SPEAKING TOPICS – B1.2

1. You and your partner will speak to each other about **your dream job in the future.**
2. You and your partner will speak to each other about **your last holiday.**
3. You and your partner will speak to each other about **your plan for next holiday**.
4. You and your partner will speak to each other about **your favorite journey**.
5. You and your partner will speak to each other about **your favorite gadget** *(e.g., smartphone, laptop, etc.)*

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| **Topic 1: Your dream job in the future** | * What would you like to be in the future? * Why would you like to be a…? * Did someone in this career inspire you? * What do you hope to get in this career? * What will you do to prepare for your career in the future? * *I have always wanted to become………….* * *…………… is what I find intriguing and fascinating.* * *I’d say ………….is the company that I’d love to work for.* * *To be able to be …………., I need…………..* |
| **Topic 2: your last holiday.**  *.* | * What is your last holiday? * When did it occur? * What did people do on that day? * How were your feelings on that day? * Where did you go on your journey? * Why did you got to this particular place? * What did you do and with whom? * Did you enjoy your journey? Or if not, why? * **When did you go?** -last week / weekend / holidays / month / summer / Christmas, etc. * **Where did you go?** - to the country. - to a seaside resort - to another country.- How did I get there? -by coach / train / car**-** How long did the journey take? - 5 hours - 20 hours - 1 day **- Why did I go?** - I went to a birthday party / a wedding. - I was on holiday. - I went there for fun / to know the place / to visit a friend / to buy clothes, etc. **- Who did I go with?** - with my family. - with some friends. - with my classmates. * **What did I do during the journey?** - I listened to some music on my ipod. - I read a very interesting book. - I ate some sandwiches / fruit, etc. - I had a chat with my best friend. - I surfed the web on my laptop. - I slept all the journey. - I took some photographs. - I sent some text messages.   **Describe the place**   * Exciting: Thú vị; * Lovely: Tuyệt vời, đáng yêu * Vibrant: Sôi động * Coastal city: Thành phố biển; * Get around: Đi thăm thú; * Flea market: Chợ trời; * Worth-living city: Thành phố đáng sống; * Graceful and charming: Duyên dáng và quyến rũ; * Flavourful authentic local specialities: những món đặc sản địa phương đích thực   🡺*I would like to talk about a holiday I went on in…………….*  *🡺I actually just finished a ….weeks/ days trip in*  *🡺I went with my ………. to a town/ city called ……………….*  *🡺I decided to go there so that I could experience……………*  *🡺There was so much to do there that we only had a chance to do just a few things on our weeks/days trip. For example, we…………………………..*  *🡺I definitely enjoyed our trip and would go there again if we could* |
| **Topic 3:** **your plan for next holiday** | * When and where you are you going to go? * Who are you going to go with? * How are you going to spend your next holiday? * What are you going to do? * When are you coming back? * How long are you going to be on vacation? * Is anyone going to travel with you? * Are you planning to go on a vacation? * Are you going to take a plane from ….. ? * Are you going to take the train? * Are you going to spend a day in ….? * *To fly to another country* * *To rent a car* * *To go camping* * *To go climbing* * *To go swimming* * *To go to the beach* * *To rent a car* * *To surf* * *To swim in   a waterfall* * *To go fishing* * *To go hiking* * *To go dancing* * *To take the sun* * *To go to an amusement park* * *To go to a water park* * *To go to a museum* * *To go abroad* * *To visit a national park* * *To go to the movies* * *To do exercises* * *To play a sport* * *To rest* |
| **Topic 4**: **your favorite journey** | * Where did you go on your journey? * Why did you got to this particular place? * What did you do and with whom? * Did you enjoy your journey? Or if not, why? * **When did you go?** -last week / weekend / holidays / month / summer / Christmas, etc. * **Where did you go?** - to the country. - to a seaside resort - to another country.- How did I get there? -by coach / train / car**-** How long did the journey take? - 5 hours - 20 hours - 1 day **- Why did I go?** - I went to a birthday party / a wedding. - I was on holiday. - I went there for fun / to know the place / to visit a friend / to buy clothes, etc. **- Who did I go with?** - with my family. - with some friends. - with my classmates. * **What did I do during the journey?** - I listened to some music on my ipod. - I read a very interesting book. - I ate some sandwiches / fruit, etc. - I had a chat with my best friend. - I surfed the web on my laptop. - I slept all the journey. - I took some photographs. - I sent some text messages. * **Describe the place** (You can use adjectives! And sometimes you can use "is" and "are" becausethe place is still there, it hasn't disappeared)  - The weather was beautiful and sunny. - There were a lot of people / tourists / children, etc. - The place is full of expensive restaurants and new hotels. - There are a lot of modern cars in the streets. * **What did I do there?** ( Mention when you did different activities) - In the morning / afternoon / evening / after lunch - At .... o'clock... - Then, ... - After that, ... * (Include different, varied activities in the past)- went / went back / saw / played / visited / ate / had / bought / took photos   ***Write about something INTERESTING that happened to you there.*** |
| Topic 5: Your favorite gadget. | * What is the gadget? * When did you get it? * How often do you use it? * and say why is it so important to you * How long have you had it? * Describe it and why do you like it? * Are there any problems with your gadget? * **computer age**: the period in modern history characterized by rapid technology development and widespread computer use.    | *Living in a computer age has many benefits.* * **computer buff**: a user who is good at working with a computer.    | *Mike is a computer buff. He got an A+ on his programming exam.* * **computer fatigue:** a syndrome of tiredness resulting from long computer usage.    | *About 60% of IT specialists are affected by computer fatigue.* * **cutting-edge**: something innovational and leading.    | *Cutting-edge technology.* * **desktop PC**: a personal computer that remains on a desk.    | *I have an old desktop PC that I use for surfing the net when I’m home.* * **digital editing**: a process of changing digital materials like audio or video files.    | *Being good at digital editing is essential in our time.* * **download (podcasts)**: to save a copy of a file from the internet to your own device.    | *Yesterday I downloaded a few films that I plan to watch during the weekends.* * **essential**: something you can’t imagine your life without.    | *Internet is an essential piece of technology for many people.* * **gadget**: an advanced piece of technology, like smartphone.    | *Nowadays almost everybody owns a gadget.* * **geek**: someone who is obsessed with technology, especially computers.    | *My friend is a real geek. He owns a bunch of computers and other gadgets* * **hold the line**: wait a minute.    | **She told me to hold the line, because she had to open the door.** * **large screen**: a big-sized monitor.    | *A few days ago I decided to renew my computer, so I bought a large screen for it.* * **light years ahead:** very far away from.    | *Modern computers are light years ahead of those which people used in 90s.* * **on the cutting edge**: at the forefront of progress.Paul’s new laptop is on the cutting edge of technology. * **operating system**: the most important program that runs the computer.    | *I chose to buy a laptop which is based on the Windows operating system.* * **out of steam**: tired, exhausted.    | *Due to today’s intense workday I am out of steam, so I won’t be able to work tomorrow.* * **rocket science**: a very complicated subject for someone.    | *Biology is a rocket science for me. I don’t understand anything in it.* * **send an attachment**: send an email with an added file.    | *My brother sent an attachment with his homework to the professor.* * **silver surfer**: an old person, who uses the Internet.    | *Uncle Bob is a silver surfer. He uses the Internet every day, although he’s almost 70.* * **social media**: media used to interact with other people.    | *Facebook is the biggest social media in the world.* * **time-consuming and inefficient**: something that takes too much of your time and isn’t rational to do.    | *I find watching football time-consuming and inefficient.* * **to access websites/email**: to visit websites/email.    | *John accessed his email today to see if he had received any letters.* * **to back up files**: to make a copy of files in case of a computer problem.    | *I had to back up files on my computer, because I was going to reinstall my operating system.* * **to be stuck behind a computer**: to use computer for a long period of time.    | *A lot of teenagers are stuck behind their computers all day.* * **to boot up**: to start a computer.    | *I booted up my computer as soon as I got home.* * **to browse websites**: to search for websites.    | *I spent a few hours browsing the websites today, until I found was I was looking for.* * **to crash**: to suddenly stop working.    | *My computer crashed when I was writing my essay.* * **to go online**: to use the Internet.    | *Millions of people go online every day.* * **to navigate a website**: to find what you need on the website.    | *Navigating a website is not very easy, especially if the website is poorly designed.* * **to pull the plug**: to end an activity.    | *After being stuck behind a computer all day, I decided to pull the plug*. * **to push someone’s buttons**: to do specific thing to irritate somebody (usually intentionally).    | *I became so angry because he pushed my buttons by adding pepper to my ice cream!* * **to surf the web**: to look through websites, searching for something you need, or simply for entertainment.    | *I was surfing the web yesterday for three hours, because I had nothing else to do.* * **to upgrade**: to renew a software or a piece hardware.    | *Thanks to the new program for students, I updated my computer for free.* * **well-oiled machine**: something that works perfectly well.    | *My computer, despite being 7 years old, is still a well-oiled machine.* * **widespread computer use**: that is to say people use computers very often. * **Wi-Fi hotspots**: a public place where you can access the Internet.    | *Our university has a Wi-Fi hotspot. It is very convenient*. * **wireless network**: a network where users can access the Internet without using any cables.    | *We have installed a wireless network at home*. * **word processing**: writing, editing and producing words on a computer, using special programs.    | *There are tons of word processing programs.* |

Topic 2

Last summer, I spent about a week going to Vung Tau with my friends, and it was awesome. I study far from home, so I usually come back home during the summer break.

However, last year I decided to do something new before coming home, and I had created great memories with my friends. We hired an apartment, and it was very comfortable and convenient. We spent most of our time hanging around and playing on the beach.

Vung Tau was not a new place to us, but we really enjoyed the atmosphere and the sights there. Therefore, we went to many places such as the lighthouse and pagodas, and we took a lot of pictures. We ate out for the first two days, but later we decided to buy the ingredients to cook at home. It was cheaper and more delicious, so we had a chance to eat many different kinds of seafood.

We all went home after a week, but it was such a great experience that we are planning on doing it again next year.