**SPEAKING**

1. Talk about something you use to help you in your studies/work

You should say:

What it looks like What it does

How often you use this thing

and say what you would do if you could not use this object

1. - The thing that helps me a lot in my study is my Laptop.

It is shaped like a notebook. It is made in China. It’s a ACER.

It has a screen, a keyboard, a mouse and a camera.

- I use it to connect to the Internet to search data and information, to check and send emails, to read books, to write programs and to prepare slides for my lectures or presentation.

- I also use it for entertainment such as watching videos or movies, listening to music, playing games and chatting with my friends on Facebook or Zalo.

- I use it most of the time both at work and at home

- It is very important because it helps me a lot in my study and entertainment as well. With it, I could save a lot of time and energy.

1. - I’m going to tell you about my laptop which helps me a lot in my study. It’s a Sony Vaio. It’s black, thin and light.

- I bought it in Tran Anh Computer Supermarket last year. I love it very much because it can help me to complete my assignments and to learn English online. I also use it to download data from the Internet. Moreover, I sometimes use it to exchange information with my classmates and teachers. Therefore, I use it nearly every day.

- Beside that, it is also a good source of entertainment: I use it to play games, to listen to music, to watch movies and to chat with my friends online in my free time.

- In short, it is so important to me that I can’t imagine my life without it.

1. *Describe* and *electronic gadget you like to use*

*You should say:*

*What it looks like*

*How often you use it*

*Why you like it and you should also say what kind of electronic gadgets you think will be popular in the Future.*

**A** -The electronic gadget I really like to use is a mobile phone. Now I am having a Nokia mobile.

- It is shaped like a small and thin box. It has a tiny screen, a keyboard with numbers and letters, some function buttons as well. Furthermore, it is not expensive at all

- I always carry it with me and use it most of the time in a day

- It is very useful to me. It helps me to contact with everyone, to connect the Internet, to take photos and to record voice. It also functions as a small computer. I usually use it to check and send emails, to chat with my friends and to entertain myself with music and movies online.

**B**. - Like other people, I also have a cell phone. It is a Nokia modern X2-01.

- It is made in China. It is grey. I find it very useful in my life.

- It helps me to keep in touch with my friends, my family, and my business partners as well. For my work, I usually use it to check and send emails and to search data and news.

- In addition, it also helps me to ease my stress from work. It entertains me with games, movies, music and stories online.

- In short, I like it very much because it makes my life more comfortable. I think cell phone will be popular in the future, especially smart phones.

1. Describe a subject you enjoyed at school or college

You should say:

What the subject was How long you studied it What kind of topics this subject included You should also say what you liked most about this subject

A. - My favorite subject at school is History. I learned it for three years in high school.

- History helps me to know what people did and thought as well as how they lived in the past.

- In fact, knowledge of History will make us realize that what we do today is the result of what our ancestors did in the past. History, therefore, is a long story of man’s struggle through years. As we read the stories, we can learn such a lot of interesting things.

B. - Now, 1 am doing a Master course at the Military Technical Academy. English is one of my favorite subjects. I studies English for six months here. We have been learning English grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. We have also studied four skills in English.

- Through it, I can improve my world knowledge of different countries, people and cultures. Moreover, I can practice communication skills. I feel more confident and independent. I have met some interesting people and enjoyed life more by listening to English songs or watching American movies...

- I think English is very important and useful to me both in my work and my study. With English, I have found it easier to update information and technology for my work and study by searching theInternet and reading books. Therefore, it makes my life more enjoyable and meaningful.

1. Describe a place that you like

*You should* say:

*Where this place is When you first went there What you do/ did there*

*and* explain *why this place is so special for you*

The place that I like very much is Dalat. It is in the South of Vietnam

I first went there with my husband/ wife 10 years ago when we had our honeymoon week.

The weather in Dalat was very nice at that time. It is said that there are four seasons in a day in Dalat so we could do a lot of activities there. In the morning, we went to Love Valley to enjoy fresh air with nice smell of flowers of all kinds and to listen to birds singing.

Then, we went to CamLy waterfall to take pictures in traditional costumes on horses. In the late afternoon, we went boating on Than Tho Lake. It was so peaceful and quiet that you could hear yourself murmur.

At night, we went for a walk in the city to taste local dishes and drank a lot. We both nearly got drunk and went back to our room so late but the city was safe.

Dalat was so special for me because I had such memorable time with my honey there. It is also the place which l dreamt to visit when I was single.

1. Talk about an activity you have done to keep fit or healthy

e.g.: some kind of physical exercise, a diet, stopping smoking, etc....

What the activity was What you did exactly How long you did this activity for

also say whether the activity was successful or not

1. - The activity I have done recently to keep fit or healthy is being on a diet.

I started my diet two years ago. First, I cut down on meat, beer or alcohol.

I have had more vegetables, fruit and fish.

Then, I drank about two liters of water daily and began to practice swimming and go jogging every morning.

I also tried to avoid all kinds of snack and junk food and I manage not to go to bed late these days.

After six months, I lost more than 5 kilos and I felt much better now. I don’t feel headache or tired any more. I haven’t seen the doctor since then.

1. **-** One of the activities that helps me keep fit and healthy is to go on a diet.

I started my diet two years ago. It contained more vegetables, fruit, fish and Soya; less meat and rice. I not only began to drink more water but also cut down on wine, coffee and tea.

I completely gave up all types of junk food and smoking. I didn’t use to like yoghurt but now I have two portions a day. I enjoyed my diet because it was quite effective to me. I feel better and hardly ever sick these days. I would recommend it to anyone who would like to have a better health.

**C.** The way I have done recently to keep me healthy is a well-balanced diet. Everyday, I just eat enough food containing protein and fat such as red meat, sugar, butter and so on.

I always remember: the greener, the better so I eat a lot of vegetables and fruit. I also try drink two liters of water a day.

Cigarettes and alcohol are now my enemies. I often have a big meal in the morning bu j enough food in the evening. I have followed this diet for two years. This really works on me because now I am in good shape and full of energy.

1. Describe your favorite TV program You should say:

What this is about How often you watch it Why you like it

and you should also say what types of TV programs are popular in your country.

**A.** - One of my favorite TV programs is the QUIZ SHOW on VTV3. This is an entertainment program but it’s informative and educational as well.

* It is a competition in which people have to answer a lot of questions relating to their knowledge and experience. By watching it, I myself can broaden my mind and sometimes feel excited with the result.
* I watch the quiz whenever I have time. I like it because it is really interesting, useful and relaxing. Moreover, it is sometimes full of surprises.

- I think the news, sports and quiz shows are now so popular in Vietnam because they offer not only information but also entertainment.

**B.** - One of my favorite TV programs is the quiz show. I often see it in the evening at the weekend on VTV3. It’s a kind of question and answer show on a variety of topics relating to our life such as culture, science, history, sports...I enjoy watching it because it is not only for entertainment but also for education. I myself have learnt a lot of interesting things in relaxing way. Besides that, the program is full of nice surprises when someone can be a winner or a loser in a minute. This can make viewers more excited. Therefore, TV programs which are close to our life such as the news, entertainment programs and reality shows are so popular now a days.

**C**. - My favorite TV program is the News which is shown on all TV channels at 1p.m. I watch it every day. I like it because it helps me update important events happening not only in our country but also all over the world. One more thing, the news on VTV1 is officially proved to be accurate and reliable. In addition, by watching it, I can also know about national and international sporting events as well as the weather forecast for the next days. It is very usefuland convenient for viewers who do not have time to read newspapers daily. Therefore, the News program has attracted more and more viewers recently.

1. *Describe a teacher you really admire*

*You should say:*

*Who he/she is Why you like h*im*/her How long you have known him/her*

*You should also explain what this person has taught you*

**A** - The teacher I really admire is Mrs....

She is ..years old now. She is quite tall with shoulder-length hair and very bright eyes.

She taught me literature when I was in high school so I’ve known her for more than ten years. I still keep in touch with her now and sometimes I goes to her for advice to my problems. I like her because she is kind, responsible and devoted.

She is very patient with us and always tries to get her understood during class hours.

She has a very effective method of teaching which helps us to understand the lessons easily.

Under her guidance, I have made quite a lot of progress in the subject which I used to dislike. I can say that it’s her who inspires my interest in Literature.

B.- The teacher I really admire is Mr. Phuong.

He is 56 years old now. He taught me mathematics at high school.

He is quite tall with short dark hair. He looks very smart and friendly.

He is strict when we are in class but during break time he often makes us laugh a lot with his great sense of humor and funny stories.

Especially, he is so good at using his effective teaching methods to help us understand math problems easily**.** In addition, he is also very patient with weaker students. With his guidance, we were not afraid of this subject any more.

I have known him for 10 years. What I like best about my teacher is his devotion to his job. It’s him who inspires me to get more interested in the subject and to become a responsible person later.

1. Describe your best friend You should say:

Who he/she is How long you have known him/her What you like best about him/her and explain why you consider him/her your best friend

I have a lot of friends but my best friend is Hang. She is one of the classmates. She has a short hair and it is curly. Her eyes is very affectionately. She is tall and thin. She is very kind and generous. She is a hard working student who always gets good grades. She likes shopping, reading, listening to music and playing game. She always believed and helped me. We have a lot in common with each other.

I wish our friendship will last forever.

1. Describe a memorable event in your life

You should say:

When the event took place Where the event took place What happened exactly

and explain why this event was memorable for you

**A.** One of the most memorable events in my life is the wedding day. It was 3 years ago. The weather was sunny and warm on that day.

It was held at a small restaurant. Early in the morning, everybody in my family dressed up and got ready for the very big day of my life. We were all happy and looked forward to the reception. I wore a black suit with a nice tie, which made me look smart and manly.

Then, we all went to the restaurant where the wedding took place. I went to pick up my bride, who looked really lovely in a long white dress. At the party, we all ate and drank a lot. People sang and played the music to congratulate us. After the party, in spite of being very tired, we ail felt relaxed because everything went right and we had such unforgettable memories.

1. *Describe what you think would be the perfect holiday*

*You should say:*

*Where it* w*ould be What activities you would do How long it would last*

*and explain why this holiday would be perfect for you*

I think my perfect holiday would be in Dalat.

The weather in Dalat is very nice. It is said that there are four seasons in Dalat. So we would do lot of activities there. In the morning, we would go to Love Valley to enjoy fresh air with nice smell of flowers of all kinds. Then, we would go to Cam Ly waterfall to take pictures in

traditional costumes on horses. In the late afternoon, we would go boating on Than Tho lake. It would be really wonderful!

My perfect holiday would last two weeks.

This holiday would be perfect for me because I would have great time with my family. We would spend time together escaping from our daily stressful life and we would be full of energy for working.

1. *Describe something you own which is very important to you:*

*You should say:*

*Where you got it from How long you have had it What you use it for*

*and explain why it is so important to you*

The thing I can’t live without is my laptop. I bought it 5 years ago from a computer shop. It’s wonderful and multifunctional. I use it for communication, entertainment and study.

I mainly use it to access the Internet to get information, share data and resources, check and send emails at work.

More importantly, it also helps me a lot in my study now. I use it to search ideas and concepts for my essays, write and present my papers as well as exchange ideas and assignments with my classmates and lecturers.

Besides that, after hours of hard work or study, I can relax with videos, movies, music, songs and games in my laptop.

It is very important to me because it has changed the way I study, work and communicate. Everything for me is now much better and more convenient.

1. *Describe the best gift/present you have received*

*You should say:*

*What it is Who gave it to you When you got it*

*and explain why the gift is important for you*

**A**. The best present I have ever received is the laptop. It’s a Sony Vaio. It’s a birthday present from my parents when I celebrated my 23th birthday two years ago.

It’s thin and light.

It’s wonderful and multifunctional

1. I got the best gift from my wife when I started working five years ago. It is a black leather Italian wallet of high quality. It touches very soft and smooth. It is a pocket-size and triple-fold wallet with several sections for money and cards. It also has a section with clear plastic window where 1 can put my photo of my family. I take it with me all the time I go out. For me. it is so convenient and useful. 1 can put a lot of things inside including my money, my ID, business cards and credit cards. Therefore, I usually keep it neat, tidy and organized.
2. *Describe the most important holiday* in your *country:*

*You should say:*

*What you would do in your holiday How long you would do that*

*and explain why it* is *important*

**A.** The most important holiday in my country is l et holiday.

We celebrate it on the first day of Lunar New Year Calendar.

The holiday often lasts a week

Before Tet, people go shopping for food, drink and fruits for big coming parties.

They also prepare presents for the elders and new clothes for children as well.

They try to pay all debts and return all the borrowed things.

They clean and decorate their houses with fresh flowers and plants.

During l et, people visit relatives, teachers, friends, colleagues, etc... t hey also have a lot of big parties with local traditional dishes. Then, they go to pagodas or temples to pray for good health, happiness and success for the coming year.

Tet is important tor Vietnamese people because it is time for family reunion and relaxing after a year of hard work and hope for better New Year.

1. I want to tell you about the most important holiday in my country. It is l et holiday. It usually takes place in late January or early February to celebrate new spring and New Year. People often redecorate their houses and buy a lot of food because all the shops and markets don't open during the l et festival. People often buy new clothes for their children, especially almost family often buy a branch of peach. During l et festival, people organize a lot of family parties where people can enjoy and relax with their family. In these days, many best wishes are spoken and one of the most popular custom is to give lucky money in red envelope to children and elderly people. You can feel the joy, the excitement and happiness everywhere throughout the country, let is important because it is the time for the whole family to get together to share love and care.
2. *Describe your favorite restaurant:*

*You should say:*

*Where it is What it looks like How often you go to it and explain why you like it*

A. My favorite restaurant is Hoang Gia in Lang Ha Street. It is not very big but it is always busy. Every table with white tablecloth is decorated with a lovely vase

There are some beautiful paintings hung on the walls and fresh plants are put in every comers. - Once you enter the restaurant, you are always welcomed by a friendly waitress.

If you are not familiar with the menu, a waiter will kindly recommend you to try the restaurant's best dishes.

Once you are there, you are well-treated with delicious and fresh food; soft and great pieces of music and helpful waiters.

I often go there for dinner with my friends at the weekends. We often get the best service and have wonderful time there.

**B**. My favorite restaurant is Hai Yen in Hoang Quoc Viet street. It is very close to my office. I often go there with my family or friends because the food is very fresh and delicious. You canenjoy different kinds of food there.

Moreover the service is also quite excellent. The waiters are all very nice, fhendly and professional. We don’t have to wait long to be served when we come. Once you are there, you can see that the atmosphere is very cosy and the design is very elegant.

Today, restaurants become so popular everywhere. You can eat good food with cheap pri However, I still choose Hai Yen as my favorite one when / intend to eat out.

1. Describe your ideal house You should say:

How big it would be What it would look like What would be inside it and explain why it would be your ideal house

1. I’d like to tell you about my ideal house. It would be a small house with two floors and very close to a market and a school so that it's convenient for my children and my wife. There would be a garden with lots of colorful flowers and some vegetables in it. In my house, there would be two bedrooms, one living room and one kitchen. In the living room, there would be a smart 3D TV, a huge warm and soft sofa where I can lie down to watch TV. When people come to visit me, they would find my house easily because it would be in yellow. It would be near the bus or train station too. One thing that I really like about it is the air. It must be very clean and fresh. It would be safe to live in. neighbors would be very kind, friendly and helpful. This would be my ideal house because it is not only convenient for our life, our work but also very comfortable and good for my children’s health and development.
2. Describe a film or a TV program which has made a strong impression on you. You should say:

What kind offilm or TV program it was

When you saw the film or TV program

What the film or TV program was about and explain why this film or TV program made such an impression on you

A. TV program that has made a strong impression on me is Discovery.

It is an entertainment and education program.

I watch this program every evening.

It touches every comers in our life and our world such as people, animals, places, cultures, customs, etc...

This program strongly impresses me because it is very interesting and useful. It broadens my mind about the surroundings, even the tiniest creatures on the Earth.

Watching this program, I have a feeling like travelling by myself to new lands or places which 1 think I will never be able to visit.

Moreover, I learn a lot about how animals exist in the wild life. What I am particularly intereste in is the experience, the skill and the stories of people who survived after accidents.