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<b>UŽDUOTYS RAŠTU</b>	<b>MAKSIMALUS TAŠKŲ SKAIČIUS</b>	<b>SURINKTA TAŠKŲ (1 vertintojas)</b>	<b>SURINKTA TAŠKŲ (2 vertintojas)</b>
Rašinys / straipsnis	<b>15</b>		

1 VERTINTOJAS \_\_\_\_\_ (parašas)

2 VERTINTOJAS \_\_\_\_\_ (parašas)

KOMISIJOS PIRMININKAS \_\_\_\_\_ (parašas)

## ARTICLE

*You are going to write an article for an English website.*

*Before writing, you are going to watch a short video presentation. The video will be shown twice.*

*You can take notes if you wish. Use this sheet for your notes.*

*After viewing the video presentation, you will have 60 minutes to write your article.*

***Follow this plan:***

- *state the topic / issue of the talk;*
- *give a short summary of the content of the talk and formulate the main message;*
- *respond to the message of the talk by giving your opinion on the issue discussed by the speaker and / or linking the topic / issue to your personal experience;*
- *comment on the speaker's presentation style (manner of speaking, visuals etc.).*

*Use the sheets provided for your draft and your final version.*

**Write at least 300 words.**

*Give a title to your article.*

**USE THIS SPACE FOR YOUR NOTES WHILE WATCHING THE PRESENTATION**

**USE THIS SHEET TO WRITE YOUR DRAFT**

**USE THIS SHEET TO WRITE YOUR FINAL VERSION.**

**YOU MUST WRITE AT LEAST 300 WORDS.**

**TITLE:**

**Student A**

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Source: <http://www.times-series.co.uk/news/14179921>



**Microchip your dog - or face a hefty fine**

*Strict new laws will make it compulsory for all dogs in England to be microchipped. The new rules will be introduced in April but owners failing to comply could face a hefty fine.*

The news has been broadly welcomed by animal welfare charities.

According to a Dog's Trust survey, modern technologies like microchipping accounted for more than 10,000 dogs being reunited with their owners. However, research found that one in five owners are still unprepared for the upcoming legal change. It also found that 45 per cent of them had not chipped their dogs, either because they didn't know how to do so or simply did not know they had to.

All dogs must be chipped and registered with a recognised database by April 6.

Adrian Burder, chief executive of Dogs Trust, said: "Losing a dog is upsetting time for both the dog and the dog owner so we welcome the new law. We're working tirelessly to ensure even more dogs are given these painless but essential pieces of technology before April."

From then on, if an animal is not microchipped its owners could face a fine of up to £500. All breeders must microchip their puppies by eight-weeks-old and before they are transferred to a new keeper, who will be responsible for updating it with their details.

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**What's it like to be a board game tester?**

*Paul Grogan gave up his job as an IT manager to become one of the few professional board game testers in the UK*

Grogan gave up his day job as an IT manager earning £45,000 a year to pursue his gaming passion. "It's a risky move, but I haven't looked back," he says. He now earns half the money testing advanced board games, which are played by fanatics throughout the year.

The games, which include titles such as Ticket To Ride and The Settlers of Catan, are growing in popularity in the UK. They involve a "high level of decisionmaking" and much more strategy than the likes of Trivial Pursuit.

Grogan tests prototypes with his friends, and is proud of the frank feedback he gives to designers and publishers. "I am from the North. My blunt honesty has got me into a lot of trouble over the years. If it was a horrible game to play, I will say that."

He also often writes rule books and tests out whether they work by creating the game electronically and playing it with friends online via Skype.

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**Helsinki-Tallinn tunnel to bring cities closer than ever**

*Finland and Estonia look into a rail link that would reduce journey time from 2 hours to 30 minutes.*

The Baltic Finns populating opposite sides of the Gulf of Finland were long separated by ideology and sea. Now, the historic brethren of Estonia and Finland could be directly linked, as plans accelerate for a 50-mile tunnel running between their capital cities.

Although Helsinki can be glimpsed from Tallinn's tallest tower, the only way across the gulf is a two-hour boat trip. About eight million ferry journeys are made each year: a popular weekend cruise for Finns, but also a weekly commute for Estonians working in Helsinki.

The tunnel would house a railway to bring them just a half-hour train ride away.

The undersea tunnel is particularly attractive because of a planned Rail Baltica high-speed train line, which will run from Tallinn to Poland and link into western Europe's rail networks and would connect Helsinki via train to Berlin.

As the major case study, the Channel tunnel linking Britain and France has been a source of inspiration and misgiving for the Baltic planners. While it demonstrates the engineering possibilities and was a pointer towards a Europe without borders, it had little impact on the integration of the regions. The Channel still represents a significant cultural and psychological barrier.

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**Sweden imposes border controls**

*Sweden has reimposed border controls on the bridge connecting it with Denmark, in an effort to reduce the number of migrants entering the country.*

Identity checks have been introduced on the Oresund bridge - which links Malmo and Copenhagen - making it harder for both migrants and commuters to travel.

The new restrictions are expected to add an extra 30 minutes to the 40-minute trip, while rail operators have also reduced the daily number of trips between the two countries.

The changes affecting the bridge will make it harder for ordinary Danes and Swedes to get to work and goes against an open-border system that dates back to the 1950s.

Dr Per Tryding from the Swedish Chamber of Commerce said: "We've had a nordic Schengen agreement since the fifties so this is a real shock for people here - sort of a version of the Berlin Wall."

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