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**Appendix I**

SCHOOL DAYS

The happiest days of your whole life  
(So all the grown-ups say),  
But I would never go to school  
If I could have my way.  
My pencil point is broken,  
My pen’s run out of ink  
My head’s just filled with sawdust  
And with sawdust you cant think.  
The happiest days of your whole life  
(So all the grown-ups say),  
But I would never go to school  
If I could have my way.

Susan Whitworth

**Appendix II**

Our gymnasya has a history of 50 years. It`s a school for about 1000 pupils. We study different subjects, such as: Art, Biology, Russian, English, German, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Information Technology.

It`s not easy to study in our school, but quite interesting. The school encourages students who are fond of playing musical instruments, singing and sport.

We have good traditions at our school. We remember Victor Vorontsov. Evenings of memory are held every year.

And of course we love sport! The favorite sports are football, basketball, chess, volleyball. There is also active tourism club.

The uniform is a blue jacket and a white shirt.

**Appendix III**

My name is Mr Stone. I'm a teacher of Modern languages (French and Russian) at Hampton School, which is in Richmond upon Thames. The School has a history of nearly five centuries. At present, it remains a day school for some 950 boys between 11 and 19 years of age.

The course at Hampton School is academically demanding: all boys learn at least nine subjects: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, English lan­guage, English Literature, Economics, Drama, Geog­raphy, History, Mathematics, Information Technology, French, German, Greek, Latin, Russian, Spanish, Music, Physics, Religious Studies, Physical Education, Games.

As you see, it's not easy to study in our School, so we select students. Selection of students is based on written entrance tests, but we also interview our likely candidates. At the interview, we take into account a boy's other activities. For instance if two boys have done equally well in tests we give preference to the one who is keen on music or art or chess or sport.

The School encourages boys who are developing an interest in the arts such as writing, playing musical instruments, singing, drama. About 200 boys do music with teachers. At our School there are

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regular lunchtime and evening concerts of popular music, jazz and rock music by pupils. We also we have a full Symphony Orchestra and a School Magazine for young writers.

Traditionally the favorite sports are tennis, cricket, athletics, rowing, rugby, soccer, and chess. There also active table tennis, basketball and badminton clubs. The School is fortunate to have much space for playing fields. Large parties of boys go abroad each year to ski. Some boys are keen on golf, sailing and windsurfing, too.

The uniform which the boys wear is basically a (colour) blazer and dark-grey trousers, a white shirt and a school tie. The tie and the black blazer with a school badge can be only bought in the school shop. The shop also offers school scarves, and clothes for games.

Parents are welcome to the school at any time. They help to arrange various activities, meet with teachers and provide financial help.

**Appendix IV**

Listen to what a teacher of Russian tells about Hampton Private School. Complete the sentences.

1. Hampton School is a school for ...
2. It is situated in the town of...
3. The students study several foreign languages: ...
4. Selection of students is based on ...
5. The favorite sports are ...
6. The uniform is a ...