**Conversational Topic**

**Research Work in Students’ Life**

I am a student of F.S. Gomel State University, of the Faculty of Geology and Geography.

Every year (every term) geology students are required to ***complete a research project*** ***under the direction of*** one of the faculty members. Research projects culminate in writing a ***course-paper*** (for geology juniors) or a ***diploma paper*** (for geology seniors). So, completion of research requires a written work and ***public presentation*** of results, typically at a special meeting. Students also ***take part*** (***participate***) in conferences where they ***make reports*** and presentations on their research work.

Projects can include research in experimental petrology, paleontology, geomorphology, hydrogeology, geophysics, planetary geology, and glacial geology. Many students participate in special programs, travel to different regions of our country to study their geology.

Student research projects ***vary*** ***with interest***. For example, I ***carry out an investigation*** and prepare a research paper ***under the supervision of*** the ***staff member*** of *название факультета/кафедры* department/chair. My supervisor is *назвать руководителя* who ***holds a doctorate***. His/her research interests are *назвать научные интересы руководителя*. My supervisor assists (helps) me in many ways. I often meet him/her to discuss the progress of my work. He/She helped me to choose a useful topic for my research. The theme of my work is *тема исследования*. The object of my work is *объект исследования*. The subject of the investigation is *предмет исследования*. The main ***objective*** of my work is *цель исследования* (*можно и задачи перечислить: например, выявить..., определить..., установить..., сравнить..., установить корреляции между..., показать/продемонстрировать..., систематизировать..., классифицировать..., уточнить..., обосновать..., составить перечень...., разработать модель анализа/рекомендации ... и проч.*). So, I study … (*в двух-трех предложениях рассказать о том, что делаете в своем исследовании: определяете, систематизируете, сравниваете, обобщаете, выделяете, выявляете, классифицируете и под.*). So, the main results of my work are as follows: I ***have shown***…, classified …, generalized …, determined …, singled out … . My supervisor reviews the major sections of my work, makes critical comments on each draft (черновик, набросок) of it. With the assistance of my supervisor, I prepare ***articles*** and other works.

While ***carrying out my research*** I use such methods as … .

My research is both practical and theoretical.

**Exercises (в порядке встречаемости в тексте)**

**complete a research project** выполнять/завершать исследовательскую работу

**under the direction of** под руководством

**course-paper** курсовая работа

**diploma paper** дипломная работа

**public presentation** публичное выступление

**take part** принимать участие

**participate** участвовать

**make а report** делать доклад

**vary** варьироваться, отличаться, различаться

**with interest** сильно, очень

**carry out an investigation** проводить исследование

**under the supervision of** под руководством

**staff member** сотрудник ППС

**hold a doctorate** иметь научную степень

**objective** цель

**have shown** показал (от *show* ‘показывать’)

**article** статья

**carry out my research** проводить исследование

**Ex. 1 Make sure that you know the following words.**

Staff member, under the supervision of, carry out an investigation, with interest, a course-paper, make а presentation, have shown, carry out research, participate in.

**Ex. 2 Insert the necessary preposition or postposition.**

1. Students are required to complete a research project … the direction of one of the faculty members. 2. Research projects culminate … writing a course-paper. 3. Students also take part (participate) … conferences. 4. Many students participate … special programs. 5. Student research projects vary … interest. 6. I carry … an investigation. 7. My supervisor assists me … many ways.

**Ex. 3 Match the synonyms.**

under the supervision of

carry out an investigation

with interest

to vary

an article

research

a presentation

to participate in

to differ

much

complete a research project

under the direction of (under the guidance of)

to take part in

a report

investigation

a publication

**Ex. 4 Finish the sentences.**

1. My scientific supervisor is …

2. The theme of my investigation is …

3. The major objective of my research is …

4. The subject of my research …

5. The object of my research …

6. My scientific supervisor is interested in …

7. I use such methods as …

**Ex. 5 Answer the following questions.**

1. What is your university (faculty)?

2. What are you now? (a first-year student or a second-year student).

3. What is the topic of your research project?

4. What field do you make your research in?

5. Who is your scientific adviser? Is he (she) a Candidate of Sciences or a Doctor of Sciences?

6. Why have you chosen this topic for your scientific work?

7. What questions are you going to consider in your research work?

8. How many chapters will your work contain?

9. How much research work have you already done? (collected the data, experiments, completed the theoretical / experimental section)

10. Do you need to make experiments for your research?

11. What is the novelty of your research?

12. Do you have any articles published?

13. What literary sources do you use in your research (in Russian and in English)?

14. When are you planning to defend your research project?

15. Do you need the English language in your research work?