

Практическое занятие № 21 Особенности культуры страны изучаемого языка.

Грамматика: Числительные: количественные и порядковые

1. Прочитайте и переведите текст.

HOLIDAYS IN THE UK AND THE USA

There are a number of holidays, which are celebrated in Great Britain every year.

One of them is, of course, **New Year's Day** on the first of January. It is not so popular in England as in our country, but it is rather popular in Scotland. It is called Hogmanay. On that day people usually visit their friends and there is a lot of dancing and eating. In Scotland people bring a piece of coal for good luck in the New Year.

The next holiday of the year is **St. Valentine's Day**. It is on the 14th of February. People buy or make Valentine cards and send them to the people they love.

In March there is **Mother's Day**. All the children, little or adult ones, come to their mothers on that day to express their love and gratitude.

In April there is **Easter**. At Easter children eat chocolate Easter eggs. Sometimes parents hide them in the house or in the garden and children have to look for them.

In June there is **Father's Day**. On Father's Day children give or send their fathers and grandfathers cards and presents.

On the 31st of October there is a **Halloween**. They say ghosts and witches come out on Halloween. People make lanterns out of pumpkins. Some people have Halloween parties and dress as witches and ghosts.

The 25th of December is **Christmas Day**. It is one of the people's favourite holidays. People put Christmas trees in their houses and decorate them. There are beautiful Christmas decorations in the streets. On Christmas Eve everybody puts the presents under the Christmas tree. People say that at night Father Christmas puts presents into the stockings which children usually hang on their beds. The traditional Christmas meal is roast turkey and Christmas pudding.

There are a number of holidays in the **USA** which are celebrated every year. Here are some of them.

The 1st of January is **New Year's Day**. People do not go to bed until after midnight on December 31. They like to see the old year out and the new year in. Many people give parties on New Year's Eve.

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, is dedicated to those who fought in the War of Independence, in World War I or in World War II.

The 4th of July is **Independence Day**. It is the biggest national holiday in the USA. The Declaration of Independence was proclaimed in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, when the American colonies were fighting for independence against England.

On the 11th of November there is **Veteran's Day**. It is dedicated to those who fell in the two World Wars.

Thanksgiving Day is on the fourth Thursday in November. In the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first harvest festival in America and called it Thanksgiving Day. Since that time it has been celebrated every year.

Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. People usually stay at home at Christmas time, and spend the day with their families.

2. Ответьте на вопросы.

- 1) Name all the holidays in Great Britain.
- 2) Name all the holidays in the USA.
- 3) What is special about celebrating of these holidays?
- 4) What holiday did you like most of all and why?
- 5) Name public holidays in our country. Which of them are the same and which are different?

3. Согласно символам, определите название праздника.

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4. Сопоставьте названия праздников с их определениями.

1. Easter	a. ghosts and witches come out
2. Christmas	b. is on the fourth Thursday in November
3. Veteran's Day	c. all the children come to their mothers on that day to express their love
4. Thanksgiving Day	d. day people usually visit their friends and there is a lot of dancing and eating
5. Halloween	e. is dedicated to those who fell in the two World Wars
6. New Year's Day	f. children eat chocolate Easter eggs
7. Mother's Day	g. is celebrated on the 4 th of July
8. Independence Day	h. people buy or make Valentine cards
9. St. Valentine's Day	i. people decorate Christmas trees

5. Переведите следующие слова с русского на английский язык:

веселый, чудесный, красивый, интересный, праздновать, украшать, ходить по магазинам, большой, пирог, подарки, посещать, нравиться.