

The mediocre teacher tells.

The good teacher explains.

The superior teacher demonstrates.

The great teacher inspires.

William A. Ward

The Person to Whom I Am Grateful

I consider myself a happy person, because I am surrounded by beloved ones, by people who care about me. But what is particularly valuable in my life is people who are not my relatives or friends, but nevertheless they appreciate and support me. My story is going to be about one of such people.



Lidiya Ivanovna was my primary school teacher and she taught us all the basic subjects. That's why I'm very grateful to her. She taught us to read and write, to add figures and subtract. She also taught us to notice the beauty of surrounding nature.

She spent all her free time helping us with homework or discussing our progress with our parents. If something was difficult for our understanding, she always tried to explain it in a simpler way, using some visual aids.

One of the most important things that she taught me and other children from the class was the ability to see into the problem and to find the solution independently. She wasn't just giving the ready answers. Instead, she was guiding us towards the right mode of actions. Later I understood that it's a useful skill nearly for every subject.

I wasn't the only pupil, who liked Lidiya Ivanovna. All my classmates also liked attending her lessons. Today, when I'm a teacher of English and I have only warm memories of those years

Glossary

surround [sə'raʊnd]- окружать

towards [tə'wɔ:dz]- по отношению к

solution [sə'lu:ʃn]- решение

mediocre ['mi:diəʊkə] посредственный

appreciate [ə'pri:ʃieɪt] ценить

superior [sju:'piəriə] превосходящий

Activities

Discuss the questions:

1. Who is your role model, if you have such?
2. What can you say about your teachers?
3. Tell me the main things about your teacher 3 minutes.

1. Я считаю себя счастливым человеком, потому что меня окружают близкие люди, которые заботятся обо мне.
2. Учитель научила нас основам всех предметов.
3. Лидия Ивановна научила меня и других детей из класса вникнуть в задачу и найти решение самостоятельно.

Translate into English

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