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**Специфика заданий Всероссийской
олимпиады школьников по английскому
языку**

Use of English (2)

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку

- **Listening** (конкурс понимания устного текста)
- **Reading** (конкурс понимания письменного текста)
- **Use of English** (лексико-грамматический тест)
- **Writing** (конкурс письменной речи)
- **Speaking** (конкурс устной речи)

Use of English

We check

- knowledge of **grammar structures**
- knowledge of **vocabulary**
- **socio-cultural competence**

USE OF ENGLISH

Sociocultural competence

- Pay attention to:
- English Idioms
- Varieties of English (British vs. American, formal vs. informal)
- History/ Literature/ Arts of English speaking countries

Grammar and Vocabulary

Types of tasks: Sentence structure

Task : Quotations (это задание не на проверку ск компетенции, а на структуру предложения!)

Task : Quotations (part)

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Task 1: Idioms

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Example: He is very polite today. I smell

a (0) _____ (*I suspect deception.*)

a.pig

b.rat

c.horse

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 come home! (*I could watch it*
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Task 2: Letters

Letters/ Letter 1

Date: 20/05/2012

Subject: Conference invitation

Dear Mr Hammond,

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I am involved in organising a similar conference in Exeter in September and I would be very **(1)** **(down)** _____ (*appreciative*) if you could come and speak at our conference on 15 September. The talk would need to last for 60 minutes (45 minutes for the talk and 15 minutes for questions). Please let me know if you require any special equipment for your presentation.

The draft of the conference programme can be found on our website.

Should you have any further questions, please do not **(2)(down)** _____ (*be reluctant*) to contact me.

Looking forward to your reply.

Best **(3)(down)** _____ (*wishes*),

Helen Brown

Conference Organiser

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Looking forward to your reply.

Best **(3)(down) regards** (*wishes*),

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Letters/ Letter 2

Date: 05/21/2012

Subject: Re: Conference invitation

Dear Ms. Brown,

Thank you for your email of May 20, inviting me to speak at the conference in Exeter. I am afraid that I will be unable to attend the conference this year due to a prior engagement. If you wish, I could recommend one of my colleagues to speak in my place.

Please contact me if you organize another conference in the future. Once again I would like to **(4)(across)** _____ (*say sorry*) for not attending the event this year and for any **(5)(across)** _____ (*trouble*) caused.

Yours **(6) (down)** _____ ,

James Hammond

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Yours (6) (down) **sincerely** ,

James Hammond

Letters/ Letter 3

Date: 18/06/2012

Hi James,

(7)(across) _____ (*want*) giving a talk at an industry thing I'm getting together in Manchester in October?

I (8)(across) _____ (*send with the email*) the full prog. If you have any inquiries about your ticket, just let me know (remember to bring a dinner jacket for the event!).

Hope to hear from you soon.

Best,

Lisa

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Letters/ Letter 4

Date: 06/19/2012

Subject: Re: A talk in October?

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for your invite to talk at the conference in Manchester. Sorry, but I won't be able to make it as I've already gotten a busy schedule for this **(9)(down)** _____ (*autumn*) semester in the Language Center. If you want, I can see if I can find someone to step in.

Please feel free to let me know about any other stuff you are doing in the future. I prefer something where you need to wear jeans and sneakers, but not a tuxedo!

(10)(across) (*Well*), sorry again for not coming and I hope it doesn't put you out too much.

Best,

James

Letters/ Letter 4

Date: 06/19/2012

Subject: Re: A talk in October?

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for your invite to talk at the conference in Manchester. Sorry, but I won't be able to make it as I've already gotten a busy schedule for this **(9)(down) fall** (*autumn*) semester in the Language Center. If you want, I can see if I can find someone to step in.

Please feel free to let me know about any other stuff you are doing in the future. I prefer something where you need to wear jeans and sneakers, but not a tuxedo!

(10)(across) **Anyway** (*Well*), sorry again for not coming and I hope it doesn't put you out too much.

Best,

James

Task 3: Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is probably the most favorite American holiday. The history of the holiday started in colonial time. In **1.(1498/1620/1775)** a group of English people who were unhappy with the way the Church of **2. (Britain/ America/England)** was organized set sail from Plymouth on a ship called the **3.(Mayflower/ Santa Maria/ Independence)**. They wanted to found a new church in America.

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Sociocultural competence

Sample Tasks

- **Task 1 Idioms (2010)**
- **Task 2 Abbreviations (2011)**
- **Task 3 Informal words (2009)**
- **Task 4 Formal words (2009)**
- **Task 5 Notices (2010)**
- **Task 6 PC English (2010)**
- **Task 7 US History (2011)**
- **Task 8 British Literature (2014)**

Пособия

- **English Grammar in Use, English Vocabulary in Use, TOEFL, CAE, FCE**
- **Английский язык. Всероссийские олимпиады. Вып.1- 7 (Серия «Пять колец»)**
 - **Вып. 7, 2016**

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