

Olympiada of Spoken Russian**Третий уровень****Часть 1: Устная речь/Oral Communication****Инструкции по выполнению заданий****Instructions for Level III**

Students will act out one of the scenarios with the judge. From a set of cards (face down) representing the 10 scenarios, students will select three cards, look at them, and then choose one of those three to act out. The scenario will be written on the card. Students can be provided some time to prepare the response. The students are not allowed to have any study material or electronic devices visible during this preparation period. The student will act out the scenario with the judge. Students should introduce themselves briefly before addressing the selected topic.

Topics:

1. О себе
2. Семья
3. Школа
4. Дом/квартира, в котором/-ой вы живёте
5. Искусство
6. Город
7. Свободное время
8. Мой лучший друг
9. Природа
10. Спорт

1. О себе

You are studying in Russia as an exchange student and are thinking of applying to study in Russia for a year. You are being interviewed by the school. The Olympiada judge will play the role of the interviewer. He/she asks you questions about yourself: describe your personality (character) and explain why you want to study in Russia. In addition, be prepared to ask the interviewer at least two questions about the school to which you are applying.

2. Семья

You are an exchange student studying in Russia and living with a Russian family. You are helping your hosts to prepare for an event and then you are asked about your family, any brothers, sisters, pets. Then, you are asked what your family does for birthdays, weekends, vacations. The judge will play the role of the member of the Russian family. In addition, be prepared to ask at least two questions about your Russian host family daily routine and traditions.

3. Школа

You are an exchange student in Russia and the school has asked you to do a presentation describing your school in detail. Provide as much general information about your school as you can. Then the judge (playing the role of a student in the audience) will ask you some questions about your involvement at school. Be prepared to tell what you like about your school, such as your classes, teachers, and extracurricular activities. Also, explain why you chose to study Russian.

4. Дом/квартира, в котором/-ой вы живёте

You are an exchange student who has just arrived in Moscow and your host family wants to know more about where you are from. The judge (playing the role of one of the hosts) asks you to describe your home and neighborhood. Provide a detailed description. Describe the rooms in your home and what they are used for. Describe in detail your favorite room. Ask your hosts some specific questions about the new neighborhood that will be your home for the summer.

5. Искусство

Russia 1 News Channel wants to interview Americans to learn about their experience in Russia. The reporters were most impressed by your knowledge of the arts in Russia and decide this would be a great segment to add to their programming. The Olympiada judge will play the role of the news reporter and ask you questions about your favorite Russian art form: literature, film, theater, or work of art. Be prepared to ask the judge a couple of questions about current films or exhibits that might be interesting to visit.

6. Город

Congratulations! You have won a trip to the city of your choice. As you try to choose where to go, imagine your favorite city. The Olympiada judge will help you by asking questions about the following: places you visited, the local transportation, who you traveled with and if your favorite city is a popular tourist spot. Be sure to ask the judge about her or his favorite city.

7. Свободное время

You are preparing for upcoming college interviews and are not sure what to say about how you spend your free time. Luckily, the judge at the Olympiada agrees to practice with you! The judge will ask you what your extracurricular activities are and how much time you dedicate to them. Do you have any special skills? Do you volunteer? What other activities you enjoy when you have free time. Be sure to ask the judge about his/her free time activities.

8. Мой лучший друг

Your school newspaper is featuring stories on important people in the lives of students. This could be a family member, a friend, a teacher, or a teammate. Lucky for you, the judge at the Olympiada is asking the same questions and wants to know why you admire this person? What qualities do they have that inspire you? What is your relationship with this person? What do you like to do together? Be sure to ask the judge a couple of questions about the person he or she admires.

9. Природа

You are an exchange student in Russia. The school newspaper is running a story about nature in and around your hometown. The judge will act as a newspaper reporter. Answer his/her questions regarding weather and seasons, popular outdoor locations such as: parks, lakes, nature preserves as well as local wildlife in the area. Be prepared to ask the judge a couple of questions about his/her favorite season and outdoors location.

10. Спорт

You are an exchange student in Russia. Your host family is inviting you to attend a soccer game. The judge will act as a host family member. Ask him/her questions about soccer. In turn, the judge will ask you about most popular sports in your country and about your favorite sport. Tell the judge if you are involved in any athletic activities.