

Letter 1.

You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Jim:

From: Jim@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Sports

... I have decided to do sport regularly. My friends have given me different advice on how to start but I can't choose which sport to play.

... What sport do you do regularly? What sports facilities can you use in your school?

Does the career of a professional sportsperson attract you, why or why not? ...

Write a message to Jim and answer his 3 questions. Write 100 –120 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

From: Ann@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Diet

... My friend has decided to become a model and has just gone on a diet. I told her that it could be dangerous but she wouldn't listen. Besides, she is a vegetarian, so there are not many products she can let herself eat now.

... Why do people become vegetarians? What do you do to keep fit? What food do you try to avoid? ...

From: Ben@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Sport in everyday life

... Yesterday our teacher asked us to stay after classes. A basketball star came to us to talk about sport in everyday life. The way he spoke about being a teenager was funny. He said he didn't like getting up early!

... When do you get up in the morning? What do you do to keep fit? Would you like to go in for sports professionally, and why? ...

From: Jim@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Health

... I have caught a bad cold. Most people hate being ill. But I sometimes like it.

It gives me some time for my hobby.

... How often do you miss school because of health problems? How can you entertain yourself when you are ill and have to stay indoors? What do you do to stay healthy?...

From: Ann@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Sports

... My brother has got a dangerous hobby – he has become a mountain biker. I worry about him. I would like him to spend more time at home. I wish he had chosen a safer entertainment.

... What indoor sports are most popular with teenagers in your country? Why do teenagers often do extreme sports? What kind of sport is your favourite? ...

From: Andrew@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Sports

... You'll never believe it but I tried to run a marathon last Saturday. It was awful and in half an hour I was out of the race. So, now I realize how weak and unfit my body is.

... What do you do to keep fit? What sports facilities do you have in your school? What kind of sport do you find ideal for young people and why?...

From: Mathew@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Doing sports

... As you know, I am a tennis club member. I go there regularly, but my best friend doesn't want to do any sport.

... Should people do sports, and why yes or no? What sports do you like? What do you do in your PE lessons? ...

From: Andrew@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Sports

... I've decided to take up some sport to be fitter and feel better.

... What kinds of sports are popular with teenagers in Russia? What sports facilities are there in your school? What kind of sports competitions are usually held at your school?

From: Ben@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Hobby

... I have decided to take up collecting stamps as my new hobby. My uncle is a traveller and often brings me stamps from different countries.

... What hobbies are popular with Russian teenagers? What hobby would you like to take up, and why? Do your friends share your interests?

From: Mary@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Hobbies

...When I'm not at school or busy with homework, I spend most of my time playing chess. This is my hobby!

...What kinds of hobbies do you have? How much time do you spend on them? What skills do they develop?

From: Steve@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@oge.ru

Subject: Collecting things

... My elder brother has decided to collect mugs, imagine that. It's a nice collection but it takes up so much room.

...Why do people collect things? What do you collect or what would you like to collect? What other hobbies are popular with teenagers in your country?