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25. Describe a creative person (e.g. an artist, a musician, an architect, etc.) you admire
26. Describe a popular person
27. Describe a trip you would like to take again.
28. Describe a family member whom you are proud of.
29. Describe an occasion where you were not allowed to use a mobile phone
30. Describe an occasion when most people were smiling.
31. Describe an interesting decision that you and your friend made together.
32. Describe a movie you watched recently that you felt disappointed about
33. Describe your favorite place in your house where you can relax
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35. Describe a friend of yours who is good at music/singing

PART 1

FIXED questions

Work/Studies

- Do you work or are you a student?
- Why did you choose this kind of work/to study this subject?
- Do you like your job?
- What's the most interesting part of being a ... (... / student)?
- What's the most difficult part of being a ... (... / student)?
- What do you dislike about your work or studies?
- What kind of work would you like to do in the future?

Accommodation

- Do you live in a house or an apartment/flat?
- Can you describe the place where you live?
- What do you like about your flat?
- Which is your favourite room in your home?
- What can you see from the windows?
- Would you change anything about your home?
- Would you like to move to a different home in the future?

Hometown/city

- Tell me about your hometown.
- What's your hometown known for?
- Do you like your hometown?
- How long have you been living there?
- Do you think you'll continue living there for a long time?
- How has your town changed in the last 20 years?

Your Country

- Where is your country located?
- Which part of your country do most people live in?
- What are the main industries in your country?
- What are some of the good things about living in your country?
- What are some of the bad things about living in your country?
- Will you stay in your country in the future?

New topics:

1 Rules

1. Are there any rules for students at your school?
2. Do you think students would benefit more from more rules?
3. Have you ever had a really dedicated teacher?
4. Do you prefer to have more or fewer rules at school?

2 Public places

1. Have you ever talked with someone you don't know in public places?
2. Do you wear headphones in public places?
3. Would you like to see more public places near where you live?
4. Do you often go to public places with your friends?

3 Staying with old people

1. Have you ever worked with old people?
2. Are you happy to work with people who are older than you?
3. Do you enjoy spending time with old people?
4. What are the benefits of being friends with or working with old people?

4 Growing vegetables/fruits

1. Are you interested in growing vegetables and fruits?
2. Is growing vegetables popular in your country?
3. Do many people grow vegetables in your city?
4. Do you think it's easy to grow vegetables?
5. Should schools teach students how to grow vegetables?

5 Going out

1. Do you bring food or snacks with you when going out?
2. Do you always take your mobile phone with you when going out?
3. Do you often bring cash with you?
4. How often do you use cash?

6 Advertisement

1. Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?
2. Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?
3. Do you like advertisements?
4. What kind of advertising do you like?

7 Crowded place

1. Is the city where you live crowded?
2. Is there a crowded place near where you live?
3. Do you like crowded places?
4. Do most people like crowded places?
5. When was the last time you were in a crowded place?

8 Chatting

1. Do you like chatting with friends?
2. What do you usually chat about with friends?
3. Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or with only one friend?
4. Do you prefer to communicate face-to-face or via social media?
5. Do you argue with friends?

9 Friends

1. Is there a difference between where you meet friends now and where you used to meet them in the past?
2. Why are some places suitable for meeting while others are not?
3. Do you prefer to spend time with one friend or with a group of friends?
4. Would you invite friends to your home?
5. How important are friends to you?

10 Art

1. Do you like art?
2. Do you like visiting art galleries?
3. Do you want to be an artist?
4. Do you like modern art or traditional art?

11 Shoes

1. Do you like buying shoes? How often?
2. Have you ever bought shoes online?
3. How much money do you usually spend on shoes?
4. Which do you prefer, fashionable shoes or comfortable shoes?

12 Museum

1. Do you think museums are important?
2. Are there many museums in your hometown?
3. Do you often visit a museum?
4. When was the last time you visited a museum?

13 Having a break

1. How often do you take a rest or a break?
2. What do you usually do when you are resting?
3. Do you take a nap when you are taking your rest?
4. How do you feel after taking a nap?

14 Borrowing/lending

1. How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?
2. Do you like to lend things to others?
3. Have you ever borrowed money from others?
4. Have you borrowed books from others?

15 Sharing

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

16 Plants

1. Do you keep plants at home?
2. What plant did you grow when you were young?
3. Do you know anything about growing a plant?
4. Do people in your country send plants as gifts?

17 Doing something well

1. Do you have an experience when you did something well?
2. Do you have an experience when your teacher thought you did a good job?
3. Do you often tell your friends when they do something well?
4. Do you have another experience when your teacher thought you did a good job?

18 Keys

Have you ever lost your keys ?
Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?
Do you often forget the keys and lock yourself out ?
Is it a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?
Where do you keep your keys?

19 Food

What is your favourite food?
Do you eat different foods at different times of the year?
Has your favourite food changed since you were a child?
What kind of food did you like when you were young?

20 Morning time

Do you like getting up early in the morning? What do you usually do in the morning?
What did you do in the morning when you were little?
Are there any differences between what you do in the morning now and what you did in the past?
Do you spend your mornings doing the same things on both weekends and weekdays?

21 Gifts

What gift have you received recently?
Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?
What do you consider when choosing a gift?
Have you ever received a great gift?
Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

22 Days off

What do you usually do when you have days off?
When was the last time you had a few days off?
What would you like to do if you had a day off tomorrow?
Do you usually spend your days off with your parents or with your friends?

23 Dreams

Do you often see dreams?
Can you remember the dreams you had?
Do dreams have special meanings?
Do you share your dreams with others?

24 Pets and Animals

Have you ever had a pet before?

What is the most popular animal in your country?

What's your favourite animal? Why?

Where do you prefer to keep your pet, indoors or outdoors?

25 Cash

How often do you use cash?

Do you often bring cash with you?

26 Hobby

Do you have any hobbies?

Do you have the same hobbies as your family members?

Do you have a hobby that you've had since childhood?

Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?

27 Friends

What do you usually do with your friends?

Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?

Where do you often meet each other?

Is there a difference between where you meet friends now and where you met them in the past?

Would you invite friends to your home?

Do you prefer to spend time with one friend or with a group of friends?

28 Mobile phones

What was your first mobile phone?

Have you ever lost your mobile phone?

How has your mobile phone changed your life?

Will you buy a new one in the future?

Do you often use your mobile phone for texting or calls?

29 Housework and cooking

What housework do you like or dislike doing?

Did you do some house cleaning when you were young?

Do you like cooking?

How often do you cook?

Do you enjoy cooking with others?

Do you like to cook for a large group of people?

What do you think of working as a waiter?

30 Plan/schedule

Do you like making plans?

Why is it that some people don't make plans?

What are the benefits of making plans?

Do you use paper or your cellphone to make plans?

31 Taking photos

Do you like taking selfies?

Do you like taking photos?

Do you like to print out your photos or just keep them on your phone or camera?

Do you want to improve your photography skills?

What is your favourite family photo?

32 Plants

Do you keep plants at home?

Do people in your country send plants as gifts?

Do you know anything about growing a plant?

What plant did you grow when you were young?

33 Having a break

How do you feel after taking a nap?

Do you take a nap when you have a rest?

What do you usually do when you are resting?

How often do you take a rest or a break?

34 Crowded Places

Do you like crowded places?

Is the city where you live crowded?

Is there a crowded place near where you live?

When was the last time you were in a crowded place?

35 Museums

Do you often visit a museum?

When was the last time you visited a museum?

Are there many museums in your hometown?

Do you think museums are important?

36 Advertisements

Do you like advertisements?

What kind of advertising do you like?

Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?

Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?

37 Borrowing/Lending

Have you ever borrowed books from others?

Have you ever borrowed money?

Do you like to lend things to others?

How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?

38 Sharing

Have you shared anything with others recently? What was it?

What kind of things are not suitable for sharing?

What kind of things do you like to share with others?

Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?

39 Chatting

Do you like chatting with friends?

What do you usually chat about with friends?

Do you argue with friends?

Do you prefer to communicate face-to-face or via social media?

Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or with only one friend?

PART 2 + 3

1 Describe an interesting traditional story

You should say:

What the story is about

When/how you knew it

Who told you the story

And explain how you felt when you first heard it

Part 3:

1. What kind of stories do children like?
2. What are the benefits of listening to stories before bed?
3. Why do most children like listening to stories before bedtime?
4. What can children learn from stories?
5. Do all stories for children have happy endings?

2 Describe a place with a lot of trees that you would like to visit (e.g. a forest, oasis)

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew this place

What it is like

And explain why you would like to visit it

Part 3:

1. Are natural views better than city views?
2. Do all people need some nature?
3. Are people hard-wired to protect the environment?
4. Why do people like visiting places with trees or forests?
5. Why is it important to have parks in the city?

3 Describe a successful sportsperson you admire

You should say:

Who he/she is

What you know about him/her

What he/she is like in real life

What achievement he/she has made

And explain why you admire him/her

Part 3:

- 1) Should students have physical education and do sports at school?
- 2) What qualities should an athlete have?
- 3) Is talent important in sports?
- 4) Is it easy to identify children's talents?
- 5) What is the most popular sport in your country?

4 Describe an area/subject of science (biology, robotics, etc.) that you are interested in and would like to learn more about

You should say:

Which area/subject it is

When and where you came to know this area/subject

How you get information about this area/subject

And explain why you are interested in this area/subject

Part 3:

1. Why do some children not like learning science at school?
2. Is it important to study science at school?
3. Which science subject is the most important for children to learn?
4. Should people continue to study science after graduating from school?
5. How do you get to know about scientific news?

5 Describe a talk you gave to a group of people

You should say:

Who you gave the talk to

What the talk was about

Why you gave the talk

And explain how you felt about the talk

Part 3:

- 1) What benefits does the internet bring to communication?
- 2) Which one is better, being a communicator or a listener?
- 3) What qualities does a person need to have to be a good communicator?
- 4) What qualities do people need to speak in public?
- 5) How important is it to be a good listener when communicating?

6 Describe a good habit your friend has and you want to develop

You should say:

Who your friend is

What habit he/she has

When you noticed this habit

And explain why you want to develop this habit

Part 3:

- 1) What habits should children have?
- 2) What should parents do to teach their children good habits?
- 3) What influences do children with bad habits have on other children?
- 4) Why do some habits change when people get older?

7 Describe a time you saw something interesting on social media

You should say:

When it was

Where you saw it

What you saw

And explain why you think it was interesting

Part 3:

- 1) Why do people like to use social media?
- 2) What kinds of things are popular on social media?
- 3) What are the advantages and disadvantages of using social media?
- 4) What do you think of making friends on social network?

8 Describe a natural talent (sports, music, etc.) you want to improve

You should say:

What it is

When you discovered it

How you want to improve it

And how you feel about it

Part 3:

- 1) Do you think artists with talents should focus on their talents?
- 2) Is it possible for us to know whether children who are 3 or 4 years old will become musicians and painters when they grow up?
- 3) Why do people like to watch talent shows?
- 4) Do you think it is more interesting to watch famous people's or ordinary people's

9 Describe a toy you liked in your childhood

You should say:

What kind of toy it is

When you received it

How you played it

And how you felt about it

PART 3:

- 1) What's the difference between the toys boys play with and girls play with?
- 2) What are the advantages and disadvantages of modern toys?
- 3) How do advertisements influence children?
- 4) Should advertising aimed at kids be prohibited?
- 5) What's the difference between the toys kids play now and those they played in the past?

10 Describe a time when you told your friend an important 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:

- 1) Do you think we should tell the truth at all times?
- 2) How do you know when others are telling lies?
- 3) Sometimes people should tell lies. Do you agree?
- 4) Do you think it's more important to win a game or follow the rules in sports?

11 Describe the time when you first talked in a foreign language

You should say:

Where you were

Who you were with

What you talked about

And explain how you felt about it

PART 3:

- 1) At what age should children start learning a foreign language?
- 2) Which skill is more important, speaking or writing?
- 3) Does a person still need to learn other languages, if he or she is good at English?
- 4) Do you think minority languages will disappear?

12 Describe a book you read that you found useful

You should say:

What it is

When you read it

Why you think it is useful

And explain how you felt about it

PART 3:

- 1) What are the types of books that young people like to read?
- 2) What's the difference between the reading habits of old people and young people?
- 3) What's the difference between paper books and e-books?
- 4) Some people say that it is easier for children who start reading from a young age to succeed. Do you agree?

13 Describe an occasion when you lost your way

You should say:

Where you were

What happened

How you felt

And explain how you found your way

PART 3:

- 1) Is a paper map still necessary?
- 2) How do people react when they get lost?
- 3) Why do some people get lost more easily than others?
- 4) Do you think it is important to be able to read a map?
- 5) Do you think it is important to do some preparation before you travel to new places?

14 Describe a time when someone apologized to you

You should say:

When it was

Who this person is

Why he or she apologized to you

And how you felt about it

PART 3:

- 1) On what occasion do people usually apologize to others?
- 2) Do people in your country like to say "sorry"?
- 3) Do you think people should apologize for anything wrong they do?
- 4) Why do some people refuse to say "sorry" to others?

15 Describe a water sport you would like to try in the future

You should say:

What it is

Where you would like to try it

Whether it is difficult

And explain why you would like to try it

Part 3 What do you think of the people who waste water?

- 1) What are the characteristics of goods transported by water?
- 2) Do you think it is good to teach swimming in school?
- 3) What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?
- 4) Why do people like to live near water?

16 Describe a great dinner you and your friends or family members enjoyed

You should say:

What you had

Who you had the dinner with

What you talked about during the dinner

And explain why you enjoyed it

Part 3:

- 1 Do people prefer to eat out at restaurants or eat at home during the Spring Festival?
- 2 What food do you eat on special occasions, like during the Spring Festival or the Mid-autumn Festival?
- 3 Why do people like to have meals together during important festivals?
- 4 Is it a hassle to prepare a meal at home?
- 5 What do people often talk about during meals?

17 Describe an exciting activity you have tried for the first time

You should say:

What it is

When/where you did it

Why you thought it was exciting

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3:

- 1 Why are some people unwilling to try new things?
- 2 Do you think fear stops people from trying new things?
- 3 Why are some people keen on doing dangerous activities?
- 4 Do you think that children adapt to new things more easily than adults?
- 5 What can people learn from doing dangerous activities?

18 Describe a time when the electricity suddenly went off

You should say:

When/where it happened

How long it lasted

What you did during that time

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3:

- 1 Which is better, electric bicycles or ordinary bicycles?
- 2 Do you think electric bicycles will replace ordinary bicycles in the future?
- 3 Which is better, electric cars or petrol cars?
- 4 How did people manage to live without electricity in the ancient world?
- 5 Is it difficult for the government to replace all the petrol cars with electric cars?

19 Describe an important decision made with the help of other people

You should say:

What the decision was

Why you made the decision

Who helped you make the decision

And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- 1 What kind of decisions do you think are meaningful?
- 2 What important decisions should be made by teenagers themselves?
- 3 Why are some people unwilling to make quick decisions?
- 4 Do people like to ask for advice more for their personal life or their work?

20 Describe a good friend who is important to you

You should say:

Who he/she is

How/where you got to know him/her

How long you have known each other

And explain why he/she is important to you

Part 3:

1. How do children make friends at school?
2. How do children make friends when they are not at school?
3. Do you think it is better for children to have a few close friends or many casual friends?
4. Do you think a child's relationship with friends can be replaced by that with other people, like parents or other family members?
5. What are the differences between friends made inside and outside the workplace?

21 Describe an important old thing that your family has kept for a long time

What it is

How/when your family first got this

thing How long your family has kept it

And explain why this thing is important to your family

Part 3:

1. What kind of old things do people in your country like to keep?
2. Why do people keep old things?
3. What are the differences between the things old people keep and those young people keep?
4. What are the differences between the things that people keep today and the things that people kept in the past?
5. What can we see in a museum?

22 Describe a long journey you had and would like to take again

You should say:

When/where you went

Who you had the journey with

Why you had the journey

And explain why you would like to have it again

Part 3:

1. Do you think it is a good choice to travel by plane?
2. What are the differences between group travelling and travelling alone?
3. What do we need to prepare for a long journey?
4. Why do some people like making long journeys?
5. Why do some people prefer to travel in their own country?

23 Describe a wild animal that you want to learn more about

You should say:

What it is

When/where you saw it

Why you want to learn more about it

And explain what you want to learn more about it

Part 3:

1. Why should we protect wild animals?
2. Why are some people more willing to protect wild animals than others?
3. Do you think it's important to take children to the zoo to see animals?
4. Why do some people attach more importance to protecting rare animals?
5. Should people educate children to protect wild animals?

24 Describe a person you know who enjoys working for a family business

(e.g. a shop, etc.)

You should

say:

Who he/she is

What the business is

What his/her job is
And explain why he/she enjoys working there

Part 3:

1. Would you like to start a family business?
2. Would you like to work for a family business?
3. Why do some people choose to start their own company?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of family businesses?
5. What family businesses do you know in your local area?

25 Describe a creative person (e.g. an artist, a musician, an architect, etc.) you admire

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What his/her greatest achievement is

And explain why you think he/she is creative

Part 3:

1. Do you think children should learn to play musical instruments?
2. How do artists acquire inspiration?
3. Do you think pictures and videos in news reports are important?
4. What can we do to help children stay creative?
5. How does drawing help to enhance children's creativity?

26 Describe a popular person

You should say:

Who this person is

What kind of person he or she is

When you see him/her normally

And explain why you think this person is popular

Part 3:

1. Why are some students popular in school?
2. Is it important for a teacher to be popular?
3. Do you think good teachers are always popular among students?
4. What are the qualities of being a good teacher?
5. Is it easier to become popular nowadays?

27 Describe a trip you would like to take again.

You should say:

where you will go again

when you think it will be again what preparation you need for that trip

and explain why you would like to take again.

Part 3:

- 1 Do you think people enjoy returning to the same places, or do they prefer exploring new destinations?
- 2 How has tourism changed compared to the past in your country?
- 3 Do you think traveling frequently makes people wiser? Why or why not?

28 Describe a family member whom you are proud of.

You should say:

who the family member is

what the family member did

and explain why you felt proud of the family member.

Part 3

1. Should parents reward children? Why and how?
2. Is it a good thing to reward children?
3. What can a child do to make their parents proud?
4. When was the last time in your life that you felt proud of yourself?
5. On what occasions would adults be proud of themselves?

29 Describe an occasion where you were not allowed to use a mobile phone.

You should say:

what you did

when it was

where it was

why you were not allowed to use a mobile phone

Part 3

1. Do young and old people use phones in the same way?
2. What are the differences between writing a letter and writing a text message on a cell phone?
3. Many people think mobile phones can be annoying at times. Can you give any examples of that?
4. Do you prefer face-to-face or phone conversations?

30 Describe an occasion when most people were smiling.

You should say:

what occasion it was

where it was

who were you with

and explain why people were smiling.

Part 3

1. Why do people smile?
2. Do you think people who smile more are more friendly?
3. What's the difference between a fake smile and a genuine smile?
4. Why do people smile when they take photos?
5. Who smiles more, men or women?
6. Do you think people should control their moods?
7. Do you think people who smile more are more friendly?

31 Describe an interesting decision that you and your friend made together.

You should say:

When and why you made the decision

What the decision was about
Why you made the decision together
And explain why you think it was interesting.

Part 3

1. At what age do you think children can make decisions by themselves?
2. What decisions can children make by themselves?
3. What decisions do you often discuss with your friend?
4. How do you feel about seeking advice from friends?

32 Describe a movie you watched recently that you felt disappointed about

You should say:

When it was

Why you didn't like it

Why you decided to watch it

And explain why you felt disappointed about it

Part 3

Do you believe movie reviews?

What are the different types of films in your country?

Are historical films popular in your country? Why?

Do you think films with famous actors or actresses are more likely to become successful films?

Why are Japanese animated films so popular?

Should the director pay a lot of money to famous actors?

33 Describe your favorite 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?

34 Describe something that you can't live without (not a computer/phone)

You should say:

What it is

What you do with it

How it helps you in your life

And explain why you can't live without it

Part 3

Why do all children like toys?

Do you think it is good for a child to always take his or her favourite toy with them all the time?

Why are children attracted to new things (such as electronics)?

Why do some grown-ups hate to throw out old things (such as clothes)?

Is the way people buy things affected? How?

What do you think influences people to buy new things?

35 Describe a friend of yours who is good at music/singing

You should say:

Who he/she is

When/where you listen to his/her music/singing

What kind of music/songs he/she is good at

And explain how you feel when listening to his music/singing

Part 3

What kind of music is popular in your country?

What kind of music do young people like?

What are the differences between young people's and old people's preferences in music?

What are the benefits of children learning a musical instrument?

Do you know what kind of music children like today?

Do you think the government should invest more money in concerts?

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