START TO TALK

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

FOR TEENAGERS



Start to talk. Part 4

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. Summertime

Useful words and expressions:

- to go away for a long holiday поехать в длительный отпуск
- to go on holiday for a weekend поехать в отпуск на выходные
- to head / to set off on holiday отправиться в отпуск
- to go to a resort поехать на курорт
- to go to the countryside поехать загород
- to go on a full service holiday/an all-inclusive package holiday поехать на отдых с полным комплексом услуг
- to go on a self-catering holiday поехать в отпуск с самостоятельным питанием
- to go on an adventurous holiday рискованный отдых
- to go on a beach holiday поехать на море
- to go on a camping holiday поехать на отдых в палатках
- to camp wild отдыхать дикарем
- to travel for pleasure путешествовать ради удовольствия
- to feel jet lagged чувствовать недомогание после перелета
- to feel motion sick/ укачивает
- to feel sea sick страдать морской болезнью

Holiday activities:

• to go on a tour – отправиться в тур / поехать на экскурсию

to go on a safari – поехать на сафари

to go camping – пойти в поход

to go sightseeing – осматривать достопримечательности

to go sunbathing/to go suntanning – пойти загорать

to wear/put on/ apply sunscreen – нанести солнцезащитный крем

to go on an excursion – поехать на экскурсию

to go on a boat trip – поехать кататься на корабле / лодке

to rent a bike/a car – арендовать велосипед / машину

To go jet-skiing – кататься на водном мотоцикле)

bungee-jumping – прыгнуть с тарзанкой

parachute-jumping – прыгнуть с парашютом

mountain biking – кататься на горном велосипеде

canoeing – кататься на каное

cycling – кататься на велосипеде

rollerblading – кататься на роликах

scuba diving – нырять с аквалангом

a thrill seeker – любитель острых ощущений

an adventurous person – авантюрный человек, любитель приключений

an outdoor type – любитель активного отдыха

outdoor activities – отдых на свежем воздухе

an amusement park – парк аттракционов

to go on a ride – прокатиться на аттракционе

а Big Wheel – прокатиться на колесе обозрения

rollercoaster – прокатиться на американских горках

to go out – выходить в свет

to go out to a restaurant / for dinner – пойти в ресторан / на ужин

to hang out with smb – «тусоваться» с кем-либо

to gain / to lose weight – набрать / потерять вес

to travel equipped / under-equipped – иметь все при себе в путешествии/не брать ничего лишнего

to travel light – путешествовать налегке

to have much luggage on you / to have just a carry-on – иметь большой багаж / иметь ручную кладь

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to stay in – остаться дома to stay at a bed and breakfast – остановиться в гостинице с системой «постель и завтрак» at a youth hostel – остановиться в общежитии Half board (includes breakfast and dinner) – полупансион Full board (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner) – полный пансион Amenities – удобства, условия отдых, оснащенность отеля, коммунальные удобства, комфортабельность A room with a bathroom (en suite) – номер с собственной ванной with a shared bathroom – номер с общай ванной A room with an ocean view / with a street view – Номер с видом на море / на улицу A single/double room – номер сс двуспальной кроватью A twin room – номер с 2 односпальными кроватями To rent an apartment / cottage – арендовать апартаменты / коттедж **Travelling:** Stopover / layover – пересадка Domestic/international /Transit flight – Внутренний/ международный/ транзитный рейс Connecting flight – стыковочный рейс Direct flight – прямой рейс To miss your connection – пропустить стыковку To be delayed/canceled – отложен/ отменен

Travel Idioms

- at a good clip and *at a fast clip rapidly. (*Typically: go ~; move ~; run ~; travel ~.) We were moving along at a good clip when a state trooper stopped us.
- in a body Fig. as a group of people; as a group; in a group. (*Typically: arrive some place ~; go ~; leave ~; reach some place ~; travel ~.) The tour members always traveled in a body.
- off the beaten track and *off the beaten path Fig. away from the frequently traveled routes. (*Typically: be ~; go ~; travel ~.) We found a nice little Italian restaurant off the beaten track.
- **travel light** to bring very few things with you when you go on a trip My new car has lots of cargo space, which is great for people like me who don't travel light.
- Fifth wheel (USA) A fifth wheel is something unnecessary or useless
- Hit the road When people hit the road, they leave a place to go somewhere else.
- get on your bike get moving.
- Norman Tebbit told the unemployed of Britain to get on their bikes and find work elsewhere.
- To be in the same boat To be in the same situation (usually unpleasant) as other people.
- She's always complaining that she has too much work, but we're all in the same boat.

Ouestions for discussion

- 1) Tell about your summer vacation. What places did you visit? What kind of holiday did you go on (adventurous holiday / sightseeing holiday / beach holiday etc.)?
- 2) What's your favorite type of summer holiday? What are the pros and cons?
- 3) Have you ever camped wild?
- 4) Do you prefer a self-catering holiday or you'd rather go on a full service one? What are the pros and cons of either one?
- 5) Are you a thrill seeker? Have you ever gone on an adventurous holiday?
- 6) Have you ever missed you connection? How do you fill in time when on a long layover?
- 7) Have you ever gone wild on a summer holiday?
- 8) Have you ever gotten lost while traveling? If so, tell about it.
- 9) If you were going on a camping trip for a week, what 10 things would you bring? Explain why.

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10) What are some countries that you would never visit? Why would you not visit them?
11) When you are on a long car journey do you play games or sing songs to occupy your time?
12) Would you like to take a cruise? Where to? With who?
13) Would you prefer to stay at a hotel/motel or camp while on vacation?
14) Would you rather visit another country or travel within your own country?
15) Would you rather go to a place where there are a lot of people or to a place where there are few people?
16) What are popular tourist destinations in your country?
17) Do you prefer active or relaxing holidays? Why?
18) What is your favorite mode of travel?
19) Do you travel with a lot of baggage or do you like to travel light?
20) What is your favorite method of travel at your destination? Train? Bus? Boat? Bicycle? Backpacking?
21) If you had \$100,000, where would you go on holiday? How about if you had \$10,000? What about \$1,000?

Заметки

2. Commuting

Useful words and expressions:

- a commute поездка из дома на работу и обратно напр. из пригорода в город (регулярная)
- a commuter человек, который регулярно ездит на работу и обратно.
- to commute регулярно ездить из дома на работу и обратно.
- to travel from ... to ... and back путешествовать от ... до ... и обратно
- to travel between smth. and smth. путешествовать между ...
- to travel during the rush hours ездить в часы пик
- traffic congestion (u) заторы на дорогах
- proliferation of suburban areas —резкий рост числа пригородных районов
- a traffic jam пробка
- public transport system (u) общественный транспорт
- to distract smb. отвлекать, растраивать кого-л.
- road rage агрессивное поведение на дороге
- urban sprawl / suburban sprawl (u)—стихийный (без планирования) рост городов за счет сельской местности с высокой зависимостью от автомобильного транспорта
- to expand расширяться
- to be surrounded by commuter belts быть окруженным пригородами
- commuter town город-спутник
- outlying cities удаленные города
- to live in a core city жить в городе (вокруг которого расположены города-спутники)
- to work in the suburbs работать на окраине/в пригороде
- to live more than an hour's walk from the work жить более чем в часе езды от места работы
- time spent on train/bus etc. время, проведенное в поезде/автобусе и.т.д.
- to save time экономить время
- to depend on factors such as ... зависеть от таких факторов как...

- to be offset by smth. (higher pay, lower living costs, better standard of living etc.) компенсироваться за счет чего-л. (более высокой оплаты, более низкой кварплаты, лучшего стандарта жизни и.т.д.)
- material gains материальные выгоды
- to trade off social goods for material goods отказываться от социальных благ ради материальных
- to be insane быть ненормальным
- dissipation of time растрата времени
- social distancing социальная изоляция, держать дистанцию между людьми
- to prize the time ценить время
- lack of public transit нехватка общественного транспорта
- to have an impact on ... иметь сильное воздействие/ влияние на ...
- to benefit from smth. извлекать преимущества из чего-л.

Questions for discussion

- 1) How do you commute to work?
- 2) What is the preferred method of commuting in your country?
- 3) Are there traffic problems in your city or town?
- 4) Have you ever been in a traffic jam?
- 5) Have you ever been stuck in bumper to bumper traffic?
- 6) What is your preferred way of travelling in rush hour?
- 7) What transportation problems are there in your country?
- 8) Have you ever witnessed road rage?
- 9) How do you think countries can reduce congestion on the roads?
- 10) Is parking a problem in your city or town? (shopping malls, etc)
- 11) Do you think that governments should encourage public transportation more?
- 12) How could governments' encourage people to ride bicycles more?
- 13) How could the government discourage people from taking their cars into the city?
- 14) Is the public transportation in your city efficient?
- 15) How could public transportation in your city be improved?

2. Commuting

16) How many people commute in Russia?
17) Why do people commute? What are the reasons for commuting?
18) Why is commuting so popular nowadays?
19) How does commuting influence family life?
20) How does commuting influence people's health?
21) Isn't spending time in transport dissipation of time? Are there any ways of spending it with more benefit?
22) Have you ever commuted? Why? What are your impressions? Do you know anybody who commutes?
23) How the problem of commuting can be solved? Is it possible to improve it in our country?

Заметки

3. Personality

Useful words and expressions:

- to be the life and soul of the party быть душой компании
- a broad-minded person человек широких взглядов, непредвзятый
- narrow-minded: opposite of 'broad-minded' ограниченный
- easy-going/laid-back добродушный, беззаботный, легкий на подъем
- an extrovert экстраверт
- an introvert интроверт
- fair-minded объективный, справедливый
- fun-loving любящий веселиться
- painfully shy слишком стеснительный
- quick-tempered вспыльчивый
- reserved скромный
- self-centered эгоистичный (думающий только о себе)
- self-confident/ self-assured уверенный в себе
- thick-skinned толстокожий, стойкий
- self-effacing держащийся в тени
- awkward неловкий, неуклюжий, неудобный (о ситуации)
- trustworthy надежный
- two-faced двуличный
- to hide one's light under a bushel скрывать (держать в секрете)
- чьи-то таланты и умения
- good company хорошая компания
- good sense of humor хорошее чувство юмора
- to lose one's temper рассердиться
- to put others first думать о других
- to take after: пойти в кого-то

Idioms describing people

- To be as cold as ice to be emotionless. She was as cold as ice.
- To be a barrel of laughs to be funny or enjoyable. He's a bit serious, isn't he?" "Yeah, not exactly a barrel of laughs.
- To be (as) bold as brass to feel no shame doing smth. She marched into the store, as bold as brass, and demanded her money back.
- A busybody a person who is too interested in things that do not involve them. My next door neighbor is a real busybody.
- A couch potato a person who is used to watching TV a lot and doesn't have an active life.

Mary wants to date a man who loves to travel and explore, not a couch potato who watches television all the time.

- A cry-baby someone who cries a lot with no good reason. Don't be such a cry-baby it's only a scratch.
- A culture vulture someone who is very interested in music, art, theatre etc. We are going to visit all the best places for culture vultures.
- A dark horse someone who has greater abilities than he shows. I didn't know Nick could play the guitar so well. He is a real dark horse!
- To be (as) daft as a brush to be a very silly. He was daft as brush and couldn't understand anything.
- To be (as) hard as nails to be tough and determined. I thought she was as hard as nails when I met her
- A man of his word /woman of her word a person who keeps his/her promises. He was a man of his word, and I had great respect for his intellect.
- A yes-man A yes man is a person who agrees to everything the boss says.

You can't trust what Chad says, he's just the boss's yes-man.

I doubt he has an o	original thought in his h	nead!	

3. Personality

Заметки

4. Achieving Goals

Useful words and expressions:

- to become a person one aspires to be стать таким человеком, каким ты стремишься быть
- to set a goal поставить цель
- to pursue one's aims/interests преследовать собственные цели/интересы
- to reach/achieve certain results/goals/aims/objectives достичь целей
- to fulfill aspirations реализовывать стремления
- to fulfill oneself самореализоваться, показать собственные способности
- to develop oneself саморазвиваться
- a search for personal fulfillment поиск возможности для самореализации, желание найти себя, стремление проявить себя
- to define and execute one's personal development plans определять и выполнять планы по своему личностному развитию
- to focus on smth сфокусироваться на чем-либо
- to develop/advance, enhance, improve/work on one's... развивать/улучшать/работать над....
- professional potentials профессиональные способности
- strengths сильные стороны
- talents таланты
- individual competencies личные качества
- knowledge and skills знания и навыки
- to improve/to enhance one's quality of life улучшить качество своей жизни
- to expand self-awareness развивать самосознание, самоанализ
- to define one's priorities определить собственные приоритеты
- values ценности
- lifestyle стиль жизни
- ethics моральные принципы
- to manage emotions управлять эмоциями
- To be satisfied/dissatisfied довольным/недовольным чем-либо

- pleased/displeased with smth быть довольным/недовольным чем-либо
- to result in smth вылиться в, окончиться чем-либо, привести к чему-либо
- to lead to smth привести к чему-либо
- to work hard on smth усердно работать над ч-л, работать не покладая рук
- to do one's best to do smth изо всех сил стараться что-либо сделать
- to go out of one's way to do smth изо всех сил стараться что-либо сделать
- to let things slide делать что-либо/работать спустя рукава
- to bring/win smb on one's side привлечь кого-либо на свою сторону
- to get out of hand выйти из под контроля
- to look on the bright side смотреть на вещи оптимистически
- to be self-confident быть уверенным в себе
- to develop/boost/step up one's self-confidence развить уверенность в себе
- to perceive smb/oneself as... воспринимать кого-либо/себя в качестве...
- Self-perception самовосприоиятие
- to impact/influence smth/smb влиять на что-либо/кого-либо
- to have an impact/influence on smth/smb иметь влияние на что-либо/кого-либо
- to motivate/encourage oneself to smth мотивировать себя на что-либо

Ouestions for discussion

- 1) Which goals have you recently set? Which goals have you recently achieved?
- 2) How do you set goals for your future?
- 3) What is "self-development"? What is it for?
- 4) Why is it important to set self-development objectives?
- 5) Are you happy with your personality? What would you like to change about it? Can you say that you are constantly working on yourself?
- 6) Do you agree that you can learn more about yourself and the world through self-development or at school and university?
- 7) Do you do yoga or meditation? Do you think they help mentally or physically?

4. Achieving Goals

8) Can you improve your memory (if so, how can you do that?) or is it something you were just born with?
9) Do you think you should never stop working on your personality?
10) Is it hard for you to change something in your daily routine? Is it difficult to quit bad habits?
11) How can you boost or develop your self-confidence?
12) What spheres are you expected to be perfect in?
Dwell on the image of perfect human conduct in modern world.
13) Can perfectionism be dangerous?
14) How do you motivate yourself?
15) Do you think it's more important to focus on your weaknesses or strengths working your way through life?
16) Do you follow your interests, wishes and abilities or rather develop new skills you might need in your career later on?
17) Think of top-down prioritization of things that can contribute to your personal development. (E.g. new hobbies, contacts, qualification courses, places of interest etc.)
18) Think of how this or that factor helps you advance your knowledge and skills, broaden your horizon.
19) Think of ways to develop yourself in the following life-sectors: personal life, social development, education, future carrier path.

4. Achieving Goals

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5. Likes and dislikes

Useful words and expressions:

- Opinion мнение
- Perception восприятие, представление
- According to my opinion по моему мнению
- To think well of..., to have a high regard for (somebody) быть высокого мнения
- To think better of быть лучшего мнения
- To have no great opinion of быть невысокого мнения
- To set in one's ways иметь твердое убеждение
- To see someone's point понимать чью-либо точку зрения
- To speak one's piece высказать мнение
- To be of one mind придерживаться одного и того же мнения
- To form an opinion составить мнение
- I don't share your opinion я не могу разделить ваше мнение
- To change mind передумать
- To come across as производить впечатление, казаться
- I have reason to suppose that... у меня есть основания полагать...
- To be indifferent быть равнодушным
- To sit loose to не проявлять интереса
- To be keen on, be fond of любить
- I don't mind я не против, я не возражаю
- It is not up my street я в этом не разбираюсь
- Every man to his taste / beauty is in the eye of the beholder/ tastes differ о вкусах не спорят
- To keep one's opinions to oneself держать свое мнение при себе
- To remain unconvinced, agree to differ остаться при своем мнении

5. Likes and dislikes

Questions for discussion

- 1) What kind of music do you like?
- 2) Who are your favorite performers or bands?
- 3) Do you like music or musicians from other countries as well? If so, who or what kind?
- 4) What kinds of music don't you like?
- 5) Can you name some singers or groups that you dislike?
- 6) Do you like to watch TV?
- 7) Do you like movies?
- 8) Do you like to watch TV?
- 9) What are your favorite kinds of programs or shows?
- 10) What are your all-time favorite TV programs?
- 11) Who are your favorite actors?
- 12) Do you like programs or shows from other countries as well? If so, what kind?
- 13) Do you like actors from other countries as well? If so, who?
- 14) What kinds of programs or which actors don't you like?
- 15) Do you like movies?
- 16) What are your favorite kinds of movies?
- 17) What are your all-time favorite movies?
- 18) Who are your favorite actors?
- 19) Do you like movies from other countries as well? If so, what kind?
- 20) Do you like actors from other countries as well? If so, who?
- 21) What kinds of movies or which actors don't you like?
- 22) Do you like sports?
- 23) What are your favorite kinds of sports?
- 24) Who are your favorite athletes?
- 25) Do you like sports from other countries as well? If so, what kind?
- 26) Do you like athletes from other countries as well? If so, who?
- 27) Which athletes don't you like?
- 28) Do you like books?
- 29) What are your favorite kinds of books?
- 30) What are your favorite book titles?
- 31) Who are your favorite authors?

Заметки