

Day 8

adverbs, conjunctions, and the verb “to be”

1. Word banks: nouns, adverbs, adjectives

Refer to these lists as needed, to tell about some of your things. Remember — **adjectives change** endings, but **adverbs don't!**

велосипед bicycle	машина car	ковёр carpet, rug	бельё laundry
компьютер computer	расписание schedule	зонт umbrella	ручка pen
ноутбук laptop	телевизор television	рюкзак backpack	одежда clothing
очень very, really	совсем completely	довольно quite	сравнительно relatively
не очень not very	не совсем not completely	ужасно horribly	слишком too
отличный great	хороший good	плохой bad	ужасный terrible
огромный huge	большой big	маленький small	скучный boring
	новый new	старый old	
	интересный interesting	неинтересный uninteresting	
	чистый clean	грязный dirty	
	дорогой expensive	дешёвый inexpensive	
	лёгкий light, easy	трудный hard	
	красивый pretty	некрасивый ugly	безобразный hideous
	обычный usual, ordinary	необычный unusual	странный strange

2. What are your things like now?

Ask about the nouns above, and describe them by combining adverbs and adjectives. Also try using the adverbs **уже** (already) and **ещё** (still). You can also combine multiple adjectives with the conjunctions **и** (and) and **но** (but), or contrast two items with **а** (“whereas, while”).

- У тебя есть **компьютер**? “At you is computer?”
- Да, есть. “Yes, is.”
- **Какой он**? “Of what kind (is) it?”
- Он **уже** **очень** **старый**, но **ещё** **довольно** **хороший**. “It (is) already very old, but still quite good.”

3. What were they like last year?

Use the past tense to discuss how things were “in last year” (**в прошлом году**). If you like, contrast with “in this year” (**в этом году**).

- **Какая** у тебя **была** **комната** в прошлом году? “Of what kind at you was room in last year?”
- **Моя** **комната** **была** **грязная** и **слишком** **маленькая**. “My room was dirty, and too small.”

4. What will they be like in ten years?

Use the future tense to discuss how things will be in ten years or so — literally, “of years across ten” (**лет через десять**).

- **Какая** у тебя **будет** **машина** лет **через** **десять**? “Of what kind at you will be car in ten years?”
- **Моя** **машина** **будет** **очень** **дорогая** и **красивая**. “My car will be very expensive and beautiful.”

5. Are you an optimist or a pessimist?

Based on your expectations for the future, are you an optimist or a pessimist? Note that borrowed words like these are highly recognizable!

- Ты **оптимист** или **пессимист**? “(Are) you (an) optimist or (a) pessimist?”
- По-**моему** я **пессимист**. Или **просто** **реалист**. “In my opinion I (am) pessimist. Or simply (a) realist.”