

Демоверсия текущей аттестации

Task 1. Read the text and answer the question.

Living abroad can be an exciting experience. However, it may also invite a sense of feeling a little lost in the world. Most people will experience some difficulties adjusting to their new country and culture. Cultural adjustment, or “culture shock” comes from being cut off from things you are familiar with. Culture shock is a common phenomenon. It doesn't result from just one event. It builds slowly from a series of small events. You won't be able to identify culture shock while you're struggling through it. Living abroad will make you question your values, which you may have taken as absolutes before. But with patience, you'll be able to overcome it and grow in the process. While people react differently to the changes, studies have shown that there are four stages that almost everyone will experience. These stages are:

1. Initial Euphoria. Everyone arrives excited about their new country and the adventures that lie ahead.
2. Irritability and Hostility. Little differences and problems will seem like huge catastrophes. This is the most difficult part of being abroad.
3. Gradual Adjustment. You'll feel more at home. You'll begin to feel more familiar and comfortable with the cultures, people, food and languages of new environments.
4. Adaptation. You now feel at home in your new country and can function in both cultures. You have learned new behaviors and manners, and have shed some of your old ones.

What can you do to overcome culture shock faster? Write at least 5 sentences.

Task 2. Complete the sentences with an indefinite or zero article.

1. _____ good education is the way to success.
2. They threw _____ brick through the window.
3. I'm satisfied with _____ work at the hospital.
4. She sprayed herself with _____ perfume.
5. I like _____ wine with fruity taste.
6. The president made _____ speech today.
7. I bought _____ paper and waited for the train.

Task 3. Complete the sentences with the right word from the box.

swarm, group, team, school, flock, pair, herd

1. I saw a _____ of bees.
2. There was a _____ of cows on the farm.
3. That was a nice _____ of singers, I really liked.
4. I don't remember where my favourite _____ of shoes is.
5. A _____ of doctors has arrived at the hospital.
6. We saw a _____ of birds in the sky.
7. They swam with a _____ of dolphins in the ocean.

Task 4. Complete the “colour” idiom.

1. to be _____ with envy
2. as _____ as a beetroot
3. once in a _____ moon
4. to show a _____ feather
5. to have _____ fingers

Task 5. You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Sam. Write an email to Sam.

From: sam@mail.uk

To: russian_friend@mail.ru

Subject: Cultures

...Yesterday, I finished reading a book about the Inca Empire. Now I want to go to South America and see everything with my own eyes. What is the best way to learn about other cultures and traditions? What aspects of culture are the most important?

My elder sister is getting married next week, it will be a big wedding...