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Elaborate by talking more about the book.



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Transition words

... turning to the next question ...

... moving on to question three ...

... as for question three ...



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Question triggers

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Past continuous
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Opinions

In my opinion...
From my point of view...
As far as I'm concerned...

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*Turning to the next question, the first time I **heard** of this book was on a podcast where two people **were talking** about the most influential books that they've ever read. Even though I **hadn't heard** of Dr. Feynman then, the way they **talked** about him was amazing. So, as soon as I **finished** listening to the podcast, I **went** straight to the bookstore to buy book.*

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Speak your answer to the question below

Talk about a hobby or activity that you enjoy.

- What is it?
- How long have you been doing it?
- Who do you do it with?
- Why is it important to you?

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START

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

**Talk about a gift that you gave someone recently.
What was it? Who did you give it to? How did it
make you feel? Why did you give it to this person?**

Sample Answer

I recently gave my younger brother a book as a graduation gift. The book is titled "How to Own the World", and it's on the topic of personal finance and investing. The reason I gave this to my younger brother is because it's a book that I wish I had read earlier in my life. The book simply guides you on the best and safest ways to invest your money. And one of the key points is to start investing as early as possible; ideally when you're in your early twenties. That's why I gifted this book to my younger brother as he is only twenty-one years old and just about to start his first job. Ok, moving on to the next question. To be honest, I felt quite proud to have been able to share this book with my brother because I honestly think it will improve his life, financially speaking, which of course is really important. And I also felt a little bit jealous. He's about 10 years younger than I am, and I wish I could go back in time and read this book and start investing my money sensibly at twenty-one years old. So yeah, that's a gift that I have given to someone recently.

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

**Describe something you do to forget about work or study. What is the activity? How often do you do it?
How does it help you to forget?**

Sample Answer

I'd like to talk about horse riding, which has been my hobby since I was around ten years old. I'm actually the joint owner of a horse with two of my friends and we take turns looking after him, cleaning the stable, and so on. I don't have a part-time job so I spend most of my weekends at the stable. Taking care of a horse is quite dirty business, so it's obviously very different from studying at college. That means I can forget about my classes during the week when I'm at the stable on the weekend. There's quite a large field next to the stable and I just get a wonderful sense of freedom when I'm riding around on my horse. College seems a million miles away when I'm riding! Do I think other people would enjoy horse riding? Yes, absolutely. I think everyone should give it a try. Horses are absolutely wonderful animals! They're very gentle and intelligent. If you ever have the chance to ride a horse, you should definitely give it a try.

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

Although nowadays people are reading news through the internet, newspapers still remain of value. Do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

So much has changed for the news industry since the rise of the internet. However, I agree that newspapers still have importance. The main advantage of the printed newspaper is that it does not require any technical ability to read. This offers the reader a high level of flexibility. The printed newspaper can be read in any place at any time. For instance, a person may read the paper while commuting to and from work. Secondly, the reader can absorb the information offered at his own pace. What is more, the level of importance of each news story is made more obvious by the use of different headline fonts. For these reasons, I believe that printed newspapers are still relevant today.

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

**What festivals are celebrated in your country?
Why are they important?**

Sample Answer

There are many festivals in my country but the most popular one is Chinese New Year. This is the occasion that people celebrate with great joy, hope, and festivity with their beloved ones. It is often celebrated with fireworks and people send each other their best wishes for an awesome year ahead. Many people believe that red is considered a lucky color for the new year. That's why people often choose to dress in vivid red as a way to eliminate bad luck and welcome good things for the new year. My country also has some unique traditions like lucky money, preparing homemade food, or decorating home in the first days of the year. It's also a good time for family reunions and New Year resolutions.

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

**Describe a time you felt under pressure.
How did you manage that?**

Sample Answer

To be completely honest, I often feel under pressure, especially at work. That being said, throughout my working career, I have figured out how to handle being under pressure. For instance, one time, I was supposed to deliver a project to an important client for my company in just five days, which isn't a long time at all! I was working on this with my coworker, but he got sick and had to take a few days off work. While I felt shocked and stressed at first, I tried to look at it differently and see it as an opportunity. So instead of getting stressed, I came up with a very detailed schedule that enabled me to finish the project the time. Since then, I've always kept a detailed schedule, and doing this has helped me to manage the pressures associated with my work.

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

Talk about a sport or activity you did when you were younger. Why did you enjoy it?

Sample Answer

I played basketball a lot when I was younger, and I have great memories from that time. I loved playing with my friends in the school playground at lunchtime, and I was actually pretty good. I participated in a few competitions with my team. And although we never won, they were always great fun. Basketball was a great way for me to hang out with friends and to get some exercise. I'm sure that the reason I've been so healthy in my life is because I played so much when I was younger. Some of my other friends started smoking and drinking alcohol when we were in school together, but luckily I was so focused on basketball that I didn't do any of that bad and unhealthy stuff. I'm really thankful that my school encouraged us to play a sport and that some of the teachers were dedicated to coaching us.

Your Turn

Speak for 30 to 90 seconds about the topic below

Talk about some of the eating customs in your country. Is it important to eat with other people like your family?

Sample Answer

Well, to be honest, in my country, it's not that important to have a meal together with your family. If they're outside or working, then you usually have a meal by yourself. It's not important to wait for someone to begin eating. That being said, if all family members are at home, then we normally prefer to eat together. In the UK, where I live now, the only eating custom that I'm aware of is having a family lunch on Sundays. Usually, we all get together at someone's house or the local pub and enjoy a nice big lunch with meat, vegetables, and gravy. However, sadly this custom is not as popular with younger people nowadays. I hope this custom remains because I really love going to the pub with all my family for Sunday lunch.