

## Presentation Topics

### Pre-IB:

#### Topic: Who Am I?

How do you greet people?

What is your name?

Are you a Pre-IB student?

What's your student number?

What is your job?

Where are you from?

How many people are there in your family?

I have one brother and two sisters. And you?

Do you study English in the morning, afternoon or evening?

What do you say at the end of a presentation?

Good \_\_\_\_\_!

\_\_\_\_\_ name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-IB student.

\_\_\_\_\_ number is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

There \_\_\_\_\_ family.

I have \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ very much!

## Icebreaker:

### 1. Who am I?

Optional aspects: name, age, birthday, hometown, language spoken, physical appearance, job, abilities, likes and dislikes

### 2. This is my family/friend. (a picture of your family/friend)

Optional aspects: name, age, physical appearance, clothing, nationality, occupation, abilities, likes and dislikes

### 3. My daily/weekly schedule

Optional aspects: time of a day/ weekdays, daily/weekly activities

### 4. Welcome to my house (a picture of your house)

Optional aspects: rooms of a house, furniture in each room, which room do you like best? neighbourhood, ...  
I live with XX, this is XX's ..., 'there be...'

### 5. My likes and dislikes

Optional aspects: foods, drinks, sports, colors, sports, songs, animals, movies, activities  
Why do you or don't you like them?

### 6. My favorite restaurant

Optional aspects: foods, drinks, location, atmosphere, people, weather...

### 7. A map of my community (draw a map of your community)

Optional aspects: locations, functions of locations

## **Threshold:**

### **1. My best friend**

Optional aspects: name, age, appearance, where he/she lives, family, job, place of work, interests, dreams, personality, history of your relationship, why you like each other...

### **2. A memorable day/birthday**

Optional aspects: weather, date, related people, place, what happened (beginning, duration and ending), feelings / emotions,

### **3. An exciting/terrible/... trip**

Optional aspects: the general schedule, the sequences of the trip (places you visited, exciting/terrible/ funny... things happened, food you had, items you bought, people you met), scenery, memories, ...

### **4. A diary**

Optional aspects: date, weather, the order of activities, emotional feelings, thoughts , people you met, places you went to, ...

### **5. My job**

Optional aspects: What do you do? What do you usually do? What's your working schedule? Do you like it or not? Why or why not? How are your workmates? Where is your office, what does your company produce? How long have you been there?...

### **6. My dream future**

Optional aspects: What do you want to do or want to be in the future? Why? What's your plan? Family plan, business idea, dream job, where do you want to live?

### **7. A map to my house (draw a map to your house)**

Optional aspects: means of transportation, directions, locations, roads/streets that pass through, businesses /shops in the area

### **8. A (New Year/ Christmas/...) party**

Optional aspects: date, transportation, location, food, drinks, participants, activities,

### **9. My study life in WEB**

Optional aspects: study schedule, types of classes you take, your favorite classes/  
Teachers / tutors, schoolmates

## **Beginner:**

### **1. Self-introduction**

Optional aspects: name, age, nationality, languages you speak, where you live, job, place of work, marital status, family, daily activities, likes and dislikes, abilities, dreams

### **2. My job(s)**

Optional aspects: jobs you took in the past, job at present, responsibilities in jobs, the job you like most/least, what you learned in the jobs, professional goals in the future

### **3. My family ( draw a family tree)**

Optional aspects: name, age, family relationships, occupation, marital status, personalities, hobbies, wants, habitual activities in family life

### **4. XX and I**

XX could be any body in your life, like family member, your friend, your workmates, etc.

Optional aspects: Who? When did you first meet each other? Why is she / he special to you? What do you do when you are together? Do you have any stories about you two?

### **5. My (XX's) daily/weekly schedule (collect information by interviews)**

Optional aspects: brief introduction of the person, a point in time, means, frequency, duration of events, before/after sequences

### **6. My favorite season**

Optional aspects: Why? What's the feature of it? What did you do in the past? What can we do in this season? Where can we go to in this season? Why don't you like other seasons?

### **7. I like to ...**

Optional aspects: What do you like to do? (favourite food, favourite sports or any entertainment you like to do) Why? When did you learn to do it? How do you do it? When, where and how often do you usually do it? Whom do you usually do it with, or do you usually do it on your own?

### **8. I want to go to... / A vacation plan**

Optional aspects: Where do you want most to go to? (a city, a country or any kind of place) Why? How and when did you find out about this place? When do you want to go there? When is the best time? With whom do you want to go, or do you want to go there on your own? What do you need to prepare if you will go there? How long do you want the trip to be?

### **9. My pet**

Optional aspects: What is your pet? What's its name? When and how did you get it? What are its habits? What do you usually do with it? Do you like it? What can it do for you? Is it still with you now? What are you going to do with it when it's getting old?

### **10. I want to learn to ...**

Optional aspects: What do you want to learn? (talk about any kind of skill, from driving to making cookies) When do you want to learn it? Where can you learn it? Who can teach you, or do you want to teach yourself? How much do you already know about it? Are there any difficulties you're worried about?

### **11. A weather report (use internet access)**

Optional aspects: The current weather conditions of different places within a country or all over the world, the forecast for the next few days, any tips for people's life under particular weather conditions,

## Lower Intermediate:

### 1. A letter to a friend in another country

Optional aspects: activities in an earlier time, activities in workdays/ spare time/ weekends, activities you plan to do in the future, greetings to the recipient

### 2. Pollution in our city/country (use 'cause and effect' sentences)

Optional aspects: types of pollution, causes, effects, people's responses, solutions to protect the environment

### 3. A shopping day/tour (prepare a map if possible)

Optional aspects: places of business, what you did in each place, directions, locations, street names, intersections, prepositions of location, spatial relations, "there is" structure

### 4. Planning a trip abroad

Optional aspects: ask for a vacation, items to take (e.g. passport, visa, clothing, daily necessities, medicines, map, etc.), booking an airplane ticket, hotel reservations, where to visit, when, with whom, for how long

### 5. One of my trips (Once I went to ...)

Optional aspects: Your experience of one of your unforgettable trips which could have been a bad experience, or a happy one.

### 6. My favorite movie / book.

Optional aspects: a brief story telling; any special background of the author or of the story; Why do you like it?

### 7. A restaurant (I like or I don't like)

Optional aspects: the name, location, the cuisine, food and drinks, prices, atmosphere, decorations (colors, themes, etc.), the number of customers (crowded or not), the music, service, when you ate there, why good or not, your experience of eating there,

### 8. One of my teachers / bosses

Optional aspects: your impressive experience with this person, why they were effective, personality of this person, how they inspired you.

### 9. My childhood

Optional aspects: your impressive experiences of your childhood, family and friends, places, activities, memories, feelings.

### 10. When I am getting old

Optional aspects: your wishes for when you are getting old, hopes and dreams, life achievements, family plans.

### 11. A biography of a historical character

Optional aspects: important dates and places in his/her life, important events and changes, their unique personality, clever things they said and did, their effect on our lives today.

## **Intermediate:**

### **1. I am proud that I ...**

Optional aspects: When it happened, why you did it, outcome, your feelings after it, other people's reactions/comments

### **2. I dream of being a ...**

Optional aspects: what do you want to do or want to be? Why? How will you do it? Do you have any plans? Do you have any people you admire in that field?

### **3. I'll have party**

Optional aspects: Why? What's the theme of the party? Who do you want to invite? Where? What food, drink and music does the party provide? Any dress code?

### **4. One of my job interviews**

Optional aspects: How did you feel when you received the notice? How did you feel before the interview? How did you prepare for it? What's the interview like? How did you feel after the interview? What did you think of the interviewer(s) and their questions? If you were the interviewer, how would you conduct it?

### **5. My yesterday, today and tomorrow**

Optional aspects: One thing you did, one you are doing and one you are going to do. It's better if these things are connected to some degree.

### **6. Significant experience(s) that have changed my life**

Optional aspects: what the experience(s) is(are), how your life changed, your feelings

### **7. My perfect day**

Optional aspects: what do you want to do on the day?

### **8. My perfect community**

Optional aspects: draw a map of a perfect community and make an introduction to show how perfect it is.

### **9. A social problem in our country**

Optional aspects: what the problem is, causes, effects, possible solutions, your suggestions

### **10. Three places I want to go to**

Optional aspects: Where do you want to visit? (three places) Why? What are the differences and similarities among the three? If you could only go to one of them, which one would be your first choice? Why?

### **11. An introduction to an energy source**

Optional aspects: What is it? Where can we get it? What can we do with it? What are advantages and disadvantages of it? What problems are we facing regarding this energy source? What can we do to solve the problems?

## **Business Intermediate:**

### **1. An introduction of my company**

Optional aspects: history, location, offices/branches, size, products, customers, employees, competitors, sales and profits

### **2. I prefer to work for...**

Optional aspects: What kind of or which company do you want to work for? Why? Why not others? What would be your dream job? How much would be a suitable salary?

### **3. Structure of my company (Draw an organizational chart)**

Optional aspects: departments, respective functions and responsibilities, what people do in their departments, whom they report to, who are your customers? what do you sell?

### **4. My work experience (Draw a timeline)**

Optional aspects: qualifications (including educational background), companies you have worked for, positions you have held, responsibilities, what parts you liked most/least, achievements/promotions, changes/transfers, what you've learnt in the jobs, reasons of leaving, future career expectations

### **5 One of my bosses**

Optional aspects: your impressive experience with this person, their personality, inspirational qualities

### **6 I want to open a ... company / shop.**

Optional aspects: What kind of company or shop is it? What's your product? Where? How large? What's your final objective? Who can help you? What's the advantage of your business against the competition? What is your budget / start-up capital?

### **7 One of my business trips**

Optional aspects: purpose of the trip, destination, schedule, preparation, the way to get there, the duration of the trip, the outcome

### **8. The best / most terrible hotel I've stayed**

Optional aspects: Where is it? When did you stay there? How good or bad was your experience?

### **9. A business party I experienced**

Optional aspects: When? Where? For what was the party was held? Who was invited? How did you dress? What food, drink, music or else were provided? How was the atmosphere? How was the host? Did you take or receive any gifts?

### **10. My first salary**

Optional aspects: When and where did you get it? What's your feeling? What did you do with it?

### **11. How to do well in a job interview?**

Optional aspects: Give your suggestions to a certain kind or different kinds of job interviews. Tips.

## Business Advanced:

### 1. A Decision I Made

Optional aspects: When? Where? What decision? What was it for? How did you feel before making it? Did you have any problems or pressure while making it? Did you have any choice? What were the arguments for and against each choice? Did any one help you? What's the result of your decision? How did you feel after it?

### 2. An experience of moving (you can talk about your own experience or others')

Optional aspects: when, why, from where to where, advantages and disadvantages of the new house, the new surroundings, how many cases did you have, how did you move there, what difficulties you met, what did you do, how long did it take you to finish, how did you feel after the moving?

### 3. Would you rather own a company or work for someone else?

Optional aspects: analysis of two alternatives, your choice, your arguments, detailed account

### 4. A Critical Event in my life / of my company

Optional aspects: describe the event, how did it affect your life experience or your company

### 5. A business meal

Optional aspects: when, where, why, with whom, are you the host or the host, how did you prepare it, did you take or receive any gifts, what did you do during the meal, how was your conversation during the meal, did you have any problem of behaviour / manners because of different cultures, what was the result after the meal? How do you feel about business meals?

### 6. Am I a good negotiator?

Optional aspects: yes or no and why, what's your experience of negotiation, what makes a good negotiator, how to be a good negotiator, negotiation skills

### 7. An introduction to a product

Optional aspects: name, usage, selling points, producer, price, advantages and disadvantages, future in the market, etc.

Use a line/bar graph.

### 8. The XX industry which I'm working for

Optional aspects: what industry, why did you choose it, the current situation of the industry, the future of it, do you have confidence in it, do you like it, why?

Use a line/bar graph.

### 9. The most successful entrepreneur you admire

Optional aspects: who, what did he or she do, how did you know about him or her, how much do you know about the person, what's his or her story, why do you admire him or her

### 10. How to make an effective business meeting

Optional aspects: Share your experiences of business meetings. Give suggestions about it; like how to make agenda, how to control the time, how to give presentation, how to deal with disagreements / arguments, etc,



## School Intermediate

### Suggested Presentation Topics

1. **An introduction of my school**  
(Aspects to consider: History, location, size, layout, facilities, number of students/staff, awards)
2. **Biography of a famous scientist**  
(Aspects to consider: Family background, cultural background, key dates in his/her life, important events, setbacks and triumphs)
3. **Tips for study success**  
(Aspects to consider: Advice on how to study for tests, how to improve your English, how to deal with a busy study workload, how to manage a workable study/life balance)
4. **Presentation of a country**  
(Aspects to consider: History, location, size, major cities, population, geographical features, significant events, national holidays)
5. **Then and now**  
(Aspects to consider: Choose a period of time from the past and compare it with the present time. This could be related to a city or a country or else it could be related to your own experience, for example comparing your early childhood with your present life)
6. **World records**  
(Aspects to consider: Describe several different world records including information about who broke the record, when the record was broken, who held the record before, and if there were any unique challenges in breaking this record)
7. **My study experience**  
(Aspects to consider: Schools that you have gone to, favorite subjects, subjects that you found difficult, subjects that you found easy, teachers that you liked or disliked, classmates that you have made, a brief summary of your grades)
8. **A machine that changed the world!**  
(Aspects to consider: Choose a machine/device that you think has changed the world. Describe how it works, who invented it, and how it has changed the way people live)
9. **Climate change**  
(Aspects to consider: The theory of global warming, the so-called *greenhouse effect*, describe some recent natural disasters and consider whether or not these are related to climate change)
10. **Seven wonders of the ancient world (apart from the pyramids!)**  
(Aspects to consider: Choose one of the seven wonders of the ancient world (apart from the pyramids, as these were in the courseware) and research where it was made, who made it, its function, what made it so spectacular, and its date and cause of destruction)

## School Advanced

### Suggested Presentation Topics

#### 1. Decisions in Life

(Aspects to consider: What decisions have you had to make in your life so far? What factors contributed to your decision? What decisions will you have to make later in your life? You could also talk about the difference between big and little decisions)

#### 2. Using Graphs and Charts

(Aspects to consider: What are the benefits of using graphs and charts in presentations? What kinds of information are they designed to illustrate? Prepare some examples to demonstrate their use)

#### 3. A Balanced Diet

(Aspects to consider: Describe the different food groups that contribute to a healthy diet, talk about nutrition, and provide some additional tips on how to live a healthier life)

#### 4. Two Energy Sources

(Aspects to consider: Choose two energy sources and present a comparison of them. What are their relative benefits and drawbacks? Which of the two are more commonly used in your home city? Why is this energy source used instead of the other?)

#### 5. Interesting Facts about the Human Body

(Aspects to consider: Research and prepare a presentation of 5 to 10 little known facts about the human body. How much of the human body is “empty” space? What is the lifespan of a human hair? How fast is a sneeze?)

#### 6. Tips for Public Speaking

(Aspects to consider: Different kinds of presentations, steps in preparing for a presentation, practicing methods, ways of making your presentation more interesting)

#### 7. Biography of a World Leader

(Aspects to consider: Key dates, family and cultural background, significant events that shaped his/her career, achievements, major decisions, legacy)

#### 8. Ways to Improve China

(Aspects to consider: Outline some social, environmental or cultural problems facing modern day China (including the causes and main effects) and suggest some solutions to these problems)

#### 9. Pros and Cons of Credit Cards

(Aspects to consider: Why do people get credit cards? How can a person get one? What are the benefits for a bank in giving out credit cards? What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a credit card?)

#### 10. Ways to deal with Stress

(Aspects to consider: Causes of stress, the effect of stress, ways of responding to stress, forms of recreation, ways to relax)

## **Advanced:**

### **1. Three wishes**

Optional aspects: what are your three wishes? Why do you want them? Why haven't they been achieved yet? Do you want to make them become true? When and how? If you could only make one of them come true, which one would be your first choice? Why?

### **2. One thing I should have done**

Optional aspects: What is it? What have you already done? What have not achieved and why? What do you want to do to achieve it in the future? How?

### **3. If I were...**

Optional aspects: What or where do you want to be? Why? If it came true, what would you do?

### **4. If I'm asked to give a lecture...**

Optional aspects: What's the lecture about? Why do you want to give such a lecture? What would you talk about? Who would you like to be your listeners?

### **5. My perfect life**

Optional aspects: Design a perfect life for yourself, including being male or female, your appearance, your country, your family, your life experience. You may pretend that you will never get old or that you have a super power, etc.

### **6. How to... (e.g. how to make a cake)**

Optional aspects: preparation, step-by-step instructions, technical language, Q&A

### **7. China in 2049**

Optional aspects: landscape, population, language, people's life, your family, your friends and yourself, the economy, the international situation,

### **8. My beliefs in UFOs (or other unexplained phenomenon, e.g. ghosts/ESP)**

Optional: what is a 'UFO', reports on UFO sightings in recent history, points for the possibility of aliens existing, relevant research on it, your beliefs (for or against) and why (arguments and supporting ideas)

### **9. A recent epidemic in the news**

Optional aspects: what epidemic it is, how it is affecting people, treatments for affected people, how to fight it off, prediction for the future, view on enhancing public health

### **10. My favorite advertisement**

Optional aspects: Introduce one of your favorite ads. Why do you like it? Compare it to other ads for the same or similar products or in a similar style. What do you think makes a good advertisement?