



d) Tell your partner which of the places

- you have visited
- you would like to travel to
- you would recommend to your friends from abroad

Give as many details as possible.

LESSON 9. A letter to a friend

Communicative area: reading and writing about the news and plans for the future; using letter-writing conventions

1. a) What will you need to write a letter?

b) Nick – Mr. Rambler's nephew and Yan decided to write letters to each other to improve Yan's English. Read one of the letters. Do you think Yan and Nick will meet in summer?

Dear Yan,

Thanks for your letter. Congratulations on winning the competition! Keep going!

I was also happy to learn about your new camera. It is miles better than mine.

I hope you are well. I'm fine, but a little tired. My school year is over only in the middle of July. So you are luckier than me.

I don't think I'll travel anywhere far this year. Instead I'm going to see some places in my country I haven't been to yet. I'll probably go to the Lake District. It is a picturesque area in the North of England. I can go yachting and rambling there. Also, it is very convenient to get to Liverpool from there. Guess what! My father and I are going to a match of our favourite team on July 27th! We've already got the tickets! We'll probably go to the Beatles Museum in Liverpool, too.*

In August I'm going to stay in Edinburgh. Last week I was invited to join our school cricket team and tomorrow I'm meeting the team members. So in summer I'll have to keep fit to prepare for the competitions.

What about you? What are your plans for the summer?

Why don't you come over to the UK in August? You could take wonderful pictures with your new camera.

Look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Nick

P.S. Uncle Andrew is travelling to Belarus soon. He's already made travel arrangements. I hope you'll meet.

***to ramble** – to go for on a walk in the countryside, for pleasure; to hike



c) Answer the questions.

1. How is Mr. Rambler's surname connected with his occupation? 2. Which lines from the letter can be used as captions for the pictures? 3. What news did Yan write about in his letter to Nick? 4. Why is Yan luckier than Nick? 5. What football team do you think is Nick's favourite one?

d) Match the parts of the letter with the rubrics:

- postscript
- addressing the reader
- finishing off the letter
- inviting
- reason for writing
- giving the news
- informing about plans for the future
- asking for information
- commenting on the previous letter

e) Explain the use of the future forms in the letter.

- 2. Write your letter to an English-speaking friend. Include all the rubrics from ex. 2d and all the future forms you have practised in this unit.**