

Class 3

Topic: Medical education in Russia. My future profession

Grammar: Конструкция *There+to be*. Безличные предложения 'It+ to be'

Warm-up activities

Task 1. Provide English translation for Russian words in brackets:

- 1** The higher medical education in Russia is provided by various (образовательными учреждениями).
- 2** The Faculty of General Medicine (обучает терапевтов).
- 3** We (посещаем) lectures and (практические занятия).
- 4** The (обучение длится) for 6 years.
- 5** We study, (диагностируем) and (лечим заболевания), injuries and other physical and mental (нарушения).
- 6** I'd like to (сосредоточить) my practice (на) certain diseases.
- 7** A doctor has to know how to talk to patients, to (принимать решения) and (справляться с чрезвычайными ситуациями).
- 8** The students are (обучаются) at (клинических базах) of the University.
- 9** The (учебная программа включает) over 70 subjects.
- 10** The students (осваивают) medical, biological sciences, and (гуманитарные дисциплины).
- 11** The third year (направлен) at (освоение) general (профессионально-ориентированных) disciplines.
- 12** (Под руководством) of experienced teachers we (изучаем внутренние болезни и хирургию).
- 13** In the 1st year the students (проходят клиническую практику) in hospitals and clinics.
- 14** (В конце) of the 3rd year the students study (сестринское дело).
- 15** After graduating from the university I can practice as a (врач общей практики).

Grammar:

I. Конструкция *There+to be* имеет значение есть, находится, имеется, существует. Глагол *to be* ставится в личной форме (*is, are, was, were, will be*) и *согласуется с последующим существительным*. Перевод таких предложений надо начинать с обстоятельства места или со сказуемого, если обстоятельство отсутствует.

- *There is* a book on the desk. *There are* some books on the desk.
- *There are* many hospitals in our country. В нашей стране много больниц.
- *There are* hospitals for children. Имеются (существуют) больницы для детей.

В вопросительном предложении глагол в личной форме ставится на первое место перед *there*.

- *Is there* a surgical department in this hospital? Yes, there is. No, there is not.
- *Are there* many students in room 6-35?

- How many chairs *are there* in the room?

В полном отрицательном предложении после оборота *there+to be* ставится отрицательное местоимение *no*.

- There was *no* lecture on anatomy yesterday.

Перед *many, much* и *числительными* ставится **not** вместо *no*.

- *There will not* be many lectures on physics this month.

Конструкции 'there + to be' не используются, если перед подлежащим стоит определенный артикль, или если само подлежащее имя собственное:

- ~~There was the window open.~~ The window was open.
- ~~There was Anna in the garden.~~ Anna was in the garden.

II. Безличные предложения в английском языке: 'It+ to be'

Безличные предложения (impersonal sentences) - это предложения, в которых нет главного действующего лица. Безличные предложения используются для:

- описания погоды и явлений природы
It's cold. *It's* raining. *It was* sunny yesterday.
- обозначения времени, даты, дня недели и т.д.
What time *is it*? – *It's* five o'clock. What day *is it*? – *It's* Monday.
- обозначения расстояния
How far *is it* from your house to your work? – *It's* a five-minute walk.
- выражения мнения говорящего
What *is it*? – *It's* a blackboard.

Такие предложения образуются с помощью местоимения *it* и глагола **to be** в нужном времени. *It* не указывает лицо и не переводится на русский язык, но в образовании предложения берет на себя роль главного действующего лица.

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| • It is dark | It is not (isn't) dark. | Is it dark? |
| • It was easy. | It was not (wasn't) easy). | Was it easy? |
| • It will be cold. | It will not (won't) be cold. | Will it be cold? |

Ask general questions to impersonal sentences:

- 1 It's time to get up.
- 2 It was getting dark.
- 3 It takes him 3 minutes to get dressed.
- 4 It will be late to apologize.
- 5 It rained heavily last night.
- 6 It's far from here to the hospital.

Task 2. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verb 'to be':

- 1 There ____ a lot of institutes and universities in Russia.
- 2 There ____ 12 students in our class.
- 3 There ____ a reading-room on the first floor.

- 4 There ____ some research centres at the Volgograd Medical University.
- 5 There ____ four educational buildings and fifteen teaching hospitals at the Volgograd State Medical University.
- 6 There ____ some grammar mistakes in my last test.
- 7 There ____ some new subjects in the curriculum next year.
- 8 There ____ one faculty at the Stalingrad Medical Institute.
- 9 A few years ago there ____ nine faculties at the Volgograd State Medical University but now there ____ even more.
- 10 There ____ international societies to help international students settle in and make friends in many UK schools, colleges and universities.
- 11 There ____ two new staff members next year.
- 12 There ____ an Internet centre within the University library.
- 13 There ____ was no swimming pool at the university some decades ago.
- 14 At present there ____ some international projects in which the university is involved.
- 15 There ____ a special department within the University which is in charge of various aspects of academic activities and everyday life of students.

Task 3. Extend the statements using the words suggested:

- There is a laptop on the desk. (some papers) → There is a laptop and *some papers* on the desk as well.
 - There are some papers on the desk. (a laptop) → There is *a laptop there as well*.
- 1 There is a photo on the writing-desk. (some books)
 - 2 There is a teacher in the classroom. (many students)
 - 3 There are many articles in this issue. (some reviews)
 - 4 There will be some new subjects in the syllabus next year. (a few new elective courses)
 - 5 There were some grammar mistakes in my test. (one spelling mistake)
 - 6 There are many books in the library. (a lot of academic journals)
 - 7 There is a notebook on my desk. (a textbook)
 - 8 There will be examinations at the end of the spring semester. (a number of credits)
 - 9 There are many team sports at our University. (a number of individual activities)
 - 10 There is a medical university in Volgograd. (some medical colleges)
 - 11 There was one professor in the staff of the department. (a number of assistant professors, senior lecturers and instructors)
 - 12 There are many elective courses provided by the University. (degree programs)
 - 13 There are a lot of full-time students at the University. (some part-time students)
 - 14 There are a number of core courses covered in the first year. (a number of social sciences and humanities)

Task 4. Fill in the appropriate form of the verb “to be”. Make sentences negative and interrogative if possible:

- 1 There ____ only one faculty when the Stalingrad Medical Institute was founded.
- 2 There ____ thirteen faculties at the university at present.

- 3 There ____ many new books in our library next year.
- 4 There ____ no one at home when I came.
- 5 There ____ something interesting in this article.
- 6 There ____ a few mistakes in your last week's test.
- 7 There ____ hardly any vacant seats in the lecture hall yesterday.
- 8 I hope there ____ no wars in future.
- 9 There ____ several new courses in our syllabus nowadays.
- 10 There ____ 15 students in our class.
- 11 There ____ no Internet facilities at our university in the past.
- 12 There ____ several ways to solve this problem.
- 13 There ____ plentiful opportunities for us to find a good job when we graduate.
- 14 There ____ no time to waste now.
- 15 There ____ something that makes me feel worried.
- 16 There ____ several types of higher education institutions in Russia, including universities, academies, institutes, technical universities and conservatories.

Task 5. Study the following examples and translate the following sentences from Russian into English:

- 1 It is **necessary** for medical students to work hard.
- 2 It will be **important** for students not to fail any exams.
- 3 It is **indispensable** for clinicians to use up-to-date diagnostic equipment.
- 4 It is **useful** for researchers to take part in international conferences.
- 5 It will be **advisable** for lecturers to put greater emphasis on training practical skills.
- 6 It was **essential** for me to submit this article to this journal.
- 7 It was **interesting** for us to study nursing.
- 8 It's **hard** to answer this question.
- 9 It's **clever of Mary** to enter this business school.
- 10 It's **kind of him** to invite me to participate in this conference.

Task 6. Choose 'it' or 'there':

- 1 ____ was difficult for me to choose the university to go to.
- 2 ____ will be many new books in our library next year.
- 3 ____ is a new student in our group.
- 4 ____ is a medical college within our university.
- 5 ____ was no computer centre at the university a few years ago.
- 6 ____ was a pleasure for me to attend this professor's lecture.
- 7 ____ is a museum at the Department of Human Anatomy.
- 8 How long does ____ take you to do your homework?
- 9 How many pages are ____ in your grammar book?
- 10 ____ will be great to go on holiday to Italy.
- 11 Are ____ any books you would like to borrow?
- 12 ____ is not much information yet about the end-of-year tests.
- 13 ____ will be trouble if you don't start getting to class on time.
- 14 On Wednesday morning ____ were two students absent from our class.

- 15 ____ was cold yesterday. But today ____ is quite warm.
16 ____ will be useful to revise all the grammar rules before the test.
17 ____ was difficult for you to choose the problem to study.
18 ____ is interesting to read.
19 ____ is nice to meet you!

Home Assignment:

Task 7. Ask questions to the underlined words. Use who, what, what + noun, what colour, what...like, how old, how + adjective, where, when, whose + noun, which, how many/much

- 1 Many books are available in our library.
2 Ten people are involved in the project.
3 The lesson will be over in an hour.
4 Jack was late for the lecture yesterday.
5 I will be busy with my homework tomorrow.
6 The students will be at home in two hours.
7 Ann was good at Maths when she was a schoolgirl.
8 Jane was ill with the flu last month.
9 They will be interested in my project.
10 Volgograd is famous for its Mother Russia statue.
11 She was very tired of this boring exercise.
12 Classical music is popular with educated people.
13 The nurse will be on duty next Friday.
14 My brother is always in time for work.
15 His theory is based on recent discoveries.
16 An interesting film was on last week.
17 The engineers will be engaged in an interesting project.
18 This text was 250 words long.
19 She is very intelligent.