

Class 1

Medical education in Russia. My future profession

Grammar: To be

Class Assignments

I. Warm-up activities

Task 1. Work in pairs. Match the answers with the questions:

1 What is your name?	A I like playing football.
2 What is your surname?	B I'm interested in engineering and computers.
3 How old are you?	C I like watching TV, reading books and walking.
4 When were you born?	D I'm a student now.
5 Where were you born?	E I was born on 12th March, 1996.
6 What do you do?	F Smirnov.
7 What are you interested in?	G I was born in Volgograd.
8 What is your favourite sport?	H I'm quite hard-working, patient, ambitious and friendly.
9 What do you like doing?	I I'm Peter.
10 What are you like?	J I am seventeen.

Task 2. Answer the questions about yourself:

- 1** Where do you live?
- 2** Are you a native of Volgograd?
- 3** How early do you get up?
- 4** What do you usually do in the morning?
- 5** Are physical exercises useful for a person?
- 6** How long does it take you to get to the University?
- 7** How many classes do you have every day?
- 8** Which is your favourite lecture? Why?
- 9** Why is it necessary to take notes of lectures?
- 10** Why do the students spend much time on research work?
- 11** What do you usually do when your classes are over?
- 12** Do you read additional literature? In what subjects?
- 13** What other sources of information do you turn to?

I. Grammar

Глагол to be

1. be – was /were – been

Спряжение глагола to be (Simple Tenses)

Present					
<i>Positive form</i>		<i>Negative form</i>		<i>Interrogative form</i>	
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
I am	We are	I am not	We are not (aren't)	Am I?	Are we?

You are	You are	You are not	You are not (aren't)	Are you?	Are you?
He/She/It is	They are	He/She/It is not (isn't)	They are not (aren't)	Is He/She/It?	Are they?

Past					
<i>Positive form</i>		<i>Negative form</i>		<i>Interrogative form</i>	
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
I was	We were	I was not	We were not (weren't)	Was I?	Were we?
You were	You were	You were not	You were not (weren't)	Were you?	Were you?
He/She/It was	They were	He/She/It was not (wasn't)	They were not (weren't)	Was He/She/It?	Were they?

Future					
<i>Positive form</i>		<i>Negative form</i>		<i>Interrogative form</i>	
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
I shall/will be	We shall/will be	I shall/will not (shan't/won't) be	We shall/will not (shan't/won't) be	Shall/Will I be?	Shall/Will we be?
You will be	You will be	You will not (won't) be	You will not (won't) be	Will you be?	Will you be?
He/She/It will be	They will be	He/She/It will not (won't) be	They will not (won't) be	Will He/She/It be?	Will they be?

Task 3. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verb “to be” (am/is/are/was/were/will be):

- 1 Now I ... a student. I ... a first-year student of the Medical University.
- 2 I ... a doctor in six years.
- 3 Last year my friend ... eager to be admitted to the university.
- 4 He treats patients. He ... a doctor. He ... at work now. Yesterday he ... in the hospital.
- 5 When my sister studied at school she ... interested in Chemistry.
- 6 ... you busy at the moment? – No, I ... not.
- 7 How many students ... there in your class?
- 8 I ... quite short of time yesterday.
- 9 She ... not be late for classes again.
- 10 This test ... quite bewildering.
- 11 I ... at home yesterday when you rang me.
- 12 The break ... over in 5 minutes.

Task 4. Read the following sentences and put them into negative and interrogative forms:

- 1 They are at the lecture.
- 2 My sister is ill now.
- 3 We were pupils last year.
- 4 She will be at the university tomorrow.
- 5 This book is not available at the moment.
- 6 I am always tired at the end of the day.
- 7 Math is my favourite subject.
- 8 He is a freshman.
- 9 We were very happy when the exams were over.
- 10 All the students were present at the lecture.
- 11 Professors are strict about getting to class on time.
- 12 University life is different from that in high school.
- 13 The atmosphere in the class is very friendly.
- 14 He was satisfied with the test results.
- 15 Everyone was surprised by his coming.
- 16 I will be at the lecture at this time tomorrow.

Task 5. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verb “to be” (am/am not/is/isn’t/are/aren’t/was/wasn’t/were/weren’t/will be):

- 1 Higher education ____ extremely valuable.
- 2 These skills ____ necessary for students to be successful in life.
- 3 Many students ____ able to find the time to do part-time jobs on top of their schoolwork.
- 4 Next year he ____ a second-year student of the General Medicine faculty.
- 5 This year he ____ seventeen and he ____ going to enter a university.
- 6 Education ____ free in Russia.
- 7 Russian education system ____ originally borrowed from that of the Soviet Union.
- 8 I ____ at school at this time tomorrow.
- 10 Good unified state exam results in at least 3 subjects ____ necessary to get a place at a university.
- 9 If I pass the exams successfully, I ____ very happy.
- 10 Choosing a prospective job and a university ____ a serious step in every person’s life.

Set expressions with ‘to be’

- to be happy with – быть счастливым с, быть довольным чем-либо / кем-либо
- to be excited about – быть в восторге от, быть взволнованным чем-либо / кем-либо
- to be worried about – беспокоиться о, волноваться о
- to be interested in – интересоваться чем-либо / кем-либо
- to be surprised by – удивляться чему-либо / кому-либо
- to be tired of – устать от
- to be afraid of – бояться, опасаться чего-либо / кого-либо

- to be late for – опаздывать на / в / к
- to be ready for – быть готовым к
- to be responsible for – нести ответственность за, отвечать за
- to be familiar with – быть знакомым с
- to be good at – хорошо получается, удаётся (например, какое-то дело), разбираться в чём-либо, хорош(а) в чём-либо
- to be busy with – быть занятым чем-либо
- to be known for – быть известным за
- to be proud of – гордиться чем-либо / кем-либо
- to be ready for – быть готовым к
- to be different from – отличаться от
- to be focused on – сосредоточиться на, сфокусироваться на
- to be related to – быть связанным с
- to be respectful of - проявлять уважение к / с уважением относиться к
- to be grateful for – быть благодарным за
- to be similar to – быть похожим на
- to be confident in – быть уверенным в
- to be disappointed with – быть разочарованным
- to be dependent on – зависеть от

Task 6. Replace Russian words with an expression from the list above; use ‘to be’ in an appropriate form:

- 1** Yesterday he (опоздал на) the bus and missed the class.
- 2** ... you (готовы к) the concluding test?
- 3** Point out the dean to me, please. I (не знакома) with her.
- 4** ... you (удавалось) doing problems in Chemistry at school?
- 5** Medical students (устают) usually by the end of the day.
- 6** In the first year the General Medicine curriculum (похож на) the Preventive Care curriculum.
- 7** This week you should (сосредоточиться на) revising for the test.
- 8** Don't disturb me, I (занят) with the deputy dean.
- 9** The head of the department (отвечает за) supervising the work of the staff.
- 10** I (был расстроен) with my son's low score on the Unified State Exam.
- 11** We (беспокоились о) our final exams.
- 12** I'm a medical student, I (не интересуюсь) Calculus.
- 13** You have been ill so long; ... you (боитесь) falling behind your classmates?
- 14** We (довольны) our successful admission to the Volgograd Medical University.

Home Assignment:

Task 7. Speak about yourself. The following phrases will help you to introduce yourself:

Hello, my name is ...

Hi, I'm ...

I'm ... years old.

I was born in ...

We live in ...

My father is ... He works at/in a ...

My mother is a ... She teaches/works in a ...

I have a younger/elder brother/sister. His/Her name is ... He/she is a .../ He/She wants to be ...

I have finished school this year.

Now I'm a ... of the Volgograd State Medical University.

I am in the first/second/third year of General Medicine.

Studying at the university is difficult but I like it.

The University is (not) very far from my home.

It takes me about ... minutes to get to the University. I have classes in...

I want to be a good specialist, so I study hard.

My favourite course is .../My favourite courses are ...

On weekdays I sometimes go to the ...

My hobbies are .../My hobby is...

I also like ...