

2017 M. ANGLŲ KALBOS KONKURSAS (9–10 KL.)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEST 2017 (FORMS 9-10)

- Konkurso užduočių struktūra (1 lapas)
- Pasirengimas (1 lapas)
- Rekomenduojamų video prezentacijų sąrašas (1 lapas)
- Vertinimo kriterijai (anglų kalba) (3 lapai)
 - Rašinio / straipsnio
 - Monologo / pasisakymo
 - Dialogo / diskusijos
- Užduotis raštu (5 lapai)
- Užduotys žodžiu
 - Monologas / Pasisakymas (10 lapų)
 - Dialogas / Diskusija (10 lapų)

KONKURSO UŽDUOČIŲ STRUKTŪRA

UŽDUOTIES TIPAS	UŽDUOTYS	TAŠKAI	LAIKAS
RAŠTU	Rašinys / Straipsnis. Minimalus žodžių skaičius – 250. Rašymo uždutis atliekama pažiūrėjus trumpą video prezentaciją. Prezentacija žiūrima du kartus.	15	Video prezentacijos peržiūrai (2 kartus) skiriama apie 20 min. Rašymui skiriama iki 60 min. Iš viso apie 80 min.
ŽODŽIU	Monologas: Pasisakymas aptariant lietuvišką patarlę.	15	Pasirengimui skiriama 2-3 min. Pasisakymui skiriama 1-2 min. Iš viso mokiniui iki 5 min.
	Dialogas: Diskusija aptariant perskaitytą naujienų tekstą.	15	Pasirengimui skiriama 2 min. Diskusijai skiriama 3 min. Iš viso 5 min. mokinių porai.
IŠ VISO		45	

KOMANDINĘ UŽDUOTĮ rajono (miesto) komisija organizuoja savo nuožiūra.

Ši uždutis vertinama neformaliai. Rekomenduojamos uždutys:

LOBIŲ PAIEŠKA IR PRISTATYMAS

Temos: Mano miestas / Mano regionas.

Potemės: Vietovės / Žmonės / Renginiai.

Formatai: skelbimas, skrajutė, plakatas, eilėraštis, daina, vaidybinis etiudas, skaidrių šou, filmukas.

Užduties pavyzdžiai::

- Sukurkite skaidrių šou „Aplankykite mano miestą“.
- Sukurkite vaidybinį etiudą „Susipažinkite su mano miesto žmonėmis“.
- Sukurkite skelbimą „Kviečiame į miesto tradicinius renginius“.
- Sukurkite eilėraštį / dainą „Mano miestas – pats šauniausias“.

PROTŲ MŪŠIS

Temos: Anglakalbės šalys / Europos šalys / Lietuva ir jos kaimynės.

Formatai: Protų mūšis su vaizdine megžiaga / be vaizdinės medžiagos.

PASIRENGIMAS			
UŽDUOTYS	LAPAI	PASIRENGIMAS	
RAŠTU	Viršeliai kodavimui.	2 lapai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parengti kopijas kiekvienam mokiniui. - Surašyti kodus prieš išdalijant užduotis dalyviams. - Surinkti pirmuosius viršelius su dalyvių pavardėmis.
	<p>Rašinys / Straipsnis.</p> <p>Rašymo užduotis atliekama pažiūrėjus trumpą video prezentaciją.</p> <p>Prezentacija žiūrima du kartus.</p>	<p>1 lapas – užduotis ir vieta užrašams.</p> <p>1 lapas – juodraštis.</p> <p>1 lapas – švarraštis.</p> <p>1 lapas – vertinimo lentelė.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pasirinkti video prezentaciją iš rekomenduojamų. - Siekiant išvengti interneto trikdžių olimpiados dieną, patartina video prezentaciją išsaugoti laikmenoje. - Parengti užduoties kopijas dalyviams. - Parengti vertinimo lentelės kopijas – tiek kopijų, kiek mokinių. Vertintojai apveda balų skaičių pagal kiekvieną kriterijų, o bendrą balą įrašo apačioje. Pasibaigus olimpiadai, vertinimo lenteles galima atiduoti mokiniams.
ŽODŽIU	Monologas :	<p>10 užduočių lapų su skirtingomis patarlėmis.</p> <p>1 lapas – vertinimo lentelė.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pasirinkti norimas patarles. - Parengti užduočių kopijas dalyviams ir vertintojams. - Parengti vertinimo lentelės kopijas – tiek kopijų, kiek mokinių. Vertintojai apveda balų skaičių pagal kiekvieną kriterijų, o bendrą balą įrašo apačioje. Po konkurso vertinimo lenteles galima atiduoti mokiniams.
	<p>Dialogas:</p> <p>Diskusija pagal perskaitytą naujienų tekstą.</p>	<p>5 užduočių komplektai (Mokiniui A ir Mokiniui B).</p> <p>1 lapas – vertinimo lentelė.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parengti užduočių komplektų kopijas dalyviams ir vertintojams. - Parengti vertinimo lentelės kopijas – tiek kopijų, kiek mokinių. Vertintojai apveda balų skaičių pagal kiekvieną kriterijų, o bendrą balą įrašo apačioje. Pasibaigus olimpiadai, vertinimo lenteles galima atiduoti mokiniams.

REKOMENDUOJAMOS VIDEO PREZENTACIJOS

Atsidarykite www.youtube.com ir paieškos laukelyje įveskite:

Why I Don't Use A Smart Phone | Ann Makosinski | TEDxTeen (11:57)

ARBA

Atsidarykite šią nuorodą:

<http://www.tedxteen.com/talks/why-i-dont-use-a-smart-phone-ann-makosinski>

Atsidarykite www.youtube.com ir paieškos laukelyje įveskite:

Why I live a zero waste life | Lauren Singer | TEDxTeen (13:30)

ARBA

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ARTICLE ASSESSMENT SCALE		
CRITERIA	SCORE	DESCRIPTORS
Content	3	All / Major content points covered. Thorough and extensive coverage.
	2	Some major content points covered. Adequate and sufficient coverage.
	1	Too few content points covered. Insufficient coverage. Some irrelevant material.
Organisation	3	Ideas effectively organized. A variety of linking devices.
	2	Ideas adequately organised. Simple linking devices.
	1	Lack of organisation or linking devices.
Range of vocabulary and structure	3	Wide / Good range of structure and vocabulary.
	2	Adequate range of structure and vocabulary.
	1	Limited / Narrow range of structure and vocabulary.
Accuracy (vocabulary, grammar, spelling, punctuation)	3	No errors / minimal errors.
	2	A number of errors, but they do not obscure communication.
	1	Frequent errors, some of which may obscure communication.
Appropriacy of register	3	Consistent use of neutral / semi-formal register.
	2	Inconsistent use of neutral / semi-formal register.
	1	Little awareness of register.
Total (out of 15)		ASSESSOR'S SIGNATURE AND COMMENT

NOTES

- **Length** – minimum 250 words. If the text is shorter, the final score is adjusted as agreed by the evaluation committee.
- **Spelling** – British and American varieties are acceptable.
- **Contractions** are acceptable.

INDIVIDUAL TALK based on a proverb

ASSESSMENT SCALE

SCORE	DESCRIPTORS
Introduction and Explanation / Interpretation of the proverb	
2	Effective introduction and explanation / interpretation of the meaning of the proverb.
1	Adequate introduction and explanation / interpretation of the meaning of the proverb.
Expressing opinion / Sharing experience / ideas / examples related to the topic	
3	Excellent argumentation and coherence. Highly relevant ideas and examples.
2	Good argumentation and coherence. Relevant ideas and examples.
1	Adequate argumentation and coherence. Some irrelevance of ideas and examples may be noticed.
Language resources (lexico-grammatical structures)	
3	Wide range of language resources; always used clearly and precisely to convey the content.
2	Good range of language resources; most often used clearly and precisely to convey the content.
1	Adequate range of language resources; lack of clarity and precision may be noticed.
Fluency	
2	Maintains a smooth flow of language with natural hesitation.
1	Maintains a flow of language; hesitation occurs when searching for language resources.
Accuracy	
3	Excellent control of simple and complex lexico-grammatical structures; no or a few minor errors in complex structures. Meaning is never obscured.
2	Good control of simple and complex lexico-grammatical structures; occasional errors in simple and complex structures. Meaning is never obscured.
1	Adequate handling of simple lexico-grammatical structures; problems may occur with both simple and complex structures. Meaning may be obscured.
Pronunciation	
2	Clear articulation. Effective intonation.
1	Most text is articulated clearly. Adequate intonation.
Total (out of 15)	Assessor's signature and comment.

PAIR DISCUSSION ASSESSMENT SCALE		
CRITERIA	SCORE	DESCRIPTORS
CONTENT		
*Introduction (Student A)		
2		Effective summary of the news item and initiation of the discussion.
1		Adequate summary of the news item and initiation of the discussion.
Argumentation		
2		All arguments relevant, very well organised and easy to follow.
1		Most arguments relevant, quite well structured and rather easy to follow.
Examples / Illustrations		
2		Highly effective use of relevant examples.
1		Adequate use of examples.
Language resources		
2		Uses a wide range of lexico-grammatical structures; the meaning is always clear and precise.
1		Uses an adequate range of lexico-grammatical structures; the meaning is generally clear and precise.
*Conclusion (Student B)		
2		Effective summary of the main points and excellent final comment.
1		Adequate summary of the main points and acceptable final comment.
DELIVERY		
Interaction		
2		Effective use of strategies to initiate discussion and respond to questions.
1		Adequate use of strategies to initiate discussion and respond to questions.
Accuracy		
3		Excellent control of simple and complex lexico-grammatical structures; no accuracy errors.
2		Good control of simple and complex lexico-grammatical structures; occasional errors.
1		Adequate handling of simple lexico-grammatical structures; problems may occur with complex structures.
Pronunciation		
2		Clear articulation. Effective intonation.
1		Most text is articulated clearly. Adequate intonation.
Total (out of 15)		
* NOTE: Student A gets points for the introduction and Student B - for the conclusion.		

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Šis viršelis skirtas kodavimui.

Dalyvio kodą įrašo komisija prieš išdalindama užduotis dalyviams.

Dalyvis užpildo savo duomenis ir grąžina šį viršelį komisijai prieš atlikdamas užduotis.

Dalyvio kodas (pildo komisija)	
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Dalyvio vardas, pavardė (pildo dalyvis)	
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Dalyvio mokykla (pildo dalyvis)	
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Šis viršelis skirtas rašymo užduoties vertinimo fiksavimui.

Dalyvio kodą įrašo komisija prieš išdalindama užduotis dalyviams.

Dalyvis grąžina šį viršelį komisijai kartu su atliktomis užduotimis.

Dalyvio kodas (pildo komisija)	
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UŽDUOTYS RAŠTU	MAKSIMALUS TAŠKŲ SKAIČIUS	SURINKTA TAŠKŲ (1 vertintojas)	SURINKTA TAŠKŲ (2 vertintojas)
Rašinys / straipsnis	15		

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(s) discussed by the speaker and / or by 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 250 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 250 WORDS.

TITLE:

INDIVIDUAL TALK

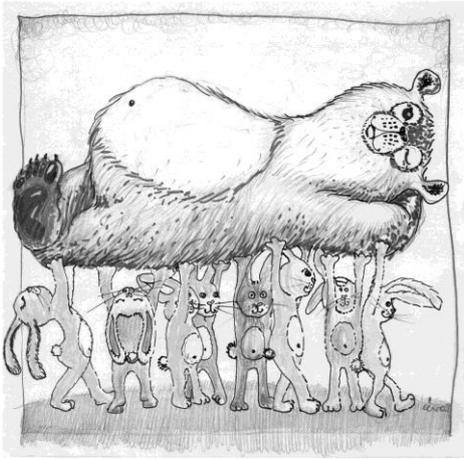
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- *to give your opinion on the idea(s) expressed in the proverb (agree / disagree);*
- *to share your own experience / ideas related to the topic.*

Preparation time 2-3 minutes. You can make notes if you wish in the space below.

You will have 1-2 minutes to give your talk.

<https://ievaipieva.wordpress.com/2012/01/01/patarles/>



Daug rankų didžią naš tą pakelia.

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Ten gera, kur mūsų nēra.

INDIVIDUAL TALK

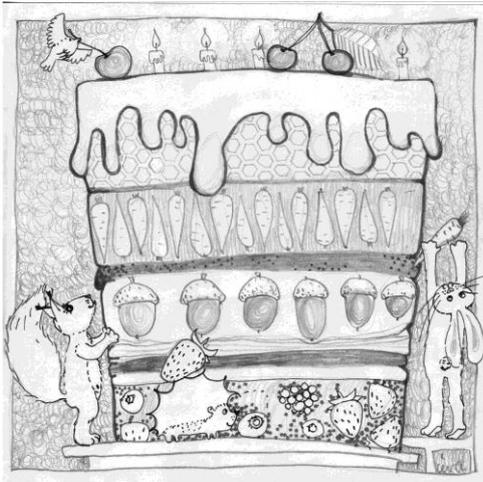
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INDIVIDUAL TALK

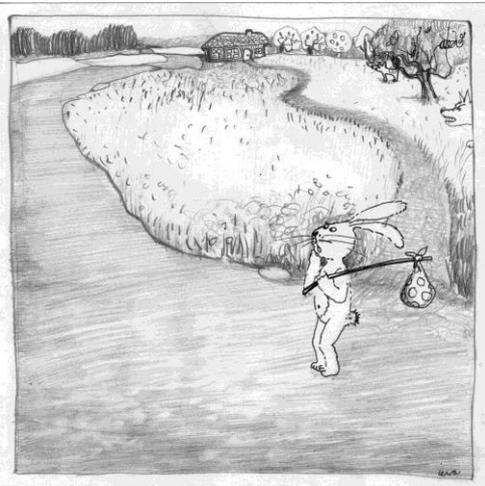
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Nemesk kelio dël takelio.

INDIVIDUAL TALK

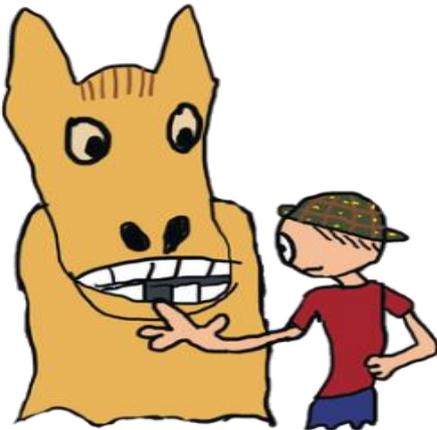
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<http://markewbie.weebly.com/proverbs.html>



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INDIVIDUAL TALK

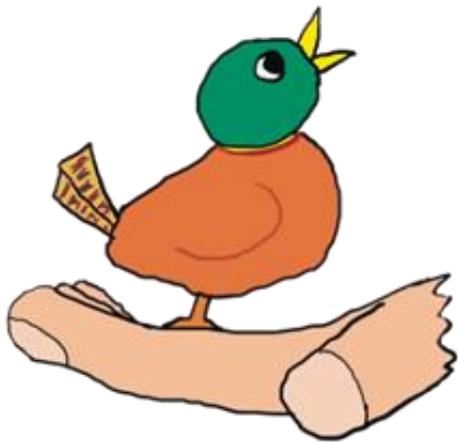
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Geriau žvirblis rankoje negu briedis girioje.

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You will have 1-2 minutes to give your talk.

<http://www.fluentu.com/english/blog/useful-english-proverbs/>



Nespręsk apie knyggą iš viršelio.

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Neperšokęs griovio, nesakyk „op“.

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Geriau vėliau negu niekada.

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Kaip pasiklosi, taip išsimiegosi.

Student A

PAIR DISCUSSION

You are going to read a news item. You have to respond to the news and discuss it with a partner. Your partner has also read the same news item.

*You have **2 minutes** to read the text and prepare for the discussion.*

*The discussion should take up to **3 minutes**.*

You are expected to:

- *define the message / state the issue presented in the text (**Student A**);*
- *exchange opinions with the partner about the issue;*
- *justify your opinion, provide arguments;*
- *relate the issue to your own experience or knowledge, give examples;*
- *summarise and conclude your discussion (**Student B**).*

Note: if you start the discussion, your partner will have to complete the discussion and vice versa.

Student A and Student B read the same news item.

Student A starts the conversation by summarising the news item.

Student B completes the conversation by summarising the discussion.

NO 1.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/>



Gold treasure hoard discovered inside antique piano in Shropshire

A substantial amount of gold - described as "potential treasure" - has been found hidden in a piano.

The discovery of the stunning cache of gold items was made by the new owners of the piano when they decided to tune the instrument, which they had been given. They reported their discovery, and the items are now being kept safe in an unknown location.

Peter Reavill, of the British Museum, said: "We can't say what it is exactly because we are trying to track down the true owners. The current owners did not know what to do, but they came to the museum and they laid it all out on the table. I have never seen anything like that. It's a stunning assemblage of material."

He said that the objects were highly unusual, made mostly of gold and appear to have been deliberately hidden within the last 110 years.

Experts are searching for the family of whoever put the treasure into the piano. If they are traced, they have a claim. If not, the items belong to the state.

Investigations have revealed that the piano, made by Broadwood & Sons of London, was sold to a music shop in Essex. The recent history of the piano has been traced to 1983 where it was purchased by a local family in Essex.

An inquest has now been opened to determine whether the hoard discovered in the piano qualifies as treasure under the Treasure Act (1996). For a hoard less than 300-years-old to be treasure, it must be substantially made of gold or silver, deliberately concealed by the owner with a view to later recovery and the owner must be unknown.

Student B

PAIR DISCUSSION

You are going to read a news item. You have to respond to the news and discuss it with a partner. Your partner has also read the same news item.

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- relate the issue to your own experience or knowledge, give examples;
- summarise and conclude your discussion (**Student B**).

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NO 2.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/>



Teenager raises money for college after parents cut her off over black boyfriend

Allie Dowdle, a teenager from Tennessee, has launched a fund-raising campaign after her parents cut off her college fund when she started dating a black student.

“About a year ago, I told my parents that I’d started dating a boy named Michael. Hoping to share him with my family, I showed my parents his picture, and the conversation was over before it even began. My dad told me that I was not allowed to see Michael ever again. Why? Strictly because of skin colour. I couldn’t comprehend how someone could be seen as a lesser person because of pigment.”

Allie said that she and Michael continued to see each other, discreetly. Then, she approached her parents again, thinking they may have had a change of heart. She said, they had not.

“As I am 18, my parents have chosen to no longer support my future, stripping me of all my resources including my personal savings, my car, my phone, and my education and leaving me on my own to pay for college.”

Allie’s father said that he and his wife would accept whomever their daughter wanted to date, but that he disapproved of Michael because Allie began dating him in secret. He said that he decided to cut off her college money because “it became obvious that she needed to go out in the world and grow up”.

Allie Dowdle has started the GoFundMe campaign with a plan to raise \$10,000 for her college studies. So far, she has raised almost \$13,000.

Student B

PAIR DISCUSSION

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/>



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Allie Dowdle, a teenager from Tennessee, has launched a fund-raising campaign after her parents cut off her college fund when she started dating a black student.

"About a year ago, I told my parents that I'd started dating a boy named Michael. Hoping to share him with my family, I showed my parents his picture, and the conversation was over before it even began. My dad told me that I was not allowed to see Michael ever again. Why? Strictly because of skin colour. I couldn't comprehend how someone could be seen as a lesser person because of pigment."

Allie said that she and Michael continued to see each other, discreetly. Then, she approached her parents again, thinking they may have had a change of heart. She said, they had not.

"As I am 18, my parents have chosen to no longer support my future, stripping me of all my resources including my personal savings, my car, my phone, and my education and leaving me on my own to pay for college."

Allie's father said that he and his wife would accept whomever their daughter wanted to date, but that he disapproved of Michael because Allie began dating him in secret. He said that he decided to cut off her college money because "it became obvious that she needed to go out in the world and grow up".

Allie Dowdle has started the GoFundMe campaign with a plan to raise \$10,000 for her college studies. So far, she has raised almost \$13,000.

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