

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ
2025-2026 учебный год
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7 -8 классы

SPEAKING

Set 1

Preparation (10 minutes)

Task 1

1. Monologue. Time: 2-3minutes.

Imagine you are a guide telling a tourist about London. You need to

- comment on the 4 aspects mentioned above;
- remember to make an introduction and conclusion.

Prepare to speak **about London** using the Fact File. You will have to comment on:

- general information of London;
- sights to see;
- interesting facts;
- notable people;

You can make notes during the preparation time, but you **are not allowed to read them** when you answer.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Now answer 1 question from your partner, who wants to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, not mentioned in your presentation.

Task 2

Now you are a tourist.

1. Listen to your partner's presentation.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Ask 1 QUESTION **about Belfast** to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

2 presentations and questions – 10 minutes

YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE RECORDED

Fact file

London

General information

London is the capital of the United Kingdom, a country in western Europe. It is also the capital of England, which is part of the United Kingdom. London lies on the Thames River. It is the largest city in the country. London is one of the world's most important centers for banking, investing money, and insurance. The tourist industry is also important to the city's economy. In addition, many people in London work in government offices, schools, museums, and stores.

Sights to See

London is an ancient city with many historical sites. Since 1066 England's kings and queens have been crowned in a church called Westminster Abbey. The queen of England lives in Buckingham Palace. The Parliament meets in the Palace of Westminster. Its famous clock tower contains a huge bell called Big Ben. The Tower of London is one of the oldest buildings in London. For centuries the tower was a prison.

London has many scenic places. For example, Hyde Park is the largest open area in central London. It is joined with Kensington Gardens to make one large park. Trafalgar Square is a popular plaza containing a monument to the famous British naval officer Lord Horatio Nelson. Piccadilly Circus, near the center of London, is a busy intersection where five roads meet.

London is known for its many museums. For example, the British Museum is the world's oldest public museum. It is full of ancient treasures. London's art museums include the National Gallery, the Tate galleries, the Courtauld Institute Galleries, and the Wallace Collection.

Interesting facts

The Great Fire of London wrecked many of the city's buildings in 1666.

The Natural History Museum houses has many important dinosaur fossils.

A polar bear once used to live in the Tower of London.

The Underground is the oldest in the world.

There are about 3000 parks and areas of public green space across the city. Eight of the parks are known as Royal Parks. Richmond Park is the largest Royal Park and is home to about 630 deer which roam free. London became the world's first National Park City in 2019.

Born in London

- King Charles III, monarch of the United Kingdom
- Daniel Radcliffe, actor known for playing Harry Potter
- Adele, singer and songwriter

SPEAKING

Set 2

Preparation (10 minutes)

Task 1

Monologue (2-3 minutes)

Imagine you are a guide telling a tourist about **Belfast**. You need to

- comment on the 4 aspects mentioned above;
- remember to make an introduction and conclusion.

Prepare to speak **about Belfast** using the Fact File.

You will have to comment on:

- general information of Belfast;
- sights to see;
- interesting facts;
- notable people;

You can make notes during the preparation time, but you **are not allowed to read them** when you answer.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Now answer 1 question from your partner, who wants to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, not mentioned in your presentation.

Task 2

Now you are a tourist.

1. Listen to your partner's presentation.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Ask 1 QUESTION **about London** to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

2 presentations and questions – 10 minutes

YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE RECORDED

Fact file

Belfast

General information

Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom, along with England, Scotland, and Wales. Belfast is located on the island of Ireland. It lies where the Lagan River flows into a part of the Irish Sea.

The economy of Belfast is based mainly on service industries, such as health care, social services, and tourism. It is also the main seaport in Northern Ireland.

Sights to See

Belfast Zoo is guaranteed to be a hit with kids of all ages! You can meet majestic creatures like lions, tigers, and elephants, or get up close with playful monkeys, adorable red pandas, and waddling penguins. The zoo boasts a vast variety of species with over 1,000 animals.

A visit to Titanic Belfast is one you'll never forget! You'll feel like a real-life explorer as you journey through different parts of the museum. This amazing interactive exhibition takes you through the entire story of the Titanic. You'll learn about the people who built it, and discover what life was like on board. There are cool interactive displays, like getting to touch icebergs and hearing stories from survivors. It's like watching an exciting movie, but you're right in the middle of the action!

Cave Hill is a really cool and massive hill that overlooks the city of Belfast! It's like a big giant looking down on the city. People say it looks like the face of Napoleon, so it's sometimes called "Napoleon's Nose".

Interesting facts

The name Belfast comes from the Irish 'Béal Feirste', which means 'mouth of the river'.

A landmark of the city is two huge yellow cranes nicknamed Samson and Goliath.

The symbol of Belfast is a seahorse.

Belfast is famous for shipbuilding including a famous ship called the Titanic.

Game of Thrones were filmed in Belfast.

Born in Belfast

- CS Lewis, author of 'The Chronicles of Narnia'
- Kenneth Branagh, an actor and filmmaker
- George Best, a talented footballer

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Set 3

Preparation (10 minutes)

Task 1

1. Monologue. Time: 2-3 minutes.

Imagine you are a guide telling a tourist about **Cardiff** . You need to

- comment on the 4 aspects mentioned above;
- remember to make an introduction and conclusion.

Prepare to speak **about Cardiff** using the Fact File. You will have to comment on:

- general information of Cardiff;
- sights to see;
- interesting facts;
- notable people;

You can make notes during the preparation time, but you **are not allowed to read them** when you answer.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Now answer 1 question from your partner, who wants to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, not mentioned in your presentation.

Task 2

Now you are a tourist.

1. Listen to your partner's presentation.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Ask 1 QUESTION **about Edinburgh** to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

2 presentations and questions – 10 minutes

YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE RECORDED

Fact file

Cardiff

General information

Cardiff is the capital of Wales, one of the four main parts of the country called the United Kingdom. It is the largest city in Wales. The city lies where the Taff River flows into a part of the Atlantic Ocean.

The economy of Cardiff depends heavily on government activity and service industries such as health care, education, and tourism. The city is Wales's center of trade, shopping, banking, and insurance.

Sights to See

Bute Park is a beautiful big green belt running through the centre of Cardiff and lies just behind the iconic Cardiff Castle. It's a fantastic spot for a family picnic, as well as playing Pooh sticks off one of the bridges!

Visit this 100-acre open air museum and learn about Wales' historical past. St Fagan's National History Museum is one of Europe's leading open-air museums and one of Wales's most popular heritage attractions. It stands in the grounds of the spectacular St Fagans Castle and offers traditional crafts, native livestock and exhibitions for your intrepid explorers.

The Principality Stadium is the largest stadium in Wales and the fourth largest in the UK. The capacity is 74,500 spectators. An interesting fact is when the roof is closed it's the largest covered stadium in Europe.

In the heart of the Welsh capital, Cardiff Castle is an iconic landmark which is among the best castles in South Wales.

Interesting facts

The Animal Wall in Bute Park has sculptures of 15 animals carved into it.

Cardiff is one of the UK's flattest cities.

There are hidden tunnels underneath the city centre.

It is thought to be the city with the most castles in the world.

Cardiff was famous for exporting coal. It became a successful and busy port during the 1800s. This is because it is located near to the coast but also near to the valleys where coal was mined. By the 20th century, it was one of the largest exporters of coal in the world.

Born in Cardiff

- Roald Dahl, children's author
- Gareth Bale, international professional footballer
- Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, Paralympic athlete.

SPEAKING

Set 4

Preparation (10 minutes)

Task 1

Monologue (2-3 minutes)

Imagine you are a guide telling a tourist about **Edinburgh**. You need to

- comment on the 4 aspects mentioned above;
- remember to make an introduction and conclusion.

Prepare to speak **about Edinburgh** using the Fact File.

You will have to comment on:

- general information of Edinburgh;
- sights to see;
- interesting facts;
- notable people;

You can make notes during the preparation time, but you **are not allowed to read them** when you answer.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Now answer 1 question from your partner, who wants to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, not mentioned in your presentation.

Task 2

Now you are a tourist.

1. Listen to your partner's presentation.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2 minutes

Ask 1 QUESTION **about Cardiff** to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

2 presentations and questions – 10 minutes

YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE RECORDED

Fact file

Edinburgh

General information

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, one of the four main parts of the country called the United Kingdom. The name Edinburgh comes from a Gaelic name meaning “Eidyn’s hill fort.” The city is known as a place of learning. Through the years it has produced many great thinkers and writers. Edinburgh is built on a series of hills and rocky ridges. It has a port on a part of the North Sea.

Sights to See

The oldest section of Edinburgh is called the Old Town. It developed around Castle Rock, which rises high above a valley floor. At its top stands Edinburgh Castle, the home of Scottish kings and queens in ancient times.

Another place of interest in the Old Town is the Palace of Holyroodhouse, where the rooms of Mary, Queen of Scots, can be seen. The palace takes its name from an abbey, or monastery, that dates from the 1100s. The palace was built beside the abbey in the 1500s. South and east of the palace spreads the treeless Holyrood Park. From the park rises Arthur’s Seat, a rock that is more than 5 miles (8 kilometers) around.

Edinburgh’s other main section is the New Town. Despite its name, it is more than 200 years old. Today it is the city’s main business area.

Between the Edinburgh Castle and New Town is Princes Street. The city’s main street, it is lined with hotels, banks, and shops. To the south are the Princes Street Gardens. In East Princes Street Gardens stands a monument to Sir Walter Scott, the great novelist from Edinburgh.

Interesting facts

Edinburgh Castle sits on an old extinct volcano.

Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire service.

Edinburgh Zoo is home to the world’s only knighted penguin!

Edinburgh is famous for its spectacular Hogmanay celebrations on New Year’s Eve.

Born in Belfast

- Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone
- Sir Chris Hoy, Olympic and world champion track cyclist
- Kirsty Gallacher, TV presenter