

## 1. About myself.

My name's Ann. I'm 11. I'm in the 5<sup>th</sup> form. I study at gymnasia number 1. I live in a flat in Cheboksary. I have a mother and father. But I haven't got a sister or a brother.

I'm tall. My hair is long and fair. My eyes are big and grey. I have a straight nose. I learn many different subjects at school. They are English, Russian, Chuvash, History and others.

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My hobby is swimming. I go to the swimming -pool twice a week.

I have many friends. We play different games together.

That's all about me.

Questions:

1. What are you?
2. What form are you in?
3. What subjects do you learn at school?
4. What school do you study at?
5. Where do you live?

## 2. My family.

My family is not large. There are 3 people: my mother, father, my sister and I. My mother's name is Stepanida. She's 35. She is a doctor. She is a very nice woman. She's short and thin. She has big blue eyes and short fair hair. Her hobby is reading. My father's name is Victor. He is 37. He is a businessman. He is tall. His hair is dark and wavy. He has a round face. His eyes are big and grey. His hobby is collecting stamps.

My sister's name is Zhenya. She's 13. She's a pupil. She's in the 7<sup>th</sup> form. She studies well and has many friends. She's fond of music and plays the guitar.

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-pool twice a week. I have many friends. We play different games together. In the evenings all members of my family like to watch TV. We frequently go to the cinema and for a walk together.

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Questions:

1. Is your family large?
2. How old is your mother?
3. What is she?
4. What's her hobby?
5. What do members of your family like to do in the evenings?

### 3. My house/flat.

I have got a flat. It is not big. It is on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. There are 2 rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, a hall and a balcony. Our living room is big and light. There is a window and a balcony next to it. There is a TV set in the corner. You can see an arm-chair and a sofa near the TV set. There is a picture on the wall. There is a carpet on the floor.

I have my own room. I don't share it. It is small. There isn't much furniture there. My room is light and cosy. There is a desk next to the window. There is a computer on the desk. There is a bookcase near the door. I have many books in my room.

Our kitchen is big and comfortable. We usually have breakfast and dinner in the kitchen.

The bathroom is small. We have a washing -machine near the door. The hall is wide and long. There is a telephone in it.

I like my flat. It is the best place in the world because there is no place like home. That's all about my flat.

Questions:

1. What is the number of your flat?
2. How many rooms has the flat got?

3. What is there in the living-room?

4. Where is the TV set?

5. Do you like your flat? Why?

#### 4. My school.

I'm in the fifth class. I go to gymnasium number 1. I get there on foot, because I live near it. Lessons start at 8 a.m. and finish at 1 or 2 p. m. I usually have 5 or 6 lessons. Our school is large. It has 4 floors. It is old. There is a school canteen and a gym on the ground floor. We have breakfast and lunch here.

Our school has a library. It is on the second floor. There are a lot of interesting new and old books in it.

Our school has many classrooms: English, Russian, Chuvash, History, Geography classrooms and others. They are big and light. The teachers are very good and kind and friendly. My favourite subjects are English and PE. I don't like Art because I'm not good at it. I like my school, classmates and teachers very much. That's all about my school.

Questions:

1. How many floors has your school got?
2. Is your school far from your house?
3. How do you get to school?
4. How long are the classes?
5. Do you like your school?

#### 5. My working day.

I get up at 7 o'clock on weekdays, but at 9 a. m. on Sunday. I make my bed, do morning exercises, wash, dress and have breakfast. I usually have a cup of tea and a plate of porridge.

Then I go to school. It is next to my house. I go there on foot. It takes me 10 minutes to get there. I usually have 5 or 6 lessons.

I come home at 2 p.m. and have lunch. At 3 o'clock I go for a walk with my friends. At 5 p.m. I do my homework. I like to learn oral subjects but I don't like written exercises.

In the evening I have dinner. I frequently read books, sometimes watch TV and play computer games. I usually go to bed at 10 o'clock.

That's all about my working day.

Questions:

1. When do you get up at the weekend?
2. What do you have for lunch?
3. When do you go to school?
4. How long does it take you to do your homework?
5. When do you go to bed on Saturday?

## 6. My favourite animals.

I like animals and have a cat and some fish at home. I feed them and take care of them.

The cat's name is Kosha. She's grey. She's 12 years old. She's clever. I like to play with my cat. My cat likes to purr near me.

I also have a fish tank. There are 4 fish in it. They are bright. I like to watch them and relax after school.

I like wild animals too. I can see them at the zoo. It is so interesting to watch monkeys, elephants, crocodiles, wolves, foxes, bears and others. My favourite wild animals are tigers. They are so brave and beautiful.

I also like farm animals especially horses. They are clever and strong.

I like films and books about animals too. That's all about my favourite animals.

Questions:

1. Do you like animals? Why?
2. What kinds of animals do you like best of all?
3. How often do you go for a walk with your pet?

4. What animals can you see at the zoo?
5. What are your favourite wild and domestic animals?

### 7. Free time. My hobby.

A hobby is what you can and like to do in your free time. We choose a hobby according to our character and tastes. Many people are interested in music and collect records. Others like to read and collect books. Some of us go on hikes and like to work in the garden. Many children like playing computer games. I have a hobby too. It is collecting stamps. My collection is big. I have 500 stamps. They are interesting. There are stamps about sports, famous people. I sometimes buy stamps and exchange them with my friends. I'm proud of my collection. That's all about my free time.

Questions:

1. What is a hobby?
2. What kinds of hobbies do you know?
3. What is the most popular hobby among your classmates?
4. What is your mother's hobby?
5. Do you like to collect stamps? Why?

### 8. My clothes in different seasons.

People wear different clothes in different seasons. I also wear different clothes.

In summer I put on a T-shirt, shorts, a shirt, a cap, trainers or sandals. I also wear sunglasses.

In autumn when the weather is cool and rainy I wear a coat, a raincoat, a jacket, boots or high boots. I always wear an umbrella if the weather is rainy.

My winter clothes are: a warm fur coat, a scarf, gloves or mittens, boots and a hat.

When spring comes I put on something less warm. My popular clothes are: jeans, an anorak, a sweater, a skirt. Jeans are my casual clothes but not for school. I like wearing jeans outdoors.

When I go to school, I put on my uniform. I don't mind it. I usually wear a T-shirt and shorts at home and dress up if I go to the party.

I like to wear modern and fashionable clothes. That's all about my clothes.

Questions:

1. What clothes do you wear at school? Do you like it?
2. What are your favourite clothes? Why?
3. What clothes do you hate?
4. Do you wear mittens or gloves in winter? Why?
5. What clothes do you wear if the weather is rainy?

### 9. Holidays in Russia. My birthday.

There are many holidays in Russia. There are public, professional, religious, fun holidays. The public holidays are New Year's Day, Christmas Day, Day of the Defender of the Fatherland, International Woman's Day (8<sup>th</sup> of March), May Day, Victory Day, Day of Russia (12 of June), National Unity Day (4 of November).

On holidays we always cook special food. All members of our family clean the house, and then decorate it before the holidays. Each of us try to dress up and finally we have a family dinner.

It's a pleasant moment to exchange gifts on holidays. I usually get many nice things from my friends, parents and relatives.

My favourite holiday is my birthday. My mom always makes me a birthday cake and our table is full of food. I also play party games with my friends.

I enjoy holidays very much. That's all about holidays in Russia.

Questions:

- 1) What Russian holidays do you know?
- 2) What is your favourite holiday? Why?
- 3) What do you prefer: to take presents or to give them? Why?
- 4) How do you prepare your house for holidays?
- 5) What English holidays do you know?

### 10. At the cinema. My favourite film.

I like to go to the cinema. There is a cinema not far from my house. It is modern. When I have free time I always go there to see a new film. There are different kinds of films: black-and-white and colour films, sound and mute films. People go to the cinema and everybody can see a film to his taste. There are different types of films: horror, action, romance, comedy, animated, fantasy.

My favourite film is Harry Potter and Half-Blood Prince. It's a fantasy film starring Danielle Radcliffe and Emma Watson. The film is about the battle between good and evil. I found the film exciting, and the acting was wonderful. I think it's a must see for everyone. It's well worth seeing. That's all about my favourite film.

Questions:

- 1) What films do you prefer?
- 2) What film did you see last?
- 3) Who played the main roles in it?
- 4) How often do you go to the cinema?
- 5) Who do you go to the cinema with?