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CORRECTING GOLOSA HOMEWORK VIRTUALLY

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Online? Hard copy? Script?

What should we do?

How do we do it?

The Golosa Interedition (2020-2022) has a Student Activities Manual in three versions. We the authors suggest that you use all three. After all, they're free!

1. Main version: PDF. This is an exact duplicate of the pre-press SAM. Students complete the exercises in hard copy. Are you teaching or learning handwriting? Then you'll need large parts of this version.

Which exercises? We recommend handwriting hardcopy exercises onto PDF print-outs for any exercises that require full sentences, especially those exercises for which correction must occur manually. Remember, handwriting is not only alive and well in Russia; research also shows that handwriting is superior to typing for learning.

Correction. This is the hard part. Students have to scan or photograph their work and then turn it into a PDF. Teachers can then correct the work using Adobe Acrobat *comment tools*. This is almost as fast as correcting with a pen on paper. But Adobe Acrobat is not free — unless your institution has a subscription. (Many, maybe even most, U.S. colleges have this. As your IT people.)

2. Limited Fillable Word files. Book 1 (and as of August 2020, some units from Book 2). Students can type in answers into fill-in blanks in Word. For correction, they save the file as a PDF and send it to the instructor.

Which exercises? Anything that requires answers longer than a word or two.

Correction. Adobe Acrobat comment tools.

3. Online QUIA exercises. Books 1 and 2. Quia is an online testing site. It's free for students. You need a subscription if you want to use their gradebook system. Nearly all the SAM exercises are available in Quia, even though we don't recommend using many of them.

Which exercises? All of Фонетика и Интонация and all of Числительные. That's because in those exercises, students are filling in information in numbers, symbols, and English, but usually not Russian.

Use Quia exercises for any similar exercises that do not require students to produce full words or sentences in Russian. But we suggest that where students have to write whole words, phrases, sentences, and paragraphs, they use the formats available in ##1 and 2, above.

Seeing students' QUIA exercises. Unfortunately, QUIA wants money to see your students' work directly; you need a Quia account. But here's a free (if clumsy) work-around. After completing and submitting a Quia exercise, ask your students to screenshot the page and send it to you as if it were written homework.

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