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Every student's ultimate practice and revision resource



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My English Portfolio contains 333 questions and answer options that cover 20 language acquisition topics. It helps students understand all the questions that can be asked about the 20 topics and prepare and practise their personal responses to these questions. The various answer tables are presented in a way that allows the students to pick and choose the parts of the answers that best reflect their own situation.

The Portfolio also encourages the students to review the relevant vocabulary and grammar prior to answering the questions, thus providing a great revision tool in preparation for the different assessment components.

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Welcome to your English Portfolio. This resource will help you turn your English language acquisition course into a personal journey and prepare you fully for the assessments.

What is the English Portfolio ?

Every language acquisition course is an organic course. You will learn vocabulary, grammar, syntax, skills and cultural facts throughout the various units that your teacher presents. While the course is open-ended, there are a wide range of themes and topics that *must* be covered and that are the same for all languages.

The following are the most common themes and topics of a language acquisition course :

Identities	Experiences	Human ingenuity	Social organization	Sharing the planet
Personal attributes	Daily routine	Transport	Neighbourhood	Climate
Personal relationships	Leisure	Entertainment	Education	Physical geography
Eating and drinking	Holidays	Media	The workplace	Environment
Physical well-being	Festivals and celebrations	Technology	Social issues	Global issues

Since the acquisition of a new language is an ongoing and organic process, you are encouraged to develop your personalized English **Portfolio**. The development of a Portfolio will help you a great deal as you expand your knowledge and understanding of spoken and written English and as you undertake progressively more complex readings, writings and oral presentations.

This Portfolio has been divided up into five themes and twenty topics. For each topic a number of questions have been suggested. The questions range from basic to complex and you are encouraged to answer each one of these questions whilst using the vocabulary and grammar that you learn in your lessons.

This process of answering many questions allows you to familiarize yourself with the topic-specific vocabulary, to revise and practise the grammatical concepts learned and to provide personalized answers in writing and speaking. The creative nature of the Portfolio also allows for differentiation, where you can challenge yourself to provide detailed answers, to explore grammatical variations (eg tenses) and to set minimum requirements for yourself (eg “use at least three adjectives”).

The table on page 4 shows you the various applications of your Portfolio.

Applications of the Portfolio	Writing	Listening	Read	Sp
Coverage of all the course topics	√	√	√	√
Vocabulary practice	√	√	√	√
Grammar practice	√	√	√	√
Writing practice	√		√	
Speaking practice				√
Listening practice		√		
Combining Portfolio paragraphs will lead to almost complete responses	√			√
Cultural understanding	√	√	√	√

By the time you reach the end of the course, you will have a complete set of questions and answers that will, in various forms, be tested in your various formative and summative assessments.

How do I use my English Portfolio ?

This Portfolio workbook contains a comprehensive list of questions and answer options that have been grouped by theme and by topic.

Your task is to :

- find the questions that you cover as you progress through the language acquisition course. For example, once you have covered part or all of the topic of “Eating and Drinking”, you should consult the Portfolio section on this topic;
- study the vocabulary and the grammar related to the topic in question before attempting to answer all the relevant questions;
- study the many answer options that have been given and select the ones that apply to your personal situation. From these options, construct your answers in a personalized manner. For example, when you describe yourself, simply select the features that correspond with what you look like. Of course, you are free to add more features or to change what needs to be changed;
- practise your writing but also your speaking : read the questions and the answer options out loud, draft your answer paragraph and learn how to say that paragraph;
- keep up to date with your course. As soon as you have covered a certain topic, or parts thereof, you should work on the corresponding questions. This will prevent your independent work from building up beyond manageable levels. Always remember that a new language is learned on a daily basis, not on the eve of the test or examination ...

- add your own additional questions at the end of each section. We do not claim to have produced an exhaustive list of questions.

Portfolio example

When you are being asked : « *Can you describe your house/flat ?* » (Question 14), you must not simply say that your house is big or small or that your flat has five rooms. In order to fully exploit this question and show how much you have learned in English, you should differentiate between :

- whether your home is a house, an apartment, a chalet, a mansion
- whether your home is big or small
- whether your home is modern or not
- whether your home is near the city centre, in the suburbs or in the countryside
- whether there is one floor or more than one floor
- how many rooms there are in your home
- which rooms there are in your home
- whether there is a garden or not
- whether there is a view of the mountains or of the town
- etc.

When describing your home, why not include a photo in your write-up, Powerpoint presentation or blog entry ? Be as creative and artistic as you can when working on your Portfolio – it is there for you to enjoy !

Possible formats of your Portfolio

Eventually your Portfolio will become a summary and a record of your language-learning experience. It is something you should celebrate and be proud of, so think of a way in which you can fully express yourself and revise best for your tests and examinations.

Some options include :

- using an exercise book to prepare your answers in writing;
- working on a word-processed Portfolio;
- developing a blog;
- creating Powerpoint presentations;
- producing short video clips;
- etc.

Your teacher may also ask you to produce a combination of the above (and other) options.

The addition of visuals to some of the responses will provide a great creative touch and will, in many cases, also aid recognition and recollection of these responses. Furthermore, you may occasionally present parts of your Portfolio to your classmates, either as practice or as an assessment.

Remember, in order to stand out from the crowd and fully explore your linguistic ability, you must produce answer paragraphs that have a range of vocabulary, grammar and cultural content. Don't be satisfied with one-word answers – they will not earn you good grades and they will limit the communication that you must establish with your audience.

Good luck !



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A. IDENTITIES



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A.1. Personal attributes



1. How are you ?

I am fine, Fine, I am very well, I feel great, Not bad,	thank you, thanks,	and you ?
So so,		
I am not well I don't feel well today I feel very tired today		

2. What is your name ?

My name is	Anna Christopher Daniela Ibrahim Suh Yoon
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3. How do you spell your name ? Can you spell your name please ?

A-n-n-a C-h-r-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-r D-a-n-i-e-l-a I-b-r-a-h-i-m S-u-h -Y-o-o-n
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4. What is your telephone number ?

My telephone number is	1234 5678 876 54 321
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5. What is your email address ?

My email address is	jsmith@yahoo.com lmessi@gmail.com
Note :	« @ » is pronounced « at » in English « . » is pronounced « dot » in English So you say : « jsmith at yahoo dot com »

6. What is your nationality ?

I am from	Australia China England Great Britain Indonesia Italy Japan Mexico Russia the United States		I am	Australian Chinese English British Indonesian Italian Japanese Mexican Russian American
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7. Where do you live ?

I live	in a small village on the outskirts of London in Jakarta, in Indonesia in Mexico, in North America in Paris, France in Shanghai, a big city in China here in Washington, near the White House not very far from here, at about ten kilometres from school very far from here, in India in the countryside just outside Vancouver
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8. For how long have you been living in <country/city> ?

I have been living in <country/ city>	for	only four weeks six months over a year now three years
	since	2010 I was born January 2012 last July the start of this year this summer
My family moved to <country/ city>		about two years ago at the start of last year in 2014 just before the summer six months ago

9. How old are you ?

I am	fourteen fifteen sixteen almost seventeen seventeen eighteen eighteen and a half	(years old)
I have just turned eighteen I will be eighteen in three weeks' time		

10. When is your birthday ?

My birthday is on	the eleventh of February the twenty-second of April the eleventh of November
	June first October sixth December fifteenth

11. When were you born ?

I was born on	the tenth of January 2002 the eighth of July 2003 August fifteen, 2004 April twenty-second, 2005
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12. Where were you born ?

I was born	in	Antwerp, Berlin, Delhi, Hong Kong, Moscow, San Francisco, Singapore
		Ecuador, South Africa, Germany, Australia, Canada, China, Congo, France, Ghana, Holland, Japan, Korea, Lesotho, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
		the Philippines the United States
		Lisbon, Portugal London, England Los Angeles, California

13. Which languages do you speak ?

I	speak am learning study understand get by in can understand used to speak	Arabic Chinese Dutch English German Greek Hindi Indonesian Japanese Portuguese Russian Spanish
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14. Can you describe your house/flat ?

My house My flat	is	very quite rather	big small modern old spacious comfortable quiet new
		situated located	at about twelve kilometres from the city centre in a beautiful neighbourhood in the centre of the city near my school
	has	a	small garden balcony garage veranda terrace
		two three	floors
		only one floor	

15. How many rooms are there in your house/flat ?

In my house In my flat	there are	nine rooms three bedrooms two bathrooms two balconies
	there is	a kitchen a lounge a dining room a living room a study room a garage a laundry room a games room a hallway an office
We also have	a big garden with trees and flowers a swimming pool in the garden a patio in front of the house a cottage in the back of the garden a rooftop garden	

16. Can you describe your room ?

My room is	very quite rather	big small comfortable modern bright clean disorganized spacious
I have There is	a bed a chest of drawers a wardrobe for my clothes a bookshelf a window that looks over the garden a desk with a computer and a desk lamp a television at the foot of my bed	
There are two beds - I share my room with my brother/sister		

17. What is there in your kitchen ?

In our kitchen	there is we have	a stove a fridge (a refrigerator) a freezer an oven a microwave oven a toaster a fan a dustbin a sink with two taps a set of cupboards a vegetable rack
	there are	pots and pans drawers with forks, knives and spoons lots of plates glasses, cups and bottles

18. What do you do in the kitchen ?

In the kitchen I	prepare cook help make	the meals breakfast lunch dinner
	cook our meals keep the food feed the dog/cat wash the dishes every evening do my homework after school	

19. Where do you do your homework ?

Every evening From time to time Most of the time Normally Sometimes Usually Twice a week	I do my homework I study I work with my tutor	in	my room the kitchen the living room the study school my dad's office
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20. Where do you talk with your family ?

During dinner Every Sunday Normally Usually	we my parents and I	talk discuss chat	in	the living room the study the sitting room the kitchen front of the TV
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21. Where is your house/flat ?

My house My flat	is is situated is located	in town in the city in the city centre on the outskirts of the town in the suburbs near the city in a village not far from here near my school in the countryside just in front of the church on the other side of the river on a hill in a valley next to the shopping mall close to the railway station
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22. Which is your favorite season ?

My favorite season is	spring summer autumn winter	because	the weather is beautiful we can take nice walks the forests are full of colors I love flowers it is the school holidays I love skiing and skating it's not too cold I hate rain and cold weather the nights are very short
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23. Which is your favorite color ?

My favorite color is I like I prefer	white red yellow green blue black	because	it's a pure color I have blue eyes I love punk music it's the color of nature it reflects my personality
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24. If you had a lot of money, what would you do ?

If I had a lot of money,	I would	buy lots of new clothes share it with my family travel around the world spend it all in a bookshop never work again put it in a bank account make some investments build a big house by the sea eat in a restaurant every day give it to the poor not change anything to my lifestyle
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25. If you were not yourself, who would you like to be and why ?

If I were not myself,	I would like to be	Beyoncé Malala Novak Djokovic Cristiano Ronaldo Lady Gaga Jennifer Lawrence the president of my country Mark Zuckerberg Bill Gates
because he/she	is	my favorite actor/actress a great athlete the best footballer/tennis player in the world a very popular singer very pretty/handsome quite rich very successful a good role model for the younger generation an inspiration to all of us
		does a lot of good takes good care of other people decides what happens in the world can do what he/she wants earns a lot of money

26. Can you describe yourself ?

I am	1.75 metres tall shorter than my dad as tall as my brother/sister very handsome quite pretty rather slim a bit overweight attractive		
I have	dark and long hair blond curly hair blue eyes a pointy nose big ears strong arms		
I think My friends tell me that	I	look like resemble	Justin Bieber Miley Cyrus Nicky Minaj Will Smith my dad my elder sister

27. What do you like to wear in your spare time ?

In my spare time I like to wear	a t-shirt and jeans a skirt and a blouse a tracksuit and running shoes a nice dress and sandals anything that makes me feel comfortable
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28. What do you like to wear in school ?

In school	I like to wear I have to wear	a t-shirt and shorts a skirt and a shirt a pair of pants and a sweater a blue tie my school uniform
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29. What do you wear during the weekend ?

During the weekend	I like to wear	casual clothes jeans and a shirt colorful t-shirts my favorite sweater black clothes a tracksuit sporty clothes
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30. What do you like to wear when you go out with friends ?

When I go out with my friends, I like to wear	anything that is comfortable the latest fashion something that matches what my friends wear my favorite Spongebob t-shirt
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31. Who do you most look like in your family ?

I look most like I resemble	my elder brother my younger sister my dad my mom my uncle
I don't look like anyone else in my family.	

32. How would you describe yourself as a person ?

I (usually) am		(very) (rather) (quite)	friendly curious intelligent outspoken sociable shy reserved independent trustworthy easy to get along with funny entertaining hard-working stubborn sympathetic caring
My friends find me			
I think My friends tell me that	I can be I am		

33. What are your personal qualities and your personal weaknesses ?

I usually am		helpful friendly determined optimistic compassionate unpredictable aggressive stubborn hard-headed disorganized
Sometimes I can	be	
		get angry become upset

34. What makes you happy ?

I am happy when	the sun shines my best friend calls me my parents give me money I hear beautiful music I get good grades on my report I can travel abroad I read a good book or watch a good movie I can go on a long hike with my friends or family
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35. What makes you sad ?

I am sad when	I hurt myself while playing sports I don't have reception on my mobile phone I can not talk with my parents I think about my dog at home I fail a test the Internet is not working the holidays are over
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36. If you could be a book character, who would you like to be and why ?

If I could be a book character, I would like to be	Harry Potter Katniss Everdeen Cinderella Peter Pan Superman/Superwoman	because he/she	is brave and strong is beautiful and kind is funny and reminds me of my best friend defeats the evil character(s) has good values takes care of his/her family and friends does amazing things has magical powers
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37. If you could be a movie character, who would you like to be and why ?

If I could be a movie character, I would like to be	Luke Skywalker Barbie James Bond the Terminator Hermione Granger Mickey Mouse the Wizard Tarzan	because he/she	lives with animals in the forest saves the world from evil has beautiful long hair gets to travel all around the world is intelligent and successful is world-famous is very powerful is handsome and rich has many friends always wears beautiful clothes
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38. Which famous person would you like to meet and why ?

I would like to meet	Cristiano Ronaldo Justin Bieber Barack Obama Bill Gates Malala Céline Dion	because he/she	is very successful is my favorite singer has a lot of class is very inspiring is very dedicated to social service is involved in many charity projects cares a lot about the people around him/her stands up for what he/she believes in must have many interesting stories to share is very handsome/pretty and he/she would look great in a selfie with me works with several NGOs* talks about very important issues fights for his/her beliefs
*NGOs = Non-governmental organizations			

39. Can you compare yourself with your friends ? With your brother(s) and sister(s) ?

I am	more less	handsome pretty	than	my brother my sister
	just as	intelligent educated tolerant talented sporty athletic creative	as	my best friend my friends my classmates

A.2. Personal relationships



40. Can you describe your family ?

My family	has five people consists of only three people is very close is spread out around the world includes my father, my mother, my two brothers and my stepsister
In my family	there are four people : my parents, my older brother and I there are only three people; I am an only child

41. How many people are there in your family ?

There are	three four five	people in my family :	my father, my mother my brother, my sister my elder brother my two younger sisters my twin sisters my stepbrother	... and I
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42. How old are your brother and sister ?

My brother	is	seven	years old
My sister	has just turned	eleven	
	is about to turn	fourteen	
	will soon be	seventeen	
		twenty-one	

43. When is your father's/mother's/brother's/sister's birthday ?

My	father's	birthday is on	the eleventh of February
	mother's		the twenty-second of April
	brother's		the eleventh of November
	sister's		October sixth
			December fifteenth

44. Is your brother/sister married ?

My	brother sister	is married is still single is engaged will get married next year has been married for two years was married for six years is divorced
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45. Can you describe your best friend ?

My best friend		is called X lives next door	
He/she lives in <town> and we have been friends We have known each other We have been best friends		since second grade for the past nine years since we were in primary school for as long as I can remember	
He/she	is	very quite rather incredibly	loyal friendly funny compassionate understanding intelligent smart
	knows exactly what to say when I feel sad is always there for me has the same interests as myself enjoys doing the same activities as me is like a brother/sister to me		

46. Can you describe a famous person ?

Brad Pitt Malala	is	very quite rather	handsome talented interesting intelligent well-spoken inspiring
He She	sets a good example for the young people shows a lot of courage and attitude does a lot for charity is an amazing singer/actor/actress/artist is concerned about the youth of today speaks out on behalf of those who don't have a voice encourages all of us to make a difference		

47. Can you describe one of your teachers ?

My	French Spanish Arabic Swahili English Maths Sports	teacher	is	very funny amazing so talented very smart fair and caring not too strict the best teacher I have ever had
			has	a lot of time for his/her students a real love for the subject the best jokes in class a great dress sense !

48. How is your relationship with your parents ?

My	parents	and I	have a great understanding understand each other very well get along very well often talk about issues always try to agree on everything like to disagree from time to time
	mother dad		don't see each other very often spend a lot of time talking are best friends talk on the phone every single day always go shopping together

49. Do you get along well with your brother/sister ?

Most of the time Usually Occasionally	I get along well with my brother my brother and I fight over the smallest things my brother and I work well together my brother and I compete a lot
My sister and I	like to fight at least once a week get along very well share everything we have are best friends

50. Do you help your parents with the chores at home ?

At home Every morning In the morning Every evening After dinner Whenever I have time During the weekend On Saturday mornings	I	prepare breakfast wash the dishes take the trash out set the table	
		help out by	making the beds taking the dogs out washing the car sweeping the floor doing the grocery shopping doing my laundry

51. Do you have any pets at home ?

At home I have	a cat two dogs a pet hamster two tortoises four dogs and three cats	
We have	two horses ten rabbits some pigeons a parrot	at home

52. Which one is your favorite animal ?

My favorite animal is	a horse – I love horse riding ! my dog – he is my best friend ! a monkey – they are very funny !	
My favorite animals are	cats - lions - pandas - birds -	I like their fur ! they are very powerful they are very cute ! I love how they fly through the air !

53. Can you describe your pet ?

My	dog cat parrot hamster horse guinea pig pet rabbit	is	very cute completely white grey with black stripes very colorful quite naughty very obedient
		has	long soft fur a beautiful white spot on its forehead the longest ears I have ever seen
		likes to	hide in the laundry room sleep on my bed play with a frisbee in the park growl at the neighbour's dogs eat all day

54. Do you have a pen pal ?

Yes, I have had a pen pal	for the past six years since I went on holiday to Ireland in 2014 for as long as I can remember
No, I have never had a pen pal, but I have many online friends with whom I communicate in <language> I used to have a pen pal from <country> but we lost contact about a year ago	

55. Where does your pen pal live ?

He/she lives in	Amsterdam New Delhi Paris southern California Sydney, Australia Argentina the United Kingdom Guatemala, in Central America
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56. How often do you write to your pen pal ?

We write to each other	at least once a week almost daily several times every day once a month, sometimes less whenever we are travelling when we are on holiday
We used to write to each other once a month, but now we meet online and speak with each other almost every day. He/She helps me a lot with my English !	

A.3. Eating and drinking



57. What do you normally eat for breakfast ?

For breakfast	I	like to usually sometimes normally often always	eat have	cereal a ham and cheese sandwich a bowl of yoghurt a banana pancake fried or scrambled eggs toast with jam or marmelade some fruit carrot sticks <add a typical breakfast meal from the target culture(s)>
			drink	cold milk a cup of coffee green tea black tea with sugar a glass of water two glasses of orange juice <add a typical breakfast drink from the target culture(s)>

58. What do you normally eat for lunch ?

For lunch	I	like to usually sometimes normally often always	eat have	some soup a hot meal potatoes, meat and vegetables a bowl of pasta a light snack a mixed salad a sandwich from the bakery <add a typical lunch meal from the target culture(s)>
			drink	soda tomato juice half a liter of water a cappuccino a cup of hot chocolate some ice tea <add a typical drink from the target culture(s)>

59. What do you normally eat for dinner ?

For dinner For supper	I	like to usually sometimes normally often always	eat have	a light meal fries and a burger a slice of meat, rice and vegetables some fast food three slices of pizza <add typical dinner food from the target culture(s)>
			drink	some fruit juice a can of Coke or Sprite a glass of red wine a smoothie a milkshake <add a typical drink from the target culture(s)>

60. Which snacks do you like ?

I	like love enjoy	eating	sweets crisps potato chips nachos and burritos carrot sticks biscuits waffles ice cream all kinds of fruit
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61. Can you describe a typical meal in your home ?

At home we	regularly usually often typically	eat	mashed potatoes, chicken and salad fried rice with eggs noodles or pasta <add a typical meal from your home culture>
		drink	water soda or fruit juice white wine tea or coffee <add a typical drink from your home culture(s)>

62. Which fruits do you like the most ?

My favorite fruit is I love I really like I prefer	apples bananas grapefruit coconuts pears watermelons peaches cherries
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63. Which food items do you not like ?

I	don't like hate would rather not eat can't stand avoid dislike am allergic to	tomatoes fish any type of meat dairy products spicy dishes Brussels sprouts cauliflower cheese eggs nuts
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64. What do you like to drink ?

I	like enjoy prefer	apple juice cold water lemonade milk ice tea coffee hot chocolate smoothies rum beer
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65. How often do you cook and what do you like to cook ?

I	cook prepare breakfast prepare lunch prepare dinner bake	once a week every day two or three times per week when I have some free time when we have guests for dinner when I feel like eating brownies
	like to cook enjoy cooking	light meals pasta chicken and chips fish or steak vegetarian meals
	like to bake enjoy baking	cake pastries cookies macaroons a fruit tart

66. What did you eat this morning ?

This morning	I	ate had	toast with jam two slices of bread and butter a bowl of cereal with yoghurt a banana and a mango crackers with cheese
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67. What are you going to eat this afternoon/evening ?

This afternoon/ evening	I	am going to eat	steak and chips some pizza a burger and fries a bowl of soup some cup noodles pasta with cheese and mushrooms toast with butter and jam an orange and a banana <add traditional lunch/dinner food from the target culture(s)>
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68. What do you like to eat when you go out with friends ?

When I go out with my friends I My friends and I like to	eat have	a burger with French fries some take-away food doughnuts or a piece of cake sushi <add traditional food from the target culture(s)>
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69. What do you like to eat when you go out with your family ?

When I go out with my family I My family and I like to	eat have	an expensive meal in the city seafood or a spicy dish Mexican food a salad a vegetarian meal <add traditional food from the target culture(s)>
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70. Can you describe a typical meal in your home country ?

A typical meal in <name of home country > consists of In <name of home country> we love to eat	a salad, a main course with potatoes and meat, and ice cream a starter, a plate of pasta and some cake for dessert cold soup, tortilla and some fruits fried fish with rice and a glass of white wine <add traditional meal from the home culture(s)>
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71. When do people in your home country normally take their meals ?

In my home country we usually have	breakfast lunch afternoon tea dinner	at 7 o'clock between 6.30 and 7.30 am very early in the morning around 9 o'clock at noon from 1 to 2 pm at 4 pm around 6.30 pm late in the evening
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72. Do you have any festivals or celebrations where you eat special meals ?

On New Year's Day For Chinese New Year For my birthday When there is a wedding On National Day	we usually eat we often have my family and I have	<i><add traditional food from home country></i>
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73. Which groceries did you buy yesterday/the last time you went shopping ?

Yesterday afternoon The last time I went shopping	I bought	vegetables, butter and jam apples, milk and cheese flour, eggs, water and soda <i><add typical grocery items from the home or target culture(s)></i>
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74. Where do you shop for food and drinks ?

I usually shop	at the local supermarket in the town centre at the bakery in town at the butchery next to my home at the weekly market in my village online
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75. How often do you go to the restaurant ?

I usually eat out	every evening twice a week once a month on Fridays when I see my boyfriend/girlfriend when there is something to celebrate
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76. Have you ever been on a diet ?

I don't go on a diet	because	I always watch what I eat I eat responsibly I exercise a lot I enjoy eating all kinds of food diets don't help
I was on a diet for three months last year, and I felt much more healthy afterwards.		

77. Are there any food items that you do not eat (are you vegetarian) ?

I don't eat	meat eggs fish potatoes carrots spicy food sweets nuts dairy products	because	I am vegetarian I am vegan I don't like it I am allergic to seafood it is fattening
I don't drink	beer alcohol soda milk coffee		I am too young I play sports at a high level I dislike alcohol my parents don't allow me it is too sweet it is unhealthy it makes me gain weight

A.4. Physical well-being



78. How are you feeling today/this morning/this afternoon ?

I am fine,	thank you	and you ?
I feel a bit nervous I am feeling anxious I feel happy I am sad I am very tired My stomach hurts this morning I didn't sleep well last night - I couldn't get my mind off my oral exam		

79. What do you do when you are not feeling well ?

When I am not feeling well	I	take the day off eat lots of fruits go and see the doctor try to sleep a lot go for a long walk listen to my favorite music drink a lot of hot tea with honey
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80. What do you like to eat in order to stay in shape ?

In order to stay in shape	I eat	lots of fruits energy bars for lunch a lot of cereal lean meat and vegetables low calorie meals plenty of yoghurt only two light meals per day
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81. What do you do in order to stay in shape ?

In order to stay in shape	I	exercise every day work out in the gym every morning lift weights and jog for thirty minutes every evening go for a swim three times per week play a lot of sports go for long walks in the afternoon eat healthy food eat a lot of fruit and vegetables sleep eight hours per night participate in afternoon activities at school do yoga every morning come to school on foot ride my bike to school
		I eat healthily, I go to bed on time, I don't spend too much time on my computer and I eat an apple every day !
Every Saturday morning		I go for a long walk in the countryside/park I go hiking with my friends my brother and I ride our bikes for two hours

82. Which food items do you avoid ?

I avoid	fat foods
I try to avoid	sweets
I don't eat	salty food
I never eat	fast food
	processed food
	meat

83. Why do some people become vegetarian ?

Some people are/become vegetarian	because		of health concerns of their religious beliefs they don't like the taste of meat they don't like to eat animals
	for	ethical health religious	reasons

84. Have you ever been injured while playing sports ?

I	broke my arm pulled a muscle got a concussion cut my leg hurt my elbow twisted my ankle hit my head bumped into a tree	whilst	playing football running in the school sports day cycling to school swimming in the school pool
		when I	was riding my bike with my friends was jogging in the forest jumped during a basketball match

85. What was wrong the last time you were ill or didn't feel well ?

The last time	I was ill I didn't feel well I had to miss school	I	had a bad headache felt nauseous felt dizzy and disoriented had a sore throat had a stomach ache couldn't get out of bed had to go and see the doctor couldn't sleep all night was seasick had spent too much time in the sun
			the doctor ordered me to stay at home my fever lasted for three days there was a virus going around my mother got very worried

86. What did you do in order to get better ?

In order to get better	I	stayed at home for a few days took medication took some painkillers went to see the doctor slept for twelve hours drank a lot of tea drank hot milk with honey stayed indoors for the weekend
		the doctor ordered me to stay out of school for two days my mother told me to stay in bed and sleep my parents took me to the hospital

87. Have you ever had an accident ? What happened ?

Last week Two months ago Last year	while	I was on my way to school it was snowing my sister and I were making a salad my friends and I were playing football it was raining I was baking a cake	I	fell off my bike stumbled and fell in the snow broke my leg burned my hand cut my finger
When I was nine years old	I my family	was hit by a truck got bitten by a stray dog had a car accident	on my way to the beach in the town centre in the street	
When I was young	my family and I were driving along the highway when suddenly we heard a loud bang. A tire had burst and the car skidded into the railings. Fortunately nobody got hurt, but we had the fright of our lives ! I climbed up an apple tree to pick some apples when I suddenly slipped and fell down the tree. I broke my ankle and my wrist and spent a whole week in hospital ! I wanted to surprise my parents by baking a cake for them. Everything went well until the moment when I wanted to take the cake out of the oven. By mistake I touched the cake mold and burned my hand. The cake was very tasty but my hand hurt a lot. I could not write any notes in class for the next three weeks.			
No, I have never had an accident but I have seen two cars crash into each other on a highway.				

88. How often do you go to the doctor ?

I go to the doctor	at least once a month every six months three times per year	for a check-up to make sure I am fine to check on my blood pressure
	only when I feel sick and can't go to school each time I need a sick note	
I never go to the doctor. When I am sick I stay at home for a few days and allow myself to get better.		

89. Have you ever taken a First Aid course ? When ?

I took a First Aid course	last month during the course of last year at my previous school during the summer holidays
I am currently taking a First Aid course, which will take four more days to complete. I plan to take a First Aid course this summer.	

90. How do you feel about smoking ?

I	don't like hate am allergic to	smoking tobacco
	find it think it is	disgusting very anti-social harmful to one's health too expensive a waste of money environmentally unfriendly disrespectful towards others
	would like to see more smoke-free zones hope they can ban smoking in all public areas appreciate that smoking is banned in my school don't understand how anyone can enjoy smoking don't care if someone smokes, but I don't want to smell their cigarettes avoid places where people smoke	
	have tried smoking when I was younger, but I did not like it started smoking last year; it helps me relax have tried to quit smoking but it is too difficult for me	

91. What is your opinion on drugs ?

I	don't like hate	drugs	of any kind
	find		dangerous disgusting very anti-social harmful to one's health too expensive a waste of money
	think drugs should be banned worldwide am of the opinion that drugs should only be available by prescription believe that everyone should decide for themselves if they want to take drugs have never seen drugs in my life don't understand how anyone can take drugs		

B. EXPERIENCES



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B.1. Daily routine



92. At what time do you ... ?

On weekdays On schooldays On Sundays During the weekend During the holidays	I	(usually) (normally) (always)	wake up get up get dressed ...	at 6 o'clock at 7.30 in the morning just before breakfast as late as possible around noon after lunch at 2 pm in the afternoon in the early evening straight after dinner time late in the evening just before I go to bed
		like to		

93. Which chores do you do at home ?

At home Every morning After dinner Every Saturday Whenever I have time	I	prepare breakfast wash the dishes take the trash out tidy up my room	
		help out by	making the beds taking the dog out washing the car sweeping the floor

94. How many times per week do you prepare dinner ?

I prepare dinner	once a week every evening when I don't have any homework on Tuesdays, because my parents work late on Friday evening, before my favorite TV show on Sundays, so that my parents can rest
I never prepare dinner,	my dad is an awesome cook ! we have a helper at home my family and I eat out every night I always eat take-away in the evenings

95. How often do you ... <chore> ?

I	wash the dishes set the table ...	every day twice a week three or four times per week as often as possible when we have visitors
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96. How often do you go out during the weekend ?

I go out	once or twice	during the weekend
I occasionally go out with my friends during the weekend, but at most once a month.		
I hardly ever go out during the weekend. I have a lot of homework and don't have enough time to go out with my friends.		

97. What did you do this morning ?

This morning	I	woke up at 6 o'clock got out of bed at six thirty and took a shower got dressed and made breakfast for my family ate cereal and drank a glass of milk for breakfast quickly revised for my oral examination today came to school by bus, as usual
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B.2. Leisure



98. What do you like to do in your spare time ?

In my spare time	I like to I often	play football listen to music watch TV go for long walks draw or paint work out in the gym read blogs online
	I enjoy I spend a lot of time	going out with my friends reading detective novels window-shopping hanging out with my friends at a coffee shop sleeping
Because of my studies I don't have a lot of spare time, but whenever I can I talk with my parents and my brother. I also like to take my dogs for a walk and I enjoy doing crosswords or playing computer games. I don't read a lot but I try to watch all the latest movies.		

99. Which are your favorite leisure time activities ?

My favorite leisure time activities are		listening to hip hop music and singing swimming and reading skydiving and cooking studying and writing texting my friends and chatting on the phone		
In my free time When I have a few free moments After school	I enjoy	listening to music playing sports watching TV chatting online with my friends reading a good novel going hiking with my family sleeping doing nothing at all	because	it helps me relax it distracts me from the pressures of school it helps me forget my problems I like to be active I love good literature I am too tired to do anything else I don't get much time for myself

100. Can you describe a typical day in your life ?

Normally On a typical day	I	wake up get up have breakfast get dressed go to school spend some time with my friends go back home do my homework have dinner watch TV take a shower go to bed	at at about around	six o'clock six thirty seven fifteen half past seven ten past eight three or four o'clock six in the evening nine pm a quarter to ten a quarter past eleven midnight
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101. What did you do yesterday ?

Yesterday	I had a normal school day I went into town after class I went shopping for groceries in the afternoon my best friend and I went to watch a movie our class had an excursion to the museum my parents and I went to the mall I didn't do much I went for a long hike with my brother
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102. What did you do last night ?

Last night	I	did my Maths homework and read a short story helped my mother prepare dinner revised for my Science test spoke on the phone with my brother in the US went out for ice cream with my best friend practised for my English oral exam went to bed early because I felt very tired
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103. What did you do last weekend ?

Last weekend	I	went to the beach with my family went for a long bike ride in the countryside studied most of the time didn't feel like doing anything played a football match and went to the movies read a great novel
		my friends and I went fishing in the lake my family and I went camping in the country park

104. How often do you go out with your friends, and where do you go ?

I usually go out with my friends My friends and I go out We go out	once or twice a week every weekend every fortnight two or three times per month once every two months
Most of the time we go to We enjoy going to	the mall the movies a coffee shop or a small restaurant the nearest take-away restaurant the park the swimming pool the disco

105. What do you like to wear in your free time and during the weekend ?

In my free time When I am not at school During the weekend In the evenings	I like to wear	a t-shirt and jeans shorts and a loose shirt a tracksuit casual clothes the latest in casual fashion my favorite shirt and pants flip-flops or sandals my pijamas
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106. What do you like to wear when you go out with your friends ?

When I go out with my friends	I like to wear	leggings and a tank top my favorite skirt and blouse a dress and smart casual shoes a white shirt and dark trousers
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107. Which sports do you like to play ?

I love playing My favorite sport is I really enjoy playing I like I prefer	football tennis volleyball karate skateboarding badminton cricket swimming golf horse riding	because	it keeps me fit there is a lot of passion involved it helps me relax I think I have the talent to win championships my grandfather always comes to watch me I can play it with my brothers and sisters it is usually too hot to do anything else I love animals everybody in my country plays it if I train hard, I could earn a lot of money with it
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108. Which sports do you like to watch ?

I love watching My favorite sport is I really enjoy watching I like	football tennis volleyball karate skateboarding badminton cricket swimming golf horse riding	because	it is exciting you never know what will happen in the match I play it at school also it is the most popular sport in my country anyone can beat anyone it is spectacular I find it relaxing
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109. Who is your favorite sports star/athlete and why ?

My favorite sports star is	Pelé Lionel Messi Novak Djokovic Usain Bolt Serena Williams Li Na	because	I love football and he is the best ! he is number one in the world in tennis he works very hard at his sport he is an amazing champion she is a very strong competitor she spends a lot of time with her fans he has a big interest in charity she coaches young athletes
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110. Which one is your favorite sport ?

My favorite sport is	football basketball volleyball cricket swimming skateboarding windsurfing gymnastics
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111. Which equipment is needed to play your favorite sport ?

In order to	play	football basketball volleyball cricket	we need	a ball, a court or a field, and two teams special shoes and uniforms two goals a referee/an umpire
	swim dance do gymnastics go hiking			a pool some good music and space to practise in a mat and a special outfit strong shoes, a rucksack and a water bottle

112. What do you wear when you play this sport ?

When I	play	football basketball volleyball cricket	I wear	football boots, a jersey and shorts sports shoes, a top and shorts trousers, a sweater and a cap
	swim dance do gymnastics go hiking			a swimsuit or a bikini leggings and a t-shirt tights and a top hiking boots, shorts, a t-shirt or pull-over and a cap

113. For how long have you been playing this sport ?

I have been	playing	football basketball volleyball cricket	for	six months one year three years as long as I can remember
	swimming dancing doing gymnastics going hiking		since	2014 August last year my last birthday the end of primary school

114. How often and where do you train ?

I normally	train practise	every Saturday every day before school twice a week three times per month during the weekend late in the evening	in school at the local sports club in the sports hall in town at the municipal swimming pool in the city in a sports academy near my home
I train	every Wednesday and every Friday four times per week at least twice a week, and sometimes three or four times every morning before school in the evenings, after I finish doing my homework		
	in the sports club in my hometown/neighbourhood at the local gym		

115. Which sports do your relatives/friends enjoy or play ?

My	dad brother mom sister best friend	plays enjoys watching likes	football basketball volleyball cricket boxing
	parents friends cousins	swim dance do gymnastics go hiking	

116. Which sports do you like to play in summer ?

In summer	I like to I often	play	football basketball volleyball cricket tennis
		go swimming go for long bike rides do gymnastics go hiking jog in the evenings	

117. Which sports do you like to play in winter ?

In winter	I like to I often	play	football indoor tennis ice hockey badminton
		go skiing watch sports on TV go ice skating	

118. Do you prefer team sports or individual sports ? Why ?

I prefer	team sports	because	I enjoy playing with my friends you can share the joy or the pain I can rely on my team mates I am a very sociable person
	individual sports		I like to be responsible for my success I don't have to rely on my team mates I can train whenever I want I enjoy being on my own

119. Which is your favorite sports team and why ?

My favorite team is	<name your team>	because	they are the best in the world ! my favorite player plays for them they represent my home town I love the team colors my parents gave me their uniform for my birthday my whole family supports them they won the world cup last time !
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120. Which team did you support in the last World Cup (football, cricket ...) and why ?

I supported	<name your team>	because	they won all their matches my favorite player plays for them they represent my home country I love their uniform their coach is very funny my whole family supports them they won the world cup !
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121. Do you watch the Olympics/World Cup/ ... on TV ?

I enjoy watching	the Olympics the World Cup	because	the competition is very tough you see all the athletes at their best my country usually does very well it is winter at home and too cold to go outside they only happen every four years it is great to see the whole world come together they take place during my summer holidays
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122. Do you prefer watching sports on TV or in the stadium ?

I prefer to watch sports	on TV	because	you get a better view of the whole field it is more comfortable it is much cheaper
	in the stadium		I enjoy the noise of the fans that is what real fans do you see the players in real life I love to sing my club's songs

123. Which is the most popular sport in your home country ?

In my home country In <home country>	the most popular sport is	football hiking cycling swimming rugby cricket basketball baseball judo taekwondo
Everywhere you go, you can find people practising this sport <name the sport>, and we have many facilities and training centres. Every night you can watch matches/competitions on television !		

124. What are you going to do this afternoon ?

This afternoon	I am going to	do my homework for Biology buy a new t-shirt in town visit my friend in hospital study for my Maths exam tomorrow call my brother in the US take a long walk along the river do some research on overseas universities get some ice cream with my classmates
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125. What are you going to do this weekend ?

This weekend	I am going to	go sailing with my father spend two days at the beach revise for my exams next week help my uncle at the farm watch a movie with my girlfriend/boyfriend participate in a quiz buy birthday presents for my sister
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B.3. Holidays



126. What do you like to do when you are on holiday ?

When I am on holiday	I like to I often	read a good book watch a lot of movies travel with my friends visit museums with my parents go for long bike rides in the countryside do some summer jobs discover new cultures
	I enjoy I spend a lot of time	sleeping until midday eating out every day taking photos of my pets visiting new countries

127. Do you prefer to travel or to stay at home when you are on holiday ? Why ?

During the holidays I prefer to	travel	because	there is a lot to discover I enjoy visiting new countries I love planes, trains and buses I get to spend time with my friends I am interested in cultures the weather at home is not good
	stay at home		I just want to rest and watch TV I feel good at home my friends also stay at home I usually help my parents in the shop we live near the beach my bike is there travelling is very expensive

128. How do most people in your home country spend their holidays ?

In my home country In <name of country>	most people	spend their holidays	at home at the beach in the mountains in the countryside watching TV relaxing at home travelling in their garden having barbecues
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129. Are there any food items that you typically eat during the holidays ?

During the holidays	we	often eat like to eat enjoy eating	strawberries salads fresh fruits ice cream pizza
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130. Do you prefer to travel by plane, by train, by car or by boat ? Why ?

I prefer to travel	by	plane	because	it is the fastest way to travel you can cover big distances quickly I find it very comfortable
		train		you have a lot of space for your legs it is relaxing and you can sleep you get to see the countryside
		car		you can stop whenever you want it is cheap there are no strangers all around you
		boat		I love the sea you can walk around freely there are usually lots of facilities on board

131. Which holiday activities are there in your country and in each season ?

In summer	we can people often it is possible to you could	go to the beach go camping join a youth camp do a lot of biking take a summer course get a summer job
In winter		go skiing play ice hockey on frozen ponds walk in the mountains learn how to do ice skating visit the grandparents

132. Can you describe the holidays that you have liked the most ?

Two years ago my family and I went to Western Europe for the summer.

We spent four weeks in Europe and visited five countries : Belgium, Holland, Germany, France and Spain. We rented a car and spent almost every day visiting places of historical and cultural interest.

We visited museums such as the Louvre and the Prado and we spent time at the beach in France and in Spain. In Holland we ate wonderful food such as waffles and fresh bread. In Germany we took part in a festival and we went to some of the local markets. I did not understand anything they said in German though !

When we reached the south of France we rented bicycles and went for long bike rides through the beautiful vineyards. We even tasted some wine ! In Spain we attended a flamenco concert and enjoyed the wonderful summer weather.

We all enjoyed our trip; it was the best trip of my life !

133. Where would you like to spend your next holidays and why ?

I would like to spend my next holidays	in	the United Kingdom the US Japan Australia Africa China the mountains	because	I want to practise my English I have never been there we have been studying about this country my best friend lives there I love their music the food is very nice I enjoy hiking and camping surfing is my favorite sport I love working in the outdoors
	at	the beach my uncle's farm		

134. If you could visit <country>, what would you like to do there ?

When I visit <country>	I would like to I would love to I will I hope to I am going to	taste the local food get to know the people better visit some of the famous museums <name the museums> go to the beach do a lot of hiking in the mountains improve my communication skills in <language> see the street life play sports every day learn more about the history and the culture meet local youngsters and go out with them see a cultural show visit the royal/presidential palace watch a football match
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135. Do you prefer to go on holiday with your family or with your friends ? Why ?

I prefer going on holiday with	my family	because	we always stay in a nice hotel they also enjoy good food we go to our summer house in <country>
	my friends		I have more freedom we enjoy visiting the same places we can go to bed any time we want

136. Where do you like to spend your holidays ? Why ?

I like to spend my holidays	in	a big city the country my home country the mountains a scenic area	because	I enjoy visiting museums and parks there is a lot to do there I love my country and our food my friends and I go hiking a lot I like photography I enjoy spending time in nature it is cooler there than in the rest of the country my bed is there I can relax and read a good book I love to hike and to be in the outdoors there is a lot to see and do it's a big world and I want to visit as many countries as possible I love wildlife photography my best friend lives there
	at	the beach home a farm		
	travelling from city to city			

137. What did you do during the Christmas/Easter/summer holidays ?

During the <...> holidays	I my friends and I	went	to Paris skiing in the Alps camping for four days
		read four novels stayed at home and wrote two new songs travelled to Australia visited my best friend in the UK slept most of the time drove to the south of the country with my parents	

138. Which countries have you visited in the past two years ?

In the past two years	I have visited	Belgium China France India Japan Mexico the United States
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139. Which countries would you like to visit and why ?

I would like to visit	Greece Egypt Germany Indonesia Singapore Malaysia China Canada	because	I love ancient cultures history is one of my passions the food there is very nice it is always summer there I love spending time in nature I want to see the wild animals there I want to practise my language skills I love the vast open spaces
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140. Can you describe a trip you have taken to <target language country> ?

I have visited <country/region>. In October last year my class and I travelled to <town>. We stayed there for one week. It was autumn and the weather was very cool. The leaves of the trees were red brown and the forests were beautiful.

We visited <3 attractions> and we climbed Mount <...>. Even though it was tiring, we were very happy to make this excursion. In <town> I bought several souvenirs for my parents and friends, such as <...>. At night we had many activities. Our teacher took us to the circus and to a movie theatre. I liked the movie outing the most. Our teacher also let us taste all kinds of delicious local food, for instance <...>. In the main street in <town> we bought typical street food.

The people of <country, town> were very welcoming. One morning I got lost in the town/city and I asked a local person to show me the way. The man explained the way to me very patiently and also drew a simple map.

During this trip I was able to practise my English but I also learned a lot about the culture, the history and the people of <town/region/country>.

The week went by very quickly but we all have beautiful memories. This was the best trip of my life !

141. Can you describe a trip you have taken to a foreign country ?

Last year my brother and I travelled around Europe by train. We visited seven cities in seven different countries and we also spent time at the beach and hiking in the mountains. Throughout our journey the weather was amazing and we met a lot of interesting people

We ate many different types of food, including tapas, croissants and pasta. My brother took more than five hundred photos and I wrote a travel blog for other travellers. We had a great time and we will be visiting another eight countries this summer.

142. Do you prefer to stay in hotels, campings or guesthouses ?

I prefer to stay in	hotels	because	they are clean and comfortable there are many facilities I can watch TV there they have a good wifi connection
	campings		you can hear the sounds of the night they are cheap you can meet interesting people there you can enjoy the outdoors
	guesthouses		they are cheaper than hotels it is easy to meet travellers there there is a family feeling you get to know the local culture better

143. Can you describe your ideal holiday ?

For me the ideal holiday is	staying at home and getting some rest going abroad and getting to know different countries spending the day in the open air playing a lot of sports doing nothing	
	going	fishing every morning camping with my friends skiing with my parents
	visiting	different countries interesting places my family and friends

144. What do you do to prepare for a trip ?

Before going on a trip	I	invite my friends to join me research the places of interest online compare the prices for the train and the bus check if my passport is valid book a room in a guesthouse or hotel charge my camera pack my suitcase buy foreign currency decide which books I am going to read prepare a playlist with my favorite music
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145. Can you describe your summer travel plans (Christmas, Easter, mid-term) ?

This summer (Christmas, Easter, mid- term)	I am going to	Russia New Zealand Guatemala Central America	on the Trans-Siberian Express and hike for two weeks to explore the ancient temples and do some research on the environment
		visit my best friend in South Africa participate in a summer course do an internship at a Law firm travel to Korea go skiing with my girlfriends write my college applications	

B.4. Festivals and celebrations



146. Can you describe a typical festival in your home country ?

Each year in July there is a major music festival in my home town. Bands from different countries come and perform their traditional music and dances and there are usually over fifty thousand spectators who come and enjoy the festival. For three days we watch many performances and we can also learn how to dance some of the traditional dances. The entrance to the festival is free and it is a great opportunity to meet people from around the world. On the final day there is a mass dance and the festival is shown live on television.

147. How do you celebrate New Year/ <festival in your home country> ?

On New Year's Eve	my family and I my friends and I	invite our relatives have a wonderful dinner give each other presents visit our grandparents stay up until after midnight count down to midnight wish each other good health and lots of money go to the town square to celebrate the new year organize a party watch several shows on television
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148. What do you do on Christmas day/New Year's day/ ... day ?

On Christmas day/New Year's day/... day (fill in according to culture)	my family gets together and we have lunch we give each other presents we go and visit our grandparents we wish each other health and prosperity I meet up with my friends and we go to the mall my friends and I go surfing ! I like to take it easy and stay at home
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149. Can you describe a special cultural celebration in your home country ?

<name of celebration>	is a very special cultural celebration in	my country <name country>
It marks	the end of summer harvest time a religious occasion the time when we say goodbye to the old	

150. How do you celebrate <festival, major celebration> in your home country ?

We celebrate	New Year Easter Eid <name festival>	by	having a party with our friends having a special dinner with our family singing songs visiting neighbours reaching out to the homeless eating grapes dressing up in special costumes
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151. What do you eat when you celebrate <festival, cultural celebration> ?

When we celebrate <cultural celebration>	we like to eat we usually eat we often have it is common to eat everyone eats	grapes special cake meatloaf a turkey mooncakes
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152. What do the English/American etc. people normally eat on <special day> ?

When the English/Americans celebrate <special day>	they like to eat they usually eat they often have it is common to eat everyone eats	a birthday cake chocolate eggs fish and chips meat pies barbecue meat pudding
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153. Which activities do you do when you celebrate <festival, cultural celebration> ?

When we celebrate <cultural celebration>	we	go out with friends spend the day out go for a picnic visit all our relatives have a big party pray
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154. What do you do on your birthday ?

On my birthday	my friends and I have a meal in the city my parents organize a party at home I take my friends out for the day my family and I enjoy a nice birthday cake I meet up with my friends and we go to the movies I go surfing with my friends I like to spend the day at the beach my friends and I go to the disco we go for a long hike I don't do anything !
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155. What is the best birthday present you have ever received ?

The best birthday present that I have ever received	was	a puppy a poster of One Direction an annual pass to Disneyland a new mobile phone a bicycle an X-box
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156. What would you like to receive as a birthday present ?

I would love to receive	a puppy a poster of Justin Bieber an annual pass to Universal Studios a new laptop a motorbike the latest earphones some good novels jewelry a lot of money
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157. When is your country's national day ?

My country's <name of country>'s	national day is on	March 8 th June 20 th the fourth of July July 21 st September 10 th
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158. What happens on that day ?

Our national day is a public holiday. We all hang our country's flag outside our houses or flats. The streets of all the towns are decorated with the national colors. In the afternoon there are parades, and in the evening we often have fireworks. The best thing about national day is that there is no school !

C. HUMAN INGENUITY



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C.1. Transport



159. Which means of transport do you prefer and why ?

I prefer to travel	by	car	because	it is fast and convenient you don't get wet when it rains you can listen to music
		bicycle		it is very healthy I enjoy the open air I can stop when and where I want
	on foot			I enjoy the exercise I can take photos along the way it allows me to get away from traffic

160. What is your favorite means of transport when you go on holiday ?

I prefer to travel	by	bus	because	we have a good network in my country it is cheaper than the train I find it very comfortable
		train		you have a lot of space for your legs it is relaxing and you can sleep you get to see the countryside
		car		you can stop whenever you want we can share the cost of the fuel there are no strangers all around you

161. To travel to another country, which means of transport do you prefer ?

I prefer to travel	by	plane	because	it is the fastest way to travel you can cover big distances quickly I find it very comfortable
		train		you have a lot of space for your legs it is relaxing and you can sleep you get to see the countryside
		car		you can stop whenever you want it is cheap there are no strangers all around you
		boat		I love the sea you can walk around freely there are usually lots of facilities on board

162. For short distance trips in the countryside, which means of transport do you prefer ?

For short trips in the countryside, I prefer to travel	by	car	because	it is fast and convenient you don't get wet when it rains you can listen to music
		bicycle		it is very healthy I enjoy the open air I can stop when and where I want
	on foot			I enjoy the exercise I can take photos along the way it allows me to get away from traffic

163. To travel within your town/city, which means of transport do you prefer ?

Within my town/ city, I prefer to travel	by	car	because	it is fast and convenient you don't get wet when it rains
		bus		it is quick and cheap there is a bus stop in front of my house
		metro		it is air-conditioned there is an excellent train network
		bicycle		it is faster than the bus there are cycling paths everywhere
	on foot			the shops are within walking distance my village is very small we don't have buses in my village

164. How often do you take the bus ?

I take the bus	once or twice a week whenever I need to go to the city centre every morning and every evening every day to get to school on Saturday mornings to go to dance practice
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165. How long does it take you to get to school in the morning ?

It usually takes me	twenty minutes half an hour forty-five minutes one hour an hour and a half	to get to school to reach my school	
I leave home at	seven o'clock seven thirty	and I arrive at	eight fifteen ten past eight
I walk to the bus station, I take the bus to the city, and then I walk for ten minutes to reach my school. When the weather is nice, I cycle to school. It takes me about twenty minutes. I live in a boarding school so I can walk from my room to the classes.			
In order to get to school in the morning, I first cycle for ten minutes to the bus stop. I lock my bicycle and take the bus into town. From the bus station I walk for eight minutes and I arrive at school. When it rains I sometimes take a taxi, but these are very expensive !			

166. Which are the most common means of transport in your home country ?

In my home country the most common means of transport	is	the car the bicycle the bus the train the rickshaw the minibus the metro
	are	the bus and the bicycle the car and the metro

167. What is the speed limit in your country ?

In my home country In the cities In the villages On the highways	the speed limit is	sixty eighty ninety one hundred one hundred and twenty	kilometres miles	per hour
In my home country there is no speed limit				

168. Which emergency services exist in your country ?

In my home country	we have	ambulances fire brigades doctors on patrol police rescue teams professional divers a large army a disaster task force
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169. Which environmental concerns exist in your country, related to transport ?

In my home country In <name country>	we have	a lot of air pollution from the car exhausts traffic jams every morning highways that cut through the forests deforestation because of the need for roads too many cars with just one occupant a shortage of fuel
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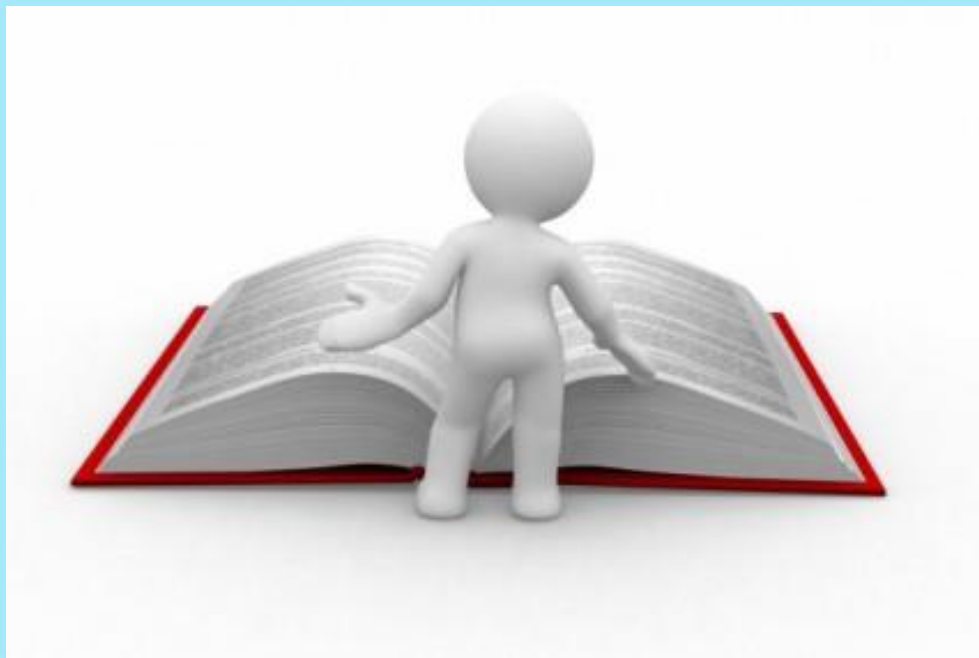
170. Is public transport in your home country cheap or expensive ?

In my home country In <name country>	public transport	is quite cheap is cheaper than owning your own car is getting more and more expensive is too expensive for most people is affordable for most people
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171. How will your life change once you have your driver's permit ?

Once I have my driver's permit	I will be able to go out every Friday night I won't have to walk to school any longer my father will buy a second-hand car for me I can take my girlfriend/boyfriend out on a date I can travel by car during the holidays my mother will ask me to do the grocery shopping in the city
I can't wait to have my driver's permit – it will give me a lot of freedom !	

C.2. Entertainment



172. When did you last go to watch a movie ?

Last weekend Yesterday During the summer holidays During our mid-term break On Tuesday evening	I went to watch my friends and I went to watch	the Hunger Games Minions the Fast and the Furious Madagascar Star Wars
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173. Which type(s) of movies do you like the most ?

I mostly like I enjoy I am a big fan of	comedies action movies thrillers romantic movies teenage movies detective stories cartoons documentaries classical movies musicals
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174. Can you describe your favorite movie ?

My favorite movie is	Jaws Look Who's Talking The Wizard of Oz Die Hard
It tells the story of	two young boys who learn how to fly a baby that gets lost at an airport a magical land where friendship is all around a gang of criminals who want to rob a bank two people who fall in love over the internet a blind man who can predict the future

175. Which entertainment facilities are there in your home town ?

In my home town	we have there is	a swimming pool a disco a theatre a youth center a large gym a velodrome an amusement park a beautiful golf course
	there are	two libraries several cinemas a lot of sports fields three tennis clubs beautiful beach resorts

176. Who is your favorite author and why ?

My favorite author is	JK Rowling Dan Brown Franz Kafka Shakespeare Henrik Ibsen Agatha Christie	because	I love the Harry Potter stories he/she has a vivid imagination his/her style of writing is very interesting I love drama he/she writes about cultures I like detective stories
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177. Can you tell me a bit more about your favorite book ?

My favorite book is	the Hunger Games Animal Farm More than a Game the Great Gatsby	by	Suzanne Collins George Orwell Ronny Mintjens F Scott Fitzgerald
It tells the story of a young boy who stands up for his rights and who defeats the odds by becoming a hero. I first read this book when I was in eighth grade and I have read it at least six times since then. I enjoy the suspense in the story and I like to identify with the main character.			
This story is based in the last century and tells us of the living conditions and the culture of a foreign country, <name the country>. I enjoy reading and learning about cultures and I believe that literature plays a very important role in showing us how other people live and think.			

178. Do you like to visit museums or art galleries and why (not) ?

I enjoy I love I don't mind	visiting going to	museums art galleries exhibitions art auctions	because	I love art and architecture they teach us about the world I am an artist myself
I don't like I don't enjoy I hate I dislike				I don't understand modern art most art is boring I can not afford it anyway I get tired from walking around

179. Do you like to go to amusement parks and why (not) ?

I enjoy I love I don't mind	visiting going to	amusement parks fun fairs the circus	because	I get to go out with my friends I love the roller coasters it's a great day out some rides are very scary
I don't like I don't enjoy I hate I dislike				I have a fear of heights the food is awful I get dizzy on the rides they are old-fashioned they are too crowded

180. Can you describe an outing to an amusement park ?

Last week Last month During the summer Three months ago	I went to	an amusement park Disney Land Universal Studios <name of amusement park>	in	Paris Singapore Shanghai Los Angeles <name of town or city>
Last Saturday I went to <name of amusement park> with my three friends, X, Y and Z. We arrived there at 9 o'clock in the morning, we bought our tickets and we went straight to the biggest roller coaster in the park. We also went to the dolphin show and to the water slides. After lunch we went on five other rides, including the bumper cars and a giant swing. We also watched a very scary 4D movie show. At six o'clock we bought fries and burgers and a drink, and at 7.30 pm we watched the fireworks. At eight o'clock we were very tired and we returned home by bus. It was one of the best days of the year !				

181. Do you play a musical instrument ? Which one(s) ?

I have been playing	the piano the violin drums the clarinet the trombone	for	four years six months	
		since	fourth grade 2014	
I played I used to play I practised playing		for	three years eight months	
		in	primary school middle school my previous school	

182. Which type(s) of music do you like ?

My favorite type of music is	pop rock punk hip-hop rap reggae classical music	because	it has a good beat it usually has a strong message I find it inspiring and relaxing I love the sound of the piano/violin
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C.3. Media



183. Do you prefer to listen to the radio or watch TV ? Why ?

I prefer to listen to the radio	because	I love music it allows me to concentrate on other activities it is very informative I can run while listening to it
I prefer to watch TV		there are many good programs these days it helps me relax it gives me the chance to sit down and take a break I enjoy watching movies I am a big fan of reality television often the music videos are better than the songs

184. Do you prefer going to the cinema or watching TV ? Why ?

I prefer going to the cinema	because	I love watching the most recent movies it is a lot of fun going out with my friends my girlfriend doesn't like watching TV
I prefer to watch TV		there are many different programs to choose from I can watch it quietly and when I want the nearest cinema is twenty kilometres from my home most movies in the cinema are either about love or about violence a cinema ticket is very expensive and I don't have much pocket money

185. Do you read any magazines or newspapers ?

I read I like to read I often read Every day I read Every month I read	the newspaper	with my breakfast online	
	magazines	about	football music science politics nature economics technology

186. Which articles are you most interested in ?

I am most interested in articles about	football sports politics the economy global issues the environment the media celebrities food and drink cultures travel
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187. Are there any movie, TV or music personalities that you admire ?

I admire various personalities	from TV from the movies from the world of music	for instance	Ellen de Generes Oprah Winfrey Bruce Willis George Clooney Jennifer Lawrence Bono Lady Gaga Adele
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188. Which celebrity do you admire the most and why ?

The celebrity that I admire the most is	Robert de Niro Sandra Bullock Cameron Diaz Orlando Bloom	because	he is an incredible actor she does a lot of charity work he sets a great example for the young people of today she is an environmentalist she has a very strong character he speaks up for social justice
I love I admire I really like I would love to meet	One Direction Rihanna Cristiano Ronaldo Bill Gates		they bring joy to my life she is an amazing singer and I really love her songs he is my favorite football player and I want to ask for his autograph he has made a real difference to the world he is very handsome I find her very pretty ! I have watched all their concerts and I enjoy the way in which they perform

189. How much time do you spend each day on social media ?

On average I spend	two almost four six and a half eight	hours per day	on social media online on my phone and laptop chatting online with my friends browsing through social media
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190. Which social media sites do you like to use and for what purpose ?

I like to	use spend most of my time on	Facebook, where I can connect with my friends Twitter, to stay up to date with the latest events Instagram, where I share my photos with my friends Snapchat, where we send each other short messages
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191. Which TV or radio programs do you watch/listen to on a regular basis ?

I	listen to	the news bulletins the weather forecast music programs	every hour to keep up to date with the latest events to know what the weather will be like that day when I am reading in my room
	watch	the news reality TV game shows documentaries music programs	every evening after dinner every Saturday afternoon when I have some free time when they discuss a topic that I am interested in

192. Which TV programs do you like the most and why ?

My favorite TV program is	Countdown Survivor the news Shark Tank E-buzz the Amazing Race	because	they play the latest music videos I love reality TV it is important to keep up to date I am interested in new products I love Hollywood and its stars ! you get to learn about different countries
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193. How many hours per day do you watch TV ?

On average I watch TV for	two three four	hours per day
I never watch TV because I follow the news online I don't watch TV, I watch movies and listen to music online We don't have a TV at home		

C.4. Technology



194. Do you like to spend time online ?

I usually go online	when I have a research project in order to communicate with my friends once in the morning and once in the evening for about two hours per day to watch live sports
I am online all day long !	

195. When you are online, what do you like to do ?

Online I like to	read the newspaper every day chat with my friends check what all my friends are doing play games plan my next holiday watch video clips on YouTube watch movies and TV series
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196. Do you have many online friends ?

I communicate with most of my friends online. Last year I was at a school in <town/ country> and I still have many friends there. We meet online once or twice per week and share our experiences. I have about four hundred Facebook friends right now. I also meet new people online, especially when we play games or when we comment on Instagram photos.

197. Do you like photography and/or filming ?

I like photography/filming a lot. It allows me to capture the good moments from my trips and I enjoy taking photos with my friends and family. Whenever I travel, I take my camera with me and I try to take good photos of the special moments. I also enjoy taking photos of nature, of food and of beautiful buildings.

198. How important is technology in your daily life ?

In daily life		I use I spend a lot of time with	different types of technology. They are all very important to me.
I use	my mobile phone to talk with my friends and family and to send them messages my computer to do online research for my homework and my courses Instagram in order to share my travel photos with the world Facebook in order to keep in touch with my friends overseas		
I can not imagine a world without technology – I need it every day !			

D. SOCIAL ORGANIZATION



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D.1. Neighbourhood



199. Where do you live ?

I live	in	the centre of town the city centre the suburbs the countryside a small village not too far from here a large town at about 10 kilometres from my school
		on the outskirts of the city opposite my school just behind the church on the other side of the river in a city just across the border

200. Can you describe your town/city ?

My town My city	is	quite small very modern picturesque traditional rather attractive very big a commercial hub very popular with tourists and visitors quiet and boring
	has	interesting sites for visitors a beautiful city hall a large park lots of narrow streets in the city centre a historical centre great architecture two churches and a mosque lots of beautiful temples a large sports stadium and a public swimming pool a beautiful beach great access to the nearby mountains

201. Which languages are spoken in your country ?

In my country	we speak	Dutch and French Spanish and Catalan Indonesian and some English Japanese Arabic and French Russian Mandarin and Cantonese
Dutch French Spanish Catalan Indonesian Japanese Arabic Russian Mandarin Cantonese	is spoken	in my country in the southern part of my country in the north in the western part of the country in the capital
		is very popular in my country is our official language is one of the most important languages in my country is the language of the Chinese community

202. Which ones are your neighbouring countries ?

Our neighbouring countries are	Mongolia, Russia and Vietnam Portugal and France Canada and Mexico Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia
My country is surrounded by water. We don't have any neighbouring countries ! Our nearest neighbour is Papua New Guinea.	

203. What can one do in your home country ?

In my home country In <name country>	visitors can it is possible to many people	eat our local food visit the regional museums visit the wine museums take a tour of the vineyards and farms enjoy the nightlife relax in a resort spend time learning a new language go swimming in the heated pools go for a picnic in the parks take photos of the architecture visit the birthhouse of X spend a day in the amusement park
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204. Can you describe a famous person from your home country ?

X is one of the most famous people from my country. He/she was born in <town/city> in <year> and is best remembered for his/her inventions/music/works of literature.

X's birthhouse has been converted into a small museum and many local people and foreigners like to visit this house.

X was a fantastic writer/inventor/explorer/singer and has contributed a lot to raising the profile of my country. He/she is known all over the world, even though X passed away more than <number> years ago.

205. Which are the major tourist attractions of your home country ?

My home country is famous for	its	beautiful beaches historical towns wonderful food skyscrapers mountains and ski resorts
	the	amusement parks many amazing art museums many shopping malls boatrides on the river
The main tourist attraction(s) in my country	is	the house where X was born (famous author, artist, ...) our typical food
	are	the medieval churches the beaches the ski resorts in the mountains the picturesque houses in the town centres the national library, the monastery and the town hall the public swimming pools and the amusement parks

206. What does your home town/city offer ?

In my home town	there is	a swimming pool and a sports club a church, a mosque and a synagogue a train station a bus station an airport a beautiful park with a pond
	there are	two main streets and many small roads lots of tall buildings supermarkets, furniture stores and a huge department store interesting markets, a theatre, cinemas and two libraries

207. How many people live in your village/town/city/country ?

In	my village my town my city my country <name town> <name country>	there are	three hundred fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty-eight thousand half a million one and a half million four million	inhabitants people
The population of my village/town/city/ country is				

208. What is the capital city of <name of country> ?

The capital city of <country> is	<name of city>
It has been the capital since <year>. It is the largest city in <country>	

209. What is there to see in your village/town/city ?

My home town/city is famous for		its beautiful beaches its historical centre its wonderful food the amusement parks the many amazing art museums its skyscrapers the many shopping malls the boatrides on the river its mountains and ski resorts
The main tourist attraction(s) in my town/city	is	the medieval church the gothic cathedral the house where <author, famous person> was born the beach
	are	the ski resorts in the mountains the picturesque houses in the historical centre the library, the monastery and the city hall the public swimming pool and the amusement park

210. Where is your city ? (geographical location within the country)

My city My town	is located	in the	centre	of the country
			north	
		south		
		east		
		west		
			countryside near the capital a mountainous region near the coast the mountains	
		on the banks of the largest river in my country on the southern coast on the <name> river on an island just off the northern coast		
		at about twenty kilometres from the capital near the border with <name country> halfway between <name city> and <name city> deep inside the hills in the south of the country		

211. What is your village/town/city/country famous for ?

My village/ town/city/ country	is famous for is well-known for	its	natural beauty wonderful food hospitality warm and friendly people great music waterfalls many lakes endless forests beautiful mountains many rivers and streams architecture historical town centre variety of cultures festivals
Many visitors come to my country in order to enjoy the warm summers, the cool winters, the scenery and the local dishes. There are many natural and artistic attractions including caves, lakes, ski slopes, museums and art galleries.			

212. Which shops can we find in your town/city ?

In my home town	we have there is you can find	a supermarket a grocery a bakery a butchery a stationary shop a bicycle store a department store a bookstore a boutique a pet shop a florist a food store a photo studio
There is also a	petrol station hairdresser	

213. Where do you shop for your groceries ?

I usually get my groceries from	the grocery shop the local market the Farmers Market the supermarket the shop around the corner
I buy my groceries online and they are delivered three times per week.	

214. Which countries do you know in Latin America ? In West-Africa or Southern Africa ?

I know I have visited I have done a school project on I have read some books on I have watched a documentary on My best friend lives in	<name country>
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215. In which countries do people speak English ?

People speak	English	in	Australia Canada England Hong Kong Kenya New Zealand Nigeria Scotland South Africa the United Kingdom the United States
English	is spoken		

216. Why do you like your home town ?

I really like my town	because	I have lived there my whole life I have many friends there I feel at home there I know everybody and everybody knows me the facilities are very good there is a lot happening all the time it is very clean and the people are very friendly we have a fantastic football club I think it's the best in the world
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217. Which recreational facilities exist in your home town ?

In my home town	there is	a swimming pool and a sports club a beautiful park with a pond a public library a youth centre a theatre a football stadium an amusement park a water park a lake where we can go windsurfing a bowling alley
	there are	two cinemas several discos three or four cafés two pool halls

218. Which public services and facilities exist in your home town ?

In my home town	there is	a bank a post office a police station a lost and found office	which provides	savings accounts current accounts currency exchange mail services stamp collections
	there are	embassies temples and churches	where we can apply for visas that attract many visitors	

219. Who does the shopping in your home ?

Normally Most of the time Every Saturday morning	my mother my father		does the shopping buys the groceries for the week shops on the way back from work
	I	go to the supermarket and get what we need go online and buy the groceries that we need	

220. Do you help with the shopping at home ?

I help out	with	the grocery shopping on Saturdays the online shopping unpacking the shopping bags when my mom gets home
	by	going to the market every Friday afternoon carrying the shopping bags home buying fresh bread on Sunday mornings

221. When you last went shopping for groceries, what did you buy ?

Last Saturday I went to the (super)market and bought	carrots, potatoes and a pumpkin three boxes of milk, one kilo of apples and some vegetables butter, jam and eggs
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222. Where do the people in your hometown shop ?

In my hometown most people usually shop	at the market at the supermarket at the local bakery and butchery in the mall in the department stores in small independent shops online
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223. Which one is your favorite shop and why ?

My favorite store is	Adidas Marks & Spencer the Apple store 7-Eleven Harrods C&A the local bookstore H&M	because	I love sports it is cheap and has good quality items it is very modern and welcoming you can find them everywhere you can browse there for hours they play great music
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224. Which items do you buy online ?

When I shop online I usually buy	food new shoes music movies the latest computer games novels and other books the latest fashion sports equipment
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225. What did you buy in the sales last week/month/year ?

In the sales last	week month year	I bought	a jacket and new pants two pairs of shoes three new t-shirts a beautiful handbag a leather wallet the pants that Lady Gaga wears
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226. Do you prefer to buy brand clothing or regular clothing ? Why ?

When I shop for clothes, I prefer to	buy easy-fit clothing try out new styles that I have seen in the magazines look for brands that the famous stars wear buy a few items as quickly as possible and get out of the store shop with my best friend – she always gives me great advice ! buy T-shirts, dresses and pants that are on sale
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D.2. Education



227. Where do you go to school ?

I go to school I am a student	at	the International School of <...> the American School of <...> the British School of <...> the <...> International School a private school in <town/city> a government school in <town/city> an IB school in <town/city> about five kilometres from my home
	in	<town/city>, far from my home
	abroad across the border, in <town/city>	

228. Can you describe your school ?

My school	is	modern quite small very big, with over 500 students one of the oldest in the city/country very traditional a boarding school an international school the only international school in the city a private school/ government school an IB school very expensive well-equipped the best in the region a United World College situated on a beautiful campus on the outskirts of the city located in the city centre
	has	less than 200 students over 1,000 students a lot of beautiful buildings, a football field, a swimming pool, a large library, twelve science laboratories, a gymnasium and administration offices an auditorium, an arts centre and music rooms a primary and a secondary section a kindergarten for the youngest students students from many different countries
	was	founded in 1962 established in 1985
	provides an international education to youngsters from all around the world	

229. Is your school for boys and girls ?

My school is	for boys only for girls only for boys and girls of all ages an all-boys school an all-girls school co-educational
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230. Which facilities are there in your school ?

My school	has	a large library
In my school	there is	a playground a reception a swimming pool a gymnasium an auditorium an assembly hall an arts centre an IT centre a health clinic a cafeteria a uniform shop a tuck shop
	there are	many modern classrooms four tennis courts two basketball courts a lot of sports facilities for the students residential buildings for the teachers dormitories for the students

231. Which rules do you have in your school ?

In my school	we can the students can we are allowed to it is allowed to	wear free dress on Wednesdays work in the library after school hours use our mobile phones during break leave the campus during the lunch hour
	we have to we must it is compulsory to it is mandatory to	wear uniform every day attend assembly every morning wait for the teacher before entering the classroom attend all the lessons hand in our homework on time bring a doctor's note when we are sick be punctual show respect to others look after the school facilities and equipment
	it is prohibited to we are not allowed to we must not	smoke bring or drink alcohol run in the corridors leave the campus during school hours bully or discriminate steal
	smoking drinking alcohol using drugs using your mobile phone	is forbidden is prohibited is not allowed is against the rules will get you in trouble can get you expelled

232. What is there in your school bag ?

In my school bag	I have I keep you can find	my course books two exercise books a pencil case my calculator my laptop a water bottle some snacks my mobile phone three library books a spare t-shirt a purse/wallet with a little bit of money my deodorant
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233. Can you describe your school uniform ?

My school uniform consists of	a white shirt and blue trousers a blue shirt and a red skirt a brown sweater, a yellow shirt, brown shorts and a white tie blue trousers, a light blue shirt and white socks
In my school we don't wear uniform. On Wednesday we have free dress day so we don't have to wear our uniform.	

234. Can you describe a typical school day ?

On a typical school day	classes start at 8 o'clock we have a morning assembly we have six lessons of one hour each there are two morning classes before 10 o'clock we have breaktime at 10.30 am the lessons end at 3 pm we have two extra-curricular activities there is no more than one test we have lunch at twelve o'clock there is a lunchtime meeting with our advisor
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235. How many classes do you have in one day ?

In one day	I usually have we have there are	five lessons six lessons four lessons and one study hour three lessons, one meeting and one activity
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236. How long is each lesson ?

Each lesson	lasts for takes	forty-five minutes fifty minutes one hour ninety minutes, with a break of five minutes
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237. At what time do you leave home to go to school ?

I normally leave home at	six forty-five seven o'clock half past seven in the morning
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238. At what time do the lessons start ?

In my school the lessons start at	eight fifteen half past eight a quarter to nine nine o'clock
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239. At what time do the lessons end ?

In my school the lessons end at	half past two in the afternoon three o'clock ten past three a quarter to four 4.15 pm
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240. At what time do you have breaktime and for how long ?

Breaktime is at	nine thirty ten o'clock a quarter past ten
... and lasts for	ten minutes twenty minutes half an hour

241. What do you like to do during break ?

During break	I I like to I usually I normally	play football with my friends chat with my best friend call my mother at home play computer games eat my snack and have a drink
	my friends and I	buy some snacks in the cafeteria drink some juice or milk go for a walk around the sports field catch up on homework go to the library to check the latest novels update our profile on Facebook

242. At what time do you arrive back home ?

I arrive back home	before four thirty at about five o'clock between five and six
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243. At what time do you do your homework ?

I usually do my homework	before dinner after seven o'clock between seven thirty and ten o'clock late in the evening in the middle of the night straight after school early in the morning
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244. Where do you do your homework ?

I	do usually do always do prefer doing like to do	my homework	in my room in the kitchen in the school library in our study at the dinner table at the local coffee shop
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245. Which subjects do you study ?

I study	English Mathematics Biology French Geography Sports Science Chinese Physics Economics Spanish
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246. How many students are there in your Mathematics class ?

In my Mathematics class there are	twelve fifteen eighteen twenty-two thirty	students
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247. How many students are there in your school ?

In my school there are	ninety three hundred and fifty nine hundred and eighty one thousand four hundred just under fifteen hundred over two thousand	students
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248. Where do the students come from ?

Some of Many of Most of The majority of One or two of	the students in my school our students my peers my school mates	come from	our town the neighbouring towns and villages abroad other countries all around the region
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249. Where do you like to sit in class ?

I	like to prefer to have to always usually sometimes	sit	in the front row in front of the teacher next to my best friend in the back of the class by the window near the door right in the centre of the class
because	I enjoy looking outside I can't see very well we work well together I sometimes use my phone during class I don't want to miss a word the teacher says		

250. How do you come to school ?

I	usually sometimes	come to school	by	bicycle bus car train
			on foot	
My parents drop me off every morning I get a ride from my friend's dad I study in a boarding school				

251. Can you describe your journey from home to school ?

I leave my home and turn	left right	to get to the	bus stop school gate pick-up point
I cycle to the bus station, and then I take the school bus I walk to my friend's house and his mother drives us to school The school bus picks me up from outside my flat I live just across the street from my school I walk for about fifteen minutes to reach my school My driver takes me to school every morning and picks me up every afternoon			

252. What is your favorite subject ?

My favorite subject is My preferred subject is The subject that I like the most is I prefer I love	English Biology Chinese Economics French Geography Mathematics Physics Sports Science Spanish
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253. For how long have you been studying this subject ?

I have been studying	English Biology Chinese Economics French Geography Mathematics Physics Sports Science Spanish	for	one year two years eighteen months ten years
		since	2015 September the start of my first year here

254. Why do you like this subject so much ?

I love	English Biology Chinese Economics French Geography Mathematics Physics Sports Science Spanish	because	it is	interesting
			I find it	challenging easy practical fun full of variety not too demanding not so difficult
			it	helps me understand the world is useful to learn a new language teaches us about cultures and people
			we	don't get much homework get to work together in class can show our creativity are allowed to listen to music in class

255. Which subject(s) do you not like and why ?

I don't like I dislike	Biology Chinese Economics French Geography Mathematics Physics Sports Science Spanish	because	it is	too difficult
			I find it	boring too demanding uninteresting very theoretical too challenging
			it	has no real application in life
			we	get too much homework just have to memorize everything don't have good facilities
			the teacher is often sick I won't need it in my further studies I am not interested in numbers I can not pronounce the words	

256. For how long have you been studying English ?

I have been studying English	for	one year eighteen months
	since	2018 the start of Year 1 September of last year

257. What do you do in class during your English lesson ?

In my English class	we	sometimes regularly often always	listen to songs make posters tell stories practise conversations learn new grammar write tests do skits and role-plays write short paragraphs read short texts and answer questions
	our teacher	teaches us the grammar gives us worksheets every day	

258. Why did you choose to study English ?

I chose to study English because	I find it a beautiful language I am very interested in English-speaking cultures I plan to go and study in the United States/United Kingdom I like the sound of this language I want to be able to communicate with people from all around the world it will allow me to understand my favorite movies and songs it is a very useful language to know it opens up a whole new world for me it is a global language it is spoken in many parts of the world my best friend is from <English-speaking country/culture> I would like to spend a few years in <English-speaking country>
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259. What are the qualities of a good teacher ?

I believe that a good teacher	understands his/her students explains everything clearly is an expert in their subject knows how to inspire his/her students is passionate about the subject he/she teaches doesn't pretend he/she knows everything listens to the needs of the students allows the students to discover things on their own doesn't give a lot of homework asks lots of questions lets us do projects and presentations has a good sense of humor
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260. Which teacher(s) do you like the most and why ?

I like my	<subject>	teacher the most	because	he she	is	interesting knowledgeable understanding cool
						knows his/her subject very well understands what students need does not give us many tests encourages us to do our best allows us to use our phones in class

261. What do you do in your service activity ?

In my service activity I	visit a home for the elderly teach small children English and Mathematics help out in an animal rescue centre visit young patients in the local hospital and play games with them organize fun and sports activities at the local orphanage tutor three children with disabilities do administrative work at the fire brigade teach Art and Music in the preschool next door
It is hard work but it is also very satisfying I find it very interesting, even though it is not always easy or fun The children enjoy our visits a lot and always give us a smile The work we do is exhausting but very worthwhile I love my service activity and I believe that it is very useful	

262. How much time do you spend each week on your service activity ?

On average I spend	two four five seven	hours per week	on my service activity
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263. Which creative activities do you participate in ?

I	enjoy love like am learning about participate in	designing webpages making arts and crafts writing articles for the student journal singing in the school choir playing the piano and the violin working with paint and fabric collecting stamps from around the world creating posters for school events photography
My friends and I are in charge of the school's Facebook page. We meet once a week and update the page with news and photos of the latest events.		

264. Which sports do you play in school ?

In school I	play	basketball football tennis volleyball netball	once a week twice a week every Wednesday afternoon on Friday afternoons during break time
	do	gymnastics aerobics yoga karate kung fu	during the lunch hour after class early in the morning during PE class
	swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays		

265. Are you a member of any clubs in your school ?

In my school	I	participate in a crafts club am the leader of an arts activity am a member of the school newspaper editorial team teach coding learn how to do pottery have started a stamp club
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266. How do you prepare for tests or examinations ?

Before a test or exam	I	revise for at least three days study together with two or three friends ask my parents to ask me questions about the course get a good night's sleep rest a lot and eat healthy food go for a long walk or run don't talk to anybody listen to my favorite music pray
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267. What do you do when you find a subject difficult ?

When I don't understand something	my parents hire a tutor who helps me better understand I go online and watch tutorials I call one of my friends and ask for advice I set up an appointment with my teacher I skip the section and study the easy chapters I take a break and clear my mind
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268. When do you have school holidays ?

Our school holidays are	from mid-December until the first week of January in July and August every four months when there is a public holiday at Easter and Christmas at the end of the holy month of Ramadhan during the Chinese New Year period
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269. Can you describe your last school trip ?

For my last school trip I went	to	the countryside the mountains a campsite <city name> <country name>	with my class for a week for five days on a language exchange for a homestay
		hiking skiing for a cultural visit on a service trip	in France in New Zealand to Rome to Thailand
We travelled by plane/train/bus for seven hours and stayed in a nice guesthouse. Every morning we started our activities at eight o'clock and we went to bed at ten in the evening. The trip was exhausting but very interesting and rewarding.			

270. What would you like to study after high school ?

After high school	I	want to study plan to study would like to study am thinking of studying would be interested in studying	languages law medicine Chemistry Business Administration International Relations
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271. Where would you like to study ?

I would like to study	in	Australia Canada Holland Hong Kong the United States the United Kingdom
	at	Oxford UCLA the Sorbonne in Paris the London School of Economics a university in my home town

272. How will you celebrate when you graduate from high school ?

When I graduate from high school	I	will travel for three weeks with some of my friends will organize a big party will participate in my school's graduation ceremony would like to take my parents out for dinner plan to spend one week hiking in the mountains will read a good book will sleep for a whole week !
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273. How will you feel about leaving your school to go to university ?

When I leave my school	I will	feel sad be relieved that it's over say goodbye and thank you to my teachers have mixed feelings feel proud of myself take some great memories with me probably cry
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D.3. The workplace



274. Which profession would you like to have ?

Once I complete my studies I would like to be At some point in my life I would love to be I have always dreamt of becoming In order to please my parents I will become I am not sure yet but I would consider becoming I have no idea yet but I would be interested in being	a	business man/woman chef dentist diplomat doctor famous singer full-time blogger journalist lawyer nurse plumber politician professional athlete professional golf player researcher teacher veterinarian writer	because	I like to help others I believe that I can win a major championship I love to travel I enjoy playing sports more than anything music is my passion it will allow me to make a lot of money I can work from home I enjoy writing I like science education is my life
	an	accountant architect artist astronaut electrician entertainer entrepreneur IT consultant		

275. Where would you like to go and study to prepare for this career ?

I would like to go and study	in	Beijing Edinburgh London Madrid Paris Sydney Australia Canada England the United States the United Kingdom my home country
	at	my local university the London School of Economics Imperial College the Sorbonne the University of Southern California Harvard Brown HKU

276. What does your father/mother do ?

My father My mother	is	a	technician mechanic company director teacher banker social worker professor driver farmer
		an	office worker administrator independent contractor
	works at home is unemployed is retired, but he/she used to be a <profession> is a former <profession>		

277. What does your brother/sister do ?

My brother My sister	is a	student
		soldier
		university student
		scholarship student
	studies in a primary school	
	studies Economics at university	
	is doing an internship in a company	
	is currently looking for work	
	is about to start his/her university studies in the United States	
	is unemployed	
is a student – he/she does not work yet		

278. Have you had any holiday/summer jobs ? What did you do ?

Last summer For the past two months During the December holidays During the summer holidays	I	worked in the local supermarket for one month helped out at the farm of my uncle sold newspapers in the local pubs did an internship in a law firm worked in a clothing store helped out with the paperwork in the local hospital worked as a monitor at a children's camp guided overseas visitors around my home town designed basic software for my dad's company
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279. How many hours did you work and how much did you earn ?

I worked for	four hours per day six hours per day eight hours per day twenty hours per week	and I earned	fifteen dollars per hour seventy pounds per day one hundred and fifty Euros per week eight hundred dollars for the month one Euro for every item sold
Last summer I spent six weeks doing an internship in a Law firm. I worked five days a week for eight hours per day. I helped some of the lawyers with their research and I learned how to prepare notes for a court hearing. I did not earn a salary but I received an allowance of \$50 per hour.			

280. Do you have a part-time job ?

Every Saturday On Tuesday evenings Once a week During the weekend During the holidays	I	work as a waiter/waitress in a local café work in my parents' business tutor my neighbours' son in Mathematics do some gardening work in my home town like to go baby-sitting teach young children how to swim
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281. How much pocket money do you receive ?

I receive	twenty fifty one hundred three hundred	dollars pounds Euros pesos	per day per week per month per term
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282. What do you do with your pocket money ?

I	usually sometimes always like to	buy the latest shoes buy chocolate or sweets save my pocket money put my money in a bank account buy some gifts for my friends donate my pocket money to a good cause buy a book or a CD spend my money on online games
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283. Can you talk about unemployment in your country ?

In	my country <country name>	there is	a lot of unemployment a crisis in the job market a shortage of qualified workers a shortage of doctors and teachers
		there are	too many people without a job serious problems with unemployment not enough job opportunities too many elderly people and not enough youngsters too many people and too few jobs

284. What are the work conditions like in your country ?

In	my country <country name>	people work long hours the work conditions are excellent the workers have a lot of rights the work conditions are very tough the workers are not treated very well most of the salaries are very low there are many foreign workers who don't earn much most people work from nine to five there are not enough holidays in the year it is difficult to start a business the taxes are very high
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285. What would you like to do in life ?

I	love to would love to	work	in the open air with young people independently with others on environmental issues in the music industry as a model in a restaurant with children
		help other people resolve difficult problems play sports, especially football and basketball make a lot of money write poetry or plays design buildings and bridges	
I would like to I haven't really decided yet, but I could		become a lawyer be a doctor and help the sick run my own business follow in my father's footsteps become a language teacher work as a translator make a career in international relations	

D.4. Social issues



286. What are some of the social issues in your home town/neighbourhood/country ?

In my town/neighbourhood/country	we have there is	an aging population street crime too much unemployment gender inequality a lack of schools a lack of job opportunities
	there are	social tensions between different ethnic groups a lot of homeless people racial tensions

287. What do the authorities do in order to overcome these issues ?

The government The city council	has built has opened plans to build	homes for the elderly a number of shelters soup kitchens four schools in the town centre
New laws are being created that address		the inequalities between males and females the integration of residents from various cultural backgrounds the tensions between different ethnic groups the limited access to education
The authorities have installed cameras in the streets in order to better monitor the gangs and the safety of the residents		

288. What do you do in order to address some of these social issues ?

Once a week Twice a week Every Saturday On Monday evenings From time to time	I	visit a home for the elderly and spend time with the residents there work in a soup kitchen hand out food packets to the needy volunteer in an organization that helps new residents integrate into our community teach <language> to immigrants
When my friends and I go to the home for the elderly we		take walks with the elderly people read stories listen to their stories from when they were young bake cookies or brownies for them help them tidy up their rooms take them on outings to the zoo or to the park

289. How does gender inequality manifest itself in your country ?

There are different opportunities for males and females			
In general	males	have better access to quality education go to school longer earn more find jobs more easily do less of the housework receive harsher treatment in the courts	than females
		occupy all the leadership positions do all the physically demanding jobs	
	females	don't have to do national service work more often in the services industry pay less taxes work shorter hours stay at home to look after the house and the family don't participate in the elections aren't allowed to drive	
In my country		males and females have equal rights are treated the same way gender inequality does not exist nothing has changed for many years the people are demanding equal rights for males and females there are differences between the urban and rural populations	

290. What is the status of immigrants and refugees in your country ?

Recently there has been an increase in the number of foreigners coming into my country.	
In order to help them integrate in our society	we organize language classes we volunteer at the cultural centre and hold discussions with them we plan weekend outings for the young families we teach them about our culture and history we have multicultural sports activities and clubs
In my opinion the immigrants	add more cultural diversity to my country bring a lot of skills to our society foster racial and religious tolerance help us become more aware of our own situation bring out our values of tolerance and generosity should have the right to live and work where they want

291. In your country, which facilities are there for handicapped people ?

In	my country <name country>	handicapped people	travel for free on public transport have special schools are fully integrated in our society have the same job opportunities as everyone else find it difficult to get a good job are not always treated fairly encounter many challenges in daily life
We have	special facilities such as ramps and elevators in all public buildings a special day where we raise awareness about handicapped people parking spaces reserved for them		

292. How do you feel about the treatment and the rights of animals ?

I feel strongly about animal rights. I believe that animals have the same right to life and to proper treatment as humans have.	
I am opposed to	animal testing testing new medical products on animals the cloning of animals abandoning animals during the summer vacation keeping animals in a zoo or in a park hunting the trade in exotic animals the trade in animal products the ways animals are treated in circuses
I believe that movies with animal characters can bring more awareness to some of these issues.	
In my school	we have an animal rights club some of the students walk dogs for their service activity we often talk about animal rights

293. What do you think we can do to combat poverty in <target language country> ?

I believe that	the government the authorities everyone we	can could should must	provide more job opportunities improve the quality of education make education more affordable spread the wealth more evenly pay more attention to people with low income have stricter policies on immigration improve our infrastructure pay more attention to people in rural areas increase agricultural activity
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294. Can you describe how cyberbullying works ?

Cyberbullying happens through various media, for instance	mobile phones instant messaging online forums online chat online games email social networks photo-sharing sites
The actions of the bully often consist of	insults threats rumors account theft identity theft photo-sharing
Cyberbullying happens to boys and girls and is quite common in my community.	
Cyberbullies feel empowered because	they remain invisible they feel dominant over an innocent target they believe they are anonymous they can act any time of day or night

295. If you could introduce some new social rules, which ones would they be ?

I would introduce rules about	using mobile phones while walking in the street and in shopping malls using mobile phones while eating watching TV while eating taking selfies in crowded places texting while driving the minimum age for youngsters to join social networking sites sharing personal information online the ways we treat the elderly
We should also	encourage the young people to spend more time reading or playing together find ways for parents to spend more time with their children educate the youth about the cultural norms and values of others be stricter about violence in schools and in the workplace improve our relationship with the police and the authorities

E. SHARING THE PLANET



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E.1. Climate



296. What is the weather like today ?

Today	the weather it	is	warm sunny cold rainy windy cloudy overcast cooler than yesterday very hot
	there is	a lot of wind a chance that it will rain	
	the sun is shining it is snowing the temperature is below zero the weather forecast is very good nice weather is predicted		

297. What is the weather normally like in your country ? (specify according to the season)

In summer In autumn In winter In spring	it is	usually	quite warm very sunny misty in the mornings wet throughout the day cold and dark cool and wet
	it		rains a lot snows most of the time freezes during the night

298. What do you like to wear in summer ?

In summer	I like to wear I often wear I usually wear	a t-shirt and shorts light clothing sandals a cap a light dress a skirt and a top with short sleeves
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299. What do you like to wear in winter ?

In winter	I like to wear I often wear I usually wear	long trousers, a shirt and a pullover a jersey or a coat a warm jacket a woolen scarf and gloves warm clothing a tracksuit leggings warm boots
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300. What do you wear when it rains ?

When it rains	I usually I always I	wear	a raincoat gumboots waterproof clothing rainproof boots
I also carry an umbrella			

301. What do you wear when it is hot/sunny outside ?

When it is	hot sunny	I wear	shorts and a t-shirt a baseball cap against the sun sandals or push-ins a swimsuit
I also use sun cream and I stay in the shade as much as I can			

302. What was the weather like yesterday ?

Yesterday morning when I woke up it was drizzling and a bit windy outside. I dressed warmly and went to school. Later in the morning it stopped raining and it became a little bit warmer. In the afternoon the sun started to shine and in the evening the sky was mostly clear.

303. During your last holiday, what was the weather like ?

Last summer I went on holiday to <country> with my family. We spent three weeks on a beautiful island and most of the time the weather was fantastic. The sun shone from morning until evening and we were able to spend a lot of time outside. We went hiking, cycling, fishing and snorkeling. One morning it rained a little bit so we decided to visit the local museum. In the afternoon it was cloudy but dry so we rented bicycles and visited some local villages. In the evening the sky was clear again and we had dinner on the beach.

304. What do you like to do when the weather is bad ?

When	the weather is bad it rains it snows it is cold outside it is wet outside there is a storm I can not go outside	I like to	watch a good movie read novels play computer games draw or paint visit my friend at his/her home watch TV tidy up my room sleep spend time with my family do my homework
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E.2. Physical geography



305. Can you describe your home country/ <country name> ?

My country <country name>	is	a big country in Central Europe one of the largest countries in South-East Asia a small country bordered by Holland, Germany and France a beautiful country on the eastern coast of South America
	has	plenty of mountains, rivers and plains many agricultural regions the most beautiful beaches in the world a population of x million a wide variety of cultural and natural attractions

306. What are the differences between the northern and the southern parts of your country ?

In the	northern southern	part of my country	there is	more development less agriculture more industry less tourism	than in the	south north
			there are	more mountains more plains more historical towns fewer cities fewer beaches fewer industries		

307. How does the physical environment in your country affect the lifestyle and the activities of the people ?

In the	north south east west	we have there are	tall mountains vast plains lots of rivers beautiful beaches many hills and valleys hundreds of small islands
The people who live there work mainly in			agriculture the fishing industry manufacturing the cities farming the ricefields

308. How does the physical environment in your country affect the economy ?

Since	we have there are	a lot of mountains many rivers small villages large forests huge jungle areas many islands	we produce a lot of	crops vegetables fruits rice wood fish products
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E.3. Environment



309. What do you like to do when you go to the beach ?

When I go to the beach	I	like to often usually	relax and read a good book go for long walks play football or badminton sunbathe take photos of the people there help pick up the trash that washes ashore
I go to the beach at least once a month with my school. We spend a whole day doing a big clean-up. We collect all the trash that has landed on the beach and deposit it in large boxes. We get a free lunch from the town council.			

310. What do you like to do when you go to the mountains ?

When I go to the mountains	I	like to often usually	go for a hike with my friends discover new trails go fishing in the streams spend the night camping
When I go to the mountains with my friends, we like to spend most of the day hiking along the narrow trails and collecting leaves from different plants and trees. Some of us also take photos of the scenery and the environment. Along the trail we pick up the litter that other hikers have left behind.			

311. What do you do to help protect the environment ?

In order to help protect the environment, I	make sure I pick up all my trash became a member of my school's environmental club help create awareness in my town participate in beach/forest clean-ups never use plastic bags recycle newspapers go to school by bicycle
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312. Which environmental problems are there in your town/city ?

In my home town	we have a problem with traffic there is too much traffic there are no cycling paths the air pollution is very bad people litter a lot there is a lot of light pollution we consume too much energy on street lighting very few people use public transport there is no recycling plant for plastic we can not recycle paper
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313. Which environmental problems are there in your country ?

In my country In <name country>	it is very easy to hunt wild animals deforestation is a serious problem the government continues to destroy forests water pollution has become a major problem elephants and rhinos are being poached	
	there is/are we have	serious problems with air pollution a lot of noise pollution from the traffic and the airport poor sanitation a lack of clean drinking water people littering everywhere too many factories that produce toxic fumes a lot of corruption no strict laws for the environment

314. What does your school do in order to help protect the environment ?

At my school we	organize awareness campaigns for the community recycle paper and plastic reuse the water from the sinks use fans instead of air conditioning don't allow cars on the campus have created a smoke-free zone switch off the lights when we leave the classroom
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315. Which types of holidays do you prefer ?

I prefer	ecological holidays where we learn about the environment active holidays where we do lots of activities and sports hiking and camping holidays in the open air beach holidays cultural holidays where we visit major cities staying at home during the holidays family holidays going on holiday with my friends going for a long bike trip around my home country
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316. Which natural disasters have occurred in your home country ?

In July 1991 About fifty years ago When I was small Last year A few weeks ago	there was	an earthquake a hurricane a volcanic eruption intense flooding a major drought	in the south of my country along the coast near the capital city not far from my home town that killed two hundred people
	there were	several typhoons tropical storms floods bush fires	

317. Are there any endangered animals in your country or region ?

In my country In <name country> In my region	we have	black rhinos elephants panda bears bald ibises several species of frogs pink dolphins whale sharks snow leopards	that are endangered
	black rhinos elephants pandas bald ibises several species of frogs pink dolphins whale sharks snow leopards	are endangered	

318. What does your government do to solve these environmental problems ?

My government The government of my country	has banned the use of plastic bags has introduced car-free Sundays levies a special tax on smoking is not preoccupied with the environment
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319. In your opinion, which are the main environmental issues that we need to address ?

In my opinion I believe that I think that	we need to address we must deal with we should tackle it is time to take care of	global warming air pollution in the big cities the amount of plastic that is being used non-renewable resources water pollution the condition of the seas and the rivers the hole in the ozone layer deforestation the number of animal species that are endangered over-population
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320. How is global warming affecting your home country/host country ?

In my country In <name country> In my host country	global warming	is affecting has an effect on	agriculture the seasons tourism
		causes	droughts unemployment the sea levels to rise poor harvests

E.4. Global issues



321. Which aid organizations are active in your home country/host country and what do they do?

There are several aid/international organizations in my country.	
The World Bank The Red Cross Médecins Sans Frontières Unicef The World Health Organization	provides loans to start-up businesses sets up small clinics in the rural areas helps establish schools for the underprivileged aims to vaccinate everyone against polio
My country also receives support from neighbouring countries and from <name country> My country also provides assistance to many countries around the world	

322. Which global issues concern you the most and why ?

I am	concerned worried	about	poverty the unequal distribution of wealth the use of natural resources unemployment terrorism global warming the greenhouse effect overpopulation migration air pollution the melting of the ice caps
	interested	in	
This issue has a profound effect on our future It is important to improve the living conditions of other people We need to act now in order to create a better future			
I am quite concerned/ worried about	the environment global warming the rights of children	because	there are now too many people in the world the situation seems to be getting worse and worse there are still too many children who don't go to school many people don't have access to clean water

323. How can your school address these issues ?

In school	we discuss these issues on a regular basis there are action campaigns for the community we invite guest speakers to come and inform us everybody recycles as much as possible we set an example for the younger students our service projects focus on this issue/these issues
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324. What are some of the main challenges for the youth of today ?

In today's world	there is	a lack of interpersonal communication an excess of consumerism too much violence little consideration for others too much emphasis on technology easy access to drugs and alcohol a widening gap between the generations more and more pressure to achieve in school
	there are	serious problems with tolerance and understanding lots of political problems challenges with migration fewer employment opportunities

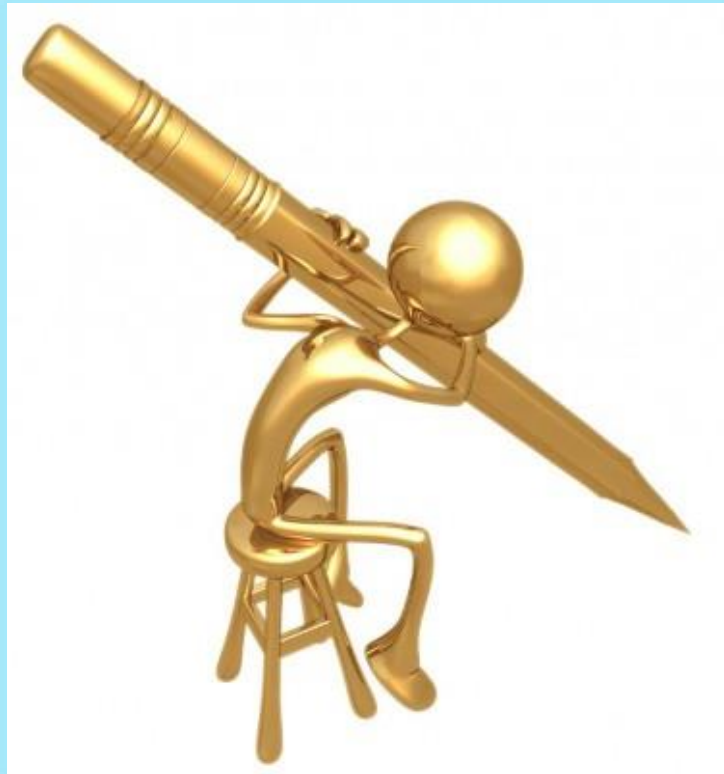
325. Why do you think travel is important ?

It is important to travel	because	it helps us (to) we learn to	broaden our horizons better understand the world around us respect other cultures appreciate our own culture realise how lucky we are understand that we live in a beautiful world discover different ways of life see differences and similarities between cultures and people
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326. Why do you think travel is interesting/useful ?

Travel is	interesting useful	because	it helps us (to) we learn to	organize our schedule manage our time compare and contrast means of transport
			there is always something new to learn you often find surprises when you visit new places the world is a beautiful place the more you travel, the better you understand who you are you get to experience different climates it is nice to stay in expensive hotels	

F. EXTRA QUESTIONS



327. What day is it today ?

Today is	Monday Wednesday Saturday
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328. How many days are there in a week ? How many months are there in a year ?

In one week there are seven days There are seven days in a week
In one year there are twelve months There are twelve months in a year

329. What time is it ?

It is	one two four six nine	o'clock fifteen twenty-five thirty	in the	morning afternoon evening
	ten to quarter to quarter past twenty past half past	three seven ten		
	midday noon midnight			

330. Can you describe an event (positive or negative) that happened recently ?

Last week in my English class one of my classmates suddenly started to feel unwell. In the middle of the lesson he told me that he felt dizzy and that he thought he was going to faint. I immediately informed the teacher and helped my friend to lie down on the floor. I asked my other friend to go and call the school nurse.

After a few minutes my classmate felt a little bit better and we took him to the school clinic. He stayed in the clinic for the rest of the afternoon, until his parents came to get him. They took him to the hospital where the doctors found that he was exhausted from studying for his Science examination. Fortunately the next day he felt much better and he was back in school.

331. Can you talk about an incident that happened recently ?

A few days ago I was walking down the street when I saw a young man walk up to an elderly lady. The young man was wearing a black t-shirt, jeans, brown shoes and sunglasses. He looked nervous. He seemed to ask her for directions, but suddenly he grabbed the lady's handbag and started to run away.

The lady screamed and a nearby policeman heard the commotion. He shouted at the thief to stop running and to lie down on the pavement. The thief obeyed the instruction and surrendered to the police. I picked up the handbag from the pavement and gave it back to the lady.

She was shaken and a bit frightened, but she thanked me for returning the handbag to her. The police instructed the thief to get into their car and drove him to the police station.

332. Can you describe an accident you witnessed and what you did to help ?

When I woke up this morning I saw that it had been snowing all night long. The street was covered in snow and ice, and at first I thought that I should not go to school. When I left the house I saw a car that was moving slowly along the street. Suddenly it started to skid, and after a few meters the car hit a tree on the side of the road. I got to the car as fast as I could and almost slipped on the ice.

When I reached the car I opened the door and found the driver and her young daughter. I asked them if they were hurt, but fortunately they were fine. The daughter had a headache so I called the police and the ambulance for help. They arrived after five minutes and took the two passengers to the hospital.

Later on the mother called me and thanked me for my help.

333. Have you enjoyed practising your English in this student workbook ?

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