

Шпора. Письмо: частые темы и готовые ответы

Тема письма	Вопросы друга	Ответы	О чем нужно задать вопрос	Возможные вопросы
Holidays and presents	What do Russian teenagers buy as presents? What are the advantages of shopping right before holidays? Do you prefer to get practical or decorative presents, and why?	I'm not really sure, but I think teenagers in Russia buy different things depending on the person they are buying for. As for the advantages of shopping right before holidays, there can be pretty big discounts at that time. Personally, I like to get practical presents, because they often come in handy.	the place her parents went to	What place did your parents go to? Is the place far away from your country? What's the weather like at this place?
Hobbies	What is your attitude to horse riding? Is it a popular hobby in your region? Why, or why not? What hobbies are popular with teens in your region?	I love horse riding as it's really fun to interact with horses. Unfortunately, it's not very popular in my region, because it's too expensive for most of the people. As for favoured hobbies, many teens like to play sports or learn foreign languages.	the present	Is the present expensive? How big is the present? What kind of present is it?
Spare time and leisure	Are music festivals popular with Russian teenagers? Why, or why not? =====What music events are held in your region, if any at all? What music event would you like to attend or take part in?	Music festivals are really popular with Russian teenagers, as it's a nice opportunity to go out with friends. There aren't many music events in my region, unfortunately, and I would love to see more of them. Personally, I would love to attend a rock festival with my friends.	the hiking trip	How long was the trip? Was the trip tiring? What places did you visit during this trip?
Spare time and leisure	What's your attitude to gardening? How do you like to spend your leisure time? What do your parents think about your hobbies?	Personally, I don't like gardening because I'm afraid of insects. However, I like to spend my free time learning French. My parents approve of my hobbies, especially my interest in learning foreign languages.	the school photography contest	How many students will take part in this contest? What is the date of your school contest? What is the main topic of the contest?
Ecology	Next week I am planning to volunteer for the local environmental event to plant trees. Have you ever participated in similar ecology projects? What activities are organised by environmentalists at your place, if any? Do you consider volunteer work meaningful for teenagers? Why, or why not?	Personally, I have never participated in ecology projects, but it sounds interesting. Actually, environmentalists in my city organise clean-up events and educate people on recycling. In my opinion, volunteer work is very important for teenagers, because it helps them to develop new skills and make a difference in the world.	the sports contest	What kind of sports were included in the contest? Where was the contest held? Was it only for students?
Spare time and leisure	When was the last time you went to the theatre? Do you have a theatre in your town or a theatre club in your school? Do you think theatre-going is popular in Russia? Why, or why not?	I haven't been to the theatre for a long time, actually. The last time was probably five years ago. We have a theatre in our town, but I haven't been there yet. Actually, theatre-going is quite popular in Russia, because it's a traditional form of art here.	about the basketball club	How many players are there in the club? Does the club provide evening classes? How big is the club?
Spare time and leisure	Have you ever participated in theatre performances? What extracurricular events are organised for students at your school? Is it necessary for teenagers to take part in such activities after school? Why, or why not?	Actually, I've never participated in theatre performances. At my school, we have a lot of extracurricular events like dancing contests and painting competitions. I don't think it's necessary for teenagers to take part in such activities after school, but it can be fun and help them to develop new skills.	about the camping trip	How long was the trip? Was the trip tiring? What places did you visit during the trip?
Education	What is the most difficult subject for you at school? What facilities are there in your school for science and other subjects? How do you get ready for your tests?	I think that Chemistry is the most difficult subject for me, as I skip a lot of it. Actually, we have multiple science labs and a library in our school. As for your last question, I usually study with my classmates and make summaries in order to get ready for my tests.	her sister's A-level exams	When did the exams take place? How long did each exam last? Were they difficult?
Sports	What sports are popular in your country? What sports do you practise? Would you like to become a professional athlete? Why, or why not?	I think that football and ice hockey are very popular in Russia. Personally, I like to play basketball and tennis. However, I wouldn't like to become a professional athlete, because I don't think I'm good enough for that.	about the museum	Is the museum big? How old is the museum? What kind of museum it is?

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Education	What would you recommend to do to pass my exams successfully? What subjects are you going to take exams in? Can you choose the subjects for your exams?	I would recommend making summaries and studying with classmates to pass your exams with flying colours. As for me, I'm going to take exams in Math, Russian Language, English, and History. Unfortunately, we can choose the subjects for our exams depending on what we need to go further in studying.	about the youth summer camp	Where is the camp located? What activities are there? How long is the camp?
Hobbies	Do you prefer handmade or factory-made toys, and why? What types of toys or games are popular among teenagers in Russia? What art activities — drawing, singing, or dancing — do you like?	I prefer handmade toys because they are more creative. Actually, board games are really popular among Russian teenagers, because they are good for keeping the party going. Personally, I like drawing, because it helps me to express myself.	the exhibition in the city hall	What kind of exhibition is it? How many exhibits are there? How long will it last?
Family and friends	Where do your grandparents live? How often do you see them? Why do elderly people in your country sometimes live with their children and grandchildren?	Actually, my grandparents live in the countryside near my city. I see them once or twice a year during holidays. I think that elderly people in my country sometimes live with their children and grandchildren because they want to be closer to their family.	about the national dance festival	Where did the festival take place? How long did it last? How many people visited the festival?
Travel and transport	If I choose Moscow, what places of interest should I write about? Is it popular among foreign and local tourists, and why? What season is it better to visit Moscow?	I think that you should write about the Kremlin, Red Square, and the Moscow Metro. Actually, Moscow is very popular among tourists, because it's the capital of Russia and has a lot of historical and cultural sites. In my opinion, it's better to visit Moscow in summer, because the weather is warmer and there are more opportunities for outdoor activities.	about his sister	What does she do? Where does she work? How long has she been working there?
Spare time and holidays	Would you fancy living in a castle? What interesting place have you visited recently? Where would you like to go on holidays, and why?	Personally, I wouldn't like to live in a castle, because they are usually dark and cold. Recently, I've visited the new museum of digital technologies in our city. As for your last question, I would like to go to Cyprus on holidays, because the weather there is always hot and sunny.	about the master class (on pastel painting)	How much did the master class take? Were the materials provided at the master class? Was it interesting?
Entertain-ment	What movie have you seen last? What impressed you most? What role would you like to play in that movie and why?	Actually, I've recently watched "The Shawshank Redemption". I was very impressed by the story and the characters, and the way they play on screen. Personally, I would like to play the role of Andy, because he is very brave and smart.	the chess tournament (next month)	How many players will participate in it? Where will it take place? What is the main prize at the tournament?
Ecology	What environmental problems exist in your region? What does your school do to improve the environment? What is your attitude to recycling?	As for my region, the air here is polluted, because there are many factories. My school organises cleaning sessions and educates students on recycling in attempts to make the situation better. Actually, I think recycling is very important, because it helps to reduce waste and protect the environment.	the visit to the shopping centre.	Who did you visit the shopping centre with? How much time did you spend there? Did you enjoy your time during the visit?
Hobbies and leisure	What kind of books do you like reading? What do you think the most interesting period in Russian history is and why? If there were a time machine, what country and what era would you like to visit?	Personally, I like reading adventure and history books. I think the most interesting period in Russian history is the Soviet Union, because it had a big impact on the whole world. If I had a time machine, I would like to visit Ancient Greece, because I'm interested in its mythology and culture.	her birthday last week	How did you celebrate your birthday? Who did you invite there? Was your birthday fun?
Ecology	What do you think are the most horrible natural disasters? Which of them are typical of the place where you live? What can people do to protect themselves from them?	Personally, I think earthquakes and tsunamis are the most horrible natural disasters. Actually, we don't have them in my region, but we sometimes have floods. I think that people can protect themselves from natural disasters by following safety guidelines.	about her history teacher	What's her name? How old is she? Is she tall?

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Urban and rural life	Where would you like to live, if you could choose? Why do you think so many people move to big cities? Is it easy for young people in Russia to change where they live? Why, or why not?	If I could choose, I would like to live in Moscow, because there are more opportunities and things to do. Many people move to big cities because it's easier to find a job or study there. Actually, it's not hard for young people in Russia to change where they live, as there are many opportunities for that.	her brother's new job	What kind of job is it? What are the perks at this job? Is it well-paid?
Family and friends	What do your parents do? What kind of job would you like to have and why? What kind of training do you need for it?	As for your first question, my mom is a doctor and my dad is a lawyer. Personally, I would like to become a journalist, because I'm interested in writing and reporting. As for training, I would need to study journalism and communication for it.	about the film	What is the name of the film? Who directed it? What is the duration of the film?
Travel and transport, seasons	What's the weather normally like in summer in Russia? What do you think about spending summer holidays at home? What is your favourite season, and why?	Actually, the weather in summer in Russia is usually warm and sunny. Spending summer holidays at home can be fun, but I prefer to travel. Personally, my favourite season is autumn, because I like the colours of the leaves and the sense of cosiness.	about the book	Who is the author of the book? What is its genre? When was it published?
Gifts	What kind of things do you consider nice souvenirs? Why do you think people buy souvenirs at all? What do you do with the ones you don't like?	Personally, I consider postcards and magnets nice souvenirs, because they are cheap and easy to carry. I think that people buy souvenirs to remember their trips and share their memories with others. As for your last question, I usually throw away the souvenirs I don't like.	about the book	Who is the author of the book? What is its genre? When was it published?
Travel and transport	What is your dream trip, where would you like to go and why? Whom would you like to take with you? What is the most difficult thing for you when you travel?	Actually, my dream trip is to go to Japan, because I'm interested in its culture. Personally, I would like to go with my best friend, as we both love this country. Actually, the most difficult thing for me when I travel is the language barrier, as I get nervous when speaking foreign languages.	about his sister	What's her name? How old is she? Is she taller than you?
Dreams	What kind of dreams do you have? What personal qualities do you need to realise your wishes? Do you tell anyone about your dreams, why yes or no?	I dream of becoming a vet, because I love animals. I think I need to be patient and responsible to realise my wish. Actually, I usually don't tell anyone about my dreams, because I'm afraid of being judged.	her elder brother	What's his name? How old is he? Is he taller than you?
Food and drinks	What do you eat for breakfast? What is your favourite food? What do you think about fast food?	Personally, I usually eat cereal or eggs for breakfast. Overall, my favourite food is pizza, as I adore Italian cuisine. In my opinion, fast food is okay in moderation but it's not very healthy anyways.	about the book	Who is the author of the book? What is its genre? When was it published?
Family and friends ===== Hobbies and leisure	What's the best thing about your family? What do you usually talk to your parents about? Do you prefer spending your free time with family or friends and why?	Actually, the best thing about my family is that they are very supportive. I usually talk to my parents about school and my hobbies. Actually, I like spending time with both family and friends, so I don't really have a preference.	the summer arts camp	Where is this camp located? What facilities does it provide? What activities does it offer?
Holidays and gifts	Which birthday gifts are popular in Russia? How do you usually celebrate your birthday? What is the best gift you've ever got?	In my opinion, jewellery and gadgets are popular birthday gifts in Russia. Personally, I usually celebrate my birthday with my close friends, as it's a nice opportunity to gather everyone together. Actually, the best gift I've ever got was a camera from my parents.	trip to London	How much will the trip cost? How long will the trip last? What are you going to do during the trip?