



**Otázka:** What to revise at home

**Jazyk:** Angličtina

**Přidal(a):** Veronika

1. Be a guide and show us round the famous sights of London
2. School education in the U.K. and in the U.S.A.
3. English – an international language of communication, media and internet
4. Let's discover the beauties of Canada
5. Features of the English and American way of life
6. Travelling and ideal holidays
7. Daily programme
8. Introduce yourself and the members of your family
9. Shopping and services
10. Great Britain, England or the United Kingdom?
11. Over the map of the U.S.A.
12. Let's discover the beauties of Australia
13. The course of life and your future plans
14. Seasons of the year, climate and weather
15. Food and meals
16. The role of sports and games in our lives
17. Your favourite American and British authors
18. Welcome to the Czech Republic
19. Important Czech towns – Prague, Olomouc, and your native town or village
20. Public holidays in the U.K., the U.S.A. and the Czech Republic
21. Culture in your life
22. Housing in the U.K., the U.S.A. and the Czech Republic
23. Hobbies – a welcome change from the daily routine
24. Health and diseases and keeping fit
25. Our environment



## 1) London

- location (SE England on the Thames), population (8 mil.), brief history (Romans, William the Conqueror, Great Fire in 1666)
- parts: the City (financial centre), Westminster (political centre), West End – theatres, shops (Oxford Street), Soho – night life, Greenwich – observatory
- places of interest: the Tower, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus
- museums, galleries, theatres, parks: Madame Tussauds (wax models), British Museum, National Gallery, Tate Gallery, Royal Albert Hall, Hyde Park with Speakers' Corner
- transport: the Tube (the oldest underground railway in the world), black taxis, red double-deckers (being replaced now)

Useful grammar:

- articles: no article – streets, squares, churches, parks, bridges
- the – rivers, names with 'of' – the Tower of London

## 2) Education

- Britain: primary school, secondary school; state vs. private (public, independent) schools,



boarding schools. GCSE, A-level; oldest and most prestigious universities – Oxbridge

(= Oxford + Cambridge); after-school activities – science clubs, drama clubs, sports

clubs (cricket, football, field hockey, rowing)

– the USA: elementary school, junior high school, senior high school; no final exams – continuous assessment

– the Czech Republic – primary (basic) school, secondary schools:

– grammar school – gymnázium

– vocational sec. school – stř. odborná škola

– training institution – učiliště

– entrance and final exams, subjects (compulsory and optional)

Useful vocabulary:

compulsory – povinný

optional – volitelný

do a test – psát test

do / take / sit for an exam – dělat zkoušku

pass an exam- udělat zk.

fail an exam – neudělat zk.

course fee – školné



scholarship – stipendium

British vs. American English

British	American	Czech
nursery	kindergarten	školka
primary s.	elementary s.	základní š.
secondary s.	high s.	střední š.
term	semester	pololetí (v Británii třetiletí), semestr

college in B. E. means vyšší odborná škola, in A. E. vysoká škola

Useful grammar: expressing obligation (have to, don't have to, can etc.), prepositions:

exam in biology, sit for an exam, graduate from

### **3) English as an international language**

- the English-speaking countries
- why to learn English (language of science, politics, the Internet)
- how to improve your English (reading books in English, watching films with subtitles, listening to songs)
- the history of English (old English + Old Norse + French)
- differences between British and American English



#### 4) Canada

- geography, countryside, brief history (struggle between the English and the French), cities, famous people (Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Céline Dionne, Jim Carrey)
- political system, economy
- regions - ten provinces, three territories:
  - the Atlantic coast: (Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island) - fishing, lobster fishing
  - central provinces: Québec (French-speaking, producer of maple syrup, wood), Ontario (the most populous province with the strongest economy, Great Lakes, Niagara Falls, Toronto)
  - prairie provinces: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta - producers of wheat and cattle, cowboy traditions, oil
    - the Pacific coast: British Columbia - the Rocky Mountains, a lot of bears; Vancouver - cosmopolitan city with a large Chinese community
  - the North: Nunavut (Inuit territory, large autonomy, special law, prohibition of alcohol), Northwest Territories, Yukon (famous for the gold rush on the river Klondike).

#### 5) British and American way of life



- society, multiculturalism

- family life, housing, food, customs and traditions, behaviour, hobbies

### **6) Travelling and holidays**

- forms of transport, their advantages and disadvantages, where to stay (hotel, B&B, campsite),

my good and bad travel experience, an ideal holiday

### **7) My daily programme**

- my weekdays and weekends, routines, chores (housework), the day I'll never forget

### **8) My family and me**

- my biography, my parents, relatives and friends, detailed description of one of them

(appearance, character, habits)

### **9) Shopping, services**

- places to shop (hypermarkets, supermarkets, department stores, specialist shops, market

stalls), their advantages and disadvantages (quality, prices, special offers - 'akce',

variety of goods, guarantee, queues)

- advertising

- services (hairdresser, plumber, post office etc.)



- complaining, arranging repairs (Useful grammar: have st. done)

### **10) Great Britain**

- geography, historical parts (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland), people, history, economy

- interesting places:

London, the capital of Britain; Lake District – a beautiful scenery in north-western England;

Stonehenge, a mysterious prehistoric sight; Brighton, a seaside resort in southern England;

Loch Ness, a lake in Scotland, famous for its mythical monster; Dartmoor, land of The Hound of the Baskervilles etc.

### **11) The USA**

- geography, people, history, important cities, economy

- regions (the North-East, the Midwest, the South, the West)

- places of interest:

New Orleans, Louisiana, a cultural centre of the South, the cradle of jazz

San Francisco, California, perhaps the most beautiful US city, with Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz

The New York City, the cultural and financial centre of the world

Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, famous for its beautiful scenery, geysirs and buffalos.



Sequoia National Park, California, homeland of the largest trees in the world

Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona - the River Colorado canyon is about 1km deep

Everglades National Park, Florida, a moorland with alligators

New England in fall (=autumn) - leaves on the trees get beautiful colours

The Rocky Mountains in Colorado, ideal for skiing

The Niagara Falls on the Canadian border, between the lakes Erie and Ontario

Others

### **12) Australia**

- geography, animals, history of the youngest continent

- aborigines and whites, lifestyle, free time (swimming, barbecues etc)

- interesting places

Sydney with its famous Opera House

Ayers Rock (Uluru)

Great Barrier Reef, ideal for scuba diving

Others

### **13) The course of my life**

- advantages and disadvantages of being a child and an adult, generation gap

- a life story of a person I know





- my life so far, my interests and skills, plans for the future (studies, job)

Useful grammar: present and past simple, present perfect, used to, first conditional

### **14) Seasons of the year, weather and climate**

- four seasons and twelve months, typical weather, clothes to wear
- events in each season (public holidays etc.)
- weather forecast
- climate zones, problems with extreme weather (floods, droughts, fires, snowstorms)

Useful grammar: present simple, future with will; It will be foggy / There will be some fog.

### **15) Food and meals**

- typical Czech, British and American cooking
- daily meals in the Czech Republic and Britain
- my favourite dish, a recipe
- eating disorders ( anorexia, bulimia, obesity)
- ordering a meal in a restaurant or at a fast food place

Note: meals = breakfast, lunch, dinner. ``Oblíbené jídlo = favourite dish / food.

cuisine / cooking = kuchyně; Česká kuchyně = Czech cuisine / cooking (not kitchen!)

Useful grammar: countable and uncountable nouns; would you like... could I have...



## **16) Sports and games**

- the importance of doing sports (leisure activity, good for your health)
- popular sports in Britain (football, cricket, horse racing, rugby, athletics)
- in the USA (Amer. football, baseball, basketball, boxing, ice hockey)
- in the Czech Republic (football, ice hockey, cycling, volleyball, athletics)
- sports lessons at school
- my favourite sport (place, equipment, rules)
- great sports events (the Olympic Games, world championships)
- problems in the sports world (doping, corruption)

Useful grammar: verb patterns; the championship takes place / is held...

## **17) My favourite writers**

- the role of literature in my life
- British and American books I have read
- retelling a book

## **18) The Czech Republic**

- introducing it to foreign visitors (geography, culture, economy, history)
- places of interests



### **19) Prague, Olomouc (and my village)**

- basic facts, history, sights, transport, cultural events held in the cities

### **20) Public holidays and festivals**

- compare Czech and British Christmas and Easter
- British and American festivals (Valentine's Day, Independence Day, Guy Fawkes Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving Day)
- typical Czech festivals (Easter Monday, St. Nicholas' Day)

### **21) Culture in my life**

- books, theatre, film, TV, video - competition between them, advantages and disadvantages
- music in my life
- fine art and me
- famous theatres, galleries and concert halls: Royal Opera House, Royal Albert Hall, West End theatres, National Gallery in London, Broadway theatres (famous especially for musicals), Metropolitan Opera in New York, Národní divadlo in Prague etc.

### **22) Housing**

- house vs, flat, the city vs. the country - advantages, disadvantages; a typical British or American house, compare with the Czech Republic



- describe your house or flat

### **23) Hobbies**

- the importance of hobbies (change from the daily routines and chores, can help you with your future career, improve your physical and mental state, it's better to have a hobby than just to loiter / hang out)
- categories of hobbies (sports, intellectual, cultural, practical)
- my family hobbies
- my hobbies, can I use them in my future job?

Useful grammar: verb patterns

### **24) Health and disease**

- what can I do for my health - good and bad habits
- parts of the human body
- health problems, diseases, seeing a doctor, first aid

### **25) The environment**

- environment vs. industry and business (destroying rainforests for cattle breeding etc.)
- problems like deforestation, pollution, the ozone hole, global warming, acid rain, their causes and consequences



- environment friendly activities - what can I do to improve the environment? (consume less, use my car less, not use energy wastefully, sort rubbish, recycle waste)