

## VOCABULARY NOTES

**foreign** иностранный; **foreign language** иностранный язык

**Excuse me!** Извините! (Apology used before troubling smb.), *e. g.* Excuse me! May I ask you a question? Excuse my back! Извините, что я сижу (стою) к вам спиной.

**Sorry! (I beg your) pardon!** (Apologies used after doing smth. wrong.), *e. g.* Sorry, I didn't mean to hurt you. Mind: **Sorry!** **pardon!** (Asking to repeat smth.), *e. g.* Sorry! (Pardon!) Which street did you say?

**introduce** *vt* вводить, *e. g.* He introduced a new method of working, **to introduce smb. to smb.** представлять кого-л. кому-л., *e. g.* Will you introduce me to your sister? Let me introduce myself. (Note: **to acquaint smb. with smb.** (or **smth.**) знакомить кого-л. с кем-л. (чем-л.), *e. g.* Mr. Hill acquainted Eric with his work, **to get acquainted with smb.** познакомиться с кем-л. *Syn.* **to meet** (*col.*), *e. g.* We got acquainted last year. This is John Smith, Ann. — Oh, glad to meet you. I've heard so much about you. Meet my sister Helen. **I am ever so glad to meet you.** Рад с Вами познакомиться.

**prefer** предпочитать

**as for me** что касается меня

**pen-friends** друзья по переписке

**to join smb.** присоединиться к кому-л.

**come on** пойдём

## TOPICAL VOCABULARY

*Cardinal points:* the North, the South, the West, the East.

*Continents:* Europe ['jʊərəp], Asia ['eɪʃə], Africa, America, Australia [ɔ:s'treɪljə], the Antarctic.

*Oceans:* the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Arctic Ocean.

*Seas:* the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea.

*Rivers:* the Volga, the Thames [temz], the Mississippi.

*Islands:* Great Britain, Ireland.

*Chains of mountains:* the Urals ['jʊərəlz], the Alps.

The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) consists of former Soviet Republics.

*They are:* Russia (Moscow), Ukraine (Kiev), Belarus (Minsk), Uzbekistan (Tashkent), Kazak(h)stan (Alma-Ata), Georgia (Tbilisi), Azerbaidzan (Baku), Moldova (Kishinev), Kirghizia (Bishkek), Tadzhikistan (Dushanbe), Armenia (Ereven), Turkmenistan, Turkmenia (Ashgabat or Ashkabad).