

1. As exams *draw closer*, do you begin to have nightmares about them?

As the exams *draw closer*, I begin to have insomnia, so there are no nightmares.

2. If two friends are having an argument, would it be a good idea to *side with* either one of them?

Depends on argument. If you believe that one of them is wrong and it would be better for him to change his opinion, then you should *side with* other friend.

3. Do you *look down on* a person who doesn't have a university degree?

As a person who was expelled from university once, I wouldn't *look down on* anyone in this matter.

4. Do you think that *endurance* has played an important role in Russian history and culture? Give examples.

*Endurance* comes after hard times, and live for Russian people wasn't exactly easy. Any war is hard for nation. So pick any war Russia had, every one of them matter.

5. When you became a first-year student, how long did it take before the novelty *wore off*?

Novelty *wore off* after first exam period, because I lived through every step of student life.

6. Do you think that you will *make it* to the end of fifth year?

I'm sure that I will *make it* to the end of fourth year, there nothing that can surprise me.

7. Do you consider yourself to be *shrewd* when it comes to dealing with the world around you, or are you more of a dreamer?

I am *shrewd* for sure, I am not naive and not a dreamer.

8. Would you *give anything to get out of* taking final exams?

I am not afraid of final exams, not yet anyway. So I wouldn't *give anything to get out of* taking final exams.

9. Can you remember any time in your childhood when your parents *put their foot down* and wouldn't let you do something that you desperately wanted to do?

For a few years I wanted to quit musical school, and my parents *put their foot down* and wouldn't let me quit. I did quit some years later anyway.

10. After classes, do you usually *head straight for* the nearest café, or do you *head straight home*?

After classes, I usually *head straight home*, because I know that there is always grate homemade food there.

11. Would you be willing to *lend* your best friend all the money that you had if they really needed it?

Nowadays there are all kinds of loans, so I would consider this option first. But if there is no other way, I would *lend* any money to my best friend.

12. What do you think? Is it a *crime* not to do your homework?

*Crime* is something that government defines, so according to law it is not a *crime*.

13. Would you be *more than* a little puzzled if you arrived for the first class and nobody else was there? What would you do?

If this situation is not something that I got used to, then I would be *more than* a little surprised. If there is a teacher, then it's business as usual.

14. Can you think of a time when you have had to *fend for yourself*?

In public transport often appears situation when you have to *fend for yourself* and especially for your private space.

15. Are exams usually an *ordeal* for you? Or are they a breeze?

For me exams is not an ordeal, but it's not a walk in the park neither.

16. Do you usually *gorge yourself* on New Year's Eve, or are you able to withstand the temptation to eat everything in sight?

I am *gorging myself* every New Year's Eve.

17. What would it take to make you *tremble*?

Threat of physical violence would make me *tremble* for sure.

18. Do you usually treat yourself to a *nourishing* breakfast?

I usually wake up just before the lunch, and lunch makes a *nourishing* breakfast, I think.

19. What animal *waddles*? When do people *waddle*?

Goose *waddles*. People *waddle* when they get tired if climbing up the stairs.

20. Do you often *oversleep*?

I have an unstable sleep, so often I *oversleep*.

21. When does a person have *goosebumps*? Do you often get them?

A person usually gets *goosebumps* when he feels cold. I don't get them that often.

22. What should you do if you are *shivering*?

If you are *shivering*, you need to check your temperature and get warm.

23. How would you translate the expression "*Suit yourself*" into Russian?

I would translate "*Suit yourself*" into Russian as "Как хочешь".

24. Do you ever *stick around* at the university after your last class?

If need to get some homework done and I need help from my classmate then I *stick around* at the university after my last class.

25. What is the Russian for *lost and found*? Where could you find such a place?

"*Lost and found*" in Russian is "бюро находок". You could find such a place in metro station, in university, practically in any public building.

26. Can you remember a time when you were on an adventure and were *having your fill*?

I can't remember a time when I was on an adventure and was *having my fill*

27. Can you think of a concert that you went to and enjoyed *every minute*?

Maybe five years ago I went to comedy show in St. Petersburg and enjoyed *every minute* of it.

28. When you watch TV, do you usually *sprawl* in a chair or on a sofa or on the floor, or do you sit in a proper position?

Usually I *sprawl* in a chair, but only if it's a comfortable position.

29. Were you *radiantly healthy* at the end of the summer vacation?

I am not *radiantly healthy* at any time of year.

30. If you are sending an SMS in class and a teacher starts staring at you, does it take you long to *get the message*?

I *get the message* pretty quickly.

31. Have you ever *blurted out* a secret? Did you feel *sheepish* afterwards?

I have never *blurted out* a secret. Aslo I never feel *sheepish* afterwards.

32. Are you ever *bored stiff* during a lecture? What do you do about it?

It happens sometimes that I get *bored stiff* during a lecture. In this case I just do some work I need to do anyway.

33. Have you ever been shocked at your own *audacity*? How did it happen?

My *audacity* is something that I do consciously, so no shock there.

34. Would you be *dumbfounded* if you found a mushroom growing in the middle of your living room carpet?

I would be *dumbfounded* if something as bizarre as mushroom growing in the middle of my living room carpet would happen.

35. When people send SMS's as they walk around the city, can they be *alert* to the world around them?

I don't think people can be *alert* to world around them when they typing something in their phones.