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| **Topic 1: Your favorite means of transportation**   1. How do you go to school/ to work/ to hang out with your friends? How long does it take? How often do you take the bus/ ride your bike/ drive your car…? Do you have any problems with them? 2. What do you love most about the bus/ car/ bike/ motorbike? How much is the monthly bus ticket? 3. What are the **advantages/ disadvantages** of the bus/ car/ bike/…? 4. What is the best means of transportation to go from Hanoi/ your hometown to Ho Chi Minh City? 5. Where are you going to travel for your next vacation? With whom? 6. How long are you going to stay there? How are you going to travel there? 7. What are you going to do there? 8. Why do you choose that destination? 9. What do you love most about it? 10. What is that place famous for? |

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| **Topic 2: Your shopping habits.**   1. Are you a shopaholic? Explain? 2. Where do you shop for your clothes/ household appliances/ electronic devices? Food/ flight tickets/…? 3. How often do you shop online? 4. What do you usually shop online? 5. What is your favorite page to shop online? How do you pay? Which do you prefer: cash or credit card? Why? 6. Have you had any bad experiences with shopping online? 7. Do you like to buy sale-off items? Why? 8. Talk about a bad experience when you shopped online. 9. Do you often bargain when you shop? Why? Why not? 10. What factors do you consider when you shop online? (price/ customer review/ product origin/ after - sale services…) |

**Topic 3: Vietnamese gestures and customs**

**Further discussion questions for topic 1: Vietnamese customs and greetings**

1. How do Vietnamese people greet?
2. How do you usually greet elderly people?(I bow and say hello )
3. How do you usually greet people who are younger than you?

I usually ……………………………..when I greet people who are younger than me

1. How do you usually greet your friends?
2. Do you usually shake hands? (yes, I do/No, I don’t)
3. Do you prefer light or firm handshakes?( yes, I do/No, I don’t)
4. Is the greeting customs in Vietnam different from other countries? (yes,

In Vn,……. Vs IN …..)

And how?

1. How do Vietnamese people exchange business cards?

*With older people…………// With younger people………………*

1. How do you usually give business cards to others?

*To the older people…………// To younger people………………)*

1. How do you take business cards from others?

*From older people…………// From younger people………………*

1. What are the topics Vietnamese people usually have for small talks?(

**( health, life, children,weather…..)**

1. What are the topics that you should avoid for small talks?

(marriage status, age, salary,…)

1. How do you point at someone?

*I never point at someone/ I point at someone with an open palm.*

1. How do Vietnamese people indicate numbers with their fingers?

* *One finger for number one, 2 fingers for number two, ten fingers for numbers 10, There is no special things in indicating number in Vn.*

1. What does the “thumbs-up” sign mean in Vietnam?

**Vietnamese people greet the younger by………….( saying hello, hugging, kissing,….) and they often ………..(say hello, bow, shake hands,….) when they meet the older. The greeting customs in Vietnam are different from other countries. For example, Vietnamese rarely kiss when they meet while European often do that. I prefer light handshakes (firm handshakes) to firm handshakes (light handshakes). I seldom exchange business card, but when I give to someone or take from others, I usually use both hands (one hand). In small talks, I think we should talk about weather, sports or fashion and avoid talking about ages, salary or family. Each of us has our own ways to greet other, try to be polite.**