

Практическое занятие № 38. Иностранные языки в современном мире

1. Прочитайте и переведите текст, используя глоссарий.

The role of the English language

It won't be an exaggeration to say that English is the most important language in the world. Nearly half of the world population speaks English. Some of the largest countries in the world are English-speaking. Among them the USA, Canada, Australia and Great Britain.

By its origin English belongs to Germanic languages of the Indo-European family. Millions of people in the world use English as their native language, and millions use it as a second language. Almost all countries in the world have an English language subject at schools and universities. English has become an international language due to its significance in many areas, such as industry, business, finance, agriculture, and else. However, the most important use of English is in computer and Internet language.

Many English words are derived from other languages, such as Latin, French, Spanish, Japanese, Russian and several others. For example, the words "family, number, school" come from Latin, the words "royal, menu, hotel" come from French, the word "siesta" is of Spanish origin, the word "judo" is Japanese, the words "tsar, borscht" are Russian. There are also some new words, connected with innovative technology. For example, "Internet, e-mail, text message, modern" and others.

Learning English has many advantages. Firstly, it's good to know at least one foreign language. Secondly, the English language is rather comprehensive and melodic. And, finally, it gives an opportunity to travel and communicate with people of different nationalities, and be surely understood.

2. Ответьте на вопросы:

1. Is it easy to learn foreign languages?
2. Which language in the world is spoken by most people?
3. When did you begin learning English?
4. Why is English not an easy language to learn?
5. Why is it necessary to learn English?
6. What advantages have the people who know foreign languages?

3. Работа в группах (3-4). Выполните следующие задания, соблюдая этапы выполнения:

- Why is learning a foreign language important to you? Write a list.
- Read through the list of reasons you have written and revise it. Choose the most important factors.
- Think about how these factors influence /could influence your life.

- Plan your presentation. Write the key points and the supporting arguments.
- Design a visual support in the form of a poster.

Используйте слова и выражения: beneficial for all, excellent knowledge, improve your life, effective(ly), easily, powerful, successful, amazing, enjoyable experience

First of all,...

After all,...

I think,...

I doubt that...

I am convinced that,...