IELTS Speaking Forecast

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With Sample Answers

Part 1

The Personal Introduction

New Topics

Tea & Coffee

- Which do you prefer, tea or coffee?

  - *==I prefer tea over coffee.== There's something soothing about a warm cup of tea, and there are so many varieties and flavors to choose from.*

- When was the last time you had a cup of coffee / tea?

  - *The last time I had a cup of tea was earlier today, as I enjoy having a cup in the morning to kickstart my day.*

- Do you usually buy your coffee in a coffee shop?

  - *I don't usually buy my tea in a tea shop. Instead, I often make tea at home with my favorite blends or herbal teas. It's a convenient and cost-effective way to enjoy my tea.*

- Do you want to make your own cup of coffee at home?

  - *I also like the idea of making my own cup of coffee at home. While I'm more of a tea person, I can appreciate the convenience of brewing your coffee just the way you like it. Plus, it can save money in the long run compared to buying coffee from a shop.*

Cinema

- What kind of films do you like?

    - *I enjoy a variety of films, but I'm particularly drawn to action and adventure movies. I also like romantic comedies and some sci-fi films. It really depends on my mood and what I'm in the mood for at the time.*

- Did you often watch films when you were a child?

    - *Yes, I watched films quite often when I was a child. It was a common pastime, and I have fond memories of family movie nights or watching animated classics.*

- Do you often go to the cinema with your friends?

    - *Yes, going to the cinema with friends is always a fun way to enjoy a movie. It's a great way to spend time together, discuss the film afterward, and share the experience.*

- Have you ever gone to the cinema alone?

    - *Yes, I've gone to the cinema alone a few times. It can be a different but enjoyable experience, allowing me to fully focus on the movie without distractions and enjoy my own company.*

Running

- **Do you go running a lot?**

  - *I enjoy going running, but I wouldn't say I go running a lot. It's more of an occasional activity for me, primarily when I want to stay active and enjoy the outdoors.*

- **Where do you usually go running?**

  - *When I go running, I usually head to a local park or a scenic trail in Hanoi. Running in natural surroundings is refreshing and provides a change of scenery.*

- **Did you go running when you were a child?**

  - *Yes, I did go running when I was a child. It's a common physical activity, and I used to run around in the neighborhood with friends, play games, and have fun while staying active.*

- **What do you prefer, running alone or running with friends?**

  - *I prefer running alone most of the time. It gives me a chance to clear my mind, set my own pace, and enjoy some solitude. However, running with friends can be enjoyable too, as it adds a social and motivational aspect to the activity. It really depends on my mood and the day.*

Gifts

- Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?

    - *Yes, I've sent handmade gifts to others on occasion. Handmade gifts have a personal touch and can be a thoughtful way to show someone you care. For instance, I've crafted greeting cards, knitted scarves, or baked homemade treats as gifts.*

- Have you ever received a great gift?

    - *I've been fortunate to receive some wonderful gifts over the years. A great gift for me is something that shows the giver knows my interests and preferences, making it a meaningful and thoughtful gesture.*

- How do you often choose a gift?

    - *When choosing a gift, I typically consider the recipient's likes, hobbies, and needs. It's important to pick something that resonates with them. I also take into account the occasion and the message I want to convey through the gift.*

- Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?

    - *Choosing gifts can be a bit of a mixed bag. Sometimes I feel confident that I've found the perfect gift, while other times it can be a challenge. It really depends on how well I know the person and their preferences. But I do my best to make thoughtful selections to bring joy to the recipient.*

Helping others

- **Do you usually help people around you? How?**

  - *I try to help people around me when I can. It's essential to be there for friends, family, and even strangers in small ways, like offering a listening ear, providing assistance, or sharing knowledge.*

- **Did your parents teach you how to help others?**

  - *My parents did teach me the value of helping others. They instilled in me the importance of kindness, empathy, and giving back to the community. Their example and guidance had a significant impact on my willingness to help.*

- **What have you done to help the elderly?**

  - *I've done various things to help the elderly. For example, I've volunteered at local senior centers, assisting with activities and spending time chatting with the elderly residents. It's fulfilling to learn from their experiences and offer companionship.*

- **Did your parents help you a lot when you were young?**

  - *Yes, my parents provided a lot of support when I was young. They nurtured me, helped with my education, and taught me valuable life lessons. Their guidance and care were crucial in shaping who I am today.*

Fishing

- Do you like eating fish?

    - *Yes, I enjoy eating fish. It's a delicious and healthy source of protein, and there are so many ways to prepare it, from grilled to fried to sushi. I particularly like dishes with a nice blend of flavors and seasonings.*

- Have you ever gone fishing before?

    - *I've been fishing a few times before, and it can be a fun and relaxing activity. There's something serene about being by the water and waiting for a catch. However, I'm not an experienced angler by any means.*

- Have you ever been to a place where there are a lot of fish around you?

    - *I've had the opportunity to visit places with a lot of fish, especially at fish markets and aquariums. Observing the vibrant underwater world in aquariums has always been a fascinating experience. It's like taking a little journey into the depths of the ocean.*

- Did you enjoy seeing fish when you were young?

    - *Seeing fish when I was young was definitely enjoyable. Whether in an aquarium or during family trips to the beach, watching fish swim gracefully in the water was a mesmerizing sight. It sparked curiosity about marine life and the oceans.*

Geography

- Do you like Geography?

    - *Yes, I like geography. It's a fascinating subject that helps us understand the world around us, from countries and cultures to natural landscapes and climate patterns.*

- Do you think Geography is useful?

    - *Geography is undoubtedly useful. It provides valuable knowledge about the Earth and its various aspects, which can be applied in many fields, including environmental science, urban planning, and international relations.*

- Did you learn Geography when you were at school?

    - *Yes, I learned geography when I was at school. It was part of the curriculum, and I found it both interesting and informative. It helped broaden my understanding of the world.*

- Do you want to be a Geography teacher?

    - *While I appreciate geography, I don't have plans to become a geography teacher. However, I do think teaching geography can be a rewarding profession, as it allows educators to share their passion for the subject and inspire students to explore the world.*

Noises

- Do you like to stay in a place with a lot of noise?

    - *Personally, I don't particularly enjoy staying in a place with a lot of noise. I find it challenging to concentrate or relax when there's excessive noise in the background.*

- Do you think your city is too noisy?

    - *Sometimes, I do think my city, Hanoi, can be quite noisy, especially in crowded areas or during peak traffic hours. However, it's something I've grown accustomed to, and it's part of the urban experience.*

- How do you feel about people making noise around you?

    - *I believe people making noise around me is a part of daily life, but it depends on the context. In a social setting, like a celebration or a lively gathering, it can be enjoyable. However, in situations where I need focus or peace and quiet, it can be a bit bothersome.*

- What is the noisiest place you have been to?

    - *The noisiest place I've been to would probably be a busy marketplace or a concert venue. The combination of people, music, and various sounds can create a cacophony of noise. While it's fun in some cases, it can also be overwhelming.*

Robots

- Are you interested in robots?

  - *I find robots fascinating! The advancements in robotics technology are incredible, and I'm always intrigued by the potential they hold for various applications.*

- Do you like robots to work at your home?

  - *Having robots work at my home could be convenient for certain tasks, like cleaning or even cooking. However, I would also want to ensure that they don't replace the human touch and interactions that make a home feel warm and personal.*

- Do you want to take a car in which a robot is the driver?

  - *The idea of a car with a robot driver, like an autonomous vehicle, is intriguing. It could potentially make transportation safer and more efficient. But, I would also be cautious and want to ensure that the technology is reliable and safe before fully embracing it.*

- Have you ever watched a film about robots?

  - *Yes, I've watched films about robots, and there are some fantastic ones out there! Movies like "Wall-E," "I, Robot," and "Blade Runner" explore various aspects of robotics and AI, raising interesting questions about their role in society and the future.*

Public Transportation

- Do you often use public transport?

    - *I do use public transport quite often. It's a convenient and eco-friendly way to get around, especially in a city like Hanoi.*

- What kind of public transportation do you usually take?

    - *In Hanoi, I typically use buses or the metro for public transportation. These modes of transport are readily available and help me navigate the city efficiently.*

- Did you take public transportation when you were a kid?

    - *Yes, I used public transportation when I was a child, especially for school or family outings. It's a common way to get around in many places, and I became familiar with it at an early age.*

- Will there be more people taking public transportation in the future?

    - *It's likely that more people will opt for public transportation in the future, especially with a growing emphasis on reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable urban mobility. Improved public transit systems and a greater awareness of environmental issues may encourage more individuals to use public transport.*

Musical instruments

- Did you ever learn a musical instrument as a child?

  - *Yes, I did learn a musical instrument as a child. I had the opportunity to learn to play the piano, and it was a valuable experience that introduced me to the world of music.*

- Do you play any kinds of musical instruments?

  - *I do play some musical instruments. While I learned the piano as a child, I also dabbled in playing the guitar and ukulele. It's enjoyable to be able to create music and play different instruments.*

- If you could learn a musical instrument, what would it be?

  - *If I could learn a new musical instrument, I think I would choose to learn the violin. It has a beautiful and soulful sound, and I've always been fascinated by its versatility and ability to evoke emotions through music.*

Volunteer

- Have you ever done any voluntary work?

  - *Yes, I've done some voluntary work in the past. Volunteering is a rewarding experience, and I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community.*

- Would you like to work as a volunteer?

  - *I'm open to working as a volunteer in the future. It's a meaningful way to contribute to various causes and make a positive impact on society.*

- Would you volunteer to help people outside your community?

  - *I would certainly consider volunteering to help people outside my community. There are many global or national organizations that require volunteers to support initiatives and projects, and I believe in the importance of reaching out beyond one's immediate surroundings.*

- What types of voluntary work would be unpleasant for you?

  - *While I'm open to various types of voluntary work, tasks that involve unpleasant or distressing situations, like working with severely ill patients or in disaster relief under challenging conditions, might be just a bit too emotionally taxing for me. However, I understand the importance of such work and the difference it can make in people's lives.*

Vacation

- **Do you like vacations? Why?**

  - *Yes, I enjoy vacations - I mean, who doesn't? They offer a break from the daily routine, a chance to relax, explore new places, and create lasting memories. Vacations provide an opportunity to recharge and destress.*

- **Who do you like to spend your vacations with, friends or family?**

  - *I like to spend my vacations with both friends and family, depending on the occasion and destination. Vacations with family are a great way to bond and create shared experiences, while trips with friends can be more adventurous and spontaneous.*

- **Where do you usually go on vacations?**

  - *For vacation destinations, I often visit various places in Vietnam. There are so many beautiful spots like Ha Long Bay, Da Nang, or Phu Quoc Island. Whether it's a beach getaway, a mountain retreat, or a city adventure, the diverse landscapes and rich culture in Vietnam has a place for every kind of trip you want, which is what I love about my country.*

- **When was your last vacation?**

  - *My last vacation was during the summer break. I went to Da Nang with my family to enjoy the beaches and the vibrant atmosphere of the city. It was a memorable trip filled with delicious food and quality time with my loved ones, and I had a great experience there.*

Old Topics

Health

- How do you keep yourself healthy?

  - *To keep myself healthy, I try to maintain a balanced diet, incorporating a variety of fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins. Regular exercise is also a key part of my routine, along with staying hydrated and getting enough sleep. It's important to take care of both physical and mental health.*

- What are your favourite sports?

  - *My favorite sports include [mention your favorite sports, such as swimming, cycling, or any other activities you enjoy]. Sports are a great way to stay active and have fun at the same time.*

- Are there health classes in your school?

  - *Yes, there are health classes in my school. These classes provide valuable information about nutrition, fitness, and overall well-being. They are essential in promoting health education among students.*

- Is it easy for people to exercise in your country?

  - *In my country, Vietnam, it's relatively easy for people to exercise. There are various public parks and recreational facilities where individuals can engage in physical activities. Additionally, many gyms and fitness centers are available for those who prefer structured workouts. The ease of exercise largely depends on personal preferences and access to facilities.*

Ice cream

- Do you like ice cream?

  - *Yes, I like ice cream. It's such a delightful treat, especially on a hot day. My favorite flavor is probably cookies and cream; I love the combination of crunchy cookies and creamy ice cream.*

- Do you eat ice cream a lot?

  - *I do enjoy ice cream quite a bit, but I try not to eat it too often because, you know, it's not the healthiest choice for regular consumption. I usually reserve it for special occasions or when I'm really in the mood for something sweet.*

- Did you eat ice cream as a child?

  - *Absolutely! I enjoyed ice cream a lot as a child. It was one of those things that brought so much joy during my younger years. I used to have it as a reward for good behavior or on family outings to the ice cream parlor.*

- Are there shops selling ice cream near where you live?

  - *Yes, there are plenty of shops selling ice cream near where I live in Hanoi. We have a variety of options, from small local vendors with traditional flavors to international chains offering unique combinations and toppings. It's easy to satisfy an ice cream craving here.*

- Would you like to make your own ice cream?

  - *Making my own ice cream sounds like a fun idea! I've never tried it before, but I've seen people make homemade ice cream using machines or even just by mixing ingredients in a bag with ice. It could be a cool project to experiment with different flavors and toppings, especially during a gathering with friends or family.*

Concentration

- Can you remain focused for a long time?

  - *I can stay focused for a reasonable amount of time, especially when I'm interested in what I'm doing. However, like many people, I can also get easily distracted, so it varies depending on the task.*

- How do you stay focused?

  - *To stay focused, I try a few techniques. One is setting specific goals or deadlines for myself, which helps create a sense of urgency. I also like to break tasks into smaller, manageable chunks and take short breaks in between to maintain my concentration.*

- Did you stay focused in class when you were a child?

  - *As a child in class, staying focused could be a bit tricky at times. It really depended on the subject and how engaging the teacher's teaching style was. I found it easier to stay attentive when the lesson was interactive or involved something I was passionate about.*

- Is it easy for you to stay focused in a noisy environment?

  - *Staying focused in a noisy environment can be a bit challenging for me. I prefer a quieter space to concentrate, but if I have to work or study in a noisy place, I might use noise-cancelling headphones or play some soothing background music to help block out distractions. It's not always easy, but these strategies can make it more manageable.*

Fixing things

- Can you fix things?

  - *I can fix some things, but it really depends on the complexity of the issue. Simple repairs like fixing a loose button on a shirt or a minor household fix are usually doable. However, for more intricate or technical repairs, I might need some guidance or professional assistance.*

- Did anybody teach you how to fix things when you were a child?

  - *As a child, I did learn some basic repair skills from my family, especially my parents and older relatives. They taught me how to sew, replace a light bulb, or tighten loose screws. These skills have been quite handy in everyday life.*

- Do you think it is necessary for people to learn to fix things?

  - *I do believe it's important for people to learn how to fix basic things. It not only saves money but also empowers individuals to be more self-reliant. Simple repairs can be a valuable life skill, and it's eco-friendly too, as it promotes sustainability by reducing waste.*

- What do you do when a thing is broken and cannot be fixed?

  - *When something is broken and can't be fixed, I usually try to recycle or dispose of it in an environmentally responsible manner. It's essential to consider the impact of discarded items on the environment. If it's something valuable or sentimental, I might repurpose it in creative ways or seek professional help if feasible.*

Friends

- How important are friends to you?

  - *Friends are very important to me. They provide support, companionship, and shared experiences, making life more enjoyable and meaningful.*

- Do you often go out with your friends?

  - *I do try to spend time with my friends regularly. Whether it's meeting up in person or connecting online, maintaining those relationships is essential.*

- Where do you often meet each other?

  - *We often meet at various places in Hanoi, like cafes, restaurants, parks, or each other's homes. We choose different locations depending on the occasion and what we feel like doing.*

- What do you usually do with your friends?

  - *With my friends, we enjoy a range of activities. This can include going out for meals, watching movies, exploring new places, or simply having meaningful conversations. The variety of things we do together keeps our friendships dynamic and exciting.*

Favourite day

- Which day is your favourite day of the week?

  - *My favorite day of the week is probably Saturday. It marks the start of the weekend, and I usually have more free time to relax or do things I enjoy.*

- Which day is your least favourite day?

  - *My least favorite day of the week might be Monday. It's often associated with the return to work or school after the weekend, and the transition from relaxation to a busier schedule can be a bit challenging.*

- How do you usually spend your time on the weekends?

  - *On the weekends, I typically spend my time in various ways. This can include going out with friends, enjoying hobbies, catching up on reading or movies, and sometimes just taking it easy and unwinding at home. It's a time to recharge and do things I love.*

Day off

- **When was the last time you had a few days off?**

  - *The last time I had a few days off was at the beginning of September. We celebrated our National Day on September 2nd, and this year the holiday was immediately followed by the weekend, so I got to enjoy quite a long holiday.*

- **What do you usually do when you have days off?**

  - *When I have days off, I typically use them to relax, pursue hobbies, catch up on reading or movies, and maybe spend quality time with either my parents or friends. It depends on the situation and what I'm in the mood for.*

- **Do you usually spend your days off with your parents or your friends?**

  - *Whether I spend my days off with my parents or friends depends on their availability and my plans. I enjoy both, as they offer different experiences and connections.*

- **What would you like to do if you had a day off tomorrow?**

  - *Well, of course I'm still going to have to go to university tomorrow, but if I had a day off tomorrow, I might plan a small outing with friends, explore a new place in Hanoi, or perhaps have a movie or game night at home. It's all about making the most of the free time and enjoying it to the fullest.*

Bags

- Do you usually carry a bag?

    - *Yes, I usually carry a bag when I go out. It's a practical way to carry my essentials, whether it's a handbag, backpack, or another type of bag.*

- Do you change your bags often?

    - *I don't change my bags very often. I have a few bags that I rotate depending on the occasion and my outfit. I believe in quality over quantity when it comes to bags.*

- What kind of bags would you use when travelling?

    - *When traveling, I prefer to use a backpack or a travel-friendly bag that's comfortable to carry and can fit all my travel essentials. It's essential to have a bag that's both functional and secure for traveling.*

- Did you use a backpack when you were a child?

    - *Yes, I used a backpack when I was a child for school and other activities. It was a practical way to carry books, supplies, and sometimes even a lunchbox. Backpacks are versatile and suitable for various age groups.*

Wild animals

- Are there wild animals in your country?

  - *Of course, there are lots of wild animals in Vietnam. My country is known for its rich biodiversity, including various species of animals that inhabit forests, mountains, and other natural landscapes.*

- Have you ever been to a zoo or a safari park?

  - *Yes, I've been to a zoo and a safari park before. It's an opportunity to see a variety of animals up close, and it can be an educational and enjoyable experience.*

- What is the animal you would like to see in the wild?

  - *I would love to see elephants in the wild. They are magnificent and gentle creatures, and observing them in their natural habitat would be a remarkable experience.*

- Are there TV programs about wild animals in your country?

  - *Yes, there are TV programs about wild animals in Vietnam. These programs often showcase the diverse wildlife found in the country and around the world, and they offer insights into animal behavior and conservation efforts.*

Rain

- Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days?

  - *I generally prefer sunny days. The warmth and brightness of the sun tend to lift my spirits, and it's ideal for outdoor activities.*

- What do you do on rainy days?

  - *On rainy days, I like to cozy up indoors. I might read a book, watch a movie, or spend time cooking or baking. Rainy days can be quite relaxing.*

- What do you usually do when it starts to rain and you are outside?

  - *When it starts to rain while I'm outside, I typically seek shelter, either by finding a nearby building, using an umbrella, or waiting it out in a covered area.*

- Have you ever had to change your plans because of the rain?

  - *Yes, I've had to change my plans because of the rain on several occasions. Outdoor activities like picnics, hikes, or beach outings sometimes had to be postponed or moved indoors due to unexpected rainfall. It's part of the unpredictable nature of weather, and flexibility is key.*

Teacher

- Would you like to become a teacher?

  - *Well, currently I'm still a student, and I haven't decided on a specific career path yet. But I think becoming a teacher is a noble profession, and it's something I would consider if I felt a strong passion for it.*

- Do you think you could be a good teacher?

  - *Whether I could be a good teacher would depend on my dedication, ability to communicate effectively, and connect with students. Teaching is a challenging yet rewarding role, and I would strive to be the best I could be.*

- Did you have a favourite teacher when you were a child?

  - *Yes, like most kids, I had a favorite teacher when I was a child. Ms Lan Anh, I think, was her name - she was my English teacher in third grade. I remember she was not only a very knowledgeable teacher, but also very approachable and supportive to her students. I found her classes engaging, and she inspired in me a love for English that lasts to this day.*

- How did this teacher help you in your study?

  - *She helped me in my studies by making the subject interesting and relatable. She encouraged questions and discussions, creating a dynamic learning environment. Her support and guidance played a significant role in my academic growth and interest in English even many years later.*

Languages

- What foreign languages have you studied? Why?

  - *I have studied English ever since I was six years old, and I also have had some beginning lessons in Japanese and Chinese. I want to learn many foreign languages, even if I can't be fluent in all of them, because learning a foreign language opens up opportunities for communication, travel, and cultural enrichment. It's a valuable skill in our globalized world.*

- How do you often learn a new language?

  - *I typically learn a new language through a combination of methods, including formal classes, self-study with language learning apps and resources, and immersion by practicing with native speakers. The approach may vary depending on the language and the resources available.*

- How long does it often take you to learn a new language?

  - *For me, how long it takes depends a lot on the specific language I'm learning. By that I mean, the time it takes to learn a new language varies greatly, and depends on many factors, such as the language's complexity, the amount of time I can dedicate to learning, and my prior language learning experience. Learning the basics of a language might take a few months, while becoming proficient could take several years.*

- Is learning a new language difficult for you?

  - *Learning a new language can be challenging, especially if it's significantly different from one's native language. It requires dedication, practice, and patience. Some aspects may come more easily than others, but it's normal to encounter difficulties along the way. However, the rewards of language learning, such as enhanced communication and cultural understanding, make it a worthwhile endeavor.*

Riding a bike

- Did you have a bike when you were young?

  - *Yes, I had a bike when I was young. It was a common mode of transportation for children in my area.*

- Did you ride a bike often when you were little?

  - *I used to ride a bike often when I was little. It was a fun and convenient way to explore the neighborhood and spend time outdoors.*

- Did you ride a bike to school?

  - *I didn't ride a bike to school when I was young. My school was relatively close to my home, so I usually walked there*.

- Do you ride a bike when you go out now?

  - *I still ride a bike occasionally when I go out, especially for recreational purposes like cycling in parks or along scenic routes. However, for daily transportation, I often use other means of getting around.*

Dream and ambition

- What was your childhood dream?

  - *My childhood dream was to become [mention your childhood dream, e.g., a doctor, an astronaut, a teacher, or any other dream you had as a child]. It was a vision I held with excitement and curiosity.*

- Are you the kind of person who sticks to dreams?

  - *I believe in pursuing dreams, but I also understand that dreams can change over time. It's important to be flexible and adapt to new interests and goals as life evolves.*

- What is your dream job?

  - *Well, actually, because I am still a student, I don't know enough about the working world to know what job is best for me, so I don't have a specific "dream job" at the moment. But I think becoming a teacher is a noble profession, and it's something I might consider if one day I feel a strong passion for it.*

- Do you think you are an ambitious person?

  - *I consider myself an ambitious person to some extent. I have goals and aspirations that I work towards, and I'm driven to achieve them. Ambition can be a positive quality when balanced with other life priorities and values.*

Part 2 + 3

The Individual Long Turn

and The Discussion

New Topics

Describe a rule that is important in your school or at work

You should say:

- What the rule is about

- What happens when people break the rule

- Why you think it is an important rule

- And explain how you feel about the rule.

In my university, one important rule revolves around academic integrity. This rule is about maintaining honesty and ethical conduct in all academic activities, including assignments, exams, and research projects.

When people break this rule by engaging in plagiarism or cheating, there are consequences such as receiving a failing grade for the assignment or exam, suspension, or even expulsion from the university, depending on the severity of the violation.

I believe this rule is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it ensures fairness and equality in the academic environment, as it guarantees that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed based on their own knowledge and effort. Secondly, it promotes a culture of integrity and honesty, which are essential qualities in both education and professional life.

Personally, I wholeheartedly support this rule. It not only preserves the value of education but also fosters a sense of responsibility and ethics in students. I believe in the importance of achieving success through one's efforts and learning experiences rather than resorting to dishonest means. This rule aligns with my values, and I believe it's essential for the integrity of our academic institution.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- **What rules should children follow at home in your country?**

  - *In Vietnam, children are typically expected to follow a set of rules at home. Firstly, they need to show respect for elders. By that, I mean, children are expected to show respect for their parents, grandparents, and other elders in the family. This includes using polite language, listening to their advice, and helping with household chores. Another one is study and homework. In our culture, focusing on their education is crucial, so children are encouraged to do their homework and study regularly.*

- **On what occasions can children be forgiven if they don't follow some rules?**

  - *While these rules are generally expected to be followed, there can be some flexibility in certain situations, such as when children make occasional mistakes or when they are not feeling well.*

- **What rules should people follow when using public transport?**

  - *When using public transport in Vietnam, there are common courtesy rules such as giving up seats for the elderly, pregnant women, or people with disabilities, not causing disturbances, and not littering. People are generally expected to follow these rules to maintain order and ensure a safe and pleasant commuting experience.*

- **Do you think Vietnamese follow traffic rules?**

  - *As for traffic rules in Vietnam, there has been a historical issue with compliance, particularly in densely populated urban areas. However, there have been efforts to improve adherence to traffic rules and regulations in recent years.*

- **Is it important to have traffic rules?**

  - *Yes, it is incredibly important to have traffic rules. First and foremost, they ensure there is a level of safety on the roads. Traffic rules are primarily implemented to safeguard the lives of road users. They help prevent accidents and reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities. Secondly, these rules help maintain order on the roads, preventing chaos and congestion. They enable the efficient flow of traffic, minimizing delays and ensuring a smoother commute for everyone. In summary, traffic rules are essential for the functioning of any modern society with a transportation system.*

Describe a period of time that changed your life

You should say:

- When it was

- Who you were with

- What happened during that period of time

And explain why it changed your life

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RESPONSE A:

The period that profoundly changed my life was the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. It was a global crisis that had a significant impact on me and countless others.

During this time, I, like many people, experienced social isolation as lockdowns and restrictions were implemented to curb the virus's spread. I spent a lot of time at home, adapting to a new way of life, and often working from home to comply with safety measures.

The pandemic brought about a heightened awareness of mental health. The uncertainty, social isolation, and the continuous stream of distressing news had a toll on our mental well-being. It prompted me to pay more attention to my mental health and seek ways to cope with the challenges.

The pandemic changed my life in various ways. It taught me resilience and adaptability as I adjusted to remote work and online learning. It emphasized the importance of staying connected with loved ones, even if it had to be through digital means. It also highlighted the significance of being informed, both about public health measures and mental health resources.

In summary, the COVID-19 pandemic was a transformative period that underscored the importance of adaptability, mental health awareness, and community support. It was a time of challenges, but it also offered valuable lessons that will continue to shape my life and the lives of many others.

RESPONSE B:

A period of time that significantly changed my life was my first year of university, which began in 2021.

I entered university with a mix of excitement and nervousness. I was with a diverse group of fellow students from various backgrounds, and I was away from home for the first time, living in a dormitory.

During that year, I experienced immense personal growth. I was exposed to a wide range of new ideas, perspectives, and opportunities. I made new friends and developed a sense of independence and self-reliance. I had the freedom to choose my courses and explore areas of study that genuinely interested me.

This period changed my life by shaping my future path. It opened up new academic and career opportunities, helped me become more adaptable, and broadened my horizons. It taught me the importance of self-motivation and time management. The friendships I formed during that year continue to be meaningful in my life.

Overall, my first year of university was a transformative period that set the stage for personal and academic development, and it significantly influenced the direction of my future endeavors.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Why do some people change their jobs often?

  - *Some people change their jobs often for a variety of reasons. These may include seeking better career opportunities, higher salaries, improved work-life balance, or personal growth. Job changes can also be motivated by a desire for new challenges or a different work environment. In some cases, layoffs or company restructures can force job changes.*

- Which do young people in your country prefer, changing their jobs frequently, or staying in a job for a long time?

  - *In my country, the preference for changing jobs frequently or staying in a job for a long time varies among young people. Some prefer to change jobs frequently to gain diverse experiences and continually advance their careers. Others value job stability and seek to build long-term relationships with their employers. The choice often depends on individual career goals, personal circumstances, and industry norms.*

- What skills do employees need to learn in the future?

  - *In the future, employees will need to acquire a range of skills to remain competitive in the job market. These skills include digital literacy, adaptability to technological changes, problem-solving, creativity, communication, and emotional intelligence. Continuous learning and the ability to acquire new skills will be vital as industries evolve.*

- Do you think companies should be willing to change?

  - *Companies should indeed be willing to change and adapt to evolving circumstances. This includes staying current with industry trends and embracing technological advancements. It's essential for organizations to be flexible and responsive to meet the changing needs and expectations of both their employees and customers. Companies that resist change may find it challenging to remain competitive in a dynamic business landscape. Adaptability and innovation are key drivers of success in the modern business world.*

Describe a photo that makes you feel happy

You should say:

- When and where you took the photo

- What the photo is like

- How often you look at the photo

And explain why it makes you feel happy

I have a photo that brings me immense happiness. It was taken during a family vacation in the summer of 2018 at a picturesque beach in Phuket, Thailand.

The photo captures a breathtaking sunset over the ocean, with vivid shades of orange and pink painting the sky. In the foreground, there's a silhouette of my family, arms linked, standing on the shoreline, gazing at the horizon. The image perfectly encapsulates the tranquility and beauty of that moment.

I don't look at this photo as often as I should, but when I do, it never fails to bring a smile to my face. It's a reminder of a perfect day spent with loved ones, surrounded by the wonders of nature. The warm colors of the sunset, the soothing sound of the waves, and the joy on my family's faces all contribute to the overwhelming sense of happiness this photo evokes.

Every time I see this image, it transports me back to that serene beach, where worries melted away, and life felt simple and beautiful. It reminds me of the importance of cherishing moments with loved ones and the sheer joy of witnessing nature's wonders. This photo serves as a source of gratitude and a beautiful memory that never fails to make me feel happy.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Do you think people take more photos now than in the past?

  - *Yes, people take more photos now than in the past, thanks to the widespread availability of smartphones and digital cameras. The convenience of these devices has made capturing moments and sharing them on social media a common practice in daily life.*

- Do you think equipment is important for photography?

  - *Equipment is important for photography, but it's not the only factor that determines the quality of a photograph. While having a good camera and accessories can enhance the possibilities, a skilled photographer can create compelling images even with simpler equipment. Creativity, composition, and an understanding of lighting are equally important.*

- Do you think being a professional photographer is a good job?

  - *Being a professional photographer can be a fulfilling job for those passionate about it. It allows for creative expression and the opportunity to capture significant moments in people's lives. However, it can also be competitive and financially unpredictable, so it may not be the right career choice for everyone.*

- What are the qualities of a professional photographer?

  - *Qualities of a professional photographer include technical skills, creativity, an eye for detail, the ability to work with different subjects and in various environments, and strong communication skills, especially when dealing with clients. Adaptability and a willingness to continuously learn and evolve in a rapidly changing field are also important.*

- Has the way people take photos changed?

  - *Yes, the way people take photos has changed significantly due to the digital revolution. Film photography has largely been replaced by digital photography, and the convenience of smartphones means that nearly everyone has a camera in their pocket. Social media platforms have also influenced how people take and share photos, with an emphasis on instant sharing and visual storytelling.*

Describe a place in your country that you are interested in

You should say:

- Where it is

- How you knew about it

- What people do there

And explain why you are interested in it

> One place in Vietnam that has always captured my interest is the ancient town of Hoi An, located in Quang Nam Province.
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> I first learned about Hoi An through travel documentaries, books, and the recommendations of friends who had visited. The town is renowned for its well-preserved historic architecture, dating back to the 15th to 19th centuries. It's a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has a unique blend of architectural influences, including Japanese, Chinese, and European styles.
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> Hoi An is a bustling and vibrant town that offers a glimpse into Vietnam's rich cultural heritage. People visit the town to explore its charming streets, lined with colorful lanterns, traditional houses, and tailor shops. The town is famous for its tailoring services, and many visitors come to have custom-made clothing created. Additionally, Hoi An's street food and local cuisine are a significant draw for food enthusiasts.
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> I am particularly interested in Hoi An because of its historical and architectural significance. It's a place where the past comes alive, and I'm fascinated by the intricate designs and influences that have shaped the town. The cultural diversity and the chance to explore traditional crafts, taste authentic Vietnamese dishes, and witness the local way of life make it an exciting destination to visit. Hoi An is not only beautiful but also educational, making it a place that piques my curiosity and sense of adventure.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Do the people in your country like travelling?

  - *Yes, people in Vietnam generally enjoy traveling. Traveling is a popular way to explore different regions of the country and experience its diverse culture and landscapes. It's also a way for people to relax, unwind, and create lasting memories.*

- Do people have different personalities in different regions of your country?

  - *Yes, there can be variations in personalities and cultural norms in different regions of Vietnam. For example, people in the north, south, and central regions may have distinct dialects, traditions, and food preferences. These regional differences can influence the behavior and characteristics of individuals to some extent.*

- What is the difference in the attitude of young people and older people towards trying new things?

  - *In Vietnam, as in many other countries, there can be differences in the attitude of young people and older people towards trying new things. Younger generations often embrace change and innovation more readily, while older generations may have a more conservative approach. This difference can be attributed to generational experiences, exposure to new ideas, and adaptability.*

- Why do some people not want to try new things?

  - *Some people may resist trying new things due to a fear of the unknown, a preference for familiarity, or a comfort zone. Change can be intimidating, and people may worry about the potential risks or challenges that come with new experiences. It's a natural response, but it can limit personal growth and opportunities.*

- Is a great tourist destination also a good place to live?

  - *A great tourist destination doesn't always translate to a good place to live. While tourist destinations offer beautiful scenery and attractions, they may lack the essential infrastructure and services needed for day-to-day life. Factors such as job opportunities, education, healthcare, and the cost of living can greatly influence the quality of life in a particular location. Therefore, what makes a great tourist destination may not necessarily make it a suitable place to settle and call home.*

Describe someone you know who is good at cooking

You should say:

- Who this person is

- How you knew him/her

- What he/she likes to cook

And explain why you think he/she is good at cooking

Someone I know who is exceptionally skilled at cooking is my aunt, Aunt Hoa. I've known her for as long as I can remember, as she's a close family member.

Aunt Hoa has an impressive culinary repertoire, but her specialty is Vietnamese cuisine. She excels in preparing traditional Vietnamese dishes like pho, spring rolls, and banh mi. Her dishes are not only incredibly delicious but also beautifully presented.

There are several reasons why I think Aunt Hoa is an outstanding cook. Firstly, she has had a lifelong passion for cooking and is continually refining her skills. She enjoys experimenting with new recipes and ingredients. Secondly, she has learned traditional recipes and techniques from her mother and grandmother, passing down generations of culinary wisdom. Her attention to detail and the care she puts into every dish are truly remarkable. Additionally, she has a deep understanding of flavors and how to balance them, resulting in dishes that are not only tasty but also harmonious.

What makes Aunt Hoa exceptional at cooking is her dedication, love for the art of cooking, and the way she brings people together through her meals. Every time we gather as a family, her food creates a sense of warmth and togetherness. She's not only a great cook but also a true culinary artist who has a knack for creating memorable dining experiences.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Do people in your country like cooking their meals at home?

    - *Yes, people in Vietnam generally enjoy cooking their meals at home. Home-cooked meals are an integral part of Vietnamese culture, and many people take pride in preparing traditional dishes from scratch. Cooking at home allows for personalization and the use of fresh ingredients, and it often brings families and friends together.*

- What do people need to prepare when they want to cook?

    - *To prepare a meal, people need ingredients such as vegetables, meat or seafood, grains like rice or noodles, herbs, spices, and cooking oil. Additionally, they require kitchen equipment and utensils like pots, pans, knives, and cutting boards. The specific ingredients and equipment depend on the dish being prepared.*

- What are the differences in the way people cook their food today and in the past?

    - *There have been significant changes in the way people cook their food today compared to the past. Modern technology, such as electric stoves and ovens, microwave ovens, and kitchen appliances like blenders and food processors, has made cooking more efficient. Moreover, globalization has introduced a wide range of international ingredients and recipes to kitchens worldwide. However, traditional methods of cooking, such as using open flames, clay pots, and wood-fired stoves, continue to be preserved, especially in rural areas.*

- Do you think food is an important part of festivals in Vietnam?

    - *Food is indeed an important part of festivals in Vietnam. Festivals often revolve around special dishes and traditional culinary customs. For example, during the Lunar New Year (Tết), families prepare and share specific festive dishes like "bánh chưng" (sticky rice cake) and candied fruits (mứt tết). Food is used to symbolize luck, prosperity, and the preservation of cultural heritage during these celebrations. Food plays a central role in connecting people and passing down traditions during Vietnamese festivals.*

Describe someone you don't know but would like to know more about

You should say:

- Who this person is

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- How you first knew about him/her

- What interesting things he/she has done

And explain why you want to know more about him/her

Someone I would like to know more about is Bill Gates. Bill Gates is a renowned entrepreneur, philanthropist, and co-founder of Microsoft, one of the world's leading technology companies.

I first became aware of Bill Gates through his contributions to the computer industry and his subsequent philanthropic work with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He played a pivotal role in the personal computer revolution and has been instrumental in shaping the digital world we live in today.

Bill Gates' journey from a college dropout to a technology visionary and a global health advocate is truly fascinating. He has not only amassed significant wealth but has also dedicated a substantial portion of it to improving global healthcare, education, and reducing poverty.

I want to know more about Bill Gates because his life story and the impact of his philanthropic efforts are truly inspiring. Understanding his perspective on technology, business, and the role of philanthropy in addressing some of the world's most pressing issues would be enlightening. Bill Gates' ability to bridge the worlds of technology and social good is a unique and admirable trait, and learning more about his experiences and motivations would provide valuable insights for anyone interested in entrepreneurship, technology, and philanthropy.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Is it difficult to make friends today?

  - *In my opinion, making friends today can be both easy and challenging, depending on various factors. Technology has made it simpler to connect with people online, but it has also changed the dynamics of in-person interactions. Some individuals find it challenging to make deep, meaningful connections due to busy lifestyles, social anxiety, or the superficial nature of some online interactions. So, while it's not inherently difficult to make friends, the nature of friendship and the way people connect has evolved.*

- Are there any differences in the way people treat their friends and the way they treat strangers?

  - *There are often differences in how people treat friends compared to strangers. With friends, there's typically a higher level of trust, intimacy, and shared experiences. People are more open and supportive with friends, whereas interactions with strangers may be more guarded and formal.*

- Do people feel lonely in crowded cities?

  - *Yes, it's definitely possible for people to feel lonely in crowded cities. Crowded urban environments can sometimes lead to a sense of anonymity and disconnection. Despite being surrounded by many people, individuals may still experience loneliness due to a lack of meaningful social connections or a feeling of being lost in the crowd.*

- Do you think technology has changed the way people connect with one another?

  - *Without a doubt, yes. Technology has significantly changed the way people connect with each other. While it has enabled global communication and made it easier to maintain long-distance friendships, it has also led to concerns about reduced face-to-face interactions and the potential for superficial online relationships. Technology's impact on social connections is complex, with both positive and negative aspects.*

Describe a foreigner who speaks your language well

You should say:

- Who this person is
- Where he/she is from
- How he/she learns your language

And explain why he/she can speak your language well

I have a friend named Sarah who is a foreigner but speaks Vietnamese exceptionally well. She originally hails from the United States.

Sarah's journey to mastering Vietnamese is quite impressive. She first became interested in the language and culture during her college years when she took up Vietnamese studies. Her dedication to learning the language was apparent as she diligently attended language classes and immersed herself in Vietnamese culture.

What sets Sarah apart is her genuine passion for Vietnam and its people. She took the time to understand the intricacies of the language, its tones, and nuances, which can be quite challenging for non-native speakers. Moreover, she made a point to practice speaking with native speakers regularly.

I think Sarah's ability to speak Vietnamese fluently is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and deep appreciation for the country and its culture. She's not just proficient in the language; she's also culturally sensitive and respectful, which greatly contributes to her effective communication. Her enthusiasm for Vietnam, combined with her linguistic skills, makes her one of the most impressive foreigners I know who can speak Vietnamese fluently.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What foreign languages do Vietnamese children learn?

    - *Vietnamese children typically learn several foreign languages, with English being the most prominent. Additionally, some students may choose to learn French, Chinese, Japanese, or other languages based on their interests or school curricula.*

- Why are so many people learning English?

    - *English is widely learned in Vietnam due to its global importance. It's seen as a vital tool for accessing international opportunities, including higher education and better job prospects. Many multinational companies also require English proficiency. As a result, English is considered a gateway to global communication and economic advancement.*

- How can parents help their children learn English?

    - *Parents can support their children's English learning by creating an English-speaking environment at home. This can involve reading English books, watching English-language content, and engaging in conversations in English. Enrolling children in English classes or hiring tutors can provide structured learning. Encouraging regular practice and making learning fun can also be effective.*

- Do you think the way people learn English today is the same as in the past?

    - *The way people learn English today has evolved significantly compared to the past. The availability of online resources, language learning apps, and interactive websites has transformed language education. Additionally, modern teaching methods focus more on communication and practical language skills rather than rote memorization, making language learning more engaging and effective.*

- What are the benefits of the Internet in learning a language?

    - *The Internet has brought numerous benefits to language learning. It provides access to a wealth of resources, including language courses, online dictionaries, and language exchange platforms. It allows learners to practice listening and speaking with native speakers through video calls or language exchange websites. Additionally, the Internet facilitates self-paced learning, making it easier for individuals to tailor their language studies to their specific needs and schedules.*

Describe an impressive work of art (such as a painting) you saw

You should say:

- When you saw this painting

- What the painting is about

- Who the painter is

And explain why you think it is impressive

I would like to tell you about what I think is an impressive work of art. It is called "The Persistence of Memory", and it's an abstract painting by the Spanish artist Salvador Dali.

I remember the first time I saw it was during my vacation in French a couple of years ago. This painting is a surreal masterpiece that was created in 1931.

"The Persistence of Memory" is known for its dreamlike quality and melting clocks scattered across a barren landscape. The painting seems to depict the fluidity of time and the malleable nature of reality. The soft, almost liquefied appearance of the clocks, along with the eerie, desolate setting, evokes a sense of timelessness and mystery.

Salvador Dali, a Spanish surrealist painter, was the creative mind behind this iconic artwork. His ability to blend the real and the surreal in a way that provokes deep contemplation is what makes this painting so impressive. The way he captured the distortion of time and reality challenges our perception and sparks conversations about the nature of existence.

What makes "The Persistence of Memory" so impressive to me is its ability to transport viewers into a world of imagination and introspection. It's a piece of art that encourages you to ponder the elusive and ever-changing nature of time and reality, and that's what truly sets it apart as an exceptional work of art.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What are the differences between a painting and a drawing?

  - *Paintings and drawings are both visual art forms, but they differ in a couple key ways. First of all, I think is the medium. Paintings are typically created with paint and often involve the use of brushes, while drawings are often made with pencils, charcoal, or ink. The second difference between them is in the use of color. Paintings can incorporate a wide range of colors, allowing for greater vibrancy and depth, while drawings are often monochromatic or limited in their color palette.*

- Why do some people keep a painting for a long time?

  - *People can keep paintings for a long time for various reasons. A painting can hold sentimental value, remind them of a particular time or place, or simply resonate with their personal taste and style. Art can also be seen as an investment, and some people keep paintings in the hope that their value will appreciate over time.*

- Do you think all children should have art lessons in primary and secondary school?

  - *Yes I do, absolutely. I believe having art lessons in primary and secondary schools is vital. They can help children develop creativity, fine motor skills, and self-expression. Additionally, art can provide an outlet for emotional expression and enhance critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. However, the inclusion of art lessons in the curriculum often depends on the educational system and its priorities.*

- What are the benefits of having art lessons as an adult?

  - *The way I see it, art lessons can be highly rewarding for an adult. They offer an opportunity for personal growth, stress relief, and creative exploration. Creating art can be therapeutic, helping adults unwind and manage stress. Art also encourages mindfulness and concentration, which can be beneficial for mental well-being.And, just like any social activities, art classes provide an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and build social connections.*

Describe a park or a garden in your city

You should say:

- When you often go there

- Where it is

- Who you often go there with

And explain how you feel about it

One of the most lovely parks in Hanoi, my home city, is Hanoi Botanical Garden, or "Vườn bách thảo" as the locals like me call it. This park is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike.

Visitors often go to Hanoi Botanical Garden throughout the year, as it offers a pleasant environment for various activities. The park is situated in the Tay Ho District, not far from the city center. It's easily accessible, making it a convenient place for a leisurely escape.

People often visit Hanoi Botanical Garden with their friends, family, or by themselves. It's a versatile park that accommodates different interests, from individuals who prefer to read a book in a peaceful corner to those looking for a place to exercise or play sports.

As for how I feel about it, in my opinion, Hanoi Botanical Garden is like a green oasis in the midst of the bustling city. Its tranquil lakes, lush trees, and well-maintained pathways create a serene atmosphere. It's a place where you can take a leisurely walk, have a picnic, or enjoy some exercise. To me, this park offers a sense of calm and a break from the hustle and bustle of city life. It's a place where people can connect with nature and enjoy a sense of community.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Do young people like to go to the park?

  - *Yes, I think many young people do enjoy visiting parks. They often go to parks for recreational activities, socializing with friends, or simply to relax in a natural setting. Parks offer spaces for sports, picnics, and outdoor events, which can be appealing to the younger generation.*

- What do old people like to do in the park?

  - *Well, I am not an older person myself, but I can guess. I suppose older people often find parks to be serene and peaceful places to engage in various activities. They may enjoy leisurely walks, Tai Chi or yoga exercises, sitting on benches, reading, or simply savoring the green surroundings. Parks can provide a space for quiet reflection and social interaction among older individuals.*

- What are the benefits of going to the park for young people and old people?

  - *Well, let's see. For the young generation, I think young people benefit from parks through recreation and relaxation. Parks offer a break from busy schedules and provide a space for relaxation and leisure activities. They can also engage in physical activities like jogging, cycling, or playing sports, promoting a healthy lifestyle.*

    As for seniors citizens, I think parks promote physical health among older individuals, as they encourage gentle physical activity, improving mobility and overall health. Parks also can serve as a meeting point for socializing and connecting with peers, reducing feelings of loneliness. Why do some people like planting flowers at home?

Describe a party that you enjoyed

You should say:

- When you went to the party

- Where the party was held

- What kind of party it was

And explain why you enjoyed this party

I attended a really fun party a few months ago. It was in late September, and it was held at a friend's house in Hanoi. This party was a birthday celebration for my close friend, and it was quite a special occasion.

The reason I enjoyed this party so much was because of the great atmosphere and the people who were there. The house was beautifully decorated with fairy lights and colorful balloons, creating a warm and inviting vibe. We had a barbecue in the backyard, and the weather was perfect that evening. It was just one of those perfect, clear nights in Hanoi.

But what really made the party memorable were the people. I got to catch up with friends I hadn't seen in a while, and we spent hours chatting, dancing, and playing games. There was a fantastic mix of music playing, from pop to local Vietnamese hits, so everyone found something to groove to. It was one of those parties where everyone seemed to be in a great mood, and there was a lot of laughter and shared stories.

One highlight of the evening was when we sang happy birthday and my friend blew out the candles on a massive cake. We then spent hours sharing stories and making plans for the future. It was such a relaxed and enjoyable gathering, and I left feeling grateful for the wonderful friends I have.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Why do people like going to parties?

  - *In my view, people can enjoy going to parties for various reasons. First, it's an opportunity for social interaction, celebration of special occasions, and a chance to connect with others. Parties also often feature entertainment like music, dancing, and games, providing a break from the routine. Finally, the presence of delicious food and drinks also adds to the appeal.*

- Why do some people not like going to parties?

  - *Well, some individuals may not like going to parties due to factors such as introversion, social anxiety, or a preference for quieter, solitary activities. Parties may be overwhelming, anxiety-inducing, or simply not aligned with their personal preferences.*

- Do you think music and dancing are a must at a party?

  - *It's hard to say, in my opinion, because it depends on the type of party and the preferences of the host and guests. On one hand, I think larger, celebratory parties often have to include music and dancing to create a lively atmosphere. On the other hand, smaller gatherings may focus on conversations and other activities, depending on the occasion and the people involved.*

- What are the problems that may come up at a party?

  - *I think parties can encounter a range of problems, such as overcrowding, noise complaints, alcohol-related issues like excessive drinking, unwanted guests, and miscommunication regarding party details. Careful planning and consideration of the guests' comfort and preferences are important to ensure a successful and enjoyable party.*

Describe an activity that made you feel tired

You should say:

- When it happened

- Where it took place

- What the activity was

And explain why it made you feel tired

I would like to talk about an activity which I think is both very physically and mentally exhausting, which is helping somebody moving to a new place.

This happened to me last summer when I helped a friend move to a new apartment here in Hanoi. The activity took place on a hot and sunny day, and we were moving belongings from her old apartment to the new one, which was on the other side of the city.

Moving involves a lot of heavy lifting, packing, and organizing. We had to carry furniture, boxes, and other household items up and down several flights of stairs. It was a physically demanding task, and the heat didn't make it any easier. We were constantly on the move, and the process seemed never-ending.

What made this activity particularly tiring was the combination of physical exertion and the need to stay organized. We had to make sure nothing was damaged during the move, so there was a lot of careful handling involved. Additionally, the mental stress of coordinating the move, making sure everything was in the right place, and dealing with the logistics added to the exhaustion.

By the end of the day, we were both completely drained. But the satisfaction of helping a friend and seeing her settle into her new place made it all worth it, despite the fatigue.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Do you think learning makes students more tired today than it did in the past?

  - *Well, as a university student myself, I can definitely say that learning nowadays can be quite exhausting. With the increasing use of technology and online classes, there's a lot of screen time and information to process. It often feels like there's a constant stream of assignments, projects, and exams. In the past, traditional classroom learning may have been less tiring because it had a different pace and dynamics. Moreover, the pressure to excel in academics and the competitive nature of education today can add to the fatigue.*

- When do people usually feel tired?

  - *People tend to feel tired at different times, but some common moments include after a long day of work or studying. For university students like me, it's often during or after a full day of classes, especially when there are back-to-back lectures or a heavy workload. People can also feel tired when they haven't had enough rest or sleep, which can be quite common in our fast-paced lives.*

- Why is it difficult for some people to achieve work-life balance?

  - *Achieving work-life balance can be challenging for many individuals. In my case, as a university student, the pressure to excel academically can make it tough to strike the right balance. Additionally, some people may have demanding jobs that require long hours, or they might have family responsibilities. The rise of remote work and the constant connectivity through smartphones can also blur the lines between work and personal life, making it harder to switch off from work.*

- What are the problems of work-life imbalance?

  - *Work-life imbalance can lead to various issues. For me, as a student, not having a good balance between academic work and personal life can result in burnout, increased stress, and decreased overall well-being. In a broader context, for working professionals, it can strain relationships, lead to health problems, and reduce productivity both at work and in personal life. Finding that balance is crucial for maintaining mental and physical health and ensuring long-term happiness and success.*

Describe a science subject that you are interested in

You should say:

- Which subject it is

- When and where you came to know this subject

- How you get information about this subject

And explain why you are interested in this subject

I'd like to tell you about a science subject that you are interested in, which is Biology.

I first got introduced to this subject during my early years in school in Vietnam. It was one of the foundational sciences I studied, and I continued to learn about it through various textbooks, classroom lessons, and practical experiments.

What draws me to Biology is its ability to unravel the mysteries of life. It covers a wide range of topics, from genetics to ecology, allowing us to understand how living organisms function and interact with each other and their environment. Learning about the intricate workings of cells, the diversity of species, and the processes that sustain life is truly fascinating.

One of the aspects I find particularly intriguing is the practical application of Biology in our everyday lives. For example, I've learned about the role of genetics in inherited diseases and the development of biotechnology, like genetic engineering. This knowledge has made me aware of the incredible advancements in medicine and agriculture that are rooted in biological principles.

Furthermore, Biology offers insights into ethical and environmental issues, such as conservation and the impact of human activities on ecosystems. By understanding the delicate balance of nature, I believe we can make informed decisions to protect our planet and its biodiversity.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Why do some children not like taking science subjects at school?

  - *Some children may not like taking science subjects at school for a variety of reasons. One common factor is the perceived difficulty of science subjects. These subjects often involve complex concepts, extensive terminology, and challenging problem-solving, which can be daunting for some students. Additionally, some students may also struggle to see the relevance of science to their daily lives or future careers, which can further diminish their enthusiasm.*

- Is it important for students to take science subjects at school?

  - *Of course. Science subjects offer a foundational understanding of the natural world and its processes. This knowledge is not only valuable in its own right but also serves as a basis for informed decision-making in daily life. Furthermore, many career paths require a background in science, including fields like healthcare, engineering, environmental science, and technology. And, if we think beyond career prospects, science subjects foster critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and the capacity to evaluate information critically, which are all vital life skills.*

- Should people continue to study science after graduating from school?

  - *I think after graduating from school, the decision to continue studying science depends on individual interests and career aspirations. For those pursuing science-related careers, further education in their chosen field is typically a necessity. However, even for individuals in non-scientific careers, lifelong learning is valuable, and staying informed about scientific developments can be enriching and intellectually rewarding.*

- Do you think scientists should explain their research process to the public?

  - *Certainly. In my view, scientists explaining their research process to the public is highly beneficial. This practice promotes transparency, trust, and a better understanding of scientific findings. It bridges the gap between the scientific community and the general public, making science more accessible and relatable. By breaking down complex research into understandable terms and sharing the significance of their work, scientists can engage the public in discussions about critical issues, fostering a more scientifically informed society.*

- How can people get to know about scientific news?

○ *To stay informed about scientific news, there are various avenues available. For example, watching educational documentaries and science programs on platforms like Netflix and National Geographic can be engaging and informative. Additionally, social media platforms, such as Twitter, offer the opportunity to follow credible science-related accounts and researchers for real-time updates and discussions on scientific topics.*

Describe a beautiful city that you have visited

You should say:

- What it is

- When you visited it

- Who you visited it with

And explain how you feel about it

I'm going to talk about one of the most enchanting cities in the world is Paris, France. Known as the "City of Love" and the "City of Light," Paris is one of the most beautiful places that I have ever been to.

I visited Paris with my family during a summer vacation about ten years ago, when I was 12 years old. It was a memorable trip that we took together. I was fascinated by the iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre Museum. Even as a kid, I could sense the history and artistry in the air.

What I love most about Paris is its ability to enchant people of all ages. The city's charming streets, the aroma of freshly baked croissants in the morning, and the opportunity to enjoy ice cream while strolling along the Seine River are vivid memories. Paris is a place where magic seems to come alive, and it felt like I was stepping into a fairytale world.

As a child, I couldn't fully grasp the city's cultural significance and history, but I could feel the beauty that surrounded me. The elegance of the city and its timeless appeal left a deep impression on my young mind. I remember thinking that I would love to return to Paris one day, perhaps as an adult, to explore it with a deeper understanding of its art, culture, and history.

So, even though I visited Paris as a child, it remains a place that I hold dear in my heart. It's a city that captures the imagination of young and old alike, and I hope to have the opportunity to experience its magic once more in the future.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What are the differences between modern towns and modern cities?

  - *I think modern towns and modern cities differ in various ways. One significant distinction is in size and population. Cities are typically larger and more densely populated than towns. This leads to differences in infrastructure, as cities tend to have more advanced transportation networks, healthcare facilities, and educational institutions. Additionally, cities often have more diverse populations with people from various backgrounds, while towns may have more homogeneous communities.*

- What are the difficulties that people might face when living in modern cities?

  - *From my point of view, the biggest challenge people might face in cities include the high cost of living, such as housing, transportation, and everyday expenses. Cities may also suffer from pollution, including air and noise pollution, which can have adverse effects on health. Last but not least, the fast-paced lifestyle in cities can lead to higher stress levels and a culture centered around work.*

- Why do some people like to visit historical sites?

  - *I think people are drawn to historical sites for various reasons. To begin with, historical architecture and landmarks often possess unique beauty and architectural significance, captivating visitors for their aesthetic appeal. People also visit historical sites to pay homage to significant events, figures, or milestones in history, fostering a sense of respect and appreciation for the past.*

- How can people preserve historical buildings?

  - *To preserve historical buildings, several measures can be taken. Firstly, there should be legal protections in the form of laws and regulations, which can be implemented to safeguard historical structures from demolition or inappropriate modifications. In addition, education and awareness campaigns should be made to raise public awareness about the value of historical buildings and the importance of preserving them.*

Describe a successful businessperson that you know (e.g running a family business)

You should say:

- Who this person is

- How you know him/her

- What he/she does

And explain why you think he/she is successful

I know a successful businessperson named Mr. Nguyen, whom I've had the pleasure of meeting through my family. Mr. Nguyen is the owner of a thriving family business, a popular coffee shop in the heart of Hanoi.

I got to know Mr. Nguyen through my parents, who have been long-time customers of his coffee shop. Our families have built a friendly relationship over the years, and I've had the chance to chat with him on several occasions.

Mr. Nguyen's coffee shop is not just an ordinary one; it has a unique atmosphere and charm that sets it apart from other cafes in the city. The interior is decorated with a blend of traditional Vietnamese elements and modern design, creating a welcoming and cozy ambiance. Additionally, they serve high-quality, locally sourced coffee beans, which has earned them a reputation for excellent coffee.

I consider Mr. Nguyen a successful businessperson because he has managed to create a strong brand and a loyal customer base. His coffee shop consistently receives positive reviews and has a steady stream of regular customers. Moreover, he has expanded his business by opening a second location in a different part of the city, demonstrating his ability to adapt and grow.

I think Mr. Nguyen's success can also be attributed to his strong work ethic and dedication to maintaining the quality of his products and services. He is actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the coffee shop, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. His friendly and welcoming personality further enhances the overall customer experience, making people want to return.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What factors lead to success?

    - *Success can be influenced by various factors. First and foremost, setting clear and achievable goals is essential. Additionally, determination, hard work, and resilience play a significant role. Learning from failures, adapting to changing circumstances, and continuous self-improvement are vital aspects of achieving success. It's also important to build a strong support network, seek mentorship, and remain open to new opportunities.*

- What do people need to sacrifice for success?

    - *Achieving success often requires sacrifices. These sacrifices can vary from person to person. Some may need to sacrifice personal time, social activities, or leisure to focus on their goals. Others might need to invest money or take calculated risks. In some cases, people may have to make sacrifices in their personal lives, such as relocating or putting off certain life choices. Sacrifices are a part of the journey to success, but they should be balanced with self-care and well-being.*

- Is it easy for people to succeed in the national test in your country?

    - *Success in a national test can be challenging and competitive, and it may vary from one country to another. In Vietnam, where you live, the national test can be quite demanding, especially for high-stake exams like the university entrance exam. Success often requires years of preparation and dedication. However, the ease of succeeding depends on individual factors, preparation, and the specific test's difficulty level.*

- Is it easy for a business to be successful without affecting the environment?

    - *Balancing business success and environmental sustainability is a growing concern worldwide. While it can be challenging to achieve both simultaneously, it's not impossible. Many businesses are adopting eco-friendly practices and products to minimize their environmental impact. Success in this context might require innovative thinking, adapting to consumer demands for sustainability, and responsible resource management. Some businesses have shown that it's feasible to be profitable while also being environmentally conscious.*

Describe a sportsperson from your country who did well in a sports event

You should say:

- Who this person is

- Which sport he/she plays

- Which sports event he/she did well in

And explain how you and other people feel about him/her

I would like to tell you about one of the most celebrated sports figures in Vietnam, where I come from. His name is Le Cong Vinh, and he's a well-known football (soccer) player who made a significant impact in the sport.

One of the most memorable moments in his career was during the 2008 AFF Suzuki Cup, a prestigious football tournament in Southeast Asia. Le Cong Vinh played a crucial role in helping the Vietnamese national football team secure the championship during that tournament. His performance, including scoring vital goals, was instrumental in Vietnam's success. This achievement brought immense pride and joy to the Vietnamese people, and Le Cong Vinh became a national hero.

People in my country feel a deep sense of admiration and respect for him. He's not only seen as an exceptional athlete but also as a symbol of dedication and perseverance. Le Cong Vinh's success in the 2008 AFF Suzuki Cup was a moment of unity and celebration for the whole nation. He continues to be a source of inspiration for aspiring young footballers in Vietnam and is a beloved figure in the country's sports history.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Should students have physical education and do sports at home?

  - *In my opinion, students should definitely have physical education as part of their curriculum. It's important for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and helps develop physical fitness. Doing sports at home can be a great addition, especially during the current situation with the pandemic. It allows students to stay active even when they can't go to school or the gym. I think it's a good idea to have a balance of both in-school physical education and home-based sports activities.*

- Which sport is most popular in your country?

  - *In Vietnam, football (soccer) is hands down the most popular sport. It's a nationwide passion, and people from all walks of life are enthusiastic about it. Whether it's local leagues, international matches, or even just a casual kick-about in the park, football brings people together and creates a strong sense of community.*

- What are the qualities of an athlete?

  - *Being an athlete requires a combination of physical, mental, and personal qualities. Physically, athletes need strength, agility, endurance, and skill in their chosen sport. Mentally, they must have dedication, discipline, focus, and the ability to handle pressure. On a personal level, qualities like sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience are crucial. Athletes often serve as role models, so their conduct both on and off the field is important.*

- Is talent important in sports?

  - *I think while talent can certainly give a person a head start in sports, but it's not the only factor that determines success. Hard work, dedication, and consistent training are equally important, if not more so. Many world-class athletes have reached the top through sheer determination and relentless effort, even if they weren't initially the most talented in their sport.*

- Is it easy to identify children's talents?

  - *No, not at all. Some children may display their talents early, while others might develop them later. It often requires a keen eye from parents, teachers, or coaches to recognize a child's potential.. It's important to be patient and supportive in this process, allowing the child to discover what they're passionate about and naturally*

> *talented in.*

Describe a time you gave good advice to someone

You should say:

- Who the person you gave advice to is

- When you gave the advice

- Why you gave the advice

And explain why you think the advice was good

> *A while back, I gave advice to one of my close friends, let's call her Linh.*
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> *This happened during our sophomore year at university, which was a pretty stressful time for all of us. Linh was feeling overwhelmed with her coursework, and her grades were starting to slip. She confided in me about her struggles and asked for my opinion on how to improve her academic performance.*
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> *I gave her the advice to create a study schedule that allowed her to manage her time more efficiently. I suggested breaking down her tasks into smaller, manageable chunks and allocating specific time slots for each subject. I also recommended seeking help from professors and utilizing university resources like tutoring services. I thought this advice was good because it addressed her specific situation and provided a practical solution to her academic challenges.*
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> *Linh followed my advice, and over time, her grades began to improve, and she felt less stressed about her coursework. It was rewarding to see her regain her confidence and succeed academically. I believe the advice was effective because it was tailored to her needs and was a realistic approach to time management and academic support, which ultimately helped her excel in her studies.*

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Should people prepare before giving advice?

    - *Before giving advice, it's generally a good idea to be well-prepared, especially if the advice is on a topic you're knowledgeable about. It's important to understand the person's situation, listen carefully to their concerns, and consider the potential consequences of your advice. This preparation ensures that your advice is relevant and helpful.*

- Is it good to ask advice from strangers online?

    - *Asking advice from strangers online can be a double-edged sword. It can be beneficial if you're seeking diverse perspectives or specific expertise that may not be available in your immediate social circle. However, it's crucial to exercise caution and verify the credibility of the sources, as not all online advice is reliable. It's essential to use discernment when deciding which advice to follow.*

- What are the personalities of people whose job is to give advice to others?

    - *People who make a career out of giving advice often possess qualities like empathy, patience, and good communication skills. They should be good listeners, understanding, and non-judgmental. Professionals like therapists, counselors, or mentors tend to have these qualities, as they work closely with individuals seeking guidance.*

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

    - *Asking too many people for advice can lead to information overload and confusion. When you consult multiple sources, you may receive conflicting or contradictory guidance, making it challenging to make a clear decision. It can also dilute your confidence in your judgment. To avoid this, it's helpful to select a few trusted sources or experts to seek advice from and then make an informed decision based on a balanced perspective.*

Describe a time you received bad service at a shop or a restaurant

You should say:

- Where it happened

- When it happened

- What happened

And explain how you felt about it

A few months ago, I had a disappointing encounter at a local coffee shop here in Hanoi. It was on a rainy Saturday afternoon in September. I had been studying for my university exams and decided to take a break and treat myself to some coffee and a pastry.

When I arrived at the coffee shop, it was quite crowded, which wasn't surprising for a weekend. I ordered a latte and a slice of cheesecake, and then I found a seat near the window. I was excited to relax and enjoy my little indulgence.

However, things took a turn for the worse when the latte they brought me was lukewarm, and the cheesecake had clearly seen better days. It was dried out and tasted stale. I politely approached the staff to address the issues, but their response was apathetic and unhelpful. They didn't offer to replace the items or make any effort to correct the situation.

I left feeling frustrated and dissatisfied with the experience. As a student, I try to make the most of my leisure time, and this incident put a damper on what was supposed to be a pleasant break. It made me hesitant to revisit that particular coffee shop, and I wished they had handled the situation more professionally and made an effort to ensure customer satisfaction.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- How do most people respond to bad services?

  - *Most people tend to respond to bad services by expressing their dissatisfaction, usually through a combination of actions. These might include politely complaining to the staff or management, leaving negative reviews on platforms like Yelp or Google Reviews, and sharing their negative experiences with friends and family. Some may also choose not to return to the establishment in question, effectively taking their business elsewhere.*

- Do you think services are better now than in the past?

  - *I believe that services have improved in some ways compared to the past. With advancements in technology and increased competition, businesses are often more motivated to offer better services to stand out in the market. However, it's not a universal trend, and the quality of services can vary greatly depending on the specific industry and location. For instance, in more developed areas like Hanoi, we might see better services, but in rural regions, there might be fewer options and lower service quality.*

- How can business owners guarantee the quality of their services?

  - *Business owners can ensure the quality of their services through several strategies. First and foremost, they need to invest in staff training and continuous improvement. This helps employees provide better customer experiences. Additionally, setting clear standards and expectations for service quality and regularly evaluating employee performance can make a significant difference. Seeking feedback from customers and making necessary adjustments based on that feedback is also crucial. Finally, maintaining open communication with customers and addressing their concerns promptly is a key factor in ensuring service quality.*

- Is it important for businesses to listen to customers' feedback?

  - *Absolutely, it's very important for businesses to listen to customers' feedback. Customer feedback is like a compass that guides a business in the right direction. It provides insights into what customers like and dislike, enabling businesses to tailor their services to meet customer expectations. Actively listening to feedback also shows that a business values its customers, which can lead to increased loyalty and positive word-of-mouth marketing. It's a win-win situation, as businesses can*

improve their offerings while customers get a better experience.

Describe a piece of information that you think is not correct

You should say:

- What information is

- Where you heard/read this information

- When you heard/read it

And explain why you think it is incorrect.

I recently came across information on social media claiming that eating instant noodles every day can lead to hair loss. I saw this on a popular health and wellness blog that I follow. It was posted about two weeks ago.

I believe this information is not entirely accurate because it oversimplifies a complex issue. While a diet high in instant noodles or processed foods may not be the healthiest choice, attributing hair loss solely to the consumption of instant noodles is misleading. Hair loss can be caused by various factors such as genetics, stress, hormonal changes, and nutrient deficiencies. Blaming it solely on a single food item without considering other aspects of one's lifestyle and health is not scientifically sound.

It's essential to be critical of the information we encounter online and consider the broader context and scientific evidence before accepting such claims as absolute truths. In this case, I believe the information oversimplifies a complex health issue and may lead to unnecessary fear or misinformation.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

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Describe a successful person who you once studied or worked with

You should say:

- Who this person is
- When you studied/worked with him/her
- What you did together
- What this person did to become successful

And explain how you felt about studying or working with him/her

During my first year at university in Hanoi, I had the opportunity to study with a fellow student named Trang. We were both pursuing degrees in business administration, and we had several courses together.

Trang was an impressive individual. She was not only a dedicated student but also actively involved in various extracurricular activities. We often worked on group projects together, and her work ethic and leadership skills were exceptional. She had a natural ability to motivate and guide the team, ensuring that we produced high-quality assignments.

Trang's journey to success was marked by her consistent hard work and determination. She was always on top of her coursework, had excellent time management skills, and was known for her active participation in class discussions. Outside of academics, she took on leadership roles in student organizations, which allowed her to develop strong networking and organizational skills.

I felt inspired and motivated by studying and working with Trang. Her success was a result of her passion for learning, her commitment to her goals, and her willingness to take on challenges. Her presence in group projects elevated the quality of our work, and I learned a lot from her during our time working together.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Is money the only measure of success in your country?

  - *Money is a significant measure of success in Vietnam, but it's not the sole factor. Financial stability and career achievements are important indicators of success, but success is also defined by personal goals, family, and community respect. While money plays a role, it's not the only measure of success here.*

- How do you define whether one is a successful person?

  - *In Vietnam, a successful person can be defined in multiple ways. It often involves educational and career achievements, such as obtaining a university degree and having a stable job. However, success is not limited to these factors. Being respected in the community, having a happy family, and contributing to society are also considered important indicators of success.*

- What is the standard of success in your country?

  - *I think the standard of success in Vietnam is typically associated with educational and career achievements. Completing a university degree and securing a stable job are common markers of success. However, it can vary from person to person. Some may place greater importance on financial success, while others prioritize personal happiness and relationships.*

- Does success always lead to happiness?

  - *Not really. Success does not always guarantee happiness in Vietnam. While achieving certain goals or financial prosperity can bring happiness, it's not a guarantee. True happiness often depends on factors beyond success, such as emotional well-being, personal relationships, and work-life balance. Many people in Vietnam value these aspects of life equally in terms of their overall happiness.*

Describe an occasion when you waited a long time for a nice thing

You should say:

- When it happened
- What the nice thing was
- Why you waited for a long time

And explain how you felt about the experience

I would like to tell you about an occasion when I waited a long time for something nice. It was during my high school graduation day, which happened in June 2021. The nice thing I waited for was my acceptance letter from the university of my dreams.

I had been eagerly anticipating that acceptance letter for months. The application process was quite competitive, and I put in a lot of effort to meet the admission requirements. After submitting my application, the university mentioned that it would take several weeks for them to process and make decisions.

The waiting period felt like an eternity. I constantly checked my email and mailbox, hoping for that acceptance letter to arrive. I had invested so much time and energy in preparing for this moment that the anticipation was nerve-wracking. There were days when I felt anxious, wondering if I had done enough to get in.

Finally, after what felt like an endless wait, the acceptance letter arrived in my mailbox. I can't put into words how elated and relieved I felt at that moment. It was not just about getting into my dream university; it was a validation of all the hard work and dedication I had put in throughout high school. The waiting, though stressful, made the joy of receiving that acceptance even sweeter. It taught me the value of patience and perseverance, and it was a memorable experience that I'll always cherish.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

On what occasions do people have to wait for a long time?

People often find themselves waiting for extended periods on various occasions. I think whenever there are a lot of people who all want the same thing, waiting become inevitable. Some common examples include waiting in line at a busy restaurant, queuing up for public transportation, waiting at the doctor's office, and waiting in traffic jams during rush hours.

Why are some people willing to wait for a long time for something?

People's willingness to wait for a long time depends on their individual preferences and the perceived value of what they're waiting for. For instance, someone might be willing to wait for hours in line to attend a highly-anticipated concert or to buy the latest tech gadget because they believe the experience or product is worth the wait. It's about their anticipation and the satisfaction they expect to derive from the outcome.

Why are some people impatient?

Impatience can stem from various reasons. Some individuals are naturally more impatient due to their personality traits. Others may become impatient when they are in a hurry or under stress, and they perceive that their time is being wasted. Modern society with its fast pace and instant gratification through technology has also contributed to impatience becoming more common in some people.

Why do most children have difficulties waiting for a long time?

Children often struggle with waiting for several reasons. Firstly, their concept of time is not as developed as adults, so they may have difficulty understanding how long they need to wait. Secondly, children tend to be more impulsive and have a limited ability to delay gratification. Additionally, their attention spans are shorter, making waiting feel more challenging for them.

Do you think technology has made people become more impatient?

Technology has played a role in shaping people's expectations around speed and convenience. For example, smartphones provide quick access to information, and online shopping delivers products to our doorstep in a matter of days. This convenience can lead to increased impatience in some individuals because they've become accustomed to instant results. However, it's essential to note that the impact of technology on impatience can vary from person to person, and not everyone is equally affected by it.

Describe a good advertisement that you think is useful

You should say:

- Where you can see it

- What it shows

- Why you think it is useful

And explain how you feel about it

> *I'd like to tell you about a good advertisement that I think is useful. I recently came across a compelling ad for a mobile app called "Duolingo." You can see this ad on various social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.*
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> *The ad showcases a series of individuals from different age groups and backgrounds enthusiastically learning new languages through the Duolingo app. What's striking about it is that it effectively conveys the ease and fun of language learning. The ad doesn't just focus on traditional classroom-style teaching; instead, it demonstrates how learning can be enjoyable, even when you're on the go.*
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> *I find this advertisement useful for a few reasons. Firstly, it captures the viewer's attention through its colorful visuals and relatable content. Secondly, it addresses a common pain point - language learning - and provides a solution in the form of the Duolingo app. The ad effectively communicates that anyone can learn a new language, regardless of their age or prior experience.*
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> *Personally, I feel quite positive about this advertisement. It makes language learning seem accessible and enjoyable, which can be motivating for someone like me, a university student. It encourages me to explore the app and try learning a new language, knowing that it can be a fun and engaging experience. So, I believe it's a good advertisement that serves its purpose well.*

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What products are often advertised online?

  - *Online advertisements cover a wide range of products. Some of the commonly advertised items include clothing, electronics, beauty products, gadgets, home decor, and even services like online courses, food delivery, or travel deals. Basically, if there's a market for it, you'll probably find it advertised online.*

- What do people usually buy from online advertisements?

  - *People tend to buy things they need or desire from online advertisements. For example, they might buy fashion items they saw in a clothing ad, a new smartphone they saw in a tech ad, or try out a new restaurant after seeing a tempting food ad. It really depends on personal preferences and needs.*

- Do you think people often buy products on advertisements?

  - *People do make purchases based on online advertisements, but it varies. The effectiveness of an ad can depend on factors like its quality, how well it resonates with the audience, and the trustworthiness of the source. Some ads lead to impulse buys, while others may require more research or comparison shopping before a purchase is made.*

- Why do buying new things make people happy?

  - *I think buying new things can make people happy for two main reasons. Firstly, it's often tied to the pleasure of acquiring something new and exciting, which can trigger a sense of anticipation and joy. Additionally, purchasing items that fulfill personal needs or desires can boost one's self-esteem and satisfaction.*

Describe a time you had a problem using the computer

You should say:

- When it happened

- Where it happened

- What the problem was

And explain how you solved the problem at last

A memorable computer problem I encountered happened last semester during my university studies.

It was a typical late-night scenario; I was at my dorm room in Hanoi, trying to complete an important research paper due the next morning. I was already quite stressed because of the approaching deadline.

The problem I faced was that my laptop suddenly froze while I was in the middle of writing the paper. It was incredibly frustrating, especially when I had not saved my work for a while. The screen was unresponsive, and I couldn't even access the Task Manager to force close any applications. Panic started to set in because I feared losing all my progress.

To solve the problem, I decided to take a deep breath and remain calm. I realized that I had no other option but to do a hard reset on my laptop. I held down the power button for a few seconds until it shut down. After a brief moment, I powered it back on. Fortunately, the computer booted up without any issues. I quickly opened my document recovery feature in the word processing software I was using, and it managed to recover most of my unsaved work. I made sure to save the document immediately and continued working, this time more cautiously.

This experience taught me a valuable lesson about the importance of saving my work frequently and regularly backing up my documents. I also learned that staying calm and thinking rationally can be a crucial part of problem-solving, even in moments of panic. It was a stressful night, but ultimately, I was able to complete my research paper and meet the deadline.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What do people use computers for?

  - *To my knowledge, people use computers for a wide range of purposes. Some common uses include communication through email and social media, accessing information and research on the internet, entertainment like watching movies or playing video games, productivity tasks such as word processing and spreadsheet management, and creative pursuits like graphic design or music production. Additionally, computers are essential for various professional fields, from coding and data analysis to architectural design and scientific research.*

- Should students be allowed to use computers at school?

  - *Allowing students to use computers at school can have both advantages and disadvantages. It depends on the context and how they are used. Computers can be valuable tools for research, learning software applications, and accessing educational resources online. They can also facilitate distance learning and help students develop digital literacy skills. However, it's important to balance computer use with traditional teaching methods to avoid over-reliance on technology. Proper supervision and guidelines are crucial to ensure that students use computers for educational purposes and not distractions.*

- Why do people often have problems when using new products?

  - *People often encounter difficulties when using new products due to several reasons. Firstly, unfamiliarity with the product's interface and features can lead to confusion. Additionally, poorly designed user interfaces or inadequate user manuals can make it challenging to understand how to operate the product. Sometimes, products may have technical glitches or compatibility issues that cause problems. Furthermore, human resistance to change can make adapting to new products challenging. To address these issues, companies should focus on user-friendly design, provide clear instructions, offer customer support, and continuously improve their products based on user feedback.*

- What should companies do to help their customers use their products?

  - *Companies can support their customers in using their products effectively by taking several key actions. Firstly, they should ensure that their products come with clear and user-friendly documentation. This includes comprehensive user manuals,*

online guides, and video tutorials that provide step-by-step instructions on how to use the product. In addition, offering accessible customer support channels is crucial. Companies should have responsive customer service options, such as email, phone, or chat, to address any questions or concerns that customers may have. This ensures that customers can seek assistance when they encounter challenges while using the product.

Describe a difficult task that you completed at work/study that you felt proud of

You should say:

- What the task was

- How you completed it

- Why the task was difficult

Why you were proud of the completion of the task

I would like to describe a challenging task I completed at university that I felt proud of.

The task I'm thinking of was a group research project in my second year. We were assigned to investigate the environmental impact of a local manufacturing company and propose sustainable solutions.

Completing this task was a challenge for several reasons. First, our group members had different schedules and communication styles, making collaboration a bit tricky. Second, gathering data about the company's environmental practices was challenging because they were not very transparent. Finally, we had to come up with feasible, sustainable solutions, which required a deep understanding of environmental issues.

To complete this task, we divided the workload based on our strengths and interests. Some of us focused on data collection, while others delved into researching sustainable practices. We used various resources, from online databases to interviews with employees of the company. The key to our success was effective communication within the group, as we met regularly to update each other and share our findings.

I was proud of the completion of this task for a few reasons. Firstly, we overcame the initial communication hurdles and worked cohesively as a team. Second, our research unearthed some significant environmental issues at the company, and our recommendations were practical and well-supported. Lastly, our professor praised our project for its depth and real-world applicability.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What are the things that make people feel proud of themselves?

    - *People often feel proud of themselves when they achieve personal goals or milestones. It could be graduating from university, excelling at a hobby, overcoming a challenge, or making a positive impact on others. For example, if you set a fitness goal and successfully run a marathon, that accomplishment can fill you with pride. Basically, it's about recognizing your own achievements and the effort you've put into something meaningful.*

- Do people often feel proud of themselves when they complete a difficult task?

    - *Absolutely! Completing a difficult task is a common source of pride. When you tackle something challenging and manage to finish it, you gain a sense of accomplishment. Whether it's acing a tough exam, finishing a demanding project at work, or even fixing a broken appliance at home, the feeling of pride comes from knowing you've overcome obstacles and persevered.*

- How can children make their parents proud?

    - *Children can make their parents proud in various ways. Simple acts of kindness and respect can make parents proud. When kids excel academically or in extracurricular activities, it's a source of pride for parents. Additionally, showing responsibility, empathy, and making ethical choices can also bring immense pride to parents. For instance, if a child volunteers to help the less fortunate, parents often feel extremely proud of their child's compassionate actions.*

- What are the differences between things that make older and young people proud?

    - *The things that make older and young people proud can differ due to the stages of life they're in and their priorities. Older individuals might find pride in long-term achievements like career success, raising a family, or contributing to their community. Younger people may feel proud of personal growth and shorter-term accomplishments such as graduating from school, landing their first job, or excelling in a sport they're passionate about. The sources of pride can overlap, but the emphasis tends to shift with age and experience.*

Describe a person who always has interesting ideas or opinions

You should say:

- Who this person is

- What this person does

- How you knew him/her

And explain how you think his/her ideas or opinions are interesting

I'm going to talk about a friend of mine, Trang, who always has interesting ideas and opinions. She is a university student like you, currently studying journalism at our university in Hanoi. I got to know her through a mutual class and quickly became friends.

What makes Trang's ideas and opinions fascinating is her unique perspective on various subjects. She's incredibly well-read and has a deep curiosity about the world. Whenever we have discussions in class or engage in conversations outside of the academic environment, she brings a fresh and thought-provoking viewpoint to the table.

For example, in a recent discussion about the role of the media in shaping public opinion, Trang made a compelling argument about the nuances of media bias and its implications for our society. Her ability to connect seemingly unrelated topics and provide insightful analysis makes her opinions stand out.

Trang's ideas are not only intriguing but also well-supported. She's a diligent researcher and takes the time to back her opinions with facts and evidence. This combination of a unique perspective and thorough research makes her contributions to any discussion or debate both engaging and educational.

Her intellectual curiosity and her knack for presenting well-founded arguments make her a person whose ideas and opinions I always look forward to hearing. She inspires me to think more critically and see the world from different angles, which is a quality I truly appreciate in a friend and fellow student.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- When do you think children start to have their own opinions?

  - *Children often begin to form their own opinions at a fairly young age, although the depth and complexity of these opinions tend to evolve as they grow. It's common for kids to express preferences and viewpoints even in their early years, especially on things like favorite toys or foods. As they develop, they become more aware of the world around them and may start forming opinions on various topics. This process is gradual and depends on factors like their exposure to diverse ideas, education, and personal experiences.*

- Are children's opinions influenced by their parents?

  - *Absolutely, parents play a significant role in shaping a child's opinions. In the early years, children often adopt their parents' values and beliefs as they are their primary caregivers and role models. However, as kids grow older, they begin to interact with a wider range of people, including peers, teachers, and media. These external influences can broaden their perspectives and lead to them developing opinions that may differ from their parents'. It's a dynamic process where parental influence is still important but becomes one of many factors at play.*

- How do inventors or philosophers come up with new ideas?

  - *Inventors and philosophers come up with new ideas through a combination of creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity. For inventors, it often involves identifying problems or needs in society and then brainstorming innovative solutions. They may draw inspiration from their own experiences, research, or simply by thinking outside the box. Philosophers, on the other hand, explore abstract concepts and deep questions about the human experience. They use reasoning, analysis, and often engage with existing philosophical traditions to develop new ideas. Both groups may also be influenced by the cultural and historical context in which they live.*

- What kind of people have lots of great ideas in your country?

  - *In my country, Vietnam, great ideas can come from a diverse range of individuals. Innovators and creative thinkers can be found in various fields, such as technology, art, education, and business. Often, those who have a passion for what they do, are open to learning and collaboration, and are willing to take risks tend to generate*

many great ideas. Additionally, an environment that encourages innovation and provides opportunities for individuals to explore their interests can foster a culture of great ideas. It's worth noting that Vietnam has seen significant growth in technology startups and creative industries in recent years, which has contributed to the emergence of many innovative thinkers.

25. Describe an exciting activity that you experienced with someone else

You should say:

- What the activity was

- Who you were with

- When and where it happened

- Why you went for it

And explain how you felt about it

I had a really exciting adventure a while back when I decided to go on a hiking trip with my university friends. We chose to climb Fansipan, the highest mountain in Vietnam, located in the northern part of the country.

I went on this adventure with a group of close friends from my university. We had all been talking about it for months, and finally, during a break from our studies, we decided to make it happen. It was an opportunity to bond with my friends and escape the hustle and bustle of daily life.

We embarked on this journey in the spring, when the weather was mild and pleasant. We met up in Hanoi and then traveled to the town of Sapa, which serves as a gateway to Fansipan. The whole experience was a perfect mix of adventure and beautiful natural scenery.

The reason we went for it was not only to conquer the highest peak in Vietnam but also to challenge ourselves and create unforgettable memories. We wanted to escape the city, immerse ourselves in nature, and test our physical limits.

As for how I felt about it, it was an incredible and exhilarating experience. The trek was challenging, but the sense of accomplishment when we reached the summit was indescribable. The breathtaking views from the top, the feeling of being on cloud nine (literally, as we were above the clouds), and the shared sense of achievement with my friends made it all worthwhile. It strengthened our friendship, and I'll cherish those moments forever. It was a true adventure that brought us closer together, and I can't wait for our next exciting escapade!

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What kinds of activities do young people like to do?

    - *Young people, like myself, enjoy a wide range of activities. We often like to socialize and spend time with friends, which can include going to cafes, restaurants, or attending parties. Outdoor activities like hiking, biking, or playing sports are also popular. Additionally, we're drawn to entertainment such as watching movies, playing video games, and exploring new places and cultures through travel.*

- Why can exciting activities relieve people's stress?

    - *Exciting activities have the power to relieve stress for several reasons. When we engage in thrilling or adventurous activities, our brains release dopamine and endorphins, which are natural mood lifters. This helps to reduce stress and boost our overall well-being. Furthermore, exciting activities often require our full attention, diverting our thoughts from daily worries. The sense of accomplishment and exhilaration we get from these experiences can help us forget our stressors and give us a fresh perspective on life.*

- What skills do people need to take part in adventurous activities?

    - *Participating in adventurous activities typically requires a combination of physical and mental skills. Physical fitness and endurance are important, as many adventurous activities can be physically demanding. Additionally, people need good coordination, balance, and the ability to adapt to changing environments and conditions. Mental skills like problem-solving, decision-making, and risk assessment are crucial, especially in situations where safety is a concern. Moreover, having some basic knowledge about the specific activity and its associated risks is essential to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.*

- Do you think old people would like to have changes in their life?

    - *Yes, I believe that many older individuals also appreciate changes in their lives. While the desire for change might vary from person to person, many older adults seek new experiences, hobbies, or even career changes after retirement. It can help them stay engaged, mentally stimulated, and socially active. Some may want to travel, explore new interests, or even start a new chapter in their lives. Change can bring excitement and purpose, no matter one's age, and it often contributes to a more fulfilling and enriched life.*

Old Topics

Describe a place you went to that was crowded

You should say:

- Where it is

- Who you were with

- What people were doing there

And explain why there were a lot of people

I once went to the night market in Hanoi, which is located in the bustling Old Quarter of the city. I was with a group of my university friends. When we arrived at the night market, we saw a sea of people bustling about. It felt like the entire city had gathered there.

People at the night market were engaged in various activities. Some were shopping for traditional Vietnamese clothing, street food, and souvenirs. Others were enjoying local delicacies like pho, banh mi, and spring rolls at the food stalls. The market was alive with street performers, too, showcasing traditional music and dance.

The night market in Hanoi is always crowded because it's a vibrant hub for both tourists and locals. Its popularity stems from the unique blend of Vietnamese culture, street food, and affordable shopping. Tourists flock there to experience the lively atmosphere, taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine, and buy souvenirs. Locals also visit the night market regularly for their shopping needs and to enjoy a pleasant evening out. So, it's a favorite spot for people of all ages and backgrounds, making it constantly crowded.

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Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Where do young people in your country like to go?

    - *Well, in Vietnam, young folks like to hang out in a variety of places. Many enjoy spending time at bustling coffee shops, which are really popular here. They provide a great atmosphere for socializing and sipping on traditional Vietnamese coffee. Additionally, shopping malls and entertainment centers are quite popular, especially in big cities like Hanoi. You can find a mix of fashion stores, arcades, and cinemas there, making them hotspots for young people to have fun.*

- Are people happy living in crowded apartments?

    - *It varies from person to person. Some people don't mind living in crowded apartments because it can be more affordable and convenient in urban areas. They appreciate the proximity to work, school, and amenities. However, others might find it less comfortable due to the lack of space and privacy. So, it really depends on personal preferences.*

- What are the advantages of living on a high floor?

    - *Living on a high floor can have its perks. For instance, you might have a better view, which can be quite enjoyable, especially if your apartment overlooks a scenic area or the city skyline. High floors are often quieter, away from street noise, and they can get more natural light. Plus, there's usually less risk of pests like mosquitoes at higher elevations.*

- What are the disadvantages of living on a lower floor?

    - *Living on a lower floor can have its downsides. You might have more street noise and less privacy since you're closer to the hustle and bustle of the city. Additionally, lower floors can get less natural light and ventilation. They may also be more accessible to potential security concerns. So, it's a trade-off between convenience and comfort.*

- Which scenic spots will have queues of people?

    - *Scenic spots in Vietnam that tend to have long queues include places like Ha Long Bay, where people line up to board boats for the famous cruises. Similarly, tourist attractions like the Temple of Literature in Hanoi or popular pagodas like Tran Quoc Pagoda can get quite crowded, resulting in queues.*

- Why do some people spend a long time queuing in a restaurant?

    - *People are willing to wait in long queues at restaurants for various reasons. It could be because the restaurant is well-known for its delicious food. For example, some street food stalls in Vietnam are legendary, and people don't mind queuing for a bowl of their favorite noodle soup. Additionally, the ambiance and experience offered by a particular restaurant can also make the wait worthwhile. So, it's often a combination of the food quality and the overall dining experience that keeps people patient in line.*

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

You should say

- What it is

- Where you will do it

- Whether it is easy or difficult

And explain why you would like to try it

I'd love to try scuba diving in the future.

Scuba diving is an underwater sport that involves exploring the depths of the ocean with the help of specialized equipment, including a tank of compressed air, a mask, and fins. It's a thrilling experience that allows you to witness the mesmerizing marine life and stunning underwater landscapes.

I would want to do this in a beautiful location with clear waters and abundant marine life, like the coral reefs in Phu Quoc, an island in Vietnam. The warm, crystal-clear waters of the Gulf of Thailand offer fantastic diving opportunities.

Now, scuba diving is known to be both easy and difficult. The initial steps of training and getting comfortable with the equipment might seem a bit challenging, but once you're in the water, it becomes easier. It's not physically demanding, and you can enjoy it at your own pace.

I'd like to try scuba diving because I've always been fascinated by the world beneath the ocean's surface. It's like stepping into a whole new universe with colorful coral, exotic fish, and the feeling of weightlessness. Plus, it's a way to connect with nature and explore the unknown, making it an exciting adventure for anyone who loves the sea and its mysteries. It's a chance to witness the beauty of marine life up close, and I can imagine the sense of wonder and serenity it would bring.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?

  - *Water sports have evolved and gained popularity over the years. Nowadays, activities like paddleboarding, kayaking, and snorkeling have become quite trendy. These sports offer a combination of relaxation and physical activity, making them appealing to many. Additionally, wakeboarding, kiteboarding, and jet skiing are popular among adrenaline enthusiasts. Swimming and water polo continue to be widely enjoyed as well.*

- Why do some people like to live near water?

  - *Living near water has its charm. For some, it's about the tranquility and the soothing sound of water. The scenic beauty of lakes, rivers, or the ocean can be a daily source of inspiration. Waterfront properties often offer recreational opportunities like swimming, fishing, or boating. Plus, the proximity to water can improve air quality and create a more comfortable microclimate. Overall, it's a blend of natural beauty and lifestyle benefits that draw people to live near water.*

- Is it necessary to teach swimming at school?

  - *Teaching swimming at school can have several advantages. It not only promotes water safety but also encourages physical fitness and a lifelong skill. In some regions, especially those with access to water bodies, it's considered an essential life skill. However, the necessity of teaching swimming at school may vary depending on local circumstances. In areas with limited access to water, it might not be as critical, but in coastal regions or places with many pools, it's often seen as a valuable addition to the curriculum.*

Describe a decision you made that was difficult or important

You should say:

- What it is

- When you took this decision

- What the result of the decision was

And explain why the decision was difficult / important.

A decision that I found both difficult and important was choosing my major in university.

I made this decision during my first year at university, which was a pivotal moment in my academic journey. The result of this decision has shaped my educational and career path. I ultimately chose to major in computer science.

This decision was difficult because it meant selecting a field of study that would influence my future career. I had to consider my interests, skills, and long-term goals. Computer science was appealing because it offered a wide range of opportunities in a tech-driven world, but it was also challenging, requiring dedication and hard work. The decision was important because it determined the direction of my education and future job prospects. It was a choice that could significantly impact my life and career, and I had to weigh the potential benefits and challenges carefully.

In the end, I chose computer science because I was passionate about technology and believed it would provide me with valuable skills in a rapidly evolving job market. While it was a difficult decision, it has since opened up many exciting opportunities and allowed me to pursue a field I genuinely enjoy.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Do you think children sometimes have to make important decisions?

  - *Yes, children do have to make important decisions at various stages of their lives. These decisions might not be as complex as those made by adults, but they can significantly impact their well-being and future. For instance, they may need to decide on their extracurricular activities, choices of friends, or how to manage their time between schoolwork and leisure activities. These early decisions can help them develop important life skills and values.*

- What important decisions do teenagers need to make after graduation?

  - *After graduating from high school, teenagers face a pivotal transition in life. They often need to make decisions regarding their higher education, career paths, and financial planning. Choosing the right college or vocational training, selecting a major or career field, and managing finances are all critical decisions that can shape their future.*

- Who can children turn to for help when making a decision?

  - *Children can turn to various sources for help when making decisions. Parents and family members are usually their first and most trusted sources of guidance. Teachers, school counselors, and friends can also provide valuable advice. Additionally, there are resources available online and in books that can offer information and insights to assist with decision-making.*

- Do you think advertisements can influence our decisions when shopping?

  - *Absolutely, advertisements have a significant influence on our shopping decisions. Advertisers use persuasive techniques to create appealing narratives and images that make products or services seem desirable. From catchy jingles to celebrity endorsements, these tactics can sway our preferences and choices when we shop. For instance, a well-crafted ad can make a product look more attractive, leading us to consider purchasing it.*

- Do you think the influence of advertising is good?

  - *The influence of advertising can be a double-edged sword. On one hand, it can provide information about products and services, helping consumers make informed choices. On the other hand, it can sometimes promote unrealistic beauty*

standards, unhealthy consumption patterns, or encourage impulsive spending. So, whether it's good or bad depends on the content and intent of the advertisements. It's essential for consumers to be critical and discerning when exposed to advertising.

- Should advertisements aimed at children be banned?

  - *The question of banning advertisements aimed at children is a complex one. While some argue for a ban to protect young minds from potentially manipulative marketing tactics, others believe that it's a matter of parental guidance and media literacy. Striking a balance between allowing creative advertising aimed at children and protecting them from harmful influences is a challenge. Instead of an outright ban, regulations and guidelines can be put in place to ensure that such advertisements are age-appropriate, truthful, and not exploitative.*

Describe an expensive gift that you want like to give someone when you save a lot of money

You should say:

- What it is

- How much it will cost you

- When you would like to give that gift

And explain why you want to give the person that expensive gift

I'd consider giving someone a MacBook Pro as an expensive gift when I've saved a substantial amount of money.

A MacBook Pro is a premium laptop designed by Apple, known for its sleek design and high performance. The cost of a MacBook Pro can vary depending on the specific model and features, but they typically start at around $1,299 and can go up significantly for higher-end configurations with more storage, memory, and processing power.

I would like to give this gift on a special occasion that is relevant to the recipient's needs or aspirations. It could be for a student heading to college, a professional needing an upgrade for their work, or someone who has a strong interest in creative pursuits like graphic design or video editing.

The reason I would choose to give a MacBook Pro is because it's a valuable tool that can enhance the recipient's productivity, creativity, and overall quality of life. It's not just a material possession; it's a means to empower someone in their personal and professional endeavors. By gifting a MacBook Pro, I would be showing my support, care, and belief in their potential. It's a gesture of practicality and thoughtfulness, aimed at helping them achieve their goals and aspirations with a reliable and top-of-the-line device.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What do young people like to save money for?

    - *Young people save money for various goals, including education, travel, expensive electronics, future investments like stocks or real estate, and creating an emergency fund. These goals depend on their individual aspirations and priorities.*

- Is it easy for people to save money to buy something expensive?

    - *Saving for expensive items can be a challenging yet rewarding endeavor. The ease of saving depends on factors like income, spending habits, and financial discipline. A clear savings plan and budgeting can make it more manageable.*

- Should children have pocket money? Why?

    - *Giving children pocket money is a valuable way to teach financial responsibility. It helps children learn about money management, independence, and the consequences of their spending choices. Parents often provide pocket money to foster these skills.*

- Who should teach children how to use money, schools or their parents?

    - *Both parents and schools have important roles in teaching children about money. Parents are the primary financial role models and can impart practical money skills. Schools can supplement this by offering structured financial education as part of the curriculum.*

- Why can't some people save money?

    - *Saving money can be challenging for several reasons. Low income, high living costs, lack of financial knowledge, impulsive spending habits, and existing debt are common obstacles to saving. Each person's financial situation is unique, and addressing these challenges requires individualized strategies.*

Describe a sports program you like to watch

You should say:

- What it is

- Who you like to watch this program with

- How often you watch this program

And explain why you like to watch this program.

I'd like to talk about a sports program I enjoy watching.

I'm a fan of the English Premier League (EPL), which is one of the most popular soccer leagues in the world. I particularly like watching it with my close friends, as we share a passion for the sport.

I try to catch EPL matches as often as my schedule allows, typically on weekends when the matches are played. Sometimes we gather at a local sports bar or a friend's place to enjoy the matches together.

The reason I love watching the EPL is because of the incredible level of competition and the thrilling atmosphere surrounding the games. The EPL features some of the world's best soccer clubs, and the matches are filled with excitement, skill, and intense rivalries. Watching with friends adds to the enjoyment as we can discuss the games, cheer for our favorite teams, and even engage in friendly banter. It's not just about the sport; it's a social activity that brings us together and creates memorable moments while we witness some of the finest soccer action in the world.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Which sports do the people in your country like to do?

  - *In Vietnam, people enjoy a variety of sports. Football (soccer) is immensely popular, and you'll find both amateur and professional players and fans. Badminton, volleyball, table tennis, and martial arts like Vovinam and Taekwondo are also widely practiced. Additionally, traditional Vietnamese sports like đá cầu (foot shuttlecock) are still played in some communities.*

- Which one do people prefer, playing sports or watching sports programs?

  - *While many people in Vietnam enjoy watching sports programs, especially football matches, a significant portion of the population also actively participates in sports. The preference between playing and watching sports varies from person to person.*

- What are the benefits of playing sports?

  - *Playing sports offers numerous benefits, including improved physical fitness, enhanced mental well-being, and the development of essential life skills. It promotes physical health, teamwork, discipline, and stress relief. Moreover, it can be a source of fun and social interaction.*

- Do you think children today do enough sports?

  - *The level of physical activity among children can vary widely. In many cases, due to factors like increased screen time and academic pressures, some children may not engage in enough physical activity. Encouraging kids to be more active is important for their overall health and well-being.*

- How can children be encouraged to play sports from a young age?

  - *I think parents just need to be good role models. Let me explain. Children often imitate what they see. If they see their parents enjoying sports and staying active, they're more likely to show interest in it. So all we need to do is to ask them to join us in various physical activities like biking, jogging, or playing catch.*

    Another way to make kids more interested in playing sports is make sports more enjoyable by focusing on fun rather than competition. For example, parents can organize family sports outings, play games that involve running, jumping, and throwing, or simply head to a park for a game of frisbee or soccer.

Describe a traditional celebration in your country that you enjoy

You should say:

- What it is

- When it is often celebrated

- How it is celebrated

And explain why you enjoy this celebration

One of the traditional celebrations in Vietnam that I really enjoy is the Lunar New Year, also known as Tet Nguyen Dan. Tet is one of the most significant and widely celebrated festivals in my country.

Tet usually falls on the first day of the lunar calendar, which is around late January or early February. The exact date changes every year based on the lunar calendar. The celebration typically lasts for a week, with preparations starting a few weeks in advance.

Tet is celebrated with various customs and traditions. People clean and decorate their houses, buy new clothes, and cook special dishes. One of the most important aspects is the family reunion. People travel back to their hometowns to be with their families. The atmosphere is filled with joy, love, and harmony. Traditional activities such as dragon and lion dances, visiting temples, and giving lucky money to children are common during Tet.

I enjoy Tet for several reasons. Firstly, it's a time when I get to spend quality time with my family and relatives. We gather, share meals, and exchange well-wishes, which creates a strong sense of togetherness. Secondly, the festive atmosphere is infectious, with colorful decorations, traditional music, and beautiful outfits. It's a visually and emotionally uplifting experience. Finally, the idea of starting fresh in the new lunar year brings hope and optimism. It's a time to leave behind any troubles from the past year and look forward to better times ahead.

In summary, Tet Nguyen Dan is a traditional celebration in Vietnam that I enjoy because it fosters family bonding, exudes a joyful and vibrant atmosphere, and symbolizes a fresh start, which fills me with optimism and positivity for the year ahead.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Is it important for children to learn about traditional festivals of their own country?

  - *Absolutely, it's crucial for children to learn about the traditional festivals of their own country. These festivals are an integral part of a nation's culture and heritage. They provide a sense of identity and belonging, helping young individuals connect with their roots and understand the history and customs of their culture. Learning about traditional festivals also promotes cultural appreciation and unity among different generations, strengthening the social fabric of a society.*

- Why is music often an essential part of traditional festivals?

  - *Music plays a fundamental role in traditional festivals for various reasons. Firstly, it adds a unique and vibrant atmosphere to the festivities, making them more engaging and enjoyable. The rhythms and melodies often associated with these festivals create a distinct ambiance that heightens the celebratory spirit. Music can also convey the cultural and historical significance of the event, with traditional instruments, songs, and dances passing down stories and values from one generation to the next. In essence, music is a powerful medium that connects people to their traditi*

- Why do people celebrate traditional festivals?

  - *Traditional festivals are celebrated for a multitude of reasons. They serve as a way to honor historical events, religious figures, or agricultural cycles. Celebrating these festivals is a form of cultural expression, a means to preserve and pass down traditions, and a way to strengthen community bonds. They provide a break from the routine of daily life, offering a chance for people to come together, enjoy special activities, and experience a sense of togetherness. In many cases, traditional festivals also carry a spiritual or symbolic meaning, reinforcing people's connection to their beliefs and values.*

- Do you think traditional festivals will disappear in the future?

  - *While it's possible that the significance of traditional festivals may evolve over time, I don't believe they will completely disappear. Traditional festivals hold deep-rooted cultural and historical importance, and many communities actively work to preserve and adapt these celebrations to contemporary contexts. As long as there is a collective desire to retain and pass down cultural traditions, traditional festivals will*

likely continue to exist, albeit with some modifications to suit the changing needs and preferences of society.

- Is it important for a country to preserve its traditional festivals?

  - *Yes, it's highly important for a country to preserve its traditional festivals. These festivals are a vital part of a nation's cultural heritage, and they contribute to a sense of national identity. Additionally, they can be a significant attraction for tourism, promoting the country's unique culture and traditions to the world. Preserving traditional festivals not only fosters cultural pride but also supports the economy and helps maintain social cohesion.*

- How can the government and each individual preserve the traditional festivals of their country?

  - *Preserving traditional festivals is a collective effort involving both the government and individuals.*

    The government can provide support through policies that protect and promote these festivals. This may include funding cultural initiatives, providing infrastructure for celebrations, and organizing events to educate the public about their cultural significance. They can also encourage the inclusion of traditional festival elements in the educational curriculum.

    On an individual level, people can contribute by actively participating in traditional festivals, passing down customs to the younger generation, and supporting local artisans and artists who play a role in these celebrations. Volunteering, attending cultural workshops, and engaging with community organizations dedicated to preserving traditions are ways in which individuals can have a direct impact. Ultimately, it's a shared responsibility to ensure that traditional festivals continue to thrive and evolve in the modern world.

Describe an ideal house or apartment

You should say:

- What it is like

- How big it would be

- Where it would be located

And explain why you would like to live there

I'd prefer my ideal home to be a cozy, two-story house with a touch of traditional Vietnamese architecture mixed with modern elements. It would have a warm, earthy color palette with wooden accents, and a small garden in the front for some greenery.

In terms of size, I'd aim for a reasonably spacious place, perhaps around 150 square meters, which allows for comfortable living while still maintaining a sense of intimacy. This would provide enough room for a comfortable living area, a functional kitchen, a study space, and a couple of bedrooms.

As for the location, I'd love to have my dream home in a tranquil neighborhood in Hanoi, maybe in an area like Tay Ho or Ba Dinh. Being close to the city center would be great for convenience, but I'd also like it to be in a peaceful, residential area away from the hustle and bustle.

The reason behind this choice would be the perfect balance it offers. I'd have access to the vibrant city life and all its amenities, like universities, markets, and cultural attractions, while also having a serene place to return to after a busy day. It would be an ideal spot to relax, study, and enjoy the best of both worlds - the lively urban atmosphere and the tranquility of home. Plus, it would allow me to stay connected with my roots and the cultural richness of Vietnam, making it a truly special place to live.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What is the difference between living in an apartment and living in a house?

  - *Living in an apartment and a house has several distinctions. Apartments are usually more compact, often part of a building with multiple units, and can be located in city centers. They offer convenience and are typically easier to maintain. On the other hand, houses are standalone structures with more space, including a yard, which is great for families. Houses offer more privacy but often come with higher maintenance and expenses.*

- What do people in Vietnam prefer to live in, in an apartment or in a house?

  - *In Vietnam, the preference for living in an apartment or a house can vary based on location and lifestyle. In cities like Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, where space is limited, many people opt for apartments due to their convenience and proximity to work and amenities. In rural areas or smaller towns, houses are more common as they provide more space for families and a closer connection to nature.*

- Why do some people move to cities from the countryside to live?

  - *People move from the countryside to cities for various reasons. One primary motivation is the pursuit of better economic opportunities, including higher-paying jobs and access to education. Cities also offer improved healthcare and infrastructure. However, it's essential to note that rural-urban migration can come with challenges like adapting to a more hectic lifestyle and higher living costs.*

- What difficulties do people have living in the city?

  - *Living in a city can present several challenges. Some of these include increased traffic congestion, noise pollution, higher living costs, and a faster pace of life. Finding affordable housing and dealing with the high competition for jobs can also be demanding for city dwellers.*

- What are the problems with crowded cities?

  - *Crowded cities can face a range of issues. Traffic congestion is a common problem, leading to longer commutes and air pollution. Overcrowding can strain public services like healthcare and education. Additionally, the increased demand for housing can drive up property prices, making it challenging for many residents to find affordable places to live. Environmental issues, such as pollution and the strain*

on resources, are also concerns in crowded urban areas.

Describe a job you think is interesting

You should say:

- What it is

- How you knew it

- What skills it requires

And explain why you think it is interesting

One job I find really interesting is being a travel blogger. This job involves traveling to different places, experiencing various cultures, and sharing your adventures through blog posts, photos, and videos.

I became interested in this job because I love traveling and have a passion for exploring new places. I follow several travel bloggers on social media, and their exciting journeys and captivating stories have inspired me.

The skills required for a travel blogger are diverse. First and foremost, you need strong communication skills to write engaging blog posts and create compelling content. You also need to be skilled in photography and videography to capture your travel experiences effectively. Basic knowledge of digital marketing and social media is essential to promote your blog and build an audience. Additionally, time management and organization skills are crucial to plan and execute your trips effectively.

What makes this job so fascinating to me is the opportunity to explore the world, meet new people, and immerse myself in different cultures. It allows me to combine my love for writing and photography with my passion for travel. I'd get to share my experiences with others, potentially inspiring them to explore the world too. Plus, the flexibility and independence of being a travel blogger make it an appealing career choice for someone who enjoys adventure and storytelling.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What are the most popular jobs for young people in Vietnam?

  - *In Vietnam, the most popular jobs for young people vary, but some common choices include working in technology-related fields, such as software development or digital marketing. Jobs in the service industry, like working in cafes, restaurants, or retail, are also popular. Additionally, many young people pursue careers in education, especially becoming teachers or tutors. The choice of job often depends on individual interests, educational background, and market demand.*

- What is the difference between high-income and low-income jobs in your country?

  - *The difference between high-income and low-income jobs in Vietnam is quite noticeable. High-income jobs typically require advanced education and specialized skills, like doctors, engineers, or IT professionals. These careers generally offer better salaries and job security. On the other hand, low-income jobs often involve manual labor or work in the informal sector, like street vendors or unskilled workers, which tend to pay significantly lower wages and may lack job benefits.*

- Which jobs pay low wages but require a high level of skills?

  - *There are jobs in Vietnam that pay low wages but demand a high level of skills, such as skilled artisans and craftsmen like traditional woodworkers, ceramicists, or tailors. These professions require years of training and expertise, yet they might not offer high financial rewards due to limited market demand or competition.*

- When is the right time for young people to start making serious plans for their future careers?

  - *It's essential for young people to start making serious plans for their future careers during their final years of high school or at the beginning of university. This is when they can explore their interests, set career goals, and seek guidance from mentors or career advisors. Making informed decisions early can help them align their education and experiences with their desired career paths.*

- Do you think it is important for secondary schools to offer career advice to students?

  - *Yes, I believe it's crucial for secondary schools to offer career advice to students. This guidance can help young people explore different career options, understand their strengths and weaknesses, and make informed choices. It can also provide*

valuable insights into the job market, which is especially important for students who might not have access to external career resources.

- What are the factors that affect how young people choose a job?

  - *Several factors affect how young people choose a job in Vietnam. These factors include family expectations, societal pressure, personal interests, educational background, and financial considerations. The influence of these factors varies from person to person, but they all play a role in shaping career decisions. It's essential for young people to strike a balance between these influences and follow a path that aligns with their passions and aspirations.*

Describe a person who likes to help other people

You should say:

- Who he/she is

- How often he/she helps others

- How he/she helps others

And explain how you feel about this person.

There's this guy, let's call him Tom, who's always been the kind of person to lend a hand whenever he can.

Tom is a fellow university student, just like us, and he's a close friend of mine. He's the type of person who's ever ready to help, whether it's with academic stuff, volunteering for community projects, or even just being there for a friend in need.

Tom helps others pretty frequently, I'd say almost on a daily basis. For instance, if someone in our class is struggling with a tough assignment, he'll offer to study together or explain concepts patiently until they get it. He's also a regular volunteer at a local charity that supports underprivileged children. On top of that, he's great at organizing events for our university club, making sure everything runs smoothly and everyone feels involved.

I genuinely feel grateful to have Tom as a friend. His willingness to help others without expecting anything in return is inspiring. It creates a positive atmosphere around him, and it's infectious. It's reassuring to know there are people like Tom in the world who are always ready to make a difference and brighten someone's day.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- How can children help their parents at home?

  - *Children can help their parents at home in various ways. Some examples include doing household chores like washing dishes, cleaning their rooms, and helping with cooking. They can also assist with grocery shopping or taking care of younger siblings. By taking on these responsibilities, children not only lighten the workload for their parents but also learn valuable life skills and responsibilities.*

- Should children be taught to help others from a young age?

  - *Yes, teaching children to help others from a young age is important. It instills empathy and compassion, helping them develop into caring individuals. Simple acts of kindness, like sharing toys or helping a friend in need, can be great ways to start. As they grow, they'll understand the importance of lending a hand and making a positive impact on the world.*

- What makes children help each other at school?

  - *Children helping each other at school can be influenced by a few factors. Firstly, it's often a result of the social environment created by teachers and parents, where cooperation and kindness are encouraged. Secondly, empathy and friendship play a role. Kids often help their friends because they care about them and want to see them succeed. Lastly, peer influence can also be a factor. When they see classmates being helpful, it can set a positive example for others to follow.*

- Should students do community service?

  - *Engaging in community service can be a rewarding experience for students. It helps them connect with their community, develop new skills, and build character. It can also be a way to give back and make a positive impact on society. So, yes, students should consider participating in community service as part of their personal development.*

- Do you think community service should be required for all students?

  - *While community service can be highly beneficial, making it mandatory for all students may not be the best approach. It's important to allow students the freedom to choose activities that resonate with their interests and values. Encouraging and facilitating community service opportunities is a good idea, but forcing it on*

everyone might not lead to genuine engagement and positive outcomes.

- Why are some people willing to help others even though they have never met before?

  - *The willingness to help others, even strangers, can be attributed to various factors. Empathy is a significant one. Some individuals have a strong sense of empathy, which enables them to connect with the feelings and needs of others. Additionally, personal values and beliefs, such as altruism or a sense of social responsibility, can drive people to offer assistance. Sometimes, societal and cultural influences also play a role, as helping others is often seen as a virtuous and commendable act.*

Describe an adventure you would like to take in the future

You should say:

- What the adventure is

- Where you would go

- Who you would be with

And explain why you would like to take the adventure

I'd like to describe an adventure I'd like to take in the future.

So, one of the adventures I'm really looking forward to is a backpacking trip through the scenic countryside of northern Vietnam. I've always wanted to explore the rural beauty of my own country more extensively.

I would start my journey from Hanoi, my hometown, and venture into the remote areas of the northern provinces. I imagine myself trekking through lush rice terraces, wandering through ethnic minority villages, and experiencing the rich local culture. It would be a solo adventure, just me and my backpack, allowing me to immerse myself in the surroundings and connect with the people I meet along the way.

The reason I'm so excited about this adventure is because I've heard amazing stories about the stunning landscapes, friendly locals, and the authenticity of life in these rural regions. I want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and take a break from my university studies to reconnect with nature and my Vietnamese heritage. It's a chance to discover the hidden gems of my own country, appreciate its diversity, and create lasting memories. Plus, the thought of enjoying delicious local cuisine in small villages and capturing breathtaking landscapes with my camera makes this adventure a dream for me.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Who often likes to read adventure books?

  - *People who often like to read adventure books are typically those who enjoy the thrill of exploring new worlds and experiencing exciting escapades from the comfort of their own imagination. Many individuals, like me, who have a curious and adventurous spirit, are drawn to these books. It's a way to embark on thrilling journeys without leaving the comfort of home.*

- Do people prefer adventure novels or adventure movies?

  - *When it comes to the preference between adventure novels and adventure movies, it largely depends on personal taste. Some people may prefer adventure novels because they appreciate the depth of detail and character development that books can offer. They enjoy the opportunity to immerse themselves in the author's words and use their imagination to visualize the story. On the other hand, adventure movies can provide a more visually captivating and action-packed experience, making them the choice for those who enjoy a more cinematic adventure.*

- Why do people like to read adventure books rather than take an actual adventure?

  - *People often like to read adventure books rather than take an actual adventure for various reasons. Reading allows you to explore a wide range of adventures, including fantastical and impossible ones, without the real-world risks and challenges that actual adventures can entail. It's a form of safe escapism. Moreover, reading can be done anytime, anywhere, making it accessible and convenient.*

- Why do some people not want to take adventures?

  - *Some people may choose not to take physical adventures due to factors such as safety concerns, health limitations, or financial constraints. For example, climbing a treacherous mountain or embarking on a perilous journey might not be feasible for everyone. Additionally, some individuals may prefer the comfort and stability of their daily routines over the uncertainty of real-world adventures.*

- What kind of personality should people have in order to experience a lot of adventures?

  - *The kind of personality that tends to experience many adventures often includes traits like curiosity, a thirst for new experiences, courage, and a willingness to embrace uncertainty. People who are open to trying new things, facing challenges,*

and adapting to different situations are more likely to seek and enjoy adventurous experiences.

● What are the benefits of taking adventures?

○ *There are several benefits to taking adventures. Firstly, adventures provide opportunities for personal growth and self-discovery. They can challenge you mentally and physically, helping you develop new skills and resilience. Secondly, adventures often lead to unique and memorable experiences that can enhance your life story. They also offer a break from the routine, reducing stress and increasing overall well-being. Lastly, adventures can foster a deeper connection with nature and other people, promoting a sense of interconnectedness with the world around us.*

Describe a car journey that you remember well

You should say:

- Where you went

- What you did on the journey

- Who you had the journey with

And explain how you felt about the journey

I'm going to describe a car journey I remember well.

It was a trip to Sapa, a beautiful mountainous region in Northern Vietnam. I went there with my family during a school break a couple of years ago.

The journey to Sapa was quite long, taking around 5-6 hours from Hanoi. The winding roads through the mountains offered breathtaking views of terraced rice fields and lush green landscapes. We made a few stops along the way to stretch our legs and enjoy the local food at roadside stalls. I remember having some delicious pho and fresh spring rolls during one of these pit stops.

I had the journey with my parents and my younger brother. We were all excited to explore the scenic beauty of Sapa and experience the cooler climate in contrast to Hanoi's heat. We chatted, played car games, and listened to our favorite music on the way. The journey itself became an integral part of the trip, as we bonded and made memories together.

As for how I felt about the journey, I was thrilled and captivated by the stunning landscapes passing by. It was an escape from the city's hustle and bustle, and I felt a sense of adventure and anticipation. The journey created a sense of togetherness and made me appreciate the beauty of nature. It was a memorable experience, and it set the tone for the amazing time we had in Sapa.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What do the people in your country prefer to use while commuting, private cars or public transport?

  - *In Vietnam, the majority of people neither prefer private cars nor public transport for their daily commutes. Instead, private motorcycles are the most popular choice among commuters. The preference for motorcycles is primarily driven by their affordability, convenience, and suitability for navigating through the often congested and narrow streets in cities like Hanoi.*

- What are the benefits of using public transport?

  - *The benefits of using public transport are numerous. Firstly, it helps reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, making cities more environmentally friendly. Public transport is also cost-effective, as it eliminates the expenses of owning and maintaining a private vehicle. Moreover, it can be less stressful, as you can relax during your commute, read, or even work, instead of being stuck in traffic. Additionally, it promotes social interaction and reduces the need for parking spaces in crowded urban areas.*

- How can people be encouraged to take public transport?

  - *One effective approach is to invest in improving the quality and efficiency of public transport services. This includes maintaining a reliable schedule, ensuring the cleanliness and safety of vehicles and stations, and providing affordable ticket prices. Additionally, public awareness campaigns and educational programs about the environmental and economic benefits of using public transport can also play a significant role in encouraging its adoption.*

- What qualities does a good driver need to have?

  - *A good driver should possess excellent situational awareness, patience, and the ability to stay calm under stressful conditions. Moreover, obeying traffic rules and regulations, and avoiding distractions like texting or using a phone while driving are important attributes of a good driver.*

- Should the minimum legal age for driving be raised?

  - *Whether the minimum legal age for driving should be raised is a subject of debate in many countries. The decision should consider various factors, including the*

maturity and responsibility of young drivers. Raising the minimum driving age may help reduce accidents involving inexperienced drivers and improve road safety. However, it can also inconvenience those who need to drive for education or work. I think the key is to strike a balance between road safety and practicality, possibly by implementing stricter driver education programs and graduated licensing systems to ensure that young drivers gain the necessary skills and experience before obtaining a full license.

Describe a book that you have read more than once

You should say:

- What the book is

- What it is about

- How many times you have read it

And explain why you read it many times

One of the books I've read more than once is "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This American classic is a compelling story set in the Roaring Twenties and primarily revolves around the enigmatic Jay Gatsby, his unrequited love for Daisy Buchanan, and the allure of the American Dream.

I've actually read "The Great Gatsby" three times. I first read it in high school as part of the curriculum, then I revisited it in my freshman year of university, and once more on my own for personal enjoyment.

The reason I've read it multiple times is because of its timeless themes and Fitzgerald's beautiful writing style. Each time I read it, I discover new layers of meaning and symbolism that I might have missed previously. The book's exploration of wealth, decadence, illusion, and the elusive pursuit of the American Dream is still relevant today. The characters and their flaws, especially Jay Gatsby, are so intricately developed that it's a pleasure to delve into their complexities again and again. Also, the vivid descriptions and imagery painted by Fitzgerald are just a joy to savor. In short, "The Great Gatsby" keeps drawing me back because of its depth and the opportunity to uncover fresh insights with each reading.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What kinds of books do children like to read? Why?

  - *Children often enjoy a wide range of books, including picture books, fairy tales, adventure stories, and books featuring animals or beloved characters. These books are attractive to kids because they are engaging and visually stimulating. For instance, picture books combine colorful illustrations with simple text, making them captivating and easy to follow. Adventure stories take children on exciting journeys filled with suspense and imagination, which can be quite appealing. It's all about capturing their interest and sparking their imagination.*

- What can children learn from reading books?

  - *Reading books can offer children valuable lessons and experiences. For one, they can learn about empathy by immersing themselves in different characters' lives and understanding their feelings and perspectives. Books also expand their vocabulary and enhance language skills. Moreover, books can teach kids about various cultures, history, and the world around them, broadening their knowledge and understanding. Beyond that, reading fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, helping children to become more analytical and creative.*

- How can parents encourage their children to read books?

  - *Parents can play a crucial role in fostering a love for reading in their children. Firstly, setting an example by reading themselves is important. Kids often mimic their parents, so if they see their parents enjoying books, they're more likely to do the same. Creating a reading-friendly environment at home, with a cozy reading nook or a dedicated shelf for books, can make a difference. Parents can also read to their children from a young age, making it a bonding experience. Encouraging trips to the library and allowing children to choose books that interest them can be motivating. It's all about making reading a fun and enjoyable activity rather than a chore.*

- Which one do people prefer to read, ebooks or printed books?

  - *The preference between ebooks and printed books varies from person to person. Some people appreciate the convenience and portability of ebooks, as they can carry an entire library in a single device. Others prefer the tactile experience of holding a printed book, feeling the pages, and even enjoying the scent of paper. It ultimately comes down to personal choice. Some individuals might use a*

combination of both, depending on the situation and their mood.

- Do you think printed books will disappear in the future?

  - *While digital technology has become more prevalent, it's unlikely that printed books will completely disappear. There's a certain charm and nostalgia associated with physical books that many readers still value. Printed books have a dedicated following, and they offer a unique sensory experience that can't be replicated by ebooks. However, the publishing industry is evolving, and digital formats are becoming increasingly popular. So, while the landscape is changing, printed books are likely to continue coexisting with ebooks, each serving its audience.*

Describe a speech experience that you had

You should say:

- Who you gave the speech to

- What the speech was about

- Why you gave the speech

And explain how you felt about the speech

I once gave a speech to my university classmates. The topic of the speech was "The Importance of Sustainable Living." I was asked to speak during an environmental awareness event organized by a student club, and I felt passionate about addressing this crucial issue.

I gave the speech because I believe that raising awareness about sustainability is essential in today's world, given the environmental challenges we face. I wanted to encourage my fellow students to adopt more eco-friendly practices in their daily lives, from reducing waste to conserving energy. It was an opportunity to share ideas and inspire positive change.

I felt a mix of emotions about the speech. On one hand, I was excited to talk about a topic I care deeply about and hoped to inspire others to take action. On the other hand, I was a bit nervous, as public speaking can be intimidating. However, as I began speaking and saw the audience's engagement and interest, my nervousness gradually transformed into confidence. The positive feedback and discussions that followed the speech made me realize the impact it had, and I felt a sense of accomplishment in effectively conveying the importance of sustainable living to my peers. It was a rewarding experience that motivated me to continue advocating for environmental causes.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Is public speaking skill important?

  - *Public speaking is undoubtedly an essential skill. It allows individuals to convey their thoughts, ideas, and messages effectively to a broader audience. Whether you're a student giving a presentation, a professional in a meeting, or even in everyday life, being a good public speaker can boost your confidence and help you connect with others.*

- How can people improve their public speaking skills?

  - *Improving public speaking skills takes practice and dedication. You can start by joining a public speaking club or taking a class. It's also helpful to watch and learn from skilled speakers, identify areas for improvement, and work on them. Practicing in front of friends or family can also build your confidence. Remember, it's all about refining your communication and delivery over time.*

- What benefits does the Internet bring to communication?

  - *The Internet has transformed the way we communicate. It offers numerous benefits, like instant access to information, global connectivity, and diverse communication platforms. It allows people to connect across vast distances, fostering international friendships, collaborations, and knowledge-sharing. Additionally, it simplifies communication through emails, social media, and video calls, making it more convenient and efficient.*

- Do you think face-to-face communication will be replaced by online communication in the future?

  - *While online communication is undoubtedly on the rise, I believe face-to-face communication will always hold its place. There's a unique quality to in-person interactions that online communication can't fully replicate. Physical presence enables us to pick up on non-verbal cues, build stronger emotional connections, and establish trust more effectively. So, while online communication is convenient, face-to-face interactions will likely remain essential.*

- What qualities does a good communicator need to have?

  - *A good communicator should possess several qualities. First and foremost, they need to be an active listener, paying close attention to others during conversations.*

Empathy is crucial, as it allows you to understand others' perspectives and feelings. Clarity in speech and message delivery is essential to ensure your audience comprehends your ideas. Confidence and the ability to adapt to different situations also play a role in effective communication. Additionally, being open to feedback and continually honing your communication skills is a sign of a great communicator.

Describe a game you played in your childhood

You should say:

- What the game was

- When you played it

- Who you played it with

And explain how you felt about playing the game

One of my favorite childhood games was "Hide and Seek." I used to play it with my neighborhood friends during the weekends and school holidays. This game was a timeless classic that brought us hours of fun and excitement.

We played "Hide and Seek" mostly in the late afternoons and early evenings. The game was versatile, and we could play it in different seasons, but it was especially enjoyable during the warm summer months when we could hide in gardens and parks.

I played it with a group of friends from the neighborhood, ranging from four to eight players, depending on who was available. We took turns being the seeker and the hiders. The seeker would cover their eyes and count while the rest of us found hiding spots, and then the seeker had to find us.

I absolutely loved playing "Hide and Seek" as a child. It was a simple yet thrilling game that allowed us to be creative in finding hiding spots. There was a sense of anticipation and excitement as the seeker counted down, and the adrenaline rush when you were discovered or found your friends hidden away. It was a great way to bond with friends, explore different hiding places, and have lots of fun outdoors. The game brought a sense of adventure and camaraderie, and I have fond memories of those carefree days spent playing "Hide and Seek" with friends.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What games do young children in your country like to play?

  - *In Vietnam, young children enjoy a variety of games. Traditional games like "Bai Choi" (a card game) and "O An Quan" (a traditional board game) are still popular. However, video games have become increasingly popular, and kids often play mobile games on smartphones or computer games. Games like "Liên Quân Mobile" and "PUBG Mobile" are quite popular among the youth.*

- What is the difference between the kind of games children play now and what they played in the past?

  - *The main difference between games played in the past and those played now is technology. In the past, children in Vietnam often engaged in physical games and traditional activities that required social interaction. Nowadays, digital games have taken over, leading to more solitary gameplay. The shift to screen-based entertainment has reduced physical activity and face-to-face social interaction among children.*

- Which is better for children, individual games or team-based games?

  - *Both individual and team-based games can have their merits for children. Individual games can promote self-reliance, problem-solving, and focus. Team-based games, on the other hand, encourage collaboration, communication, and teamwork. It's essential to strike a balance and allow children to experience both types of games, as they can help develop different skills. The choice might depend on the child's personality and preferences.*

- What are the benefits of games to children?

  - *Games offer several benefits to children, such as developing cognitive and social skills. They can enhance problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and strategic planning. Games also provide a platform for social interaction and can teach kids about teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. Moreover, they can be a source of entertainment and relaxation.*

- Should parents limit the time their children play games?

  - *It's important for parents to strike a balance when it comes to limiting game time. While games can be educational and fun, excessive screen time can have negative*

consequences. Parents should set reasonable limits based on the child's age, monitor the content of the games, and ensure that gaming doesn't interfere with other important activities like schoolwork, physical exercise, and social interactions. Communication with children about responsible gaming is key to finding the right balance.

Describe a film you watched recently that you felt disappointed about

You should say:

- What the film was

- When you watched it

- Why you decided to watch it

And explain why you felt disappointed about it

The film I watched recently was "The Midnight Mystery," which I saw last weekend. I decided to watch it because the trailer promised a thrilling and suspenseful mystery, and I'm a big fan of that genre. Plus, I had heard some buzz about the film on social media, and it seemed like a must-see.

However, I felt disappointed by "The Midnight Mystery" because it didn't live up to the expectations set by the trailer and the online chatter. The plot felt convoluted and confusing, with too many subplots that didn't seem to connect well. The characters were one-dimensional, and their motivations weren't adequately explored. Additionally, the ending was abrupt and left many questions unanswered, which left me feeling unsatisfied.

I was hoping for a gripping and well-crafted mystery with a satisfying resolution, but unfortunately, "The Midnight Mystery" fell short in delivering that. While I don't mind open-ended films, this one left too many loose ends and didn't provide the closure I was looking for. It's disappointing when a film has so much potential but fails to deliver on its promises, and that's why I felt let down by this particular movie.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What are the most popular types of films in your country?

  - *In Vietnam, just like in many places, the most popular types of films often include romantic comedies, action-packed movies, and family-oriented dramas. Vietnamese people enjoy a mix of local and international films. There's also a growing interest in historical dramas that depict the country's rich history and culture.*

- Why are films about historical figures or events popular?

  - *Films about historical figures or events are popular for several reasons. They provide a sense of cultural identity and pride, as they often depict important moments in a nation's history. They also educate and raise awareness about the past, making history more accessible to a wide audience. Additionally, these films can be emotionally engaging, invoking a sense of nostalgia and reverence for the past.*

- What are the factors that affect how people choose a film to watch?

  - *When choosing a film to watch, people consider a variety of factors. These may include personal interests and preferences, the film's genre, the presence of favorite actors or actresses, recommendations from friends or reviews, and the film's plot and storyline. Accessibility, such as streaming platforms or cinema showtimes, also plays a significant role in decision-making.*

- Do you think films need to have famous actors or actresses to become successful?

  - *While having famous actors or actresses can certainly boost a film's appeal, it's not an absolute necessity for success. A well-crafted script, skilled direction, and an engaging story can make a movie successful even without A-list stars. Many critically acclaimed films have thrived on the strength of their narrative and execution rather than star power.*

- Is music an essential part in successful films?

  - *Music is indeed an essential element of successful films. It has the power to enhance emotional impact, create atmosphere, and intensify storytelling. A well-composed and appropriately timed soundtrack or score can elevate a movie's quality and leave a lasting impression on the audience. Think of iconic movie*

themes like those from "Star Wars" or "Titanic" - they've become inseparable from the films themselves, showcasing the importance of music in cinematic success.

Describe a new shop that recently opened in your city/town

You should say:

- Where the shop is located

- What it sells

- What kinds of people usually go there to shop

And explain how successful you think it will be in the future

I'm going to describe a new shop that recently opened in Hanoi, where I live.

The shop is located in the heart of the Old Quarter, a bustling and historic area of Hanoi known for its narrow streets and vibrant atmosphere. It's situated on Hang Bong Street, a popular shopping district for both locals and tourists.

This new shop specializes in handmade artisanal goods. They offer a wide range of products, including locally crafted jewelry, textiles, ceramics, and home decor items. What sets this shop apart is its focus on supporting local artisans and promoting sustainable and ethically sourced products. They have a commitment to preserving traditional Vietnamese craftsmanship.

As for the customers, it attracts a diverse crowd. Tourists exploring the Old Quarter are often drawn to the shop because of its unique and authentic Vietnamese products. Additionally, there is a growing interest among locals in supporting small businesses and buying handmade, high-quality items.

I believe this shop has the potential to be quite successful in the future. It caters to both the tourist market and the increasingly conscious consumer base in Hanoi. By promoting local artisans and sustainable practices, it aligns with current consumer trends and values. Moreover, its prime location in the Old Quarter ensures a steady flow of foot traffic. With its commitment to quality and authenticity, it has a strong foundation for long-term success and contributing to the preservation of traditional Vietnamese crafts.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What kinds of shops are popular in your city?

  - *In Hanoi, there's a wide variety of shops that are popular. You'll find everything from traditional markets to modern malls. Local street markets are quite common, offering fresh produce, clothing, and street food. Besides that, there's a growing trend of shopping at larger shopping centers and international brand stores, especially among young people. So, it's a mix of traditional and modern shopping experiences that are popular in my city.*

- Do you think location is a key factor that attracts customers?

  - *Yes, location plays a significant role in attracting customers. For instance, shops in the Old Quarter of Hanoi are always bustling with tourists and locals due to their historic charm and unique products. Similarly, shopping malls in the city center are popular because they're easily accessible. So, having a strategic and convenient location can definitely attract more customers.*

- Which ones are more popular with young people today, online shops or traditional shops?

  - *In recent years, online shops have gained popularity among young people in Hanoi. This is because of the convenience they offer – you can shop from the comfort of your home and access a wider range of products. However, traditional shops still have their charm, especially when it comes to street markets and boutiques offering unique, handcrafted items. So, while online shops are on the rise, traditional shops still hold a special place.*

- Do you think online shopping will replace traditional shopping in the future?

  - *I believe that online shopping will continue to grow, but it may not completely replace traditional shopping. There are aspects of traditional shopping that online shopping can't replicate, like the physical shopping experience, trying on clothes, or physically inspecting products. However, for convenience and a vast selection, online shopping is unbeatable. So, it's likely that both will coexist in the future.*

- Is there any problem with online shopping?

  - *Yes, there are some challenges with online shopping. One issue is the risk of receiving products that don't match their online descriptions or are of lower quality. Additionally, there can be delays in product delivery and potential security concerns*

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related to online payments. Moreover, the lack of personal interaction with sellers can make resolving issues more complicated. So, while online shopping is convenient, it's not without its problems, and customers need to be cautious.

Describe an invention that is useful in your daily life

You should say:

- What the invention is

- How you use this invention

- Whether it is difficult to use

And explain how you feel about this invention

One invention that I find incredibly useful is my smartphone.

I use it for a variety of tasks throughout the day, from staying connected with friends and family through calls and messages to accessing information on the internet, managing my schedule, and even entertainment like streaming videos and playing games.

Using a smartphone is not difficult at all. The interface is designed to be user-friendly, with icons and touch controls that are intuitive. You can easily customize it to your preferences and download various apps to enhance its functionality.

I have a very positive opinion about my smartphone. It has become an indispensable tool in my daily life, making it more convenient and efficient. It keeps me connected with the world and helps me manage my tasks, whether it's checking emails, navigating through the city, or simply enjoying some downtime with games or music. It's like having a Swiss army knife of technology in my pocket, and I'm grateful for how it has simplified and enriched my daily life.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What are the qualities of a scientist?

    - *I believe that scientists should possess a curious and inquisitive nature. They should have a strong passion for exploring the unknown and solving problems. Being patient and persistent is crucial because scientific breakthroughs often require years of dedication. Effective communication skills are also important to share findings and collaborate with others. Lastly, an open-minded approach to new ideas and a willingness to learn from failure are key qualities for a scientist.*

- Are there any inventions that have changed the world profoundly?

    - *Absolutely! One example is the internet. It has revolutionized how we communicate, work, and access information. It's made the world a smaller and more connected place. Another significant invention is the smartphone. It's not just a phone but a portable computer, camera, and more, transforming the way we live and interact with technology.*

- Do all inventions bring benefits to our world?

    - *While many inventions have brought significant benefits, not all do. For instance, some technologies can have negative consequences, like environmental pollution or the potential for misuse. It's important for inventors and society to consider the ethical and environmental impacts of their creations. So, not all inventions bring only benefits, and it's crucial to be mindful of the potential drawbacks.*

- Do you think people who have not been educated in school can invent things?

    - *Education can certainly provide valuable knowledge and skills, but it's not the only path to innovation. Some inventors and entrepreneurs have succeeded without formal education, relying on their natural creativity, problem-solving abilities, and determination. Education can provide a structured foundation, but anyone with a passion and the right resources can contribute to innovation.*

- Who should support and sponsor inventors, governments or private companies?

    - *Both governments and private companies have roles to play. Governments can offer research grants, fund scientific projects, and create a supportive environment for innovation. Private companies, on the other hand, can invest in research and development, bringing innovative products to the market. Ideally, a combination of*

public and private support can foster a thriving environment for inventors, ensuring a balance between societal benefits and market-driven innovation.

Describe a popular person in your country

You should say:

- Who this person is

- What he/she is like

- Why you think this person is popular

And explain how this person influences the public

One popular person in Vietnam is Chau Bui. She is a well-known fashion model and actress. Chau Bui is often described as confident, stylish, and daring. She is known for her glamorous fashion choices, and she's not afraid to break the traditional norms when it comes to clothing. She's often seen wearing bold and provocative outfits that stand out in the conservative culture of Vietnam.

Chau Bui's popularity can be attributed to her unique personality and her influence on fashion trends in Vietnam. Many people admire her for her confidence and individuality, which makes her a role model for those who want to express themselves freely. She has a massive following on social media, and her fashion choices are often emulated by young Vietnamese people.

Chau Bui's influence on the public is primarily in the realm of fashion and self-expression. She encourages people, especially young women, to be bold and confident in their choices. Her popularity has led to a shift in fashion trends, with more people embracing non-traditional styles and expressing their individuality. This influence extends beyond clothing and encourages people to be true to themselves and not conform to societal norms, which is quite empowering for many.

So, Chau Bui is a popular figure in Vietnam who is admired for her confidence, fashion sense, and her role in reshaping the fashion landscape, ultimately inspiring people to be more daring and authentic in their self-expression.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What kinds of people are more popular at school?

  - *At school, popularity can be influenced by various factors. People who are approachable, friendly, and have a positive attitude tend to be more popular. Being involved in extracurricular activities, such as sports or clubs, can also boost one's popularity. Good communication skills, a sense of humor, and the ability to empathize with others can make you more likable, which in turn can make you more popular among your peers.*

- What are the benefits of being popular at school?

  - *Being popular at school can come with several advantages. You're more likely to have a supportive social network, making it easier to find friends and people to collaborate with. It can also lead to greater self-confidence and a positive self-image. Popular students often have more opportunities for leadership roles and involvement in school events, which can be enriching experiences. However, it's important to remember that popularity should not be the sole focus of your school life; it's just one aspect of it.*

- Why are some people less famous than others?

  - *Popularity can vary among individuals due to their unique personalities, interests, and social interactions. Some people may be less famous simply because they prefer a smaller, close-knit circle of friends and don't actively seek attention. It's important to respect and value individual differences, as everyone has their own preferences when it comes to social interactions.*

- Is it important to become popular at a workplace?

  - *Popularity at a workplace may not be as critical as it is in school, but building positive relationships with colleagues and superiors is essential. Being well-liked at work can make your professional life more enjoyable and productive. It can also open doors to collaboration, promotions, and career opportunities. However, the focus should be on competence, professionalism, and being a team player rather than simply seeking popularity.*

- How do people maintain a good relationship with their co-workers and their bosses?

  - *In my opinion, mutual respect is the most crucial aspect. Treating co-workers and*

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bosses with respect, regardless of their position, fosters a healthy and positive atmosphere at the workplace. Being considerate, appreciative, and showing empathy can go a long way in maintaining good relationships. Additionally, it's important to be reliable and fulfill your responsibilities. Meeting deadlines, being punctual, and going the extra mile when needed are all actions that contribute to a positive perception among colleagues and supervisors.

Describe an enjoyable experience in your childhood

You should say:

- What it is

- Who you were with

- What you did

And explain why you felt happy

One of the most enjoyable experiences in my childhood was a family trip to Ha Long Bay in Vietnam. I went with my parents and my younger brother. Ha Long Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its stunning natural beauty, with thousands of limestone karsts rising from the emerald waters.

During the trip, we took a boat tour to explore the bay and its hidden caves. The scenery was breathtaking, and we got to witness the amazing rock formations and crystal-clear waters. We also had a chance to go swimming and kayaking, which was a lot of fun. The weather was perfect, and the water was refreshing.

I felt incredibly happy during this trip for several reasons. First, being surrounded by such mesmerizing natural beauty was awe-inspiring. It made me appreciate the wonders of our world and the beauty of Vietnam. Second, spending quality time with my family, especially in such a stunning setting, created unforgettable memories. We laughed, played, and shared this incredible experience together, which brought us closer as a family.

Lastly, the feeling of freedom and adventure during the trip made me genuinely happy. Exploring the caves, jumping into the water, and kayaking through the karsts gave me a sense of exhilaration and made me appreciate the simple joys of life.

Overall, this childhood experience in Ha Long Bay was enjoyable because of the breathtaking natural beauty, quality time with family, and the sense of adventure and freedom it provided. It's a memory I cherish and look back on with a smile.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Why do you think some people have better memory than others?

  - *Well, memory can be influenced by a combination of factors. Genetics plays a role, as some individuals may have a natural predisposition for better memory. Also, lifestyle choices like diet, exercise, and sleep can impact memory. For example, regular exercise and a balanced diet can improve brain health. Furthermore, practicing memory techniques and staying mentally active by learning new things can also help enhance memory.*

- What kinds of things do people often remember nowadays?

  - *In today's digital age, people often remember a wide range of things, thanks to the technology at our fingertips. People tend to remember personal experiences, significant life events, birthdays, and anniversaries. Additionally, many rely on their smartphones and computers to remember practical information like phone numbers, appointments, and addresses.*

- What are the things people should not forget?

  - *Some things are universally important not to forget. These include family and close relationships, values, and life lessons. People should also prioritize their health, both physical and mental, to lead a fulfilling life. Cultivating gratitude and remembering the kindness of others can also bring happiness and perspective to our lives.*

- Why do some people remember more of their childhood than others?

  - *Childhood memories can vary from person to person. Some individuals may have a more vivid recollection of their early years due to the way their brains store and retrieve memories. Emotional experiences and events that left a strong impression tend to be remembered more clearly. Additionally, factors like family dynamics and the importance placed on reminiscing about childhood can influence one's ability to recall those memories.*

- What can people do to improve their memory?

  - *There are several strategies to enhance memory. Regular physical exercise, a balanced diet rich in nutrients, and adequate sleep are essential. Engaging in activities that challenge your brain, such as puzzles, reading, or learning a new skill,*

can help keep your memory sharp. Mnemonic techniques, like visualization and association, can be useful for remembering specific information. Also, staying socially connected and managing stress effectively can support memory function. Remember, practice and consistency are key in improving memory over time.

Describe a person who just moved into your community and brought a positive influence

You should say:

- Who he/she is

- What the new place is like

- Why he/she moved to a new place

And explain why his or her move has a positive impact

I'd like to describe a person who recently moved into our community and has had a positive influence.

The new neighbor is a young woman named Mai. She moved into our community in Hanoi, Vietnam, just a few months ago. Mai is a schoolteacher who decided to relocate to Hanoi from a smaller town in search of better career opportunities and to be closer to her family, who also live in the city.

Our community in Hanoi is a vibrant mix of residents, with a strong sense of camaraderie. It's a tight-knit neighborhood where people often interact, help one another, and engage in community activities. Mai's arrival has been a breath of fresh air for our community in several ways.

Firstly, Mai's friendly and outgoing nature makes it easy for her to connect with her neighbors. She has a warm smile and a willingness to get involved in community events and initiatives. She quickly made friends and established positive relationships with many of us.

Secondly, her background as a schoolteacher has brought a lot of value to our community. She has started offering free tutoring to some of the local children, helping them with their studies and fostering a love for learning. This has been especially helpful for parents who may not have the resources to provide extra educational support for their kids.

Lastly, Mai's active participation in community events and her enthusiasm for creating a more vibrant neighborhood has motivated other residents to get involved as well. Her passion for gardening led to the establishment of a community garden, where we now grow our vegetables and flowers, making the area even more beautiful and promoting a sense of cooperation among neighbors.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Why do some young people keep moving?

  - *Many young people keep moving for various reasons. One common reason is education. They may move to different cities or countries to pursue higher education, like you, as a university student in Hanoi. Others move for job opportunities. They might seek better career prospects in different places. Some young folks also move to experience new cultures, explore different lifestyles, or simply to gain independence and learn to manage life on their own. So, it often boils down to personal and professional growth, adventure, and the pursuit of opportunities.*

- What is the difference between living alone and living with roommates?

  - *Living alone and living with roommates offer contrasting experiences. When you live alone, you have complete privacy and independence. You make all the decisions regarding your space, daily routine, and lifestyle. However, it can get lonely, and you're responsible for all the chores and expenses. On the other hand, living with roommates can be more social and cost-effective. You share responsibilities and expenses, and it can be a lot of fun with the right people. However, it also means less privacy and sometimes compromises on your living space. It's a trade-off between independence and social interaction.*

- What are the benefits of living alone to young people?

  - *Living alone as a young person can offer several benefits. First, it promotes independence and self-reliance. You learn to manage your finances, cook, clean, and take care of yourself, which are valuable life skills. It's also a great opportunity for self-discovery and personal growth. Living alone allows you to set your own rules and create a space that reflects your personality and preferences. Moreover, it provides a quiet and peaceful environment for studying and relaxation. You have full control over your space and can maintain a tidy and organized living area. Ultimately, living alone can be a liberating experience, fostering a sense of responsibility and the freedom to explore your individuality.*

- What are the skills that people need to start living independently?

  - *To start living independently, there are several key skills to develop. Financial*

management is crucial; you need to budget, pay bills, and save money. Cooking and basic household chores are also essential for maintaining a clean and organized living space. Time management is vital for balancing work or studies, personal life, and household responsibilities. Communication skills are also important for resolving conflicts with roommates or landlords, as well as maintaining social connections. Problem-solving and decision-making skills help you handle various challenges that may arise. Additionally, it's beneficial to know basic first aid and be aware of safety measures for emergencies.

Describe an occasion when you got incorrect information

You should say:

- When you got it

- How you got it

- How you found it was incorrect

- And how you felt about it

    Sure, I can certainly share an experience when I received incorrect information.

    It happened during my first semester at the university here in Hanoi. I was working on a group project with some classmates. We needed to find some statistics related to a specific topic for our research, so we divided the tasks among ourselves. I was responsible for finding recent data, and I stumbled upon a chart on a government website that seemed to have exactly what we needed.

    I felt relieved that I had found the information we were looking for. However, a few days later, as we were discussing our findings and compiling our report, one of my group members pointed out that the data I had found was outdated. I double-checked, and to my dismay, they were right. The chart I had used was from a few years ago, and our topic required the most current data available.

    I felt quite embarrassed and frustrated because I thought I had done thorough research. It was a valuable lesson for me in the importance of verifying the accuracy and currency of the information I come across, especially in an academic setting. Since then, I've been more cautious when conducting research and fact-checking, so I don't rely on incorrect information and can contribute to my group projects more effectively.

Part 3

- What kinds of professions are related to giving information to others?

  - *Many professions involve giving information to others. For example, as a university student, you might come across professors who share knowledge and information with their students. Journalists and reporters provide information through newspapers, TV, or online news platforms. Teachers, librarians, and researchers also play roles in sharing information. In the business world, customer service representatives and technical support professionals help people access information. So, it varies depending on the context and field.*

- What's the difference between giving information by phone and by email?

  - *When giving information by phone, it's often more immediate and personal. You can have real-time conversations and provide clarification on the spot. However, it may be less formal. On the other hand, email provides a written record, which can be useful for reference. It's more formal and allows for detailed explanations, but it's not as immediate as a phone call. Both have their advantages, and the choice often depends on the nature of the information and the recipient's preferences.*

- How can people check whether a piece of information is correct or not?

  - *Verifying information is crucial in the digital age. One way is to cross-reference it with reputable sources. For example, if you read a news article, check if it's reported by multiple trusted news outlets. Fact-checking websites like Snopes or PolitiFact can help too. Additionally, consider the author's credentials and the publication date. If the information is about a scientific topic, peer-reviewed journals are reliable sources. Critical thinking and skepticism are essential when assessing information.*

- Do people trust the information online?

  - *Trust in online information varies. Many people trust established, reputable websites, news outlets, and educational institutions. However, there's also a lot of misinformation and fake news online, which has led to increased skepticism. Social media platforms can spread both reliable and unreliable information. So, while many trust online information, it's wise to approach it with a critical mindset, fact-check, and verify before accepting it as true. Trust in online information depends on its source and the individual's discernment.*

Describe an occasion when you spent time with a young child

You should say:

- Who this child was

- When you spent time with this child

- What you did together

And explain how you felt about it

I'm going to talk about an occasion when I spent time with a young child.

The child I spent time with was my cousin, who is around 5 years old. This happened during my summer break when I was visiting my extended family in a rural area of Vietnam. My cousin lives in the countryside, and I don't get to see her very often, so I wanted to make the most of our time together.

We spent a sunny afternoon playing in the backyard of her house. We played simple games like tag, hide and seek, and she even taught me some local children's games that I had never played before. It was a delightful experience, as she had so much energy and creativity. We also picked fruits from the trees in the garden and made a small, impromptu picnic. She was so excited to show me around and introduce me to her friends in the village.

I felt a mix of emotions during this time. I was genuinely happy to bond with my young cousin, as these moments are precious and create lasting memories. It was heartwarming to see her innocence and pure joy in the simple pleasures of life. At the same time, I realized how different our childhoods were, growing up in different environments. This experience made me appreciate the diversity of experiences that children have in different parts of the world.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- How do children in Vietnam spend their free time?

  - *In Vietnam, children often spend their free time engaging in a variety of activities. Many enjoy playing outdoors, like riding bicycles, playing traditional games, or flying kites in parks. Video games and smartphones are also popular among the younger generation. Additionally, watching cartoons, reading books, and pursuing hobbies like drawing or playing musical instruments are common ways for Vietnamese children to pass their free time.*

- Is it necessary for children to play with their friends in their free time?

  - *Playing with friends in their free time is beneficial for children's social development. It helps them learn important life skills like cooperation, communication, and problem-solving. However, it's not always necessary, as some children may prefer solitary activities or spending time with family. Balance is key, allowing children to enjoy both solitary and social activities as they choose.*

- Why do some parents not want to spend time with their children?

  - *Some parents may have reasons for not spending as much time with their children as they'd like. This can be due to work-related commitments, financial pressures, or even cultural factors that place a heavy emphasis on academic achievement. It's essential to remember that not all parents who can't spend time with their children don't want to; sometimes, circumstances play a significant role in this.*

- Do you think children should be free to choose what they do in their free time?

  - *Yes, I believe children should have the freedom to choose how they spend their free time. Allowing them to explore their interests and make choices helps foster independence and decision-making skills. However, it's also important for parents to guide and provide a balance, ensuring that their children engage in a mix of educational, physical, and recreational activities.*

- What kind of activities can children and parents do together?

  - *There are numerous activities that children and parents can enjoy together in Vietnam. Some examples include visiting local cultural attractions, like museums or historical sites, going on family outings to parks, cooking traditional meals together, and engaging in art and craft projects. Additionally, participating in sports or*

physical activities like hiking or cycling can be a great way for families to bond and stay active together. The key is to find activities that both children and parents find enjoyable and meaningful.

Describe a piece of clothing you wear most often

You should say:

- What it is

- How often you wear it

- What it is like

And explain why you enjoy wearing it

One of my go-to pieces of clothing is a cozy, oversized sweater. It's a simple, dark gray, knitted sweater that I wear quite frequently, especially during the cooler months here in Hanoi.

This sweater is incredibly comfortable and soft. It's not too heavy, making it perfect for those slightly chilly days. The loose fit allows me to layer it over a t-shirt or blouse, and I can easily pair it with jeans or leggings. The sweater has a slightly longer length, which I appreciate because it keeps me warm, and I can even wear it with leggings without feeling exposed.

The reason I enjoy wearing this sweater so much is the comfort it provides. It feels like a warm hug, and it's versatile enough to be part of a casual outfit or even something more dressed up with the right accessories. Whether I'm going to class at the university, meeting up with friends, or just hanging out at home, this sweater is my reliable choice. Plus, it's like a security blanket for me, especially during stressful times.

It's become a staple in my wardrobe because of its practicality and the way it makes me feel at ease. So, not only does it keep me warm, but it also adds a touch of coziness and familiarity to my daily life, which is something I truly value.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What kinds of clothes do young people in Vietnam like to wear?

  - *Young people in Vietnam have a diverse fashion taste. Many of them prefer modern and trendy clothing, such as jeans, T-shirts, dresses, and sneakers. Streetwear, which includes brands like Supreme and Off-White, is also quite popular among the youth. Additionally, traditional Vietnamese clothing like the áo dài is still cherished for special occasions and cultural events.*

- When will people in Vietnam wear formal clothing?

  - *Formal clothing is typically worn on special occasions and events in Vietnam. This includes weddings, traditional ceremonies, and important business meetings. For men, it might be a suit or a dress shirt and trousers, while women often opt for elegant dresses or the traditional áo dài. On a day-to-day basis, casual attire is more common.*

- What is the difference between the way the elderly and the young dress in Vietnam?

  - *The difference in clothing between the elderly and the young in Vietnam is noticeable. Older generations often prefer more traditional and conservative clothing. You might see them in áo dài or shirts and trousers for men. On the other hand, the younger generation tends to embrace more contemporary and global fashion trends, opting for a wider variety of styles and brands.*

- When do people in your country wear traditional clothes?

  - *Traditional clothing, such as the áo dài for women and the áo gấm for men, is commonly worn during important cultural and traditional events. This includes weddings, festivals, Lunar New Year celebrations (Tết), and other significant ceremonies. These garments hold deep cultural significance and are still proudly worn to showcase Vietnamese heritage.*

- What can you tell about a person based on their clothing?

  - *Clothing can provide insights into a person's personality, style, and sometimes their background. For example, someone dressed in formal attire might be attending a special event or a business meeting. A person wearing streetwear could be into urban fashion trends. Traditional clothing often indicates cultural pride or participation in traditional events. However, it's essential to remember that clothing*

doesn't reveal everything about a person, and judgments based solely on attire should be made with caution.

Describe an occasion when you got lost

You should say:

- Where you were

- What happened

- How you felt

And explain how you found your way

I'd like to talk about a time when I got lost.

It happened a few months ago when I was exploring a new part of Hanoi, which I wasn't very familiar with. I had decided to visit a new coffee shop that had recently opened, and it was located in a quieter, less-traveled area of the city.

As I was navigating the narrow streets on my motorbike, I realized that I had lost track of my location. The streets started to look unfamiliar, and I couldn't see any recognizable landmarks. I had taken a few turns in an attempt to find the coffee shop, but I had only succeeded in getting myself more disoriented.

At first, I felt a bit anxious and frustrated. Hanoi can be a maze of streets and alleys, and it's easy to get lost in the labyrinth of the old quarter. However, I also saw it as an opportunity to explore a part of the city I had never seen before, and that curiosity began to outweigh my initial anxiety.

To find my way, I relied on my smartphone's GPS and maps app. I pulled over to the side of the road, checked my location, and used the map to retrace my steps back to a more familiar area. It took a bit of time, but eventually, I managed to find my way to a street I recognized and then reached my destination, the coffee shop.

In the end, getting lost turned into a mini adventure and allowed me to discover new streets and alleys in Hanoi. It taught me the importance of being prepared with technology like GPS, especially in a city known for its intricate layout. While it was initially a bit unnerving, I ended up enjoying the experience and finding my way thanks to technology and a sense of curiosity.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- What should people do when they get lost?

  - *When someone finds themselves lost, it's essential to stay calm and not panic. To get back on track, the first step is to try and retrace your steps to the last known location or a familiar landmark. If that's not possible, asking for directions from locals or using a navigation app on a smartphone can be quite helpful. In some cases, seeking help from law enforcement or authorities is also a good option. The key is not to wander aimlessly, as that can make the situation worse.*

- Why do some people have a better sense of direction than others?

  - *People's sense of direction can vary for several reasons. One of the main factors is a person's natural spatial intelligence, which is influenced by genetics. Additionally, individuals who have grown up in environments where they were encouraged to explore and navigate, such as those who have spent a lot of time outdoors or in unfamiliar places, tend to develop a better sense of direction. It's also related to how well someone can pay attention to their surroundings and landmarks. Some people may be more observant and have better memory for spatial details.*

- Is map reading still a necessary skill today?

  - *While modern technology has made it easier to rely on GPS and navigation apps, map reading remains a valuable skill. Knowing how to read a map can be helpful in various situations, especially when you're in areas with poor or no signal, or when technology fails. Moreover, maps provide a broader perspective of an area, helping you understand the geography and the relationship between different locations. So, it's still a relevant skill, even if it's not used as frequently as in the past.*

- What do people in Vietnam use to find a way when they are in a strange place?

  - *In Vietnam, people often use a combination of traditional and modern methods to find their way in unfamiliar places. They may ask locals for directions, as Vietnamese people are generally friendly and willing to help. Additionally, smartphones and navigation apps are widely used, especially in urban areas like Hanoi. In more remote or rural parts of the country, where technology may be less accessible, paper maps and landmarks play a crucial role in navigation.*

- Should tourists learn about the place they are about to visit before their trip?

○ *Absolutely, learning about the place you're planning to visit is a great idea. It enhances your travel experience in several ways. It allows you to appreciate the culture, history, and local customs. You can plan your itinerary better, ensuring you don't miss out on must-see attractions. It also helps you understand the local etiquette, which is essential for respectful and responsible tourism. Learning a few basic phrases in the local language can also go a long way in establishing positive interactions with the locals. Overall, doing some research before your trip can make it more enjoyable and meaningful.*

Describe a place away from home that you want to visit in the future

You should say:

- Where you would like to go

- When you would like to go

- Who you want to go with

And explain why you want to visit the place

I'd love to visit the beautiful city of Kyoto in Japan. The ideal time for me to go would be during the cherry blossom season in the spring, when the city is bathed in a sea of pink blossoms. I would like to go with a close friend who shares my enthusiasm for Japanese culture.

I've always been fascinated by Japanese traditions, art, and the serene beauty of their temples and gardens. Kyoto, in particular, is a treasure trove of these cultural riches. I'd love to explore its historic temples, like Kinkaku-ji (the Golden Pavilion) and Fushimi Inari Shrine with its famous red torii gates. The thought of strolling through the serene Arashiyama Bamboo Grove is incredibly appealing. And of course, I can't resist the idea of indulging in some delicious Japanese cuisine, from sushi to ramen.

Kyoto offers a unique blend of traditional and modern Japan, and I'm eager to immerse myself in its rich history and contemporary charm. It's a destination that promises both cultural enrichment and beautiful natural landscapes, making it my dream place to visit.

Part 3 (The discussion that follows Part 2):

- Where do people in your country usually travel on holidays?

  - *In Vietnam, people often travel to various destinations during holidays. Popular choices include coastal areas like Halong Bay or Da Nang for beach vacations, as well as historical cities like Hoi An or Hue. Some also explore the Mekong Delta for a taste of the countryside, or visit the vibrant Ho Chi Minh City. Traveling to explore the cultural and culinary diversity of the country is quite common as well.*

- Why do some people think it is enjoyable to stay at home on holidays?

  - *Some individuals find it enjoyable to stay at home during holidays for a few reasons. Firstly, it can be a time to relax and recharge, away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. They might enjoy quality time with family, engage in hobbies, or catch up on reading and movies. Moreover, staying home can be cost-effective and stress-free, avoiding the hassles of travel, especially during peak holiday seasons.*

- Do teenagers usually travel with friends or alone?

  - *When it comes to teenagers traveling, it can vary. Some prefer to travel with friends for a more adventurous and social experience. This allows them to create lasting memories and explore new places together. Others may choose to travel alone, seeking independence and personal growth. It really depends on individual preferences and comfort levels.*

- What are the differences between students who have taken a gap year and those who do not?

  - *Differences between students who take a gap year and those who don't can be significant. Students who take a gap year often gain practical experience, develop life skills, and may have a clearer sense of their goals and interests. On the other hand, those who don't take a gap year typically proceed directly into their chosen academic or career paths. Both choices have their merits, and it depends on what aligns with one's personal and educational goals.*