

Зразок залікової/ екзаменаційної роботи
(диктант)
для студентів 2 курсу (англійське відділення)

For people of nowadays having a pastime is a luxury as most of our time is spent in toil to make our living, no matter who you are a highbrow or a lowbrow. Housewives or the elderly prefer to spend their spare time painting, sewing, embroidering or knitting. Well-off people prefer playing bridge or poker, collecting valuable items, antiques such as originals of encyclopedias written by medieval scientists, ancient sets of chess or stuffed animals such as deer, wild boar and pheasant.

The situation is completely opposite with the youth. The majority is content with passive enjoyment and second-hand experiences. They are glued to their seats downloading thrillers and endless soaps from the Internet or playing online games. What is worse, the one-eyed monster is becoming a universal pacifier for children and they are forgetting about circus with its incredible somersaults, cartwheels and trapeze artists and also about opera and ballet performances.

However, we should never treat all alike. Every year more and more people choose rock climbing, mountaineering, parachuting and skin diving. They join hobby clubs and become a hiker, a "walrus" or a windsurfer; they find it exciting to sit in a frame tent with a paraffin lamp on, to tremble in sleeping bags at night and to treat themselves to hares with chanterelles and russulas. Such eccentrics usually avoid buying floats, rods, reels and baits and to catch a pike or a crucian is like to take a trump out of a pack of cards. Fortunately, such individuals find little if no pleasure in sitting in a gaming room, hypnotizing a roulette wheel or shuffling cards.

To make the life full and active and never to feel bored, any person should follow the words of Oscar Wilde: "One must be serious about something, if one wants to have any amusement in life."