

Part 1

Hometown

1. What's (the name of) your hometown (again)?
2. Is that a big city or a small place?
3. Please describe your hometown a little.
4. How long have you been living there?
5. Do you like your hometown?
6. What do you like (most) about your hometown?
7. Is there anything you dislike about it?
8. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

Home/ Accommodation

1. What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?
2. Do you live in a house or a flat?
3. Who do you live with?
4. How long have you lived there?
5. Do you plan to live there for a long time?
6. What is the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?
7. Can you describe the place where you live?
8. Please describe the room you live in.
9. What part of your home do you like the most?
10. In the future, what type of place would you live in?

Study

1. Why did you choose to study that subject/ Why did you choose to study those subjects?
2. What subjects are you studying? Is it very interesting?
3. What technology do you use when you study?
4. Do you like your subject? (Why? / Why not?)
5. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?
6. Are you looking forward to working?

Work

1. What work do you do?
2. What technology do you use at work?
3. Do you like your job?
4. Why did you choose to do that type of work (or, that job)?
5. Do you miss being a student?

The area you live in

1. Do you like the area that you live in?
2. What are some changes in the area recently?
3. Do you know any famous people in your area?
4. Where do you like to go in that area?

Morning

1. Do you like getting up early in the morning?
2. What do you usually do in the morning?
3. What did you do in the morning when you were little? why?
4. Are there any differences between what you do in the morning now and what you did in the past?

Housework and cooking

1. Do you do some cooking? help your family cook at home now?
2. Did you do some house cleaning when you were young?
3. Do you have breakfast at home every day?
4. Do you want to learn how to cook well?

Technology

1. What technology do you often use?
2. What electronic devices have you bought lately?
3. Is there any technology you want to buy?
4. Is technology important in your life?

Public transportation

1. What kind of public transportation do you usually take?
2. When do you usually take public transportation, in your everyday life or when you are travelling?
3. Do most people prefer public transportation in your country?
4. Did you take public transportation when you were a kid?

Weather

1. What is the weather like where you live?
2. Do you prefer cold or hot weather?
3. Do you prefer dry or wet weather?
4. Are you in the habit of checking the weather forecast? when and how often?

Birthday

1. What do you usually do on your birthday?
2. What did you do on your birthday when you were young?
3. Do you think it is important for you to celebrate your birthday?
4. Whose birthday do you think is the most important to celebrate in China?

Writing

1. Do you write a lot?
2. What do you like to write?
3. Do you think the things you write would change?
4. Do you prefer typing or handwriting when you are writing?

Names

1. Does your name have any special meaning?
2. How would you choose names for your next generation?
3. Does anyone in your family have the same name as you?
4. Are there any differences between how Chinese name their children now and in the past?

Snacks

1. What snacks do you like to eat?
2. Did you often eat snacks when you were young?
3. Do you think it is healthy for you to eat snacks?
4. When do you usually eat snacks now?

Singing

1. Do you like singing why?
2. Have you ever learnt how to sing?
3. Who do you want to sing for?
4. Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?

Geography

1. Do you like geography?
2. Have you ever studied geography at school?
3. Are you good at reading a map?
4. Would you visit a country because of its geographical location?

Social media

1. Do you or your friends like using social media?
2. Do you think you or your friends use too much social media?
3. Do you want to work in social media? why?
4. What's the most popular social media in China? why?

Puzzles

1. Did you do puzzles in your childhood?
2. When do you do puzzles, during a trip or when you feel bored?
3. Who you like doing word puzzles or number puzzles?
4. Which is more difficult for you?

Watch

1. Do you wear a watch?
2. Have you ever got a watch as a gift?
3. Why do some people wear expensive watches?
4. Do you think it is important to wear a watch? Why?

Collecting things

1. Do you collect things?
2. Are there any things you keep from childhood?
3. Would you keep old things for a long time?
4. Where do you usually keep things you need?

Talents

1. Do you have a talent, or something you are good at?
2. Was it mastered recently or when you were young?
3. Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?
4. Do you think anyone in your family has the same talent?

Old buildings

1. Have you ever seen some old buildings in the city?
2. Do you think we should preserve old buildings in cities?
3. Do you prefer living in an old building or a modern house?
4. Are there any old buildings you want to see in the future? Why?

Computers

1. In what conditions would you use a computer?
2. When was the first time you used a computer?
3. What would your life be like without computers?
4. In what conditions would it be difficult for you to use a computer?

Sitting down

1. Where is your favorite place to sit?
2. Do you always sit down for a long time?
3. Do you feel sleepy when you are sitting down?
4. When you were a kid, did you usually sit on the floor?

Advertisement

1. Are you interested in watching TV advertisements or internet advertisement?
2. What kinds of advertisements do you dislike?
3. Do you share advertisements with others?
4. Do you want to work in advertising in the future?

Meeting places

1. Where is your favorite place to meet with your friends?
2. Do you think there are some places more suitable for meeting with others?
3. Are there any differences between your favorite meeting places in the present and in your childhood?
4. Why are some meeting places better than others?

Evening time

1. Do you like the morning or evening?
2. What do you usually do in the evening?
3. What did you do in the evening when you were little? Why?
4. Are there any differences between what you do in the evening now and what you did in the past?

Boring things

1. What kinds of things are boring to you?
2. What will you do when you feel bored?
3. What was the most boring thing you did when you were young?
4. Do you think school is boring?

Books and reading habits

1. Do you often read books?
2. Do you read differently now than you did before?
3. Have you ever read a novel that has been adapted into a film?
4. Which do you prefer, reading books or watching movies?

Doing sports

1. What sports do you like?
2. Where did you learn how to do it?
3. Did you do some sports when you were young?
4. Do you think students need more exercise?

Daily routine

1. What is your daily study routine?
2. Have you ever changed your routine?
3. Do you think it is important to have a daily routine for your study?
4. What part of your day do you like best?

Science

1. Do you like watching science TV programs?
2. Do Chinese people often visit science museums?
3. Do you like science?
4. When did you start to learn about science?
5. Which science subject is interesting to you?
6. What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?

Part 2

人物

Describe a friend from your childhood

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- Where and how you met each other
- What you often did together
- And explain what made you like him/her

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood? Why or why not?
2. How important is childhood friendship to children?
3. What do you think of communicating via social media?
4. Do you think online communication through social media will replace face-to-face communication?

Describe a person you know who is from a different culture

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- Where he/she is from
- How you knew him/her
- And explain how you feel about him/her

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Where and how can we get to know people of different cultures better?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?
3. How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?
4. Which traditions are disappearing?

Describe a person you know who loves to grow plants (e.g. vegetables/fruits/flowers etc.)

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What he/she grows
- Where he/she grows them
- And explain why he/she enjoys growing plants

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Are there many people growing their own vegetables now?
2. Do you think it's good to let kids learn how to plant?
3. What do you think of the job as a farmer?
4. What are the differences between traditional and modern agriculture?

Describe a person who likes to dress fashionably/well

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- What job he/she does
- What kind of dresses he/she wears
- And explain why he/she likes fashion

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you think online shopping will replace in-store shopping in the future? Why?
2. Why is fashion very important to some people?
3. Are older people as fashionable as young people? Why?
4. Are women more fashionable than men? Why?

Describe a neighbor you are interested in

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- What you do together
- And explain why he/she is interesting

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you think people are familiar with their neighbors?
2. How can people improve the relationship with neighbors in a community?
3. How do children build relationships with others in a community?
4. Is it beneficial to get along well with neighbors?

Describe a friend you like to talk with

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- What you like to talk about
- Why you like to talk with him/her
- And explain how you feel about him/her

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Where do young people like to meet?
2. What do young people talk about when they meet up?
3. Do you think people should be honest when talking with friends?
4. On what occasions do people talk with strangers?

Describe a family member who you want to work within the future

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- Whether you worked together before
- What kind of work you would like to do with him/her
- And explain how you feel about this family member

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What kinds of family business are common in China?
2. Is it good to work with family members? Why?
3. Why do people want to do family business?
4. What benefits are there when working for big companies?

Describe a popular/well-known person in your country

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What he/she has done
- Why he/she is popular
- And explain how you feel about this person

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What kinds of people are popular at work?
2. Are bosses more popular than employees at work?
3. Which one is more important, keeping a good relationship with colleague or doing well at work?
4. What benefits are there when a child is popular at school?

地点

Describe a place in your country or part of your country that you would like to recommend to visitors/travelers

You should say:

- What it is
- Where it is
- What people can do there
- And explain why you would like to recommend it to visitors/travelers

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Is it important to take photos while traveling?
2. Can you trust other people's travel journals on the Internet?
3. What factors affect how people feel about traveling?
4. Will you go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?

Describe a popular place for sports (e.g. a stadium) that you've been to

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you went there
- What you did there
- And explain how you felt about this place

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do young people like to do sports?
2. What are the benefits of sports for children?
3. Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?
4. What do you think of companies donating sports venues for poor children?

Describe the home of someone you know well and that you often visit

You should say:

- Whose home it is
- How often you go there
- What it is like
- And explain how you feel about the home

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What are the differences between houses and buildings in the city and in the countryside?
2. Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?
3. What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?
4. Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?

Describe a city you would recommend as a nice place to live (not your hometown)

You should say:

- What it is
- Where it is
- What you know about this place
- And explain why you recommend it as a nice place to live

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Where do people like to live in your country?
2. Why do many people move to the city?
3. What are the advantages of living close to the workplace?
4. What kinds of places do older people prefer to live in?

Describe an important river/lake in your country

You should say:

Where it is located

How big/long it is

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How can rivers/lakes benefit local people?
2. Do you think rivers/lakes attract tourists?
3. How do rivers/lakes affect local tourism?
4. Are rivers/lakes good for transport? Why?

Describe a quiet place you like to go

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew it

What you do there

And explain how you feel about the place

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Is it easy to find quiet places in your country?
2. Why do old people prefer to live in quiet places?
3. Why are there more noises made at home now than in the past?
4. Why do some people like to use noise as background sound when they are working or studying?

物品/概念

Describe a story or novel you have read that you found interesting

You should say:

When you read it

What the story or novel was about

Who wrote it

And explain why it was interesting

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How does technology help people tell stories?
2. Do you prefer to read e-books or paper books?
3. Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?
4. What kinds of novels are suitable for film adaptation?

Describe a movie you watched recently and would like to watch again

You should say:

- What type of movie it was
- What it was about
- Where you watched it
- And explain why you would like to watch it again

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Where do people normally watch movies?
2. What are the differences between watching movies at home and in a cinema?
3. Are actors or actresses important to movies? Why?
4. Why are there fewer people going to the cinema to watch movies nowadays?

Describe an impressive English lesson you had and enjoyed

You should say:

- What it was about
- When you had it
- What the teacher did
- And why you enjoyed the lesson

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Why do people learn foreign languages?
2. What makes a good foreign language teacher?
3. Do you think grammar is important when learning foreign languages?
4. Is it interesting to be a foreign language teacher? Why?

Describe an object that you think is beautiful

You should say:

- What it is
- Where you saw it
- What it looks like
- And explain why you think it is beautiful

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?
2. What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?
3. Where do you think people usually come into contact with beautiful things?
4. Why do you think people create beautiful things?

Describe an outdoor activity you did in a new place recently

You should say:

- What the activity is
- Who invited you to participate in it
- Whether you asked for help in the activity
- And explain what change you had in the activity

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What outdoor activities are popular in China?
2. Are those people who like dangerous activities more likely to be successful?
3. Do you think it's better for people to change jobs when there are new chances?
4. Should young people try as many new activities as possible?

Describe a photo you took that you are proud of

You should say:

- When you took it
- Where you took it
- What is in this photo
- And explain why you are proud of it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Why do some people like to record important things with photos?
2. What can people learn from historical photographs?
3. Is taking photos the best way to remember something?
4. Which is better, taking photos or keeping a diary?

Describe a program you like to watch

You should say:

- What it is
- What it is about
- Who you watch it with
- And explain why you like to watch it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What programs do people like to watch in your country?
2. Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?
3. What's the benefit of letting kids watch animal videos than visiting zoos?
4. Do teachers play videos in class in your country?

Describe something you do that can help you concentrate on work/study

You should say:

- What it is
- How it helps you concentrate
- When you do it
- And explain how you feel about it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Why is it more difficult for children to concentrate nowadays than in the past?
2. Do you think technology will harm children's ability to concentrate?
3. What kinds of jobs require high concentration at work?
4. Can exercise help people improve concentration?

Describe a way/change that helps you save a lot of time

You should say:

- What it is
- How you implement it
- How difficult it is
- And explain how you feel about the way/change

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What can people do to save time?
2. Does technology help people save time? How and why?
3. Do you think parents should be responsible for teaching children to save time?
4. Do people who can manage time well become successful more easily?

Describe something that surprised you and made you happy

You should say:

- What it is
- How you found out about it
- What you did
- And explain whether it made you happy

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How do people express happiness in your culture?
2. Do you think happiness has any effect on people? How?
3. How can people be happy?
4. Is it good for people to be unhappy? Why?

Describe a positive change that you made in your life

You should say:

- What it is
- Why you did it
- Who you did it with
- And explain how you feel about the change

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Is it easier for young people to change?
2. Is it easy for old people to change?
3. How can people change their daily routine if they want to?
4. What are the disadvantages when people keep making changes?

Describe an invention that has changed the world in a positive way

You should say:

- What it is
- What benefits it has brought
- How it influences people of different ages
- And explain how it changed people's lives

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What is the most helpful innovation at home?
2. What household appliances make us lazy?
3. What kind of invention can be used at school?
4. Do you think AI will replace human teachers? Why?

Describe a contest/competition you would like to participate in

You should say:

- What the contest/competition is about
- Where the contest/competition will take place
- When it will be held
- And explain why you would like to participate in it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What are the contests commonly seen on TV programs?
2. Why are competition shows popular?
3. What kinds of industries need competition? Why?
4. Do you think it is necessary to encourage people to compete with others in companies?

Describe a traditional product in your country

You should say:

- What it is
- When you tried this product for the first time
- What it is made of
- And explain how you feel about it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Why are traditional products important?
2. Do you think tradition is important for a country? Why?
3. What are the traditional Chinese products?
4. Why is it important for children to learn about traditional products?

Describe something you do to keep fit and healthy

You should say:

- What it is
- When you do it
- Who you do it with
- And explain why you think this method is important

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How do children and old people keep fit and healthy?
2. What do people normally do to keep fit and healthy in your country?
3. How can parents help and guide their kids to keep healthy?
4. Do you think it is a good way for governments to use the power of idol to help people to build health awareness?

事件

Describe a time when you overcame difficulties in doing something and succeeded

You should say:

- What the difficult task was
- How you overcame the difficulties
- Whether you got help
- And explain how you felt when you succeeded

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Should people set goals for themselves?
2. How do you define success?
3. How do we judge whether young people are successful?
4. Are successful people lonely?

Describe an important thing you learned (not at school or college)

You should say:

- What it was
- When you learned it
- How you learned it
- And explain why it was important

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What can children learn from parents?
2. Do you think some children are well-behaved because they are influenced by their parents?
3. Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?
4. How can people learn new things?

Describe a time when you saw a lot of plastic waste (e.g. in a park, on the beach etc.)

You should say:

- Where and when you saw the plastic waste
- Why there were a lot of plastic waste
- What you did after you saw them
- And explain what your thoughts were about this

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you think we should use plastic products?
2. How can we reduce our use of plastic?
3. What kinds of plastic waste are often seen in your country?
4. Why do people like to use plastic products?

Describe a time when you received money as a gift

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who gave you money
- Why he/she gave you money
- And explain how you used the money

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Why do people rarely use cash now?
2. When do children begin to comprehend the value of money?
3. Should parents reward children with money?
4. Is it good and necessary to teach children to save money?

Describe a time you made a decision to wait for something

You should say:

- When it happened
- What you waited for
- Why you made the decision
- And explain how you felt about the decision

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do people in your country like to take public transportation?
2. Why do some people like a slow-paced life?
3. Is being patient good for people? Why?
4. Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?

Describe a time when you forgot/missed an appointment

You should say:

- What the appointment was for
- Who you made it with
- Why you forgot/missed it
- And explain how you felt about the experience

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How do people who are busy remember things they need to do?
2. Do you think people should remember family history?
3. If someone doesn't really like whom they are going to meet, they may deliberately forget their appointment, is that true? Why?
4. Which is more important, a work-related appointment or an appointment with a friend? Why?

Describe a time when you needed to search for information

You should say:

- What information you needed to search for
- When you searched for it
- Where you searched for it
- And explain why you needed to search for it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How can people search for information now?
2. What information can people get from television?
3. Do you think libraries are still important in the digital age?
4. Does the development of the internet have any impact on some disadvantaged people?

Describe a problem you had while shopping online or in a store

You should say:

- When it happened
- What you bought
- What problem you had
- And explain how you felt about the experience

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What kind of customer service do you think is good?
2. What are the differences between shopping online and in-stores?
3. What problems do customers often have while shopping?
4. What do you think customers should do when there are problems with the products they bought online?

Describe something you had to share with others

You should say:

- What it was
- Who you shared it with
- Why you had to share it with others
- And explain how you felt about it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you think kids like to share? Why?
2. How can parents teach their children to share?
3. What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?
4. Is there anything that parents would persuade children to share with others?

Describe a disagreement you had with someone

You should say:

- Who you had the disagreement with
- What the disagreement was
- What happened
- And explain how you felt about it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What would you do if you disagree with someone?
2. How do we stop an argument from escalating into a fight?
3. Who do you think should teach children to respect their teacher?
4. What disagreements do parents and children usually have?

Describe an occasion when someone gave you positive advice or suggestions about your work/study

You should say:

- Who the person is
- What he/she said
- How the advice/suggestion affected you
- And explain how you felt about the advice/suggestions

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. When should parents encourage their children?
2. Should parents always encourage their children?
3. Do you think negative feedback is more important than positive feedback? Why?
4. Why is negative feedback as important as positive feedback at work or in study?

Describe a time you use your cellphone/smartphone to do something important

You should say:

- What happened
- When it happened
- How important the cellphone/smartphone was
- And explain how you felt about the experience

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What do you usually do with a cellphone?
2. What are the differences between young people and old people when using a cellphone?
3. Which one is more important, using a cellphone to make phone calls or to read messages?
4. Do you think there should be a law to stop people from making phone calls in public?

Describe a difficult decision that you made and had a good result

You should say:

- What the decision was
- When you made the decision
- Why it was difficult to make
- And explain how you felt about the good result

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What kinds of decisions do young people have to make?
2. Do you think young people are easily influenced by others when they make decisions? Why or why not?
3. Do you think some people can make decisions without asking for advice from others?
4. Do you think it's necessary for kids to make as many decisions by themselves as they can?

Describe a time when you were stuck in a traffic jam

You should say:

- When it happened
- Where you were stuck
- What you did while waiting
- And explain how you felt in the traffic jam

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. How can we solve the traffic jam?
2. Do you think developing public transport can solve traffic jam problems?
3. Do you think the highways will help reduce traffic jams?
4. What are good ways to manage traffic?

Describe a time you were busy

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were

What you did

And explain why you were busy

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Are you often busy?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages when people keep busy?
3. Do you think children should learn through playing games or under pressure?
4. What kind of pressure people may experience at work?

Describe an important event you celebrated

You should say:

What the event was

When it happened

Who attended the event

And explain how you feel about the event

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you like to celebrate important events? Why?
2. What kinds of events do people usually celebrate?
3. Do people often celebrate events with a large group of people or just a few people?
4. Do people often celebrate festivals with families?

Describe a special day out that cost you little money/didn't cost you much

You should say:

When the day was

Where you went

How much you spent

And explain how you feel about the day

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do people like to spend their leisure time out in your country?
2. How do people spend their leisure time in your country?
3. How does technology affect the way people spend their leisure time?
4. Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

Describe an occasion that you lost something

You should say:

- What you lost
- When and where you lost it
- What you did to find it
- And explain how you felt about it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. What kinds of things do people usually lose?
2. What do people often do when losing things?
3. Is it an effective way to use rewards to find lost things?
4. What kinds of people may lose things often?

Describe a time when you helped a child

You should say:

- When it was
- How you helped him/her
- Why you helped him/her
- And explain how you felt about it

Possible Part-3 questions:

1. Do you often help kids? How?
2. Why is it necessary to do volunteer services?
3. What can schools do to develop students' awareness of volunteering?
4. Who benefit more from the volunteer services, the volunteers or the people helped?