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Part 1

Teenagers

1. Do you like to spend time with teenagers?
2. Do you know anything about the kind of fashion that teenagers like?
3. What are the best things of being a teenager?
4. How do teenagers entertain themselves?

Rainy days

1. Does it rain much in China? (Where? When?)
2. Is there any part of China where it doesn't rain much?
3. In which season does it rain most?
4. Can you remember any time when it rained particularly heavily in your hometown?

Neighbour

1. Do you know your neighbours?
2. Do you like your neighbours?
3. What do you think of your neighbours?
4. How often do you see your neighbours?

Pop star

1. Who is your favourite pop star?
2. Do you want to be a pop star?
3. Do you like to go to concerts?
4. Do you prefer live music or recorded music?

Boat

1. Have you ever travelled by boat?
2. Do you like boats?
3. Would you like to have your own boat?
4. Is boat trip popular in your country?

History

1. Do you like to learn about history?
2. What historical event do you find most interesting?
3. Do you think history is important?
4. Do you like to watch programs on TV about history?
5. How do you get information about history?

Advertisements

1. Are there many advertisements in your country?

2. Why do you think there are so many advertisements now?
3. How do you feel about advertisements?
4. Do you like advertisement?
5. What kind of advertisement do you like the most?
6. Where can we see advertisements?

Housework

1. Do you often do housework at home?
2. Do you think men and women should share housework?
3. What kind of housework do you usually do?
4. What kinds of housework do you dislike to do?
5. Do you think it's important for children to do some housework?

Part 2

Describe a leisure facility (cinema, theatre, sports centre)

you would like to have in your hometown

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

When you go there

And how you feel about it

Would people change their way of entertainment as they grow older?

What do young people do for fun?

Do you think entertainment methods will be home-based in the future?

Do you think it's important to take some time off work or study and do some leisure activities?

Describe a rule at your school that you agree or disagree

You should say:

What it is

Why it is made

What are the consequences of breaking the rule

Why you agree or disagree

Should companies have rules?

Should companies decide how long the working hours are?

What kinds of rules do Chinese families have?

Do you think rules are necessary in schools?

Should students involve in rule-making?

Describe an interesting place that few people know

You should say

Where it is
When you go there
What you can do there
And why few people know there

What kinds of tourist sites are popular in your country?
What can governments do to prevent pollution in tourist sites?
What are the advantages of visiting less known places?
What are the disadvantages when there are too many tourists in one site?

Describe a place you know where people go to listen to music

You should say:

Where it is
What kind of music is performed there
What type of people go there
Why people go there
And explain your impressions of this place

Should children learn to play instrument?
Should parents force them to learn music?
Is music education important in your country?
Some people say music is like math, do you agree?
What effects does technology have on music?
What are the advantages of leaning music?

Describe an important letter you received

You should say:

When you read it
What type of letter it is
What it is about
Why you read it/ why it is exciting

Which group would read more, young people or old people?
What's the difference between men and women in their reading habits?
Do you prefer books or movies?
Which gender reads more, male or female?
Is it necessary for parents to read stories to their children?

Describe an occasion when you helped a person

You should say:

What the situation was
Who you helped
How you helped
And explain how you felt after giving help

Do you like help others?

In your view should children be taught to help others?

How can we encourage children to help others?

Do you think people are less willing to help others these days, compared to the past?

How can charitable organizations help people?

What do you think are the benefits of having unpaid volunteer workers?

Describe a subject of science that you learned in secondary/high school

You should say:

What it was

What you learned

What do you think of the teacher

Explain how you felt about it

Is science an important subject in your school?

In what ways do people learn about science?

Would men learn science faster than women?

Is science popular in your country?

Describe something you bought recently that you were happy with

You should say:

What it was

Where you bought it

What it was for

and explain why it made you happy

How often do people in your country go shopping?

What kinds of places are popular for shopping in China?

Do you think online shopping will replace shopping in reality?

Did you ever have had shopping experience?

What would you do if you bought something disappointing from the internet?

How is online shopping so popular these days?

Describe a businessman you admire

You should say:

Who this person is

What this person does

Why this person is interesting

And how you think of this person

What kinds of business are popular in your country?

If you had the opportunity, what kinds of business would you do?

What age do people want to retire in your country?

Would young people want to retire in your country?

Would people want to do online business or run a company in reality?

Describe an experience that you taught a friend or a relative

You should say:

Who you taught

When you taught

What you taught

How you felt about the teaching

What kinds of teaching skills are important?

What kinds of teaching methods are suitable for old people?

What kinds of teaching methods are not useful?

Do people in your country like to take online course?

How to help old people learn?

Describe an achievement that you are proud of

You should say:

What it was

How you did it

How difficult it was

Why you are proud of it

Is it important to set goals?

Should people give up because they are afraid of failure?

Should old people set goals for themselves?

What kind of employees should be rewarded?

What does better working condition means?

Should people be allowed to rest in work hours?

Describe a piece of furniture

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

What it looks like

And explain how or why you use it

In your country, where do people buy the furniture for their homes?

What factors do people need to consider when buying furniture for the home?

Why do some people like to buy expensive furniture?

Do you think the style is important?

What's the difference between furniture in the office and furniture at home?

Describe an occasion where somebody gave you positive suggestions

You should say:
When you received
Who gave you the suggestions
What you did
And why the suggestions were positive/ how you felt

From a parent's perspective, is it useful to give children positive feedback?
What are the advantages of giving people positive feedback?
What would happen if parents overly encourage their children?
Who needs more encouragement, boys or girls?
Do you think parents should reward their children if they achieve something?

Describe someone who is a good parent

You should say:
Who this person is
How you know this person
What this person does
Explain why you think this person is a good parent

If you were a parent and you were busy at work, would you take care of your children on your own or hire a babysitter?
Do you think it's fair to let mothers take care of children all the time?
Some teenagers don't like to be controlled by their parents, what do you think?
What are the drawbacks if the children are looked after by their grandparents?
In your country, who will take care of children?
Do you think you'll be a good parent?

Describe a traditional product in your country

You should say:
What the product is
When you tried this product for the first time
What it is made of
Why you like this product

Did the products made in the past have better quality than the ones made now?
What effects do traditional products have on tourism?
Is it necessary to protect tradition?
Do you think teenagers should learn about tradition?
What kinds of traditions are popular in your country?

Describe an interesting person from another country

You should say:
Who this person is
What this person does

Why this person is interesting
And how you think of this person

Do you think communicating with foreigners is a good way to learn about foreign culture?

What are the disadvantages of working for an international company?

What kinds of problems will people have when they travel or live in a foreign country?

Do you like to make friends with people from other countries?

Describe a time you felt happy that you used your cell phone

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

Who you were with

Why you felt happy by using your cell phone

Do most people have mobile phones in your country?

Will the use of cell phone cause any problems to others?

Are children allowed to use mobile phones in your country?

What are the effects when someone is making a lot noise by using mobile phones in a public place?

The use of Discourse markers

Listen to my telephone call this morning. I use eight different discourse markers – can you hear all eight...?

...**You know** I was hosting an amazing dinner party last night? **Actually**, it was a complete disaster - I burnt the meat... people arrived when I was still cooking. **Mind you**, I did say 'turn up when you want'... and I did start cooking pretty late!

Anyway, as I was saying, I burnt the meat, the dishes were all ready at different times... the dessert was... oh **come to think of it**, I completely forgot to serve dessert!

So **basically**, everyone went home hungry. **Anyway**, how was your evening? **By the way**, before I forget, it's my birthday next week and I'm having a dinner party do you want to come?

So the first discourse marker I used was **you know**, we use this to say: 'I'm going to tell you some information that you already know.' "**You know** I was hosting an amazing dinner party last night?"

The second one I used was **actually** - we use this when we're about to give some surprising information or correct some information. "**Actually**, it was a complete disaster".

Then I used **mind you** - we use this when we're about to give an afterthought that contrasts the information that came before, so, "people arrived when I was still cooking. **Mind you**, I did say 'turn up when you want'..."

The next discourse marker I used was **anyway, as I was saying**. **As I was saying** is very useful because it means: 'I'm going to return to what I was talking about before'. So, "**as I was saying**, I burnt the meat" This is a previous topic.

Then I used the discourse marker **come to think of it**, we use this when you've just remembered or thought of something as you're speaking "oh **come to think of it**, I completely forgot to serve dessert!" I'm remembering this as I'm speaking.

Then I used **basically** - **basically** is used to summarise what you're going to say. "So **basically**, everyone went home hungry".

The next one I used was **anyway** - **anyway** is really useful and very common. We use it to say 'I'm going to change topic now' or 'I'm going to go back to the original topic' or 'I'm going to finish what I was talking about'. "**Anyway**, how was your evening?"

And the final one I used was **by the way** - we use this to say 'I'm going to change direction and talk about something that's not connected to the main topic. "**By the way**, before I forget, it's my birthday next week."