

# FAMILY

1. How would you **define the word „family“**?
2. What does family mean to you?
3. Name all members of your family.
4. What makes a happy functional family?
5. Which types of **family structures** do you know?
6. Compare nuclear family with an extended family.
7. Think about the advantages and disadvantages of:  
a/ coming from a big family                      /b/ being an only child.
8. What is the difference between divorced and separated couples?
9. What is your opinion on registered partnerships?
10. What are the basic **functions** of a family?
11. What are the **roles** of the parents and children within a family?
12. What are your **responsibilities** in your family?
13. What other responsibilities in the family are necessary?
14. Compare your and your parents' rights and duties.
15. How did the responsibilities of men and women change over the years?
16. Do you share the responsibilities in your household? How?
17. Name different **types of parents**?
18. What is better - to have liberal or over-caring parents?
19. What kind of parent would you like to become? Why?
20. Were parents in the past different?
21. Were responsibilities of family members different in the past?
22. Describe your parents.
23. Have you got **siblings**? Describe them.
24. What are pros and cons of an only child?
25. What are pros and cons of having many siblings?
26. How would you define the term **“generation gap”**?
27. Have you got grandparents? Describe them.
28. How does your family take care of grandparents?
29. Do you feel any problems relating generation gap in your family? Give an example.
30. Would you like to live in the house with your grandparents? Why?
31. What can children and parents do to overcome the gap between them?
32. What can children and parents learn from their grandparents?
33. What is your opinion when grandparents live in the old people's homes?
34. How do people spend their time in retirement?
35. How would you like to spend your time in retirement?
36. What are the **occasions of meeting up as a family**?
37. What common activities have you got within your family?
38. Have you got any special activities on some special occasions (Easter, Christmas)?
39. What do you do in a normal weekday?
40. What do you do at the weekends?
41. How do you celebrate family birthdays/name days?
42. How often do you visit your grandparents/broader family members?
43. Do you meet with a broader family? When? Why not?
44. Name members of your broader family?
45. Speak about your **future plans concerning setting up your own family**.
46. How do you imagine your future husband/wife/children?
47. Explain why you would either prefer to marry or just live in cohabitation with your partner.

48. What is a cohabitation?
49. Why do some people create a **family tree**?
50. Describe the process of creating a family tree?
51. Would you like to try it? Why not?
52. Describe the **process of life from meeting a friend/ date/ engagement/ marriage**.
53. How is dating different from the past?
54. Where can young people go/meet for a date?
55. Where can a wedding ceremony take place?
56. Who takes part on a wedding ceremony?
57. What do people do after their marriage?
58. What makes a marriage last?
59. What are the main reasons for **divorce**?
60. What is your opinion on divorce?
61. How can be problems in marriage solved?
62. What other problems do people have in their families?
63. What is a difference between **single parents and step parents**?
64. Which difficulties do single parents face in their lives?
65. How do you think that children from broken families feel?
66. Compare **family life now and in the past**.
67. How do you imagine a family in the future?

# FAMILY - BIOGRAPHY

1. Where were you **born**?
2. What did your mum tell you about the time, some nice memories when you were born?
3. What has changed in your family since you were born (place where you live, family members)?
4. Talk about your **personal details**: date of birth, place of birth, address, nationality, religion, studies, working experience.
5. Did you move with your family in the past?
6. Did you change school till now?
7. What is your personality like?
8. What are your positive/negative features?
9. What are your likes/dislikes?
10. What are your hobbies?
11. Which sport are you interested in?
12. What kind of art are you interested in?
13. What do you do in your free time?
14. What are you special in?
15. Talk about **important moments** (ex. childhood, teenage years, school time...).
16. What do you remember from your childhood?
17. Would you like to go back to your childhood? Why?
18. Compare your childhood with your teenage years.
19. How do you imagine your adulthood?
20. Talk about important **people** (ex. your parents/grandparents, other family members, teachers, friends, idols) in your life.
21. Who is the most important person in your life?
22. Who has influenced your life in a positive/negative way?
23. Is there any person you do not like in your life?
24. Who do you meet/visit most often in your life?
25. Talk about your best friend.
26. How do you spend your time together?
27. Talk about important **places** in your life (ex. home, town, gym, holiday sites...)
28. Talk about your home town/village.
29. Is there any place you spend your time most often?
30. Describe the place where you relax.
31. Why do you like the place where you live?
32. Which place have you got nice memories from? Why?
33. Which place you would not like to go anymore? Why?
34. Talk about **institutions** (ex. nursery, kindergarten, primary school, secondary school, other types of schools: art school; church) that have the most important role in your life.
35. What age did you start **nursery/kindergarten**?
36. Have you got any memories from early years in kindergarten?
37. Have you got any memories from the first years at **primary school**?
38. Which subjects did you enjoy at primary school?
39. Do you remember some school mates? Do you know much about them?
40. Do you meet your primary school classmates?
41. Why did you choose this **grammar school**?
42. What do you like about our school?
43. Which events at grammar school did you like?
44. Which memories are you going to keep from your class/classmates?
45. Do you visit other types of schools/ other education institutions?
46. Do you go to church?
47. Are you going to study at **university**? Where? Which?

48. What has influenced your choice of a university?
49. How do you think a university is different from a secondary school?
50. Have you got any working experience?
51. What did you do except studying?
52. What is your vision for the future?
53. Talk about **reasons for divorce**.
54. Analyze divorce rates (*materiál v prílohe*).
55. Give examples of **violence in families** (*materiál v prílohe*).
56. Who can be a victim of violence in a family?
57. What is your opinion on any kind of violence in families?
58. How do children react on violence in families?
59. What are main **roles of a family** in the society?
60. Imagine your own family in the future (nuclear/extended, your partner, children).

# ART AND CULTURE

1. What role does **art** play in your life?
2. How do arts affect our lives?
3. What kinds of arts do we know?
4. What kind of art are you interested in?
5. What do you understand by "modern art"?
6. How can one become an artist?
7. Are there any artists you admire? Why do you admire them for?
8. Where can people learn/study arts?
9. Do you attend an art school?
10. What can we learn there?
11. What role does **music** play in your life?
12. What type of music do you like?
13. What musical style styles are most popular among the young?
14. How often and where do you listen to music?
15. Do you listen to CDs? Do you burn them?
16. Who is your favourite singer?
17. What is your opinion on Superstar singers?
18. Do you play any musical instruments?
19. Which musical instruments are typical for Slovakia?
20. What venues/places do musical events take place?
21. Have you been to any musical event?
22. How did you like it?
23. Can you sing?
24. What kind of music do children, teenagers, adults and old people like?
25. Do you like **dancing**? Why? / Why not?
26. Name kinds of dance that you know?
27. In which occasions is it important to know how to dance?
28. Do you go to the disco?
29. How do we divide **literature**?
30. Which type of literature do you prefer?
31. Which type of literature is preferred by children, teenagers, adults?
32. Why do people read?
33. Name some famous writers from Slovakia.
34. Name some famous writers from the UK.
35. Who is your favourite writer?
36. What is your favourite book?
37. What magazines/newspapers do you read?
38. What is a difference between magazines and newspapers?
39. Who is a poet, novelist and playwright?
40. Have you ever been to a **theatre**?
41. How did you like it?
42. Why do some people like going to theatre?
43. Do you like going to **cinema**? Why?
44. What kind of films do you like?
45. Do you prefer subtitled or dubbed films? Why?
46. What type of cinema do you prefer (traditional, open-air, 3D)?
47. Why has the number of cinema goers dropped over the years?
48. Do you watch DVDs? Do you burn them?

49. Do you download films?
50. What is the difference between watching the film at home and watching it in cinema?
51. Compare seeing the film in the cinema and watching the play in the theatre.
52. What types of **fine art** do you prefer?
53. What can be seen in galleries?
54. What are the rules visitors should respect in museums, galleries and art exhibitions?
55. Which famous artists do you know?
56. Do you know some famous pictures?
57. Name some famous places of art in Slovakia?
58. Can you draw/paint?
59. Name some **architectural** styles. Which of them do you prefer?
60. What **cultural events** have you recently taken part in?
61. What cultural events (festivals, concerts, exhibitions) does your town/village promote?
62. What events are preferred by children, teenagers, adults, old people?
63. Why do young people like festivals?
64. Have you been to a festival?
65. What kind of festivals do you know?
66. Are there any festivals in Slovakia?
67. Is **folklore** interesting for you?
68. Where can be folklore found in Slovakia?
69. Do you like folklore patterns in our modern life (clothes, souvenirs)?
70. What is the **future of the arts**?
71. Do you think that modern style of living will replace art from our lives?

# SPORT

1. What is a difference between sports and games?
2. Mention **types of sports** (winter, summer).
3. Mention types of sports (individual, collective).
4. Mention types of sports (indoor, outdoor).
5. Name some not traditional sports.
6. Name some extreme sports.
7. Would you like to try an extreme sport? Which one and why?
8. What is your opinion on doing dangerous sports?
9. What accidents can happen in sport?
10. What are the pros and cons of doing individual sports comparing to playing team games?
11. Which sports are liked by children, teenagers, adults?
12. Which sports are suitable for old people?
13. What is your opinion on women doing sport for men?
14. What are the **reasons for doing sports**?
15. What are the results of not doing any sport?
16. What are the excuses of people for not doing any sport?
17. Why should children do sports?
18. Which sports do you do at school?
19. What are the **rules** in some chosen sport (uniform, behaviour, fair-play, scores)?
20. Why do we have rules in sport?
21. What are the penalties for not obeying the rules in sport?
22. Name some sport **equipment** needed for some chosen sports.
23. What body protection do sportsmen wear? Why?
24. At what sport **places, fields and areas** do people practise sports?
25. Which **sports do you like** most? What do you like about them?
26. How often do you do your sport?
27. Do your sport activities vary according to the season?
28. Which sports do you not like? Why?
29. Did you do any sport as a child?
30. Is there any sport you want to learn?
31. Which sports would you like to try?
32. Which sport do you like watching in TV? Why?
33. Which sports do your friends, family members do?
34. What sport possibilities have you got in the place where you live?
35. When did you learn to cycle, swim and ski? Give some details.
36. Speak about the **benefits of taking up sports** as a hobby.
37. Is sport expensive? Why?
38. Name some famous **sport events** in the world.
39. What do you know about the Olympic Games?
40. Which sports are common in the Olympic Games?
41. Name some sport events held in Slovakia.
42. Name some sport events held in the place where you live.
43. Which sport events would you like to have in your town/village?
44. Which sport events do you like watching in TV?
45. Have you been to any sport event? How did you like it?
46. How do people become **sportsmen**?
47. What are the reasons to become a professional sportsman?

48. How do people become professional sportsmen?
49. Name some famous professional sportsmen/women in the world, in Britain, in the USA.
50. Name some famous professional sportsmen in Slovakia.
51. Which professional sportsmen do you admire?
52. Describe the life of professional sportsmen.
53. What are pros and cons of a famous sportsperson?
54. Name some **negative phenomena of professional sport**.
55. Talk about the career of sportspeople.



# HOUSING

1. What does **home** mean to you?
2. What makes your house/flat comfortable and cosy?
3. What are common **types of houses/dwellings** in Slovakia?
4. What are common **types of houses/dwellings** in Britain, the USA?
5. What types of houses/dwellings are there in the place where you live?
6. Name some other types of dwellings.
7. Explain what is a block of flats, a flat, a detached house, semi-detached house, terraced house, a caravan, a bungalow, a houseboat, a cottage
8. What are advantages and disadvantages of living in the flat/house?
9. Why do people have a cottage?
10. What do people use cottage for?
11. Describe an **interior of a house/flat**.
12. How do Slovak and British houses differ?
13. Name household appliances that an average family has.
14. Describe some ultra-modern appliances in modern houses.
15. Describe the furniture of your flat/house?
16. Describe your own room.
17. Do you share your room?
18. Describe the place in your house/flat where you spend most of your time.
19. Compare and contrast the house/flat of the young and the old people.
20. How do you imagine living in a dormitory?
21. What would you prefer living in a dorm or renting a flat in the town of your university?
22. What problems connected with living do people have?
23. Describe an **exterior of a house/flat**.
24. Have you got a balcony?
25. What do you use your balcony for?
26. How are British **gardens** different from Slovak gardens?
27. What do Slovaks and British use gardens for?
28. How is your place where you live like? (interior, exterior)
29. Have you got a garden? Describe it.
30. How do you spend your time in the garden?
31. What do people do around the house?
32. Have you got a garage? Where?
33. Where do people park their cars?
34. Is it easy to get a place to park a car in the town? Why?
35. In what **locations** do people live?
36. Compare and contrast living in the city and in the countryside.
37. What is the most prevalent trend in Slovakia - living in cities or in the country?
38. How was the trend in living in Slovakia 50 years ago?
39. Where would you prefer to live - in the city or in the countryside? Why?
40. How is the location where you live like?
41. What possibilities gives you the town/village where you live?
42. Would you like to **move**?
43. Have you moved already?
44. Is it common for people in Slovakia to move many times in their lives? Why? Why not?
45. Where would you like to **live in the future**?
46. What is your idea of the ideal place to live?
47. Would you like to live abroad? Why?

48. What is your opinion on the proverb: "East, west, home is the best"?
49. Why is it complicated to **buy a house / a flat** nowadays?
50. What options do people have when they want to set up home?
51. How can the young solve the financial problems with getting a place to live?
52. What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking out a mortgage?
53. What are the advantages and disadvantages of renting a house/flat?
54. What do you think about the prices of houses/flats nowadays?
55. Compare prices of houses/flats in the cities/ smaller towns and villages.
56. What is your opinion on living in more generation houses?
57. What is your **neighbourhood** like (the size, location, facilities)?
58. What do you think - is it important to have good relationships with your neighbours?  
Explain.
59. What are relationships with your neighbours like?
60. What are the reasons some people end up **homeless**?
61. Are we obliged to help the homeless?
62. How does the state care?

# FOOD

1. Why is food an important part of life?
2. Which types of food do you consider **healthy** and which **unhealthy**?
3. What are the benefits of eating healthy?
4. Is healthy food expensive?
5. What are the results of eating unhealthy food?
6. What do you think of organic food? Why is it being promoted these days?
7. What is junk food/take away/ fast food/picnic/barbecue?
8. What food do children like?
9. Name savoury courses.
10. Explain the difference between food/meal/dish.
11. What is **your favourite food**?
12. What do you eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner?
13. Do you eat healthy?
14. Are you allergic to something?
15. What do you eat for snacks?
16. Do you eat in a school canteen? Why?
17. What kind of food would you like to try? Why?
18. What kind of food would you never try? Why?
19. Have you ever tried any strange food?
20. Name **drinks** preferred by children/young people/ old people.
21. Which drinks do you prefer?
22. What is your opinion on alcoholic beverages and the teenagers?
23. What is your favourite summer/winter drink?
24. Describe a recipe for your favourite mixed drink.
25. Explain **eating manners**: vegetarian/vegan/frutarian/pescatarian/flexitarian.
26. What do you think of vegetarians/vegans/frutarians..... and these eating manners?
27. Do you think young people care about the **quality of the food** they eat?
28. Is quality food also healthy?
29. Name **places where we can eat**.
30. Do you go out for food? Where? How often?
31. What is your favourite place to eat at home and out?
32. Where and how can people get food?
33. Do you order food? When? How often?
34. Compare eating out and at home.
35. What do you eat when you go on holidays?
36. How should people behave in a restaurant?
37. Describe **eating habits in Slovakia**.
38. What do most Slovaks have for breakfast, lunch and dinner/supper?
39. Which is your favourite Slovak traditional food?
40. What other cuisines are popular in Slovakia?
41. Where do children/working people/old people eat lunch during a working day?
42. Which meals are typical for **Slovak cuisine**?
43. Do you think Slovak food is healthy? Why?
44. Explain halušky, pirohy, kapustnica, šúl'ance to foreigners.
45. Give examples of changes and trends in eating habits in Slovakia
46. Describe eating habits in **Britain**.
47. Describe a traditional English breakfast.
48. What is brunch?

49. Compare and contrast Slovak and English eating habits.
50. Describe eating habits in **the USA**.
51. Why do eating habits differ throughout the USA?
52. How do types of food differ due to the country and its location in the world?
53. Which country's cuisine you like most?
54. Which cuisine do you think is the healthiest?
55. What are **eating habits in your family**?
56. What are your eating habits like (portions, types of food, diets, healthy)?
57. Have you ever tried to change your eating habits? Why? How?
58. Do we eat to live or live to eat? Explain.
59. What different **ways of cooking** are there?
60. Divide ways of cooking into healthy and unhealthy.
61. Can you cook and bake? What can you cook or bake?
62. What is your favourite recipe?
63. What is a favourite recipe in your family?
64. What do you cook for special occasions in your family?
65. What do you eat for Christmas, Easter?
66. Do you invite guests to eat in your house? When? What do you prepare for them?
67. Who cooks in your family? How do you help?
68. Name some **food preparation procedures**.
69. Which ingredients you like/dislike?
70. Name tableware suitable for cooking, baking, drinking, cutlery
71. What do you think about **diets**?
72. Name some kind of diets.
73. Have you/your relatives/friends ever been on a diet?
74. What positive and negative results do the diets have on people?

# SHOPPING

1. What are the reasons for shopping?
2. How would you define the term “consumer society”?
3. Do you think people need to change their shopping habits?
4. Explain the following terms: “window shopping” and “shopaholic”
5. Name different **ways of shopping**.
6. Which ways of shopping do you/ your parents/ older people prefer?
7. Explain the following ways of shopping: online shopping, shopping at the local market, catalogue sale, door-to-door selling.
8. Which of them do you prefer and why? What are their pros and cons?
9. What are advantages and disadvantages of **small shops and shopping centres**?
10. Does your family prefer small specialized shops or big shopping centres?
11. What else can people do in shopping centres except shopping?
12. Name some small specialised shops.
13. Do you like shopping?
14. How often do you go shopping?
15. Who in your family is responsible for shopping?
16. What do you buy every day?
17. Have you ever had a negative experience while shopping?
18. Have you ever had a nice experience while shopping?
19. What kind of shops have you got in the place where you live?
20. Which shops would you like to have here?
21. What are advantages and disadvantages of shopping in the town and in the village?
22. Do you shop at the **market**?
23. What can you buy there?
24. Do you often shop **online**?
25. What are advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?
26. What problems may occur with online shopping?
27. Have you ever had a negative experience with online shopping?
28. How can people complain if they buy a faulty product?
29. Which problems may people have with clothes or electronic appliances?
30. What goods do you love and hate buying?
31. Do you buy in sales? Why?
32. Do you prefer buying brand goods or second hand goods? Why?
33. While shopping, do you try to find products for the most valuable price? Why?
34. Where can we get the most valuable prices for goods?
35. Which **marketing strategies** do shops use to make their customers buy their goods?
36. How do the marketers promote their goods?
37. Do advertisements influence your choice while shopping?
38. Why do the shops use various marketing strategies?
39. Which products does Slovakia export to different countries?
40. Why should we purchase domestic products rather than imported ones?
41. How can we **pay for goods**?
42. Which payment methods do you prefer?
43. Which payment methods do old people prefer?
44. Do you think that it is dangerous to pay by a credit card?
45. Why do shops have to be closed by law during bank holidays in our country?
46. What is your opinion on closed shops on holidays and Sundays?
47. Name **services** that people use.

48. Which services do you miss in the place where you live?
49. Compare and contrast shopping in the past and nowadays.

# HEALTH

1. Why should people **take care of their health**?
2. How do people keep fit?
3. Do you take care of your health? If so, what exactly do you do?
4. What is it considered to be a healthy lifestyle?
5. What do you think is not good for our health?
6. Are people healthier than they were in the past?
7. Compare health of kids, young people and old people.
8. Name **parts of human body**.
9. How do we protect our body and our health?
10. Name some common, skin, civilisation, respiratory and heart/blood **diseases**.
11. Which disease is the most dangerous according to you?
12. How do people know that they are ill/ have some disease?
13. Which diseases do children typically get?
14. Which disease/illness do you think is the most serious? Why?
15. How do diseases usually spread?
16. What do we do when we are ill?
17. What do you do in the case of flu/cold?
18. Have you already been seriously ill?
19. Have you been to hospital?
20. Have you had a surgery/an operation?
21. When do you go to see a **doctor**?
22. What questions do doctors ask their patients?
23. Which symptoms do patients have?
24. What are the most often causes for our illnesses?
25. What activities do doctors practice?
26. What advice can doctors give?
27. Which medicaments can doctors prescribe?
28. Name some **medical specialists**.
29. What do people do to **prevent illnesses**?
30. Do you go on regular check-up to your doctor/dentist?
31. Why are regular check-ups important for people?
32. How often should people visit a doctor?
33. What is an **accident**?
34. Name some injuries.
35. Where, when and how do accidents happen most likely?
36. What items does a first aid kit contain?
37. Have you already had an accident?
38. Have you already given first aid/ immediate medical help to someone who was injured?
39. Do you know how to give first aid?
40. Have you already got first aid?
41. What are **alternative therapies in medicine**?
42. Do you believe in alternative medicine (acupuncture/homeopathy/aromatherapy)?
43. Talk about **healthcare** in Slovakia.
44. Compare the healthcare in villages/small towns and in the cities.
45. Compare the healthcare of our country and the countries abroad.
46. Compare the healthcare in the past and at the present.
47. What is a **health insurance**?
48. Do you think that healthcare should be free for all people?

49. What are patients supposed to pay for in our country?
50. Name **medical care facilities**.
51. Which facilities have you already visited?
52. What medical care do you get in spas?
53. Do your relatives visit spas?
54. What new kinds of **epidemics** do we have to face nowadays?
55. Why is there a huge debate about vaccination?
56. What is AIDS?
57. Why is AIDS dangerous?
58. How do people get infected with AIDS?



# EDUCATION (2 témy)

1. Describe the stages of **educational system in SLOVAKIA**.
2. Talk about pre-school education.
3. Talk about primary education.
4. Talk about secondary education.
5. Talk about higher education.
6. What **types of secondary schools** are there in Slovakia? What do they prepare students for?
7. How does the organisation of a **school year** change in different stages of schools?
8. Talk about the school leaving exam.
9. Describe the stages of **educational system in BRITAIN**.
10. Talk about pre-school education.
11. Talk about primary education.
12. Talk about secondary education.
13. Talk about higher education.
14. What **types of secondary schools** are there in Britain? What do they prepare students for?
15. How is the organisation of a **school year** in Britain like?
16. Talk about the school leaving exam.
17. Describe **the school system in AMERICA**.
18. What types of school are there in America?
19. What is the difference between the state and private schools?
20. What does a **public school** mean in Britain, what does it mean in America?
21. Talk about the school leaving exam.
22. **Compare** the age of starting school in Slovakia, Britain and America.
23. Compare the organisation of a school year in Slovakia, Britain and America..
24. Compare leaving exams of secondary education in Slovakia, Britain and America.
25. What are so-called A-Levels?
26. Which countries do students wear **uniforms**?
27. Would you like to wear uniforms?
28. What are pros and cons of wearing uniforms?
29. What kind of school do **you** attend?
30. Why did you choose your secondary school?
31. What do you like/dislike about the school you attend?
32. Which class are you in?
33. How do you get on with your classmates and your teachers?
34. What are the relationships among students here?
35. What are the relationships among students and teachers here?
36. Did you like the timetable? Why?
37. In your opinion, are home works important? Why?
38. Which subject was the easiest and the most difficult for you?
39. Would you like to study abroad? Why?
40. Did you like your primary school? Explain.
41. What are your plans after the secondary school?
42. Would you prefer studying at state or private school? Explain?
43. What are your plans after the secondary school?
44. How do you like the organisation of a university school year?
45. Divide and name **school subjects** (humanities, science, languages, compulsory, optional).
46. Which are your favourite subjects? Why?
47. Which new subjects would you suggest?

48. In your opinion, which subjects are not necessary? Why?
49. Which extracurricular activities of this school did you like most?
50. Which **exams** do students have to pass?
51. What are main **students' activities**/duties?
52. Which school duties you like?
53. Which students' duties you dislike?
54. Name teachers' activities?
55. What are **extracurricular activities**?
56. Which activities does our school offer?
57. Which of extracurricular activities did you attend?
58. Which **after-school activities** does your school offer?
59. What do you usually do after school?
60. What are the qualities of a good **teacher**?
61. What are the qualities of a good learner?
62. Would you ever like to be a teacher? If yes, at which type of school?
63. What subject would you like to teach?
64. What is the role of teachers in our society: Are teachers more/less respected than they were in the past?
65. Which typical **problems** do schools, teachers and students have?
66. Did you have any problem at school?
67. Is **learning languages** important?
68. What do people need languages for?
69. Which languages can you speak?
70. Where have you already used languages you know?
71. Which language would you like to know?
72. Are languages difficult for you?

# **JOBS**

1. What are the **reasons why people work**?
2. Who are economically active and inactive people?
3. What are possibilities of mothers after maternity leave?
4. How long is maternity leave in Slovakia?
5. When do people in Slovakia retire?
6. Divide jobs in intellectual and physical.
7. Name jobs typical for men and women.
8. Which professions require responsibility for people? Why?
9. Which jobs are dangerous? Why?
10. Which jobs are the most difficult?
11. Which jobs require communication skills?
12. Which factors influence the **choice of a job**?
13. Did the choice of jobs change through the years? Why/How?
14. Which jobs are popular among young people?
15. Why is it difficult to get a job in higher age?
16. Why do people need to **develop their skills and knowledge** in their jobs?
17. How can a person develop working skills and knowledge?
18. Is professional development important?
19. Think of some pros and cons of working for a large multinational corporation?
20. What do you think is a good **salary**?
21. Which jobs do you think are the best/the worst paid in our country?
22. What do people have to do to get a good salary?
23. Which jobs do you think are well/less paid?
24. Would you accept a well-paid but boring job?
25. Are many people in Slovakia **workaholics**?
26. Why do people become workaholics?
27. Do your parents work a lot?
28. Would you mind longer working time (more than 8 hours/day)?
29. Why do people **run their own business/are self-employed**?
30. Which do you think is easier: running own business or being employed?
31. Would you prefer employment or having your own business?
32. How do people get **unemployed**?
33. What are the reasons why people don't work?
34. Is it better to work or not? Why?
35. Does the government in our country support the unemployed? How?
36. How are employment possibilities different in small and big towns?
37. What is **employment**?
38. What is the difference between an employer and an employee?
39. Do you agree that men earn more than women? Why?
40. How do people **search for jobs**?
41. What kind of information should a good CV consist of?
42. Which steps must be taken in the process of looking for a job?
43. How important is education if someone wants to get a good job?
44. What do people need to do to get a good job?
45. How to prepare for a **job interview** and how to behave during the job interview?
46. How to dress up?
47. Which questions can we ask and which ones may we expect to be asked?

48. Which questions are not allowed to be asked by an employer?
49. Which information about a job should a person know before starting it?
50. What is the **job of your dream**?
51. Which job would you like to try?
52. Which job would you never do?
53. Would you like to try more jobs?
54. Which job did you want to do when you were a child?
55. How do you prepare for your future profession? What is your motivation?
56. Would be a job abroad interesting for you?
57. What are pros and cons of working abroad?
58. What is the job of your parents?
59. Have they changed their jobs since they studied?
60. What are the reasons why people change their jobs?
61. Have you had a part-time job? What did you do?
62. Is it difficult to get a part-time job for a student in our region?
63. Have you ever tried **voluntary work**?
64. In which areas can be volunteers active?
65. How do the volunteers help the society?
66. Would you like to work as a volunteer?
67. What do you think about **working hours** in Slovakia?
68. How do working hours differ in various jobs and countries?
69. Which professions require flexible working hours?
70. Which professions require working in shifts?
71. Talk about advantages and disadvantages of working at the place of your work or online/home office/teleworking?
72. How did your parents work during the Covid pandemic?

# HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

1. Why are **relationships** important in our lives?
2. Name relationships people can have? Relationships between.....
3. How do relationships reflect our personality?
4. Name your relationships.
5. Who have you got the closest relationship with?
6. How does the **family** influence human relationships?
7. What patterns of behaviour should parents show their children when raising them?
8. What kind of relationships do you have with your parents and siblings?
9. What problems may occur within a family relationship?
10. What is a generation gap?
11. What problems have you got in your family relationships?
12. Name short-term and long-term relationships.
13. What are your short-term and long-term relationships?
14. What are the reasons for divorce in **marriages**?
15. Why are so many people getting divorced?
16. What is important to form a long-lasting relationship/marriage?
17. How do couples solve problems in their relationships?
18. Compare love and friendship.
19. What are the qualities that make real **friends**?
20. Which values you appreciate?
21. Which values you do not appreciate?
22. What do friends mean to you?
23. How do you maintain your relationships with your friends?
24. How did people maintain their relationships before the era of mobile phones?
25. Why do some friendships end?
26. Have you got many friends? Talk about them (who, where, activities together).
27. Have you got a good friend? Talk about him/her (who, where, activities together).
28. Have you got a long-lasting friendship? Why does it last so long? / Why not?
29. Describe relationships among your classmates/schoolmates.
30. Which problems usually occur at schools?
31. How can we help to have a **good/fruitful relationship**?
32. In what ways can people get to know each other?
33. In which places can people get to know each other?
34. Was getting to know people (friends/boy-girlfriends) easier in the past?
35. Why do people **meet**?
36. Do you visit any people (friends, relatives)? Why/When?
37. What kind of relationships require more **formality** and politeness? Name examples.
38. What does a "formal relationship" mean?
39. How do you think formal relationships can become informal?
40. What kind of relationship should there be between students and their teachers?
41. What **problems** do people have in their relationships/non-functional relationships?
42. Why are relationships difficult nowadays?
43. Explain why and where do these social problems occur:
  - attitude to the handicapped people
  - violence
  - racism
  - vandalism
  - quarrels
  - indifference
  - egoism



# HUMAN AND NATURE

1. What is nature?
2. What is a season?
3. What is your favourite **season** and why?
4. Which seasons you dislike and why?
5. Which outdoor activities can people take up in various seasons?
6. Describe the year, seasons, change of weather in Slovakia.
7. Speak about the **weather** conditions typical for the particular season, the average temperature.
8. Why is the weather a good topic for conversation among people?
9. What kind of weather is ideal for summer holidays near the sea and for winter holidays in the mountains?
10. Which weather do you prefer and why?
11. Do you watch weather forecasts? Do you trust them?
12. Do you agree that the climate influences characteristic features of people (the Italians vs. the Finnish)?
13. Describe changes in the weather as a result of the **climate** change.
14. What do you think the climate will be like in a hundred years' time?
15. Why is our planet in danger?
16. What are the main problems our **environment** faces nowadays?
17. Which plant and animal species are endangered and why?
18. Which **natural disasters** have you recently heard about?
19. Why are there natural disasters in the world?
20. Which natural disasters you think are the most dangerous and why?
21. Which natural disasters are there in Slovakia?
22. What is **ecology**?
23. How can a person become environmentally-friendly?
24. What do you know about the activities of environmentalists?
25. Which issues do the environmental organisations deal with?
26. Which steps do they take to maintain the biodiversity for the future generations?
27. What part can you play in "saving our planet"?
28. What are the consequences of global warming?
29. What kinds of pollution can you name?
30. What causes air, water and soil pollution?
31. What are the consequences of air, water and soil pollution?
32. Which **ecological issues concern our country**?
33. How eco-friendly are the Slovaks?
34. Describe your eco-activities.
35. How does your family help the nature?
36. How can we protect nature?
37. What is the difference between recycling and reusing?
38. Which **energy sources** are more likely to be used in the future to a greater extent?
39. Why do we need new and renewable energy sources?
40. Suggest some solutions for solving some ecological problems.
41. How can people save energy?
42. How can we divide **plants**? Name some examples.
43. What kinds of animals you like/dislike?
44. Have you got a pet? Talk about it.

45. Do you agree that keeping a pet means abusing it?
46. Why are plants important for people?
47. How can we divide **animals**? Name some examples.
48. Are you interested in flora? How?
49. Why are animals important for people?
50. What is your opinion on ZOOs?
51. What is your opinion on circuses?



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. What is **science**?
2. What is **technology**?
3. How are they related?
4. Name science fields.
5. Are you interested in any field of science?
6. Why is science important for people?
7. Can you think of any ways that science can be misused? Explain.
8. What **inventions from the past** are essential for mankind?
9. Which of these inventions do we use daily?
10. Why are inventions so important for people?
11. What is the role of **new technology** in your life?
12. What would our life be like without new inventions and technologies?
13. How do technologies help you in your everyday life?
14. Can new technologies be misused?
15. Which **gadgets** can't you live without?
16. Which inventions can you imagine to live without?
17. What are the greatest **inventions in medicine**?
18. Which medical invention do you personally consider the best?
19. How have technologies/inventions in medicine changed our lives?
20. How can medicine be misused?
21. Why is human cloning still an issue that is discussed among researchers?
22. What are the greatest **inventions in transport**?
23. How has technology made our lives easier with regard to travel?
24. What are the greatest **inventions in biology**?
25. Do you think inventions in planting/farming are healthy?
26. What is a "**brain drain**"?
27. What are the greatest **inventions in information and communication technology**?
28. How can **the Internet** be misused?
29. How did the Internet change lives of people?
30. Can you imagine your life without the Internet?
31. What do you do on the Internet?
32. Which parts of our life/things/situations would be not possible without the Internet?
33. What type of mobile phone will your children be using one day?
34. What are the biggest problems associated with communicating via mobile phone or via the Internet?
35. Compare and contrast distance learning versus learning at school? What are they pros and cons?
36. How did these inventions change our lives?
37. Is life with the Internet and mobile phones easier for people?
38. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet/mobile phones?
39. What are the threats of the Internet and social networking?
40. What impact on society is there when people are replaced by computers?
41. Is there any negative impact of the technology on our **environment**?
42. Name some examples of pollution caused by technology.
43. Which technologies will be invented in **the future**?
44. Do you think the scenes from the sci-fi films will be possible in the foreseeable future?
45. Do you think space travelling will be possible?

46. Can you name any world famous scientists? What are they famous for?
47. Can you name any famous scientists from Slovakia? What are they famous for?
48. Explain the relationship: technology-consumer society-environmental pollution.

# COMMUNICATION AND ITS FORMS

1. What is **communication**?
2. How do people communicate?
3. When do people communicate?
4. How do **animals and plants** communicate?
5. How do people communicate with animals and vice versa?
6. Are there any animals that you think are capable of learning human language? Why?
7. Which animals understand people?
8. Name **types and forms of communication**.
9. What is the difference between the **written and oral** form of communication?
10. Which situations require written form of communication?
11. Which situations require oral form of communication?
12. Which form of communication do you prefer?
13. Which do you prefer - talking to people face to face or phoning?
14. Why is online chatting or texting sometimes misunderstood?
15. Why do people use emoticons?
16. How is a direct communication different from an indirect communication?
17. Which jobs require oral communication?
18. Which jobs require written communication?
19. What kind of language do students use at school?
20. What kind of language do you use when you talk to your friends?
21. Compare the ways people communicated in the past and how they communicate nowadays.
22. How can people communicate on internet?
23. What are pros and cons of using new communication technologies?
24. What is **non-verbal** communication?
25. When and where do people use non-verbal communication?
26. Name some examples of body language.
27. In which situations people watch speaker's body language?
28. What do you think is the difference between body language and sign language?
29. What is **formal** communication?
30. Which people/relationships require formal communication?
31. Which situations require formal communication?
32. Which people/relationships require an **informal** communication?
33. In which situations is it possible to use an informal communication?
34. Do you ever use slang or jargon?
35. Compare communication of children, young people, adults and old people.
36. Which jobs require good **communication skills**?
37. Is it important to train people's communication skills?
38. How can people train their communication skills?
39. Is **learning languages** important?
40. What do people need languages for?
41. Which languages can you speak?
42. Where have you already used languages you know?
43. Which language would you like to know?
44. Are languages difficult for you?
45. How did people in our history communicate?

46. What are other ways of communication (Braille...)? Who or when do people communicate this way?
47. How do you think people will communicate in the future?

# PEOPLE AND SOCIETY

1. What is **society**?
2. How can an individual benefit from being a member of a society?
3. Can you imagine living in isolation? How different would your life be?
4. Name social groups.
5. In which social groups do you live?
6. Do you like being among people? Why? Why not?
7. What is **social etiquette**?
8. Name some social rules.
9. Why do rules/norms exist in every society?
10. Is it important to follow social rules? Why?
11. What social rules are people expected to follow?
12. Can you describe the behaviour of people who do **not respect social norms**?
13. What causes the loss of manners among people?
14. Describe behaviour of ill-mannered people.
15. What are the results for bad behaviour (at school, crime, at home, at work)?
16. Who creates rules for behaviour?
17. How did you behave as a child?
18. Do you know someone who can't behave?
19. What do you think about people who do not behave?
20. How and when do social rules change/are different?
21. What are the rules at school?
22. What are the rules at home?
23. What are the rules while travelling?
24. Can you think of any **social events** which require certain etiquette? Give examples.
25. Have you been to a special social event that required special rules of behaviour?
26. Have you been to a theatre?
27. Compare rules on a disco and at a ball.
28. Compare social rules in the past and nowadays.
29. How and where do **children learn social rules**?
30. What leads children to be ill-mannered?
31. What does it mean "practice what you preach"?
32. What is the role of parents and teachers in society?
33. Which rules did your parents teach you?
34. What do you want to teach your children?
35. What do students learn on ethics at school?
36. Which rules do teachers teach children at schools?
37. Compare behaviour of children, teenagers, adults and old people.
38. Are you a good person?
39. Do you remember situation when you did not behave well? How do you feel about it?
40. Which rules should people follow in **conversation**?
41. Do you prefer direct conversation or written form of communication? Why?
42. Is formal conversation difficult for you?
43. What is **dining/hosting etiquette**?
44. What do you know about table manners in our country?
45. Have you been to a luxurious restaurant which required special table manners?
46. How is **clothing** important within social conventions.
47. Which occasions require special clothing?

48. Are there any differences in **social rules in different cultures**?
49. Give some examples of certain norms/behaviour typical for certain cultures.
50. Why are there wars, conflicts, racism, ethnic groups?
51. Why do some people have problems with alcohol, drugs, vandalism, sexual harassment?
52. Name groups of **people** who are **in need**.
53. Where do people in need live?
54. Who helps people in need?
55. How can we help people in need?
56. Do you/your family help people in need? How?
57. Do you know some charity organisations? How do they help?
58. How does the state help people in need?

# MASS MEDIA

1. What is **mass media**?
2. Name **types of mass media**.
3. What are **functions of mass media**?
4. Why do people need mass media?
5. Which mass media entertain people? Explain.
6. Which mass media serve as a source of information? Explain.
7. Which mass media do people use daily?
8. Which mass media do you use?
9. Which mass media you do not need?
10. Which media, in your opinion, offer the highest objectivity and reliability for the public?
11. Do you believe everything that the media say? Give examples.
12. Compare audience: children, young people, adults, old people and their preferred type of mass media.
13. Compare using mass media in the past and nowadays.
14. What types of **print media** are there?
15. Which types of print media enjoy the greatest popularity?
16. Why do journalists create stories with little credibility?
17. Name some famous Slovak newspapers and magazines. What do they specialize for?
18. Name some famous British and American newspapers and magazines. What do they specialize for?
19. Do you read print media? Why? Why not?
20. Do you prefer newspapers or magazines?
21. Which type of newspapers/magazines do you read?
22. Do you think many people read print media? Why?
23. Compare and contrast serious newspapers and tabloids.
24. What is a **tabloid**?
25. What do tabloids focus on?
26. Name some Slovak tabloids.
27. Do you read tabloids?
28. Why do some people read tabloids?
29. Which newspapers or magazines do women/men/children/older people read?
30. How do people choose their magazines?
31. What are your favourite **TV** programmes? Why?
32. Name other TV programmes.
33. How much time do you spend watching TV?
34. Compare your time spent on TV as a child and nowadays.
35. Name some famous Slovak TV channels. What do they specialize for?
36. Which programmes do women/men/children/older people watch?
37. What are famous British and American channels?
38. Why is TV so important for people?
39. What dangers brings TV to children and people?
40. What are the advantages and disadvantages of TV?
41. Do you listen to the **radio**? Why?
42. Name some famous radios in Slovakia. What do they broadcast?
43. Name some famous radios in the world.
44. What do the radios broadcast?
45. Name the advantages and disadvantages of the radio.

46. How does **the Internet** change our lives?
47. How should parents prevent their children from spending too much time in front of the TV or overusing the Internet?
48. How much time do you spend on the Internet?
49. Are you addicted to using your computer/mobile phone?
50. Which applications/pages/social sites do you follow/use on the Internet?
51. Why is Internet safety being discussed?
52. Do you feel safe on Internet? Explain?
53. Explain why is the direct communication among people weakened due to the overuse of the Internet.
54. What are the possible risks of **overusing mass media**?
55. What are cons and pros of mass media?



# THE YOUNG AND THEIR WORLD (2 témy)

1. In your opinion, who do you consider to be young?
2. What is it like to be a **teenager**?
3. Describe teenagers.
4. Describe physical changes teenagers go through.
5. How do adolescents change mentally?
6. How do they dress, what styles do they follow?
7. What are their opinions?
8. Why do they have their changing “moods”?
9. What are their interests?
10. What are their future plans?
11. Which problems do they face?
12. What relationships do teenagers have?
13. Which social groups do they belong to?
14. Why is there a tension between some parents and their teenage children?
15. What would you define as a “normal” relationship between parents and their teenage children?
16. How do you feel as a teenager?
17. Did you behave like a typical teenager?
18. Did you face some of typical teenage problems?
19. How did your parents feel/what do they say about your teenage period of life?
20. Would you like to stay at this age? Why?
21. What are your plans for the future?
22. Describe people in the **age of 20-30**.
23. How do they dress, what styles do they follow?
24. What are their opinions?
25. What relationships do young people in this age have?
26. What are their interests?
27. What are their future plans?
28. Which problems do they face?
29. Which social groups do they belong to?
30. What relationships do have?
31. How do they work?
32. Describe a young family, how do they live, their free time.
33. How do you feel about your following age period?
34. Have you got any future fears?
35. What are you looking for in the next 10 years?
36. Are there any differences between these two age groups?
37. What similarities are between these two age groups?
38. How do the young feel about their future?
39. What is a **generation gap**?
40. What is the generation gap caused by?
41. How do young people solve problems with their parents?
42. Do you feel any generation gap in your family?
43. Do you talk to your parents about your problems?
44. How do your parents describe their teenage/age of 20-30?
45. How was the youth of your parents different?
46. Why do the young people imitate their role **models**?
47. Who are usually idols for the young?

48. Who is your idol?
49. Have you got any real idol?
50. What are the most common **worries and fears** that young people have?
51. What do you know about the **legal rights of the young** in Slovakia and in other countries?
52. How should our society support the young?
53. What is the attitude of the young towards the authorities?
54. Name at least three good and three bad things about being young
55. How are the young different from the adults/old people?
56. What are common after-school **activities** for your peers?
57. What are their interests?
58. How do they communicate?
59. Where do they spend their free time?
60. Is there any difference between the young in our region and the young in big cities?
61. Which technologies are popular among the young people?
62. Why do young people like dangerous/adrenaline activities?
63. How do you think you will raise your children? In an authoritarian, democratic or a liberal way? Explain.
64. In your opinion, what is an ideal life?
65. What are pros and cons of being young?

# CLOTHING, FASHION

1. What is **fashion**?
2. What do you think fashion reflects?
3. Do you agree that “clothes make the man”?
4. Do you follow **fashion trends**?
5. What are the latest trends among the young?
6. Compare and contrast fashion trends among children, the young, the adults and old people.
7. Whom do you dress for?
8. Is it important for you to look good?
9. Which are your favourite **clothes**?
10. Name fabric (material) clothes are made of. Which do you prefer?
11. Name patterns and state which do you prefer on your clothes.
12. Name fabric (material) clothes are made of. Which do you prefer?
13. Divide clothes according to season of the year we wear them.
14. Name some typical pieces of ladies' wear and men's wear.
15. Name pieces of formal wear. When do people wear them?
16. Name pieces of casual wear. When do people wear them?
17. Discuss which clothes do the young and the old people prefer.
18. Name some pieces of sleepwear.
19. Name some pieces of workwear.
20. Name types of shoes. When do people wear them?
21. Name accessories, which are for man/woman, which are casual/for special occasions.
22. Which clothes do you often wear to school?
23. Would you mind wearing uniform at school?
24. Which clothes do you often wear at home?
25. Which clothes do you often wear out with your friends?
26. Do you prefer any colours of clothes?
27. Which special occasion requiring special clothes have you been to?
28. Do you wear accessories?
29. Who is responsible for **washing duties** in your family?
30. How do we take care of clothes?
31. Do you know how to wash clothes?
32. Did some accident happen to you while washing?
33. What is stain remover used for?
34. Have you ever ironed?
35. What do you wear when you want to impress other people?
36. Which clothes would you never ever put on?
37. Which fashion magazines do you read?
38. Which are your favourite fashion brands?
39. How did **fashion change** over the years?
40. Which fashion styles from the past do you like the most?
41. Do you like traditional Slovak folk costume?
42. How do folk costumes in Slovakia differ?
43. Who creates fashion?
44. In your opinion, why does fashion change?
45. Are you a fashion specialist?
46. Do you wear fashionable clothes?
47. Do you wear brands?

48. What is your opinion on second-hand clothes?
49. Do you like the idea of SWAPs?
50. What is a sustainable fashion?
51. How do people look at someone who is out of fashion?
52. What do clothes tell us about people?
53. Why is fashion a form of a self-expression?
54. Do you know some world famous **fashion designers**?
55. Who are famous Slovak fashion designers?
56. Which brands are the most popular among the young?
57. Which brands are the most expensive?
58. Why are brand clothes expensive?
59. Is it important to wear brand clothes?
60. Have you been to a fashion show? Would you like to see it? Why?
61. How do we change our **clothing** through the year?
62. Have you ever have any clothes made by a tailor/dressmaker?
63. Try to guess who prefers having his/her clothes made by a tailor/dressmaker to the ready-made clothes.
64. Which jobs require special clothes/uniforms?
65. Do you change your hairstyles?
66. Which hairstyles do you like/prefer?
67. What do you think of dreadlocks, piercing, tatoos?
68. Do you think clothes are expensive?
69. In your opinion, how will be **fashion in the future** like?

**BOYS:**

70. Do you like when people wear fashionable pieces?
71. Do you like girls who wear trendy clothes?
72. Do you mind when women spend a lot of money on clothes and shoes?
73. What do you think about men who spend a lot of time following fashion trends and buying clothes?
74. Which fashion style do you prefer?
75. Do you wear brands?
76. Do you wear accessories?
77. What do you wear today?
78. What are your favourite clothes?
79. What do you think of Scottish skirts for men? Would you wear them?
80. How do you feel in a suit?

## HOBBIES (2 témy)

1. What is leisure time?
2. What do people do in their leisure time?
3. What do you do in your leisure time?
4. Have you got a lot of free time?
5. Compare your free time as a child and nowadays.
6. Have you got common hobbies with your friends?
7. Why do people practice hobbies (reasons)?
8. Why do you practice hobbies?
9. How did you start your hobbies?
10. What **types of hobbies** do you know? Give examples.
11. Name some collective and individual hobbies.
12. Do you prefer practicing activities with other people or alone?
13. Which hobbies do people practise to develop their talent for arts?
14. What do people collect?
15. Compare collecting in the past and nowadays.
16. Which hobbies are creative?
17. Which hobbies are preferred by men/women?
18. Why do people like gardening?
19. What do they do in their gardens?
20. Name sport hobbies.
21. Name unusual hobbies.
22. Which hobbies are expensive?
23. Which hobbies can be dangerous? Why?
24. What clubs/places where people can practice hobbies are there in our town?
25. Which hobbies are very **common among young people**?
26. Which hobbies are very common among your friends?
27. Why do not some young children practise any hobbies?
28. What happens when young people have no activities in their free time?
29. Which hobbies would you like to try? Why?
30. Would you like to get a special training/course or workshops for any activities?
31. Why do **parents** want their children to have hobbies?
32. Did your parents force you into any hobbies?
33. Have you got any common hobbies with your parents?
34. Describe hobbies of your parents and siblings.
35. Why is playing any kind of **sport** so important for children?
36. Are you interested in sport? What kind of sport do you do?
37. What kind of sport do you prefer?
38. Why do people do sports as a hobby?
39. Compare doing sports to collecting postcards.
40. Is playing a **musical instrument** important?
41. Do you play any musical instrument? Why?
42. Which hobbies are preferred by children?
43. Which hobbies did you have as a child?
44. Which hobbies are preferred by adults?
45. Which hobbies are preferred by old people?
46. Why are hobbies connected to lifestyle? (age, interests, social relations)
47. How can people spend their leisure time at home?

48. How do people spend their free time on holidays?
49. Which hobbies do you consider old-fashioned?
50. What kind of people still practice old-fashioned hobbies?
51. Are hobbies different in **summer and winter**?
52. How do you spend your time in summer?
53. How do you spend your time in winter?
54. Which hobbies are connected with **animals**?
55. What do you think of keeping pets as hobby?
56. Do you keep a pet? If so, how do you look after it?
57. **Where** do people practice their hobbies?
58. Are there enough opportunities/facilities/clubs where you can practise your hobbies? Give examples.
59. Compare opportunities for hobbies in villages/small towns and in big cities.
60. What are typical **British hobbies**?
61. What is DIY?
62. What are typical **Slovak hobbies**?
63. Compare Slovak hobbies to British hobbies.

# TRAVELLING

1. Do you **like travelling**?
2. Do you prefer summer holidays or winter holidays?
3. Do you think there are people who do not like travelling?
4. What are the **reasons why people travel**?
5. Which places or country would you like to travel to?
6. What means of transport would you use to get there?
7. Imagine your next holiday: destination, people/alone, means of transport, activities.
8. Name **ways** how we can travel (travel agencies, backpacker...).
9. What experience do you have of travelling with **travel agencies**?
10. What kind of holidays can people get through travel agencies? (first/last minute...)
11. What are the advantages of first/last minute holidays?
12. Would you like to travel to exotic destinations as a backpacker? Why? Why not?
13. What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling with and without travel agency?
14. What do travel agencies arrange for people?
15. What problems do people have on holidays?
16. What problems do people have with travel agencies?
17. What is your unforgettable experience from holiday?
18. What was your worst experience from holiday?
19. How do people **prepare for holidays**?
20. What do we pack for holidays?
21. What three things do you always pack when you go on holiday?
22. What do people do on summer holiday?
23. What do people do in winter holiday?
24. What do you mostly do on your holidays?
25. Name **types of means of transport**.
26. Which means of transport is the most dangerous? Why?
27. Which means of transport do you use most often?
28. Which means of transport do you prefer to get on holiday?
29. What are advantages and disadvantages of **public transport**?
30. Do you like flying **by plane**?
31. Have you ever flown? What was it like?
32. Describe the process at the airport before departure and after arrival.
33. What are the low-cost airlines?
34. What are the advantages and disadvantages of flying?
35. Where do people travel **by train**?
36. What are pros and cons of travelling by train?
37. Which is the most eco-friendly means of transport? Explain.
38. What is a difference between the **bus** and a coach?
39. What are pros and cons of travelling by bus/coach?
40. What are pros and cons of travelling by **car**?
41. Have you/your parents got a car?
42. Can you imagine life without the car?
43. Do you like the idea of travelling by caravan?
44. What is nice on travelling by caravan?
45. Do you use **bike**?
46. Where do people travel by bike?
47. What kind of holiday by bike would you suggest to your friend?

48. Can you imagine holiday by bike?
49. Have you ever travelled by **boat**?
50. What for do people travel by boats?
51. What is a ferry?
52. What is your opinion on **hitch-hiking**?
53. Do you like **motorbikes**?
54. Why do people love motor biking?
55. Where do people travel by motorbikes?
56. How do you choose the means of transport? Do you think about the environment?
57. Which are the most popular **destinations** for summer and winter holidays for Slovaks?
58. Would you like to travel to exotic countries? Why?
59. Do you think exotic countries are safe/dangerous? Why?
60. Is travelling in Europe safe/dangerous?
61. What **types of accommodation** can we get?
62. When do you go on holiday with your parents, what kind of accommodation do you arrange?
63. How do people book accommodation?
64. Have you ever been on holiday in a camp?
65. Have you slept in a tent?
66. Which countries do people travel to for **work**?
67. Why do people work abroad?
68. Which jobs do people have abroad?
69. Would you like to work abroad? Why?
70. Compare travelling **in the past** and nowadays.
71. Did your grandparents tell you about their travelling possibilities?
72. How has entry into the EU made travel easier for Slovaks?
73. What kind of holiday do young people prefer?
74. What is a suitable holiday for older people?
75. How will people travel **in the future** and where do you think they will travel to?
76. What destinations will people prefer in the future?
77. Which means of transport can you imagine people will use?



# TOWNS AND PLACES (2 témy)

## MY TOWN

1. Where do you live?
2. Who is the town mayor?
3. Where is your town/village situated?
4. Describe **natural beauties** of your town/village.
5. Which is your favourite place where you can relax?
6. Talk about **citizens** who live in your town/village.
7. How many citizens does your town/village have?
8. Talk about the **history** of your town/village.
9. Which places would you show to visitors of your town/village in one day?
10. Which places would you never show to tourists?
11. Which **cultural events** are there in your town/village?
12. Which new attractions / events in your town/village do you like?
13. What makes the place where you live special for you?
14. What **sights** would you recommend to visitors of your town/village?
15. Are there any **shopping** possibilities?
16. Which services are available for citizens of your town/village?
17. Talk about **schools** and other educational institutions in your town/village.
18. Which possibilities do **sport** fans have in your town/village?
19. What is your favourite place in your native town/village?
20. What other activities can people perform in your town/village?
21. Describe **job** opportunities in our region.
22. Do you consider living in Gelnica as living in the town or in the countryside?
23. Compare and contrast living in the city and in the country.
24. Compare pollution in the city and in the country.
25. Describe social life in the city and in the countryside.
26. What do you see as a **problem** in the place where you live?
27. What are possible solutions of mentioned problems?
28. What changes would you like to see here in the area of sport?
29. What changes for young people would you like to see here?
30. What changes would you like to see here in the area of education?
31. What changes would you like to see here in the area of entertainment?
32. Why did your parents decide to live in our region?
33. Were you born to place where you live now?
34. Have you already moved since you were born?
35. Where would you like to live in the **future**?
36. How do you imagine your ideal place for living?
37. Would you like to live on our town for your whole life? Why?

## TOWNS AND PLACES

1. Why do people **migrate** to other places in the world?
2. Would you like to move to other place from your home town/village?
3. Have your parents ever moved in their life?
4. What is a trend in Slovakia in the present, do people move to bigger cities or to the countryside?

5. How was the trend like in the past?
6. What is the difference between **urban and rural areas**? Name examples?
7. What advantages and disadvantages are there of living in towns?
8. What advantages and disadvantages are there of living in the country?
9. What activities can people do in towns/cities and in the country?
10. Why do people move to cities?
11. Why do people move to villages?
12. Would you prefer living in the city or in the village?
13. Which **places** does majority of **people visit**?
14. Which abandoned places do people visit?
15. What are the most interesting places in the world for you? Why?
16. Where are the most dangerous places in the world? Why?
17. Which destinations are unreachable? Why?
18. Which places/towns do you like most?
19. Where would you like to move?
20. Why do people travel on **holidays**?
21. Name attractions for tourists.
22. How do people chose places for their holidays?
23. Describe the place you have been to that you liked most?
24. Do you prefer summer or winter destinations?
25. Do you prefer sightseeing in towns or relaxing holidays at the sea?
26. Which town or place in the world would you most like to visit one day? Why?
27. Why do some people travel on their own as backpackers?
28. Would you like to try travelling as a backpacker, too?
29. Would you like to **study** abroad? Why?
30. Which town would you choose to study in?
31. Where do students usually study?
32. What pros and cons does it have to study abroad?
33. Which places do people choose for **weekends**?
34. Name the most famous world known **towns** often visited by tourists?
35. Which famous town would you like to visit? Why?
36. What do historical cities offer to tourists?
37. To which world-known places in **Slovakia** would you invite tourists?
38. Which places would you recommend for relaxation in Slovakia?
39. Which places are famous for social and cultural events?
40. What your dream **place for future living**?

# MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

1. What is **multiculturalism** “*cultural mosaic*”?
2. Which countries/cities/megacities do you think are multicultural? Why?
3. Is our country multicultural?
4. What is your opinion on mixed marriages/couples?
5. Would you marry someone from another race?
6. What is **assimilation** “*melting pot*”?
7. Which country seems to be closer to a melting pot? Explain.
8. Which problems arise in an assimilation process?
9. Explain the saying: “When in Rome, do as the Romans do”.
10. What are **reasons for migration**?
11. Describe recent migrations into European countries.
12. What advantages and disadvantages does migration have?
13. Would you like to move to another country? Why?
14. If you were an immigrant in a foreign country, would you try to adjust to the culture of the country? How?
15. What is **minority**?
16. What kinds of minorities live in the world?
17. What minorities live in Slovakia?
18. Does our country treat minorities well?
19. How do people behave to minorities in Slovakia?
20. Are there any problems with minorities in Slovakia?
21. What do you think of Ukrainian minority in Slovakia? Why did they move to Slovakia?
22. What do you think of Vietnamese minority? Why did they move to Slovakia?
23. What are the rights of minorities in Slovakia?
24. Do you mind minorities?
25. How do you cope with minorities in our town?
26. Which races are there in the world?
27. What is racism?
28. Which nationalities live in Slovakia?
29. Which ethnic groups live in Slovakia?
30. Which religions are there in Slovakia?
31. Give examples from the past on: racism, terrorism, religious and political conflicts.
32. Try to explain the word *prejudice*.
33. Have you got prejudice against people from different races/religions/nationalities?
34. What prejudices do people have against the Roma minority living in Slovakia?
35. Which **customs and traditions are typical for Slovakia**? (Easter, Christmas, All Saints’...)
36. Which Slovak traditions do you like most?
37. Which British traditions do you know? (Christmas, Halloween, St. Patrick’s Day...)
38. Compare Slovak to British traditions.
39. Which patriotic holidays do you know? Describe each closely.
40. Which saint’s holidays do you know? Describe each closely.
41. Which holidays do people celebrate in the USA?
42. What is mean by “**brain drain**”?
43. What is the **future of multiculturalism** in the world?
44. In your opinion, will people be more tolerated do multiculturalism or there will be more cultural problems?
45. What will be the reasons why will people in the future migrate?



# READING

## FOR NO BOOK LOVERS - questions in Italics

1. *Why do people read?*
2. *How does reading enrich our personality?*
3. *What are the **reasons** why people do not read?*
4. *Name main **literary genres**.*
5. *What other literary genres do people read?*
6. *Which genres are popular among men and women?*
7. *Do you like reading? Why?*
8. *Do your parents read?*
9. *Which literary genres do you prefer?*
10. *What are comic books?*
11. *Are comic books popular among Slovak readers? Why?*
12. *Did you read a lot as a child?*
13. *Which was the best book you have read.*
14. *Which was the worst book you have read?*
15. *Which place do you choose for reading?*
16. *Which book are you going to read in the near future?*
17. *What do **children** read?*
18. *Who are world famous children's authors?*
19. *Which are world famous children's fairy tales?*
20. *Do you remember your first book?*
21. *Do **young people** in Slovakia read a lot?*
22. *What kind of books do young Slovaks read?*
23. *What do **adults and older people** read?*
24. *Name some famous Slovak writers.*
25. ***Where** can you buy/borrow books?*
26. *In which places do people read?*
27. *What can people who are **not book lovers** read?*
28. *Have you ever read an e-book? What was it like?*
29. *What are pros and cons of online reading?*
30. *In the case you do not read books, what else do you read?*
31. *What do you know about the winners of the **Nobel Prize for literature**?*
32. *Why do writers get the Nobel Prize?*
33. *Name some famous **British and American writers** and their famous works.*
34. *Have you ever read a book written by an English or American writer? Which writer and which book it was?*
35. *Why do some people prefer watching a filmed version of a book instead of reading the book?*
36. *Can you compare any filmed version of a book and the book?*
37. *How do we **analyse a book**?*
38. *Do you read a content of a book before you read it?*
39. *Explain the principles and rules of borrowing books from the **library**.*
40. *Are libraries important? Why?*
41. *Do you prefer buying a book or borrowing a book? Why?*
42. *Do you borrow books from the library?*
43. *Where else can people get books from?*
44. *Compare bookshops in the past and nowadays.*
45. *What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying books on Internet?*
46. *How do you prefer buying books?*
47. *Why is there a **crisis** in reading in our country?*
48. *What are the main consequences of the reading crisis?*

49. *What is the future of books?*
50. *Have you read any biography of a sportsperson?*
51. *Do you read **magazines or newspapers**?*
52. *What is your favourite magazine/newspaper and why?*
53. *Name some Slovak, British and American magazines and newspapers.*
54. *Which articles do you read on the Internet? Why?*
55. *What two kinds of press do we know? Explain the difference.*
56. *Which of them do you prefer?*

# IDOLS, CELEBRITIES AND FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

1. What is an **idol**?
2. How would you describe an idol?
3. Why do people need idols?
4. Which human traits does an idol have?
5. Describe an ideal person.
6. Does an ideal person exist? Explain.
7. What human traits do you consider **negative**?
8. Which are your negative qualities?
9. What human traits do you consider **positive**?
10. Which are your positive qualities?
11. What human traits do you admire?
12. Who can be an idol for people?
13. How do people choose idols?
14. Why do **teenagers** have their role models?
15. What qualities of role models are often admired by the young?
16. What is a pseudo-idol?
17. What idols do **adults or older people** have?
18. Who are real heroes?
19. What qualities are applied to heroes?
20. Who are **fictional heroes**?
21. Why do some people identify with fictional heroes?
22. Why do violent heroes have a negative impact on children?
23. Do you admire **ordinary people**? What for?
24. What kind of ordinary people can become idols?
25. What is a **celebrity**?
26. How do people become celebrities?
27. What makes celebrities popular?
28. What do celebrities do to stay popular?
29. What talent contests are popular in Slovakia?
30. What do you think of reality shows?
31. Why do TVs produce reality shows?
32. What is a **famous personality**?
33. How can one become a **famous personality**?
34. What are advantages and disadvantages of being famous?
35. Who are famous personalities in Slovakia? What are they famous for?
36. Name some **Slovak national heroes** (dead or alive) and say what they are famous for.
37. Who do you think is an idol from Slovak or world history?
38. Can you name some world famous celebrities?
39. Can you name some world famous people with positive influence on the world?
40. Do you know famous person with negative qualities or acts?
41. Have **you** got an idol?
42. Describe your idol (why is he/she an idol for you, qualities, biography)
43. Who in your family is an idol for you?
44. What idols do your parents have?
45. Compare idols of your people to idols of adults.
46. Which of real people do you consider to be idols?
47. Which jobs can mean real idols for people?

48. What do you think of celebrities?
49. Did you have any idol as a child?
50. Have you got any fictional idol?
51. Would you like to be an idol for someone?
52. Would you like to be a celebrity/famous person?
53. What would you like to be famous for?



# THE COUNTRY WHOSE LANGUAGE I AM LEARNING

1. Name **English-speaking countries**.
2. Which English-speaking countries have you been to?
3. Which English-speaking country would you like to visit and why?
4. Which countries is Great Britain composed of?
5. Which countries form the United Kingdom?
6. What is the difference between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations?
7. What is an official **language** of Great Britain?
8. Do you like English language?
9. Why is it important to study English?
10. What do you know about **Northern Ireland** and the **Republic of Ireland**?
11. Which religious problems are there in these countries?
12. What do you know about **England**?
13. What kind of countryside is typical for England?
14. Name famous cities in England?
15. What is Lake District?
16. What do you know about **Wales**?
17. What kind of countryside is typical for Wales?
18. What do you know about **Scotland**?
19. What kind of countryside is typical for Scotland?
20. What is "loch"?
21. Name famous cities in Scotland?
22. What are Scottish people like? Why?
23. What is typical for Scotland?
24. What are the largest **British** cities?
25. Where is Great Britain situated?
26. What is the capital?
27. Which is the highest mountain, the longest river, the biggest lake?
28. Name famous rivers of Great Britain.
29. What is the climate in Britain like?
30. Describe geography of Great Britain?
31. Which mountains are there in Great Britain?
32. Talk about inhabitants of Great Britain.
33. Talk about major industries in Britain.
34. Why is Britain a multicultural society?
35. Talk about the Royal family.
36. What are the stereotypes of British people?
37. What are the national flowers of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland?
38. Who are the patrons of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland?
39. What do you know about Great Britain's political system?
40. What currency is used in England?
41. What do you know about the British history?
42. Have you ever met any British people? What were they like?
43. Talk about the flag of Great Britain?
44. What are typical British traditions?
45. Name British national holidays.
46. What is typical British food?

47. What is typical British sport?
48. What do the British in their free time?
49. Describe typical British housing.
50. Describe British school system.
51. What are the **world famous sights** in the United Kingdom?
52. What are the most often visited places in the United Kingdom?
53. What do tourists see in London?
54. Why do Slovak people travel to the United Kingdom?
55. Which place in the United Kingdom would you like to visit in the future?
56. What is the place of Great Britain in the world?

# SLOVAKIA

1. Do you think Slovakia is an attractive tourist destination? Why?
2. Describe the **location and name neighbour states** of Slovakia?
3. How is Slovakia divided?
4. Who is the head of our state and shortly describe the system of government in Slovakia.
5. Talk about the **population** of Slovakia?
6. What is said about the Slovaks / stereotypes?
7. Which minorities live in Slovakia?
8. What is the relationship of Slovak people to minorities like ?
9. Which religions are here?
10. Describe **the landscape** of Slovakia (rivers, lakes, mountains, lowlands, caves).
11. What is the longest river and the highest mountain?
12. Which national parks are there in Slovakia?
13. Which places in High Tatras are considered to be the most interesting?
14. What is the climate in Slovakia like?
15. What is the **capital city**, language and currency of Slovakia?
16. What does Bratislava offer to tourists?
17. Which sights are the most interesting for you?
18. What do you know about **the history** of Slovakia?
19. Which historic events are remarkable for foreign visitors?
20. Which **towns** in Slovakia are definitely worth seeing?
21. What do Slovak towns offer visiting tourists?
22. Which cultural events are there in Slovakia?
23. Which sport events are there in Slovakia?
24. Which is your favourite town?
25. What needs to be done to make Slovakia more attractive for foreign tourists?
26. Which **places** would you recommend to nature lovers to see?
27. Which places are included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List?
28. Which place in Slovakia do you consider the nicest?
29. Which souvenirs do tourists buy in Slovakia?
30. Which **national meals/drinks** would you offer foreigners?
31. Which national **heroes** do you know?
32. Which famous Slovak **personalities** do you think are good role models?
33. Which Slovak famous people do you admire/like?
34. Can you compare the Slovaks to people from other countries?
35. What is said about the Slovaks?
36. What are **stereotypes** of Slovak people?
37. Describe traditional costumes of Slovak people.
38. Describe typical traditional Slovak music and musical instruments.
39. What are Slovakia's **national symbols**?
40. What are **Slovak traditions and habits**?
41. What is Slovak **industry** typical for?
42. Which Slovak products are world famous?
43. What does it mean for Slovakia to be an EU member?
44. Are you proud of being Slovak? Why?
45. Would you like to spend your life in Slovakia? Why?
46. Which interesting places in Slovakia have you visited?
47. Do you travel in Slovakia with your family?

48. What was your last trip in Slovakia?

49. Which places in our country would you like to visit?