

About myself

Hello, friends. Let me first introduce myself. My name is Vera. My surname or last name is Voronina. I was born on the 13th of October in Sochi, Krasnodarsky Krai. This is the most beautiful city in Russia situated on the Black Sea coast. Now I am a first-year student at the Faculty of Economics of Pacific National University.

Now let me describe my appearance. I am tall and slim and have fair hair and blue eyes. My friends say that I am pretty. I love sports and music. I was very serious about a career in gymnastics when I was in the 4th form. But then I broke my arm and doctors didn't let me to go in for gymnastics. I love to listen to the modern music and dance. I dance a lot and I hope I am good at it. I also love swimming. I always swim in the Black sea when I visit my parents.

I would like to tell you about my family. There are five people in our family. My father's name is Mikhail Evgenyevich. He is a mathematician by education but works at a bank now. My mother's name is Natalya Yakovlevna. She works as a chief accountant at the hotel "Amur". She also has much work about the house after she gets home from work. But my sister and I always help her. Yes, let me introduce my younger sister. She is still a pupil. Her name is Tanya and she is in the fifth form. She is very pretty and a great dancer. We are good friends with my sister. My grandmother, my mother's mother, lives with us. She is very kind and helps us a lot.

Our family is very friendly, we have many friends. In summer many relatives come to visit us. And of course they use a chance to spend several weeks in beautiful Sochi.

In May I have finished school № 43 in Khabarovsk. I did well in all the subjects but my favourite subjects at school were Computer Science and English. I also enjoyed Geography lessons. I am very interested in learning English because I always wanted to become an economist or a manager at some joint venture. That is why I think it is necessary to know at least one foreign language. Besides, knowledge of foreign languages helps in everyday life.

Pacific National University

We are students of Pacific National University. Our university is situated in Tikho-Okeanskaya street not far from the Amur river. Its history goes back to 1958, when Road building institute was opened in Khabarovsk. Some years later it was reorganized into Polytechnical institute and in 1992 it received the status of university. Nowadays Pacific National University is the largest and one of the leading higher educational establishments in the Far East of Russia. At present the structure of the university includes several faculties. Some of them are:

- the faculty of Economics and Management;
- the faculty of Computer Sciences and Technologies;
- the faculty of Architecture and Design;
- the faculty of Automotive and Power Engineering;
- the faculty of Law;
- International Faculty;
- the faculty of Applied Mathematics.

They train highly qualified specialists in different basic branches of industry of the Far Eastern economic region. The university trains young people in 50 different specialties. There are day-time and extramural departments at the university. Students enrollment now is 24000, half of them are day-time students. About 800 teachers work at our university 60 of them having Doctor's degree and 350 - Candidate's degree of Sciences. Our university promotes good business relations with more than 30 universities of the world. Foreign students from China, South Korea and Japan receive education here. Russian students go to study on exchange program to these countries.

The building of the university consists of the central 6-storey building and two 4-storey wings. There are about 600 rooms and over 60 laboratories provided with the latest equipment. Next to the central building there are workshops. The students have three big gyms and a stadium at their disposal. The pride of our university is its library with its 4 spacious reading halls and a linguistic centre. The university campus is the largest in the Far East. There are many canteens, cafes,

food shops, a medical clinic, 9 dormitories for students, one for teachers, a hotel and other servicing centers.

Complete course of studies at the university lasts 5 years. Students attend lectures and practical classes on different subjects (sciences, humanities and technical subjects,), usually three periods a day. The academic year is divided into two terms. At the end of the term students have credit tests and examinations. Those students, who don't miss lectures and classes during the term, seldom fail. They receive good and excellent marks at the exams and they are given monthly grants. Education is free of charge but there are a number of students who pay for their education on contract. The head of the university is the Rector. He has assistants, vicerectors. The head of the institute is the Director. The head of the faculty is its Dean. Our university provides students with necessary knowledge and helps them to develop their initiative and ability to become good specialists and to find their best way of life. On completion of studies students present a graduation paper based on the work done in their specialty. Students of our university having received diplomas go to work in different parts of our country. More than 50000 engineers have graduated from our university since 1958.