

Name: _____

Lexical test "Subcultures"

I вариант.

1. Translate from Russian into English:

пристраститься к наркотикам	
впадать в депрессию	
выразить себя	
отвергать все	
изменить мир к лучшему	
попробовать все	
обратить внимание	
знать кто они	

Make 3 sentences using these word combinations.

2. Read the text and answer true or false.

Hipsters

Hipsters — the term which has developed in 1940th years in New York. The word is formed from slangy «to be hip» that is translated approximately as «to be in a theme». In fortieth all who were "against the mainstream", named themselves as hipsters.

Nowadays Hipsters is a subculture of youngsters, recently settled urban middle class adults and older teenagers with musical interests mainly in alternative rock that appeared in the 1990s. Other interests in media would include independent film, magazines such as *Vice* and *Clash*, and websites like Pitchfork Media.

Hipster culture has been described as a "mutating, trans-Atlantic melting pot of styles, tastes and behavior. They're the people who wear t-shirts silk-screened with quotes from movies you've never heard of and the only ones in America who still think Pabst Blue Ribbon is a good beer. They sport cowboy hats and berets and think Kanye West stole their sunglasses."

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Hipsters or indi-kids is a new but rather widespread youth subculture in Russia. Its subject of a cult is not action but things, accessories, fashionable trends.

You can see many young people in gym shoes and narrow jeans with their iPads (iPod and iPhone too are applied). Other distinctive hipster's signs are a long bang, a bright scarf, vests and bags with prints, love to nobody to known indi-groups, vinyl records, vegetarianism and organic meal, «2x2» TV channel, exhibitions on "Vinzavod", and «Time Out» magazine.

True or False:

1. Their style is described as a mixture of styles, tastes and behavior. _____
2. Indi-kids is rather widespread youth subculture in Russia. _____
3. The main aim of hipster is not a fashion trend, but action. _____
4. True hipsters prefer Apple gadgets. _____
5. Hipsters is one of the youngest subcultures. _____

3. Write three (3) negative and three positive points of subcultures or organizations:

- a) Hackers
- b) Scouts
- c) Volunteers

Hackers: _____

Scouts: _____

Volunteers: _____

Name: _____

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знать кто они	
выразить протест против родителей	
изменить мир к лучшему	
иметь собственные ценности и веру	
обратить внимание	
выразить себя	

Make 4 sentences using these word combinations.

2. Read the text and answer some questions.

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Answer the questions:

1. What does "to be hip" mean?
2. When did the revival of Hipsters take place?
3. Do they prefer any special trade marks?
4. What is special about Hipsters' clothes?
5. Are all the Hipsters vegans?

3. Write three (3) negative and three positive points of subcultures or organizations:

- a) Environmentalists
- b) Hippies
- c) Rappers

Environmentalists: _____

Hippies: _____

Rappers: _____

Keys:

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пристраститься к наркотикам	to be addicted to drugs
впадать в депрессию	to get depressed
выразить себя	to express themselves
отвергать все	to reject everything
изменить мир к лучшему	to change the world to the best
попробовать все	to try out all sort of options
обратить внимание	to show off
знать кто они	to know who they are

2. Read the text and answer true or false.

Key:

2. T
3. T
4. F
5. T
6. F

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1. Translate from Russian into English:

попробовать все	to try out all sort of options
выразить свою принадлежность к определенной субкультуре	to identify with a particular subculture
знать кто они	to know who they are
выразить протест против родителей	to protest against the parents
изменить мир к лучшему	to change the world to the best
иметь собственные ценности и веру	to have their own values and beliefs
обратить внимание	to show off
выразить себя	to express themselves

Key:

2. The word is formed from slangy «to be hip» that is translated approximately as «to be in a theme».
3. The revival of Hipsters took place in 1990-s.
4. They prefer iPads, iPod and iPhone (all of them are Apple gadgets).
5. The distinctive hipster’s signs are a long bang, a bright scarf, vests and bags with prints; They are people who wear t-shirts silk-screened with quotes from movies you've never heard.
6. There is no information in this text about all Hipsters but some of them are vegans exactly.