

As you know, I **left school** in June and began to prepare for my **entrance exams** to the University. As both my mother and father are teachers I have **made up my mind** to be a teacher too. I think teaching is a noble profession.

I had to take four **exams** and passed all of them with excellent **marks**. So I'm glad to tell you that now I'm a first-year student at the Moscow State Teacher **Training** University.

I should like to show you the main building of our University. **I can't help admiring** this fine old building with its beautiful columns. The first students entered it more than 120 years ago.

It goes without saying we, students, are very **proud** of this fact.

There are 18 faculties at our University which train teachers in many **subjects**: Russian, Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Chemistry, Biology, Foreign languages and others. Many well-known **professors** teach at our University.

We have good libraries and reading-rooms and for those who **go in for sports** there are good gymnasiums and a stadium.

At present we have quite a lot of work as we have English practice, Grammar and Phonetics, Linguistics, History of our native land and other subjects. There is an English speaking club at our faculty. It gives us a good **opportunity to master the language**, but I don't take part in it yet. I'm working **hard** at my pronunciation. There is a good language laboratory at our faculty where we work with cassette-recorders. It helps us to find out our mistakes and **to get rid of** them in the shortest possible time.

So that's the latest news about myself. Please write to me about your life and studies.

My **best regards** to your parents.

*Yours,
Ann.*

TEXT 2

A TELEPHONE CALL

Alex is about to ring up a friend of his. He **picks up** the **receiver**, and **dials** the number. The first time **the line is engaged** but **then he gets through**.

A: Bob?

B: Speaking.

A: This is Alex. Hello, old chap. Haven't heard from you for ages. How are you?

B: Oh, hello, Alex. I'm fine, thanks.

A: Wonderful, I hear you passed all your entrance **exams** with excellent marks. So you are a student now, aren't you?

B: Well yes, and you?

A: I wasn't **so lucky** at the exams, in fact. I only got good **marks** in the main subjects: physics and maths.

B: I wonder if you find it difficult to study mathematics?

A: Rather. I **spend** a lot of time doing my home assignment. But I'm not at all sorry. You've got to work hard **to make good progress**.

B: Do you have time to go in for sports?

A: Yes, of course, I joined the University sports society, as I'm fond of skating, skiing and tennis.

B: As for me, I'm a member of our English speaking club. I've joined our drama society and the choir. **They say I'm rather good at** both singing and acting.

A: Good, isn't it? Hope to see you some day. Will you invite me to your club?

B: Sure.

A: By the way, I've got a new telephone number. It is now 235 ...

B: Just a second. I must have a pen to put it down. Yes?

A: So I repeat 235-60-57. I'll be expecting your call. Bye-bye.

B: So long, then.

VOCABULARY NOTES

angry *adj* сердитый, раздраженный, разгневанный; **anger** *n*; **to be angry with smb.** сердиться на кого-л., *e. g.* She was angry with me because I was late.

silence *n* тишина, молчание; **silent** *adj* тихий, молчаливый; **Keep silent!** Соблюдайте тишину! *e. g.* Keep silent, I can't hear anything!

to leave school (no article!) оканчивать школу; Cf. **to go to school, to go by bus, to go to bed**

entrance *n* вход; **entrance exams** вступительные экзамены; *Ant.* **exit; enter** *vt*; *Syn.* **come** *vi*; *Ant.* **leave** *vt*, *e. g.* He entered Room 5. Come in!

mind *n* разум, ум, память; *vt* помнить; иметь в виду; следить за собой, за своими словами; возражать, иметь что-л. против;