

ENGLISH MONTHLY

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This month's edition is dedicated to the beginning of the school year and how most of us feel about it.

Back to School

For some of us September is the thing we impatiently wait for the entire summer break and for the others September is just a harsh punishment we have to live with because we get to enjoy for three whole months. Fortunately, I don't fit into neither one of these. Personally, I don't find school so difficult and (thank God) I get to enjoy just as much because of my lovely mother. Plus September is much closer to my birthday than the summer months. But is this the case with other teens? Oh, God no. Half of my friends started complaining halfway through the summer break and haven't stopped complaining ever since. School, for them, is a very mean thing. It is this institution that brings only bad things in your life. Also, studying for most of them is much harder than it is for me. So, do all kids like school? Oh, definitely not. Neither do I actually, I just don't find it too hard.

Have I changed since the first grade? Of course, I have. Has my mental health improved at all? Of course, it didn't, I'm going to school. Throughout the summer it kinda shifted from being bad to being in a very good state but that was mainly because I had things to do this summer which entertained me. Now, once school started it stays just one flat line until the end of the school year. The pressure, lack of time, stress all those are not really recommendable if you want to be happy on the inside. It really isn't easy to maintain good mental health when your private problems and school problems fuse into one. But just like all things (hopefully) it won't last forever. School will end just like college and then I'm headed into the real life. Yay?

One more thing. This is my third year here. Third. Year. Here. That literally means I spent close to 36 months with some of my professors and students. You really do just get used to seeing them and it becomes a habit of spending time with them. For me and my friends, lecture is more than just 45 minutes of constant blabbering. We tend to make it fun by making jokes or by making the professors say some funny things. There will be a moment when you will realise they are more than professors. They are people just like you who have a life besides school and who live and make awesome memories. So respect them and try to treat them with kindness 'cause they just want to teach you something. But not all of them are like that. Some are really not fit for the job. But hey try to drain as much as you can from high school. 'Cause after this comes college and, oh boy, you are not going to have fun there.

Stefan Krstić, III-4

BACK TO SCHOOL

As soon as August finishes, we all know what it means to us students. All we think about is going back to school, getting up every morning and maybe feeling sad or excited about getting into our classrooms.

From my point of view, going back to school is always fun. Buying school supplies is the best part of getting ready for school. But sometimes, it's not that fun for me. All I think about is bad grades, how I'm scared of upcoming new classes and not messing anything up. Honestly, school is great just because I have friends and I get to be with them all the time. Kids get so stressed all the time, parents put their children through so much stress, feeling like a good grade can decide our whole future. You can basically get a job even if you're homeless or didn't ever go to school. I know it's important for us, but no one actually knows, the teachers and our parents, through how much stress and anxiety we go through. Some kids even get bullied on one way or another and no one would ever notice. School can be a really hard time for some kids but I think it's important to remember that this is just a passing moment in our lives and we should just make the best out of it.

And remember, whoever is reading this, grades do NOT decide your future. They do NOT decide what kind of work you're gonna do or how good or bad your life is going to be.

Ena Ajkić, III-8

Important dates in September:

2nd September – World Coconut Day

3rd September – Skyscraper Day

5th September – International Day of Charity

8th September – World Physical Therapy Day

10th September – World Suicide Prevention Day





Why September?

Why does school year begin in September? Why not January or any other month of the year? Why autumn? Well, the answers are pretty simple. It had to be September, autumn and this part of the year because this was the time when kids could start school, when they had already finished all the jobs in the field. Huh? Yes, kids had to work in the field and in factories just like their parents and they could go to school only when all of that had already been finished! Don't you feel at least a little bit lucky now?!

GRAMMAR OF THE MONTH

Present Simple and Present Continuous

SIMPLE

-every day (year, week...)

-usually

-sometimes

-laws of nature

-state verbs

I read newspaper.

I love English.

CONTINUOUS

-at the moment

- future personal arrangements

I am reading the newspaper.

~~I am loving English.~~

State and activity verbs!!!! State verbs can NEVER be in Present Continuous!!!

SONG OF THE MONTH

"Unwritten" was released as a part of the album also called "Unwritten" all the way back in 2004 by Natasha Bedingfield. The song is one of the classic inspirational songs and has over 140 million views on YouTube. It perfectly describes the stage of your life in which you feel lost or as the name says "Unwritten".

*I am unwritten, can't read my
mind
I'm undefined
I'm just beginning, the pen's in my
hand
Ending unplanned*

*Pre-chorus
Staring at the blank page before
you –without meaning
Open up the dirty window
Let the sun illuminate the words
that you cannot find
Reaching for something in the
distance
So close you can almost taste it
Release your inhibitions*

*Chorus
Feel the rain on your skin
No one else can feel it for you
Only you can let it in
No one else, no one else
Can speak the words on your lips
Drench yourself in words unspoken
Live your life with arms wide open
Today is where your book begins
The rest is still unwritten*

*"blank page" refers to your life, it
seems empty*

*Natasha is basically saying you
only have one life and only you
live it. You are your own person.
You make your choices. You find
the 'words'. Don't live by other
people's standards. Live your own
life.*

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