



**Working Holiday
Course
(Topic Card)**

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Background:

This task is for learners to enhance their ability to communicate common happenings about them uninterrupted. Students should be able to organize their answers properly and deliver their answer with confidence.

- Rates your ability to express your opinion about different topics
- Duration: 3-4 minutes per task card
- One – on – one interview
- Task card includes points you have to cover
- You are given 1 minute for preparation and 2 minutes for answering
- Follow-up questions may be given
- Most topics are stories about yourself or something that happened to your life

Overall, you will be assessed on your:

- fluency and coherence
- vocabulary
- range of grammar and accuracy
- pronunciation.

This means that all of your preparation must concentrate on these areas.

Your score is based on the following criteria:

1. Fluency and Coherence – how you speak at length and maintain flow; how you use connectives and discourse markers

- Avoid silence or hesitation
- Speed of speech
- Pausing correctly
- Speak at length on each topic
- Use words to connect ideas, discourse markers / transitional words
- Extend answers
- Add relevant detail to explain or illustrate answers

2. Lexical Resources (Vocabulary range) – ability to use a wide range of vocabulary covering personal and non-personal topics

- Use a wide range of vocabulary
- Use vocabulary accurately: Meaning and Form
- Use idioms and collocation
- Paraphrase

3. Grammatical range and accuracy – ability to use a range of sentence structures

- Speak in complex sentences
- Use a variety of grammatical forms
- Avoid grammatical mistakes
- Tenses

4. Pronunciation – how easily you are understood and use of pronunciation features, i.e., intonation, stress, rhythm

- Pronounce words accurately
- Join sounds together
- Vary intonation
- Correct sentence stress

Tips:

- Extend your answers, talk as much as you can
- Practice with different topics
- Focus on the task
- Speak clearly and loudly
- Normal pace, not too slow and not too fast
- Do not memorize answers, just have an idea about different possible questions
- Pay attention to your verb tenses
- Ask your interviewer to repeat or explain the question if the task is unclear
- Make up some stories
- You are being marked on your speaking abilities, not your knowledge
- If you cannot remember the vocabulary, describe it
- make the most of your 1 minute, prepare your ideas with key words only
- start preparing as soon as you received your task card
- your teacher will tell you when to start talking
- choosing an answer – familiarity, first thing that comes to mind, easiest
- there are no correct or wrong answers
- answer the bullet points vertically
- answer just like telling a story – transitions
- no idea – specific to general

How to construct your answers:

1. Introduction:

- Memorize a good opener

Well, there are many ___ I could talk about, but I suppose ___

Today, I would like to talk about...

2. Cover the bullet points vertically

- Give as much details as you can per bullet point
- Connect every bullet point with proper transitions

3. Conclude

- Based on the main idea

Here's a list of prompt words that you can use to help you prepare:

- Introductory phrases - when you start your talk:

- ♣ I'm going to talk about...
- ♣ I'd like to talk about...
- ♣ I want to talk about...
- ♣ What I'm going to talk about is...
- ♣ I'm going to describe...

- Developing phrases - when you want to expand your argument:

- ♣ First of all, ...
- ♣ Secondly, ...
- ♣ Additionally, ...
- ♣ Another thing...
- ♣ Another reason why...
- ♣ What's more, ...

- Background phrases - when you want to add some detail:

- ♣ It's near...
- ♣ It happened...
- ♣ It took place...
- ♣ It's been going on for/since...
- ♣ At that time...

- Impression phrases - when you want to say something that made an impression on you:

♣ ... impressed me

♣ ... disturbed me

♣ ... affected me

♣ ... motivated me

♣ ... touched me deeply

♣ ... influenced me.

♣ ... moved me

♣ ... had an effect on me

- Things you like phrases - when you want to describe or talk about things you like:

♣ I like... most of all

♣ I'm really keen on...

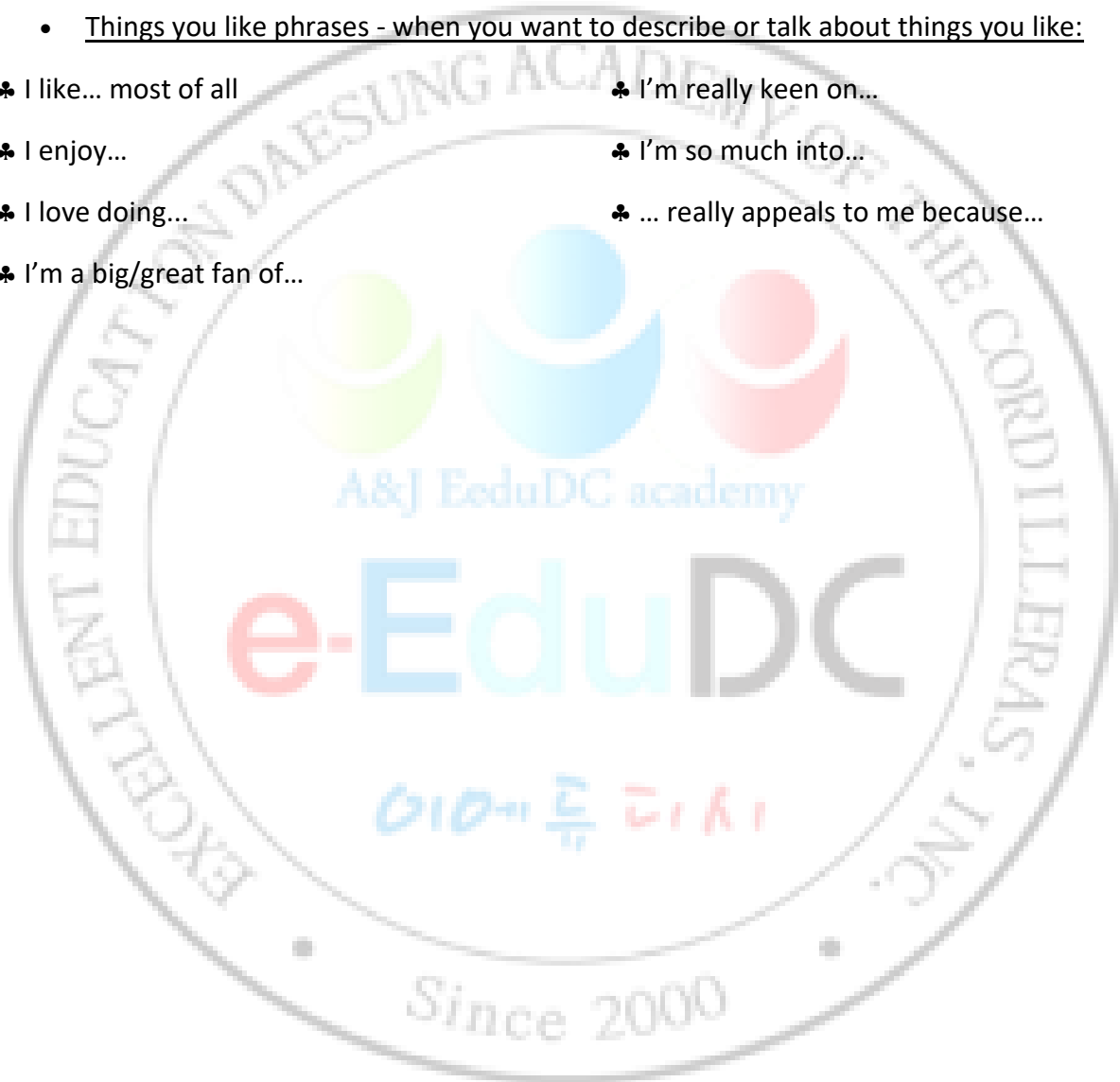
♣ I enjoy...

♣ I'm so much into...

♣ I love doing...

♣ ... really appeals to me because...

♣ I'm a big/great fan of...



Sample Topic One

Useful Vocabulary

Useful vocabulary and expressions

turning point

crucial (adj.)

decisive (adj.)

important (adj.)

graduation (n.)

marriage (n.)

marry (v.)

getting married

divorce (n.)

divorce (v.)

birth (n.)

promotion (n.)

death (n.)

die (v.)

give up (n.)

I guess my second year at high school was a crucial year for me.

1999 was a turning point in my life.

2001 marked the beginning of my professional career.

I was hired by a large company.

I was accepted in university for a course in metallurgy.

I got married in the summer and I moved to Tehran with my wife in September.

I was promoted to sales manager in late November that year.

In May, my first child was born and we named her Anahita.

2008 was a great year for me because I gave up smoking and started a new job.

My father-in-law passed away in the winter and left us a sizable fortune!

My father was diagnosed with cancer and we had to move into my parents' house to look after him.

I think the events of this year made me stronger emotionally.

At the end of that year, I was on the road to success in my career.

The financial accomplishments I had in 1998 helped me develop a better life for my family.

Talk about an important year in your life.

You should say:

how old you were

what important things you remember from that year

where these things happened

and say why you think that year was important.

Exam Remedy: Preparing Notes

In the second section you will have one minute to prepare. Use this time to prepare notes to support yourself during the talk. These notes must be very brief and only contain the main points of your answer.

You can use bullet lists to organize your ideas:

2000

- 18
- 1. Driving certificate-Eslami Institute
2. Started university-Birjand
- 1. Could drive
2. University is important
3. Met my closest friend there
4. started to live independently

Note: Avoid writing full sentences in your notes. Write keywords or phrases only.

Sample Topic Two

Useful Vocabulary ancient (adj.) historical (adj.) pre-historic (adj.) antique (adj.) palace (n.) castle (n.) fort (n.) amazing (adj.) breath-taking (adj.) impressive (adj.) tomb (n.) burial place	ruins (n.) statue (n.) inscription (n.) monument (n.) west/east/south/north of Iran western/eastern/southern/northern parts of Iran It is located in the western province of Ilam. It is situated 20 kilometers to the west of Mashad, a major city in the northeast of Iran. It is in Naghshe Jahan square in the city of Isfahan. Its historical value is undeniable. Pasargad is definitely one of the most interesting historical sites in the region. Persepolis is a symbol of Iranian historical and cultural heritage. These inscriptions are remnants of the ancient Maad civilization.
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Describe an interesting historic place.

You should say:

what it is

where it is located

what you can see there now

and explain why this place is interesting

Sample Answer Notes

Pasargad

- Burial place of King Cyrus
- 80km from Shiraz, S-Iran
- 1. Cyrus's tomb
- 2. Castle remains
- 1. Symbol of Iranian heritage
- 2. Great king, yet very simple tomb

Sample Topic Three

Useful Vocabulary

visit (v.)

located (p.p.)

situated (p.p.)

famous (adj.)

climate (n.)

weather (n.)

cuisine (n.)

countryside (n.)

downtown (n.)

suburb (n.)

public transportation

Shiraz is located in south-central Iran, about 920 kilometers south of Tehran.

I went there last summer to visit my uncle.

My trip to Tehran was of business nature.

I went there on business.

Isfahan is famous for Zayanderood, a beautiful river that runs through the city.

Shiraz is host to millions of visitors and tourists every year.

There are many museums to visit.

The people are very hospitable and friendly.

The restaurants are fantastic and the local cuisine is excellent.

What interested me most about this city was that it was very clean and orderly despite all the traffic.

I guess what I liked most about Tabriz was the weather.

Getting around was quite easy.

The city had a fantastic countryside with a river and many farms.

Describe a city you have visited which has impressed you.

You should say:

where it is located

why you visited it

what is there to see

and what you liked about it.

Sample Topic Four

Useful Vocabulary

novelist (n.)

author (n.)

popular (adj.)

character (n.)

detective (n.)

crime (n.)

thriller (v.)

romance (n.)

science-fiction (n.)

fiction (n.)

novel (n.)

masterpiece (n.)

contemporary (adj)

major author

short story

My favorite author is Jules Verne, a French science-fiction writer who lived in the 19th century.

She usually wrote about human connections and relationships.

His stories are mostly concerned with crime and criminals.

She could develop highly-complicated characters.

The plots are very exciting and thrilling.

His stories are quite imaginable and convincing.

The reason why I'm a real fan of his is that he focused on delicate human emotions such as love.

In this masterpiece, he describes the life of a British businessman in India.

The endings of his novels are fantastic and unpredictable.

Talk about your favorite writer (author).

Talk about:

who he/she is

what he/she usually writes about

what his or her best work is

and why you like this author.

Sample Topic Five

Useful Vocabulary

publicity (n.)

commercial (n.)

advertisement (n.)

ad (n.)

promotion (n.)

promote (v.)

advertise (n.)

business (n.)

plot (n.)

private business

non-profit organization

A commercial I enjoy watching is an ad for a new car from Ford.

This commercial advertises a new toothbrush from Oral-B.

Sanford is a privately-owned business and makes markers and pens as well as other school or office stationary.

The commercial compares their product with ordinary products from other companies.

The commercial demonstrates the capabilities of a new tool.

The director has employed special effects and animation to display the effects of this new product.

The plot is very amusing.

The comparison is made in a very interesting way.

This commercial has a moral lesson.

Describe a TV commercial you like very much.

You should talk about:

which business or organization sponsors it

what it is about

whether it has been successful

and why you like it very much.

Sample Topic Six

Useful Vocabulary

festival

festivities

celebration

parade

carnival

party

firecrackers/crackers

fireworks

bonfire

chant (n)

chant (v)

It is held on the last Tuesday night of the Iranian year.

It is observed on the 30th of the Iranian month of Azar.

This night marks the end of the winter.

This is the longest night of the year.

People go out to the streets and the countryside.

People of all ages indulge in the festivities of the day.

Young people dance around, holding hands and chanting songs.

Bonfires are lit here and there.

It's a day/night of national pride and happiness.

The reason why I like this day/night is that...

I love this festival because...

I always find this a very delightful and enjoyable celebration.

The reason why this festival holds such significance is that...

The reason why this is such an important festival is that...

Describe a festival that is important in your country.

You should say:

when the festival occurs

what you did during it

what you like or dislike about it

and explain why this festival is important.

Sample Topic Seven

Useful Vocabulary

once

when

greatly

to some extent

in many ways

in a way

somehow

suddenly

nostalgic (adj.)

homesick (adj.)

happy

delighted/delighting

flattered/flattering

amazed/amazing

confused/confusing

depressed/depressing

embarrassed/embarrassing

irritated/irritating

annoyed/annoying

frightened/frightening

One of the things I can remember most clearly is my first day at school.

I remember once I was thrown out of the class for being mischievous.

One Friday morning, when I was 8 years old, my parents took me to the zoo.

This happened about/nearly 20 years ago when I was 9.

When I was at school, I used to chatter with my classmates during class time.

I had barely learnt how to speak then.

It was really frightening.

I was quite frightened.

This experience influenced my life in a number of ways.

This incident greatly affected my later life.

Describe a memory of your childhood.

You should say:

when it happened

what exactly happened

whether you remember it as a pleasant or unpleasant memory

and explain how it affected your later life.

Sample Topic Eight

Useful Vocabulary

stationary store

shoe store

grocery store

clothing store

boutique (n.)

florist (n.)

downtown (n.)

business district

shopping center

department store

chain store

shopping mall

interior (n.)

exterior (n.)

interior design

windows (n. pl.)

muzak (n.)

promotion (n.)

sale (n.)

bargain (v.)

bargain (n.)

One of the stores I love to shop from is a small boutique, called "Rangarang", which sells designer items and posh clothes.

There's a nice grocery store about half a block from my house, which is one of my favorite places to shop at.

The store has a beautiful decoration.

The store interior is painted in blue and is decorated with stripes of colored cloth.

The windows are full of colorful items like ties and shirts.

The shopkeeper is very kind and tactful.

The salespeople are polite and helpful.

I usually buy my groceries there every week.

My family and I love to buy our clothes at this boutique.

Talk about a favorite shop or store.

You should say:

where it is and what it looks like

what it sells

what you like to buy there

and say why you like the shop so much.

Sample Topic Nine

Useful Vocabulary

Splendid (adj.)

exotic (adj.)

distant (adj.)

forest (n.)

beach (n.)

spa (n.)

sunny/windy/cloudy/warm

cold/cool/humid/snowy/foggy

snow-covered mountains

ski slopes

go skiing

play volleyball

relax (v.)

meditate (v.)

go fishing

go horseback riding

read books

go shopping

collect seashells

My best choice for a holiday resort is Kish Island in the Persian Gulf.

I usually travel to Sar-Eyn to spend my holidays.

It's a 2-hour ride from Tabriz in Western Iran.

It's located about 55 kilometers north of Tehran on the coast of the Caspian Sea.

There are exotic beaches and the sun always shines.

The weather is splendid, usually warm and sunny all year round.

The slopes are usually covered with snow all winter long.

I often go there to relax.

We can go fishing and horseback riding all day long.

Talk about your favorite holiday resort.

You should say:

where it is

when you last visited there

what you can do there

and explain why you like this place very much.

Sample Topic Ten

Useful Vocabulary

Admire (v.)

respect (v.)

look up to (v.)

skeptical (adj.)

fabulous (adj.)

admirable (adj.)

approve of (v.)

make great friends

study (v.)

review lessons

watch films

go shopping

chat (v.)

talk on the phone

Sanaz has been one of my best friends for the past three years.

I have known Mehdi for about fifteen years.

My parents initially were skeptical about her, but as they got to know her more, they started to like her too.

My parents look up to him very much and approve of our friendship.

He is a wonderful friend and a brilliant student.

We usually get together to review and study university lessons.

We like to chat on the phone every now and then to catch up on each other.

We go hiking and mountain climbing together on holidays.

I admire her very much for a number of reasons.

The reason why I respect him is that he has always been very hardworking and responsible in his career.

Describe a friend whom you admire very much.

Talk about:

how long you have known him or her

whether your parents like him or her too

what you do together

and explain what is very admirable about him or her.

Questions with sample answers:

Describe a present you have given someone.

You should say:

- Who you gave it to
- What kind of present it was
- How it compared to other presents you have given

Explain why you decided to give this particular gift.

Model Answer

I'm going to talk about a present that I gave to someone.

The person that I gave it to was a very good friend of mine at the time. His name was Kaaliya and he came from India. I knew him because we studied together at a language school in Cambridge. Although we were from different backgrounds and cultures, we got on really well and we had the same sense of humor so we became very good friends.

The present was a picture that had been painted of the River Cam in Cambridge. It was not so big - maybe around 10 inches by 14 inches, but it was very beautiful. It came in a gold-plated frame and the picture had been drawn by a particularly well-known Cambridge artist. It had been signed by this person as well.

It's the first time I have given this person a present, and I guess **it's quite different from presents that I have given to other people before** – I don't recall ever giving someone a picture actually. If I'm buying for family then I'll usually buy clothes or maybe some jewelry if it is a special occasion. Normally when I've bought something for friends it's something more jokey so we can have a laugh about it, nothing that serious.

The reason why I decided to give this particular gift is because we had spent a lot of time together in Cambridge and we had had some really fun times punting on the River Cam – that's obviously why I thought this was an appropriate present. We used to go punting at least once a week, sometimes a couple of times. On one occasion there was a group of about ten of us that went down there, and we spent the whole day sitting by the river in the sun and as usual we went on a boat trip together. We all have a lot of photos to remind us of this great day.

So, my friend, Kaaliya, is the person that I gave a present to and this was because I felt it would always remind him of the fun times that we had and also of Cambridge.

Describe an old person that you know.

You should say:

- What your relationship is to this person
- How often you see them
- What people think about this person

Explain why you like them

Model Answer

Ok, I'd like to tell you about an old person that I know.

His name is John, and he is the owner of a small convenience store at the end of my street.

I would say that my relationship with him is as a friend. I know him because I regularly go to the shop in order to buy things when I don't have time to go to a supermarket. He's quite friendly and I always have a chat with him. I've known him now for about five years - since I've lived in the area in fact. That's why I'd now call him a friend.

I'd say that I see him fairly regularly. Like I said, I go to the big supermarket out of town sometimes to stock up, but you always need odd things during the week such as milk, or some snack or other. So, when this happens, I just have a walk down to his shop. So, I'd say I see him every one or two days.

I think John is pretty popular as he's been there for years as far as I'm aware, so most of the locals around the area know him. There will always be someone in the shop having a chat with him. They like him because he's not just the shopkeeper but he's also very involved in activities in the community. For example, I know he helps out at the old people's home some nights, and he runs the quizzes at the local pub. He also helps to organize the fete that is held each year in the town.

The reason that I like him is that he's great to have a chat with. For instance, a while back I was having problems with my work, and I was really feeling stressed. I didn't really have anyone to talk to at the time as my family is abroad and a couple of my good friends were not around. I mentioned it to John and he was great. He listened and also gave me some really good advice. He didn't need to do that so it was great that he made the time to anyway. Generally, though, he's really welcoming when you go to his shop. He'll always have a smile on his face.

Describe a happy childhood event.

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who was involved
- How you felt at the time

Explain why you remember this particular occasion.

Model Answer

I'm going to talk about a happy childhood event that I remember, and that event was my 13th birthday.

It was 10 years ago now because I'm 23. My birthday is on the 7th May. What happened was my parents surprised me on my birthday by telling me that they were going to take me to a theme park that is a few hours from our house. I'd never been before - it had only been open a few months and they knew that I really wanted to go. As I recall it was a Saturday that we went. They didn't tell me until the morning when I woke up that day.

My whole family was involved in the event. I have a brother and a sister so of course they came as well as my Mum and Dad, and not only that, we also picked up my grandparents on the way so they could join us. They were too old to go on the rides but it was still a great trip out for them!

The theme park was really amazing. There was a huge roller coaster which I remember was really scary but still excellent fun. One particular thing I remember is the ghost train. My younger sister was not allowed to go on the ride because she was too young and she was really upset and jealous of me and my brother! I think it was lucky she didn't though. It was really realistic – there were real people in there who were actually dressed up as ghosts and they jumped out just when you weren't expecting it – it made us jump so many times!

How I felt really depended on what I was doing. Obviously, I was excited the whole day, but I remember that I felt really exhilarated when I was on the rides such as the roller coaster, and scared but still excited on the ghost train.

The reason that I remember it so well is that I had been so desperate to go to the theme park and I'd been talking to my friends at school for ages about how I wanted to go. So, it was so great when I found out that I could. Also, I remember it so well because all of our family was together. My Dad was pretty busy most of the time with his work so we didn't always have much time to do things together when I was a younger.

So, for these reasons, it was a really special occasion that I'll never forget.

Describe an environmental problem that has occurred in your country.

You should say:

- The cause of the problem
- What effect it has had on your country
- The steps, if any, that have been taken to solve this

Explain why you think this problem is so important to solve.

Model Answer

Ok, I'm going to talk about a problem with the environment in my country.

One of the most serious problems at the moment is flooding. This is starting to happen every year and each year it seems to get worse. I think it may be caused by a number of factors. Firstly, there has been a lot of deforestation in the north of the country, a lot of it from illegal logging. Because of this, when it rains the water has nothing to soak it up so it just runs down the mountains and into the villages and towns. Another factor may be global warming. Scientists believe that this is causing more severe weather so this may account for the increasing amount of rain that we seem to be seeing. It also means the soil is drier so again the rain water runs off it rather than being soaked up.

Unfortunately, there have been really serious effects on my country. As I said, the excess water runs into the villages and the towns through the rivers and the rivers then overflow causing massive flooding. This effects thousands of people who then become homeless. Several hundred usually die each year as well. It travels through the country as it starts in the north and goes down to the sea, so it can affect many towns and the capital city too. This also has repercussions for the government as they have to spend so much money managing the disaster each year.

The government is trying to tackle the problem, but it is not easy. They are trying to stop so much deforestation but a lot of the damage has already been done so what can they do? They are also starting to build defenses such as walls along some of the major rivers that run through the town to try to stop them overflowing. Another thing they are doing is trying to improve their response systems. In most towns there is now a government organization responsible for coordinating relief operations and making sure they are prepared in advance.

I think this problem is a top priority to solve because it has such devastating impacts. As I mentioned before, it causes suffering for so many people and it is also a huge expense for the government and as we are not a rich country, we cannot afford this. It means that other services suffer because of a lack of money. There are other problems that my country has but I think that is by far the worst.

So, that is the serious problem in my country, and I only hope that it does not continue to get worse.

More Questions:

1. Describe an activity you enjoy doing on the weekends.

You should address:

What the activity is and what it involves.

When you first started doing the activity.

Whether you do the activity alone or with other people.

And explain why you enjoy the activity.

2. Describe a class you took that was very memorable.

You should address:

When you took the class.

Where you took the class.

The subject of the class.

And explain why the class was so useful.

3. Describe your favorite method of travel.

You should address:

What the method of travel is

How often you travel by this method.

Whether this travel method is cheap or expensive.

And explain why this method of travel is your favorite.

4. Describe your dream job.

You should address:

What the job is.

The job requirements.

The activities that are done on the job.

And explain why this job is your dream job.

5. Describe an important tradition in your family.

You should address:

What the tradition is.

How it's celebrated.

When it's celebrated.

And explain why the tradition is important to your family.

6. Describe a place you enjoy going to in your hometown.

You should address:

Do you prefer to spend time at places in your hometown, or explore new places elsewhere?

How often you go there.

What you do there.

And explain why you enjoy going to this place.

7. Describe your best friend.

You should address:

Who this person is.

How you met your best friend.

How often you see this friend.

And explain why this person is your best friend.

8. Describe your favorite season of the year.

You should address:

Which season it is.

What the weather is like during the season.

What you like to do during the season.

And explain why this season is your favorite.

9. Describe a snack food you enjoy.

You should address:

What the food is.

What it tastes like.

How often you eat it.

And explain why you enjoy this food.

10. Describe a song that's very meaningful to you.

You should address:

The name of the song.

Who sings it.

What the song is about.

And explain why the song is meaningful to you.

11. Describe a sport you find interesting.

You should address:

What the sport is.

Whether you play the sport, watch the sport, or both.

How long you've been interested in the sport.

And explain why you think the sport is interesting.

12. Describe a holiday that you celebrate with other people.

You should address:

What the holiday is.

Who you celebrate the holiday with.

How you celebrate the holiday.

And explain why you celebrate this holiday with other people.

13. Describe a technological device you recently purchased.

You should address:

What the device is.

What it can do.

Whether you use the device for fun, for work, or both.

And explain why you purchased the device.

14. Describe something you usually do at the beginning of the day.

You should address:

What you do.

Why you do it.

How important it is.

And explain why you do this thing at the beginning of the day.

15. Describe an important piece of furniture in your house.

You should address:

What the piece of furniture is.

How long you've had the furniture.

Where it is in the house.

And explain why that piece of furniture is important.

16. Describe a recent news story that surprised you.

You should address:

What happened.

When the story happened.

Where the story happened.

And explain why you found this news story surprising.

17. Describe a place where you often go shopping.

You should address:

Where this place is.

What you can buy there.

How often you go there.

And explain why you often shop at this place.

18. Describe a good decision you made.

You should address:

What the decision was about.

What you decided to do.

Why you made the decision.

And explain why you feel you made a good decision.

19. Describe a piece of art that you think is good.

You should address:

What kind of art it is.

What the art looks like.

Where you saw the art.

And explain why you think this piece of art is good.

20. Describe a gift that someone gave you.

You should address:

Who gave you the gift.

What the gift was.

When you received the gift.

And explain why the gift was given to you.

21. Describe a kind thing you did for someone.

You should address:

What you did.

Why you did it.

How the person or people responded to your kind act.

And explain the reasons that the act was kind.

22. Describe a time you had difficulty in learning a new language.

You should address:

What language you were learning.

What the difficulty was.

Whether or not you overcame the difficulty.

And explain why you found learning the language so difficult at the time.

23. Describe a toy you liked in your childhood.

You should say:

What it was

Who gave it to you

What it looked like

Explain why it was a special toy for you

24. Describe an indoor game that you liked to play when you were a child.

You should say:

what the game was

where you played it

who played this game with you

and explain why you enjoyed playing this game.

25. Describe a place where you read and write, apart from your home

You should say:

- What kind of place it is
- Where it is
- How often you go there
- Explain why you choose to go there

26. Describe a small and successful company you know.

You should say:

- the name of the company
- how you learnt about it
- what kind of business this company does
- and explain why you think this company is successful.

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

You should say:

- what the job is
- how much training would be necessary
- what is so special about this job
- and explain why you are not attracted to this job.

28. Describe a goal that you hope to achieve in the future

You should say:

- what this goal has to do with your life
- when you started thinking about this goal
- how you will achieve it
- and explain why this goal is important for you.

29. Describe a product made in the region you come from or a popular product from your home town.

You should say:

What it is, how it looks like

What is it used for

How is it made

Explain why your country makes it and why is it popular

30. Describe a friend or a person who encouraged you to achieve a goal

You should say:

Who this person is

What this person encouraged you to do

What this person helped you with

And explain why this encouragement helped you to achieve this goal

31. Describe a performance you recently watched

You should say:

what the performance was

where and when you watched the performance

who was performing

and explain why you enjoyed the performance

32. Describe a person in the news that you want to meet.

You should say:

Who he or she is

Why this person showed up on TV for?

What you know about this person?

and say why you want to meet him.

33. Describe a uniform you wear (at your school or company)

You should say:

what does it look like
when you wear it
who bought it for you
and explain how you felt about it

34. Describe the happiest day you had

You should say:

where you were
who were with you
what you did
and explain why you think it was the happiest day.

35. Describe a situation or a time when you helped someone

You should say:

who you helped and why
how you helped this person
what the result was
and explain how you felt about helping this person.

36. Describe a beautiful sky/sunset you observed (saw).

You should say:

where you were
what you were doing
who you were with
and say how you felt about it

37. Describe a time when someone apologized to you.

You should say:

- who apologized to you
- why they apologized
- where it happened
- and explain how you felt (or what you said) after this person apologized.

38. Describe an occasion when you lost something and then got it back.

You should say:

- what it was
- how you lost it
- why it was important to you
- and explain how you felt when you lost it

39. Describe an event that you attended recently that you enjoyed.

You should say:

- What the purpose of the event was
- Who you attended the event with
- What was unique or enjoyable about the event

40. Describe an interesting conversation you had with someone else.

You should say:

- who this person was
- where you met this person
- what you talked about
- why it was interesting

41. Describe a person who often travels by plane

You should say:

Who he or she is
Where he or she goes
Why he or she travels by plane
And explain how he or she feels about it

42. Describe a gift you gave that took a long time to choose.

You should say:

What it was
Who you gave it to
How you chose it
And explain why you spent a long time choosing it or explain how the receiver of the gift reacted

43. Describe a time when you did not tell the truth to a friend

You should say:

When it was
Where it happened
Why you did not tell the truth
And explain how you felt about it

44. Describe a photograph that you have hanging up in your home

You should say:

What it is and where it is in your home
Where it was taken
How you got it
And explain why you like it

45. Describe a film you would recommend to your friends

You should say:

Where you watched it
What it was about
Who you watched it with
and explain why you want to share with your friends.