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*Have fun learning a foreign  
language*

*Read us!*

Many people consider that learning a foreign language can offer them a lot of job opportunities on the labour market. This is, of course, very true. Those who are able to master one, two or even more foreign languages can find better jobs and have higher salaries.

But this is not the only advantage in studying a foreign language. You also learn about how

people in other countries live, you learn about their customs and traditions, about how they spend their free time, what they like to eat and how their houses look like.

So, knowing a foreign language opens new perspectives into the life and the culture of the people speaking that particular language. Which means that somebody can become a very cultivated person, not only by speaking the language but by being able to understand how other people think and act.

Star's Editorial Team

# The Forestry Technical College Piatra-Neamț

## *Short description*

The Forestry Technical College Piatra-Neamț is located in one of the oldest living areas of Piatra-Neamț. The building housing our college dates back to the year 1929 and it was included in the national architectural heritage, due to its style. The Technical College of Forestry Piatra-Neamț is one of the few institutions of this kind from Neamț county, focusing mainly on forestry, wood processing, the protection of the environment and mechanics. Because our town is situated in such a beautiful region, being surrounded by forests, our students have the opportunity to learn everything about nature and how to take care of our natural resources. Apart from this vast domain of forestry and the protection of the environment, our students also learn how to process wood and how to turn it into

beautiful pieces of furniture. Another domain of activity is mechanics which offers our students the possibility to learn a trade which is very necessary on the labour market.

## Let's meet our 9<sup>th</sup> graders

\* Hello! My name is Stefan and I am in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. My favourite football player is Cristiano Ronaldo. He played football in four teams and he is the best player in the world. He was very poor as a child but his dream was to become the best football player. With a lot of work and training his dream has become true.

He is now playing football for Real Madrid. His full name is Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos and he was born in Portugal in 1985.

I like him very much, he is my favourite sportsperson and my dream is to meet him and be able to take a picture of him.

Ștefan Iulian Neamțu- 9 A

*\*Hello!*

I am Roberto! I like to play PC games because they are captivating. I don't play them all the time but sometimes I play them for 2 or 3 hours a day.

The first game that I played was Mario when I was 7 years old. Mortal Combat X is my favourite game because it is full of action.

The most recent game that I have bought was Need for Speed Rivals. Some 3 months ago I bought a new laptop which is much better than my PC and on this laptop I can play new games.

I like PC games because they are a good opportunity to improve my English.

Roberto Lozonschi- 9A



*\*Hi!*

I am Vlad! I have been playing video games ever since I was 6 years old when my parents bought me a PC. The first game I have ever played was a children's game and it was funny.

But my passion for gaming started when my cousin showed me his console and his collection of games. He also showed me a lot of games but the game I liked the most was called Halo.

From that day on I knew that playing PC games was going to become my new hobby.

After 7 years I bought a console only for myself. This hobby helped me make new friends, too. Another advantage is that you can improve your English. There are some disadvantages, too. It can become an addiction and you may spend a lot of money on buying new games.

Vlad Sofronia- 9A



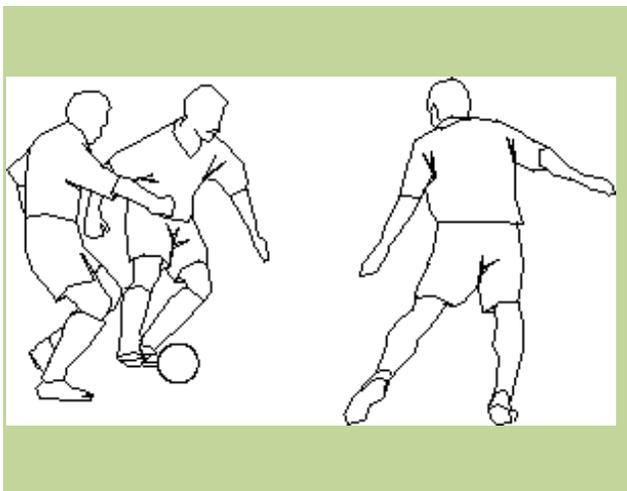
\*My favourite soccer player is Karim Benzema. This football player is one of the best-known football players in the world. He has a height of 187cm and weighs 79 kilos.

He is currently playing for the Spanish team Real Madrid and he is 25 years old. He was also the best football player in the world in 2014. This famous striker played three games at the World Championship in 2014.

He was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1987 and is of French nationality.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2009 he announced that the French team Lyon would like to sell him to Real Madrid. His transfer cost 35million Euros.

*Narcis Andrei Gavril -9A*



## *The Importance of Protecting the Environment*

For so many years the natural environment supports us as a society that is starting to ignore its resources and the life of other species.

Still, how is the environment so patient with us?

Natural disasters such as landslides and earthquakes lead to the destruction of the soil but also its biological discharge. All this contributes to the destruction of the agricultural crops.

Many regions around the globe are damaged. Poverty is also a cause of environmental decline but, on the other hand, in some countries people throw a lot of unspoiled food instead of trying to recycle it.

In conclusion, the environment must be taken care of, we must be more careful with it and try to protect it as much as we can.

*Alexandru Vasile Anechitei- 10 C*



## *How much do you know about the United Kingdom?*

The United Kingdom is one of the best known countries in the world which is formed of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. As a matter of fact, the official name is The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Everybody knows at least a few pieces of information about this country: the people speak English, the head of the state is Queen Elizabeth II, the weather is rainy and foggy, the cars have the steering wheel on the right.

Of course, there are many other things that could be taken into consideration.

\*For example, the Royal House is called the Royal House of Windsor and the people belonging to it can trace their bloodlines back through thousands of years of monarchy and leadership. They go by the terms "His and Her Royal Highness," yet they are admired for their style, down-to-earth personalities, media savvy, and their devotion to humanitarian causes.

When the Queen is in London, she stays at Buckingham Palace, but there are other royal residences in the UK. Windsor Castle is the oldest royal residence still in use. William the Conqueror built the castle in 1080 and it has remained a royal palace and fortress

for over 900 years. The grounds include several homes, a large church and the royal palace. Situated 20 miles west of London, it is also the weekend home of Queen Elizabeth II.



\* When somebody starts learning English, he or she will eventually become familiar with some aspects related to the life and work of William Shakespeare. He was an English poet, playwright and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet, and the "Bard of Avon".



His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.

\* Many of us have watched on television recipes cooked by Jamie Oliver. He is a famous English chef who has tried to change the eating habits of his fellow citizens. But there is another famous British culinary aspect: the Full English breakfast.

The term full comes from the fact the breakfast is full of different food stuff. Breakfast may begin with orange juice, cereals, stewed or fresh fruits but the heart of the Full breakfast is bacon and eggs accompanied by sausages, grilled tomato, mushrooms, tea, toast and marmalade.

A Full English Breakfast may also have Black Pudding, Baked Beans, and Fried Bread.

\*A lot of tourists visiting the United Kingdom are impressed by the vast number of monuments, some of them dating back from Antiquity or the Middle



Ages. One of the most visited places is Stonehenge; the place was built by the late Neolithic people around 5000 years ago, about 3000 BC. People probably gathered there for religious ceremonies.

\* London, the capital of the country is one of the most visited cities in the entire world. A very famous landmark which appears on all postcards is the Big Ben. That is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London and the term is usually extended to refer to both the clock and the clock tower as well. A British cultural icon, the tower is one of the most prominent symbols of the

United Kingdom and it often appears in the films set in London.

\*We all know that the British people drink a lot of tea. Perhaps surprisingly, this is a relatively new tradition. While the custom of drinking tea dates back to the third millennium BC in China and was popularised in England during the 1660s by King Charles II and his wife the Portuguese Infanta Catherine de Braganza, it was not until the mid 19th century that the concept of 'afternoon tea' first appeared.

Afternoon tea was introduced in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840. The Duchess would become hungry around four o'clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock, thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner. The Duchess asked that a tray of tea, bread and butter (some time earlier, the Earl of Sandwich had had the idea of putting a filling between two slices of bread) and cake be brought to her room during the late afternoon. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends to join her.



# Romania

## Did You Know ?

\*The name "Romania" comes from the Latin word "Romanus" which means "citizen of the Roman Empire."

\*The Bicz Gorges offer a unique view of the Ceahlau Mountain. The Bicz Gorges are famous for their 1000 ft. limestone rocks towering over narrow roads and passes.

The road that slices through the Bicz Gorges (Cheile Bicazului) is among Romania's most stunning and spectacular. The park's main attraction is the Red Lake (Lacul Rosu), created in 1837 after a major natural landslide.

\*Romanian Inventor Traian Vuia was the first European to built and fly a fully self-propelled, fixed-wing 'automobile airplane' (March 18, 1906).

\*The Romanian city of Timisoara was the first in Europe to have electric street-lighting (in 1889). Timisoara was also the first European city to introduce horse-drawn trams, in 1869.

\*Romanian is one of the five languages in which religious services are performed in the autonomous monastic state of Mount Athos (Greece).

\*The name of the Romanian currency "Leu" (lion in English) and the U.S.

currency "Dollar" share the same origin: the Dutch coin "löwentaler". The Romanian Leu (plural Lei) got its name after the roaring lion (löwen) engraved on the tail of the löwentaler while the US Dollar was named after the second part of the Dutch coin 'taler' (pronounced *daler* and meaning silver coin).

\* The Danube Delta is a wildlife enthusiast's paradise (especially a bird watchers). It is home to the world's largest reed bed and hosts rare species of plants and animals, including endangered sturgeon, otters, wildcats and European mink.

Three clay tablets, dated to around 5300 BC, discovered in the village of Tartaria



(central Romania), have been the subject of considerable controversy among archaeologists, some of whom claim that the

symbols represent the earliest known form of writing in the world.

With an area of 92,043 square miles (238,391 square kilometer), Romania is the largest country in Southeastern Europe. It is roughly the same size as the United Kingdom.

## Now you know!

Source: <http://romaniatourism.com/did-you-know.html> ; <http://travelaway.me/things-you-didnt-know-about-romania/>

# English humour

\*How many months have 28 days?  
*All of them.*

\*Teacher: What is there in December that isn't in any other month?  
*Student: The letter "D".*

*Teacher:* Why are you late, John?  
*Joseph:* Because of a sign down the road.  
*Teacher:* What does a sign have to do with your being late?  
*Joseph:* The sign said,  
"School Ahead, Go Slow!"

PUPIL: "Would you punish me for something I didn't do?"  
TEACHER: "Of course not."  
PUPIL: "Good, because I haven't done my homework."  
*Submitted by Miguel de Paco Moltó*

Teacher: Students, you have forty minutes to write an essay on a soccer match.  
Richard: (After two minutes) Here's my paper, sir.  
Teacher: What did you manage to write so quickly?  
Richard: Match called off due to rain.

*Teacher:* Rudolph, describe a synonym.  
*Rudolph:* A word you use when you can't spell the other word.

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## Other Ways to Say ...

English With Life

### Awesome

Magnificent, Fabulous  
Wonderful, Fantastic  
Amazing, Great, superb  
Stunning, Majestic  
Impressive, outstanding  
Excellent, remarkable

### Beautiful

Attractive, Pretty, Nice  
Good-looking, Lovely  
Charming, Delightful  
Gorgeous, Graceful  
Glamorous, Elegant  
Cute, Adorable, Bonny

### Happy

Cheerful, Cheery, Merry  
Joyful, Delighted  
Thrilled, Pleased  
Amused, Ecstatic  
Jolly, Glad, Jovial

### Big

Large, Huge, Immense,  
Enormous, Massive  
Mammoth, Vast  
Gigantic, Giant  
Mighty, Jumbo, Mega  
Hefty, Tremendous

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## Other ways to say: On the other hand

However	Nevertheless
Otherwise	Having said that
On the flip side	All the same
Alternatively	At any rate
In any case	On the contrary
That said	Whereas
That being said	Then again
Nonetheless	In contrast

- It was nothing.
- Of course.
- Not at all.
- No worries.
- That's all right.
- Not a problem.
- It's okey.
- No problem.
- Glad to help.
- Don't mention it.

Thank you.

You are welcome.



### Other ways to say...

**I think**

1. My view is
2. The fact is
3. In my way of thinking
4. As I understand it
5. I consider
6. I feel
7. I believe
8. In my opinion

**Because**

1. For this reason
2. Since
3. For
4. Thus
5. The reason why
6. Due to the fact that
7. As
8. As a result of

**You're welcome**

1. Sure
2. Sure thing
3. No worries
4. Not at all
5. Of course
6. Don't mention it
7. My pleasure
8. That's all right

**Yes**

1. Right
2. True
3. Mm-hmm
4. Indeed
5. Yup
6. For sure
7. affirmative
8. totally

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### 10 Ways to Say How You Are

1. I'm fine, thanks. How about you?
2. Pretty good.
3. Not bad.
4. Great!
5. Couldn't be better!
6. Can't complain.
7. I've been busy.
8. Same as always.
9. Not so great.
10. Could be better.

*Note: The way to respond to "What's up?" and "What's new?" is typically "Not much."*

### So Many Ways To Say THANK YOU

Thank you  
Thanks so much  
Thank you very much  
Thanks a bunch  
Thanks  
Thanks a lot  
Many thanks  
I really appreciate it  
I owe you one  
Thank you for everything  
I'm so grateful  
Thanks a ton

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**More Ways To Say - "I don't like it"**

1. I don't appreciate that.
2. I'm not really fond of it.
3. I'll pass.
4. I dislike it.
5. I've had enough.
6. I'm not crazy about it.



### Other Ways to say Just Kidding

1. Just Joking!
2. Don't take it seriously!
3. Just teasing you!
4. I'm just pulling your leg!
5. I'm just fooling around!
6. Just trying to take the mickey!
7. It was only a joke!
8. I'm just having a laugh!
9. I was only playing around.



## *Extracurricular activities*

The Global Education Week took place this year under the slogan “Our world depends on us”. We organised an activity in which the students were invited to work in teams in order to create some posters to illustrate this slogan. They did a great job and they referred to the importance of protecting the environment. Here are some photos taken during this activity.



English!

IS YOUR FRIEND



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