

BỘ ĐỀ DỰ ĐOÁN IELTS SPEAKING QUÝ 2 (THÁNG 5 - 8/2024)

SPEAKING PART 1

1. Shopping

- Do you like shopping?
- Do you compare prices when you shop?
- Is it difficult for you to make choices when you shop?
- Do you think expensive products are always better than cheaper ones?

2. Weather

- What's the weather like where you live?
- Do you prefer cold or hot weather?
- Do you prefer dry or wet weather?
- What kind of weather is typical in your hometown?
- Are you in the habit of checking the weather forecast?
- What do you think are the effects of climate change in recent years?
- Would you like to visit other cities that have different climates from where you live?
- What's your favourite season?

3. Asking for help

- Do you ask for help when you have a problem?
- Why are teachers always willing to help students?
- What kinds of help do you often ask for?
- When was the last time you asked for help?

4. Childhood memory

- What did you enjoy doing as a child?
- Did you enjoy your childhood?
- What are your best childhood memories?

- Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?

5. Staying at home

- Are you a person who likes to stay at home?
- What do you do when you stay at home?
- What is your favourite place at home?
- What did you often do at home as a child?
- Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?

6. Schools & Workplaces

- Where is your school?
- Do you like your school?
- Do you think your school is a good place to study?
- What is the environment like at your school?
- What do you think could be improved in your school?
- How important is interest in study?
- Which subject do you find challenging?
- Do you like your job?
- Do you currently have a good work environment?
- What do you think could be improved at your workplace?
- Have you ever thought about changing jobs?
- Is there a place in your company that makes you feel relaxed?
- What are the advantages of a company having a relaxation room?

7. Life stages & Challenges

- What did you often do with your friends in your childhood?
- What do you think is the most important at the moment?
- Do you have any plans for the next five years?
- How do people remember each stage of their lives?
- Do you like challenges?
- What is the biggest challenge in your future?

8. Holidays

- Do you like holidays?
- Where did you go for your last holiday?
- Which public holiday do you like best?
- What do you do on holidays?
- Do you like to spend your day at home?
- Do you prefer a leisurely or a busy holiday?

9. Exciting activities

- Have you ever tried any exciting activities?
- What do you think were exciting activities when you were a child?
- Has anything exciting happened to you recently?
- Would you like to try scuba diving and bungee jumping?

10. Outdoor activities

- Do you like outdoor activities?
- Do you often take part in outdoor activities?
- What outdoor activities do you like the most?
- Are outdoor activities popular in your country?
- Do you think people in your country spend enough time being outdoors?

11. E-books & Paper books - Reading

- Which do you prefer, e-books or paper books?
- When do you read online?
- Will you read more online in the future?
- Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?
- What is the best age for children to start reading?

12. News

- Are you interested in news?
- How do you usually get news?
- How do your friends get news?
- Have you read the news this morning?
- Do you often talk with your friends about the news?

- Do you prefer reading newspapers or magazines?
- Do you think news is easier to read online than in newspapers?
- What kinds of information in newspapers or magazines do you find most useful?

13. Internet

- When did you start using the internet?
- How often do you go online?
- How does the internet influence people?
- Do you think you spend too much time online?
- What would you do without the internet?

14. Mobile phone

- What was your first mobile phone?
- Do you often use your mobile phone for texting or calls?
- Will you buy a new one in the future?
- How has your mobile phone changed your life?

15. Computer & Tablet

- What do you most often use a computer or a tablet for?
- Can you remember when you first started using a computer or tablet?
- Do you sometimes find computers or tablets difficult to use?
- How would your life be different if there were no computers?

16. Science

- Do you like science?
- When did you start to learn about science?
- Which science subject is interesting to you?
- What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?
- Do you like watching science TV programmes?
- Do people in your country often visit science museums?

17. Doing sports

- What sports do you like?
- Where did you learn how to do it?
- Did you do some sports when you were young?
- Do you think students need more exercise?
- Do you know any people who are good at sports?
- Do you think it is important for people to exercise?
- Should schools encourage young students to take more physical exercise?

18. Morning routine

- What do you usually do in the mornings?/ What is your morning routine?
- Do you like to get up early in the morning?
- Are there any differences between what you do in the morning now and what you did in the past?

19. Breakfast & Fast food

- Is breakfast important?
- Do you have breakfast everyday?
- What do you usually eat for breakfast?
- Do you eat fast food?
- What are the different kinds of fast food in your country?

20. Daily routine

- What is your daily (study) routine?
- Have you ever changed your routine?
- Do you think it is important to have a daily routine for your study?
- What part of your day do you like best?

21. Evenings

- What do you usually do in the evening?
- Do you spend your evenings in the same way on weekdays and at weekends?
- How did you spend your evenings when you were younger?
- Is there anything you don't like to do in the evenings?

22. Staying up late

- What does it feel like the next morning if you stay up late?
- What do you do when you stay up late?
- Did you stay up late when you were a kid?
- Do you often stay up late?

23. Keys

- Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?
- Have you ever lost your keys?
- Do you often forget the keys and lock yourself out?
- Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?

24. Sharing

- Do you have anything to share with others recently?
- Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?
- What kind of things do you like to share with others?
- What kind of things are not suitable for sharing?

25. Number

- What's your favourite number?
- What numbers are important to you?
- Are you good at remembering phone numbers?
- Do you usually use numbers?
- Do you need to use numbers in the future?
- Are you good at maths?
- Do you think it's difficult to learn maths well?

26. Pen & Pencil

- Do you usually use pens or pencils?
- Which do you use more often? Pen or pencil?
- When was the last time you bought a pen or pencil?
- What do you think if someone gives you a pen or pencil as a present?

27. Language

- What languages can you speak?
- How do you learn a foreign language?
- Do you think English is an easy or a difficult language to learn?
- How are languages taught and learned in your school?
- What languages would you like to learn in the future?

28. T-shirt

- Do you like wearing T-shirts?
- How often do you wear T-shirts?
- Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?
- Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?
- Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?

29. Jewellery

- Do you often wear jewellery?
- What type of jewellery do you like?
- Do you usually buy jewellery?
- Why do you think some people wear a piece of jewellery for a long time?

30. Perfume

- Do you use perfume?
- What kind of perfume do you like?
- What does perfume mean to you?
- Do you give perfume as a gift?

31. Watches

- Did you wear a watch when you were a child?
- Have you ever received a watch as a gift?
- Do you usually wear a watch now?
- Why do you think some people like to wear expensive watches?

32. Relax

- What would you do to relax?
- How do your friends relax?
- Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?
- Do you think holiday/vacation is a good time to relax?
- Do you think students need more relaxing time?

33. Free Time & Weekends

- Do you like weekends?
- How do you usually spend your weekends?
- Do you like to go to the cinema/movies at weekends? / Who do you go with?
- Do you study or work at/on the weekend?
- What did you do last weekend?
- Are you planning to do anything special next weekend?
- Do you often make plans for your weekends?
- What kinds of activities do you often do in your spare time?

34. Cinema

- What type of movies do you like?
- Do you often go to the cinema?
- Do you like watching movies in the cinema or at home?

35. Music

- Do you like music?
- What type of music do you like to listen to when you are alone?
- Has the music that you listen to changed since you were young?
- Do you think older and younger generations prefer different types of music?
- Is there any music concert that you want to go to?

36. Swimming

- Do you like swimming?
- Where do people go swimming in your hometown (or, near your home)?
- Is swimming very popular in your country?
- Why do many people like swimming?

37. Spend time by yourself

- Do you like to spend time by yourself or with your friends?
- When was the last time you spent time by yourself?
- Do you want to spend more time by yourself?

38. Planning & Time management

- Do you like planning things?
- Do you usually make plans?
- Why can't you make plans?
- Do you like doing things step by step or making a long term plan?
- What about your time management ability?
- Is it easy to manage time for you?

39. Writing

- Did you like writing when you were a child?
- What kinds of things do you write during a typical day?
- Do you think the kinds of things you write will change in the future?
- Do you prefer typing or writing things by hand?

40. Happy things

- Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?
- What made you happy when you were little?
- What do you think will make you happy in the future?
- When do you feel happy at work?
- Do you feel happy when buying new things?
- Do you think people are happy when buying new things?

41. Chocolate

- Do you like eating chocolate? / What's your favourite flavour?
- How often do you eat chocolate?
- Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?
- When was the first time you ate chocolate?
- Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world?
- Is chocolate good for our health?

→ Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts to others?

42. Art

- Do you like art?
- Do you like visiting art galleries?/ Have you ever been to an art gallery?
- Do you want to be an artist?
- Do you like modern art or traditional art?
- Did you learn drawing/painting when you were a child?
- Is it important for children to learn art at school?
- Are there any paintings on the wall of your home?
- What kind of pictures do you like to put up in your home?

43. History

- Do you like history as a subject in your school?
- When was the last time you read a book about history?
- Have you visited any history museums?
- Do you like watching documentaries/movies related to history?
- What historical event do you find most interesting?
- Do you think history is important?
- Do you like to watch programs on TV about history?
- Do you think the internet is a good place to learn about history?

44. Library

- Do you often go to the library?
- Would you ever like to work in a library?
- Did you use a library more when you were younger?
- How common is it for children to visit libraries in your country?

45. Public Transport

- Do you often travel on public transports?
- Did you use public transport when you were a child?
- Do many people use public transport in your country?
- Will you use public transport more in the future?

46. Meeting new people

- How often do you meet new people?
- Do you find it easy to talk to new people?
- When you meet someone for the first time, do you know if you like them?
- Do you worry about what people you meet think of you?

47. Neighbours

- Do you know your neighbours?
- What do you think of your neighbours?
- How do you get along well with your neighbours?
- Do you think it's important to have a good relationship with one's neighbours?

48. Taking Photos

- Do you take photos by camera or phone?
- How to deal with pictures after you take them?
- Do you want to learn photography to improve your skills of taking photos?
- How will people in the future take photos?
- Is it good to reserve photos on a mobile phone?

49. Collecting things

- Do you collect things?
- Are there any things you keep from childhood?
- Would you keep old things for a long time?
- Where do you usually keep things you need?

50. Wild Animal & Pets

- Have you ever seen a wild animal?
- Do you like seeing animals in the zoo?
- What is your favourite wild animal?
- Are there many wild animals in your country?
- How important is it to protect wild animals?
- Do you often watch TV programmes on wild animals?
- Do you keep a pet?

→ Did you have any pets when you were a child?

51. Flowers

- Do you like flowers?
- Do you like to receive flowers as a gift ?
- Have you planted any flowers?
- What kinds of flowers do you know?
- Are there any flowers that have special meanings in your country?

52. Outer space and stars

- Do you learn about outer space and arts at school?
- Do you enjoy watching films about outer space and stars?
- Do you want to study outer space and stars?
- Do you want to travel to outer space in the future?

53. Small businesses

- Are there any famous small businesses in the area you live in?
- Do you prefer buying things from small or big companies?
- Have you ever worked in small businesses?
- Have you ever thought about starting your own business?

54. Law

- Do you think law and order are important?
- Who department is most responsible for enforcing the law?
- Is there any law you think is too strict?

55. Birthday

- What do you usually do on your birthday ?
- What did you do on your birthday when you were young ?
- Do you think it is important for you to celebrate your birthday?
- What is a popular gift in your country?
- What did you do on your last birthday?

COMMON TOPICS

56. Hometown

- Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?
- Please describe your hometown a little.
- How long have you been living there?
- Do you like your hometown?
- Do you like living there?
- What do you like (most) about your hometown?
- Is there anything you dislike about it?
- Where is your hometown?
- Is that a big city or a small place?
- What's your hometown famous for?
- Did you learn about the history of your hometown at school?

57. Where you live now

- Let's talk about where you live now/ Which town or city do you live in now?
- Are there any things you don't like about your area?
- Do you think you will continue to live there for a long time?
- What are some changes in the area recently?
- Are the people in your neighbourhood nice and friendly?
- Do you know any of your neighbours?
- Is the place where you live quiet or noisy?
- Do you know any famous people in your area?
- Do you live in a house or an apartment?
- What is your favourite room in your home?
- What things make your home pleasant to live in?

58. Home & Accommodation

- What kind of house or flat do you want to live in in the future?
- Are the transport facilities to your home very good?
- Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?
- Please describe the room you live in.

- What part of your home do you like the most?
- How long have you lived there?
- Do you plan to live there for a long time?
- What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?
- Can you describe the place where you live?
- What room does your family spend most of the time in?
- What's your favourite room in your apartment/house?
- What makes you feel pleasant in your home?
- Do you think it is important to live in a comfortable environment?
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- Who do you live with?
- What do you usually do in your flat?
- What kinds of accommodation do you live in?

59. Work & Study

- What do you study?
- What do you find most interesting about your studies?
- Which is more important to you — the teachers or the other students on your course?
- How much time do you spend studying every week?
- How do you usually travel to the city where you study?
- Do you study best in the morning or the afternoon?
- Have you always wanted to study this subject/ these subjects
- What kind of work do you do?
- What do you find most interesting about your work?
- Which is more important to you - the people you work with or the work you do?
- Do you work best in the morning or the afternoon?
- Would you like to change the place you work?

SPEAKING PART 2 & 3

1. Describe a picture/photograph of you that you like

You should say:

- Where it was taken/drawn
- When it was taken/drawn
- Who took/drew it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do people take photos?

What do people use to take photos these days, cameras or phones?

Is it difficult for people to learn how to take good photos?

How do people keep their photos?

2. Describe an unusual meal you had

You should say:

- When you had it
- Where you had it
- Whom you had it with

And explain why it was unusual

Part 3

What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating in restaurants?

What fast food is there in your country?

Do people eat fast food at home?

Why do some people choose to eat out instead of ordering takeout?

Do people in your country socialise in restaurants?

Do people in your country value food culture?

3. Describe something you did with someone/ a group of people

You should say:

- What it was
- Who you did it with
- How long it took you to do this

And explain why you did it together

Part 3

How do you get along with your neighbours?

How do neighbours help each other?

Do you think neighbours help each other more often in the countryside than in the city?

How do children learn to cooperate with each other?

Do you think parents should teach children how to cooperate with others?

Do you think it's important for children to learn about cooperation?

4. Describe someone (a famous person) that is a role model for young people

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- What he/she has done

And explain why he/she can be a role model for young people

Part 3

What kinds of people are likely to be the role models for teenagers?

Is it important for children to have a role model?

Are there any differences between today's famous people and those of the past?

What qualities do famous people have?

What kinds of people are likely to become famous?

Do people tend to choose the best people as their role model?

5. Describe a subject that you would like to learn in the future

You should say:

- What it is
- Where and how you want to learn it
- Why you want to learn it

And explain if it will be difficult to learn it

Part 3

What are the differences between online learning and offline learning?

Do you prefer to study alone or with a group of people?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning in a group?

What subjects do most young people prefer to learn?

What is more important when choosing a job, high salary or interest?

What do you think about face-to-face learning with teachers?

6. Describe a natural place (e.g. a park or a mountain)

You should say:

- Where this place is
- How you knew this place
- What it is like

And explain why you like to visit it

Part 3

What kind of people like to visit natural places?

What are the differences between a natural place and a city?

Do you think that going to the park is the only way to get close to nature?

What can people gain from going to natural places?

Are there any wild animals in the city?

Do you think it is a good idea to let animals stay in local parks for people to see?

7. Describe a risk you took that you thought would lead to a terrible result but ended up with a positive result

You should say:

- When you took the risk
- Why you took the risk
- How it went

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

How should parents teach their children what a risk is?

What risks should parents tell their children to avoid?

Why do some people like to watch risk-taking movies?

What kinds of sports are dangerous but exciting?

Why do some people enjoy dangerous sports?

Who is more interested in taking risks, the young or the old?

8. Describe someone you know who made a good decision recently

You should say

- Who he/she is
- When he/she made the decision
- What decision he/she made
- Why it was a good decision

And explain how you felt about the decision

Part 3

Should parents make decisions for their children?

Do you think parents are the best people to make decisions about their children's education?

At what age do you think children can be allowed to make decisions by themselves?

Why do most children find it difficult to make decisions?

Should parents interfere in children's decision-making?

How should parents help their children make decisions?

9. Describe a place where you have taken photos more than once

You should say:

- Where the place is
- When you took the photos
- What special features the photos taken there have

And explain why you have been there more than once to take photos

Part 3

Do you like to take photos?

Where do people often like to take photos?

Who would like to take photos more often, young people or older people?

Would you pay a lot of money to hire a photographer?

Do you think being a photographer is a good job?

On what occasions do people need formal photos?

10. Describe a person you really enjoy studying/working with

You should say:

- Who this person is
- When you often study/work together
- What you study/work together

And explain why you enjoy studying/working with him/her

Part 3

Should children be encouraged to learn from their peers?

What difficulties or problems would introverted people face in work or study?

How can a person be a good co-worker?

What makes a good employee?

How can people improve their collaboration skills?

Do you think it is more important for an employee to keep good relationships with colleagues than just focus on the work?

11. Describe a tourist attraction that very few people visit but you think is interesting/ Describe an interesting place in your country that not many people visit

You should say:

- What the place is
- What people can see there
- Why only very few people visit there

And explain why you think it is interesting

Part 3

Why do people visit tourist attractions?

What makes a tourist attraction famous?

Do local people like to visit local tourist attractions?

Do you think tourism causes environmental damage?

How can people prevent the environmental damage caused by tourism? Should all tourist attractions be free to the public?

12. Describe a person who encouraged you to achieve your goal

You should say:

- Who the person is
- How he/she encouraged you
- What goal you achieved

And explain how you feel about this person

Part 3

Do you think children are more likely to achieve their goals if they are encouraged?

What should parents do if their children don't want to study?

Who do you think should set goals for children?

Who plays a more important role in children's education, parents or teachers?

Is money the only motivation for people to work hard?

Which is more important, competition or cooperation?

13. Describe an interesting place you have been to with a friend

You should say:

- What and where the place is
- Who you went with
- When you went there
- What you did there

And explain why you think it is interesting

Part 3

Why do people need friends?

How long should we spend time with others?

How do you communicate with friends?

Why don't some people like to socialise/ like to stay alone?

Can talking with people improve social skills?

Does technology help people communicate better with others?

What skills can people learn when spending time with others?

People should spend more time with close friends or groups of friends

14. Describe a sport that you only have watched before but have not played yourself

You should say

- What it is
- When you watched it
- Where you watched it
- Who you watched it with

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

What kinds of sports would you like to play in the future?

Why are there many athletes in advertisements?

What are the features of people who watch sports games online, such as gender or age?

What's the most popular sport in your country?

What kinds of sports are popular now but not popular 50 years ago?

Do you think there are too many sorts of sports games on TV?

15. Describe a new law you would like to introduce in your country

You should say:

- What law it is
- What changes this law brings
- Whether this new law will be popular
- How you came up with the new law

And explain how you feel about this new law

Part 3

What rules should students follow at school?

Do people in your country usually obey the law?

What kinds of behaviour are considered as good behaviour?

Do you think children can learn about the law outside of school?

What are the benefits for people to obey rules?

How can parents teach children to obey rules?

16. Describe a special meal that someone made for you

You should say:

- Who did it
- When and how he/she cooked
- What and why he/she cooked for you

And explain how you felt about the meal

Part 3

Should students learn to cook at school?

Do you think people's eating habits would change as they get older?

Do people in your country like to learn to cook from TV programmes?

What kinds of fast food are popular in China?

Are there any people who wouldn't eat meat for their whole lives?

What do you think about vegetarians?

17. Describe a place you have been to where things are expensive

You should say:

- Where the place is
- What the place is like
- Why you went there
- What you bought there

And explain why you think things are expensive there

Part 3

Why do some people still use cash?

Will the payment be paperless in the future?

What do you think of the view that time is as important as money?

Is it more important to choose a job with a high salary or with more time off?

How important is it to have a variety of payment options?

Why are things more expensive in some places than in others?

18. Describe an indoor or outdoor place where it is easy for you to study

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is like
- When you go there
- What you study there

And explain why you would like to study in this place

Part 3

Do you like to learn on your own or with others?

What's the difference between learning face-to-face with teachers and learning by yourself?

Do you prefer to study at home or study in other places?

What are the benefits of gaining work experience while studying?

Do most people like to study in a noisy place?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying with other people?

19. Describe a person who thinks music is important and enjoys music

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you knew him/her
- What music he/she likes
- Why he/she thinks music is important

And explain how you feel about him/her

Part 3

What do you think about playing music for children in class?

Why do many teachers incorporate music into the classroom?

Do you think there are any advantages to a shop with music playing?

Would people's shopping behaviour be affected in a shop with music?

What do you think would be the effect of background music in a film?

Why are musical movies so popular?

20. Describe an important plant in your country

You should say:

- What it is
- Where you see it
- What it looks like

And explain why it is important

Part 3

What are the features of living in the countryside?

Should schools teach children how to grow plants?

Why do some people prefer to live in the countryside?

Have new kinds of plants been grown in your city recently?

Why do some people like to keep plants at home?

Are there many trees in your city?

21. Describe a person who likes to buy goods with low prices

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What this person likes to buy
- Where this person likes to buy things

And explain why this person likes cheap goods

Part 3

What are the differences between shopping in a shopping mall and in a street market?

Which is more commonly visited in China, shopping malls or street markets?

Is advertising important?

What are the disadvantages of shopping in a street market?

How do you buy cheap products?

Do you think things are more expensive in big shopping malls?

22. Describe a place (city/town) that is good for people to live in (not your hometown)

You should say:

- Where it is
- How you knew this place
- What it is like

And explain why it is better than other places to live in

Part 3

What are the differences between cities and towns?

What has happened to towns and villages in recent years in your country?

What are the differences between big cities and small ones?

What factors will contribute to whether a place is good to live in or not?

What are the major changes that have happened in your city?

How different is life in the countryside to life in the city?

23. Describe a time you taught something new to a younger person

You should say:

- When it happened
- What you taught
- Who you taught
- Why you taught this person

And how you felt about the teaching

Part 3

What skills do adults need to have?

How can people be motivated to learn new things?

What can children learn from teachers and parents?

What are the skills that you wanted to learn?

What skills should children learn before entering school?

How does a good learner learn something new?

24. Describe an enjoyable journey by public transport

You should say:

- Where you went
- Who you were with
- What you did

And how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do people choose to travel by public transport?

Why do more and more people like to travel by plane?

Do you think offering free public transport will solve traffic problems in the city?

What are the disadvantages of travelling by public transport?

What do you think are the cheapest and most expensive means of transport?

What are the difficulties that commuters face during rush hours?

25. Describe something you own that you want to replace

You should say:

- What it is
- Where it is
- How you got it

And explain why you want to replace it

Part 3

Does consumption have any impact on the environment?

Why do people always want to buy new things to replace old ones?

Why do you think some people replace things more often than others?

Why do young people change things more often than old people?

Why do some people like to buy expensive things?

Why do some people prefer to buy things in the supermarket rather than online?

26. Describe a time when you received money as a gift

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who gave you money
- Why he/she gave you money

And explain how you used the money

Part 3:

Why do people rarely use cash now?

When do children begin to comprehend the value of money?

Is it good and necessary to teach children to save money?

Should parents reward children with money?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of using credit cards?

Do you think it's a good thing that more people are using digital payment?

27. Describe an activity you enjoyed in your free time when you were young

You should say:

- What it was
- Where you did it
- Who you did it with

And explain why you enjoyed it

Part 3:

Is it important to have a break during work or study?

What sports do young people like to do now?

Are there more activities for young people now than 20 years ago?

Can most people balance work and life in China?

What activities do children and adults do nowadays?

Do adults and children have enough time for leisure activities nowadays?

28. Describe a noisy place you have been to

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you went there
- What you did there

And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

Part 3:

Do you think it is good for children to make noise?

Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

What kinds of noises are there in our life?

Which area is exposed to noise more, the city or the countryside?

How would people usually respond to noises in your country?

How can people consider others feelings when chatting in public?

29. Describe an interesting old person you have met

You should say:

- Who this person is
- When/where you met this person
- What you did with this person

And explain why you think this person is interesting

Part 3:

Do you think old people and young people can share interests?

What can old people teach young people?

Is it easy for young people and old people to make friends with each other?

Are there benefits when one person is interested in another person?

Do you think people are more selfish or self-centred now than in the past?

What benefits can people get if they are self-centred?

30. Describe something you would like to learn in the future

You should say:

What it is

- How you would like to learn it
- Where you would like to learn it
- Why you would like to learn it

And explain whether it's difficult to learn it

Part 3:

What's the most popular thing to learn nowadays?

At what age should children start making their own decisions?

Which influences young people more when choosing a course, income or interest?

Do young people take their parents' advice when choosing a major?

Besides parents, who else would people take advice from?

Why do some people prefer to study alone?

31. Describe a person who you are happy to know

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- What he or she is like

And explain why you are happy to know him/her

Part 3:

How can children feel happy?

What's the difference between adults' and children's happiness?

Do you think everyone shares a similar definition of happiness?

Some people say that living in a happy city is boring. What do you think?

32. Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted

You should say:

- What it was
- When you received it
- Who gave it to you

And explain why you wanted it so much

Part 3:

Should employees have their own goals?

How should bosses reward employees?

What kinds of gifts do young people like to receive as rewards?

How should children spend their allowance money?

Why do people like shopping more now than in the past?

Do you think shopping is good for a country's economy?

33. Describe a piece of good news that you heard about someone you know well

You should say:

- What it was
- When you heard it
- How you knew it

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3:

Is it good to share something on social media?

Should the media only publish good news?

How does social media help people access information?

What kind of good news do people often share in the community?

Do most people like to share good news with others?

Do people like to hear good news from their friends?

34. Describe a film character played by an actor or actress whom you admire

You should say:

- Who this actor/actress is
- When you saw the film
- What the character was like in this film

And explain why you admire this actor/actress

Part 3:

Are actors or actresses very interested in their work?

Is being a professional actor or actress a good career?

What can children learn from acting?

Why do children like special costumes?

What are the differences between actors or actresses who earn much and those who earn little?

What are the differences between acting in a theatre and that in a film?

35. Describe a complaint that you made and you were satisfied with the result

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who you complained to
- What you complained about

And explain why you were satisfied with the result

Part 3:

When are people more likely to make complaints?

What do people often complain about?

Which one is better when making a complaint, by talking or by writing?

Who is more likely to make complaints, older people or younger people?

How would you react if you received poor service at a restaurant?

How do people often respond to poor customer service?

36. Describe a person you met at a party who you enjoyed talking with

You should say:

- What party it was
- Who this person is
- What you talked about

And explain why you enjoyed talking with him/her

Part 3:

In what situations would people be willing to get to know new people?

Where do people go to meet new people?

How do people start a conversation?

Is it difficult for Chinese people to communicate with people from other countries?

Why are some people unwilling to have conversations with others?

Is it difficult for adults to talk with children?

37. Describe a time when you missed or were late for an important meeting/event/appointment

You should say:

- When it happened
- What happened
- Why you missed/were late for it

And explain how you felt about this experience

Part 3:

Are you a punctual person?

Do you think it is important to be on time?

Do you always avoid being late?

Why are people often late for meetings or appointments?

Are people in your country often late for meetings?

Do you think people are born with time management skills or they can develop them?

38. Describe your favourite place in your house where you can relax

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is like
- What you enjoy doing there

And explain why you feel relaxed at this place

Part 3:

Why is it difficult for some people to relax?

What are the benefits of doing exercise?

Do people in your country exercise after work?

What is the place where people spend most of their time at home?

Do you think there should be classes for training young people and children how to relax?

Which is more important, mental relaxation or physical relaxation?

39. Describe your first day at school that you remember

You should say:

- Where the school was
- How you went there
- What happened that day

And how you felt on that day

Part 3:

What would parents prepare when their kids go to school on the first day?

How do children socialise with each other?

Is socialisation important for children?

What are the reasons for job change?

Are big companies better than small companies?

What are the advantages and disadvantages coming along with changing jobs?

40. Describe an occasion you wore the best clothes

You should say:

- When it was
- What you wore
- Why you wore it

And how you felt about it

Part 3:

On what occasions do people wear formal clothes in your country?

Do you think people need to wear formal clothing in the workplace?

Why do some people like to wear traditional clothes?

Will traditional clothes disappear in the future?

Do old people change their style of dressing?

Do you think that people spend too much money on clothes for special occasions?

Do you think people place too much importance on fashionable clothing

Does the fashion industry must consider environmental issues more?

Is fashion design a meaningful art form?

Is it a good thing for people around the world to dress in a similar way?

41. Describe a time when you taught a friend/relative something

You should say:

- Who you taught
- What/how you taught
- What the result was

And explain how you felt about the experience

Part 3:

What practical skills can young people teach old people?

How can young people teach old people skills?

How can we know what to do when we want to learn something new?

Do you think 'showing' is a better way than 'telling' in education?

Do people in your country like to watch videos to learn something?

What skills can young people teach old people besides technology?

42. Describe a historical building you have been to

You should say:

- Where it is & what it looks like
- What it is used for now
- What you learned there

And how you felt about this historical building

Part 3:

Why do people visit historical buildings?

Do Chinese people like to visit historical buildings?

Do most people agree to the government's funding to protect historical buildings?

Is it necessary to protect historical buildings?

43. Describe a place you visited where the air was polluted

You should say:

- Where the place is
- When you visited it
- Why the air was not good

And explain how you felt about the place

Part 3:

Is there more pollution now than in the past?

Do you think the city is cleaner or dirtier than the countryside?

What can factories and power plants do to reduce pollutants?

Do you think the wind has any effect on pollution?

In what ways can air pollution be reduced effectively?

Do you think many companies have been forced to reduce pollutants?

44. Describe a daily routine that you enjoy

You should say:

- What it is
- When and why you started to follow this routine
- Whether it is easy to follow this routine

And explain why you enjoy having this routine in your daily life

Part 3:

Should children have learning routines?

What are the advantages of children having a routine at school?

Does having a routine make kids feel more secure at school?

How do people's routines differ on weekdays and weekends?

What daily routines do people have at home?

What are the differences between people's daily routines now and in the last 15 years?

45. Describe a difficult thing you did and succeeded

You should say:

- What it was
- How you overcame the difficulties
- Whether you got help

And explain how you felt after you succeeded

Part 3:

Should people set goals for themselves?

How would you define success?

How can we judge whether young people are successful nowadays?

Are successful people often lonely?

What kinds of success can students achieve at school?

Should students be proud of their success?

46. Describe another city you would like to stay for a short time

You should say:

- Where the city is
- Why you want to go there
- Whom you will go there with
- What you will do there

And explain why you will stay there just for a short time

Part 3:

Why is the noise pollution worse in tourism cities than in other cities?

Do most people like planned travelling?

Do you think tourists may come across bad things in other cities?

Why do places with historical sites develop the tourism industry more actively?

Why are historical cities popular?

Why do people sometimes go to other cities or other countries to travel?

47. Describe a piece of technology you own that you feel is difficult to use

You should say:

- When you got it
- What you got it for
- How often you use it

And explain how you feel about it

Part 3:

Does the development of technology affect the way we study?

What changes has the development of technology brought about in our lives?

Why do technology companies keep upgrading their products?
Why are people so keen on buying iPhones even though they haven't changed much from one iPhone to the next?
Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?
What technology do people currently use?

48. Describe an advertisement you have seen but you did not like

You should say:

- Where and when you saw it
- What the advertisement was for
- What you could see in the advertisement

And explain why you did not like the advertisement

Part 3:

What role does social media play in advertising?

Does advertising encourage us to buy things we don't need?

What do you think of celebrity endorsements in advertising?

What are the benefits of advertising?

Which one is more effective, newspaper advertising or online advertising?

What are the most advertised products in your country?

49. Describe a website you often visit

You should say:

- What it is about
- How you found out about it
- How often you visit it

And explain why you often visit it

Part 3:

What are the differences between old people and young people when they use the internet?

What kinds of people would still go to the library to read and study?

Is the library still necessary?

Why do some people like to read the news on the internet instead of getting it from TV?

What's the difference between the internet and television?

What are the most popular and least popular apps in China?

50. Describe something you had to share with others

You should say:

- What it was
- Who you shared it with
- Why you had to share it with others

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3:

1. Do you think kids like to share? Why?
2. How can parents teach their children to share?
3. What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?
4. Is there anything that parents should persuade children to share with others?
5. How can governments encourage shared transport?
6. Why is it important to share food with others during a celebration?

51. Describe a friend from your childhood

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- Where and how you met each other
- What you often did together

And explain what made you like him/her

Part 3:

1. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood?
2. How important is childhood friendship to children?
3. What do you think of communicating via social media?
4. Do you think online communication through social media will replace face-to-face communication?
5. What is the difference between having younger friends and older friends?

6. Has technology changed people's friendships?

UPDATES

52. Describe a vehicle you would like to buy

You should say:

- What kind of vehicle
- Why you would like to have it
- How you would get it

And explain why you would prefer this means of transport.

Part 3:

What are the advantages and disadvantages of public and private transportation?

What are the advantages to society of having more people using mass transportation?

Compare the advantages and disadvantages of using mass transportation.

Why do some people have to travel a long distance every day to go to work?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the centre of a city and living in the suburbs of a city?

53. Describe a natural talent you want to improve like sport, music, etc.

You should say:

- What it is
- When you discovered it
- How you want to improve it

And how you feel about it

Part 3:

Do you think it is more interesting to watch famous people or ordinary people's shows?

Why do people like to watch talent shows?

Is it possible for us to know that children who are 3 or 4 years old will become musicians or painters when they grow up?

Do you think artists with talents should focus on their talents?

Do you think parents feel guilty for putting too much pressure on their children?

54. Describe a historical period/moment you would like to learn more about

You should say:

- When it was
- What you are interested in
- What you have known

And explain why you would like to know more

Part 3:

How were you taught history when you were at school?

In what ways can children learn history?

Is it hard to protect and preserve historic buildings?

Who should pay for the preservation of historic buildings?

Will museums be replaced by technology someday?

55. Describe a person you know who you think is very intelligent

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- Why you think this person is very intelligent

And explain how you feel about this person

- *Follow-up Questions: Do you like intelligent people?*

Part 3:

Intelligence in children

- the kinds of games that can help children to become more intelligent
- talking to children is the best way to develop their intelligence

Intelligence at work

- the kinds of jobs where intelligence is particularly important

- being very intelligent can sometimes be a disadvantage in the workplace

Artificial intelligence

- whether artificial intelligence could ever match human intelligence - any potential risks to humanity of relying on artificial intelligence

56. Describe an important achievement you have made

You should say:

- What you achieved
- When and where you did it
- What you did to achieve it

Why it was an important achievement

Part 3:

Should people set goals under any circumstances?

Should employers reward employees with money?

Is it important for employees to keep fit at work?

57. Describe a time when someone apologised to you

You should say:

- Who apologised you
- When they apologised
- Why they apologised

And explain how did you feel after they apologised

Part 3:

Do people often 'say sorry' in your country?

Is it important to teach children to say sorry?

Is it important to teach children to respect others?

58. Describe a good decision someone just made recently

You should say:

- What the decision was
- When and where you made this decision
- What happened as a result of this decision

And explain why you think this was a good decision to make

Part 3:

Decisions in daily life

- (identify) decisions that most people have to make every day
- (consider) at what age children start making their own decisions
- (assess) why some people find it hard to make everyday decisions

Decisions about the future

- (consider) what helps people to make decisions about the future
- (evaluate) advantages/disadvantages of making decisions about the future at a young age
- (agree/disagree) people should always stick to the decisions they make

Life-changing decisions

- (evaluate) whether important decisions are best made alone
- (agree/disagree) the best decisions are always made by analysing the facts
- (comment on) the view that the smallest decisions can have the greatest impact on people's lives.

59. Describe a special day out which didn't cost very much

You should say:

- Where and when you went
- What you did
- What you spent money on

And explain why you enjoyed this special day out

Part 3:

Having a day out

- (describe) places people in your country go for a day out
- (suggest) reasons why people want to have a day out
- (compare) having a day out with staying at home

What makes a day out enjoyable

- (evaluate) the influence of the weather on the enjoyment of going out
- (compare) the experience of going out with friends
- (assess) the importance of spending money in making a day out enjoyable

Changing concepts of leisure

- (consider) whether technology has increased opportunities for leisure

- (agree/disagree) it is only the young who can make leisure time an active experience
- (speculate on) people's expectations about leisure time now and in the past

60. Describe an activity you usually do that wastes your time

You should say:

- What it is
- When you usually do it
- Why you do it

And explain why you think it wastes your time

Part 3:

How do you balance life and work?

Will you continue doing something when you are aware that it's a waste of time?

What kinds of things make people feel pressured?

Why do some people refuse to abide by rules?

61. Describe an occasion when two of your friends had a disagreement

You should say:

- What they argued about
- Why they argued with each other
- What happened at the end

How you felt about it

Part 3:

Do you think arguments are important?

What do family members usually have arguments about?

Is it easier for you to have arguments with your family or with your friends?

Do you think people should change the way they think when having arguments?

62. Describe your favourite type of climate

You should say:

- What it is
- It is hot or cold
- How often it rains

And explain why you like this type of climate

Part 3:

What are the effects of climate on one's feelings?

How do people in your country feel about current climate

How might seasonal places in areas with four seasons affect a person's place of residence socially and economically?

63. Describe a product that you would like to buy in others countries

You should say:

- What product it is
- When you want to buy it
- Whether it has any special feature

And explain why you want to buy it.

Part 3:

What is the product which is consumed most in your country?

Did you tell anyone after buying it?

What are your thoughts about the trend that people buy new things instead of repairing old ones?

Why do people living in different regions like different foods?

64. Describe an important river or lake in your country

You should say:

- Where in your country it is
- How big it is
- What it looks like

And explain why this river, lake or area of water is important for your country

Part 3:

Water-based activities

- (identify) the most popular water sports in your country
- (give reasons) why people enjoy spending time near water
- (agree/disagree) all children should have swimming lessons at school

The world's rivers

- (identify) the sorts of jobs that are associated with rivers
- (comment on) the importance of rivers for tourism
- (consider) the advantages and disadvantages of using rivers to transport people in cities

The world's oceans

- (assess) the impact of pollution on the world's oceans
- (suggest) why the oceans are the least explored area of the planet
- (speculate on) whether there needs to be greater commercial use of the oceans in the future

65. Describe an adventurous person that you know

You should say:

- Who the person is
- How you know this person
- What this person does that is adventurous

And explain why you think this person likes to take risks.

Part 3:

Are adventurous activities popular in VietNam?

Why do you think some people like adventurous activities?

Should the government pay for the cost of rescuing adventurous people who find themselves in need of help?

What do you think are the advantages and possible disadvantages of facing challenges?

66. Describe a child that you know

You should say:

- Who this child is and how often you see him or her
- How old this child is
- What he or she is like

And explain what you feel about this child.

Part 3:

Relationships between parents and children

- How much time do children spend with their parents in your country? Do you think that is enough?
- How important do you think spending time together is for the relationships between parents and children?
- Have relationships between parents and children changed in recent years? Why do you think that is?

Children's free-time activities

- What are the most popular free-time activities with children today?
- Do you think the free-time activities children do today are good for their health?
- How do you think children's activities will change in the future? Will this be a positive change?

67. Describe a new development in the area where you live (e.g shopping mall or park)

You should say:

- What the development is
- When/where you noticed it
- How long it took to complete it

And explain how you feel about it

Part 3:

What transportation do you use the most?

Is public transportation popular in VietNam?

What can be improved in public transport services?

What leisure facilities can be used by people of all ages?

Do you think young people in your country like to go to the cinema?

68. Describe something you did that made you feel proud

You should say:

- What it was
- How you did it
- How difficult it was

And explain why you felt proud of it

Part 3:

Which is more important, personal goals or work goals?

Have your life goals changed since your childhood?

Does everyone set goals for themselves?

Does everyone set goals for themselves?

Do you think material rewards are more important than other rewards at work?

What makes people feel proud of themselves?

69. Describe a person who can play an instrument or has musical talents

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How and where you knew this person
- Why you think he/she is talented

And explain how you found out that he/she is talented

Part 3:

What will children do after hearing music?

What kind of music do children like?

Why does the teacher play some music in class?

Why is music often played in stores?

How does the store owner know what kind of music is attractive?

Should children learn musical instruments when they are young?

Is music important in movies?

70. Describe a situation someone congratulated/ complimented you on something you've done well

You should say:

- What the situation was
- Who congratulated you
- Why you were congratulated

And explain how you felt

Part 3:

On which occasions do people congratulate you in your country?

What kinds of ways do people celebrate in your country?

Why do some people want to be successful?

71. Describe a small shop or store you often go to

You should say:

- Where it is
- What type of people go there
- What types of goods are sold there

And explain why you go there and like/dislike most about it.

Part 3:

How do you look upon online shopping?

Are there any changes in the way people shop today and the past?

Is there any difference between the shopping habits of the old and young?

What is the difference between going to the shopping mall and going to a small shop?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?

72. Describe something kind that someone did for you

You should say:

- Who this person was
- Where and when it happened
- What he/she did for you

And explain how you felt after they did this

Part 3:

How essential is it for people to be nice to one another?

What are some of the benefits of being nice in our daily lives?

Do you believe individuals are inherently predisposed to be friendly, or must it be taught?

73. Describe a restaurant that you like to go to with your family or friends

You should say:

- Where it is
- Why you chose this restaurant
- What kind of food you like there

And explain why you enjoyed eating in this restaurant.

Part 3:

Why do you think people go to restaurants when they want to celebrate something?

Which are more popular in your country: fast food restaurants or traditional restaurants? Why do you think that is?

Do you think there will be a greater choice of food available in shops in the future, or will there be less choice?

What effects has modern technology had on the way food is produced?

74. Describe an important letter that you received

You should say:

- Who wrote it to you
- What the letter was about
- How you felt about the letter

And explain why the letter was important to you.

75. Describe a food of another country you would like to try

You should say:

- What it is
- Where you can eat it
- How you know about this food

And explain why you would like to try it

Part 3:

What is the food of your country cooked at home?

Any equipment to help cook that previous people did not have?

Few people today can't cook, is it true?

Is it a good idea to teach children about food?

OTHERS

Describe a TV programme that you like to watch

Describe a song that you remember from your childhood

Describe a time when you gave a gift to someone

Describe a person who won a competition

Describe one of your favourite books from your childhood.

Describe a group or a club you have ever joined

Describe an area of your hometown that has recently changed quite quickly

Describe a place (near where you live) where people go to swim

Describe something interesting you would like to do

Describe a foreign culture that you are interested in

Describe a time when you lost something

Describe a "dream job" when you were a child

Describe a piece of furniture in your home

Describe a subject that you studied (in secondary or highschool) that you thought was interesting

Describe something you made yourself (either alone or with others)