# Work

What work do you do?

Why did you choose to do that type of work (or, that job)?

What do you do in that job?

Is your work the same as what you imagined it would be before you started this job?

Is your work (or, your job) difficult/easy?

Do you enjoy your work?

What's the most enjoyable part of your work?

Do you prefer to work in the mornings or in the afternoons?

Do you plan to continue doing that work? (or, that type of work / or, that job)

Would you recommend your job to other people?

# Studies

What subject are you studying?

Why did you choose to study that subject?

What have you learned from (studying) that subject?

Do you like XXX (your subject)?

What's the most interesting thing about your subject(s)?

Is your subject the same as what you imagined it would be before you started studying it?

Is it very difficult (or, easy) to study that?

What work are you planning to do (or, hope to do) after you finish your studies?

Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?

Do you prefer to study in a group, or study alone?

# Home (where you’re living now)

Do you live in a house, or a flat (= an apartment)?

Could you describe it a little?

Do you like your home?

Which part of your home do you like best?

Would you like to make any changes to your home?

Would you like to move to a different home?

What sort of home would you like to live in, in the future?

Would you prefer to live in a big house or a small one?

Do you get along well with your neighbours?

What are the differences between the place you live now and where you lived as a child?

# Hometown

Where did you grow up? (= What is your hometown?)

Is that a big place or a small place?

Do you like your hometown?

What do you like most about your hometown?

Has it changed much since you were a child?

Does it have good educational facilities?

Is the transportation system there convenient to use?

Would you say your hometown is (or, was) a good place to grow up?

Would you like to return to your hometown when you retire?

Would you like to live in the countryside?

# Colours

What colour(s) do you like?

What colour clothes do you like to wear?

Do you prefer dark colours or light colours?

What colour are the walls of your room?

What colours would you not like to have in your home?

Were colours important to you when you were a child?  (Or: Was colour important to you when you were a child?)

What colours did you like most when you were a child?

Does the colour of things influence you when you are shopping?

Do you think colours can affect a person's mood?

Are there any colours that have a special meaning in your country?

# Snacks

Do you like to eat snacks?

What (kinds of) snacks do you usually eat?

Do you (still) eat the same types of snacks that you ate when you were a child?

What was the most popular snack (among kids) when you were a child?

Has the taste of your snacks changed since you were a child?

How many times in a day do you usually eat a snack?

Is there any difference between the snacks you eat at different times of the day?

Are there any snacks that you have never eaten that you would like to try?

Do you think snacks are healthy?

Would you like to try foreign snacks?

# Swimming

Can you swim?

Do you like swimming?

Where do you swim?

How often do you swim?

Do you prefer to swim in the ocean or in a swimming pool?

What do you think are the advantages of swimming? (= or, knowing how to swim)

Did you learn to swim when you were young?

Do you think it's hard to learn to swim?

Is swimming a very popular activity in your country?

Do you think it is better to learn to swim as a child or as an adult?

# Photography

Do you (like to) take photos?

What do you take photos of?

In what environment (or, where) do you prefer to take photos?

How long have you been taking photographs?

Do you have any favourite photos?

Do you ever take photos of yourself?

Do you use a self-timer (when you take a picture of yourself)?

Would you like to improve your knowledge of photography?

What are the advantages, and the disadvantages, of taking photos with a mobile phone (or, smart phone)?

Is taking photos very popular in your country?

# Going Out with Friends

In your free time, do you prefer to go out with your friends, or stay at home?

How often do you go out with your friends?

When was the last time you went out with your friends?

Do you prefer to go out with your friends, or go out with family members?

Do you prefer to go out with many friends (= a group of friends), or just one or two friends?

Where do you usually go when you go out?

What do you do there?

Do you go out with your friends more than you did in the past, or less?

Do you stay at home more than you would like?

In the future, would you like to go out more than you do now?

# Communication

How do you usually communicate with your friends (and family)?

What do you usually communicate with them about?

When did you start using a mobile phone?

In what situations do you use your mobile phone?

When is NOT a good time to use a mobile phone?

Have you ever sent a postcard to your friends or family?

Do you prefer to write letters, or emails?

What kinds(s) of letter, email or message do you think is the most difficult to write?

Do you think handwriting is an important skill?

How important do you think good hand writing is?

# History

Do you like history?

Have you (ever) attended a history class?

Did you like it?

Do you prefer to read about history in books or learn about it from television?

When was the last time you read about history in a newspaper or magazine?

Do you like to visit (history) museums?

Did you ever visit any historical sites or museums when you were a child?

What do you think are the benefits of visiting a history museum?

Do you think it is important to talk about history?

Would you like to live in a historic home **/** building?

# Doing Things Quickly

Do you ever to do anything in a hurry?

What kinds of things would you do in a hurry?

What kind of things would you never do in a hurry?

When was the last time you did something in a hurry?

Do you like to work fast (or, in a hurry)?

Do you find it difficult to do things when you are in a hurry?

Do you think it's good to make quick decisions?

Do you think you (or people) can do things well if you do them quickly?

Do you make mistakes when you do things in a hurry?

Do you feel that life today is fast?

# Teachers

Do (or Did) you like teachers?

Do (or Did) you have a favourite teacher?

Do (or Did) you have any teachers (or, lecturers) who you don't (or didn’t) like?

Do you think it's important for students to have good relationships with their teachers?

Are teachers in your country very strict?

Do you agree that teachers should be strict?

Would you like to be a teacher?

What do most people in your country think of teachers?

What sort of personality do teachers need to have?

Do students in your country like their teachers?

# Bicycles

Do you know how to ride a bicycle?

Do you like riding bicycles?

What are the advantages (or, benefits) of riding bicycles?

Did you ride a bicycle when you were a child?

Do you think there are more bicycles in your country today than there were in the past?

Do you think it's important for children to learn how to ride a bicycle (bike)?

Why do children enjoy riding bicycles?

Would you say it is safe to ride bicycles in your hometown?

Would you say it is safe for children to ride bicycles in your hometown?

Where are the safe places to ride a bicycle in your hometown?

# Computers

How often do you use a computer?

Which websites do you often visit?

In what ways do people use computers in your country?

How 'computer literate' are you?

How much have computers changed your life?

Do you like using computers?

Would you like to learn more computer skills?

Do you think there are any disadvantages from working on a computer?

Do you think computers are important?

Do you think there should be restrictions on the use of computers by children?

# Dancing

Do you like to dance? (Why?/Why not?)

Have you ever learned to dance?

When was the last time you danced?

What kind of dancing do people in your country like (to do)?

When do people in your country dance?

Do you think there are any benefits for young people to go dancing?

Do you appreciate dancing when other people do it?

Is traditional dance popular in your country today?

Why do you think people like to dance?

Do young people like dancing in your country?

# Parks

Do you like parks?

Are there many parks or public gardens where you live (or, in your hometown)?

Do people in your hometown like to go to a park?

Do you often go to a park?

What do you do when you go to a park (or a public garden)?

Do you do the same things in parks that you did when you were a child?

Did you go to parks when you were a child more often than you do now?

Will you continue to go to parks in the future?

What types of people go to parks?

Do you think parks and public gardens are important in a city?

# Your Primary School

Can you describe your primary school?

Did you like it?

Was it far from your home?

How did you go to your primary school?

Do you remember the first day at your primary school?

Do you think that your primary school is special?

Would you say it was a good school?

If you could, how would you change your primary school?

Are you still in contact with friends from your primary school?

Have you ever returned to see your primary school again?

# Shopping

When do you usually go shopping?

Where do you usually go shopping?

When did you last go shopping?

What was the most recent thing you bought?

What time of day do you prefer to go shopping?

Do you prefer to buy things in big shops or small shops?

Is there any kind of shopping that you don’t like?

Do you prefer to go shopping alone, or with friends?

Do you shop on the internet?

Do you think people spend too much time shopping?

# Evenings

What do you usually do in the evenings?

Do you often go out with your friends in the evening?

Is there anything you don't like to do in the evenings?

Do you usually do the same things on week nights and on weekend evenings?

What do you usually do on Saturday night?

What did you generally do in the evenings when you were a child?

What sorts of night-time activities are available in your hometown?

What are some special occasions when people go out in the evening?

Is there much (or, any) difference between what you do in the evenings and in the daytime?

Are you willing to (or, would you like to) work in the evenings?

# Reading / Books

Do you like reading?

What sorts of things do you usually read?

Do you prefer to read books, or magazines?

What's the most recent book you have read?

Where do you usually read?

Do you like to read newspapers?

What's the most recent magazine you have read?

Do people in your country like to read?

What kinds of things (or, books) did you read when you were a child?

Do you think it’s important for children to read a lot?

# Your Country

Do you like your country?

Please describe your country a little.

Which part(s) of your country do most people live in?

What part of your country are you from?

What do you like the most about your part of the country?

Have you visited other parts of your country? (Why did you go there?)

What's your favourite part of your country?

How much do you feel that these places have (or, your country has) changed over the past few decades?

How much do you think your country will change in the future?

Do you want to live in your country in the future?

# Music

What types of music do you like to listen to?

Do you prefer to listen to CDs (or recorded music) or to listen to music at the actual performance (listen to live music)?

When was the last time you went to a musical performance?

What method (or what equipment) do you use to listen to music?

Is there any music that you don't like listening to?

Has your taste (or preference) in music changed since you were a child?

Do you think you will go to concerts in the future?

Do students in your country have to study the creative arts, such as music?

Do you think music is an important part of life?

Would you like to perform in a concert?

# Sport

Do you like sport?

What sports do you like?

What kind of sports is popular in your country?

Did you learn any sports when you were a child?

Would you say sport is important?

# Groups

Do you like to do things in a group?

Did you do (any) group activities when you were a child?

Did you do (any) group activities (or work) at school?

Do you work together in groups often?

What do you dislike about group work?

Do you think it’s important for people to work in groups?

# Social Media/Networking Websites

Do you (often) use social media/networking websites?

When did you first use one of these websites?

Is social media (or, are social media websites) very popular in your country?

Do you think social media will become more popular in the future?

In the future, do you think you will use social media more than you do now, or less?

Do you feel social media is more a positive thing, or more negative thing?

Do you like to use Facebook?

# Staying Up Late

Do you prefer to go to bed late, or early?

Have you ever stayed up late?

What did you do?

How did you feel the next day?

Do you think children should stay up late?

When you were a child, did your parents (ever) let you stay up late?

# Science

Do you like science? (How much? Why or why not?)

What do you find most interesting about science?

Is there anything about science that you don't like?

What science do (or did) you learn at school?

Do you like watching television programs about science?

Are science museums very popular in your country?

What future scientific developments do you think we will see?

# Transportation

Which do you prefer to use (or most often use) when you travel in a city or town, a bus or a taxi?

How often do you take a bus?

Are buses convenient to use where you live?

What form of transport do you prefer for long-distance trips?

Have you ever taken a long bus trip?

Do you think it's important to have public transport available?

# Hand-Made Things

In your country, what sorts of things are made by hand?

Are these things very popular? (Or:  Is making things by hand very popular in your country?)

Did you make anything by hand when you were a child?

Do you think schools should teach handicrafts to school children?

What are the advantages of doing (or, learning) handicrafts?

Is there anything that you would like to learn to make (or do) by hand?