

Monologue on *EDUCATION*  
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**Active Vocabulary:** 22

**Grammar Structures:** 4

**Linkers:** 18

**Total:** 667 words

<i><b>You are going to give a talk about EDUCATION.</b></i>	The text of the monologue	Vocabulary, Grammar Structures, Linking Words and Phrases
<p><b>Step 1. Introduction</b></p> <p>1. Start with a hook sentence that will attract the listener's attention (a quote, a proverb, etc.).</p> <p>2. Lead your speech steadily to the main part of your talk.</p> <p>3. The introduction may consist of 3-6 sentences.</p>	<p>"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." These words accurately reflect the learning journey: <b>if the process seems</b> difficult or exhausting, <b>the result will please</b> you eventually. Everyone who has ever put effort into education knows that true success comes through discipline, determination, and constant learning. Today, I'd like to share my perspective on education, both in Russia and abroad, as well as reflect on my personal academic path.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>if the process seems, ... the result will please</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 2. Education Issues</b></p> <p>2.1. Speak about the educational system in the Russian Federation (for reference see ex.1, p.56).</p> <p>2.2. Compare the educational system of any foreign country (for example, the UK, the USA, China, France, etc.) with the educational system of Russia. (Use expressions to show contrast and comparison. For reference see pp. 156, 159, 160, 162).</p>	<p><b>To begin with</b>, every country has its own approach to education. In Russia, children usually <b>start school at the age of</b> six. I personally did so too. All children must <b>go to school</b>, and basic education is funded by the government. <b>After</b> nine years, students can either <b>leave school</b> or continue their studies. Those who choose to pursue further studies may <b>do exams</b>, and if they <b>pass exams</b> successfully, they can <b>enroll in higher education</b>. In Russia, <b>the university charge</b> no fees <b>if you have</b> excellent grades and score well on entrance exams. <b>In this case</b>, the state covers all costs. <b>Moreover</b>, <b>if a person graduates and wants</b> to continue their academic journey, <b>he can get</b> a Master's degree or even a PhD.</p> <p><b>Let's take a look at</b> France, for instance. <b>Similar to</b> Russia, French students must receive secondary education from the ages of 6 to 16. They also <b>apply to university</b> after graduation, but <b>unlike</b> in Russia, French higher education is not entirely free - they <b>charge tuition fees</b> in most cases. <b>In contrast</b>, the Chinese education system is known for its intensity. Education there is also funded by the state, but only a small percentage - around 7% - <b>graduate from university</b> because of extremely high competition and pressure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>start school at the age of</b></li> <li>• <b>go to school</b></li> <li>• <b>leave school</b></li> <li>• <b>do exams</b></li> <li>• <b>pass exams</b></li> <li>• <b>enroll in higher education</b></li> <li>• <b>apply to university</b></li> <li>• <b>graduate from university</b></li> <li>• <b>charge tuition fees</b></li> <li>• <b>To begin with</b></li> <li>• <b>After</b></li> <li>• <b>In this case</b></li> <li>• <b>Moreover</b></li> <li>• <b>Let's take a look at</b></li> <li>• <b>Similar to</b></li> <li>• <b>Unlike</b></li> <li>• <b>In contrast</b></li> <li>• <b>The university charge ... if you have</b></li> <li>• <b>if a person graduates and</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Step 3. Higher Education</b> 3.1. Speak about the benefits of higher education for you and other people.  3.2. Why have you chosen Peter the Great St Petersburg Polytechnic University?	<p><b>Now</b>, let me move on to the importance of higher education. To me, studying at university opens the door to various opportunities. You not only gain knowledge, but you also <b>benefit society</b>, gain confidence, and <b>expect a high starting salary</b>. <b>While</b> it is possible to work after getting a secondary vocational education, those who have degrees usually enjoy a broader choice of jobs and can even <b>create a new business</b>. <b>Besides</b>, higher education helps people make progress in areas like science, industry, and innovation.</p> <p><b>As of now</b>, I <b>study at university</b> - Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University. It was a conscious decision based on several factors. <b>First of all</b>, it is located in my hometown, which was convenient. <b>Secondly</b>, it is one of the most prestigious universities in Russia. <b>Most importantly</b>, it offers strong programs in Information Security, my field of interest. It also helps <b>produce educated and qualified workforce</b> for companies and government agencies. The university is well connected with employers, which increases the chances of internships and employment.</p> <p><b>In the future</b>, I plan to continue my studies and apply for a Master's degree. My goal is to work either in a major tech company or for the government, dealing with cybersecurity and protecting national information infrastructure. I believe Russia will increasingly <b>need highly qualified people</b> in this field.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• study at university</li> <li>• create a new business</li> <li>• benefit society</li> <li>• expect a high starting salary</li> <li>• produce educated and qualified workforce</li> <li>• need highly qualified people</li> <li>• Now</li> <li>• While</li> <li>• As of now</li> <li>• First of all</li> <li>• Secondly</li> <li>• Most importantly</li> <li>• Besides</li> <li>• In the future</li> </ul>
<b>Step 4. CREATIVE THINKING</b> Introduce your own extra idea(s) on the topic that hasn't/haven't been mentioned before. Justify your choice.	<p><b>There's one more point I'd like to make.</b> In Russia, students who don't get enough points for a budget place often <b>take out a loan</b>. While this is a way to get an education, I think there are better solutions. It's smarter to <b>hit the books</b>, <b>do one's best</b>, and aim to <b>pass an exam with flying colours</b> to study for free. <b>It would be great if people could get</b> access to education regardless of their social background.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• take out a loan</li> <li>• do one's best</li> <li>• hit the books</li> <li>• pass an exam with flying colours</li> <li>• There's one more point I'd like to make</li> <li>• It would be great if people could get</li> </ul>
<b>Step 6. Conclusion</b> Summarise the ideas of steps 2, 3, 4.	<p><b>To sum up</b>, despite the dog-eat-dog situation in modern education, one thing remains certain: education changes lives. From learning to <b>do homework</b>, to burning out while trying to <b>retake an exam</b>, the path is not easy. But if you work hard, <b>get a good result</b>, and stay committed, the rewards are great. Whether in Russia, France, or China, the challenges differ, but the value of education is universal. Choosing the right university and program is the first step toward a meaningful, secure, and successful future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• do homework</li> <li>• retake an exam</li> <li>• get a good result</li> <li>• To sum up</li> </ul>