

# School and Education

## Карточки к зачёту

1. what you like about your school most of all;
2. what your favourite subject is, and why;
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4. whether you prefer classroom learning or online learning, and why;
5. whether schoolchildren should be given more or less homework, and why;
6. what weekday you find the most difficult, and why;
7. whether it is important to wear uniform at school, and why

# ATTITUDES!

- In general, my attitude to my school life is positive. I'll miss my school and my classmates in the future.
- In general, my attitude to my school life is positive. As all teenagers I'm sometimes lazy and don't want to go to school but there are many good things about it.
- My attitude to school life is positive. I have experienced teachers, our lessons are really interesting. Besides, my classmates are friendly and reliable.

## **Option 1 What you like about your school most of all;**

**There are a lot of things that are important for me in my school and that I like most of all.**

**Firstly,**

**Secondly,**

**One more thing is,**

**Finally,**

**Useful phrases!**

I mean, it is rather important for our school to have, much attention is given to this subject, The school looks, We've got, One more thing that is very significant is, We must, play an essential role in our life, a lot of things that are really significant.

**To make up the option, SEE the NEXT slide!**

<b>our learning process.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· well-organized</li><li>· high level of education(The school-leavers traditionally show good results in the National State Exam in different subjects.)</li><li>· profound knowledge of the English language</li><li>· highly qualified and professional staff</li></ul>
<b>good facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· cosy, nice and lovely school</li><li>· new and modern furniture</li><li>· a lot of green plants</li><li>· well-equipped classrooms</li><li>· computers, interactive boards, TV-sets and the Internet-access</li><li>· spacious and light Assembly Hall and the gym</li></ul>
<b>discipline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· to obey certain rules</li><li>· follow our school charter (устав)</li><li>· prohibited smoking</li><li>· wear school uniform</li><li>· come on time</li></ul>
<b>after-school activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· arrange parties, concerts, hold different contests and competitions</li><li>· participate in theatre performances(It has become a tradition to compete in the annual contest “Light up the Star”, where children can show their talents in various fields.)</li></ul>

## Option 2 What your favourite subject is, and why;

According to the curriculum, school teachers give us both academic subjects and practical skills. Our school is specialized in English and we have 5 lessons a week.

I realise that all subjects are important and each demands a great deal of attention but **most of all I like...**( 2 причины) The first reason is.... The second reason is....

### Useful material

- My teacher explains everything very vividly['vɪvɪdli] (живо), which makes me even more interested in the subject.
- (name of the subject) is not just a set of facts. It teaches us to analyze the situation, to see the connections between different phenomena.
- Studying **Math(Physics)** gives me confidence in my future professional success, because proficiency in **exact sciences** (точные науки) opens a lot of career opportunities.
- Our ..... teacher encourages us to participate in different festivals and competitions and it motivates me to study this subject more effectively
- Our works are evaluated according to the clear criteria. So everyone understands how to get better results.
- ....because usually **we are not given** huge homeworks and it is easy **to be prepared** for the lesson
- Our... lessons are always varied and exciting. Although there are sometimes difficult tasks, the majority of activities are really catching

### Option 3 What school subjects you have chosen for your exams, and why; why you have chosen to do the English exam this year

I have to pass two compulsory exams, they are: Russian language and Mathematics. Also, I have chosen (Society and English) for my exams.

I have chosen....because. The second subject that I have chosen is...because...

#### Useful Phrases:

- I go to school with in-depth study of English and I know English better than other subjects.
- I prefer written exams to oral ones, because I have more time to do tasks without mistakes.
- I prefer oral exams, because it is possible to express the opinion on this or that question
- I've chosen to do .....exam because..... It seems easier to pass English than other school subjects.

## Option 4 Whether you prefer classroom learning or online learning, and why;

**Personally, I prefer** classroom learning.

Classroom learning stimulates our memory development and an ability to speak and interact with others. Online learning requires none of that.

I need face-to-face contact with my teachers and classmates to understand the material better. **Also**, I'm not sure that it is possible to organize proper group work while learning online.

### **Why Online Education Is Less Effective Than In-Person Learning**

1. Lack of Interpersonal Skill Development
2. Lack of Memory Development
3. Lack of Student Motivation
4. No face-to-face contact with fellow students or course staff.
5. No student facilities such as laboratories or libraries

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## Advantages of classroom learning

- You can interact with students and teachers face -to -face. You socialize by communicating with people
- With traditional class you have to attend class every day you are scheduled and participate every day.
- It's a time-approved method of learning
- Computers can't replace teachers
- Learning in a class is more interactive than learning online. If you have a question you can always ask the teacher.

It's also helpful to see how others learn things with you.

You listen to questions of others and understand the material better. (Last month all the pupils from our class discussed some **contradictory** moments of Peter the Great rule. I would not have understood them without that discussion.)



## Option 5 Whether schoolchildren should be given more or less homework, and why;

Homework is an essential part of our school life. When we do our homework we understand the material of the lesson better, revise and memorise it. Homework teaches us to work independently, on our own. That develops our learning skills.

**In my opinion**, doing school homework is necessary but it shouldn't take most of our free time.

I think that schoolchildren should be given less homework because they should have more time for their hobbies.

**Besides**, it's important for students to get enough sleep and do sports.

**CHOOSE one more reason! (or use your own idea)**

- If a student wants to know more, he can do some additional exercises, but the amount of compulsory homework should be reasonable.
- Too much homework can kill the motivation to study because if the student is tired he loses the motivation.
- Too much homework can cause problems with your health especially connected with eyes and back.
- If you have to go to bed very late after doing your homework, you can become tired, aggressive and nervous.

# Option 6 What weekday you find the most difficult, and why

## Example:

The most difficult day of a week for me is Friday. We are all a bit tired at the end of the week and I am not an exception. Unfortunately, on Friday my school day starts at ten past eight. That's so early. Moreover, I have got 7 lessons on Friday and two of them are (names of the subjects) that are really difficult for me. After school I have to attend (private piano/guitar lessons, sports club, Arts school...) As a result, I come home late and feel tired.

## Version 2

The most difficult day of a week for me is Monday. We all feel a bit lazy and relaxed after the weekend and I am not an exception.

## Option 7 Whether it is important to wear uniform at school, and why

**There are two viewpoints on school uniforms.**

**On the one hand**, some people think that it is **unnecessary** to wear a school uniform as it kills individuality.

**On the other hand**, there are some benefits (= advantages) of wearing a school uniform. **In my opinion**, it is necessary to wear a school uniform, because it influences our studies and behavior at school. (add 2 more arguments)

or **Personally I am against** wearing any school uniform. It restricts my freedom of choice and doesn't reflect my mood.(add 2 more arguments)

**Watch the next slide for more arguments!**

- School uniform organizes students. They concentrate more on their studies. They are not distracted from their learning process and perform (study) better. Besides, uniform improves a child's school discipline
- Uniform helps build a school spirit or a sense of belonging. Uniform unites schoolchildren and make them feel proud of being a part of their school.
- Some parents consider that it's better to buy a school uniform instead of spending money on fashionable and expensive clothes.
- School uniform doesn't allow children to express their individuality. Boys and girls have to wear the same design and colour suits. Students look consistently. It is rather boring

# Your reasons to go to school

**It is true to say that without being educated it is difficult to achieve good job or succeed in life. There is no doubt, that school is our second home. We spend a lot of time studying and communicating with our friends and teachers at school.**

**I think that the main reason to go to school is getting knowledge in different subjects. A school makes students clever and well-educated. It also helps young people to choose their future career and to prepare for their future life. Besides, the students have the opportunities to develop their skills in different fields.** For example, they can take part in musical concerts or sport competitions. What is more, a school is a place, where we learn how to get on with different people, create and develop our relationship, make new friends. It is a place, where we are taught to be tolerant to people with other interests and opinions and respect each other.

**To sum up, knowledge is a power and if you are a well- educated person you can generally achieve any desired goal in your life.**

# OUR SCHOOL

## My School

**I go to school number 548 with in-depth study of English. My school is a three-floored redbrick building with a courtyard.**

## Classrooms

**My school has both small and big classrooms. The large classrooms are computer ones which are used for IT lessons, gymnasiums for sports, special classrooms for Biology, Chemistry and Physics and classrooms for Primary school pupils. There are also small group classrooms where students learn in groups of about 10 or less.** They are usually used for English lessons.

Most classrooms have a large writing surface where the teacher or students can share notes with other members of the class. Traditionally, this is in the form of a blackboard but we also have whiteboards and interactive whiteboards. **Many classrooms also have TVs, maps, charts, books and LCD projectors for presenting information and images from a computer.**

# FACILITIES

## Facilities

An effective school facility is responsible to the process of studying and should be comfortable, safe, secure, accessible, well illuminated, well ventilated, and aesthetically pleasing. The facility also includes furnishings, materials and supplies, equipment and information technology, as well as various aspects of the building grounds, namely, athletic fields, playgrounds, areas for outdoor learning and parking.

**In our school we have a library, a canteen, an Assembly Hall, an infirmary, a stadium, a gymnasium, 2 cloakrooms, 3 computer classes and a laboratory.**

# SCHOOL RULES

**Our classes start at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 14.30. We have 6 or 7 lessons every day. Each lesson lasts 40 minutes.**

**Here are some general rules and regulations in my school:**

- **Students must wear school uniform.**
- **Students must not wear cosmetics and other beauty accessories.**
- **Students must not bring valuable items to the school. If they do, the teachers will keep such items, which will only be returned when his/her parents come and collect it/them.**
- **Students must use the school's equipment with care.**
- **Students must not leave the school without the school permission during the lessons. When leaving or entering, students must use a magnetic key.**
- **When in school, students must not make a loud noise.**
- **When using special classrooms and/or rooms, e.g. computer room, library, infirmary and so on, students must obey each room's regulations.**
- **Students must behave appropriately to his/her teachers, staff, friends and other people.**
- **Smoking, drinking and drug possession is strongly prohibited.**
- **Students must attend school regularly, as well as attend every subject according to his/her timetable.**
- **Chewing gum is not allowed**
  - **Students must not bring food to his/her classroom.**



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**There are a lot of organized after-school activities in my school. They focus on a variety of things or issues:**

**Sports, including football, basketball and volleyball**

**Performing arts like dance and choir**

**Creative arts, including painting, drawing and crafts such as beading**

**Optional classes, for example, Mathematics, Russian or English**

Extracurricular activities, including Quests, Holiday Performances and “Light Up the Star” Contest.