

IELTS SPEAKING
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(Updated)

Part – 1

Questions, asked to almost all students

1. May I see your ID?

For sure, here you are!

2. May I know your full name?

My full name is Mukesh Kumar Makkar

3. How may I address you?

You can call me Mukesh

4. Where do come from?

The city where I live is Shahabad Markanda. It's located in the north of India.

Work and studies (always in use)

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

Hometown (always in use)

1. Tell me something interesting about your hometown.

Well, it's famous for the Panorama Museum which is located in the heart of the city. And yeah, Markandeshar Temple is also a worth visiting place. Tourists tend to flock there to worship lord Shiva, especially on weekends. If you could do only one thing in Shahabad, I would recommend going to the temple.

2. Do you like your home town?

Of course, my city is a great place to live as it has all the necessary facilities and amenities available. On top of that, the place is surrounded by greenery which actually makes it one of the most peaceful cities to live in Haryana. And what I love the most is the 24x7 public transport system. You can easily hop a bus even at midnight.

3. Is that a big city or a small place?

In terms of area, it's not that big but yeah one can have easy access to entertainment facilities as well as a variety of shopping outlets.

4. How long have you been living there?

I've been living there (since my birth) (for around 12 years).

5. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

I don't think so; actually, I am planning to continue my studies in Canada. But yeah I'll surely come back after the completion of my course and continue to live with my parents.

6. How has your town changed over the last 20 years?

Many new buildings have sprung up compared to the past. Even there has been increased urbanization, better quality housing, and higher living standards.

Home (always in use)

1. Can you describe the place where you live?
2. What kind of housing accommodation do you live in (House or Flat)?
3. What's your favourite room in your house?
4. How the walls are decorated of that room?
5. Which room does your family spend most of the time in?
6. What can you see from the windows where you live?
7. Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?
8. What would you like to change in your house?
9. What do you dislike about your house?

Country (always in use)

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

1 Countryside (New)

1. Would you like to live in the countryside in the future?
2. Have you ever lived in the countryside?
3. Do you ever spend time in the countryside?
4. What is the difference between living in the countryside and the city?
5. What do people living in the countryside like to do?
6. What do you like to do in the countryside?

2 Public Garden (New)

1. Do you visit to parks?
2. Do you like to visit to parks?
3. When was the last time you went to a park?
4. What do you like to do when visiting a park?
5. Are there many parks where you live?
6. What improvements should be there in the park where you visit?

3 Watching TV (New)

1. What type of TV programs do you like to watch?
2. Do you think you watch TV too much?
3. Why do some people watch TV shows online?
4. Why do people dislike watching TV?
5. What benefits can people get from watching foreign TV programs?
6. In your country, is it possible for you to watch any TV programs in English?

4 Handwriting (New)

1. Do you usually write by hand or write using a computer?
2. Nowadays, how do most people write things?
3. Do you often write with a pen?
4. Do you think handwriting is important nowadays?
5. Do you think computers might one day replace handwriting?
6. Is your handwriting easy to read for other people?
7. Can we tell someone's personality from their handwriting?
8. Did you like writing things when you were a child?

5 Science (New)

1. Do you like science?
2. Did you like science classes when you were young?
3. Do you think school children should have both science classes and art classes?
4. Do you think science is important to our society?

6 Pets and Animals (New)

1. What's your favorite animal? Why?
2. What is the most popular animal in your country?
3. Have you ever had a pet?
4. Where do you prefer to keep your pet, indoors or outdoors?
5. Did you have a pet when you were a child?

7 Headphones (New)

1. Do you use headphones?
2. What type of headphones do you use?
3. When would you use headphones?
4. In what conditions, you won't use headphones?

8 Shoes (New)

1. Do you like buying shoes? How often?
2. Have you ever bought shoes online?
3. How much money do you usually spend on shoes?
4. Which do you prefer, fashionable shoes or comfortable shoes?
5. What is your favourite type of shoes?
6. Why do some people have too many shoes?

9 Public gardens and parks (New)

1. Would you like to play in a public garden or park?
2. What do you like to do when visiting a park?
3. How have parks changed today compared to the time when you were a kid?
4. Would you prefer to play in a personal garden or public garden?

10 Apps (New)

1. What apps have you recently used?
2. What kinds of apps are you usually interested in?
3. What was the first app you used?
4. What kinds of apps would you like to use in the future?

11 Colours (New)

1. What's your favorite colour?
2. What's the color you dislike? Why?

3. What colors do your friends like most?
4. What colour makes you uncomfortable in your room?
5. What colours do you like?
6. What is the most popular colour in India?
7. Do you like to wear dark or bright colours?
8. Do colours affect your mood?
9. Did color matter to you when you were a child?
10. Does color matter when you buy things?
11. Which color you don't like to have in your home?
12. What is the difference between men's and women's preference on colours?
13. Have you ever seen a rainbow?

12 Weather (New)

1. What kind of weather does you like the most?
2. What's the weather like in your hometown?
3. Do you like the weather in your hometown?
4. Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

13 Getting lost (New)

1. Have you ever lost your way?
2. How can you find your way when you are lost?
3. Can you read a map when you get lost?
4. Have you ever helped someone who got lost?

14 Concentration (New)

1. Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?
2. What do you do to help you concentrate?
3. What may distract you when you are trying to stay focused?
4. What do you do to improve concentration?
5. When do you need to be focused?

15 Science (New)

1. Do you like science?
2. When did you start to learn about science?
3. Which science subject is interesting to you?
4. What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?

16 Holidays (New)

1. Where did you go for your last holiday?
2. Do you like holidays? Why?
3. Which public holidays do you like the best?
4. What do you do on holidays?

17 BBQ

1. Do you like barbecues?
2. When the last time did you eat food at barbecues?
3. What kind of food do you like to eat at barbecues?
4. How often do you have barbecue party?
5. Would you like to have barbeque with your family or your friends?
6. Did you have barbeque when you were a child?
7. Do people in your country like barbecues?

18 Car Trip

1. Do you like to travel by car?
2. When do you travel by car?
3. Where is the farthest place you have travelled by car?
4. Do you like to sit in the back or front when travelling by car?

19 Sky and Stars

1. Do you like to watch the sky?
2. What is the sky like at night in your hometown?
3. Can you see the moon and stars where you live?
4. What is the best place to look at the sky in your hometown?
5. Have you ever taken a course about stars?
6. Is it important to study stars?
7. What's your favorite star?

20 Relax

1. What do you do to relax?
2. Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?
3. Do you think vacation is a good time for you to relax?
4. Do you think students need more relaxing time?

21 Flowers

1. Do you like flowers?
2. What is your favorite flower?
3. What flowers have special meaning in your country?
4. Do you like to send flowers to others?
5. When was the last time you gave flowers to someone?
6. Have you planted any flowers?
7. Do you like to have flowers in your home?
8. Where can people buy flowers in your hometown?

22 Advertising

1. Do you like advertisements?
2. How do you feel about advertisement?

3. Is there much advertising in your country?
4. Where can we see advertisements?
5. Do you like advertisements on TV or radio?

23 Special Costumes

1. Do you like to wear special costumes?
2. When was your last time to wear special costumes?
3. Did you try any special costumes when you were young?
4. Do you ever buy special costumes?

24 Wallet

1. Do you use a wallet?
2. Have you ever lost a wallet?
3. Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?
4. Do most of your friends use a wallet?

25 Wild Animals

1. Have you ever seen wild animals?
2. Where can we see wild animals?
3. What's your favorite wild animal?
4. Do you like watching animals in the zoo?
5. Is it important to let children know about animals?
6. Is it important to protect wild animals?

26 Primary School

1. What did you like to do the most when you were in primary school?
2. How did you go to your primary school?
3. How do you like your primary school?
4. What did you do in your leisure time in primary school?

27 Environmental Protection

1. Would you like to work in a company related to environmental protection?
2. How can we protect the environment?
3. Do you think you have done enough to protect the environment?
4. Is there education about environmental protection at school?

28 Decoration

1. What is the decoration like in your home?
2. What kind of decoration do you prefer?
3. Do Indian people like decorating their homes?
4. What's your favorite color when decorating your home?

29 Taking rest

1. How often do you take a rest?
2. What do you usually do when you are resting?
3. Do you take a nap when you are resting?
4. How do you feel after taking a nap?

30 Holidays

1. What public holidays do you have in your country?
2. Which public holidays do you like the most?
3. What was the best holiday in your life?
4. Do you like to spend holidays with your friends or family?

31 Festivals

1. What is the most popular festival in your country?
2. What is your favourite festival?
3. How do you celebrate that festival?
4. Did you celebrate festivals at school?

Part – 2 & 3 (New Cue Cards with Follow-ups)

1. Describe an occasion when you paid more than expected (New)

You should say

- What you bought
- How much you paid
- Why you bought it
- Why you paid more and how did you feel about it

Follow-ups

1. What kinds of things do people like to buy in your country?
2. What kinds of expensive things do people like to buy?
3. Do you think that people buy a lot of things that they don't need?
4. Why do young people tend to waste money?
5. Why do so many young people buy expensive things?
6. Why do people like to buy expensive things?
7. Do people in your country like to save money?
8. Is it important to save money?
9. What is the best way of saving money?

2. Describe an activity you usually do that wastes your time (New)

You should say

- What it is
- When you do it
- Why you do it
- Why do you think it wastes your time

Follow-ups

1. How can we avoid wasting time?
2. Is time management important?
3. Should parents help children manage time?
4. Do you think relaxing is a waste of time?

3. Describe a skill that was hard to learn (New)

You should say

- What it was
- When you learned it
- Why it was hard to learn
- How you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. What age will make it difficult for people to master new skills?
2. Is it hard for old people to learn new skills?
3. What's the difference between children learning and adults learning what they have to learn?
4. What skills are valued most in your country?
5. What kind of skills might be important in the future?
6. Do you think boys and girls should learn the same skills?
7. What kinds of skills are difficult to learn?

4. Describe a family member that did something that made you feel proud (New)

You should say

- Who this person is
- What this person did
- Why you felt proud of them

Follow-ups

1. Should parents reward their children when they help others?
2. Is sweet a good thing to reward them?
3. What rewards do children want to get?
4. How can parents reward their children?
5. Is it good or bad that people feel proud of their possessions?

5. Describe something you did that was difficult but successful (New)

You should say

- What you did
- How you did it
- How difficult it was
- Why you are proud of it

Follow-ups

1. Do you like facing difficult (or, challenging) tasks?
2. What challenges do young people face today?
3. How do (young people) handle difficult or challenging tasks?
4. Which do you think is better, to face these difficulties and challenges alone or to seek the help of others?
5. Do you think there's much difference between the challenges that (young) people face today and those that (young) people faced in the past?
6. Do people in different age groups face the same (or similar) difficulties and challenges?
7. Why is there intense competition in some situations?
8. Do you think being challenged is good for a person?

6. Describe a time you got up early. (New)

You should say

- When was it
- Why did you get up early
- What did you do after getting up
- How did you feel about it

Follow-ups

1. Do you know anyone who likes to get up early?
2. Why do people get up early?
3. What kinds of situations need people to arrive early?
4. Why do some people like to stay up late?

7. Describe a person who solved a problem in a smart way (clever way) (New)

You should say

- Who this person is
- What the problem was
- How he/she solved it
- And explain why you think he/ she did it in a smart way

Follow-ups

1. Do you think children are born smart or do they learn to become smart?
2. How do children become smart at school?
3. Why are some people well-rounded and others only good at one thing?
4. Why does modern society need talent of all kinds?

8. Describe an exciting book that you enjoy reading. (New)

You should say

- When you read it
- What kind of book it is
- What is about
- And explain why you think it is exciting

Follow-ups

1. Do you prefer books or movies?
2. Do you think it is important to read the book before watching the movie version of it?
3. Do boys and girls like the same kinds of books?
4. What kind of books do Indian people like to read?

9. Describe a cafe you like to visit. (New)

You should say

- Where it is
- What kinds of food and drinks it serves
- What do you do there
- And explain why you like to go there

Follow-ups

1. What kind of people would like to go to a cafe?
2. Why do young people like studying in a cafe instead of at home?
3. Do old people like to drink coffee?

4. Do Indian people like to drink coffee?

10. Describe a time you were friendly to someone you didn't like (New)

You should say:

- When and Where it happened
- Who he/she was
- Why you didn't like this person
- And explain why you were friendly to him/her on that occasion.

Follow-ups

1. Why are people friendly with the person they don't like?
2. What kinds of people are usually friendly?
3. What are the differences between being friendly and polite?
4. What do you think about people who are always straightforward?

11. Describe a time when you're waiting for something special that would happen (New)

You should say

- What you waited for
- Where you waited
- Why it was special
- And explain how you felt when you were waiting

Follow-ups

1. On what occasions do people usually need to wait?
2. Who behaves better when waiting children or adults?
3. Compared to the past are people less patient now, why?
4. What are the positive and negative effects of waiting on society?

12 Describe a famous athlete you know (New)

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How do you know him/her
- What has he/she achieved
- And explain why he/she is famous.

Follow-ups

1. What kinds of exercises do Indian people like?
2. What characteristics do you think an athlete should have?
3. Why are there so few top athletes?
4. What's the best way to become a top athlete?.

13 Describe a creative person whose work you admire (New)

You should say

- Who he/she is
- How do you know him/her
- What creative things he/she has done
- And explain why you think he or she is creative

Follow-ups

1. Do you think you are a creative person?
2. Is it good for children to learn arts?
3. What kinds of jobs require people to be creative? I think all jobs require people to be creative.
4. Do you think leaders need to have creative ability?

14 Describe a difficult decision that you once made. (New)

You should say

- What the decision was
- When you made the decision
- How long did it take you to make the decision
- And explain why it was a difficult decision to make.

Follow-ups

1. What decisions do people generally make in their daily life?
2. Which is easier, making a decision by oneself or making a decision after a group discussion?
3. Why are many young people unwilling to listen to their parent's advice?
4. Why do middle-aged people tend to second guess their decision?

15 Describe a habit your friend has and you want to develop (New)

You should say

- Who your friend is
- What habit he/she has
- When you noticed this habit
- And explain why you want to develop this habit

Follow-ups

1. What habits should children have?
2. What should parents do to teach their children good habits?
3. What influences do children with bad habits on other children?
4. Why do some habits change when people get older?

16 Describe a bicycle/motorcycle/car trip you would like to go on. (New)

You should say

- Who you would like to go with
- Where you would like to go
- When you would like to go
- And explain why would you like to go by bicycle/motorcycle/car

Follow-ups

1. Which form of vehicle is most common in your country, bikes, car or motorcycle?
2. Do you think air pollution comes mostly from mobile vehicles?
3. Do you think people need to change the way of transportation drastically to protect the environment?
4. How are transportation systems in rural and urban systems different?

17 Describe a place you visited on vacation (New)

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you went there
- What you did there
- And explain why you went there

Follow-ups

1. What are some popular attractions that people like to visit in your country?
2. Do old people and young people like to go to different places for vacation?

3. What do old people and young people think about when making travel plans?
4. How do people get to know about new places?

18 Describe a good service you received (New)

You should say:

- What the service was?
- When you received it?
- Who you were with?
- And how you felt about it?

Follow-ups

1. What do you think of the relationship between companies and consumers?
2. As a customer, what kinds of services would you expect to receive from a company?
3. What kind of jobs involve coping with the public?
4. Why should companies react quickly when customers have difficulties?

19 Describe a businessman you admire (New)

You should say

- Who this person is
- How do you know this person
- What kind of business this person does
- Why do you admire this person

Follow-ups

1. What do you think should be the retirement age for men and women?
2. What qualities do people need to run their own business?
3. What do you think are key factors that contribute to the success of a business?
4. If you had the opportunity to open your own business, what would it be and why?

20 Describe a foreign person who you have heard or known that you think is interesting (New)

You should say:

- Who the person is
- How do you know him/her
- What kind of person he/she is
- And explain why you think he/she is interesting

Follow-ups

1. Do you have any foreign friends and do you think having foreign friends is a good way to know other countries?
2. Do you think it's important to know the culture and language before going to another country?
3. What do you think of people who work in international companies?
4. What abilities do people need to have when working in an international company?

21 Describe someone older than you, whom you admire. (New)

- Who this person is?
- How you know this person?
- What kind of things you like to do together
- Explain how you feel about this person/ why you admire him/her

Follow-ups

1. What can young and old people learn from each other?
2. Has old people's life quality improved when compared to the past?
3. Why is there a generation gap between the young and the old?
4. What do old people usually do in their life?

22 Describe a time you got lost in a place you didn't know about (New)

- When did it happen
- Who was with you
- What did you do
- How you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. Do you often get lost?
2. Is map-reading skill important?
3. Are some people good at map-reading than others?
4. Why some people like travelling to other places?
5. Should they find information about the place before going there?

23 Describe a special hotel you stayed in (New)

- Where it is
- What it is like
- Why you went there and how you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. Do the ratings of people influence their choice?
2. How do people reserve rooms?
3. What influences people's choice of hotels?
4. What's the difference between hotels in your country and hotels abroad?

24 Describe a quiet place where you have a rest (not home)

You should say:

- What the place is
- How often you go there
- What you do there
- Why you feel relaxed there

Follow-ups

1. Is it hard to find quiet places in cities?
2. Why is it quieter in the countryside?
3. Why do people go to quiet places?
4. Compared with young people, do old people prefer to live in quiet places?
5. Why do some people not like quiet places?
6. Do you know other quiet places?
7. Do you need a quiet place when you are working?
8. Why do people like to spend time in quiet places?
9. Do you know anyone who likes noise?

25 Describe an experience when you were not allowed to use a mobile phone.

You should say:

- What you did
- When it was
- Where it was
- Why you were not allowed to use a mobile phone

Follow-ups

1. What is the impact of the cell phone?
2. What is the smartphone used the most for?
3. What is your opinion about selfies?

26 Describe a piece of local news that people are interested in

You should say:

- What it was about
- Where you saw/heard it
- Who was involved
- And explain why people were interested in it

Follow-ups

1. Do people read newspaper where you live?
2. Do people prefer local or international news?
3. Do you think it's important to have a national identity?
4. How can people develop their national identity?

27 Describe a time when you did shopping in a street market.

You should say:

- What street market it was and where it was
- When it was
- What you bought
- How you felt about this shopping experience

Follow-ups

1. Do you like shopping online or going out for shopping?
2. What is the difference between shopping with friends and shopping alone?
3. What are the disadvantages of shopping in a big mall?
4. Why do people like to buy branded products?
5. In your opinion are big discounts real or just an advertisement?

28 Describe an argument two of your friends had?

You should say:

- When it happened
- What it was about
- How it was solved
- How you felt about it?

Follow-ups

1. Do you think arguments are important?
2. What do family members generally argue about?
3. Is it easier for you to have arguments with your friends or your family members?
4. Do you think people should change the way they think when they have arguments?
5. If two people argue, do you think a third person should be involved in the settlement?
6. Why do you think people are stubborn and unwilling to change?
7. Do you think you are stubborn?
8. Will you be willing to change?

29 Describe a natural talent you want to improve like sports music

You should say:

- What it is?
- When you discovered
- How you want to improve it
- And how you feel about it?

Follow-ups

1. Do you think artists with talents should focus on their talents?
2. Is it possible for us to know the children who are 3 or 4 years old will become musicians or painters when they grow up?
3. Do you think parents feel guilty for putting too much pressure on their children?
4. Why people like to watch talent shows?
5. Do you think it is more interesting to watch famous peoples or ordinary people's show?

30 Describe a puzzle that you solved

You should say:

- What puzzle it was
- How long it took to complete it
- Whether it was difficult or easy
- How you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. Why do parents let their children play puzzles?
2. What kinds of puzzles improve people's intelligence?
3. Why are detective stories attractive to people?
4. Which do you think is better? A detective movie or its original novel?

31 Describe a law on environmental protection

- What it is
- How you first learned about it
- Who benefits from it
- And explain how you feel about this law

Follow-ups

1. Do you think this law is acceptable to the people?
2. Is there any situation wherein people may disobey the law?
3. Do people like being a police officer in your country?
4. What qualities should a police officer possess?
5. Why some people prefer to be a lawyer?
6. Should people be penalized when they use mobile phones while driving?
7. Is kindness the most important quality of a police officer?
8. Do you think both men and women can be police officers?
9. Do you think the police officers are paid too much?
10. Are there laws about education in India?
11. What kind of rules do schools in India have?
12. What can teachers do to make students obey rules?
13. What should parents do to educate children about laws?

32 Describe a town or city where you would like to live in the future

You should say:

- What city it is
- When you went there
- What you did there
- Why you liked it and want to live there

Follow-ups

1. Why do more and more people live in the city?
2. How does this affect the environment and nature?
3. What are some factors that attract people to settle down in some places?
4. What are the differences between the young and old when choosing a place to live?
5. Why do more and more people live in the city?
6. What are some factors that attract people to settle down in certain places?
7. What are the differences between the young and old when choosing where to live?

33 Describe an occasion when you saw a lot of people smiling

You should say:

- What occasion it was
- Where it was
- Why they were smiling

Follow-ups

1. Why do people smile?
2. When do people smile?
3. What's the difference between a fake smile and a true smile?
4. Why do people smile when they take photos?
5. Who smiles more, men or women?
6. Do you think people should control their moods?
7. Do you think people who like to smile are more friendly?
8. Do people smile more when they are younger or older?

34 Describe an art or craft activity (e.g painting, woodwork, etc) that you had (at school)

- What you made
- How you made it?
- What it looked like?
- And how you felt about the activity?

Follow-ups

1. What traditional handicrafts are popular in India?
2. What do young people think of traditional handicrafts?
3. Do people in your country send handicrafts as gifts?
4. What are the benefits of making handicrafts?
5. What kinds of traditional handicrafts are there in your country?
6. Should children learn more about art? / What are the benefits of making handicrafts?
7. Why do some people think it is difficult to understand art?
8. What can we do to make young people pay more attention to traditional art?
9. Do you think it's important to cultivate an appreciation of art in children?
10. Do you think art should be included in school curriculums? Why?
11. Have you attended any lessons about art?
12. What have you learned from these lessons?
13. What do young people think of traditional handicrafts?
14. Do people in your country send handicrafts as gifts?

35 Describe a time you saw something interesting on social media

- When it was
- Where you saw it
- What you saw
- And explain why you think it was interesting

Follow-ups

1. Why do people like to use social media?
2. What kind of things is popular on social media?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using social media?
4. What do you think about making friends on social networking sites?

36 Describe a plan you have for the future (but not related to work or study)

You should say:

- What it is
- Why you have this plan
- What you will need to do in order to make the plan work
- How you think you will feel after you succeed

Follow-ups

1. Do you think it is important for a person to have a career plan?
2. How do most people plan their future education and their future career?
3. Do you think it's important to include the factor of one's salary in a career plan?
4. Do you think planning is important or is it a waste of time?
5. What kinds of personal plans should people make for themselves?
6. In general, how do people make plans?
7. For a person with children, what influence does this have on their personal plans for the future?
8. Should parents set goals for children?
9. When do young children start to set goals for themselves?

37 Describe a company where you live that employs a lot of people

- What it does
- How many people it employs
- What kind of people work there
- How you feel about it

Follow-ups

1. Is it easy to find a job in India?
2. What should the government do if there is unemployment?
3. Is a high salary important?
4. Is it ok to do a job you like with a low salary?
5. Are there many big companies in your country?
6. How can a small company grow big?
7. Should big companies donate more to charities?
8. Should big companies be punished more seriously if they break the law?
9. What are the good things about working for a big company?

38 Describe a tall building in your town that you like or dislike

You should say:

- Where this building is
- What it looks like
- What it is used for
- Explain why you like or dislike it

Follow-ups

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in tall buildings
2. Do you think there will be more tall buildings in the future?
3. Why aren't there many tall buildings in the countryside?
4. Why do some people like to live in tall buildings nowadays?

39 Describe a leisure activity near or in the sea that you want to try

You should say:

- What activity it is
- How you should prepare for this activity
- Why you want to try it

Follow-ups

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of vacations on the seaside?
2. Why do children like the sea better than adults?
3. What types of job positions can be found on or near the sea?

40 Describe an interesting old person

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- What you like to do together
- How you feel about this person

Follow up Questions

1. What qualities does a person need to have to take care of old people?
2. Do you think old people should be taken care of at home?
3. How can people in the neighbourhood help the elderly during an epidemic?
4. Do you see this kind of help occurring in your neighbourhood?

41 Describe a live sports match that you have watched

- What it was
- When you watched it
- What it was like
- And how you felt about it

I have always loved watching sports, but regarding the given topic, I would like to talk about a sports match that I watched live. It was indeed a special experience for me, mainly, because it was my first time watching a live hockey match and secondly because I was watching it with my family. I vividly remember that it was a matter of two years back when I passed matriculation with flying colors and my family had surprised me with the tickets for the national level hockey match, which was to be held the next day in a nearby city. To make the experience memorable, I had planned my journey well and bought some T-shirts to wear during the match, depicting my love for the game. On the day of the event, we reached the stadium by car. It was a long drive, so we decided to buy some drinks. It was at this time that the banner shop caught my eye, and I bought some posters to cheer up for my team. My brother grabbed some snacks, and we entered the hall to take our seats, which were in the middle row. The mesmerizing view of the place was overwhelming, and the ambiance of that place filled me with endless enthusiasm. The match was tough and long, but the energy of the players kept everyone interested. We cheered for the players and supported them at every point. Eventually, after several ups and downs, difficulties, injuries, and rivalry faced by the competitors in the match, I was on cloud nine when the team I was supporting held the prize in triumph. I felt like it was me who had just won. The icing on the cake was that when the players were departing, they had to cross our seats and I just happened to get an autograph from my favorite player, Ms. Rani Rampal. It was a lovely experience that motivated me to play this sport. I will never forget the things I saw and felt

that day as it gave me a chance to become a sportsperson and inculcated those optimistic vibes from the field in me.

Follow-ups

1. Do you prefer to watch live sports or watch it on TV?
2. Why do some people like to watch live sports?
3. What kind of sports do Indian people like to watch?
4. Do you think competition is good for students?

42 Describe a time when you helped a friend

- When it was
- How you helped him/her
- Why you helped him/her
- And how you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. How do people usually help each other?
2. How is online help different from real-life help?
3. Should schools be responsible for teaching students how to cooperate?
4. What are the differences between help from friends and help from family?
5. Do you like helping others?
6. Should parents teach helping others to their children?
7. Do you think nowadays people do more good work as compared to the past?
8. Will you help others in the future?
9. How do you encourage children to help others?
10. How do world social organizations such as Red Cross collect their funds worldwide?

43 Describe something that you have shared with others

You should say:

- What you shared
- When you shared it
- Who you shared it with
- Why you shared it and how you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. Do you like to share?
2. What are the consequences if children don't like to share?
3. How do you feel about sharing accommodations with others on campus?
4. How could parents and teachers teach young children to share?

5. Do people in your country (or, you) prefer to share public transport or do they (you) prefer to use private transport?
6. Do many people in your country share their home with others or do they mostly live alone?
7. Do you think there are any advantages to sharing your home with other (non-family) people?
8. Would you ever share your food with someone else?

44 Describe your favorite movie

You should say:

- When and where you saw it;
- What type of film it was;
- What the film was about
- And explain why it is your favourite film

Follow-ups

1. Do you think (watching) films have (has) any educational benefits?
2. In what ways are documentary films and films only for entertainment different?
3. Why do you think documentary films are not so popular?
4. How are movies and real life different?
5. Do men and women like to watch the same kinds of films?
6. Do different age groups like the same kinds of films?
7. Do you like any particular film star? Why?

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

You should say:

- What the article was about
- Where you read it
- Why you read it
- How you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. Why do different people like to read different magazines?
2. What kind of magazines do teenagers like to read?
3. What's the difference between news on TV and news in magazines?
4. Do people like to read news from the Internet?

5. Do people still buy magazines in your country?
6. Do you think people today are healthier than those in the past?

46 Describe a bag you want to own

- What kind of bag it is?
- Where you want to buy it
- How much it will cost you
- Why you want this kind of bag

Follow-ups

1. Why do you think women like to buy bags?
2. Is the backpack practical in life?
3. Why are some people willing to buy expensive bags?
4. In the future, what changes will bags have?
5. Why do children need to carry a uniform schoolbag?

47 Describe your favorite part in your city or town

You should say:

- What this place is
- How often you go there
- What you do there
- Why is your favorite part of the city

Follow Ups

1. How do public places change in towns or cities?
2. What public places do old people usually go
3. Why do young people like to go to public places
4. Will more people move to cities in the future

48 Describe an activity that you do after school/work.

You should say

- What it is
- When and Where you do it
- Who you do it with
- And how you feel about it

Follow-ups

1. Why do some people enjoy extreme sports?
2. Are men more likely to do adventure sports than women?
3. What are some popular outdoor activities in India?
4. What do young people do in groups?

49 Describe a useful piece of equipment (besides the computer)) that you use at home.

You should say:

- What it is
- How you use it
- How often you use it
- Why it is important

Follow-ups

1. How do you think modern technology has changed the way we work (compared to the past)?
2. Do you think that operating equipment at work can ever have some bad effect on the body?
3. Do you think it's important for employees (in-industry) to be trained to use the equipment at work?
4. Do you agree that older people have difficulties in using (advanced) modern equipment? Or How can we help elderly people to use these modern devices?
5. Are there any disadvantages of using modern equipment too much in the home?

50 Describe a time when you tried to do something but weren't very successful.

You should say

- When it was
- What you tried
- Why it was not very successful
- And how you felt about it.

Follow-ups

1. What's your definition of success?
2. What things do children try to succeed in?
3. Which do you think is more important for people to become successful, handwork or opportunities?
4. Do you think people would be happier if they didn't have any goals to achieve?

51 Describe a time when it was important to tell your friend the truth

You should say:

- Who your friend is
- What the truth was
- What your friend's reaction was
- Why it was important to tell the truth

Follow-ups

1. Do you think we should tell the truth at all times?
2. How do you know when others are telling the truth?
3. Do you think it is important to win the game or follow the rules?
4. Sometimes, people should tell lies. Do you agree?

52 Describe an occasion when you were standing in line

You should say:

- When it was
- Where you were
- Why you were there
- How you felt about it

Follow-ups

1. What do people like to do while waiting in line?
2. Do Indian people often wait in queue?
3. Do you think the development of technology has reduced the time people have to wait in queues?
4. What do you think who cut in line or jump the queue?
5. How can companies improve their customer service?

53 Describe a time you made a promise to someone

You should say:

- What the promise was
- To whom you made it
- Whether it was easy or difficult to keep
- Why you made it.

It is my belief that a promise once made must never be broken as it would be better to not a promise if that is the case. And regarding the given topic, I would like to share an experience

when a promise took away my night's sleep just because I wanted to keep it. To be honest, I hate those people, who make promises, which they can't even keep. But, one day I had to do the same for my mother because she is the person, I care about the most. Yes, it was in grade 10 that my scores started to plummet just because I was becoming careless towards my academics. My mother was worried sick that I would fail and scolded me regularly, but I was in my own world, feeling it insignificant to follow her advice. But one day, I found her crying in her room and that was when my heart sank. I came forward to comfort her and ended up promising her that I will study regularly till I score a good grade, without any complaints. I knew that it was not possible for me to fulfill that, but I still promised her because, at that time, I could not see any other option. From that moment, I started preparing strategies on how to keep my words true and my mother happy. I burnt the midnight oil and studied very hard to score more. It is true that it was not at all easy to do those things and I had to bring a sudden change in my life for my mom. It is seldom easy for one to do things against will, but unexpectedly it soon became a target that I myself wanted to achieve. Now, it was easier to work on it and everything seemed to be coming along. After giving my exams, I realized that a promise can actually change one's life as this one helped me regain my interest in studies and helped me focus on my career. I always stay grateful to my mom for taking that promise from me and helping me achieve it because I actually passed with flying colors. And it was a new beginning of my life.

Follow-ups

1. Generally speaking, do Indian parents make promises to children?
2. Do children also make promises to their parents?
3. Do most people fulfill their promises?
4. How do you feel when others break their promises?