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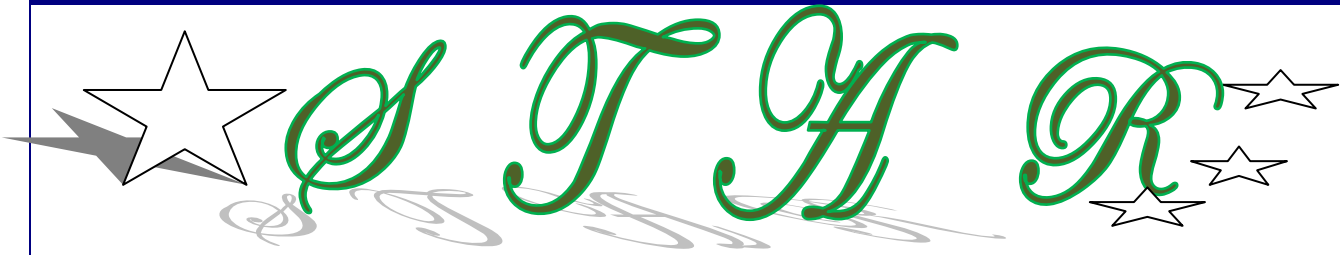
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**The summer vacation is coming !**

*The summer  
vacation begins!*

*Many students think about the summer vacation very early, when it's still cold and rainy or even snowy outside. They think about it when they have lots of school tasks to do or when they have to learn for a test paper.*

*Some of them even make plans regarding the places they will visit, at the seaside, at their grandparents' place or even abroad. Other students prefer to stay at home and have fun with their friends outside or playing some sports together.*

*This summery issue of our school magazine is about mixing some cultural facts with some English practice exercises.*

*There are some interesting stories for you to read and some super easy exercises to do. The student's corner is about going camping ( so cool! ) and about teenager's life in general.*

*Have a Great  
Summer Vacation!*

*Star's Editorial Team*



## Stories about what we like to eat

Fast food is not very healthy but it's very tasty. Here are some things about some of your favourite types of food.

### *The hamburger - short history*

It got its name from the German town of Hamburg, which was famous for its ground steak. German immigrants to the United States introduced the "hamburger steak".

At the Saint Louis World's Fair in 1904, hamburger steaks were served on buns for the first time. Hamburgers on buns were convenient and tasted good. This became the usual way of eating hamburgers.

How did the hamburger become the most popular, most typical American food ? The introduction of the bun is an important part of the answer. Another important part is McDonald's, the fast-food restaurant. The first McDonald's was opened in San Bernardino, California, in 1949. Hamburgers were the main item on its menu.



## *The history of the hot dog*

Back in 1900 a man was trying to sell sausages in the streets of New York. He boiled them and then kept them hot in a tank of hot water. Nobody was very interested until he started to shout, 'Get your hot dachshund sausages here!'

A dachshund is a long, thin, brown dog which looks something like a sausage. As a result he sold many more of his sausages.

A newspaper reporter took a photograph of the sausage seller holding up one of his sausages for a story in his paper. But he wasn't sure how to spell 'dachshund', so he called it a 'hot dog' instead. And that's how the name started.

The same salesman lent a pair of white gloves to his customers to hold the hot sausages with. But somebody forgot to give him back the gloves. So he went to a baker and asked him to make him some long pieces of bread to hold the hot dog in. This was such a perfect combination that it has remained unchanged ever since. If you go to a baseball game today, you can still see sellers walking around with hot-water tanks. As they walk up and down the rows, they yell, "Get your hot dogs here !"



## *The story of the sandwich*

When John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, ordered beef served between slices of bread about 250 years ago he probably did not think his request would become a global convenience meal.

The story goes that the Earl asked for the particular serving so that he could eat while continuing to play cards and his friends asked "to have the same as Sandwich", according to the British Sandwich Association.

The first written record of the sandwich was in 1762 and the Kent town of Sandwich, which is the earldom of the Montagu family, is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the meal.

Sir Edward Montagu, a prominent naval commander, became the first Earl of Sandwich when he was offered a peerage in 1660. Over the weekend the east Kent town hosts sandwich-making competitions and re-enactments of the moment the fourth Earl of Sandwich asked for the food in bread.

Sandwich Celebration Festival organiser Mandy Wilkins said it had had interest from around the world, including America, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, France and Russia.

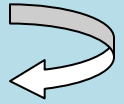
Ms Wilkins said: "The sandwich is a global food and Sandwich, our town, is just a little town full of medieval buildings.

"It's bizarre that such an important food item should be named after us."

And now let me show you how you can

## *Express Your Opinion*

### *General Point of View*



It is true that...

Most people say that...

No one can argue that...

It is thought that...

Some people say that...

It is generally accepted that...

### *Agreeing with an opinion*

I agree with you.

I agree with this idea.

I completely agree with this view.

This is absolutely right.

I couldn't agree more (on this).

### *Disagreeing with an Opinion*

However,...

I'm sorry to disagree with you, but...

I'm not so sure about that.

I'm afraid I have to disagree.

On the contrary...

Yes, but don't you think that...

I do not believe that...

I think that's wrong.

## *We'll give you a few* "FAMOUS LANDMARKS"

**Big Ben:** clock  
London, England  
Largest 4 sided clock  
Symbol of the UK



**Stonehenge**  
2000 BC  
Wiltshire, England  
Prehistoric ring of stones  
Place of worship



**The White House-** 132 rooms  
Washington, D.C. USA  
Built in 1800  
Home and office of American presidents  
Capital: Washington, D.C.



**The Kremlin-** largest fortress in Europe  
Moscow, Russia  
5 palaces and 4 cathedrals  
President lives here  
Symbol of Russian government  
Capital: Moscow



**Eiffel Tower-** Paris, France  
Built by Gustav Eiffel- 1889  
300 meters tall-3 floors  
Tallest structure until 1930  
Most visited landmark in world  
Capital: Paris



**Great Wall of China**  
200 BC : Protects borders  
Fortification  
Longest man made structure  
Capital: Beijing



*And now let us not forget what  
we have learned*

### DIRECT SPEECH

*PRESENT SIMPLE*  
"I LIKE FISH" SHE SAID

*PRESENT CONTINUOUS*  
"HE IS PLAYING TENNIS" SHE SAID

*PRESENT PERFECT*  
"HE HAS BOUGHT A NEW CAR" SHE SAID

*PAST SIMPLE*  
"HE LEFT TWO DAYS AGO" SHE SAID

*FUTURE*  
"I WILL SEND THIS E-MAIL" SHE SAID

*PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS*  
"HE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR US" SHE SAID

### REPORTED SPEECH

*SIMPLE PAST*  
SHE SAID SHE LIKED FISH

*PAST CONTINUOUS*  
SHE SAID HE WAS PLAYING TENNIS

*PAST PERFECT*  
SHE SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A NEW CAR.

*PAST PERFECT*  
SHE SAID HE HAD LEFT TWO DAYS  
BEFORE.

*CONDITIONAL*  
SHE SAID HE WOULD SEND THIS E-MAIL.

*PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS*  
SHE SAID HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR  
US.



## *Places to visit*

### *The Paleontological Reservation Cozla – Pietricica – Cernegura from Piatra Neamț, Neamț County*

From a geological perspective, the mountains Cozla, Pietricica and Cernegura that surround the town Piatra Neamț represent the last step of the Carpathians and they are located at the intersection between Carpathians and Sub-Carpathians.

In the north part of the town we can see the hill named Cozla with a height of 852 metres, in the east there is Pietricica with a height of 530 metres and on the south there is Cernegura with a height of 679 m.

60 million years ago here there was the bottom of a sea where lived clams, different species of fish and other organisms specific to this area. This information is confirmed by the numerous fossils discovered. Because of that, these mountains were declared a protected area and became a reservation with a surface of 53 ha.

Many of the fossils discovered in this place can be seen in the Museum of Natural Science from Piatra Neamț.



The UK is situated in the north-west of the European continent, between the Atlantic

Ocean and the North Sea. From north to south it is about 1,000 kilometers long.

Great Britain is made up of:

- England - The capital is London.
- Scotland - The capital is Edinburgh .
- Wales - The capital is Cardiff.

What is the title of the heir to the British throne?

The heir to the throne is always called the Prince of Wales. The title was introduced by King Edward I in 1301, after the conquest of Wales.

In Britain the crown normally passes from monarch to eldest son. As King George VI had no son, it passed to his elder daughter, now Queen Elizabeth II.



### **Going Camping**

\*Personally, I like to go camping because it is a good experience and I like to travel in Romania or to other parts of the world. I like to go camping with my friends or with my family. My favourite destination for camping is the mountain area, the forest region.

The disadvantages of going camping are: the presence of insects, wild animals or extreme weather. For a successful camping experience you have to prepare very well in advance.

The advantages of camping are: fresh air, a unique experience and the possibility to admire nature and fill yourself with lots of positive energy.

In my opinion, going camping is a very good experience and it's beneficial for all the aspects of our life.

Alexandru Anechitei - X C



\*I enjoy camping because I can spend some time in the middle of the nature with my family and friends.

It is great to feel the fresh air and to see many species of plants and animals. Another advantage is that you can have a

lot of fun if you go with your friends and if you stay round a campfire singing or telling stories.

Iustina Păduraru - X C



### **The students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade tell their stories**

My name is Daniel Apetrei and I am 16 years old. I live in Piatra-Neamț and I am a student at the Technical College of Forestry in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

I'm like the other kids; my hobbies are playing games on my computer, playing basketball and spending my time with my friends. I also like listening to music from my favourite artists. When it's raining and I can't play basketball, I usually read books or watch movies.

I like travelling a lot. My dream is to move to Japan and to meet my favourite designer because another dream is to become a fashion designer.

My favourite music genre is rap and I like many American rap artists.

Daniel Apetrei - X C





## Did you know:

*The oldest word in the English language is "town"*

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*"I am " is the shortest complete sentence in the English language*

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*\*The shortest, oldest, and most commonly used word is "I."*

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*The word "alphabet" is derived from the first two letters in the Greek alphabet: "alpha" and "beta".*

\*

*The Bible is the most widely translated book available in 2,454 different languages.*

The teacher to a student:  
Conjugate the verb "to walk" in simple present.

The student: I walk. You walk ....  
The teacher interrupts him: Quicker please.

The student: I run. You run ...



## And now we play a little with grammar

*Match the words on the left with their antonyms on the right.*

### ENGLISH ANTONYMS

#### ADJECTIVES

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 successful   | A cheerful      |
| 2 busy         | B unassertive   |
| 3 polite       | C defeated      |
| 4 strong       | D unreliable    |
| 5 bossy        | E confident     |
| 6 noisy        | F irresponsible |
| 7 gloomy       | G rude          |
| 8 diffident    | H weak          |
| 9 arrogant     | I quiet         |
| 10 reliable    | J humble        |
| 11 responsible | K idle          |

#### VERBS

- |            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 1 achieve  | A create  |
| 2 argue    | B receive |
| 3 arrive   | C learn   |
| 4 destroy  | D forget  |
| 5 send     | E agree   |
| 6 teach    | F blame   |
| 7 laugh    | G leave   |
| 8 remember | H lose    |
| 9 praise   | I refuse  |
| 10 accept  | J fail    |
| 11 win     | K cry     |

Choose the antonyms of the words in capital letters from a, b or c.

**1 REMEMBER**

- a recollect
- b reminisce
- c forget

**2 GLOOMY**

- a cheerless
- b cheerful
- c depressing

**3 ARGUE**

- a agree
- b altercate
- c disagree

**4 BEAUTY**

- a charm
- b ugliness
- c grace

**5 BLAME**

- a accuse
- b charge
- c praise

**6 EMPLOYER**

- a boss
- b employee
- c owner

**7 DESTROY**

- a create
- b break
- c destruct

**8 GUEST**

- a caller
- b visitor
- c host

**9 BUSY**

- a industrious
- b idle
- c active

**10 HUMBLE**

- a common
- b simple
- c arrogant

**11 LEAVE**

- a depart
- b arrive
- c disappear

**12 WEAK**

- a strong
- b fragile
- c cowardly

**NOUNS**

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1 giant     | A female     |
| 2 beauty    | B host       |
| 3 worker    | C hero       |
| 4 leader    | D employee   |
| 5 optimist  | E clever man |
| 6 friend    | F ugliness   |
| 7 guest     | G dwarf      |
| 8 coward    | H idler      |
| 9 fool      | I follower   |
| 10 employer | J enemy      |
| 11 male     | K pessimist  |

**Complete the sentences with past simple**

- 1.- David ... very tired yesterday afternoon.
- 2.- Violeta.....at the cinema with her parents
- 3.- My husband .....at the chemist's.
- 4.- They ..... happy at the theatre.
- 5.- The phone ..... on the table.
- 6.-Two dogs ..... barking.
- 7.- Richard ..... in bed at 10 pm,
- 8.-The red jumper ..... a bit expensive
- 9.- Yolanda and her mom .....shopping
- 10.- The vanilla ice cream .....delicious.

**COMPLETE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT FORM: PRESENT OR PAST**

- 1.- What .....Raul and Sonia doing yesterday in the park at 8 o'clock?
- 2.- I don't know, perhaps they ..... waiting for some friends to go to the disco.
- 3.- I ..... a good girl and I do my homework at home before dinner.
- 4.- Tom and Katherine ..... in Italy last month. They .....on a school trip.
- 5.- Alice and her niece ..... at the beach because they ..... on holiday. It ..... hot.
- 6.- William Shakespeare ..... a famous writer.
- 7.- Fernando invited his friends to his birthday party. He ..... 20 years old.
- 8.-This week we ..... working on a new project at the Geography class.
- 9.- Walter ..... my uncle. He ..... a photographer. He wins a lot of money.
- 10.- Emily ..... a teacher. She ..... beautiful and a good teacher.
- 11.- The community ..... helping some poor people in the district.
- 12.- Where .....you now? I ..... at home doing some school exercises.

## Nationality Game

Mexican - Italian - American - Indian -  
Chinese - Japanese - French - Spanish

In my country, people respect  
animals very much, they are sacred  
creatures. The movies are also famous.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.

The language of my country is the most  
spoken one around the world. In my  
country there are many inhabitants.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.

The most famous sport in my country is  
basketball. The food people enjoy most  
is hamburger and fries.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.

My country is famous for flamenco  
dance and typical food.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.

In my country we have a lot fish. We  
also develop many technology  
products. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

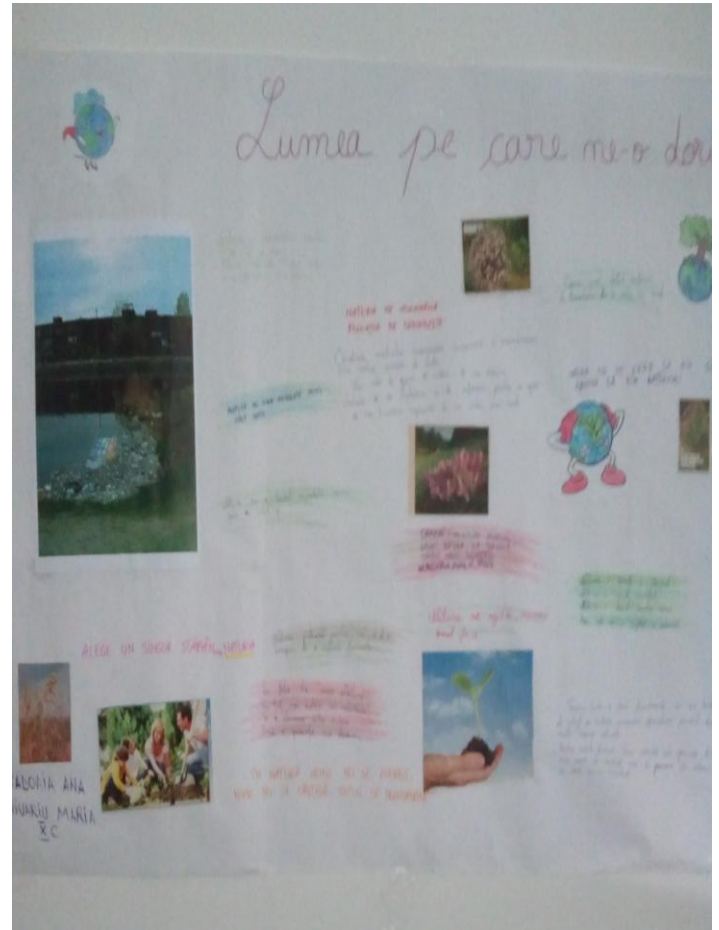
The food of my country is very spicy.  
My country is also very famous for its  
soap operas. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

In my country, there are many famous  
soccer teams. The favorite food is pizza.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.

Many people go to my country to  
romantic trips and to see the Eiffel  
Tower. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:** Indian - Chinese - American,  
Spanish, Japanese, Mexican, Italian,  
French.

The students from grade X C attended the  
national competition "The World We Want"  
and they managed to create some very  
representative posters. Here are some photos  
depicting their work.





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**ENGLISH is YOUR FRIEND !**

The summer sun in the sky,  
Shining, shining up so high  
Makes it warm for outside fun.  
To play at the park and run,  
To swim and hike and fish,  
And to go on a picnic if you wish.

<http://www.canteach.ca/songspoems6.html>

