

Foreword

Anyone who is planning to go into politics and take up a career of a diplomat climb the ladder to the top and join those who make big politics must be prepared to face various challenges and handle a lot of responsibilities on this thorny way.

In this respect it is difficult to exaggerate the importance of a thorough knowledge on a wide range of subjects and, first and foremost foreign languages. In the matter of languages a little knowledge is a **particularly dangerous** thing'. Those who can spare time to study the language of the country they are specializing in, will find its acquisition of great advantage. The surest way to gain admission to the heart of a nation is to give this proof of a desire to cultivate intimate relations with, and to understand the feelings of, the people.

Learning foreign languages is hard work but it does not mean that languages alone are a qualification for a foreign service officer or an international relations expert. But still they are of vital importance.

Since English is on a fair way to becoming the *lingua franca* of the world, it is only natural to start one's way to the career in the international field with learning the English language first thing.

UNIT 1 THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ITS PECULIARITIES

STEP 1. ENGLISH AS A LANGUAGE OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATION

The topical vocabulary to be remembered

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| 1. to communicate v. (information, knowledge) communication n. communicative adj. / sociable community n. | общаться, передавать, сообщать (информацию, знания, ...) общение, связь, передача информации общительный община, общество, сообщество |
| 2. common adj. (language, market, interests, etc.) syn. general widespread, usual, vulgar (manners) | общий, обычный, общепринятый, распространенный, вульгарный |
| <i>Do not confuse with</i> ordinary adj. (people, words, clothes) syn. unexceptional ant. extraordinary, out-of-the ordinary common sense common ground (un)commonly adv. to have in common / to share The British Commonwealth It's common knowledge It's common practice The House of Commons | обычный, и рос-ЮИ, непримечательный, заурядный Здравый смысл общая тема / язык (не) обычно иметь ч-л общее, делить Британское содружество наций общеизвестно обычная практика, общепринято палата общин (in Britain) |
| 3. term n. long / short term terms n. pi. | 1. термин; 2. семестр; 3. срок; 4. сессия (парламента) долго / краткосрочный 1. условия; 2. отношения |