**Summer Magic**

Summer is my favourite season. The weather is sunny and warm. And I’ve got my holidays in summer! It’s time to visit my friends. We go for a walk, play sport and board games. Sometimes we watch interesting films on TV or play computer games.

I like summer because I can go to the seaside with my parents. We usually play ball games on the beach, collect shells, swim in the sea and sunbathe. I like travelling very much.

In summer children often go to summer camps: language, sports, art, craft and music camps. I like summer camps because they are interesting for me and I always have a lot of fun there. We go to the disco, dance and sometimes go on a hike. We usually go to the forest, put up tents and make a fire. We sit by a camp fire, play the guitar and sing songs. We always take a compass, a torch, matches and some food with us.

Also every summer I go to the country to visit my grandparents. I have a good time there. I can swim in the river, go to the forest to pick berries and mushrooms.

Summer is the best time for me!

**My school lessons**

I study in the fifth form of the gymnasium 20. There we have a lot of rules that all pupils must follow. We have to come on time, come to every lesson, always bring our daybooks, books and exercise- books, do our homework. Besides, we have to behave well and be polite with our teachers and classmates.

We don’t have to wear a uniform, but we have a dress code: no jeans and trainers at school!

In this form we have eleven subjects on our timetable. We have five or six lessons a day. A lesson lasts 45 minutes and after the second lesson we have a breakfast break. I usually get good marks, but sometimes I get not very good marks. My favourite subjects are Belarusian and English, because they are interesting and easy for me. I am not good at Maths, because it’s difficult for me. I think that Art is boring but P.E. is cool!

I like English very much. In our English lessons we listen to the conversations, read interesting stories, watch the video, play games, learn a lot of new words, do grammar exercises and, of course, we speak English!

In conclusion I’d like to say, that if we want to study well we must do extra exercises and do our best.

**My household duties**

I’ve got a big family and each member of it has got some duties about the house. I’d like to tell you about what I have to do.

First of all I always make my bed in the morning before going to school. In the afternoon I do my room. I do the hoovering, dust the furniture, tidy up and water my plants. Sometimes my mum asks me to do the washing up or to go shopping for some products.

Nowadays it is more convenient and simpler to do the housework than in ancient time, because we have got different clever machines that help us. So, if we need to wash the dishes we may put them into the dishwasher. We clean our carpets with a hoover, wash clothes with the help of a washing machine. We can cook food in a microwave oven or on a cooker. And our family is not an exception: we also have a lot of domestic appliances.

Now I have to share my room with my younger sister and I dream about my own room. It’s very big and I have got a TV, a computer, a little fridge with a lot of ice-cream and Coca-Cola in it and many posters with my favourite singers on the walls. There I can do everything I want. I also have got a robot which tidies up and washes the floor when I sleep at night. My parents don’t come to my room very often. But they are happy that it’s always clean and tidy.

**My favourite food**

Every country has got its national food. For example, the Italians like spaghetti, the Chinese like to eat rice.

As for British and Belarusian food, they have a lot in common. Our people eat a lot of potatoes, vegetables, cereal, dairy products. But they have their own traditional dishes. So, the British national dishes are, first of all, fish and chips, bacon and eggs, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, marmalade and others.

Potato – is our traditional food and many Belarusian dishes, such as ‘draniki’ or ‘babka’ are made from it. My favourite Belarusian dish is ‘okroshka’. To make it, we need four cucumbers, an onion, two eggs, three tomatoes, 100g sour cream, kefir and salt. We cut the vegetables, eggs, then we add sour cream, kefir, salt and finally we mix everything and make it cool in the fridge.

I don’t like cereal and milk. I like roast chicken, spaghetti with cheese, milk shake, ice-cream. But my favourite food is pizza, “Four seasons” for example. I know how to make pizza and sometimes cook it with my mum.

**My favourite wild animal**

There are many faraway places in the world: grasslands, deserts, forests, mountains and polar regions. Different animals live there. If you go to deserts, you will see a camel, many snakes, lizards. I`ve never been to grasslands, but I know that cheetahs, giraffes, lions, zebras and elephants live there. In polar regions you can meet polar bears, penguins. There are many forests in Belarus where you can see bears, foxes, hares, wolves and other animals.

I like animals very much and I often go to the Zoo. My favourite animal is European bison. These animals live in Belovezhskaya Pushcha in Belarus and in Poland. Many years ago it used to live across Europe and Asia, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. Now there are only 870 animals in the forests of Belarus and Poland. It is the biggest and strongest European animal.

**The world of wonders**

The world of wonders is the world of films and books. Nearly all children and grown-ups like to watch TV or to go to the cinema. There are many different types of films: horror films, comedies, musicals, actions, westerns, romantic, adventure, historical films and, of course, cartoons.

As for me, I like fantasy, cartoons and action films. My favourite action film is “Star Wars”. The director of the film is George Lucas. Mark Hammil and Harrison Ford play in it. The story takes place in the future on a faraway planet. The main characters are Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and DarthVader. This film is about Luke’s adventures. He saves Princess Leia and fights Darth Vader – the bad character. “Star Wars” is an exciting film for all the family!

I like not only to watch films but read books very much. I am fond of reading adventure books, detectives, fantasy and fairy tales, because I like magic, unusual characters. They make me think and they are exciting.

My favourite book character is Peter Pan from J. M. Barrie’s novel “Peter Pan”. He is a young boy who lives in a magic place Neverland and can fly. Peter is kind, brave and a good friend. He always helps his friends and is not afraid of bad Captain Hook and the pirates. I advise you to read the book and meet one of the most popular characters in English fiction.

**My fair land**

Belarus is my homeland. It is the place where I was born. Belarus is situated in eastern Europe. The territory of Belarus is more than 200 thousand square kilometers. The population of the country is about ten million people.

Belarus has its national symbols. It is famous for its white storks. People say, They are a symbol of good luck. The symbol of BeloveshskayaPushcha is the European bison, a very strong animal. And the symbol of Belarusian fields is the cornflower – a small blue flower. People call Belarus the blue-eyed country.

There are a lot of interesting places in Belarus. I like Mir and Nesvizh castles most of all. They are the oldest historical and cultural places in Belarus. Nesvizh was the residence of the Radzivils from the 16th century. Mir dates from the 15th century and there is no other castle in the world like this one. Also they are famous for their ghosts.

The capital of Belarus is Minsk. There are a lot of interesting places there. My favourite ones are Gorky and Cheluskintski Parks, the Circus, the Botanical Garden, Pobeda square and, of course,Troitskoye suburb.

I am very proud of my country and love it very much!

**Magic Kingdom**

Maybe, our world is full of such unusual and strange characters as ghosts, UFOs, magicians, vampires, witches, aliens, monsters, yetis. Are they myth or reality? Nobody can give the exact answer because some people believe in them but some people don’t believe.

The most famous monster nowadays is Nessie that lives in Scotland in Loch Ness. Everybody knows such magicians as Harry Potter and Great Marlin. They can put a spell on people, turn them into different things or animals. As for me I believe in UFOs, aliens and ghosts even I have never seen them.

There is a very unusual ancient monument in Britain. It is Stonehenge. It was built more than 5 thousand years ago. Nobody knows who built it and what it is. Some scientists think that it was built by aliens as a landing site for UFOs, some ones think it was built by druids for their ceremonies. But the most scientists think it was a kind of sun clock.

There are many tales, legends connected with mystery. My favourite legend is about king Midas, who loved gold so much that wanted to have a golden touch to turn everything into gold. One magician gave it to him. King Midas couldn’t eat, drink because everything he touched turned into gold. And one day he kissed his daughter and she turned into a golden statue.