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Title: Difficult Choice

Monologue on *EDUCATION*

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| ***You are going to give a talk about EDUCATION.*** | Vocabulary\* | Linking Words and Phrases\* |
| *REMEMBER!*  Your speech will be graded according to the following criteria: relevance, coherence, fluency, grammar & vocabulary (*see «Параметры и критерии оценки МВ»).* | *Fill in the columns with*   * *words, collocations and idiom,* * *linking words*   *on the topic ‘Education’ (see Appendix 6).* | |
| **Step 1. Introduction**  1. Make up a hook sentence that will attract listener’s attention to your speech (a quote, proverb, tongue-twister, etc.)  2. Lead your speech steadily to the 2nd step.  3. Introduction consists of 4-6 sentences. | Each of us has ever had to make difficult choice, it is especially hard to go through this as a teenager. It affected me when I tried to decide where I want to study. Honestly, I never liked my school, despite the fact that I have always been a quick learner with good grades and excellent relationships with teachers. I simply did not like the approach of most teachers to learning. Then I began to think, what if at the university I’ll run into a similar problem? Therefore, I became interested in educational systems and universities in other countries. | **Vocabulary**:   * grades * approach * quick learner   **Linking Words**:   * Honestly * Therefore   **Grammar Structures:**   * Infinitive (to make) |
| **Step 2. Education Issues**  2.1. Compare the educational systems of at least two different countries (for example, the UK, the USA, China, France, etc.) with the educational system in Russia. Which system is most like Russian?  2.2. Which educational system would you most like to study in? Why? | The first country that came to my mind was the USA. I put my thinking cap on, and I was surprised when I saw how many differences the Russian and American education systems. “That's what I need,” I thought, and started looking for a university. What was my surprise when I discovered the tuition fee which averaged 46 000$ per year. Consequently, the decision was made and I settled on Russia, but the question still remained open | **Vocabulary**:   * put my thinking cap on * tuition fee   **Linking Words:**   * Consequently   **Grammar Structures:**   * Passive voice (was made) |
| **Step 3. Teaching Methods and Distance Learning**  3.1. Speak about the main principles of a teaching method (for example, the Montessori method, the Early Reading method, etc.), the pros and cons of this method.  3.2. Speak about the pros and cons of distance learning. | I continued to go to school and every day I was convinced of the imperfection of the methods. Arriving at the lesson, hoping to learn something interesting, I now and then came across the unprofessionalism of teachers. For example, for some, it was the norm to stick the whole lesson in the phone, others lacked the knowledge to solve elementary tasks from textbooks, and this despite the fact that I studied at a school that was one of the 100 best schools in our country. Every time we tried to explain to the teacher that she needed to back to basics, it was useless. Of course, there were  friendly teachers who did everything possible to help, for example, understand the tasks of the exams, but there were few of them, so I had to resort to the help of well-prepared tutors.  However, there were times when studying at school brought me pleasure. These were the periods of quarantine when we switched to distance learning. In fact, it was more like self- teaching, because of the imperfect Digital Resources for distance learning, we just relaxed, sometimes doing a little homework. Well, of course, we did not receive any education during these periods. | **Vocabulary**:   * methods * friendly teachers * exams * well-prepared tutors * self- teaching * Digital Resources for distance learning * doing homework * back to basics * **Linking Words:** * For example * Of course * However * In fact * Well   **Grammar Structures:** |
| **Step 4. Higher Education**  4.1. Speak about the benefits of higher education for you and other people. Is a university degree a *must have*?  4.2. Why have you chosen Peter the Great St Petersburg Polytechnic University? | After graduating from school, I realized the need for higher education, because I did not have the proper knowledge that would be useful for me in the chosen profession. In my opinion, this will make progress faster than with only secondary education.  Since the quality of education is important to me, I chose a university based on ratings. SPBPU was perfect for me. | **Vocabulary**:   * graduating from school * higher education * make progress   **Linking Words:**   * In my opinion   **Grammar Structures:**   * Modal verbs (will) |
| **Step 5. CREATIVE THINKING**  Introduce your own extra idea(s) on education that hasn’t/haven’t been mentioned before. Substantiate your choice. | Based on my experience, I thought about how I would like to get an education as a teenager. Actually, I always lacked freedom of choice, so it would be much better if students had the right to choose subjects that interest them and easy-going teachers with whom the learning process would be easier. | **Vocabulary**:   * easy-going teacher   **Linking Words:**   * Actually |
| **Step 6. Conclusion**  1. Repeat the main idea of the introduction in other words.  2. Summerise the ideas of steps 2,3,4,5. | To conclude, I would say that I am glad I made the right choice. I am finally in a place where there are excellent teachers and where I can get a good quality education. Who knows, maybe if I had not gone through difficulties at school, I would not be here now. | **Linking Words:**   * For example * Of course * However * In fact * Well   **Grammar Structures:**   * Conditionals (if I had…I would) |

**Active Vocabulary: 13 + 4 (advanced)**

**Grammar Structures: 4**

**Linkers: 12**

**Total: 546**