

IELTS SPEAKING CUE CARDS

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Work and studies (always in use)

1. Do you work or are you a student?
2. What work do you do?
3. Why did you choose that **job**?
4. Do you like your **job**?
5. Is there anything you dislike about your **job**?
6. What was your dream job when you were young?
7. Have you changed your mind on your dream **job**?
8. What subjects are you **studying**?
9. Why did you choose to **study** that subject?
10. What do you like about your **studies**?
11. What do you dislike about your **studies**?

Hometown (always in use)

1. Please describe your hometown a little.
2. What is your town well-known for?
3. Do you like your home town?
4. Is that a big city or a small place?
5. How long have you been living there?
6. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?
7. How has your town changed over the last 20 years?

Country (always in use)

1. Tell me a little about your country.
2. Which part of your country do most people live in?
3. Where is your country located?
4. Tell me about the main industries in your country.
5. What are some of the good things and some of the bad things about living in your country?

Home (always in use)

1. Can you describe the place where you live?
2. What kind of housing accommodation do you live in?
3. What do you like about your flat?
4. Which room does your family spend most of the time in?

5. What can you see from the windows where you live?
6. Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?
7. What would you like to change in your flat?
8. What do you dislike about your flat?

Science

1. Are you interested in science?
2. Did you have science classes at school?
3. Do you think it is important to study science?

Cakes

1. Do you like eating cakes?
2. Have you ever made a cake?
3. Do you like having desserts?
4. What desserts are popular in your country?

History

1. Do you like history?
2. Did you enjoy learning history when you were a child?
3. When was the last time you read about history?
4. Do you think history is important?

Parks

1. Are there many parks near where you live?
2. Do you like going to parks?
3. When was the last time you went to the park?
4. What activities do you do in park now?
5. Do you think there are enough parks or gardens in your hometown?
6. What did you used to do in parks as a child?

Laughter

1. When was the last time you laughed?
2. Do you like watching funny programmes on TV?
3. Do you like to make people laugh?
4. Do you think it is important for friends to laugh together?

Pens and pencils

1. Do you prefer to use a pen or a pencil for writing?
2. When was the last time you bought a pen or a pencil?
3. How would you feel if someone gave you a pen or a pencil as a gift?

Running

1. Do you like running?
2. Where do you run?
3. Did you do running in sports lessons at school?
4. Have you ever tried to run a long distance?
5. Would you prefer to watch a running competition live or on TV?
6. Do you think running is a good way to stay healthy?

Water sports

1. Have you ever done any water sports?
2. What kinds of water sports do you like doing?
3. What kind of water sports would you like to try?
4. Are water sports popular in your country?

Spending time alone

1. Do you like spending time by yourself?
2. How do you usually spend your time by yourself?
3. What did you do last time when you were by yourself?

Art

1. Do you like going to museums?
2. Have you ever been to an art gallery?
3. Did you take art classes when you were a child?
4. Are there any paintings on the wall in your bedroom?

Scenery

1. In your country, are there many places to see beautiful scenery?
2. Do you like to visit places with beautiful views when you are traveling?
3. Is there good scenery in your hometown?
4. Do you like to take pictures of beautiful scenery?

Numbers

1. What's your favourite number?
2. Are you good at remembering phone numbers?
3. Do you usually use numbers?
4. Are you good at Maths?
5. What numbers are important to you?
6. Will you need to use numbers in your future work?

Breaks

1. Do you prefer a long break or several short breaks?
2. How often do you take a break?
3. What do you usually do during a break?
4. Why do you need to take a break?

Sleep

1. How many hours do you sleep every day (or every night)?
2. Do you think it's good to have a nap during the day?
3. Do you think old people need more sleep than young people?
4. Have your sleeping habits changed since you were younger?

Public transport

1. Do you travel by public transport?
2. When was the last time you travelled by public transport?
3. What you don't like about public transport?
4. Would you prefer to use public transport in the future?

Fish

1. Why do people go fishing?
2. Do you like eating fish?
3. Where can you see fish?

Insects

1. How do you like insects?
2. Are there many different insects where you live?
3. Do you think insects are useful?

News and newspapers

1. Do you read news?
2. Do you think the Internet is a good way to get news?
3. Which do you prefer reading, magazines or newspapers?
4. How often do you read news?
5. Do you discuss news with your friends?

Age

1. Do you like your current age?
2. What do you like about it?
3. At what age do you think people are the happiest?
4. What was the most important decision you have made?

Jokes

1. Are you good at telling jokes?
2. Do your friends like to tell jokes?
3. Do you like to watch comedies?

Handwriting

1. What's the difference between writing with a pen and typing on a computer?
2. Can we tell someone's personality from his or her handwriting?
3. Do you often write with a pen?
4. Is your handwriting easy for other people to read?
5. Do you usually write by hand or write using a computer?

Plants

1. Do you like plants?
2. Do you know anything about growing plants?
3. Do you keep plants at home?
4. Did you grow any plants when you were young?

Photos

1. Do you like to take photos?
2. How often do you take photos?
3. How do you store your photos?
4. Do you prefer to take photos of yourself or have other people take photos?

Street markets

1. Are there many street markets in your country?
2. What do street markets sell?
3. What is the difference between street markets and supermarkets?
4. Do you often go to a supermarket?

Drinking water

1. How often do you drink water?
2. What kind of water do you like to drink?
3. Do you drink bottled water or water from water machines?
4. Do you think water is an important resource?
5. Have you ever encountered a situation when there was no water to drink?

Social media

1. Are you a social person?
2. What kind of social networking websites do you like to use?
3. What kind of people do you like to be friends with on those websites?
4. What kind of chatting apps or software do people in your country like to use?
5. What are the drawbacks of using social media?
6. Do you use more social media compared to the past?

Borrowing and Lending

1. Have you ever borrowed books from others?
2. Have you ever borrowed money from others?
3. How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?
4. Do you like to lend things to others?

Tidiness

1. Are you a tidy person?
2. Do you think people should be tidy all the time?
3. Are you tidier at work or at home?

Plans

1. What is the hardest part about making plans?
2. What is the most recent plan you made?
3. Do you make plans every day?
4. Are you good at managing your time?

Neighbourhood/Local Area

1. Do you like the area that you live in?
2. Do you know any famous people in your local area?
3. Where do you like to go in that area?
4. What are some recent changes in your local area?

Countryside

1. What do you usually do in the countryside?
2. Have you ever lived in the countryside?
3. Would you enjoy living in the countryside?
4. Will you live in the countryside in the future?

Public Holidays

1. How many public holidays do you have in your country?
2. Which public holiday is your favourite?
3. What do you usually do on a public holiday?
4. Do you think people need more public holidays?

Staying up late

1. Do you sometimes go to bed late?
2. What do you do when you stay up late?
3. How do you feel when you have stayed up late the night before?

Celebrities and Stars

1. Have you ever met a celebrity in real life?
2. Who is your favourite movie star?
3. Are international superstars popular in your country?

Cooking and baking

1. Do you like to cook?
2. Have you ever baked a cake?
3. Would you like to learn how to bake?
4. What kinds of things are baked in your country?

Colours

1. What's your favourite colour?
2. Do you usually wear clothes in your favourite colours?
3. Are there any colours you dislike?
4. Do you like dark colours or light colours?

Movies

1. What's your favourite movie?
2. Do your friends like this movie?
3. What kind of movies do young people like?
4. Would you like to be a movie star?

Walking

1. Do you often walk?
2. Where do you walk?
3. Do you think you walk enough?
4. Do you think people will walk more in the future?

Languages

1. Which languages do you speak?
2. What are the common languages in your country?
3. Would you like to learn a new language?
4. Is it important to speak a foreign language?

Music

1. When do you listen to music?
2. How much time do you spend listening to music every day?
3. What kinds of music do you like to listen to?
4. Have you ever been to a concert before?

Travel

1. Do you like travelling?
2. What kind of cities do you like to travel to?
3. Which cities have you travelled to?
4. Which place that you have visited has left the deepest impression on you?

Wild Animals

1. Have you ever seen wild animals before?
2. Which wild animals do you like the most?
3. Do you like to go to the zoo?

Wearing Jeans

1. Do you like wearing jeans? Why?
2. Why are they so popular?
3. Do you prefer to wear certain brand of jeans?
4. Do most people like to wear jeans?

Numbers

1. Do you have a favourite number?
2. Are you good at memorising numbers?
3. Do you often use numbers to do something?
4. Would you like to have a job that deals with numbers?

Perfume

1. Do you wear perfume?
2. What's your favourite perfume?
3. Have you ever given someone perfume as a gift?
4. Would you spend a lot of money on a perfume?

Patience

1. Are you a patient person?
2. Were you patient when you were young?
3. How do you feel when people are not patient?
4. Are people in your country generally patient?

Coffee or tea

1. Do you like coffee or tea?
2. Do you remember when you drank coffee/tea for the first time?
3. Do offer coffee and tea to visitors when they come to your home?
4. What are the benefits of drinking coffee or tea?

Friends

1. Do you have a lot of friends?
2. What do you do with your friends?
3. Is it important to have a lot of friends?

Speaking Part 2

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1. Describe a small successful business you know

You should say:

- what business it is
- how you know about it
- what products it sells
- who the customers are
- whether you like it or not

Follow ups:

1. Are there any new developments in business in your country?
2. What are the main types of companies in your country?
3. What are the drawbacks of working in a family-owned company?
4. Has IT made any impact on business?
5. How can environmental problems influence business in the future?
6. Do you agree that nowadays it is easier to set up a business than in the past?
7. What makes some companies more successful than others?
8. What qualities does one need to run a successful business?
9. Is it better to have your own business or work for a company?
10. Why do some people prefer to have their own business than work for a company?
11. What kinds of small business are most popular in your country?

2. Describe a person who has apologized to you

You should say:

- who this person is
- when this happened
- what this person said for apologizing
- explain how you felt about the apology

Follow ups:

1. Is it possible for people to learn to be more considerate to others?
2. Why is it important for people to know how their behaviour affects people around them?
3. Will society benefit if people put their own interests first?
4. Do you think that people should show that they care about someone by actions, not words?
5. Do you think people often say 'sorry' when they don't really mean it?
6. Do you think our modern society makes us selfish?
7. Why are some people more selfish than others?
8. In what situations do people say sorry?
9. Why do some people hate or find it hard to say sorry?
10. In what situations should we apologize immediately?
11. When was the last time you found it hard to accept apology?

3. Describe a family member that you spend a lot of time with

You should say:

- who this person is
- what this person looks like
- what you like to do with him or her
- explain why you like this person

Family, society

1. Do you think now people are more encouraged to be individualistic than before?
2. What responsibilities should people have towards society?
3. Who should take care of old people, the government or their families?
4. What is good and what is bad about having strong family relationships?
5. Do you prefer support from your family or your friends?
6. In your country, what kinds of family members usually live together?
7. In a typical family in your country, who plays the leading role?
8. These days' people from different generations live together; do you think this is a problem?
9. Do young and middle-aged people live with old people?
10. Is it important to visit relatives?
11. How do you get along with your parents?

12. Do young adults in your country like to communicate with old people?
13. How do grandparents educate their grandchildren in your country?
14. Do you think both parents should take equal responsibility for taking care of their children?
15. What responsibilities should children have towards their parents?

4. Describe an interesting animal you have seen

You should say:

- what it looks like
- when you saw it
- where you saw it

and explain why it was interesting

Animals, pets

1. Why has human activity affected some kinds of animals more than others?
2. How are pets now different from those in the past?
3. Do animals cause more problems in the countryside than in cities?
4. Is there any difference between the way animals were used for work in the past and nowadays?
5. What problems will keeping pets bring?
6. Is it safe for animals to live in cities?
7. Why do more and more people become vegetarians?
8. Do you agree that animals shouldn't be used in experiments?
9. Do you think animals are important?
10. What should we do to protect endangered animals?
11. Why do you think wild animals should be protected?
12. What animals are common in your country?

5. Describe a time you went to a crowded place

You should say:

- what place it was
- when you went there
- who you went with
- what people do there
- why you liked or disliked it

Crowded places, city life, urban design

1. Do people like to go to crowded places?

2. What are the negative aspects of crowded places?
3. In what ways can we fix traffic problems?
4. Why do people still like living in cities despite there are traffic jams?
5. What facilities does your city have?
6. How can governments improve living standards in densely-populated cities?
7. What makes a well-designed city?
8. How can a badly-designed city influence its dwellers?
9. Do you think that the only possible way to make an ideal city is to build a new one?
10. What can be done to make cities less crowded?
11. Do you agree that in the future cities will become so crowded that they will have no green spots?
12. What places are often crowded in your country?
13. Do people change their behaviour when they get to a crowded place?
14. Why have many cities become so densely populated?

6. Describe a change that can improve your local area

You should say:

- what place needs to be improved
- how often you go there
- what you dislike about this public place
- what should be done

Community, changes

1. What activities are popular in your community?
2. Are people living in one community friendly with others?
3. Do people like living in community?
4. Do you think change is crucial if society wants to develop?
5. Why do you think adapting to change is difficult for some people?
6. How does technology influence community life?
7. Do you think community life will change in the future?
8. Is there anything bad about living in the area where everyone knows one another?
9. Is it important to communicate with other people living in the area?
10. What places are popular for meeting friends in your area?
11. Do you think change is good?
12. Do you think that people who live in large cities don't have a sense of community?
13. Is community life as important nowadays as it was in past?
14. Which is more important: a sense of community or a sense of national pride?
15. Can online communities be considered real communities?

7. Describe your dream home

You should say:

- what kind of accommodation it will be
- where it will be
- if it will be big or small
- what it will look like

Accommodation, living in the city, lifestyles

1. Is it good that now people have an opportunity to live and work abroad?
2. What is the difference between living in the countryside and the city?
3. How do people choose a city to live in?
4. Do most people in your country live in a flat or a house?
5. What are the benefits of living in a house?
6. Do people in your country mostly buy their own home or do they rent their home?
7. What types of accommodation are popular in your country?
8. What is good and bad about living in an old house and in a new one?
9. Do environmental concerns have an impact on people's lifestyles?
10. Have people's lifestyles changed for the better?
11. Is it good for elderly people to live in cities?
12. Where do people like to live in city or suburb?

8. Describe a situation when you helped someone

You should say:

- what the situation was
- who the person was
- how you helped them
- how you felt after helping them

Helping others, giving advice

1. What kind of international aid can be offered to people?
2. Do you like helping others?
3. In your view, should children be taught to help others?
4. How can we encourage children to help others?
5. What advice should parents give to children?
6. Should parents give advice to help you decide what friends you make?
7. Do you think people are less willing to help others these days compared to the past?
8. Should parents help their kids do homework?
9. Should children help their parents?
10. What can people do together to improve the local environment?

11. Do you agree that first-world countries must help poorer countries?
12. Which is better, to provide expertise or financial aid to those in need?
13. What personal qualities should a good neighbour have?
14. Why are younger people obliged to help older people?

9. Describe a job you would not like to do in the future

You should say:

- what it is
- how it is done
- whether you think it's easy or difficult
- explain why you don't want to do it

Jobs, robots

1. Which is more important for young people, an interesting or well-paid job?
2. What motivates people to work harder?
3. What jobs do young people prefer?
4. How have robots and computers changed the way people work?
5. Do you think that nowadays all jobs could be done by robots?
6. Why do many young adults keep changing their jobs?
7. Do you think people will work more or less in the future?
8. Do you agree that some people are naturally more hard-working?
9. Do you think that work has psychological importance for people?
10. Do people nowadays like to leave their hometowns to work in other cities?
11. Which do you prefer, physical work or mental work?
12. Do you think the jobs in past involved more physical work?

10. Describe an important journey that was delayed

You should say:

- where you were going
- why it was delayed
- how it affected your plans
- how you felt

Transportation

1. In what ways can we fix traffic problems?
2. Will there be fewer cars if public transport is free?
3. What needs to be improved in public transport?
4. How should governments improve public transport?

5. Is it fair to limit the use of private cars?
6. Should governments encourage people to use public transportation?
7. What's the most popular means of transportation in your country?
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of private transport?
9. How can transport be developed in rural areas?
10. How much do different means of transport cost?
11. Why has travelling by plane become so popular?
12. What problems do people face when travelling to work?
13. How will driverless cars influence the way people will live?
14. Do you think that the most important think for transport will be speed?
15. Will people still travel all over the world given that they can see any places online?

11. Describe an important skill you learned

You should say:

- what this skill was
- when you learned it
- how you learned it
- why it was important

Skills, success

1. What skills are important for success in business?
2. Do you think playing computer games can help people develop skills?
3. What skills can be learned from playing team sports?
4. Do you think communication skills are important at work?
5. Do you think teamwork is important?
6. Where can we learn practical skills?
7. What age will make it difficult for people to master new skills?
8. Who would you learn a skill from, friends, teachers or parents?
9. What's the difference between children learning and adults learning what they have to learn?
10. What is the difference between required skills in the past and those at present?
11. Can people develop skills necessary for work without having formal qualifications?
12. Do you agree that watching TV doesn't develop any useful skills?
13. Is it important for people to learn new skills all life long?
14. Do you think that people will need fewer skills in the future due to the advancements in technology?

12. Describe an important text message that you received

You should say:

- what sms it was
- when you received it
- how you felt
- why it was important

Phone calls, messages, communication

1. Do you think traditional letters are a good way to send important messages?
2. Does technological development have a negative impact on communication among people?
3. Why do people write letters?
4. Nowadays, do people prefer to write letters or emails?
5. Why do letters contain more emotions?
6. What tools for communication will be popular in the future?
7. Is it good that countries' leaders have international meetings?
8. Do you agree that the only possible way for countries to cooperate effectively is to communicate effectively?
9. Do you think countries would have no conflicts if everyone spoke one new language?
10. How do people send important messages nowadays?
11. Why do some people prefer not to send messages if there is something important?
12. Which is a better way to communicate, through writing or speaking?
13. Why do people make phone calls instead of sending text messages when there is something important?
14. Is it more polite to make phone calls than send messages?

13. Describe one time when the weather broke your plans

You should say:

- what you planned
- when and where you were
- what kind of weather it was
- explain why you couldn't finish what you did

Weather, climate

1. Why are people interested in the weather?
2. What do people do on rainy days and sunny days?
3. What activities are popular in your country in different seasons?
4. Where can people get weather reports?
5. Does weather have any impact on people's daily activities?
6. Does weather affect your mood?

7. Has climate change affected your country?
8. Has climate change affected your country?
9. Does weather affect your mood?
10. What do you wear when it's cold outside?
11. Why do people need to wear thick clothes when it's cold outside?
12. When it's rainy outside, how can people go to work?
13. Why do people wear hats on sunny days?
14. What's the weather usually like in your hometown?
15. Do you think people should be more worried about climate change than they are?
16. Is the government in your country doing anything about climate change?
17. Do you think people should change their behaviour and lifestyles to reduce climate change?
18. Why do people do different kinds of sport in different weather?
19. What weather do people like in your country?
20. Do people in your country talk about weather when they meet for the first time?
21. How does weather influence different jobs?
22. Is it possible to predict weather accurately?

14. Describe an experience when you couldn't use a mobile phone

You should say:

- what you did
- when it was
- where it was
- why you were not allowed to use a mobile phone

Phone calls, social rules

1. Many people think mobile phones can be annoying at times. Can you give any examples of that?
2. Do you think there should be laws or rules on the use of mobile phones?
3. Do young and old people use phones in the same way?
4. Do young and old people have the same attitude towards politeness and social rules?
5. Are people today as polite as people were in the past?
6. What is the best age to give a mobile phone to a child?
7. How do you like children having phones?
8. Does the Internet have any influence on social conventions?
9. Do you think the world would become a better place if all people had the same rules of behaviour?
10. Is it important to have some rules of polite behaviour?
11. Do you think that social norms were more stringent in the past than now?
12. Do you think people need to understand and accept social conventions of other countries?
13. Are there any places in your country where it is forbidden to use mobile phones?

15. Describe a challenge that you met/faced recently

You should say:

- what it was
- when it happened
- how you faced it

Why it was a challenge and explain how you feel about it

Follow ups

1. Do you think parents should give challenges to children?
2. What is the most challenging thing for kids?
3. Can parents reduce the challenges kids have? How?
4. What challenges do you think children might have to face up to?

16. Describe an article on health that you read online or in a magazine

You should say:

- what the article was about
- where you read it
- why you read it

and explain how you felt about it

Health, keeping fit, Internet

1. What do old people in your country do to keep fit and stay healthy?
2. What else can people do to keep fit apart from sports?
3. Do you think people are healthier now than in the past?
4. Why is that many people today don't want to lead a healthy lifestyle?
5. Is it more difficult to stay healthy now?
6. What can governments do to improve people's health?
7. What is the role of government in educating people about health?
8. Are articles about healthy living always useful?
9. How can you tell whether a website is reliable or not?
10. What activities can schools organize for children to keep fit?
11. How can media improve or influence people's knowledge about health?
12. Should employers be responsible for improving health of their employees?
13. Should educating people about health begin at school?
14. Do you think pharmaceutical companies shouldn't not be allowed to make profit from new medicines?
15. Do you think healthcare should be free?
16. What problem does state healthcare system have regarding an aging population?

17. Describe an exciting event

You should say:

- what it was
- when and where it was
- who you were with
- why you were excited

Celebrating and organising events, nature

1. What do adults do at parties?
2. How do people celebrate their personal events?
3. What do children do at a birthday party?
4. Is it worth spending money on celebrations?
5. Do you think there were more family celebrations in the past than now?
6. Why do people organise family parties in your country?
7. Do people in your country like to hold parties?
8. What factors should people consider organising events?
9. What natural phenomena do people consider beautiful?
10. Do you think it is not necessary for city dwellers to understand the natural world?
11. Do you think that development of technology has made people more interested in natural phenomena?
12. What are the advantages and drawbacks for countries of participating in international festivals or sports events?
13. Why do some companies sponsor public events?
14. Does the community benefit from organising local public events?
15. How much time do people need to prepare for celebrations?
16. Which personal events need a lot of planning?
17. Do you think people spend too much money on celebrating their personal events?
18. What personal events do people usually celebrate?

18. Describe a uniform you wear/uniform you have worn

You should say:

- what it is like
- when you wear it
- who bought it for you

and explain how you feel about it

Uniforms, clothes

1. Can you say something about a person's character judging by clothes they wear?

2. What are the benefits of wearing a uniform?
3. Why do children dislike wearing a uniform?
4. Does personality affect how people choose what to wear?
5. What kinds of clothes should people wear at work?
6. What kinds of clothes do people wear after work?
7. What clothes do you like?
8. When should people wear formal clothes?
9. Do people wear formal clothes more often than before?
10. Why do many young people wear the same clothes as their friends?
11. Do you agree that nothing shows a person's identity as clearly as clothes?
12. Do many school children wear a uniform in your country?
13. Is there anything bad about wearing a uniform at work?
14. Do you think wearing a uniform makes people feel more loyal to the company?
15. On what occasions should people wear uniforms?
16. Should companies ask for employees opinions about the design of uniform?

19. Describe a trip that you went on by public transport

You should say:

- where you went
- what means of transport you took
- who you were with
- how you felt about the trip

20. Describe a goal you achieved

You should say:

- what it was
- why you wanted it
- what you did to get your goal

And explain how you felt about it

Goals, success

1. Why do people like to set personal goals?
2. In general, how do people measure or assess the success of others?
3. Do you think that mistakes can help people achieve the greatest success?
4. What factors should people take into account when planning a career?
5. Why is it that some people achieve success faster?
6. Do you think it's important for a person to set career goals?
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9. Do you think it's important for a person to set career goals?
10. Why is it that some people achieve success faster?
11. What would you feel if you couldn't achieve your goals?
12. What kinds of goals are not realistic?
13. What will encourage children to learn more?
14. Who has the greater influence on goal-setting of children, parents or teachers?
15. Should parents set goals for children?
16. When do young children start setting goals for themselves?
17. What can happen if personal goals interfere with career goals?
18. What personal goals do people usually set?

21. Describe something you bought that was hard to use at first

You should say:

- what it was and where you bought it
- why it was hard to use
- how you started using it successfully
- how you felt about it

Follow ups

- What types of products are difficult to use at first?
- Do you think it is necessary to follow the fashion and use the latest products?
- Do you believe that some products are over publicized?
- Why do you think advertisements are useful in selling products?
- Which do you think is better buying things online or buying things in real shops?
- How do people pay for things they buy online?
- Why are imported products more expensive than locally made products?
- What do you think of those people who only buy expensive things and look down on other people?

22. Describe a project or some work that you did with others as a member of a team

You should say:

- what the team was like
- why you joined it
- what you did
- how you felt about it

Teamwork, international collaboration

1. How can a country benefit from being a member of international organisations?
2. Is it important to encourage children to play team sports?
3. What qualities do you think a good team member should have?
4. Do you think teamwork is important?
5. How do you think a team should be organized?
6. Do you think it's important for children to have experiences doing things in a team?
7. Do you think countries will collaborate more in the future?
8. Which do you think people enjoy more, individual success or success achieved as part of a team?
9. Do you agree that international cultural events unite countries?
10. Are there any school activities that are better to do in a team, not on your own?
11. Why do some kids dislike doing things in a team?
12. Do you agree that a team at work needs a leader to work effectively?

23. Describe a person in the news you want to meet

You should say:

- who this person is
- how you know this person
- what he or she is like
- why you want to meet him or her

Celebrities, news

1. What sorts of people often appear in news in your country?
2. Do you think famous people ever have a negative influence on ordinary people?
3. Are there any differences between the people who were famous a few years ago (e.g., 10-50 years ago) and the people who are famous today?
4. What qualities do famous people have in common?
5. Through what kind of media can they be famous?
6. Are stories about celebrities in the news always true?
7. Why do people like news about celebrities?
8. Do you think there is too much news about celebrities?
9. Has news reporting nowadays changed compared to the past?
10. Is it important to report both national and global news?
11. Which is more informative: written news reports or TV news reports?

24. Describe a person who taught you something important

You should say:

- who this person is
- what this person taught you
- how they taught you
- why you think it was important

Teaching, learning

1. Do you think that government should encourage all people to have higher education?
2. What is the best age for children to go to school?
3. How can technology be used in the classroom to make studying more interesting?
4. What qualities should good school teachers have?
5. Is it better to study in a group or individually?
6. What kinds of people are good at teaching?
7. Do we really need teachers to learn something?
8. What can young people teach old people?
9. Who can learn better, old people or youngsters?
10. What skills do you need to have to be a good learner?
11. Do you think that the main purpose of university is to help people develop thinking skills?
12. Do you think that people will no longer need to study at university because of developments in technology?

25. Describe a performance or show you enjoyed watching

You should say:

- what performance it was
- when and where it was
- who were the performers
- why you liked it

Follow ups

1. What is the difference between watching the performance live and watching it on TV?
2. Which do you prefer traditional performance or a concert?
3. Should government provide financial support to promote traditional performances?
4. Is learning drama or dancing helpful for children?

26. Describe a dinner that you enjoyed

You should say:

- what who organised this meal and where you had it
- what you talked about during the meal
- what you ate and drank
- why you enjoyed it

Eating out, food

1. Will you choose a cafe or restaurant when you meet others?
2. What are the differences between a cafe and a restaurant?
3. Is it important to have a meal together with your family?
4. Is it expensive to eat out in your country?
5. More and more people are unwilling to cook. Why is this happening?
6. Do you like to try new food?
7. What kinds of foreign food are popular in your country?
8. Do you like to cook at home?
9. Is food now better than in the past?
10. Do people in your country care about products where it comes from?

27. Describe a person who you have lived with before

You should say:

- who this person is
- when you lived with this person
- why you lived with this person
- how you felt about living with this person

28. Describe a polluted place

You should say:

- where it is
- when you visited this place
- what kinds of pollution you saw there
- and explain how this place was affected

29. Describe an interesting neighbour

You should say:

- who this person is
- how often you see him or her
- how long you have known this neighbour
- why you consider this person interesting

30. Describe something you brought from a tourist attraction

You should say:

- what it was
- when it was
- where you brought it from
- why you brought it

Souvenirs, photos

1. What souvenirs do people usually bring from tourist attractions?
2. Why do people take photos during trips?
3. Why do people buy souvenirs?
4. Why do local people sell souvenirs?
5. Is it good that the locals sell things to tourists?
6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling with a camera?
7. Do you think people will be happy when they receive gifts like key rings?

31. Describe an advertisement you remember well

You should say:

- what type of advert it was
- what it advertised
- where you saw or heard it
- how it influenced you

Advertising

1. What are the advantages of Internet ads?
2. Is music useful in advertising?
3. Why do some people hate advertisements?

4. Do you think advertising on TV is more efficient than advertising in magazines?
5. What are the advantages of TV advertisements?
6. How do ads make us buy what we don't need at all?
7. How do ads make people buy new products?
8. Is it a good idea to make ads controlled by the government?
9. How does advertising influence children?
10. What are popular types of advertising?
11. What type of media advertising do you like most?
12. Is there any advertising that can be harmful to children?
13. What factors should be taken into account while making advertisement?

32. Describe an occasion when you wore your best clothes

You should say:

- what the occasion was
- what you wore
- where you bought the clothes
- what other people at the occasion thought of your clothes

Clothes, traditional attire

1. What kinds of clothes should people wear at work?
2. Do you think people should wear formal clothes in the workplace?
3. When should people wear formal clothes?
4. Do people wear formal clothes more often than before?
5. Why do some people like to wear traditional clothes?
6. Do old people change their style of dressing?

33. Describe a person who has interesting ideas and opinions

You should say:

- who this person is
- what this person does
- how you know this person
- why you think his or her ideas are interesting

Ideas, children

1. When do children begin to have their own ideas?
2. How can teachers help children develop their ideas and opinions?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of setting rules for children?
4. Why are there more and more differences between children and their parents?

5. Is there someone with good ideas that has changed many people's lives?
6. Whose ideas and opinions are widely respected in your country?
7. How useful is it to watch TV shows where famous people discuss ideas and opinions?
8. What encourages people to come up with new ideas or inventions?
9. Why are some people reluctant to change their ways of thinking?
10. Do you agree that people should spend more time reading about the ideas of famous thinkers of the past?
11. What important changes in popular ideas and opinions have taken place recently?

34. Describe something difficult you would like to succeed in doing

You should say:

- what it is
- why it is difficult
- how you would like to prepare for it
- why you would like to be successful in it

35. Describe a dinner that you had with your friends

You should say:

- who organised this dinner, where you had it
- what you talked about during the meal
- what you ate and drank
- why you had this meal with your friends

Meals

1. Do people in your country like to eat at home?
2. What's the difference between having meals at home and at a restaurant?
3. How often do people in your country like to eat out?
4. Is it possible that everyone will eat at restaurants instead of at home in the future?
5. What are the advantages of eating at restaurants?
6. Are there any disadvantages of eating at restaurants?
7. More and more people are unwilling to cook. Why is this happening?
8. Why do more and more people like to eat at restaurants?
9. What are the benefits of having dinner together with your family and friends?
10. Do you think having dinner at home is a good idea?
11. Why do some people like to eat alone?

36. Describe a time you missed an appointment

You should say:

- what the appointment was
- when and where it was
- why you forgot about it
- how you felt

37. Describe an occasion when family member asked you for help

You should say:

- who asked you for help
- when it was
- how you felt
- how you felt about it

38. Describe a big company you are interested in

You should say:

- what the company is
- how you know about it
- what kind of business this company does

Why you are interested in this company and explain how you feel about it

Companies

1. What is the difference between big companies and small companies?
2. Are there many big companies in your country?
3. What are the good things about working for a big company?
4. Is it difficult to get a promotion at a large company?
5. How can a small company grow big?
6. Should big companies be punished more seriously than small companies?
7. What help do young employees get from old employees?

39. Describe a friend who is a good leader

You should say:

- who this person is
- how you know this person
- how this person behaves
- why you think this person is a good leader

Follow ups:

1. Are men better at decision-making in a family?
2. Should a leader discuss with team members when making decisions?
3. Who is the head of the family in your culture?
4. In a typical family in your country, who plays the leading role?
5. There are more male than female world leaders. Do you think this will change in the future?

40. Describe a water sports you want to try in the future

You should say:

- what the sport is
- whether it will be easy or difficult
- what you would have to do for it
- why you want to do it

Water activities, water transport

1. What water sports are popular in your country nowadays?
2. Do you think it is important to learn to swim?
3. What occupations are associated with water?
4. Do you think having a river has an impact on tourism in the city?
5. Is travelling by water as important now as it was in the past?
6. What are the pluses and minuses of transporting goods on water?
7. Do you think cruise trips will become more popular in the future?
8. Do you think it is good to teach swimming in schools?
9. Why do people like to live near water?
10. What are the advantages of water transportation?

41. Describe a programme or app that you think is useful

You should say:

- what it is

- how you know it
- how to use it

And explain why it is useful

The logo for 'Magical Overseas' features the word 'Magical' in a large, bold, sans-serif font with a yellow-to-orange gradient and a sparkling, particle-like texture. Below it, the word 'Overseas' is written in a smaller, solid grey sans-serif font. The text is centered within a large, glowing yellow circle that has a soft, ethereal glow and a subtle particle effect around its perimeter.