

1. Translate.

Why we should learn English?

Learning English is important and people all over the world decide to study it as a second language. Many countries include English as a second language in their school syllabus and children start learning English at a young age.

However, **do you know why** learning English is so important? Here are ten good reasons to take an English language course.

1. English is the most commonly spoken language in the world. One out of five people can speak or at least understand English!
2. English is the language of science, of aviation, computers, diplomacy, and tourism. Knowing English increases your chances of getting a good job in a multinational company within your home country or of finding work abroad.
3. English is the official language of 53 countries. That is a lot of people to meet and speak to.
4. English is spoken as a first language by around 400 million people around the world.
5. English is the language of the media industry. If you speak English, you won't need to rely on translations and subtitles anymore to enjoy your favourite books, songs, films and TV shows.
6. English is also the language of the Internet. Many websites are written in English – you will be able to understand them and to take part in forums and discussions.
7. English is based on a simple alphabet and it is fairly quick and easy to learn compared to other languages.
8. English is not only useful – it gives you a lot of satisfaction. Making progress feels great. You will enjoy learning English, if you remember that every hour you spend gets you closer to perfection.
9. Since English is spoken in so many different countries there are thousands of schools around the world that offer programmes in English. If you speak English, there're lots of opportunities for you to find an appropriate school and course to suit your academic needs.
10. Because it's fun! By learning English, you will also learn about other cultures. Few experiences will make you grow as a person more than learning the values, habits and way of life in a culture that is different from yours.

Britain Holidays

1. People visit their mothers and give them small flowers and small presents.

- a) St. Valentine's Day b) New Year c) Mother's Day

2. There is a funny tradition connected with the New Year. This is the first visitor to enter the house.

- a) Christmas b) Halloween c) the First Foot

3. When is Halloween?

- a) October 31 b) October 5 c) November 5

4. When is Christmas in Britain?

- a) January 7 b) January 25 c) December 25

5. When is Guy Fawkes Day?

- a) October 5 b) September 25 c) November 5

6. When is the official Queen's Birthday?

- a) the second Saturday in June b) the second Saturday in July c) the 21st of April

7. When is New Year?

- a) December 25 b) December 31 c) January 7

8. People send special cards to someone they love. They don't sign their names.

a) St. Valentine's Day b) New Year c) Mother's Day

1. People celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. What holiday is it?

a) New Year b) Christmas c) the First Foot

10. People light fireworks and burn a guy on a bonfire.

a) Guy Fawkes Night b) Halloween c) Easter

11. People make fancy costumes and put them on.

a) Guy Fawkes Night b) Halloween c) Easter

12. People dye eggs and give presents to their relatives and friends.

a) St. Valentine's Day b) Easter c) New Year

13. People decorate fir-trees with tinsels, lights, coloured balls.

a) St. Valentine's Day b) Easter c) New Year

14. An official public holiday, not a Saturday or Sunday, when banks and most businesses are closed.

a) bank holiday b) New Year c) Mother's Day

15. When is the Queen's actual birthday?

a) the 1st of April b) the 21st of April c) the 21st of March

Дополните, какой праздник празднуется в США в эти даты?

National Celebrations in the USA

January:

the 1st of January -

the 15th January -

February:

the third Monday -

the 14th of February -

May:

the fourth Monday -

July:

the 4th of July -

September:

the first Monday -

October:

the 12th of October -

the 31st of October -

November:

the 11th of November -

the fourth Thursday -

December:

the 25th of December -