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A game is something that people do for fun. It is different from work. In some games, you can play alone. In other games, you need to play with or against other people. That is why many sports are games. There are many other kinds of games too. For example, there are video games, board games and so on. Some games use different kinds of equipment but others do not need any. Games are popular with children. Kids learn and develop when they play games. Still, adults need to play games too. It helps them to relax.

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Parrots are popular pets. This is because they are very bright and look beautiful. Parrots are also very clever. Some parrots are as clever as a four-year-old child. Parrots come in different sizes and colours. Wild parrots cannot copy human speech, but pet parrots can talk. If you have a pet parrot, it must live in a cage and you must let it fly every day. It is not a good idea to get only one bird. Parrots may get ill if they feel lonely because they are social birds. A pet parrot will certainly give you a lot of positive emotions.

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Many people like to play chess. It is a board game played by two people. Each player needs to mate the king of the other player. At the same time they need to protect their own king. The rules of the game are very difficult. A beginner usually finds it hard to learn them. You may need to take some lessons to learn the basics of the game. An instructor can teach you good moves in this game. Playing chess makes you clever. It develops your tactics and skills of planning. It is very interesting to play chess because it's a competition.

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It is fun to watch clouds in the sky. They can be different forms and shapes. Some people can even see the shapes of animals when they look at clouds. Clouds can also change their colours. They look very beautiful. Some people think that if there are clouds in the sky, it is going to rain. They are wrong. Not every cloud can produce rain. Still, wall clouds and shelf clouds bring heavy rains and even storms. Shelf clouds appear when a storm is about to begin. Wall clouds come at its final stage. Both types of clouds can be dangerous.

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Summer is the warmest season of the year. It falls between spring and autumn. Summer begins with the day with the most hours of sunlight of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere it is in June while in the Southern Hemisphere it is in December. People love summer for many reasons. For example, you can spend much more time outside in summer so you can enjoy nature and the fresh air to the fullest. You can play more sports, hike or travel, sunbathe or swim. Still, there are places when it is always very warm, so you can do all these things all the year round.

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If you need to get somewhere in a city and you don't know the way, you will still not get lost. This is because maps will help you. Maps are among people's most important inventions. In the past people travelled to make maps of an area. Then everybody could use these maps. If you have a smart phone, you can use a map on it. Your smart phone will show you the best way. Modern maps on your mobile phone can even give you voice instructions. So it is important for everybody to learn how to use maps to enjoy new cities while travelling.

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Canada is the world's second largest country. This country has very friendly people. It makes Canada a great place to visit on your holidays. In Canada you will find a lot of good hotels and cafes. They will make your stay comfortable. If you choose to go to Canada, you must see its natural sights. Canada has nice rivers and lakes. There are also forests and waterfalls. Besides nature, you can see Canada's cities. They offer good shopping. There are also interesting buildings and historical museums. You will never forget your visit to Canada.

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People often watch films. A film is a type of communication. It uses moving pictures and sound to tell people a story. These are feature films. Some films just inform us about something and help us to learn. For example, we can watch such a film at school. There are educational TV channels too. We watch movies at home or go to the cinema. Some movies look great on a big screen but for others it is not important. We can buy a disc with a film or watch it on TV at home. It is great to watch a film with friends in the evening.

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Nowadays some people like to have snails as pets. If you want to buy a snail, it will be interesting for you to find out some information about them. In fact, snails are some of the oldest animals on our planet. You can find them in every part of the world. They live in water, on trees and on land. You can see them in gardens, parks and forests. They move very slowly. Still, they can move long distances and travel for months. All snails have a protective shell. It is their home. Snails eat different kinds of plants. They live up to fifteen years.

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Pigs are mainly farm animals. It is easy to keep a pig because they can eat anything. That is why it is very cheap for farmers to keep pigs. People use pigs in many ways. Farmers grow pigs for their meat. Pigs can also look for something, like mushrooms. They also perform at circuses. Some pigs are used for testing medicine. However, pigs can also be nice pets. They are very clever and friendly. People keep mini pigs. We call such pigs 'teacup' pigs. That is why more and more people today want to get a mini pig as their pet.

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More and more people today choose rats as their pets. This is because rats are very clever. If you want to get a pet rat, you must know how to look after it. It is not a good idea to buy only one rat. You should keep at least two of them. Rats are social animals. They may get ill if you keep them alone. You must buy a cage for your rats but make sure you take them out each day to play with them. The cage must be big enough for rats to move as they need a lot of space. You should also buy special food for rats in a pet shop.

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We cannot imagine our world without colours. Nature offers us so many bright colours. Life in black and white cannot be beautiful. The rainbow is one of the best symbols of our colourful world. People define different types of colours. It is important to make nice combinations of colours while choosing clothes or thinking of home design. There are pale colours. They are light and never bright. You can combine them with any other colour. These are black, white, grey and brown. Other colours are added to attract attention.

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When children have summer holidays, they often don't know what to do. They have a lot of time and no tasks to do. If this is true for you, you may wish to find a summer job. These jobs are usually not very difficult. You may get a summer job in cafes, gardens or shops. This is a good way to earn some money and save it to buy something you really need. You may also help your parents with the money. Still, the most important thing about a summer job is that you get some skills. You may need them later for your future job.

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A lot of people enjoy camping. It is a great chance to spend some time in the fresh air. If you want to go camping, you need to get some things. First of all, you will need a tent. You may also wish to buy a sleeping bag or a mat. This way you can go camping even if it's raining. You will also need food which is easy to cook. Take a camera. You will want to take pictures of all the beautiful things that you see around you. Your mobile phone and a compass are a must. Do not take too many things. However, safety comes first — do not forget a first aid kit.

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Everybody has their own favourite season. Still, many people all over the world love winter most of all. Winter is the coldest time of the year. The word winter comes from an old word which meant time of water. It means that there is a lot of cold rain or snow in winter. Winter begins on the day with the fewest hours of sunlight. In the Northern Hemisphere it happens in December but in the Southern Hemisphere it is in June. In winter people put on warm clothes to spend time outdoors. People love winter for many reasons like white snow and winter games.

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Almost every person now has jeans. People like wearing jeans because they are very comfortable. Denim cloth was invented in Italy. It is strong and long-lasting. That is why workers liked to wear denim trousers in the past. Now jeans are top fashion. You can buy them not only in blue, but also in other colours. Jeans are basic clothes. You can combine them with different items of clothing, like shirts and T-shirts, sweaters, jumpers and jackets. If you have a pair of jeans, you can always find what to put on in the morning.

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Even if the weather is rainy or windy, there is no reason for you to feel bored. You can play an indoor game. If you have a partner, you can play a game of chess. Puzzles can be a great idea both for one person and for a company of three or four people. There are also many card games and board games for a big company or you can play words. Most games are a kind of a competition, but if you don't win, you don't need to be upset. Games are about having fun with your friends so you can write up a list of games for your party as well.

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A lot of people like cakes. You can buy a cake or you can bake it yourself. If you make it yourself, you can be sure you have added only good ingredients there. If you want to bake a cake, you should go to the shop. You will need to buy some flour, eggs, sugar, milk and butter. They should be fresh and of good quality. When you are baking a cake, it is very important for you to follow the instructions. If you do not do it, something may go wrong. You may serve your cake with fruit or berries. Some people also love cake with ice cream.

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When you learn grammar, you learn not only about basic types of words, but also about the word order. For example, the order of words is very important for the English language. The meaning of a sentence changes when the word order changes. Here are two sentences: The car hit the tree and The tree hit the car. We use the same words in these two sentences. Yet, their meaning is very different because the word order is different. In the Russian language the order of words is not so strict, but still important.

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Nowadays people can travel to any part of the world. One of the most important parts of travelling is visiting museums. There are many different kinds of museums. Museums let people learn about their past. They are the best of many worlds under one roof. In most museums you can learn about the history of a country or an area. You can see a country's traditional clothes and learn about its culture. Some museums are very famous. It is expensive to go there. Still, some countries have great museums which are free for everybody.

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Collecting things is a popular hobby. You can collect different things. Some people love collecting coins. As many people travel these days, they often collect foreign coins. Such a collection may become expensive in the future. To get such a collection you must understand the value of a coin. It depends on many things. These are date, metal and the country where it comes from. Weight is also important. If there are some symbols on a coin, it becomes more expensive. It must also be in good condition to become a part of your collection.

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Many people like to travel. When we travel, we go from one place to another. Some people travel because it is a part of their job. We call it a business trip. Some people travel for pleasure. They visit different countries and cities when they are on holiday. Such people are tourists. They go to see museums and sights. When we make the same trip every day, we call it commuting. We commute to school or to work by public transport or by cars. When we travel for longer distances, we use planes and trains.

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Milk is an important part of our diet. It is very healthy, that is why it is used as perfect food for babies. It has a lot of vitamins and it is also very tasty. We take milk from animals such as cows and goats. We cook a lot of dishes with milk or add it to many other dishes. We even make cakes using milk. Doctors say that every day a person must drink a glass of milk. Still, some people don't want dairy milk. They prefer oat milk instead. There are also many products to replace milk with if people can't drink it for some reason.

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A book is a set of printed sheets of paper. They are held together between two covers. There is some text on the sheets of paper. It can be a single text or a collection of smaller texts. The book may also have some illustrations. The writer of a book is an author. A book can have several authors. Some books are just for entertainment but other books tell us about serious things. There are also textbooks. These are the books pupils use when they study at school. So books are very important in our life.

31. People must go in for sports to be healthy and strong. When you choose a sport to play, think about team sports. Team sports are good for you for many reasons. First of all, if you do team sports, you learn how to deal with other people. You also learn to help and support other people. Secondly, team sports give you a lot of positive emotions. When your team wins, you are very happy. You also move more when you are playing a team sport. Finally, you can find new friends while playing team sports. It makes team sports really great.

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Everybody has lamps at home. They are important because they add a special atmosphere to your house. There are a lot of different kinds of lamps. There can be wall lamps or foot lamps, table lamps or floor lamps. There are reading lamps and lamps which we use for decoration. The light from a lamp must be enough for you but it should not get into your eyes. Direct light from a lamp can hurt your eyesight. If you need to buy a lamp, you must think about its purpose. It will make it easier for you to choose its shape, style and colour.

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Fashion changes all the time, but not always at the same speed. Some things are in fashion for a very short time. Others, on the contrary, are in fashion for years. People who make goods want the fashion to change as quickly as possible. For example, a factory has made dark blue jeans. If these jeans are in fashion next year, you may not wish to buy another pair. But if black jeans become popular, you will want to buy a pair of black jeans even if you already have a good pair of jeans which are simply of a different colour.