

Практическое занятие № 17

Тема: Описание и сообщение как формы монологического высказывания, образцы текстов по изучаемой теме.

Цель: Совершенствование навыков чтения и перевода с целью извлечения информации по теме: США

Содержание работы:

1. Прочитать текст, выписать главную мысль с переводом.
2. Написать о любой традиции или обычае США (или подготовить небольшую презентацию)

1. Прочитайте, составьте план пересказа текста на английском

American traditions and customs

The United States of America is the country with the most diverse cultures. As it is the land of immigrants, almost every nation of the world has contributed something to American traditions and customs. Some of them may seem quite strange and completely different from those of our native country.

First of all, we must say that American people are not just the nation of fast food and baseball caps. It is a unique nation rich in its traditions and typical habits. Americans like smiling, handshaking and joking. They protect their privacy and avoid discussing such controversial subjects as religion, money, politics and personal values. At the same time the people are really friendly and open-minded. Many Americans appreciate independent thinking. They are always punctual and wait their turn in lines patiently.

Baseball, basketball, football and bowling are America's favourite pastimes. These kinds of sports are played all over the country by thousands of amateurs.

Most of the US holidays are authentically American and celebrated in all the states. These are Thanksgiving Day, Columbus Day, Independence Day, Presidents' Day, Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, Halloween and St. Valentine's Day.

On Christmas Eve the people decorate their homes with holly and mistletoe, they hang stockings over the fireplace and leave cookies and milk for Santa. As for Independence Day which is celebrated in summer, American families are always happy to drive to the countryside to enjoy picnics, barbecues and camping trips. In the evenings there are always impressive fireworks. As for Halloween, adults and children like to carve "jack-o-lanterns", dress up in scary costumes and attend parties. Kids also adore roaming from door to door asking for sweets and shouting "trick or treat".

The type of traditional food in the USA varies depending on the region or the state. Southern states, for instance, are known for fried chicken and dumplings, alligator meat and corn bread. In Texas the cuisine is mostly influenced by Mexican burritos, tacos and chili peppers. On Thanksgiving and Christmas Days American people have really huge family dinners. The traditional food on Thanksgiving Day is roast turkey, mashed potatoes, mincemeat pies and pumpkin pies. At Christmas the Americans cook roast turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, "hopping John", plum puddings, apple pies and mince pies.

There is a unique American holiday which was made famous in the 90-s thanks to a comedy film "Groundhog Day". According to the folk saying, if a groundhog emerges out of its burrow on a cloudy day the spring will come early. If not – the winter is going to stay for the next 6 weeks.

2. Найдите информацию и напишите небольшое высказывание о любой традиции или обычае США.

1. The Full English Breakfast



The English breakfast originated in the 13th century. Back then, a breakfast of this sort was reserved for only the richest in society.

By the time of the Industrial Revolution, the traditional English breakfast was **slowly moving away from the richest and becoming a more wide-spread dish.**



It is **one of the longest standing** traditional dishes in English history.

Nowadays the full breakfast consists of sausages, bacon and eggs, served with toasts, grilled tomatoes, baked beans and fried mushrooms.

2. Pancake Day



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is held in February or March.

It is the day, preceding Ash Wednesday – the first day of the 40 days Lent. It has been celebrated in Britain for centuries.

3. Guy Fawkes Night



On 5 November, people across the UK celebrate **Bonfire Night** (or Guy Fawkes Night).

All over the country there are firework displays and bonfires with models of **Guy Fawkes**, which are burned on the fire.

4. Marble Championship



Marble championship is an annual event which takes place on **Good Friday**.

The participating teams, consisting of six members, have to knock out the marbles from the raised concrete ring. The event is open to anyone of any age, gender or skill level.