

## Part 1 questions to practice with a partner

**Instructions:** ask these questions to your partner. You should occasionally ask them "why?" to help them practice elaborating on their answers.

### Work

What is your job?

Where do you work?

Why did you choose this job?

Is it a popular job in your country?

Do you like your job?

Can you describe a typical day at work?

Do you get on well with your colleagues?

What was your first day like?

What responsibilities do you have at work?

If you could, would you change your job?

Do you plan to continue with your job in the future?

What would make your job easier?

Do you work better in the mornings or the evening?

What is your ideal work?

How has your work changed since you started this job?

What type of changes do you imagine will take place in your industry in the future?

How do you relax after work?

### Study

What do you study?

Where do you study?

Why did you choose this subject?

Was it an easy choice?

Is it a popular subject in your country?

How do you feel about your studies?

Do you get on well with your colleagues?

Can you describe a typical day at school/university?

What was your first day like?

Is there anything you dislike about your studies?

How long have you been studying this subject?

If you could, would you change your subject?

Do you plan to get a job related to your subject?

What would make it easier for you to study?

What would you like to do after you finish studying?

Do you work better in the mornings or the evenings?

Do you prefer to study or work?

How do you relax after studying?

## **Home**

Where do you live?

What do you like about your apartment/house/home?

Who do you live with?

Would you prefer to live with other people or alone?

Can you describe your home?

What changes would you make to your apartment/ house?

What is your favourite room?

How long have you lived in your current home?

Do you know your neighbours?

Do you plan to live there in the future?

What facilities are there near your home?

What is your neighbourhood like?

Do most people in your country live in houses or apartments?

## **Hometown**

Are you from the city or the countryside?

What is your hometown like?

How often do you go back to your hometown?

What is there for a foreigner to do or see in your hometown?

How could your hometown attract more visitors?

How could your hometown be improved?

Has your hometown changed much since you were a child?

Is there good public transportation in your hometown?

Do you know much about the history of your hometown?

Is your hometown a good place to bring up children?

Which do you prefer, where you live now or where you were born?

Would you change anything about your hometown?

Do you think it's important to live in different places throughout your life?

Why do you think some people never leave the hometown?

## **Reading**

Do you enjoy reading in your spare time?

How has your taste in books changed as you have grown older?

Do you have a favourite books?

Are there any famous books from your country?

Do you think reading is a good way to pass the time?

Do you have a favourite book?

Do you think reading in English is a good way to improve your language skills?

There are many films based on books. Do you prefer to read the book or watch the film?

Do you have any e-books?

Do you think it's important to encourage children to read?

Do you like reading any newspapers or magazines?

## Daily routine

- Do you like to wake up early in the morning?
- What is your favourite time of day?
- What is your daily routine like?
- Was your daily routine very different when you were younger?
- What is your favourite time of the day?
- Are there any habits that you have before you start your day or go to sleep?
- Do you like to plan your weekends?
- How do your weekends compare to your routine during the week?
- Do you have favourite day of the week?
- Why do you think some people like to have the same routine every day?

## Free time

- What do you like to do in your free time?
- Do you like to do sports and exercise in your free time?
- What free time activities are popular in your country?
- Do the people you know like to spend their free time in the same way as you do?
- Do you think old and young people like to do the same free time activities?
- What kind of free time activities did you do when you were younger?
- What free time activities do you find relaxing?
- Is it important to have free time?
- Why do you think some people don't give themselves enough free time to relax?
- What can prevent people from having enough free time?

## Being punctual

- Do you like to arrive early for things?
- Do you think that it's important to be early?
- Is it important to arrive early in your country?
- What can people do to ensure that they arrive on time for special events?
- What should you do if you arrive late for a special event?
- How do you feel when other people are late to meet you?
- Is punctuality important in your country?

## Housework

- How do you feel about doing housework?
- Why do some people find housework relaxing?
- Do many people in your country hire a cleaner?
- How often do you do the housework?
- Are there any tasks that you especially like/dislike when it comes to doing housework?
- Do you think that children should do housework in the house?
- What can parents do to encourage their children to do housework?
- Who usually does the housework in your home?

## **Sport**

Are there any sports that you enjoy doing?

Did you do the same sports when you were younger?

Why do some people love doing sports so much?

Do you enjoy watching sports on television?

Do you prefer doing team or individual sports?

Do you think that team sports and individual sports are the same?

What are some qualities and characteristics that are important for an athlete to have?

Does your country have a national sport?

Are there any famous athletes from your country?

Do you think it is essential to start sports at a young age?

Do you think that sports should be encouraged more in school?

Why do some children hate doing sports at school?

Is there any sport you would like to try in the future?

Why do you think that some people are attracted to extreme sports?

Why do large companies sponsor famous athletes?

Do you think that dangerous sports should be shown on television?

## **Weather**

Does the weather in your country change much throughout the year?

What time of year has the best weather in your country?

Do you prefer warm or cold weather?

What activities are popular in your country when the weather is warm/cold?

Do you often check the weather forecast?

Does the weather affect your mood at all?

Do people in your country often talk about the weather?

## **Television series**

Do you think that watching television series in English is a good way to learn the language?

Do you watch many television series?

What kind of television series do you enjoy watching?

Do most people in your country watch television series on TV or online?

Are there any television series that are popular in your country?

Why do you think some people like to watch more than one episode at a time?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of spending time watching television series?

## **Shopping**

Do you enjoy shopping?

How often do you go shopping?

Why do some people really dislike shopping?

Do you prefer to buy things online or in physical stores?

How can you judge the quality of a product that is sold online?

Do you like to go window-shopping?

Have your shopping habits changed as you have grown older?

## Taking holidays

When was the last time you took a holiday?

What kind of places do you like to go to on holiday?

Are there any popular holiday destinations where you live?

Who do you usually go on holiday with?

Do most people in your country travel abroad on holiday?

What kind of holidays are popular?

What are some differences between a beach holiday and a sight-seeing holiday?

How important are holidays to you?

Are there any places you would especially like to visit?

Have the type of holidays you take now changed since when you were a child?

What are the benefits of going on holiday with friends/family?

What advice would you give somebody who wanted to take holiday in your country?

## Travel

Do you like to travel?

Do you think it's a good idea for young people to travel after finishing high school?

Have you been to many countries?

What was the last place you travelled to?

Do you like to go on long trips?

Do you think it's important to prepare before travelling abroad?

What kind of preparations are important to make before travelling to a new country?

Is there anywhere in the world that you would especially like to travel to?

What are the benefits of travelling to a new place?

What advice would you give to people who are travelling to your country?

## Public transport

Do you travel by public transport often?

Is the public transport good where you live?

What's the traffic like where you live?

How could the transport system where you live be improved?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by public transport?

What are the advantages of owning a private car?

What can be done to encourage people to use public transportation more?

What do you usually do to entertain yourself when you are travelling on public transport?

## Driving

Do you drive a car?

Is it common for young people in your country to have a driving license?

Do you think that it is necessary to learn how to drive these days?

Do you prefer to travel by car or public transport?

Is owning a car a status symbol in your country?

Why do you think some people spend a lot of money on cars?

What do you think about electric cars and vehicles?

What are the environmental impacts of travelling by car?