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Computers

- Part 2

Describe a time when your computer broke down.

You should say

When it was

What you were doing

What you did about it

And how you felt about it.

- Part 3

What do people use computers for?

What should people do when their computer has problems?

Do you think computers make our life simpler or more complex?

Why can it be difficult for some people to use a modern computer?

Should students be allowed to use computers at school?

What do you think of people who are addicted to computers?

Do you think computers have changed our lives for the better or for the worse?

Will we have reliable computers/technology in the future?

Cycling

- Part 2

Describe a trip you took by bike.

You should say:

When and where the trip was

Who you went with

Why you went by bike

And explain how you felt about it.

- Part 3

Do you think cycling is a good form of exercise?

Do you think that bike commuting is better than driving?

What are the advantages of riding a bicycle and driving a car?

Is it important to teach children to ride a bicycle?

Has people's attitude towards bicycles and cycling changed over the years?

Is it popular to ride bicycle in your country?

Do people in your country often travel by bicycles?

Do you think a bicycle is very convenient for people to use?

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Is it difficult to learn how to ride a bicycle?

Has people's attitude towards bicycles and cycling changed over the years?

Do you think more people will cycle in the future?

Boredom

- Part 2

Describe an experience when you got bored when you were with others

You should say:

When it was

Who you were with

What they did

And explain why you felt bored

- Part 3

Why do people get bored?

Some people say that it's good to feel bored sometimes. What do you think

Are there any jobs that some people find boring?

Do you think all boring jobs will be done by robots in the future?

Why is it that some people work in boring jobs? Why do people agree to do boring jobs?

Why do some people get bored faster than others?

Nowadays, people have no one to blame other than themselves for feeling bored.

Would you agree?

Do you believe that technology has made life to become more interesting?

Should people themselves be the ones who should make their lives to be more interesting?

Do you agree that it is impossible to feel bored in our today's world?

Teaching/Learning

- Part 2

Describe a skill you can teach others

You should say:

what it is

when you learned it

how you taught others

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how you feel about this skill.

- Part 3

What kind of people are good at teaching?

What qualities should teachers have?

What skills does a good teacher need?

Why do teachers need to be kind to students?

Which do you think is more important, practical skills or academic skills?

What things can young people teach older people?

Which age group is the best one at learning new things?

What skills do people take a long time to learn? Why?

What skills should children learn before school?

What's the difference between the roles of teachers and parents in education?

How do adults learn a new skill?

Is the Internet good for learning new skills?

Is it more important for students to be taught academic skills or so-called soft skills?

Imagination

- Part 2

Describe a time that you needed to use imagination.

You should say:

when it was

why you needed to use imagination

what you imagined

and explain how you felt about it.

- Part 3

Is imagination important to children?

What subjects are helpful for children's imagination?

What kinds of jobs require imagination?

Do you think imagination is essential for scientists?

Which requires more imagination: reading or watching cartoons?

What games require children to use imagination?

What games can develop imagination?

Should young children use and develop imagination?

How can teachers encourage children to use imagination?

What's the relationship between creativity and imagination?

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Waiting

- Part 2

Describe a time when you waited in line for a long time.

You should say:

when it was

where you were

why you were there

and how you felt about it.

- Part 3

Why do people dislike waiting?

What are the daily experiences that people have to wait for?

What can people do when waiting in a line?

How can we manage our time better?

What do you think of those who jump the queue?

Are people in your country accustomed to waiting?

Are adults better at waiting than children?

Are people more patient than they used to be?

Do you think the development of technology has reduced the time people spend waiting?

How can companies improve their customer service?

Leadership/Motivation

- Part 2

Describe a time when you encouraged someone to do something that he/she didn't want to do.

You should say

Who he or she is

What you encouraged him/her to do

How he/she reacted

And explain why you encouraged him/her

- Part 3

How could employers motivate their staff?

Do you think money is the most important motivating factor at work?

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Is the role of a leader important in a group?
How could leaders encourage their employees?
Is it a good thing that a leader likes taking risks?
There are more male than female world leaders. Do you think this will change in the future?
When making decisions, should a leader discuss it with team members?
Why do many people want to be leaders?
Why are some people afraid of becoming a leader?
How do people become leaders?
Can everyone become a leader?
What are the qualities of a good leader?

When should parents encourage their children?
Should parents reward their children when they help others?
What kind of encouragement should parents give?
Do you think some people are better at persuading others?

Animals

- Part 2

Describe a wild animal you have seen.

You should say:

What it looks like

Where you can see it

What it likes to eat or do

And explain why you like it

- Part 2

Describe a time when you got close to wild animals.

You should say:

where you were

what the animals were doing

who you were with

and what your reaction was

- Part 3

Why do people like to keep pets?

Why do people like to take care of animals?

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What problems will keeping pets bring?
Are zoos good places for wild animals?
What are the differences between the animals in zoos and those in the wild?
What's the difference between zoos and the wild?
Why should the staff in zoos teach the public about animals?
Do animals cause more problems in the countryside than in cities?
How are pets different now from those in the past?
Is there any difference between the way animals were used for work in the past and today?
Is it safe for animals to live in cities?
Why do some people refuse to eat animals?
Why do more and more people become vegetarians?
Do you support experimentation on animals?
Do you agree that animals should not be used in experiments?
Why has human activity affected some kinds of animals more than others?
Why do you think wild animals should be protected?
Do you think animals are important?
What should we do to protect endangered animals?
What could happen if some species disappear?
Is it important to preserve wildlife?
How saving wildlife benefit local people?
What's the impact of population growth on wildlife?

Getting Lost

- Part 2

Describe a time when you got lost.

You should say:

when and where it happened

who was there with you

how you felt when you got lost

and explain how you eventually found your way.

- Part 2

Describe something important that you lost in the past.

You should say:

– When this happened

– Where you lost it

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– What it was

And explain why it was important

- Part 3

Why are there some people who never get lost?

What can people do not to get lost?

Do most people prefer electronic or paper maps? Why?

Losing Things

What kinds of people often lose things?

What are some common things people lose?

What can we do to prevent losing important things?

Can technology help us to prevent losing things?

Do you think people should have insurance to cover lost items?

What should people do if they find something valuable on the street?

Cities

- Part 2

Describe a city you've been to and want to visit again.

You should say:

when you visited there

what you did there

how long you stayed there

and explain why you would like to go back.

- Part 3

What are the benefits of living in the cities?

What are the problems that you find in the cities?

Is it good for elderly people to live in large cities?

Is it possible that most of the population will move to cities?

What are the main changes in modern cities in the 10-year period?

Will the size of the cities increase in the future?

Do you think people will live in an extreme environment in the future?

Do you think that people in the countryside are more friendly than people in the cities?

Do you think cities worth visiting are also suitable to live in?

What is the difference between the people living in the city and people living in the countryside?

What is the difference between big cities and small cities?

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Behaviour

- Part 2

Describe a time when you saw a child behaved badly in public.

You should say:

where it happened

what the child was doing

how others reacted to it

and explain how you felt about it.

- Part 3

Children behaving badly

What do young children do when they behave badly?

How should parents stop their children from behaving badly?

Were parents in the past more strict with their children than parents these days?

Changing people's behaviour

Whose influence on children is more important? Friends or parents?

The best way to change someone's behaviour is to set a good example. What do you think?

People change their behaviour only if they want to. Do you agree?

Behaviour in today's world

Why can it be difficult to behave ethically in today's world?

Do you agree that people who don't behave well towards others are more likely to be successful in life themselves?

Everyone is by nature both good and bad. What's your opinion on this?

Wasting time/time management

- Part 2

Describe an occasion when you wasted your time.

You should say:

where you were

when it was

what you did

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and explain why you think it was a waste of time.

- Part 3

Is time management important? Why?

How can we avoid wasting time?

Should parents help children manage their time?

How do you teach children time management?

Do you think young people organize their time in the same way?

Do you think planning is important for time management?

Why do some people find it hard to follow their plans?

Do you think relaxing is a waste of time?

Food/Cooking

- Part 2

Describe a time when you tried a new food for the first time.

You should say:

what you ate

Where you ate it

What it tasted like

And explain whether or not you liked this food.

- Part 3

What kinds of foreign food are popular in your country?

Why do people like to try new food?

What are young people's opinions on new food?

Why do people prefer their local food?

What factors influence people's food choices?

Why do some people prefer to cook at home? Why do they like it?

More and more people are unwilling to cook. Why?

Do you think teachers or parents are responsible for teaching kids about food?

Is it expensive to eat out in your country?

Famous people/Celebrities

- Part 2

Describe a famous person you are interested in.

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You should say:

who he/she is

how you knew about him/her

what he/she was like before he/she became famous

and explain why you are interested in him/her.

- Part 3

What kinds of people are famous in your country?

How do people become famous?

What are the differences between famous people today and those in the past (10-50 years ago)?

Do you think famous people are necessarily good in their fields?

Do you think the media pay too much attention to celebrities?

Are celebrities an inspiration to the younger generation?

Do you think that famous people ever have a negative influence on ordinary people?

What qualities do famous people have in common?

Why is it easier for the youth to follow celebrities?

With the help of what kind of media can people become famous?

Promises

-Part 2

Describe a time you made a promise to someone.

You should say:

what the promise was

to whom you made it

whether it was easy or difficult to keep

and explain why you made it.

- Part 3

What kind of promises do people often make?

Do most people keep their promises?

Why do some people fail to keep their promises?

Do parents in your country often make promises to their children?

What kinds of promises do parents in your country often make to their children?

Do children keep their promises?

What prizes do children get when they keep their promises?

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Shopping

- Part 2

Describe a time you were pleased with your purchase.

You should say:

what it was

where you bought it

what it was for

and explain why it made you happy.

- Part 3

How often do people in your country/city go shopping?

What kinds of places are popular for shopping in your country?

Is shopping popular in your country?

How do people normally shop?

Why do some people like to go to big shopping malls and some like small shops?

Why is online shopping more and more popular these days?

Do you think online shopping will replace shopping in stores?

Do you think men and women have the same shopping habits?

Why do women like shopping?

Why can some people have a bad shopping experience?

What can people do if they bought something disappointing online?

How do shops attract customers?

Politeness

- Part 2

Describe a polite person you met.

You should say:

who the person is

how you know the person

what the person looks like

and explain why you think the person is polite.

- Part 3

How do people show politeness in your country?

What's the standard of being polite?

What tips do you have about being polite?

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How to be polite to others?

Do you think people are polite nowadays? Why or why not?

Are people today as polite as they were in the past?

Who is more polite, people from cities or those from the countryside?

Are there any differences between urban and rural people in terms of politeness?

Is there a country where people are particularly polite (the most polite country)?

Do you think politeness is different in different countries and parts of the world?

Are people more polite with non-family members than they are with their parents?

What should we do when people ignore us even if we behave politely with them?

Do you think it is rude to ignore the person who speaks to you? Why?

Bags

- Part 2

Describe a bag you want to own.

You should say:

what kind of bag it is

where you want to buy it

how much it will cost you

and explain why you want this kind of bag.

- Part 3

Why do you think women like to buy bags?

Is a backpack practical in life?

Why are some people willing to buy expensive bags?

Why do children need to have the same bags?

These days many women are spending more on a handbag than a holiday or even a car, why?

What's the future of bags? Will they change?

Important Things

- Part 2

Describe a thing that is most important to your family.

You should say:

what it is

when your family had it

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how your family got it
and explain why it is important for your family.

- Part 2

Describe an old object which your family has kept for a long time.

You should say

- what the object is
- where it came from
- how long it has been in your family
- and why your family has kept it.

- Part 3

What things will families normally keep?

What things do people keep in their family for a long time?

In your culture, what things do people pass down from generation to generation?

Are there any differences in the most important things for people of today and the past?

What is the difference between what people cherish in the past and today?

What kinds of things are kept in museums?

What's the influence of technology on museums?

Which do you think are better: old things or new things?

Weather

- Part 2

Describe your favorite weather/weather you like.

You should say:

- what kind of weather it is
- when this weather usually occurs
- what you usually do during this weather
- and explain why you like it.

- Part 3

How does the weather influence people's life?

How does the weather affect people's mood?

Does the weather have an impact on people's daily activities?

Should people check the weather forecast every day?

Where can people get weather reports?

What are people's opinions on the weather forecasts?

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How can weather reports affect people's life?
Why are people interested in the weather?
What do people wear in different weather?
Why do people need to wear warm/thick clothes when it's cold outside?
Why do people wear hats on sunny days?
How many seasons are there in your country?
Has climate change affected your country?
Which festivals are related to the seasons in your country?
What's the weather usually like in your hometown?
What do people do on rainy days? What do they do on sunny days?
When it's rainy outside how can people go to work?

Toys / Children / Advertisements

- Part 2

Talk about a toy which you enjoyed the most in your childhood.

What it was

Where you got it

Who you played with

How you enjoyed playing with it.

- Part 3

Why do children like collecting toys?

What toys are popular with boys and girls in your country?

What is the difference between toys kids play with now and those they played with in the past?

Do you think play is important for kids? Why?

Do you think parents have a responsibility for selecting Internet games for children?

Is there peer pressure among children to have the same toys or clothes as their friends?

Do you think parents should buy more toys for their kids or spend more time with them?

How do advertisements/ads influence children?

Should advertising aiming at kids be prohibited? (Do you think advertising that targets children should be banned?)

Do you agree that the fact that children are targeted by many companies as potential consumers spoils their childhood?

How does a brand influence parents purchasing decisions?

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Public Places

- Part 2

Describe a part of a city or town you enjoy spending time in.

You should say:

where it is

what it is like

what you do there

and explain why you enjoy spending time there.

- Part 3

What are the purposes of public places in towns and cities?

What interesting public places are there in your hometown?

Why do many young people like to go to public places?

Which public places do older people usually go to?

Do you think more people will move to cities in the future?

Why do people who live in cities like public gardens?

What changes are there in cities/towns?

Do you think there should be more free public places?

Truth/Lies

- Part 2

Describe a time when it was important to tell your friend the truth.

You should say:

who your friend is

what the truth was

what your friend's reaction was

and explain why you think it was important to tell your friend the truth.

- Part 3

Do you think we should tell the truth at all times?

How do you know when others are telling lies?

Do you think there are times when it's suitable to tell a smaller lie = a white lie?

In what kind of situations should people not tell the truth?

Are there any situations when it isn't polite, to tell the truth?

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Visiting Others

- Part 2

Describe a home that you liked/visited but did not want to live in.

You should say:

where it is

what it is like

why you visited it

and explain why you would not like to live there.

- Part 3

Do most people in your country live in a flat or a house?

What kind of place do people in your country like to live in?

What are the differences between the homes in the city and those in the suburbs?

What are the benefits of living in a house?

What are the reasons for choosing a place to live?

Do people in your country like to visit others' homes?

In your country what do people do when they visit others?

Are gifts necessary when visiting others? Do people in your country usually bring a gift?

How do people usually entertain their guests?

Why do some people prefer not to entertain their guests at home?

Conversations

- Part 2

Describe an interesting conversation you had.

You should say:

who this person is

what the conversation was about

why you had this conversation

and explain how you felt about it.

- Part 3

Today what is the most popular way to communicate?

Do people communicate more when they talk face to face?

Do you think nowadays texting is the most popular method of communication among young people?

Are communication skills important at work?

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What conversations do young people normally have?
What topics do young people usually talk about?
Why do some people communicate more effectively than others?
Do you think we need to be good at communication at work?
What's the difference between face-to-face conversations and phone conversations?
Are there any disadvantages of face-to-face conversations?

Travelling

- Part 2

Describe a short trip that you often take but dislike.

You should say:

where are you go

how often you do this

when you do this

and explain why you dislike it.

- Part 3

Do people prefer long trips or short trips?

How much time do you think people should spend on a trip abroad?

Do people in your country like to travel abroad?

Some people don't like travelling abroad, why?

Is it good to travel internationally?

Who prefers traveling abroad, the young or the old?

Why is traveling abroad important for young people?

How much time do you think people should spend on a trip abroad?

What kind of problems do people have when travelling abroad?

Which is a better way of knowing more about a country: travelling, or reading books about it?

Do you agree that reading is the best way to know about a culture?

What's the most popular means of transportation in your country?

What means of transport do people use when travelling in your country?

How do people travel to work?

Which mode of transport is more popular in your country: a car or a bicycle?

Do most people prefer to travel on their own or with family? Why?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling alone and travelling with friends?

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News

- Part 2

Describe a piece of international news you have just recently heard.

You should say:

what the news is about

where and when you heard it

what you were doing when you heard the news

and explain how you felt about it

- Part 3

Giving people good news

What kinds of news do people like to give their friends?

What's the best way of telling people good news?

Was it more difficult in the past to give people good news?

Giving information to the public

When do organisations need to give the public important information?

Is the written word the most effective way for organisations to give information to the public?

What skills does a good spokesperson for a company or public organisation need to have?

Communications in business

How can the Internet help individuals to develop new businesses?

Are there any negative effects of the Internet on international businesses?

Would you agree that international businesses will always need face-to-face interaction to be successful?

Advice

- Part 2

Describe a time when you advise someone.

You should say:

who the person is

what the advice you gave

what the person did after receiving your advice.

Do you think you gave the correct advice?

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- Part 3

What kind of person is most suitable for giving advice to others?

Do you usually take advice from others/follow their advice or do you insist on your own opinion? Why?

Do you prefer advice from your family or friends?

Why do young people ask for advice?

Do teenagers take the advice seriously? Why?

Why do people seek advice from professionals?

Which is better: advice from young people or from older people?

Why do many young people refuse to accept the advice from older people?

Some people find it easier to accept advice than others. Why?

Will people continue to seek advice from professionals in the future? Why?

What type of advice do people usually seek?

Is it good to ask for advice from strangers online?

What are the personalities of people whose job is to advise others?

What are the problems if you ask too many people for advice?

Careers, Jobs / Salaries

- Part 2

Describe an ideal job you'd like to do in the future.

You should say:

what it is

how you can get this job

what kinds of work you would do for the job

and explain why are you want to have it.

- Part 3

What factors should people take into account when choosing a job?

Do you think that nowadays all jobs could be done by robots?

Do you think machines could replace human workers in the future?

What are the benefits of replacing human workers with robots?

How have robots and computers changed the way people work?

Which is more important for young people an interesting or well-paid job?

What kinds of jobs are well-paid in your country?

What jobs do young people prefer?

How can people find a perfect job?

What kinds of jobs are unpopular in your country?

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Are difficult jobs more interesting to do than easy ones?
Do you think that people who do difficult jobs should get higher salaries?
What kinds of jobs deserve higher salaries in the future?
Do people like to talk about their salaries with their friends in your country?
What kinds of jobs need a lot of physical work?
What's the difference between payment for mental work and that for physical work?
Can physical workers get higher salaries in the future?
Why do some people keep changing their jobs?
What changes have occurred in your country in the last few decades?
Do young people complain more now than in the past?
Is it important for companies to deal with complaint from customers?
Why do most companies in your country refuse to deal with complaints?
What are the most popular jobs in your country?
What occupations are children more likely to choose?
Do people regret their career choices when they're old?
Do children like to choose the same profession as their parents?
What are other factors, besides money, should people consider when choosing a career path?

Changing Opinions / Ideas / Opinions

- Part 2

Describe a time when you changed your opinion.

You should say:

When it was?

What the original opinion was?

Why you changed it?

And explain how you felt about it?

- Part 3

Children and opinions

At what age do children begin to have their own opinions?

Who has the most important influence on children's opinions: parents or friends?

Should teachers ask for children's opinions in the lessons?

Opinions in everyday life

Who most young people discuss their opinions with?

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There are situations when people should not give their real opinions. Would you agree?
Does culture affect the way people express their opinions?

Opinions in today's world

Do social media have a great influence on people's opinions today?
Do you agree that society needs more people who aren't afraid of expressing their opinions?
Is it hard to distinguish fact from opinion?

Teamwork / Leaders

- Part 2

Describe a time when you worked with other people in a group

You should say:

When and where you worked with the group

What the group was doing

How successful the group was

And explain how you felt about working with the group.

- Part 3

Children and groups

What activities do young children do in groups at school in your country?

Is it important to teach children to work in groups?

Why do some children prefer not to work in groups?

Leading a group

What can be difficult about leading a group?

What are the qualities of a good group leader?

What personality should a good leader have?

Would you agree that the success of a group depends entirely on its leader?

International projects

What are the advantages of countries working together on joint projects?

Do you think there's a continuing need for translators and interpreters for international projects?

Will technology be able to guarantee the success of international projects?

Friendship

- Part 2

Describe an old friend that you got in contact with again.

You should say:

who he or she is

what he or she is like

how you got in contact

and explain how you felt about it.

- Part 3

New friends and old friends

How can people make new friends in your country?

What's the best way for people to stay in contact with friends?

How important is it to stay in contact with old friends?

Friendship at different ages

Why do students lose contact with their classmates after they leave school?

Do young people benefit if they have a small number of friends?

Do you agree that friendship is more important to younger people than to older people?

The future of friendship

What might people lose if they stop meeting friends face-to-face?

Do you agree that people are right to be optimistic about the future impact of social media on friendship?

Do you think it's possible for robots to make very effective friends one day?

Expressing feelings, Communication

- Part 2

Describe a person you know who shows their feelings openly.

You should say:

Who this person is

How well you know this person

How you feel about this person

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And explain why you think this person shows their feelings so openly.

- Part 3

How people show feelings

In what different ways do people show feelings?

Do children show their feelings more than adults?

Do men and women show their feelings in different ways?

What's the difference between males and females in terms of expressing their feelings?

Expressing emotions openly

How can people benefit from expressing their emotions openly?

Are there any disadvantages of expressing emotions openly?

Do people express their emotions more openly now than in the past?

Emotions and decision making

Why do employers hire staff who are more sensitive to people's emotions?

Do you agree that people base most of their decisions on emotion not logic?

Is emotional maturity more important than intelligence for leaders?

Songs / Poems / Memorizing things

- Part 2

Describe a few lines from a song or a poem that you remember.

You should say:

-What they are about

-What song/poem they are from

-How you know about it

And say how you feel about it

- Part 2

Describe a time you had to learn the words of something (a poem, a song) and then say or sing it from memory.

You should say:

Where you were

Who was listening to you

What you had to say or sing

And explain how you felt about saying or singing something you had learnt.

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- Part 3

Learning and young children

Why do children like learning songs and poems?

What can people learn from songs and poems?

Do you think it's easier for children to learn a song or a poem than for adults?

Do you think that learning songs and poems is a waste of time?

Learning in school

How useful is it for schoolchildren to learn facts about the world (dates in history)?

What are the ways which can help schoolchildren remember new information?

Is it important to teach schoolchildren how to find or check information for themselves?

The value of knowledge

Should public money be used to fund museums today?

Do you agree that each generation depends on the knowledge acquired by previous generations?

Does society need more people with broad general knowledge or more people with specialist knowledge?

Jokes / Laughter / Comedies

- Part 2

Describe a film or movie that made you laugh.

You should say:

What the name of this film is

when you watched it

Who you watched it with

And say why it made you laugh

- Part 3

Watching comedy films/movies

How popular are comedy films in your country?

Why do people of all ages enjoy watching funny cartoons?

Do you agree that most people prefer watching comedy films to watching serious films?

Laughter in daily life

Should teachers use jokes and encourage laughter in the classroom?

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Why are some people good at making other people laugh?
Does humour play a useful role in business?

The value of humour

Do professional comedians have an important social function?
Is humour universal?
Do you agree that laughter is not always a sign of happiness?

Communication

- Part 2

Describe a conversation you were not interested in (Describe a boring conversation you had)

You should say:

When you had the conversation

Who you talked with

What the topic was

And explain why you were not interested.

- Part 3

How do you know if others are not interested in your conversation?

Do men and women talk about the same things?

Do you think women chat more than men?

What topics do young and old people talk about?

What's the difference between the topics popular now and those in the past?

Does technological development have a negative development on communication among people?

Do you think it's polite to agree with another person during a conversation if you have another opinion?

Do you think that many children nowadays don't want to communicate with children of the same age?

Do you think it is important to communicate with others?

What communication skills are important?

- Part 2

Describe a time when you had to listen to someone talking but you weren't very interested

You should say

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Who was talking

What this person was talking about

Why you had to listen to this person

Why you weren't very interested in what this person was talking about

- Part 3

Talking to people

What are young people interested in talking to each other about?

Are young people interested in talking to older people?

Do you agree that conversations are more interesting if people don't agree with each other?

Being a good listener

What problems may occur when someone doesn't listen carefully?

How can someone who is talking know if the other person is really listening?

Would you agree that people who talk about themselves a lot are not good listeners?

Changes in communication

How has the use of computers and phones changed personal communication?

Does communication technology have a greater impact on the language young people use or on the language older people use?

Face-to-face communication is a basic human need. What do you think?

Music

- Part 2

Describe an event you attended in which you didn't like the music played.

You should say

What was the event

Where were you

What music was like

And explain why you didn't like the music

- Part 3

Music events in general

What kinds of music events are most popular in your country?

What do people enjoy about going to large music events?

Why you think older people and younger people may not enjoy the same music events?

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Music in everyday life

Should children have music lessons at school?

Is it necessary for the government to encourage all children to learn music?

Why is music often played when people are doing physical exercise?

Why do you think shopping malls often have background music?

Do you agree that playing music in shops is an effective way of selling more products?

The arts and society

Do you agree that studying a country's music and art is an effective way to learn about that country?

Should supporting the arts be a priority for governments?

Would you agree that a country that invests in the arts is likely to have happier citizens?

- Part 2

Describe a time you saw children/a child behave badly in public.

You should say

Where it was

What the children were doing

How others reacted to it

And explain how you felt about it

- Part 3

What factors affect children's behavior?

What kind of bad behavior do children usually have?

Do you think children are more likely to behave badly without strict discipline?

How should parents stop their children from behaving badly in public?

Are parents these days stricter than in the past?

Whose influence on children is more important, friends or parents?

Do you think a lack of discipline can lead to poor students' behavior?

Do you think improving school discipline can be a solution to children's poor behavior?

How will teachers deal with children's discipline in the future, do you think?

How can they get control?

Do you think that children in general will get naughty in the future?

- Part 2

Describe an Energetic Person that You Know

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You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

Why you think this person is energetic

And explain how you feel about this person.

- Part 3

Jobs that require physical energy

What jobs need a lot of physical energy?

Do you agree that jobs in the past needed more physical energy than jobs today?

Do you think that job that need a lot of physical energy should offer higher pay?

Physical energy at all ages

How can older people improve their physical energy levels?

Children of all ages should have sports lessons at school. What's your opinion?

To what extent does developing physical energy gives people more mental energy?

Mental energy in modern life

Does life today lead people to have more mental energy?

Do you agree that people with greater mental energy more successful in life?

Great thinkers are needed less today than in the past. Do you agree or disagree?

Forgetting things / Memory

- Part 2

Describe a time when you forgot something important.

You should say

When it happened

What you forgot

What the result of your forgetting was

Why it was important.

- Part 3

Forgetting things

What kinds of things do people often forget to do in their home?

Why do people forget things?

What can happen when someone forgets a person's name?

Ways of remembering things

How can people remind themselves to do certain things?

Is technology replacing traditional ways of remembering things?

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Is it possible that technology will replace human memory?
Can people improve their memory? How?

Organisational skills

Some people say that people don't learn organisational skills, they are born with them.
Do you agree?
Organisational skills are the most important factor in working effectively. Agree?
How does good organisation contribute to the wellbeing of a society?

Ambitions

- Part 2

Describe an ambition you have had for a very long time
You should say
What this ambition is
why you have this ambition
When you will achieve this ambition
explain why you have had this ambition for a long time.

- Part 3

Ambitions and young people

What kinds of ambitions do young people often have in your country?
Why is it good for young people to have ambitions?
Should parents help their children to decide what ambitions to follow?

Being ambitious at work

Why are some people ambitious to take on higher positions at work?
Would you agree that it's good to have ambitious people in a work team?
Are ambitious people always successful at work?

The need for ambitious people

Why does the world need ambitious people?
Is it true that someone who is not ambitious is at a disadvantage in life?
Society values ambition more than other qualities. What do you think?

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Traditional festivals

- Part 2

Describe a tradition in your country.

You should say

What it is

Who takes part in it

What activities there are

And explain how you feel about it.

- Part 3

Are traditional festivals important?

Is it important to celebrate traditional festivals?

Is it important to maintain traditional festivals?

How do people celebrate festivals in your country?

What's the most popular festival in your country?

How do people value traditional festivals?

What's the difference between your traditional festivals and Western festivals?

What's the difference between the festivals now and festivals in the past?

Do you think that Western festivals like Christmas are replacing traditional festivals in other countries?

Do you think it's wrong for children not to celebrate traditional festivals?

Do you think customs and traditions are changing these days?

Do some countries celebrate traditions more than others?

Do young people in your country like to celebrate foreign festivals?

Why do more and more young people prefer to celebrate festivals with their friends rather than family?

Do you agree that the real meaning behind traditional festivals has been lost?

- Part 2

Describe an expensive activity that you enjoy doing occasionally.

You should say

What it is

Who you do it with

Why it is expensive

And explain how you feel about it

- Part 3

Why are some sports expensive?

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Why do people buy fakes?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of being rich?

What kinds of expensive things do people like to buy?

Why do people like to buy expensive things?

Do you think men and women have the same shopping habits?

In your opinion, why do many people derive pleasure from spending money?

Who do you think saves more money, men or women?

How can or how do young people learn to manage their financial affairs?

Do you think it's easy for young people to save money?

Can people live without money?

Helping Others

- Part 2

Describe a helpful Person You Know

You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

Why you think this person is helpful

And explain how you feel about this person.

- Part 3

Giving help

What kinds of help do children need when they are very young?

How can people help their elderly neighbours?

What are the differences between the help people give their friends and help people give strangers?

Receiving help

What do people do when they need help?

Why do some people refuse to accept help from their friends?

Do people expect to receive something in return for helping others?

Reasons for giving help

Do you agree that helping someone can be as rewarding for the helper as for the person who they help?

What makes someone want to help people they have never met?

Richer countries have an obligation to help poorer countries. What do you think?

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Photo

- Part 2

Describe a photograph of yourself that you like.

You should say:

When and where the photograph was taken

What was happening at that time

who took the photograph

And explain why you like this photograph of yourself.

- Part 3

Taking photographs

What do most people in your country use to take photos?

What kinds of devices do people like to use for taking photos these days?

Is it easier to take pictures now than in the past?

Why taking photographs is such an important part of people's lives?

Keeping photographs

Why do some people like to keep photos?

Why do some people don't like to keep photos of themselves?

Why do some people like to delete photos?

Do you agree that people rely too much on the photographs to remember people and places?

Using photographs

How are photographs used to help people learn?

How are photographs used in textbooks and how are they used in advertisements?

Why can one photograph of an important news event be so powerful?

Intelligence

- Part 2

Describe an intelligent person you know.

You should say

Who the person is

What he/she does

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Why you think he/she is smart

How you feel about him/her

- Part 3

Intelligence in children

What kinds of games can help children become more intelligent?

Do you agree that talking to children is the best way to develop their intelligence?

Does spending lots of time on computers make children less intelligent?

Who plays a more important role in a child's development, teachers or parents?

What is the difference between the role of a teacher and a parent in the education of children?

Intelligence at work

In what jobs is intelligence particularly important?

What ways do people use to assess someone's intelligence?

Should managers use intelligence tests when employing new staff?

Do you agree that being intelligent can sometimes be a disadvantage in the workplace?

Artificial Intelligence

In what areas of life will Artificial Intelligence play an important role in the future?

Will artificial Intelligence be able to match human Intelligence?

Are there any risks to humanity if we rely on artificial Intelligence?

News

- Part 2

Describe a time when you received some good news.

You should say:

What this news was

When and where you heard it

How you received it

Why you think it was good.

- Part 3

How do companies tell everyone their news?

What skills does a good spokesperson for a company need to have?

Is it easier to pass information now than in the past?

What do you think of news on social media?

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How do people in your country get news?
What kind of news do people in your country usually watch or read?
Do you think it was more difficult to share good news in the past?
What's your opinion on people sharing good news on social media?
What is the best way to share good news with people?
How do people like to share good news?
Why do some people like to share news on social media?
When do people share good news?
Why do local people like to read local news?
Why do people like local news more than international news?
How does modern technology affect the delivery of news?
What do you think of fake news on social media?
What kind of good news do young people often receive?
Do you think the Internet influences the types of news stories people hear about? Why?
Do you think children should start watching news from a young age?
What do you think will happen to the news in the future?

Reading

- Part 2

Describe a book you have read that you found useful

You should say:

What the book was about

When and where you read the book

How long it took you to read this book

and explain why you found this book useful

- Part 2

Describe a book that you enjoyed reading because you had to think a lot.

You should say:

What this book was

Why you decided to read it

What reading this book made you think about

and explain why you enjoyed reading this book.

Or describe a book you found useful.

- Part 3

Reading books

What types of books do people your age enjoy reading?

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Who reads more books: younger or older people?
Is it better to read a story than see it as a film?

The role of libraries

How has the Internet changed the way people use libraries?
Do you think governments should continue to provide people with public libraries?
What can libraries do to stay relevant in the future?

The importance of reading

Why is it so important today to be able to read well?
They say that children who read the most become the most successful adults?
Do you agree that books can change the world?
Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?
How will e-books affect paper books?

Decision making / Advice

- Part 2

Describe a good decision you made recently.
You should say:
What it was
When you made it
What the result was
And explain how you felt about it

- Part 3

Decisions in daily life

What decisions do most people have to make every day?
At what age do children start making their own decisions?
Why do some people find it hard to make every day decisions?

Decisions about the future

What helps people to make decisions about the future?
What are the advantages and disadvantages of making decisions about the future at a young age?
Do you agree that people should always stick to the decisions they make?

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Life-changing decisions

How good is it to make important decisions alone?

Do you agree that the best decisions are always made by analyzing the facts?

The smallest decisions can make the greatest impact on people's lives. What's your opinion on this view?

How can older people or parents help young people make their own decisions wisely?

Do parents in your country allow their children to make important decisions about their future?

Do you think it's a good idea to make decisions when one is feeling strong emotions, or is it better to make decisions when one's emotions are not strong?

Which do you think is better to make decisions quickly or to make decisions slowly?

How can people improve their decision making skills?

What skills are necessary when making decisions?

How do you think computers will change the way people make decisions?

Languages

- Part 2

Describe the time when you had to communicate in a foreign language (not your first language).

You should say:

when you first used this language to communicate

who you communicated with

what you talked or wrote about

and explain how you felt about using this foreign language for the first time.

- Part 3

Using a foreign language

Why do people want to learn a foreign language?

Is speaking in a foreign language easier than reading it?

Is it necessary to write in a foreign language well nowadays?

When learning a foreign language which is easier, speaking or writing?

Is spoken language more important than written?

Learning languages at school

What's the best age to start learning a foreign language at school?

What can teachers do to make learning a foreign language interesting?

How important are school trips to countries where the foreign language is spoken?

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Benefits of speaking more than 1 language

What are the benefits of growing up speaking more than one language?

Do you agree that promoting the learning of foreign languages in schools can improve international relations?

Why is it important to preserve a wide variety of languages in the world?

Do you think minority languages will disappear?

Do you think English will be the mainstream language of the world in the future?

Science/Inventions

- Part 2

Describe an area of science that interests you/that you are interested in

You should say

What it is

What you learn from it

When you started become interested in it

Explain how this area of science helps you.

- Part 3

Learning about science

How popular are science subjects at school?

How important is it for everyone to learn about science at school?

How can museums help young people to understand science better?

Do you think science is?

How does science influence our life?

Should children learn science?

How can museums help children learn science?

Science in daily life

Does science affect our daily lives? How?

What do you think have been some of the most important inventions in the past 100 years?

Do you agree that individuals have a responsibility to contribute to scientific research?

Science and the future

What great advances in science might there be in the future?

What are the benefits of scientific collaboration between countries?

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Will science alone be able to solve urgent global problems?

Parents and grandparents

- Part 2

Describe a family (not your own) that you like and are happy to know.

You should say:

whose family it is

how many family members they have

what are they like

and explain why you like this family.

- Part 3

Families

In your country, what kinds of family members live together?

Who is usually the head in the family in your culture?

Is a grandmother important in the family in your culture?

What's the most important quality of a good parent?

What makes a good parent?

Grandparents

How can grandparents help to bring up children?

What can a child learn from grandparents?

What kinds of things can young people learn from old people?

Do you agree that grandparents had more influence on family decisions in the past than they do today?

Media, changing work patterns influences on the family

How can the media affect family relationships today?

What's the impact of changing work pattern on the family?

Do you agree that the state should provide support for the family unit?

Rewards and Prizes

- Part 2

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Describe a prize you received.

You should say

What the prize is

When it was

What you needed to do to get it

And explain how you felt about it

- Part 3

Prizes and awards at school

What do children often receive prizes for at school?

Why do children like to receive prizes?

Is it better for children to receive a prize for school work or for sport?

Competitions for adults

Why do many companies run competitions with prizes for customers?

Why do some people like to enter many competitions?

It's only worth entering a competition if there's a valuable prize. Would you agree?

National and international awards

How important is it for a country to recognise its most successful citizens?

What could be the impact of winning a major prize such as a national award/Nobel prize on a person's life?

Is making a positive contribution to society more important than being rewarded for the contribution?

Working abroad

- Part 2

Describe a short-term job you'd like to do in a foreign country.

You should say

What time of work you'd like to do there

What country you'd like to work in

Why you'd like to work there

- Part 3

What jobs can people do in another country for a short period of time?

Will it be beneficial for young people to work in another country for a short time?

Why is it good for young people to work abroad for a short period of time?

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Why might some people not want to work in another country?
What are the difficulties that people might face when working abroad?

Working for an international company

What are the benefits of working for an international company?
What personal skills do people need to work for an international company?
Do you agree that practical experience is more useful than qualifications when working for an international company?
Is it difficult for people get a job at an international company?

International companies in the future

How important will it be in the future for an international company to understand the cultures of other countries?
Will the location of the workplace become increasingly irrelevant because of the advances in technology?
Do you think international companies should become more environmentally friendly?

Health / Eating Habits

- Part 2

Describe a time when you suffered from disease/sickness.
You should say:
what it was
what problems it caused you
what you did to control it
and explain how you felt about this health problem.

- Part 3

Do you think the lifestyle of a person affects his health? Why?
Do you think people become more conscious about health nowadays? Why?
How do you think people's eating habits have changed over the years?
How to teach healthy Eating Habits in children?
What should people do to stay healthy at home during the Coronavirus Pandemic?
What do the people of your country do to remain healthy during the Coronavirus Pandemic?

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Hotels

- Part 2

Describe a special hotel you have stayed in.

You should say:

where it is

when you went there

why you went there

and why you think it is a special hotel.

- Part 3

What can influence people's choices of hotels?

What are some good hotels in your city?

Do ratings of hotels influence people's choices?

Are there any advantages to staying in a hotel rather than staying with a relative in their home?

What are the factors which make a good hotel?

What's the difference between the hotels in your country and those abroad?

- Part 2

Describe a computer/phone game you enjoy playing in your childhood.

You should say:

what the game was about

when you played it

where you played it

and explain how much you enjoyed playing this game.

- Part 3

Why do computer/phone games are becoming more popular?

What kind of computer/phone games are popular in your country? Why?

What are the advantages of computer games?

What changes have you noticed between computer games in the last decade and these days?

Why do some adults like computer games?

What are the positive and negative effects of playing computer/phone games for children?

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- Part 2

Describe a singer that you like.

You should say:

who this person is

what type of songs he/she sings

what type of people listen to/her songs

and explain why you like him/her.

- Part 3

How important is music for young people nowadays?

Is music important to people your age in your country?

Do you think it is true that anyone can sing with the right training? Why?

What do you think about music education in your country?

What do you think about the illegal downloading of music?

Is music from your country popular elsewhere?

- Part 2

Describe a live sports event you enjoyed watching (OR a live sports event you attended)

You should say:

what event you watched

where you were

who you watched it with

and explain why you enjoyed watching it.

- Part 2

Describe a person who wears unusual clothes.

You should say

Who he/she is

How you know him/her

What kind of clothes he/she wears

Why you consider that his/her clothing choices are unusual



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