colourful culture who enjoys history, colonial architecture, and warm Caribbean vibes. She likes strolling through narrow streets of old towns, dancing to lively music, and trying local cuisine.

E

Доступные варианты ответов:

G

A

B

E

H

C

D

F

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За решение задачи **6 баллов**

Read the text and mark the statements below with "T" if they are true and "F" if they are false.

Chopsticks

It is not exactly known when people first started using chopsticks, but most believe they were invented in China a very long time ago. Archaeologists have found some chopsticks made of bronze that are about 3,000 years old. At first, chopsticks were used for cooking rather than eating. The oldest writing that mentions chopsticks as eating tools is from about 2,200 years ago.

Confucius was a famous Chinese teacher who lived about 2,500 years ago. He taught people to be peaceful and gentle. Since knives were sharp and linked to fighting and war, he did not want people to bring knives to the dinner table. Instead, people used chopsticks, which had blunt ends and were safer. Confucius is said to have preferred chopsticks because they fit his idea of kindness and harmony during meals.

Chopsticks are usually made from bamboo or wood. In Japan, people often make them from lacquered wood, and they can be painted or decorated with beautiful designs. Chinese chopsticks are long and have square-shaped ends. Japanese chopsticks, called hashi, mean "bridge" in Japanese. They are shorter and have rounded, pointed tips. This helps people eat fish, which is a popular food in Japan.

In China, chopsticks are called k'uai-tzu, which means "something fast." Boat workers first called them this because they help people eat quickly. Before this, they called them chu, meaning "help", but they changed the name because chu sounded like a word for a slow boat. The English word "chopsticks" comes from a Chinese-English language mix from the 1800s. The word "chop" means "fast" in this language, like the phrase "chop chop", which means "hurry up".

Today, chopsticks are used not only in China but also in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. They are the second most popular way to eat food in the world, after using fingers. Chopsticks are not only tools but also symbols of respect and tradition in many Asian cultures.

1. Archaeologists have discovered bronze chopsticks that are about 30,000 years old.

True

False

1 балл

2. Chopsticks were originally created for eating rather than cooking.

True

False

1 балл

3. Confucius preferred chopsticks because they were safer than knives.

True

False

1 балл

4. Japanese chopsticks are longer and have square-shaped ends.

True

False

1 балл

5. The term "k'uai-tzu" means "something quick" in Chinese.

True

False

1 балл

6. Chopsticks are only used in China and Japan.

True

False

1 балл

7. The word "chopsticks" comes from a mix of Chinese and English languages.

True

False

1 балл

8. In many Asian cultures, chopsticks represent respect for tradition and cultural values.

True

False

1 балл

За решение задачи 8 баллов

Read the text and mark the statements below with "T" if they are true and "F" if they are false.

Clocks

Imagine modern civilization without a sense of time. Depending on your point of view, this could be wonderful or horrible. Humans have used devices to measure time for thousands of years. The current system of time measurement, based on 60 seconds in a minute and 60 minutes in an hour, was created by the Sumerians around 2000 BC. This system was chosen because 60 is a number that is easy to divide into parts and was very useful for early math and astronomy.

The earliest timekeepers used the movement of the sun (sundials) or water (water clocks). The oldest sundials were used in ancient Egypt around 1500 BC. Water clocks worked by letting water flow slowly from one container to another. People could tell the time by measuring the water level. Other early clocks included the candle clock, which burned slowly, the time stick, and the hourglass, which measures time with sand.

The first known mechanical clocks were water-powered and appeared in Greece around the 3rd century BC. In the 10th century AD, Chinese engineers invented clocks that used mercury to move the mechanism. Arabic engineers in the 11th century created water clocks with gears and weights, making them more reliable.

In Europe, the first mechanical clocks with gears and a part called a verge escapement appeared at the start of the 14th century. These clocks were used in churches and monasteries to ring bells at set times. Pendulum clocks, invented in 1656 by Christiaan Huygens, were more accurate than earlier mechanical clocks. They became the standard timekeepers until the 1930s.

Quartz clocks, which use a crystal to keep time, were invented in the 1930s. They made measuring time even more accurate. After World War II, atomic clocks were developed. These are the most accurate clocks today and help keep international time standards.

Thanks to these inventions, we can now measure time very precisely, helping us organize daily life and scientific work.

1. The Sumerians developed the current system of time measurement.

True

False

1 балл

2. The earliest clocks used the movement of the stars to tell time.

True

False

1 балл

3. Mechanical clocks first appeared in Greece during the 3rd century AD.

True

False

1 балл

4. Chinese engineers invented water clocks.

True

False

1 балл

5. Pendulum clocks were invented in the 16th century and were very accurate.

True

False

1 балл

6. Until the 1930s, pendulum clocks were widely used as the main timekeeping devices.

True

False

1 балл

7. Quartz clocks were created after World War II to improve time measurement.

True

False

1 балл

8. According to the text, measuring time is essential for organizing daily life.

True

False

1 балл

За решение задачи 8 баллов

Read the text. Choose the correct answer to each question.

Thomas Edison

Thomas Alva Edison was born on February 11, 1847, in Milan, Ohio. He was the youngest of seven children born to Samuel and Nancy Edison. When he was seven years old, his family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, where he spent most of his childhood. Edison's school experience was limited because of his hearing problems and because he found school dull. His mother, who was a former teacher, decided to educate him at home. This early homeschooling helped Edison develop a strong love of reading and a habit of learning independently. This early independence played a big role in shaping his lifelong curiosity and self-study.

At the age of 12, Edison started working as a newsboy and sold candy on trains between Port Huron and Detroit. During this time, he taught himself telegraphy, a skill that influenced his early career greatly. By 15, he was a full-time telegraph operator, traveling widely across the Midwest and beyond. Although he was partially deaf due to illnesses during childhood, he was very skilled at telegraphy because Morse code was read by looking at printed signals rather than listening carefully.

While working as a telegraph operator, Edison began to improve existing devices and invent new ones. One early invention was a duplex telegraph machine that allowed two messages to be sent at the same time on a single wire. In 1868, he moved to Boston and created his first patented invention, an electric vote recorder. Although the device was not a commercial success, it showed Edison's talent for finding practical solutions to problems.

Edison's breakthrough came after moving to New York in 1869, and shortly after, to Menlo Park, New Jersey. There, he set up the world's first industrial research laboratory, where he worked closely with a team of skilled employees to develop many important inventions. Edison believed invention needed organized teamwork and careful experiments, which was quite innovative at the time.

One of his most famous creations was the phonograph in 1877, the first machine ever to record and play back sound, which amazed people worldwide. Another major achievement was the development of a practical incandescent electric light bulb. Edison improved numerous designs and filaments until he created one that could burn for many hours. This invention changed society by making electric lighting accessible and affordable.

In 1882, Edison opened the first commercial electric power station in New York City. This event marked the beginning of the electrical age and transformed cities and industries globally. Edison was not just an inventor but also a smart businessman, founding companies—such as General Electric—that produced and sold his inventions, some of which still exist today.

Throughout his life, Edison received 1,093 U.S. patents, an incredible number that reflected his creativity across many fields including electricity, sound recording, motion pictures, and telegraphy. He improved motion picture cameras and developed early systems for film production and distribution.

Edison faced many challenges, including numerous patent discussions and business conflicts. However, his determination and belief in hard work helped him overcome these obstacles. His inventions left a lasting impact on modern technology and society.

Thomas Edison passed away on October 18, 1931, in West Orange, New Jersey. Today, he is remembered as one of the greatest inventors and innovators in history. His approach to invention as a systematic, collaborative process still influences how innovations are created in the modern world.

Edison's life story is one of curiosity, determination, and creativity. From a curious boy with hearing impairment to a respected inventor and businessman, his story shows that dedication and a love of learning can lead to extraordinary achievements.

1. Why did Edison receive homeschooling instead of attending school?

- Because of his hearing problems and finding school boring.
- Because his family moved frequently.
- Because there were no schools in Port Huron.

2 балла

2. What skill did Edison teach himself while working as a newsboy?

- Electrical engineering.
- Photography.
- Telegraphy.

2 балла

3. What was Edison's first patented invention?

- The phonograph.
- An electric vote recorder.
- A duplex telegraph.

2 балла

4. Which of Edison's achievements is described as "the first machine ever to record and play back sound"?

- The motion picture camera.
- The electric light bulb.
- The phonograph.

2 балла

5. How did Edison approach the process of invention?

- He organized teamwork and conducted careful experiments.
- He preferred to work alone and in secret.
- He relied only on sudden inspiration and luck.

2 балла

6. What significant event in 1882 marked "the beginning of the electrical age"?

- Edison's creation of the phonograph.
- The opening of the first commercial electric power station.
- The foundation of General Electric.

2 балла

7. How many U.S. patents did Edison receive in his lifetime?

- About one thousand.
- Almost one hundred.
- Around one million.

2 балла

8. According to the text, what personal qualities contributed to Edison's success?

- Wealth, education and family connections.
- A desire to learn, determination and creativity.
- Luck, timing and government support.

2 балла

За решение задачи 16 баллов

Read the text. Choose the correct answer to each question.

Ivan Kulibin

Ivan Petrovich Kulibin was born on April 10, 1735, in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, into a family of a small flour merchant. Despite his humble beginnings, Kulibin would become one of Russia's most talented and innovative inventors, often called the "Russian Archimedes" for his genius in mechanics and engineering.

From an early age, Kulibin showed a strong interest in mechanics and engineering. He received a strict Old Believer upbringing and learned to read and write from a local psalmist. His father wanted him to continue the family trade, but Ivan was more fascinated by mechanical devices than business. Young Kulibin turned his room into a workshop and began making mechanical toys and household tools. His talent grew rapidly, and by the mid-1750s he was designing complex clock mechanisms and other "mechanical curiosities."

After his father died in 1758, Kulibin opened his own watchmaking workshop in Nizhny Novgorod. One of his most famous early creations was a large pocket watch, about the size of a goose egg, which took several years to develop. This masterpiece, now displayed in the State Hermitage Museum, played multiple melodies and had tiny doors that opened on the hour to reveal mechanical figures acting out Easter scenes. In 1769, the clock was given to Empress Catherine II as a gift. She was so impressed that she appointed Kulibin head of the mechanical workshop at the Imperial Academy of Sciences in Saint Petersburg.

At the Academy, Kulibin oversaw workshops for instruments, locksmithing, and barometers, keeping scientific tools in excellent condition. He was largely self-taught, studying mechanics, physics, chemistry, and mathematics on his own. He developed new methods for grinding optical glass and experimented with writing poetry as well as inventing.

Among his many inventions were designs for a wooden bridge to span the Neva River in Saint Petersburg. Kulibin's bridge, proposed in 1772, featured a single wooden arch nearly 300 meters long—a remarkable engineering achievement for the time. Although the project was never built, it earned him a gold medal from the Empress for its brilliance.

Kulibin also created an early prototype of a searchlight in 1779. Using a system of mirrors and a candle, his device could produce light as bright as hundreds of candles, useful for lighthouses and factories. In 1791, he designed a pedal-powered cart considered a precursor to modern bicycles. Around the same time, Kulibin built advanced prosthetic legs, enabling a friend to walk without crutches.

In 1793, Kulibin constructed a screw-driven elevator for the Winter Palace, improving vertical transport. He worked on various mechanical vessels intended to navigate rivers and even designed a "water walker" that could move against a current using the power of flowing water.

Despite his many successes, Kulibin devoted his later years to trying to invent a perpetual motion machine, a goal that consumed his savings and ended in disappointment. He died on July 30, 1818, leaving behind an impressive legacy of innovation and mechanical brilliance.

Today, Ivan Kulibin is remembered as a pioneering Russian inventor whose ingenuity and self-taught knowledge pushed forward the boundaries of engineering in the 18th century. His work laid foundations that influenced future generations, and in Russia, his name is often used to describe a skillful handyman or inventor.

Kulibin's life story highlights creativity, perseverance, and a passion for discovery, proving that genius can arise from modest origins through hard work and imagination.

1. Why was Ivan Kulibin called the "Russian Archimedes"?

- Because of his genius in mechanics and engineering.
- Because he was born in Russia.
- Because he invented a perpetual motion machine.

2 балла

2. What did Kulibin's father want his son to do?

- His father wanted him to become a watchmaker.
- His father wanted him to design bridges.
- His father wanted him to become a flour merchant.

2 балла

3. What happened after Kulibin's father died in 1758?

- Ivan moved to Saint Petersburg immediately.
- Ivan continued the family flour business.
- Ivan started his own watchmaking business.

2 балла

4. Which of Kulibin's early creations caught the attention of Empress Catherine II?

- A complex pocket watch with mechanical figures.
- A wooden bridge design.
- A searchlight with mirrors.

2 балла

5. What was special about Kulibin's education?

- He taught himself chemistry and other sciences.
- He studied at the Imperial Academy.
- He received formal training in Europe.

2 балла

6. Which of these inventions did Kulibin NOT create?

- A steam-powered locomotive.
- A searchlight using mirrors and a candle.
- A pedal-powered cart.

2 балла

7. What project consumed Kulibin's savings in his later years?

- Developing optical glass.
- Creating a perpetual motion machine.
- Constructing a screw-driven elevator.

2 балла

8. What does "being called a Kulibin" mean in Russia?

- They are either a skilled handyman or an inventor.
- They are from Nizhny Novgorod.
- They work at the Academy of Sciences.

2 балла

За решение задачи 16 баллов

One word referring to weather is hidden in each sentence. Find it and write it down.

Model: *Is this chicken broth ailing you?*

Answer: *hail*

1. 'I'm in desperate need to repair my nest or my eggs will never hatch!' cried the bird.

Правильные ответы:

storm

stormy

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

2. When dad finally found a job, it seemed a miracle, a real wonder.

Правильный ответ:

clear

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

3. When he was young, he attended a private school.

Правильный ответ:

heat

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

4. Although no one wants your paintings now, you may become a famous artist in the future.

Правильные ответы:

snow

snowy

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

5. He paced to and fro staring strangely at poor Ms. Bennett.

Правильный ответ:

frost

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

6. I believe every student at school knows how errors make grades lower.

Правильный ответ:

shower

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

За решение задачи **6 баллов**

One word referring to weather is hidden in each sentence. Find it and write it down.

Model: *Is this chicken broth ailing you?*

Answer: hail

1. 'I'm afraid, this is the last train, your majesty,' the usher said.

Правильные ответы:

rain

rainy

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

2. Nobody knows how many raspberry pies she ate at her birthday party, but those pies were never found.

Правильный ответ:

heat

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

3. She walked down the aisle, eternally connecting herself with the man waiting by the altar.

Правильный ответ:

sleet

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

4. The dwarfs hid their wealth under a big oak tree and left the country forever.

Правильный ответ:

thunder

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

5. Actually, it wasn't my idea. My uncle arranged our meeting with Mr. Hiddle.

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

6. Mark shouldn't have told a lie, his mom is truly disappointed.

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

За решение задачи **6 баллов**

Find a word that rhymes with the word given and fits the gap in the sentence. The number of letters is given in the brackets.

Model: *friend* – _____ ?

Labubu is no longer on _____, fashion has changed yet again. (5 letters)

Answer: *trend*

1. laugh – _____? The climate is different in the northern _____ of the country. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

2. gum – _____? I guess dad loved my performance, he smiled and raised a _____ to encourage me. (5 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

3. fair – _____? Teaching young learners requires a lot of _____ and attention. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

4. fight – _____? This company ordered a new _____ with cool design. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

5. home – _____? No _____ can ever untangle these dreadlocks. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

comb

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

6. height – _____? The _____ of her students performing 'Baby shark' really scared the teacher. (5 letters)

Правильный ответ:

sight

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

За решение задачи **6 баллов**

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Model: *friend* – _____ ?

Labubu is no longer on _____, fashion has changed yet again. (5 letters)

Answer: *trend*

1. light – _____? The children ran through the field trying to fly their _____. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

2. wipe – _____? I'm not the _____ of person to spend hours on social media instead of doing my homework, big no-no! (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

3. worth – _____? The entire family celebrated the _____ of the new baby. (5 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

4. break – _____? ' _____ up!' said the spring sun to the seeds that had been sleeping in the ground in winter. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

5. ham – _____? A little white _____ was following the sheep that came out on the green field. (4 letters)

Правильный ответ:

lamb

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

6. time – _____? It takes a professional firefighter less than one minute to – _____ a ladder. (5 letters)

Правильный ответ:

climb

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

За решение задачи **6 баллов**

Если все варианты одновременно не помещаются в окно браузера, можно воспользоваться сочетанием клавиш ctrl и (-) (cmd и (-) для Mac) для уменьшения масштаба окна.

Чтобы увеличить изображение, нажмите на него. Чтобы вернуться к исходному размеру, нажмите на белое поле рядом с ним.

The pictures below illustrate some words that are used in idioms. Choose the letter to show the correct object to fill in the gaps below.

Model: *Every family has a skeleton in the _____, like my uncle who was a professional clown once but he wouldn't admit to the fact.*

Answer: A (A stands for a 'closet', and the correct idiom is 'a skeleton in the closet')

1.



I would love to be a fly on the _____ during their top-secret meeting.

I

Don't be fooled by his success; his journey to the top was no _____ of roses.

H

My grandfather is an experienced _____ traveller who explores the world through documentaries and books, never needing a passport.

E

Доступные варианты ответов:

F

B

H

D

G

C

I

E

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-3 1-2 2-1 3-0

3 балла

2.



Put your cards on the ____! Tell me if you are going to invest in this business or not?

P

For her first camping trip, she packed everything but the kitchen ____, including a hairdryer and a china teapot.

R

Asking who had drunk the last bottle of milk just opened a ____ of worms, as no one in the family really wants to do the grocery shopping.

O

Everyone said he was born with a silver ____ in his mouth because his parents were very rich.

N

Доступные варианты ответов:

R

M

P

K

T

N

Q

J

S

L

O

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-4 1-3 2-2 3-1 4-0

4 балла

За решение задачи 7 баллов

Если все варианты одновременно не помещаются в окно браузера, можно воспользоваться сочетанием клавиш *ctrl* и *(-)* (*cmd* и *(-)* для *Mac*) для уменьшения масштаба окна.

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The pictures below illustrate some words that are used in idioms. Choose the letter to show the correct object to fill in the gaps below.

Model: *Her excellent grades at university as well as fluency in Mandarin Chinese will **open the** _____ **to** brilliant career opportunities in foreign affairs.*

Answer: A (*A stands for a 'door', and the correct idiom is 'open the door to something'*)

1.



Winter is on the _____, so we need to buy warm clothes and shoes.

F

The analytical skills and knowledge that James brought to the _____, decided the success of the project.

C

We had to _____ out a lot of money to buy the tickets to the premiere of 'The Fire Bird' by Stravinsky in the Bolshoi Theatre.

G

Доступные варианты ответов:

D

F

I

H

E

C

G

B

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-3 1-2 2-1 3-0

3 балла

2.



After failing his driving test for the fourth time, he decided to throw in the _____ and use public transport instead.

T

She can't start learning French right now; she already has a lot on her _____ with all the school work and ballet classes.

R

Marussia has been burning the _____ at both ends trying to pass all the exams, so now she's very tired. Luckily, it's vacation time and she'll get some rest.

Q

Art house films are really not my _____ of tea, I prefer 'The Pirates of the Caribbean'.

P

Доступные варианты ответов:

O

P

K

T

R

Q

M

N

L

S

J

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-4 1-3 2-2 3-1 4-0

4 балла

За решение задачи 7 баллов

Use the words given in CAPITALS to form a word that fits into the gap. The first one has been done for you.



I've just finished playing **Heaven's Vault**, and I have to tell you about it. It's **(0) seriously (SERIOUS)** one of the coolest and smartest games I've ever tried. You play as a space **(1) _____ (ARCHAEOLOGY)** named Aliya, and you need to understand an ancient alien language, which feels like solving a **(2) _____ (MASS)** puzzle from history. I can't describe how **(3) _____ (PLEASURE)** it was every time I discovered a new word or symbol; it honestly made me feel like a genius!

The plot is fantastic because it really listens to you; the choices you make actually

(4) _____ (WRITE) your story and change the way other characters, like your robot friend, speak with you. The hand-drawn art style is so beautiful and unique, making every **(5) _____ (LOCATE)** feel like a page from a storybook. Okay, I'll be honest: sometimes travelling between planets in my spaceship felt a little slow and **(6) _____ (BORE)**. But that small issue was totally worth it because I was always so driven to find the next ancient artifact and unlock more of the world's secrets. So, if you love a good story, enjoy tough puzzles, and want to feel like a real **(7) _____ (DETECT)** uncovering a lost civilization, then you absolutely have to check this game out. It's a unique experience that you'll remember for a long time.

1. Write down 1 word.

Правильные ответы:

archaeologist

archeologist

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-11-0

1 балл

2. Write down 2 word.

Правильный ответ:

massive

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-11-0

1 балл

3. Write down 3 word.

Правильные ответы:

pleasant

pleasurable

pleasing

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

4. Write down 4 word.

Правильный ответ:

rewrite

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

5. Write down 5 word.

Правильный ответ:

location

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

6. Write down 6 word.

Правильный ответ:

boring

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

7. Write down 7 word.

Правильный ответ:

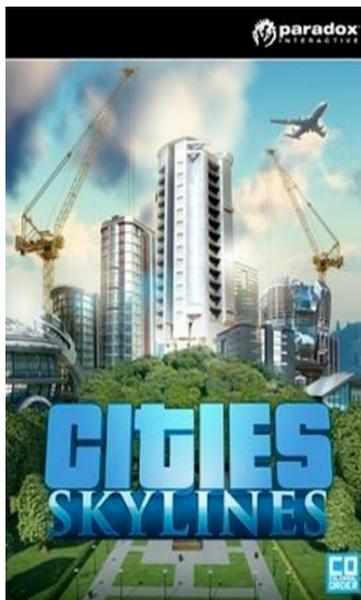
detective

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

За решение задачи 7 баллов

Use the words given in CAPITALS to form a word that fits into the gap. The first one has been done for you.



I've spent so many hours playing **Cities: Skylines**, and it's (0) **honestly (HONEST)** the most fun I've ever had with a video game. You start with just a patch of land and a road, and your job is to build a massive, bustling city from scratch. It's incredibly cool to see a tiny village grow into a metropolis because of your (1) _____ (**DECIDE**). I felt like a real mayor when I had to zone areas for homes, shops, and factories, and then provide (2) _____ (**ELECTRIC**) and water to everyone. You also have to manage garbage, (3) _____ (**POLLUTE**), and your budget, which is great fun.

The game gives you so much freedom to be (4) _____ (**CREATE**) and (5) _____ (**END**) cool stuff to build from. Sure, you'll need to learn a lot, and your first city will probably be a disaster, but that's part of the game. If you've ever wondered what it's like to run a city or just love creative and (6) _____ (**STRATEGY**) games, you absolutely need to play **Cities: Skylines**. It's a masterpiece that makes you feel both (7) _____ (**POWER**) and smart.

1. Write down 1 word.

Правильные ответы:

decisions

decision

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-11-0

1 балл

2. Write down 2 word.

Правильный ответ:

electricity

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-11-0

1 балл

3. Write down 3 word.

Правильный ответ:

pollution

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

4. Write down 4 word.

Правильный ответ:

creative

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

5. Write down 5 word.

Правильный ответ:

endless

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

6. Write down 6 word.

Правильный ответ:

strategic

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

7. Write down 7 word.

Правильный ответ:

powerful

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-1 1-0

1 балл

За решение задачи **7 баллов**

В каждом пропуске из выпадающего списка выберите один верный ответ.

Choose the correct option.



The kazoo is a great instrument that proves you don't need to be a musical genius to join a band. Imagine the cheerful, buzzing sound of a cartoon bee that's just won the lottery. That's the kazoo in a [wardrobe, egg shell, nutshell, line] ! It looks super simple, almost like a small, flat flute or a little metal spaceship for your mouth. Unlike [most, more, a lot, much] instruments that come from ancient traditions, the kazoo is a modern American instrument first [done, planted, cooked, designed] in the 1800s and made famous in the jazzy 1920s.

You can find cheap plastic ones in toy shops, but the classic kazoo is made of [chocolate, metal, wool, paper], which gives it that bright, famous buzz. The design is brilliantly [honest, square, crazy, simple] : it's just a tube with a hole in it covered by a thin membrane, which is basically a piece of wax paper. This tiny detail is [what, that, which, while] turns your boring humming into that recognizable cow-like sound.

And here's the best part: playing it is ridiculously easy. You don't have to learn complicated fingerings or know how to [break, buy, read, eat] music. You just put the big end to your lips, hum your favorite song and the kazoo does all the work for you. It [was, will, had, has] not be used in serious symphony orchestras, but for pure, instant fun, the kazoo is the undefeated champion.

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-8 1-7 2-6 3-5 4-4 5-3 6-2 7-1 8-0

За решение задачи **8 баллов**

В каждом пропуске из выпадающего списка выберите один верный ответ.

Choose the correct option.



Let me introduce you to the didgeridoo, one of the world's coolest and oldest instruments. This isn't something made in a modern factory; it's a long, wooden tube that comes straight from the centre of Australia. For over a thousand years, it has been an important part of the culture for the first [people, persons, monkeys, personalities] of that land. Didgeridoo is not a [game, toy, gadget, mobile] but a deeply spiritual instrument used in religious ceremonies and traditional storytelling. The way it's created is honestly the wildest part. It all begins with termites [who, while, which, where] eat away and empty the core of a eucalyptus tree branch. When someone finds this naturally crafted piece of wood, they clean it up, smooth it out, and add a simple mouthpiece made of beeswax.

[Playing, Making, Building, Cutting] this instrument is quite a challenge. To create its famous never-ending drone, you have to master a technique called circular breathing. This means you have to store air in your cheeks and push it out with your face muscles while you quickly breathe in through your nose. It sounds like a superpower, and when you're learning, you will definitely make some funny noises, get [dizzy, easy, cozy, lazy], and your friends will probably laugh. [If, When, But, Not] once you learn, you'll be creating this amazing, [big, grey, continuous, sour] sound that's both powerful and peaceful. It's a unique experience that connects you to an ancient tradition, all thanks to some hungry termites and a [woollen, stolen, fallen, swollen] branch!

Формула вычисления баллов: 0-8 1-7 2-6 3-5 4-4 5-3 6-2 7-1 8-0

За решение задачи **8 баллов**

Here are two places of interest: Aptekarsky Ogorod (The Botanical garden of Moscow State University) and Kew Gardens (a botanic garden in southwest London). Choose the correct option to continue their description. The first two options with the answers have been chosen for you.



Aptekarsky Ogorod, Moscow



Kew Gardens, London

Situated in two great capitals, Kew Gardens and Aptekarsky Ogorod...

0	A. both feature horrible dinosaurs. Each place contains...	B. are both living museums of botanical wonder. Each garden houses...	C. house outstanding examples of fine art. They both welcome...
00	A. thousands of people from all over the world. Kew Gardens have a great zoo...	B. hundreds of cats. They run around and mew at each other. They have a great tree house...	C. thousands of plants from across the globe, including rare and protected ones. Kew is a UNESCO World Heritage Site...

1.

- founded in the 19th century, while Aptekarsky Ogorod,...
- located in Australia, while the other garden is...
- uniting many aliens who can explore and write books about ...

1 балл

2.

- one of Sydney's iconic landmarks visited by millions of tourists each year.
- Russia's oldest botanical garden, was established in 1706 by Peter the Great for medicinal study.
- Russia's most famous museum of botany, founded by Catherine the Great.

1 балл

3.

- Yet their characters differ in size and setting. Kew Gardens represent...
- However, the place is more than just a great sight as it boasts amazing chalk caves...
- Still, these are important centres of geological research that include...

1 балл

4.

- unbelievable moors and high mountains covered with snow in winter. It's interesting to know that Aptekarsky Ogorod...
- excellent views of the Irish Sea and some islands off the coast of England. It is to be noted that Aptekarsky Ogorod...
- a large landscape of majestic glasshouses, centuries-old trees, and iconic structures like its pagoda. In contrast, Aptekarsky Ogorod...

1 балл

5.

- is a great place where the zoo is open all year round. Kew Gardens will also offer families great excursions to see their unique collection of stained glass, but...
- is a nice location that welcomes only scientists and their families. However, Kew Gardens will open the world of excursions for you, and at the same time...
- is a small place on just 6 hectares in Moscow's heart. While Kew Gardens will impress you with their size and greatness,...

1 балл

6.

- they will enjoy exciting discoveries and have a wonderful time there.
- Moscow's botanical garden offers a quiet and elegant atmosphere.
- Moscow's famous garden is suspected to be the new home of Scrooge McDuck.

1 балл

За решение задачи 6 баллов

Here are two places of interest: Kamergersky Lane (a pedestrian street in Moscow) and Bond Street (a pedestrian friendly street in London). Choose the correct option to continue their description. The first two options with the answers have been chosen for you.



Kamergersky Lane, Moscow



Bond Street, London

Situated in two great capitals, Bond Street and Kamergersky Lane...

0	A. resemble the ruined streets of Atlantis, a mythical land described by Plato. They both...	B. are both pedestrian friendly zones that offer people a break from the busy city life. These two beautifully decorated locations...	C. were constructed in the XII century by the same architect. These days they...
00	A. are unpopular with tourists, being mostly used for agricultural and industrial purposes.	B. offer tourists rather dreadful experiences from stumbling into living dinosaurs to watching bears play the balalaika.	C. share a common purpose: to provide a space for peaceful walks, rest, and a chance to admire sights without the disturbance of traffic.

1.

- Yet the characters of these streets are quite different because of their past. For instance, Bond Street is a row of very expensive shops. For centuries, ...
- However, these great places have the same 'shop-till-you-drop' spirit, with tourists falling down on pavements because their bags are so heavy. Those who have visited Bond Street, would know that ...
- Still, these wonderful parks were designed using Minecraft and look rather rectangular. For instance, speaking about Bond Street, ...

1 балл

2.

- it was a Roman road connecting Plymouth with Dublin.
- it has been a shopping area with historic auction houses and jewellery stores.
- it has seen many bankers and dealers come to their offices in this financial centre.

1 балл

3.

- By contrast, Kamergersky Lane is located close to the Fontanka river and is famous for its folklore traditions and ...
- In contrast, Kamergersky Lane is mostly associated with famous Russian writers, poets, and actors who used to live here. This cozy street is a symbol of...
- In the same way, Kamergersky Lane is connected with famous Russian scientists who kept their secret laboratories for...

1 балл

4.

- Moscow's cultural history. It still houses a large book store as well as one of the finest cultural attractions of the capital,...
- Russian cinema, since films like 'Star Wars' and 'The Hobbit' were shot here. It also has a great choice of theatres, including...
- different ideas, like friendship and equality. It also has the smallest house in Moscow, called...

1 балл

5.

- the only monument to Sir Francis Drake in the city. The Lane is also famous for its three libraries located in a row, proving that Muscovites still read. Its spirit is very much like...
- the Chekhov Moscow Art Theatre. The Lane has been decorated with elegant plants and fancy lights. Despite the new restaurants and cafes, it tells its visitors a story which differs from...
- Yuri Nikulin Zoo. The Lane now looks delightful with its marble lions and a golden bridge. It's a great street, much better than...

1 балл

6.

- that are shown in Bollywood movies.
- that of brightly dressed Beefeaters and the must-have ravens.
- that of high fashion and expensive apartments.

1 балл

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