

SPEAKING

UNIT 1: HOBBIES

Relax: thư giãn

Reduce stress/ relieve stress/ lessen stress/ blow stress away:

Stay healthy: tăng cường sức khỏe

Feel happy:

Feel comfortable:

Regain energy after working/ studying hard/ school: nạp lại năng lượng ...

Take up ...: bắt đầu 1 cái gì đó...

It helps me + V_o

It makes my life meaningful and interesting

I'm into + V-ing/ N : đam mê

Play sport, play games, eat out, go shopping, cook meal, surf web, listen to music, do yoga, read book, watch TV, go on picnic, sing karaoke, go jogging, go travelling, take photographs, dance, sleep...

PART 1: SOCIAL INTERACTION

Let's talk about your hobbies

What is your hobby?

- ⇒ My hobby is playing soccer. I usually play that sport after a hard studying day with my friends in the soccer club. I think it helps me blow stress away and stay healthy. Moreover, it makes me become stronger and more flexible. To be honest, playing soccer teaches me how to improve team spirit and work in groups. *(strengthen teamwork spirit and improve co-operation skills, Interact with my peers, Learn the concept of winning and losing/maintain a sense of competition)*

What are some benefits of having a hobby?

- ⇒ There are some benefits of having a hobby such as blowing stress away, regaining energy after a hard working day. Moreover, it makes me feel happy and comfortable.

What hobby do you want to take up in the future?

- ⇒ In the future, I want to play basketball because it makes me keep in good shape and stay healthy. Moreover, it helps me reduce stress after a hard working day.

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Also, playing that sport teaches me strengthen teamwork spirit and improve co-operation skills. Besides, I can learn the concept of winning and losing.

Let's talk about free time activities

What do you often do in your free time?

- ⇒ In my free time, I often play soccer with my friends in the soccer club. Playing that sport helps me reduce stress and regain energy after a hard working day. Moreover, it makes me stay healthy and keep fit.

How do you spend your weekends?

- ⇒ At the weekends, I usually go shopping with my friends. It helps me release my pressure and regain energy after a hard working week. As you know, I can have an opportunity to catch up with beasties and catch up with the latest trend and fashion. I feel happy and comfortable when buying new things.

Do you like spending your free time alone or with other people?

- ⇒ I like spending my free time with my friends. I usually play sport with them to regain energy after working hard and blow stress away. Well, to be honest, hanging out with a group of friends can be a great fun. As you know, the more the merrier.

PART 2: SITUATION DISCUSSION

Situation: You are going to the countryside with some kids. There are many activities to do in the countryside: *flying kites, swimming in the river, or going fishing*. Which option is the best choice?

I am going to the countryside with some kids. There are many activities to do in the countryside such as flying kites, swimming in the river, or going fishing. I think flying kites is the best choice for some reasons.

Firstly, flying kites is *safer* than the other options. Because the kids avoid some accidents in the water.

Secondly, flying kites is *more interesting* than the other options. The children will be pleased and comfortable because they can run around with their buddies.

Finally, flying kites is *more creative* than the other options. In fact, the children must design and paint their own kites. It helps with the development of their creativity.

I don't choose the other options because they are suitable. To sum up, I think flying kites is the best choice.

PART 3: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT

Topic: *There are various popular entertainment activities*

Playing computer games

Playing sports

Playing musical instruments

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There are various popular entertainment activities.

Firstly, one entertainment activity is playing sports. For example, I frequently play football, badminton, and volleyball with my friends because sports allow me to unwind, stay healthy, and stay in shape.

Secondly, another entertainment activity is playing computer games. In fact, after a long day of studying, I find that playing computer games helps me relax and regain energy.

Finally, one more entertainment activity is playing musical instruments. Playing a musical instrument, in reality, not only relieve stress but also enhances our creativity.

To sum up, there are various popular entertainment activities such as playing sports, playing computer games, and playing musical instruments.

UNIT 2: HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

Independence Day 2/9

Labor Day 1/5

Liberation Day 30/4

Hung King Festival

Mid-Autumn festival

Tet (Lunar New Year)

A family reunion: sum họp gia đình

Strengthen relationships: gắn kết các mối quan hệ

Unwind: nghỉ ngơi, thư giãn

Prefer Ving to Ving

Prefer N to N

Prefer to Vo

At the beginning/ ending of the month/year...

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Let's talk about holidays

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What do you like to do on your holidays?

- ⇒ On my holidays, I like to go traveling, just as many young people. Because it helps me release pressure and regain energy after hard studying. Besides, I also try to find a part-time job or an intern job. Since I am about to hunt for a job in the coming year, it is pretty necessary to enrich work experience. *(During my holidays, I would like to travel to Nha Trang. It is a beautiful city with a lot of famous destinations. When going there, I can visit some islands, taste local seafood and go swimming in the sea.)*

Who do you spend the holidays with?

- ⇒ I spend the holidays with my friends. We often eat out and play games together. It helps me blow stress away after working hard and relax. Moreover, it makes me feel happy and comfortable.

Do you prefer to stay at home or go out during holidays?

- ⇒ I prefer going out to staying at home during holidays. I often meet friends and play games together. It helps me reduce stress after working hard. Well, to be honest, hanging out with a group of friends can be a great fun. As you know, the more the merrier.

Let's talk about festivals

What are some popular festivals in Vietnam?

- ⇒ There are some popular festivals in VN such as Lunar New Year, Hung King festival and mid-autumn festival. We can play games, play sports and go shopping with my family. They help me release pressure and regain energy after working hard. Besides, they make me feel happy and comfortable.

What festival is the most important in Vietnam?

- ⇒ Lunar New Year is the most important festival in Vietnam. It takes place between late January and mid February. We can receive lucky money, watch firework, decorate house and visit relatives.

Is it good to celebrate many festivals a year?

- ⇒ Yes, it is good to celebrate many festivals a year. Because there are many entertainment activities. Besides, we can maintain our own tradition and everyone has more time with family. In addition, we have a chance to broaden knowledge. Also, holidays give us a chance to rest and we can do whatever we want to do. For example, we can learn new skills, travel to different places, or spend time with my family, and after the holiday, we will be revitalised and refreshed for study or work.

UNIT 3: TOURISM

Day-off

Widen knowledge = Broaden my horizons: mở rộng kiến thức

Enhance my creativity: nâng cao tính sáng tạo

Wasting time

Expensive = Costly

(Getting) health issues: vấn đề sức khỏe

Fatigue: mệt

Get in troubles: gặp vấn đề

(Having) communication problems: bất đồng ngôn ngữ

(Getting) homesickness: nhớ nhà

(Having) environmental problems: vấn đề về môi trường

Take beautiful photos/pictures

Go camping

Buy handicraft/ souvenir

Enjoy/ Sample local cuisine: thưởng thức ẩm thực vùng miền

Go sightseeing

Famous landmark: địa điểm nổi tiếng

Memorable moment

Attractive

Modern

Famous = Well-known

Vibrant: nhộn nhịp

Let my hair down = relax = unwind: thư giãn

Tourist hotspots: điểm nóng du lịch

Let's talk about traveling

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Do you often travel? Why/ Why not?

- ⇒ Yes, I do. When I am free from study, I like to travel to different places with my friends or family members. It helps me open my mind and reduce stress after working hard. When traveling, I have chances to visit many famous places, meet different people, taste local food and experience another culture. Also, it makes my life more meaningful and interesting.

What are some benefits of traveling?

- ⇒ There are some benefits of traveling such as blowing stress away and regaining energy after working hard. Besides, it makes me broaden my horizons and enhance creativity. In addition, we can meet different people, try different food and experience another culture. Also, it helps to boost family or friend bonding.

What are some drawbacks of traveling?

- ⇒ Some drawbacks of traveling are wasting time and money, having communication problems, getting health issues, having environmental problems. Besides, it makes me get homesickness.

Let's talk about tourism

Where do you want to visit in Vietnam when you have free time?

- ⇒ When I have free time, I want to visit Ho Chi Minh city with my family. There are Dam Sen Park, Ben Thanh Market and Landmark 81 Building in Ho Chi Minh city. It is beautiful, modern, vibrant and famous.
- ⇒ When I have free time, I want to visit Da Nang. I will go swimming in the sea and enjoy beautiful views on the beach. Moreover, I go sightseeing in famous places such as Hai Van Pass Scenic Lookout, Rooster Church, Love Lock Bridge, Han River Bridge...

What do you often do when traveling?

- ⇒ When traveling, I often take beautiful pictures, buy souvenir, and go sightseeing. Besides, I can enjoy local cuisine and experience new customs. These activities help me broaden my horizons and meet new people. Moreover, it makes me feel relax and happy.
- ⇒ Well, it depends on the kind of holiday I go on. For example, on a beach holiday, I prefer swimming in the sea and eat local seafood. When going to the mountain, I often visit beautiful villages nearby, explore the nature and take a lot of photos.

Who do you like to travel with? Why?

- ⇒ I love traveling with my family. It helps me enhance our relationships and save memorable moments. Moreover, I may share many things, such as

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accommodation, transport, and even laughter. Also, traveling with them makes me feel comfortable and be close-knit.

UNIT 4: TRANSPORTATION

Means of transport

Private transport

Public transport

Traffic light

Traffic jam = traffic congestion: kẹt xe

Motorway

Road accident: tai nạn giao thông

Get around: đi một vòng

Commuting cost: chi phí đi lại

Rush hour = peak hour: giờ cao điểm

Exhaust fumes: hết xăng

Greenhouse gas emission: hiệu ứng nhà kính

Time-consuming = waste time

Crowded = Jam-packed: đông

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Convenient

Comfortable

Low petrol consumption: tiêu thụ nhiên liệu thấp

Prevent global warming: ngăn cản sự nóng lên toàn cầu

Increase social connection: tăng sự kết nối xã hội

Environmentally friendly: thân thiện với môi trường

Flexibility: linh hoạt, linh động

Let's talk about transportation

What is your favorite means of transport?

- ⇒ My favorite means of transport is motorbike because it is convenient, flexible and not time-consuming (*Because it is easy and fast to get around narrow streets. Besides, it is not expensive to buy a motorbike*). I often use motorbike when I go to school and hang out with my friends.

What are some benefits of traveling by bicycle?

- ⇒ Some benefits of traveling by bicycle are cheap, environmentally friendly, convenient and flexible. Moreover, it is good for health.

Do you prefer public transport or private transport? Why?

- ⇒ I prefer public transport to private transport because it is environmentally friendly, cheap and wide. Moreover, the staff are friendly and helpful. In addition, I don't have to worry about the air pollution or the bad weather. Besides, it can avoid traffic congestion in rush hour.

Let's talk about public transport

How often do you take public means of transport?

- ⇒ I take public means of transport five times a week when I go to school. Public transport is cheap and environmentally friendly. Besides, it can avoid traffic congestion in rush hour. However, it is time-consuming and uncomfortable.
- ⇒ I sometimes use public transport like the bus to go to school. It is cheap to go by bus and the staff are friendly and helpful but I prefer to travel by motorbike because it's fast and more convenient.

What are some benefits of public transport?

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- ⇒ Some benefits of public transport are not costly, wide and environmentally friendly. Moreover, it can avoid traffic congestion in rush hour.

What are some drawbacks of public transport?

- ⇒ Some drawbacks of public transport are noisy, inflexible, crowded and uncomfortable. Moreover, it is time-consuming.

UNIT 5: EDUCATION

Receive better education

International language

Popular language

Studying abroad

Communicate

Opportunity = Chance

High school

University

Language center

Tutor: gia sư

Skills

Pass/Fail the exam

Learn by heart: học thuộc lòng

High-paid job / Well-paid job: công việc lương cao

High salary / High income: lương cao/ thu nhập cao

Living standard: mức sống

Let's talk about studying English

Do you like learning English? Why/Why not?

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- ⇒ Yes, I do. I love learning English because it is popular language, international language. It helps me find well-paid job and communicate with foreigners. I have learnt English for 14 years.

What are some benefits of learning English?

- ⇒ There are some benefits of learning English such as communicating with foreigners and traveling abroad. Moreover, it is the best way to have higher job opportunities. Also, it helps me read English books and watch English movies.

What are some ways to learn English effectively?

- ⇒ There are some ways to learn English effectively such as listening to English music, talking with foreigners and reading English books. Moreover, leaning words and vocabulary is important. However, to learn English conversation, it is useful to know lots of common phrases.

Let's talk about your high school

Where did you study when you were a high school student?

- ⇒ I studied in Pedagogical Practice School. My high school is located on Vo Thi Sau Street, LX city. It is quite big and modern. Teachers and students are friendly, humorous and helpful.

Can you describe your high school?

- ⇒ My high school is quite big. It is designed in a modern and comfortable style. There are about 8 row of class with about 90 classrooms. Each classroom has air conditioner and TV. The school yard is very large with many trees. Students will learn gymnastics here. Also, they can play sports here during recess. My school also has a library to read books and a canteen for us to buy food and drink.

What do you like most about your high school?

- ⇒ Well, the number one thing I love about my high school is the teachers. They are really warm, friendly and humorous. Actually, they inspired me to have a life-long passion for learning English.

UNIT 6: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Industrial waste: chất thải công nghiệp

Domestic waste: chất thải sinh hoạt

Vehicle fumes/ dirty smoke: khí độc

Garbage

White thick smoke: khói công nghiệp

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Plastic items: đồ nhựa

Deforestation: phá rừng

Natural disasters: thảm họa thiên nhiên

Earthquake: động đất

Volcano eruption: núi lửa phun trào

Tsunami: sóng thần

Tornadoes: lốc xoáy

Acid rain: mưa axit

The ozon layer: tầng ozon

Perforation/ perforate: sự thủng/ làm thủng

The greenhouse effect: hiệu ứng nhà kính

Earth warming: nóng lên toàn cầu

Ice-melting: băng tan

Causing sea level rise: mực nước biển dâng lên

Lack of fresh water: thiếu nước sạch

Depleting of groundwater: cạn kiệt mực nước ngầm

Destroying the habitat of animals, plants: phá hủy môi trường sống

Serious harm to human health: gây hại nghiêm trọng cho sức khỏe

Respiratory diseases for humans: bệnh về hô hấp

Diseases of the skin: bệnh về da

Cloth bags: túi vải

Plastic bags/ cup: túi nhựa

Plant trees

Fuel-powered vehicles: phương tiện chạy bằng nhiên liệu

Electric vehicles: phương tiện chạy bằng điện

Dry season: mùa khô

Rainy season: mùa mưa

Pollution = contamination: sự ô nhiễm

Pollutant = contaminant: chất ô nhiễm

Pollute = contaminate: ô nhiễm

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Monsoon tropical climate: khí hậu nhiệt đới gió mùa

Humid: ẩm

Let's talk about pollution

What are some causes of pollution?

- ⇒ Some causes of pollution are deforestation, industrial waste, domestic waste, garbage and white thick smoke. Moreover, the vehicle pollution is the major contributor to air pollution.

What are some effects of environmental pollution?

- ⇒ Some effects of environmental pollution are acid rain, the greenhouse effect, earth warming, ice-melting and lack. Moreover, it leads to serious harm to human health. Also, it perforates the ozone layer.

What should people do to protect our environment?

- ⇒ People should plant trees, use cloth bags, limit using plastic items. Moreover, it is a good idea to classify garbage and recycle plastic items. Also, it is necessary/ essential/ important to improving human's awareness.

Let's talk about weather

How many seasons are there in Viet Nam?

- ⇒ There are 2 seasons in Vietnam such as dry and rainy. Dry season is very hot and sunny. Rainy season is lots of rain, cold, humid and wet.

What is the weather like in your hometown?

- ⇒ I live in the South East of Vietnam. It is very hot and sometimes rain in my hometown. Well, as you know, the temperature is about 32 degree Celcius. To be honest, I feel enjoyable and comfortable.

Has the weather in Vietnam changed recently?

- ⇒ Yes, it has. The rainy season now is longer than it was in the past. It is because of global warming

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Lifestyle: phong cách sống

Health: sức khỏe

Healthy: khỏe mạnh

Healthy lifestyle

Habit: thói quen

Good habit

Bad habit

Go to bed early

Do exercise

Eat healthy food

Limit sugar/salt intake: hạn chế tiêu thụ đường/muối

Engage in sports = play sports

Hit the gym

Do yoga

Go jogging

Go swimming

Harmful: có hại

Fast food

Smoke: hút thuốc

Skip meal: bỏ bữa

Let's talk about health

What do you do to stay healthy?

- ⇒ I usually have enough meals, go to bed early, do exercise and engage in sport to stay healthy. Besides, I avoid eating too much fast food, staying up late and smoking.
- ⇒ I do many things to stay healthy and keep fit. For example, I have a good diet by eating more fruit and vegetables. Besides, I do exercise and play sports regularly. Keeping fit can help me live longer.

Do you think you have good health?

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- ⇒ No, I don't. I usually eat too much fast food which is unhealthy because it is convenient and cheap. Besides, I often stay up late to study and watch movies. Moreover, working with computers too much is not good for my health.

What are some bad habits for our health?

- ⇒ Some bad habits for our health are smoking, staying up late and eating too much fast food. Moreover, skipping meal can lead to stomach ache.

Let's talk about eating habit

How many meals do you have a day?

- ⇒ I have 3 meals a day. There are breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sometimes, I have a small meals when I'm hungry. Sometimes, I skip breakfast because of waking up late.

Do you often eat fast food?

- ⇒ Yes, I do. I often eat fast food because it is delicious and fast. Moreover, its prices to suit every pocket. Also, it is convenient that I can easily buy it in convenience store.

What kind of food do you often eat?

- ⇒ I usually eat fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh fish, meat and fruits. Sometimes, I eat fast food because it is convenient and cheap.

Which meal do you prefer? Why?

- ⇒ I like dinner most because it is time when my family members can have the meal together and talk about our work or study during the day.

Do you prefer to have meals alone or with someone else? Why

What food do you like best?

- ⇒ I like eating fruits best because they are good for my health. They provide me with a lot of vitamins and minerals. My favorite fruit is banana and I love eating it every day.

What do you usually have for breakfast?

- ⇒ I often have many dishes for breakfast such as rice, Pho, bread with milk and so on. I like eating bread with milk at breakfast most because it is easy to prepare it.

How often do you eat out?

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⇒ I rarely eat out because it is expensive to have a meal at a restaurant. I like eating at home because it is both safer and cheaper. Moreover, my family members can prepare food together, so we become closer.

What restaurant do you often go to?

⇒ My favorite restaurant is Kichi. My family often go there for dinner at the weekend. We love it because it serves many kinds of delicious food. Moreover, the staff members are very friendly and polite.

UNIT 8: MEDIA

Newspaper/ Magazine: các loại báo/ tạp chí

Local newspaper: báo trong nước

International newspaper: báo quốc tế

Reality shows: truyền hình thực tế

E-news: báo điện tử

Program

Weather forecast: dự báo thời tiết

Comedy: hài kịch

Drama series: phim dài tập

Broadcast: phát sóng

Update the latest news: cập nhật tin tức mới

Widen = Broden: mở rộng

Enrich one's horizons: mở rộng kiến thức

Surf the Internet

Up-to-date: cập nhật

Be tired

Be short-sighted: bị cận thị

Shortsightedness:

Be addicted: nghiện, ghiền

Health issues: vấn đề sức khỏe

Let's talk about newspaper

Do you often read newspapers?

⇒ Yes, I do. I often read newspapers with my family in the morning. My favorite newspapers is Tuổi Trẻ and Thanh Niên.

Do you like reading magazines?

⇒ Yes, I do. I keen on reading newspaper.

What kinds of newspapers do you prefer?

⇒ I prefer domestic newspapers to international newspapers. Because they are familiar, easy to understand and not difficult to buy it. Moreover, it helps me update the latest news in my country.

What are some benefits of reading newspapers?

⇒ Some benefits of reading newspapers are enriching our horizons and relaxing. Moreover, it helps me keep us with the latest news and information.

(READING BOOKS

Broaden my horizon, enrich my knowledge, help me keep us with the latest news and information, cultivate my way of thinking, set a fire in my mind, add a bit of fun to my life)

Let's talk about watching TV

What TV programs do you often watch?

⇒ I often watch reality shows at the weekend with my family. Well, as you know, it is funny and relaxing. Moreover, it helps me broaden knowledge.

Do you enjoy watching TV alone or with other people?

⇒ I like watching TV with other people such as my friends and my family. Because we can discuss about the topic we are watching. It makes me feel happy and interesting.

What are some drawbacks of watching TV too much?

⇒ Some drawbacks of watching TV too much are tired, short-sighted and addicted. Besides, it is easy to get health issues such as back pain and headache.

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On a daily basis = Everyday: mỗi ngày

Keep in touch with = Keep in contact with: giữ liên lạc

A great deal of:

A number of + N (nhiều)

Addicted to something: bị nghiện

Addition: sự nghiện

Wind down = relax = let my hair down = reduce stress = blow stress away: thư giãn

Be glued to something:

Keep abreast of something = update news/information

Have something at my fingertips: nắm mọi thứ trong lòng bàn tay/ cái gì cũng biết

Tempt to do something:

Cyberbullying: bắt nạt trên mạng xã hội

Social media platform:

Connect with

Share information

Entertainment

Socialize: hòa nhập xã hội

Health problems

Real life communication:

Let's talk about the Internet

Do you often surf the Internet?

⇒ Yes, I often surf the Internet 4 times a day. I surf the Internet for studying, working and keeping abreast of information. Besides, it helps me entertain after a hard working day.

Why do many people use the Internet nowadays?

⇒ Nowadays, many people use the Internet because of some benefits. Well, as you know, it is convenient and flexible. It helps us entertain, update news and enrich our horizons.

What are some websites you often visit when surfing the Internet?

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- ⇒ There are some websites I often visit when surfing the Internet such as Facebook, Zalo and Youtube. Besides, I usually listen to music and podcast on Spotify. Also, I surfing Tiktok to watching a lot of funny videos. They help me reduce stress after a hard working day and enhance knowledge.

Let's talk about mobile phone

How often do you use your mobile phone?

- ⇒ I often use my mobile phone 4 times a day. It helps me let my hair down and reduce stress. I often use it for studying and entertaining.

What do you use your mobile phone for?

- ⇒ I often use mobile phone for studying and working. Moreover, I use it for entertaining after working hard. Also, it helps me contact with my family and friends such as phone, text...

What are some problems of using a mobile phone?

- ⇒ Some problems of using a mobile phone are wasting time, having eye problems such as eye strain, short-sightedness and neglecting our study or work.

UNIT 10: JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT

Working condition: điều kiện làm việc

Working hour: giờ làm việc

Workspace: không gian làm việc

Workplace: nơi làm việc

Salary = wage: lương cứng

Rent: thuê mướn (đồ dùng)

Co-worker = colleague: đồng nghiệp

Overworked people: người làm việc quá giờ

Pursue a career: theo đuổi nghề nghiệp

Professional work environment: môi trường làm việc chuyên nghiệp

Well-paid job: công việc lương cao

Hire = recruit = take on: mướn thuê (người)

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Fire = get the boot: đuổi việc

Manual work: công việc chân tay

A nine-to-five job: công việc cả ngày

Pressure: áp lực

Vacancy: vị trí làm việc

Work extra hours = work overtime: làm thêm giờ

Productivity: năng suất/ hiệu suất làm việc

Let's talk about jobs/majors

What is your job/major?

- ⇒ My major is Information Technology. In my major, I study about computer, software, hardware and programs. I have studied at Can Tho University for 2 years.

In your opinion, what is the most important thing when you choose job/major?

- ⇒ In my opinion, I think money is the most important thing when I choose job. As you know, money is necessary in order for me to meet my basic needs. For example, we all need money to pay for housing, food, bills, healthcare and education. If people choose their jobs based on enjoyment or other non-financial factors, they might find it difficult to support themselves.

Have you ever thought you will change your job/major in the future?

- ⇒ No, I have never thought I will change my job in the future. Because that job has friendly colleague and professional work environment. Besides, it is a well-paid job that improving quality of my life.

Let's talk about part-time jobs

What are some benefits of part-time jobs?

- ⇒ Some benefits of part-time jobs are making money, having experience and having skills. Moreover, you can feel more confident. Also, you have more relationships.

What are some disadvantages of part-time jobs?

- ⇒ There are some disadvantages of part-time jobs such as taking time, getting health effects. Besides, you will be under pressure and be tired, too.

What can you do to balance between work and play?

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⇒ To balance between work and play, I can manage time rationally...

UNIT 11: RELATIONSHIP

Nuclear family = small family: gia đình nhỏ

Extended family = big family: gia đình đa hệ

Go through all the ups and downs: vượt qua những thăng trầm trong cuộc sống

Keep promises: giữ lời hứa

Be honest:

Be respectful:

Forgive s.o some small things:

Help the others overcome difficulties:

Give s.o a hand: giúp

Get some advice from s.o: nhận lời khuyên

Close-knit: khăng khít

Get to know s.o: làm quen

Keep/ Stay in touch with s.o: giữ liên lạc

Be inseparable: không thể tách rời

Let's talk about your best friends

Do you have any best friends?

⇒ Yes, I do. My best friend is a friend who studied with me in high school. Her name is Hoang Ngan. She is fat and short. Also, she is very intelligent so she often helps me do my homework. We have been best friends for 5 years.

What activities do you often do with your best friends?

⇒ I often play sport, chat and go shopping with my best friends. We usually play soccer after a hard studying day in the soccer club and go shopping at the weekends. We feel happy, comfortable and close-knit.

What are some qualities of a good friend?

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- ⇒ Some qualities of a good friend are honesty and respect. Moreover, a good friend who can keep promises and forgive some small things. Also, it is necessary that helping others overcome difficulties.

Let's talk about your family

Are you living in a small or a big family?

- ⇒ I am living in a small family. They are parents, sister and me. We have lived in the center of Can Tho city for 15 years.

Who are you close to in your family?

- ⇒ I am close to my mother in my family. Because she always gives me some advice to make my life more meaningful. Besides, she helps me overcome some difficulties in my life.

What do you often do with your family?

- ⇒ I often watch TV, go out for eating and hang out. Moreover, we often go shopping at the weekends to buy new clothes. I feel happy, comfortable and close-knit when we do these activities together.

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Urban: thuộc thành thị

Rural: thuộc nông thôn

Suburb: ngoại ô

Countryside: nông thôn

City center = downtown: trung tâm thành phố

Heart of the city: trung tâm thành phố

Isolated area: vùng bị cô lập (cồn, đảo)

Skyscraper: tòa nhà chọc trời

Shopping mall: trung tâm mua sắm

Living cost: chi phí sống

Pollution

Traffic congestion = traffic jam: ùn tắc giao thông

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Rush hour = peak hour: giờ cao điểm

Lack of accommodation: thiếu chỗ ở

Laid back and friendly: thân thiện

Lively = bustling: nhộn nhịp

Well-paid job

Opportunity = chance: cơ hội

Destination: điểm đến

The hustle and bustle: nhộn nhịp

Historic but modern: cổ kính nhưng hiện đại

Let's talk about your neighborhood

Describe the neighborhood where you are living.

- ⇒ I'm living in city center. People are laid back, friendly and hospitable. The facilities are well developed, including gyms, schools, hospitals, public transport and even leisure facilities. Landscape is beautiful. Well, as you know, traffic is crowded at rush hour. Moreover, the living cost is a little bit higher than in small places, and people seldom have to stop and enjoy what they are opposed to. Also, the weather is too hot and sometimes rain.

What do you like about living there?

- ⇒ What I like most about it is that there are many entertainment facilities like cinema, parks and shopping malls here, so I can do a lot of things to relax.

What do you dislike about living there?

- ⇒ I dislike traffic in my hometown. Because traffic congestion always happen at peak hour. We often get held up in traffic jam in half an hour, even an hour. There's a huge snarl-up at the cross roads.

Let's talk about living places

Do you live in the city or in the countryside?

- ⇒ I live in the big city with well-developed facilities. It is located in the southern part of Vietnam I have lived here for 15 years. I'm living in city center. People are laid back, friendly and hospitable. The facilities are well developed, including gyms, schools, hospitals, public transport and even leisure facilities. Landscape is

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beautiful and stunning. Living cost is high and traffic is crowded at rush hour.

Also, the weather is too hot and sometimes rain.

- ⇒ I live in the city center of Can Tho. I have been living here for 15 years. I love living in Can Tho because it is a modern city with many entertainment facilities like cinema, parks and shopping malls.

Why do people prefer to live in a big city?

- ⇒ People prefer to live in a big city because living standar is good. Residents have opportunity to find well-paid jobs which can improve their life. Besides, there are several modern infrastructure in city life such as schools, gyms, supermarkets and even leisure facilities. Also, it is well-known fact that healthcare services satisfy serve urban residents. There are many well-equipped hospitals and well-trained doctors.

What are some problems of living in the countryside?

- ⇒ Some problems of living in the countryside are living condition is low because there is a few hospital and it lacks well-trained doctors. Moreover, life in the countryside is a bit monotonous and young people have few entertainment options. Also, people will not have many chances to find well-paid jobs.