

Speaking

Part 1

What kind of food do you enjoy eating?

Most of the time, I enjoy healthy food. I like fish, salad, and vegetables. Sometimes I like something sweet.

What are some kinds of food you never eat? Why?

I never eat fast food. It's so unhealthy that I can't enjoy eating it. Well, sometimes I will eat French fries.

Do you generally prefer to eat at home or at a restaurant? Why?

I usually like to eat at home. It's less expensive than a restaurant, and I can make all of the food exactly the way I like it.

What are some reasons that people eat at restaurants?

Most of all, it's convenient. It's so nice to have someone make the food and clean up everything afterwards.

Describe some things you enjoy doing with your friends.

When I get together with my friends on weekends, we often have dinner together or we have a picnic lunch at a park. Most of us have young children, so that's really the easiest way to spend time together, because the children enjoy it too.

Do you think it's better to have a large group of friends or a few close friends? Why?

I like having a large group of friends. There's more variety that way. You don't always see the same people or talk about the same thing. And if you have a large group of friends, there's always somebody who has time to spend with you or who feels like doing what you feel like doing.

How do people choose their friends?

I think we choose our friends based on a comfortable feeling. You know, sometimes people just understand each other so easily and the conversation just flows. Of course, there's usually one thing that people have in common when they become friends such as work or school, or maybe their children are classmates.

Have you remained friends with people from your childhood? Why or why not?

No, I haven't really. I live in a different city now, so I'm not near any of my childhood friends. There are one or two I see when I go home to visit my family, but that's all. I don't think I have much in common with my childhood friends any more.

Part 2

There is one teacher that I remember very well. I went to school at age five, and she was my first teacher. She read stories to us and taught us our letters and numbers. She taught us a lot of nice songs, too. She taught us all the things that kindergarten children need to learn. I think she had a very good personality for a kindergarten teacher. She was a very kind person. She cared about all of us. She was very warm. I think these qualities are very important for a kindergarten teacher because kindergarten children are so young.

Sometimes it's hard for them to spend all those hours away from home. This teacher was also very patient. When we made a lot of noise or had disagreements or anything like that, she never yelled at us. She always helped us solve our problems in a calm way. I remember her because she was my first teacher and because she was so nice. I think it was because I had a good experience with my first teacher that I learned to like school. I learned that school was a nice place to be and that learning was fun and interesting.