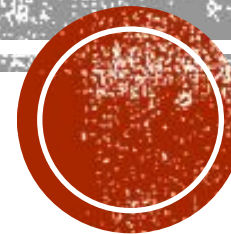


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subject and expect us to work as slaves, but we are just people, we can't
love all school subjects.

The only solution I have found is to do my best and not to become upset,
if something is wrong.

Christmas.

The 25th of December is Christmas Day. Some weeks before Christmas
English people are busy. They send greeting cards to all their relatives and
friends. People buy Christmas trees. They decorate it with toys, coloured balls
and little coloured lights.

People of different countries celebrate Christmas in various ways. People
in the United States and Canada decorate their homes with Christmas trees,
wreaths and ornaments. City streets are filled with coloured lights; the
sound of bells and Christmas carols can be heard everywhere.

Children write letters to Santa Claus and tell him what presents they
would like to get.

A Christmas tree is one of the main symbols of Christmas in most homes.

On Christmas Eve people put their presents under the tree. When children
go to bed they put their stockings near their beds.

At night Father Christmas comes. He has got a big bag of presents for

children. He puts the presents into the children's stockings.
People open their presents on Christmas morning and they are happy with
what they get.

A traditional Christmas dinner consists of stuffed turkey, mashed
potatoes, cranberry sauce and a variety of other dishes.

Some families have ham or roast goose instead of turkey. Pumpkin pie,
plum pudding and fruitcake are favourite desserts.

Travelling and Travellers.

I don't think you can find many people who aren't fond of travelling.
Millions of people spend their free time travelling all over the world. We
travel to see other countries and continents. Some are fascinated by
modern cities, others are drawn to ancient towns.

We travel to enjoy beautiful places or just for a change.

It's always interesting to discover new places, to meet new people
with their different ways of life, customs and traditions, to taste
different food and drinks.

Of course we can read about all these things in books and newspapers, we
can watch special "travel" programmes on TV, but still people prefer to
see everything with their own eyes.

Most travellers and holiday-makers usually take their cameras with them to take pictures of picturesque places and of themselves near old churches and castles or modern skyscrapers.

Far later these pictures will remind them of the happy days they have had.

People who live in the country like to visit big cities. They spend their time visiting art galleries and museums, going to the concerts and theatres or just looking at shop windows or dining at some fashionable restaurant.

Those who live in big cities, on the contrary, like to spend time in a small village or to spend some days in the mountains or by the lake with nothing to do but walk and bathe.

People have always wanted to learn more about the earth on which they lived. Men have sailed to other lands, to other continents.

They have discovered new lands, and they have explored them; long, long ago it was very hard to explore the earth.

Nowadays you can travel by train by plane by boat or by car. All means of travel have their advantages and disadvantages. People choose one according to their plans and destinations.

I like to travel by car. Travelling by car you can see many things in a short time. When we go by car we don't have to buy tickets, we can put all

the things we need into the car. We don't have to carry them.

It's comfortable to travel by train and by plane. Travelling by plane you spend minimum of time to get from one place to another.

You can arrive in some other country practically in no time and it's very convenient for businessmen and people who hate to waste their time.

Travelling by train or sea has its own advantages. You can see the scenery around you and sometimes it's fantastic.

People who don't like to hurry and are inclined to meditation usually prefer train or boat.

I think that travelling is very exciting and useful and I enjoy all kinds of travelling very much.

About myself and my family.

Let me introduce myself. I'm Tomya Luamosa. Tomya is my first name. Luamosa is my surname. I'm fourteen years old, I was born on the 10th of December in 1957 in St. Petersburg.

I'm a pupil, I go to school. I'm in the 9th form. I'd like to be a computer programmer. I'm good at Maths and Physics. They are my favourite subjects.

I'm rather tall and slim. My hair is fair, I've got blue eyes. I like

to joke and to laugh, I think I've got a sense of humour. I go in for sports. I play basket-ball, our team takes part in different basket-ball competitions.

I want to tell you a few words about my family. My family is large.

There are five of us: my mother, my father, my brother, my sister and me.

First of all some words about my parents. My parents have been married for twenty-four years. My father is fifty years old. He is an engineer. His name is Boris. He works in the office of a ship-building company. He is very experienced. My father is always busy. He likes his job very much. My father is a tall man with fair hair and green eyes. He can make different things with his own hands.

We have got a car and my father always repairs our car himself.

My father is fond of swimming. When he has some free time we go to the swimming pool together. My mother's name is Irina. She is forty-five but she looks much younger. She is slim. My mother has big blue eyes and brown hair. She is a doctor. She works in a hospital and likes her profession very much.

My mother keeps house and takes care of us. She is very good at cooking. She often cooks something tasty for us. We try to help her about the house.

I'm lucky to have an elder brother. My brother Oleg is about twenty-three. He is married and has a family of his own. Oleg is a

businessman and his wife Helen is a teacher of English.

They have a small daughter who's 12 years old. Oleg is my best friend. I can always turn to him with my troubles.

My younger sister Olya is only five years old. Olya goes to the kindergarten. She is very funny. I like to spend my free time teaching her something. Sometimes I take Olya to the zoo.

My grandparents are retired. They don't live with us, but I think them to be members of our family.

They often come to see us. My grandparents like gardening. They spend a lot of time in the country. They grow vegetables and fruit.

I love my family very much. We always help each other. Everyone in my family is my best friend.

Music in our life.

It's difficult to speak about music, because music is something spiritual. Music is one of the best parts of our life. It makes us happy and shows the beauty and harmony of the world. Music always can help us when we are in trouble.

A lot of people like music. But if we ask several people what kind of music they like all of them will give different answers. Tastes differ.

Some people say it's difficult to understand classical music.

My grandmother is a lover of serious music. She enjoys classical music. Classical music goes to her heart. Her favourite composer is Bach.

My elder sister prefers light music. She says that Strauss music carries her away. She often goes to the Musical Comedy Theatre. She is keen on operetta.

My father is fond of classical jazz music. He finds it tuneful and vigorous.

Many of my classmates are crazy about heavy metal and pop-mechanics. They find this music original, rhythmical and thrilling.

As for me, I'm a lover of pop-rock music. I've got a good collection of cassettes of modern music and I enjoy listening to them.

I've got a friend who's very musical. He has got a good ear for music. He is able to sing a melody the first time he hears it. He can also play my tune on the guitar by ear.

That's why we can say that all kinds of music are popular with the public; classical and pop music, folk music and jazz, heavy metal and hard rock, r&B and rap and so on. And people can't live without music. Our world would be dull without music.

Choosing a career

Let me introduce myself. My name is ... I have left school this year. It's my dream to become a student of the English Department. I want to study English, German and maybe French.

Knowledge of a foreign language opens a new world for us. If you know a foreign language, you can speak with foreigners and it's a way to better understanding. If you know a foreign language you can read books in the original, and it's a way to better understanding of other people's nature and culture.

In our country children can study different foreign languages. At school I took up English. I read stories by English, American and Australian writers. It has become my habit to read English books. I adapted from every day I learn phrases and do a lot of grammar exercises. Now I know I must work hard to master English.

Studying the English language under the guidance of the University teachers I want to learn much about the history of words, their origin and usage in ancient times. For example, the word "window" is made of two very old Anglo-Saxon words, such as "wind" and "eye". The word "window" means "the wind's eye". It tells us of the time when a window was only a hole in the wall, and the wind used to come

through it.

When I finish my studies, I'll begin teaching in a secondary school. I think I'll enjoy the work greatly. Teaching is a noble profession. In modern times all kinds of specialists need foreign languages in their work - teachers, doctors, engineers and people in many other professions.

If a specialist doesn't know a foreign language he can't use all the foreign books which he needs in his work. I want to teach my pupils to read translations.

I hope I've chosen the right profession.

It's known that teaching is a very specific and difficult job. It shouldn't be taken easily.

The teacher is a person who is learning as well as teaching all his life.

Teaching don't only teach their subjects. They develop their pupils' intellect from their views and characters, their attitudes to life and to other people. It's a great responsibility and the teacher must be a model of competence himself. It's not as easy as it may seem at first. But I think that love for children combined with the knowledge I'll get at the University would be quite enough to succeed in my work.

I want to be a doctor.

There are many interesting and noble professions. I want to be a doctor. It's an interesting profession.

I understand that it is necessary to study a lot to become a doctor. I also understand that this profession requires great responsibility because it deals with the most precious thing that a person has - with his health.

My mother and my grandfather are doctors. My grandfather is working as a surgeon in a hospital. I have been several times at the hospital and spent some time watching him working.

His main task is to operate on the people. After each operation he takes care of patients until they are recovered.

He listens very attentively to what his patients tell him. He is always kind and attentive to his patients. They feel it and believe in him, and it makes his work easier.

I know that he wants to see all his patients able-bodied and I notice that he is happy when his patient is recovered.

My grandfather can also help if somebody catches a cold or has a fever. My grandfather told me a lot of true stories

about doctors and their profession.

I love and respect my grandfather and want to become a doctor as well.

The profession of sociologist.

Generally it's so not easy for a school-leaver to decide on his future career. There are some farsighted people who enter an institute thinking whether they like the profession they had chosen or not, but occupation you want to devote your life has to bring you satisfaction, so it should be something you can do and you really want to.

I decided to enter the department of sociology and qualify as a sociologist. This is rather new profession in our country, and I think it's very interesting speciality. Sociologists are supposed to work with people to render them real help in difficult situations.

Our country is going through a difficult period now. Economic restructuring doesn't lead everyone to success. A lot of people are unemployed. There are winners and losers. There are social workers who have to relieve the burden off people's shoulders and to help them to solve their problems.

I understand the difficulties of this profession. But I believe this speciality is really needed and hope that I can help a lot of people. Isn't that enough to be satisfied with your job?

I want to be an interpreter.

I want to be an interpreter. It's an interesting and useful profession. My parents have a large library and they taught me to like books. I like reading books. My favourite subjects at school are English, literature, geography and history. My favourite English and American writers are Shakespeare, Dickens, Walter Scott, Jack London, Mark Twain.

Once at the class of literature our teacher told us that, when translated literary works lose much of their beauty. She said that poetry is very hard to translate.

From that day I have a dream. I want to have my favourite books in the original and to know the languages they are written in. So I will enjoy the real beauty of these books.

I also like reading books about other countries.

and cultures. It's so interesting to learn that other people think differently.

I want to become an interpreter because of some reasons. It's an interesting profession because an interpreter meets people from different countries and cultures all the time and has an opportunity to learn much about them. Besides, this profession is very useful because it helps people to understand each other.

I want to be a businessman.

My father is working for an international company as a managing director. I've been several times at his office. I like it very much to be there.

My father is very busy. He often comes late from work. But I can see that he likes his job. And he always finds the time to spend with me and mom.

Sometimes he tells us about the difficult situations which his company faces. It's so interesting to listen to him. It seems to me that you need to have a very creative mind to be a businessman.

My father is a friendly person and he is easy to talk to. I respect my father and I want to become a businessman too. I think our country

needs good businesspeople to strengthen its economy.

After I finish school I'm going to enter the university and study marketing or management. I haven't decided yet exactly what I will study. Manager deals mainly with people. It studies what is necessary to do that people worked better and were not offended. Marketing deals with market research and commercial activity in general. I still have time to think and choose.

I want to be a journalist.

I decided to be a journalist. I think it's an interesting and useful profession.

I like to watch TV, listen to the radio, read newspapers and magazines. I like everything which connected with mass media. I have a hobby. My friends and I are publishing a small newspaper once a month in our school. We write articles about school events, life of young people, jokes, draw pictures and caricatures. My favourite school subjects are history and literature.

I like the profession of a journalist. They meet many people. They try to understand what is going on in the world, or the country, or the city.

and try to explain it to other people.

I think that the work of a journalist is very much like that of a historian. A historian studies and tries to explain events of the past and a journalist does the same about the present. But for me to be a journalist is much more interesting than are happening right now so you can even influence them, so journalists can influence the history.

That is why I want to be a journalist.

The seasons of the year.

My favourite season.

It's a universal truth that every season is beautiful in its own way. Isn't it wonderful to tramp down the country lanes on a frosty winter day? Everything is white with snow and it crunches under your feet.

The snow sparkles on the branches and the icicles like precious diamonds hang from the roofs of the houses. It's a merry time for both children and grown-ups. They can go skating and skiing, sledging and having a fight with snow-balls or making a snowman. I suppose, it's

very pleasant while the frost lasts, an unpleasant time comes when the thaw begins.

Cars and buses go along streets splashing the mud and slush on the passers-by.

Everyone is grumbling and scolding the weather but soon a warm wind blows up heavy grey clouds and the sun shines brightly in the cloudless azure sky. In a few months summer will come.

Summer is the most suitable season for holidays and vacations. People enjoy bright summer days if they are in the country or at the seaside. They go bathing and swimming and fishing and boating. But it's unbearable to stay in town on such hot and glaring days. Everybody droops and shambles and tries to hide in the shade.

Then after a good rest autumn and harvest time comes. The corn has turned golden and the farmer will reap it and put it in his barn. The air is fresh and full of the autumn fragrance of ripe apples, plums and peaches and of course asters, chrysanthemums. But the weather is so changeable

In autumn, people have to wear raincoats and umbrellas if they don't want to get wet through. The dead leaves cover the ground like a thick matley carpet, the roads are slippery and wet, there are lots of puddles in the streets and again everyone is looking forward to frosty winter days and much snow out-of-doors.

It's rather difficult to say what season is the best one, however dull and nasty or charming and marvellous the weather may be.

As to me I always look forward to summer. I'm never tired of its long sunny days, warm rains with thunderstorms and hail, the buzz of mosquitoes and midges. I like to spend summer holidays at the seaside.

In my childhood I used to enjoy playing on the beach making castles and forts in the sands. When one becomes older one begins to notice the murmur of the sea and it's so beautiful to look at the moon's way on the water in the darkness.

The air is fresh and it's easy to breathe. I like to lie in the sun getting as brown, paddle in the water or get

splashed by the waves. But it's not every year that you can go to the seaside.

Sometimes I spend my holidays in the country. Most of my time I spend in the woods gathering strawberries and flowers or at the river bathing and swimming in it. Very often I help my granny in the vegetable garden weeding it or gathering tomatoes, cucumbers or radishes. I like to walk in the rain or just sit indoors watching the rain falling down from the green leaves and blades of the grass onto the ground. When summer is over, I always feel sorry, because it was too short and was too quick to pass.

My favourite season is spring and I'm sure a lot of people share this opinion with me. Spring is the season of hope, happiness and love. It's the season when nature awakens from her winter sleep; the ice is broken, the grass is beginning to shoot, the trees are bursting into leaf. Spring comes in March and ends in May. It begins with the unique spring smell - the smell of fresh air, future rains and greenery, the smell of hope and joy of life. It often rains in spring, especially in April. People say: "April showers bring May

flowers", birds come back from warm lands and twitter in the trees.

I don't know anyone who wouldn't like spring.

Sport in our life.

Sport is a very important part of our life. All over the world people of different ages are very fond of sports and games. Thousands of people devote their leisure time to outdoor and indoor games. Sport not only helps people to become strong and to develop physically, but also makes them more organized and better disciplined in their daily activities. It makes for a healthy mind in a healthy body. Sports help people to keep in good health. People can play sports all the year round.

In summer we can practice every kind of outdoor sport: football, bicycle, tennis or badminton, swimming. In winter we can skate, ski or play ice-hockey, we can

swim in the swimming pool. We all need to exercise, even if you don't plan to make a career in sport you still have to practice. Regular exercise give you more energy. That is why many people who suffer from general tiredness should take more exercise than more rest. Exercise makes you feel and look better.



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