**English in My Future Career**

Nowadays we can’t imagine a highly qualified specialist without any knowledge of a foreign language. Foreign languages are required in all spheres of our life. And the profession of programmer is not an exception.

Computing is a branch of science that is rapidly gaining significance and opportunities for youngsters who want to explore the new frontiers of IT are immense. Modern IT-sphere commonly utilizes computer science, software engineering to achieve specific goals. People who are involved in this profession (IT-specialists) read learn a lot. To be successful in this profession and to achieve greater progress, one needs to get international experience. That’s why if these specialists want to communicate with other professionals around the globe, to exchange ideas or to obtain an international experience, first of all they have to improve their English.

Knowing English can make communication easier. English is the official language in 53 countries, and it is one of the official languages in many important international organizations such as UN, EU and WTO. It is also one of the working languages at most international businesses and meetings.

If you want to know more about the world and modern technology, English is a great bridge. Most of books, magazines, newspapers and movies are in English. Going online, most of the world’s stored information and web pages are in English. English is also the most commonly used language in the sciences. In 1997, the Science Citation Index reported that 95% of its articles were written in English, even though only half of them came from authors in English-speaking countries.

In a word, English is very important in our life and in our future career. Therefore, learning English is essential in today’s Global World. If a person wants to succeed in their chosen field they have to know English, so start improving your English as soon as possible.

**Exercise 1.** *Find in the text English equivalents of the following words and word combinations:*

высококвалифицированный специалист; отрасль науки; генная инженерия; достигать особых целей; делать научные открытия; преуспевать в ч-л; совершенствовать свой английский.

**Exercise 2.** *Complete the following sentences:*

1. We can’t imagine a highly qualified specialist without…

2. Foreign languages are required…

3. People who are involved in the profession of IT-specialist…

4. To be successful in this profession…

**Exercise 3.** *Answer the questions:*

1. Is English required in the profession of IT-specialist?

2. What is Biotechnology?

3. What should IT-specialists do to be successful in their profession?

4. Where is English used?

5. Why is it necessary for IT-specialists to know English?

**Discussion**

*Do you agree or not? Comment on the following statements.*

1. If we speak a different language, we would perceive a somewhat different world.

2. Practice makes perfect.

3. To have another language is to possess a second soul

4. A different language is a different vision of life.

5. Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.

6. There is no royal road to learning.

**Role-play**

**Learning English**

**Setting:***At the Conference*

**Situation:***Discussion of the problem ”English at school: the process of teaching English and the best age for starting it“.*

**Characters:**

Card I – Helen Sotnikova, aged 22, a language teacher, just graduated from the University. Very energetic, full of modern approaches for teaching English. She is sure that the best age for starting English is the age of the kindergarten. Exaggerates the role of English in modern society.

Card II – Anna Plavskaya, aged 49, teacher of English. Sticks to the idea that the most important things in teaching English are reading and writing.

She doesn’t like the latest tendencies of teaching English in school. Anna is sure that not everybody has the ability to learn a foreign language, that’s why she pays her attention mostly to the advanced students.

Card III – Oleg Zubin, aged 36, a director of the English club. Interested more in money received from his students than in the quality of the knowledge given by his club. He is sure that the effective way to learn language is the accelerated courses (his programme is called “English in Two Months”). Believes that English is worth paying money for.

Card IV – Andrey Izmailov, aged 40, teacher of English in the University. Tried many methods of teaching English. Believes that speaking is the main aspect of English; gives interesting lessons, full of discussions, problematic questions. Uses a lot of video and audio material at the lesson, provokes students to speak and take part in different discussions. He is against accelerated courses and shares the idea of gradual material presenting. He thinks the best time for starting English in the form of games and plays is primary school.

**Writing**

*Write an essay on one of the following topics:*

1. The role of television in learning English.

2. Internet as a means of learning English.

3. Learning English… What for?

4. Success doesn’t come to you…you go to it.