**OUR UNIVERSITY**

This year I passed 3 **entrance exams** and **entered Francisk Skorina Gomel State University**. This **higher educational establishment** was opened in 1969 **on the basis of** the Pedagogical institute. It was the second University in Belarus. Today there are 12 **departments** and 52 **chairs (кафедр)** in our **educational institution**. These departments are the Department of Psychology and Pedagogics, Biology, Mathematics, History, Economics, Geology and Geography, **Foreign Languages**, Physical Culture, Law, **the Correspondence Department** (заочный) and others. So, our university trains teachers of mathematics, chemistry, biology, foreign languages, geography, physical training. It also trains lawyers, economists, psychologists, engineers, managers and research workers.

**Four forms** of **training** are **offered** at GSU. They are: **daytime training**, **correspondence course** (**extra-mural department**), **preparatory section**, and **post-graduate course**. The students of extra-mural department combine work and study. **As for me**, I am **a day-time student**. For the **day-time (full-time)** students who **score high** education is free: every month they **get scholarship** **(study allowance)**. Other students **pay tuition fees**. For day-time students, **attendance of lectures**, seminars and practical classes is **compulsory**. An **academic year** is divided into two **terms**. **At the end** of each term we **take our exams**. Most students **pass exams** **successfully**. We **carry out research** **under the guidance of instructors**. We present the results of our **research work** at seminars and conferences.

Our University has many **comfortable** buildings. Libraries, reading halls, different laboratories with **modern equipment** and **gyms** are **at disposal of** **students**. So, the university can **boast of** (хвастать-ся) all the necessary **facilities** for studying.

Many students of our University live in hostels.

At the end of university course **graduates** **receive** **a Certificate of a Specialist**.