1. *Interpret the data of the survey. Which group(s) would you belong to? Why?*
2. For a start, I was given a horizontal bar chart which shows answers to the question “Have you got and use a laptop?”.
   * Almost a half of the respondents have a laptop: about 19% use it rarely, while the other 81% use it often.
   * Still, the majority of the respondents – 56% - don’t have a laptop - I think it can be explained by the use of desktop computers. More than a quarter of those say they don’t need a laptop, while the other 46% would like to have it.
3. I think I belong to the group of people, who have a laptop, but don’t use it often. For one, my laptop is very old (about 10 years), so it can’t do much. On the other hand, I have a desktop computer capable of doing anything I need, and a smartphone, which I can use on the go like a laptop.
4. *What role do modern information technologies play in education at present? How do you use IT in your studies? Give examples.*
5. I think in today’s education information technologies are very important not just for showing information, but presenting it in a likable way, so the topic would appeal to more students.
   * Nowadays, you don’t need a library with centuries old books to learn something. Everything is available online – the information from decades ago and the latest innovations, discoveries etc.
   * At the same time, many teachers, in Lithuania also, use multimedia technologies to present a topic in a modern, more attractive way, to keep students interested – showing presentations, experiment videos, etc.
6. I, like almost every student, also use IT in my studies. Sometimes, when I think the lesson’s topic wasn’t fully explained, I search for that topic online and read what I can about it, to get a deeper understanding. Other times, I use technologies to do homework tasks – the speech, which you hear now, was written using Microsoft Word.
7. *What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a computer? Give reasons.*
   1. Lots and lots of students use information technologies in their studies, but using a computer in education has its own pros and cons.
      * First, you can see many opinions about the same topic, so the information you’re getting won’t be biased.
      * Second, the information you collect can easily be shared to your friends, students via the Internet.
   2. Still, computers in learning have some disadvantages:
      * The information you read may not be correct. Anyone can post anything on the Internet, and the only way to make sure you getting the real information – critical thinking.
      * Also, there are many distractions on the Internet (ads, social-networking sites), so if you’re not fully concentrated, the quality of your studies could be compromised.
8. *What is e-learning? What are the pluses and minuses of e-learning/distant learning? Give reasons*
   1. Next topic - e-learning. It’s a way of teaching, when students don’t have to leave their houses – everything: lessons, homework, exams, are done online.
   2. E-learning also has its own pluses and minuses.
      * It can be extremely important for students who can’t go to traditional schools: if they’re sick, if they travel a lot or need full-time supervisory for another reason.
      * Also it helps students, who are interested in a specific topic, learn it more deeply.
   3. And some disadvantages of e-learning:
      * You can’t control, if the student is taking all the classes or not, and if he’s learning successfully, or is getting help from another person.
      * Students, who are learning this way, miss out on a big part of social life.