START TO TALK

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

FOR TEENAGERS



Start to talk. Part 2

Начните говорить легко!

Дорогие ребята! Уважаемые родители!

Мы твердо уверены: общаться на английском языке может каждый! Мы предлагаем нам всем вместе окунуться в удивительную атмосферу живого общения.

У вас в руках сборниктем для обсуждения, которые мы подобрали специально для детей среднего и высокого уровней – аутентичные тексты, специально разработанные за рубежом для обучения подростков работе с взаимосвязанными контекстами. Комплексный разбор статей (факты, орфография, пунктуация, грамматика, лексика) дает школьникам возможность в процессе обсуждения не только расширить кругозор, но и развивать коммуникативные навыки и речевые стратегии, наработать базу синонимов, заучивать разговорные конструкции на наглядных примерах и, как следствие, уметь поддержать разговор на заданную тему, а ведь именно это и является важнейшей целью наших занятий.

Что для этого нужно?

- Приходить назанятия за общением с хорошим настроением.
- Веритьв себя и помогать своим одноклассникам.
- Знакомиться дома с активными словами новых тем и читать тексты, чтобыеще перед началом урока засыпать преподавателя вопросами.
- После урока пересказывать всем и каждому пройденный материал, чтобы было у кого спросить, если сам случайно забудешь.
- Обменяться контактами друг с другом, чтобы общение на английском продолжалось бесконечно.

Наши преподаватели.

- Уверены, что игры, конкурсы, творческие задания самый действенный способ овладеть разговорным английским.
- Убеждены, что молчание самая непростительная ошибка на уроке.
- Любят слушать ваши истории и по секрету пересказывают их друг другу в обеденный перерыв.
- Гордятся своими учениками.

Ждем вас на уроках и желаем вам увлекательных занятий!

Enjoy it!

To the Teacher

5 Tips for Having a Successful Conversation Club with Kids

1. Understanding student levels.

It's always important to Know your students' levels, and know what they are capable of. If one student has a low level, which sometimes happens, have them sit next to a student that is more proficient.

2. Everyone speaks.

It is important that every students gets an opportunity to speak, even if it is difficult to do so. Having other students help is a good way. But keep it limited.

3. Maintain decorum.

Students should never be allowed to mock other students. Having a little joke and humoris ok, but never letit go too far.

4. Build trust and understanding.

Building trust with students is very important, because through this understanding they can feel relaxed in discussing things that are outside the norm. Empathy and sympathy should be felt by your students. Relating their experience to yours is a good technique.

5. Make it fun!

Make it fun and interesting, tell stories of yourself, relating to what the topic is. Let them see the funny side of things, and have a good laugh, and allow them to be children, being loud and alittle boisterous is normal.

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1. Autumn

Useful words and expressions:

- to decrease gradually (temperatures) постепенно понижаться (о температуре)
- to become shorter (days) становиться короче (о световом дне)
- to become longer (nights) становиться длиннее (о ночи)
- to fall from the trees (leaves) падать с деревьев (о листьях)
- to prepare for winter готовиться к зиме
- to be rush time for farmers быть горячей порой для фермеров
- to reap the harvest собирать урожай
- to gather sunflowers/ maize/ potatoes/ cabbage/ turnip / cucumbers/ carrots/ tomatoes собирать подсолнухи/ кукурузу/ картошку/ капусту/ репу/ огурцы/ морковь/помидоры
- to grow thicker coats (animals) отращивать длинный мех (о животных)
- to leave for warm countries (birds) улетать в теплые страны (о птицах)
- to be delighted with smth быть восхищенным чем-то
- to poetize smth превращать что-то в поэзию
- to have a walk through an autumn park/forest устроить прогулку по осеннему парку/лесу
- to charm with the beauty of bright colors of leaves очаровывать красотой ярких красок у листьев
- to shine through the colorful leaves светить сквозь разноцветные листья
- to enjoy Indian summer наслаждаться бабьим летом
- to be angry about smth злиться на что-то
- to wear raincoats and rubber boots носить плащи и резиновые сапоги
- to be rainy/windy/cold быть дождливым/ветреным/холодным
- to fall asleep for winter (nature) погружаться в сон на зиму

Answer the fo	llowing questions:
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- 1) Do you like autumn more than other seasons? Why/why not?
- 2) What do you feel about your new school year? Does it spoil you the autumn time? Why (not)?
- 3) Describe typical weather in autumn. What happens to nature/animals?
- 4) Who is especially busy at that time? Why? What do they do?
- 5) Do you reap the harvest at your country house? Why (not)? Are you happy about it?
- 6) Does autumn charm you with its beauty? Why (not)?
- 7) What period is called Indian summer? Why?
- 8) Is it worth having a walk through an autumn park or forest? Why?
- 9) Many writers and poets were delighted with autumn. Are you aware of that? Who can you list? Do you remember what they said exactly about this season?
- 10) Some people are angry about autumn to come. Are you one of them? What irritates you the most? Why?
- 11) Would you like to fall asleep for winter as all nature does? Why (not)?

Now go on to the platform (and practice the vocabulary on the topic Autumn.				

1. Autumn

Заметки

2. At the Library

Useful words and expressions:

- to attend a library on a regular basis посещать библиотеку на регулярной основе
- to have a library card иметь читательский билет
- to take out books брать книги из библиотеки
- to subscribe to newspapers and magazines подписываться на газеты и журналы
- to search through the Library's catalogues искать что-то в каталогах библиотеки
- to ask a librarian for help просить помощи у библиотекаря
- to study in the reading-room заниматься в читательском зале
- to include special halls for scientific reference work, for children and youth, for current periodicals, reference books etc. включать в себя специальные залы для научно-исследовательских работ, залы для детей и молодежи, залы для периодических изданий, залы справочной литературы и т.д.
- to host events/exhibitions/workshops принимать у себя различные мероприятия/выставки/мастерские
- to keep smb informed about the latest developments держать кого-то в курсе текущих событий
- to keep up with the times идти в ногу со временем

Book genres:

science fiction – научная фантастика

satire – сатира

dictionaries - словари

comics - комиксы

action and adventure – приключения

romance - романы

mystery – детективные романы

horror - ужасы

encyclopedias – энциклопедии

dictionaries - словари

comics - комиксы

art – книги по искусству

cookbooks – книги по кулинарии

diaries - дневники

journals - журналы

2. At the Library

self-help – книги

по психологической самопомощи

health – книги о здоровье

guide – путеводители

travel – книги о путешествиях

children's – детская литература

science – научная литература

history – историческая литература

anthology – антологии

poetry - поэзия

biographies - биографии autobiographies - автобиографии fantasy – фэнтези

Answer the following questions:

- 1) Do you attend a library on a regular basis? Why (not)?
- 2) When was the last time you visited a library? Why?
- 3) Do you take out books from the library? Why (not)? Which ones?
- 4) Have you ever subscribed to newspapers and magazines? Why (not)? Which ones?
- 5) Does it take long to search through the Library's catalogues for an item you need? Is it better to ask a librarian for help?
- 6) Would you like to become a librarian when you grow up? Why (not)?
- 7) Is your library a big one? How do you know? How many rooms are there? What are they meant for?
- 8) Have you ever been to the Russian State Library in Moscow? Did you enjoy your visit? If you haven't been there yet, try to find out more details about it on the Internet. How big are its collections? How many buildings does it consist of? Where is it? Etc.
- 9) Are modern libraries able to keep up with the times? Or is it rather impossible in the age of total digitalization?
- 10) Do you like to read books? What is your favourite genre? Why? What types of books do you dislike? Why?

- 11) What book genres do your parents/ grandparents/ friends/ classmates like? Which ones do they dislike? Do you know why?
- 12) What book types do you most need while studying? Why?

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3. New York

Useful words and expressions:

Fact list

- It was founded in 1624 by the Dutch as New Amsterdam
- основан голландцами в 1624 г. под названием Новый Амстердам;
- It is the most populous city город с самым многочисленным населением;
- Its population is 8,5 million население 8,5 млн. чел.;
- New York is the most densely populated city in the US самый густонаселенный город;
- It was named after English Duke of York in 1664
- назван в честь англ. герцога Йорка в 1664;
- Its famous nick-name is Big Apple известное название города Большое Яблоко;

Sightseeing

- Have a tour around Manhattan взять экскурсию по Манхеттану;
- The major tourist destinations are... основные достопримечательности это...;
- Enjoy free theatre performances in Central Park смотреть бесплатные театральные представления в центральном парке;
- Visit the Halloween Parade участвовать в параде на Хеллоуин;
- Luxury shopping is available at Madison Avenues роскошный шопинг доступен на...;

Cuisine

- New York City's food culture includes... Для города традиционна еда...;
- City's immigrant history influenced the cuisine историческая иммиграция повлияла на традиции кухни в городе;
- bagels, cheesecakes, and pizza were assimilated from foreign cuisines пончики, чизкейки и пицца «пришли» из других стран;
- fast food is an indispensable part of contemporary NY life фастфуд неотъемлемая часть современной жизни в Нью-Йорке.

Celebrities

- New York is a hometown to many famous people
- Нью-Йорк это родной город для многих знаменитостей;
- Prominent figures like Donald Trump started here
- Такие именитые люди как Д.Трамп начинали карьеру здесь;
- Pictures of NY life are recognizable in 50 Cent's songs
- образы Нью-Йорка можно узнать в песнях 50 Сента;
- NY is a popular spot for Hollywood Stars' vacations
- город популярное место отдыха голливудских звезд;
- You can catch your favourite celebs in the street
- твоих любимых звезд ты можешь просто встретить на улице;
- NY features in many films, movie-making never stops here
- город можно видеть во многих фильмах, съемки здесь никогда не прекращаются.

Answer the following questions:

- 1) Have you ever been to New York? Would you like to? Why or why not?
- 2) Do you think that NY is more interesting than Moscow? Why?
- 3) What are your first associations with NY city?
- 4) What food would you eat in NY? Would you like small local restaurants or fast-food chains?
- 5) What famous people come from NY? Choose a celebrity, find information on the internet and make a 3 minite report about him/her.
- 6) In what films or videogames can we see NY? Why is it chosen so often as a place for a story?
- 7) Tell your partner the facts about New York that you now know. Do not read and say what you remember.
- 8) What is New York's nickname? Google to find other nicknames of the city.

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9) What advantages and disadvantages are there in NY compared to Moscow? Compared to small towns? Would you like to live in a big city or small town?					
10) What other famous cities can you find near NY? Use a map for this task to show them.					
11) Why do you think NY became so important and big today?					
12) What are the main activities on Wall Street? Madison Avenues? Broadway? Find more information to tell your partner.					
Now go on to the platform \bigoplus and practice the vocabulary on the topic New York.					

Заметки

4. At the Vet's Office

Useful words and expressions:

- to take care of smb заботиться о ком-то
- to get sick заболеть
- to go to the veterinarian (vet) идти к ветеринару
- to receive wellness check-up once a year проходить комплексное обследование каждый год
- not to enjoy going to the vet не получать удовольствие от визита к ветеринару
- to be like a torture for smb быть пыткой для кого-то
- to get out the pet carrier вылезать из переноски
- to run for cover бежать прятаться
- to growl рычать
- to attack a vet нападать на ветеринара
- to bring toys to distract your pet приносить игрушки
- to protect against rabies (зд.) прививать от бешенства
- to give a pet specialized treatment обеспечить специализированную помощь питомцу
- to give an injection делать уколы
- to apply a bandage делать перевязку
- to have pet insurance оформить страховку для домашнего питомца
- to afford vet's services позволить себе услуги ветеринара
- to carry medical expenses брать на себя расходы на медицинское лечение
- to break the bank сильно потратиться
- to deal with smth справлять с чем-то

Answer the following questions:

- 1) Do you have pets? Who is it? What's its name? Is it a boy or a girl? How old is it?
- 2) What does it mean to care for your pet? Are you good at it?
- 3) Do you take your pet to the vet? When? Why?

4) Is your pet enjoying going to the vet? How does it behave? How do you deal with it?
5) What treatment does it mostly get?
6) Can everyone afford vet services? Is it better to have pet insurance rather than carry medical expenses yourself?
7) Is medical treatment for your pet expensive? How do your parents deal with the high cost of vet bills?
8) What is the most difficult part of a vet's work? Why?
9) Who is a good vet? Why? A good vet is a person who (continue the sentence using at least 3 arguments)
10) Would you like to become a vet when you grow up? Why (not)? Do you know any vets?
Work in small groups.
Try to figure out what rules can be helpful to keep your pet safe and healthy.
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5. At the Zoo

Useful words and expressions:

- to take smb on a trip to see the animals at the zoo брать кого-то на экскурсию в зоопарк
- to visit a zoo's website before your trip зайти на сайт зоопарка накануне посещения
- to point to safety warnings указывать на правила безопасности
- to keep oneself safe беречь себя
- to be based on common sense быть основанным на здравом смысле
- to know where the first aid office is знать, где находится медпункт
- to be allowed to bring water or snacks inside the zoo
- разрешено приносить воду и еду в зоопарк
- not to ignore warning signs не игнорировать предупредительные знаки
- to read and follow zoo signs читать и следовать правилам зоопарка
- not to tease animals не дразнить животных
- thick safety glass толстое защитное стекло
- to protect smb from animals in the exhibit защищать кого-то от животных в вольере
- to teach smb respect научить кого-то уважению
- to respect animals and their habitats уважать животных и их место жительства
- to lift/ hold/ dangle children in a dangerous position for a better view
- поднимать/держать/ наклонять детей в опасном положении для лучшего обзора
- not to let smb sit on the zoo fences or walls не позволять кому-то сидеть на ограждениях и стенах зоопарка
- to crawl between fence railings пролезать сквозь прутья решетки
- to keep children/personal items close держать детей и личные вещи при себе
- to say no to photos отказаться от фотографий
- truly wild animals настоящие дикие животные
- to act on impulse реагировать инстинктивно
- to be bitten быть покусанным
- petting zoo контактный зоопарк

Answer the following questions:

- 1) How many times have you been to a zoo? With whom?
- 2) Do you like visiting zoo animals? Why (not)? Are they truly wild animals? Are you afraid of them? Why (not)?
- 3) What about petting zoos? Is there any difference between common zoos and petting zoos? What is it?
- 4) Have you ever visited a zoo's website? What information did you look for?
- 5) Do you read and follow warning signs? What are the most common of them? Do you believe they are based on common sense? Why (not)?
- 6) What does it mean to act on impulse? In what situations can people act on impulse?
- 7) Can you say no to photos at the zoo? What can be done if you still want photos of some wild animals?
- 8) Have you ever heard of some people bitten by zoo animals? Do you know why it happened? Think what can you do to avoid such situations.

Let's work in small groups.

Draw some of the most important zoo rules on sheets of paper. Express orders using imperative mood and explain them using modals must or should.

Now go on to the platform (and practice the vocabulary on the topic At the Zoo.				

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