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TOPIC 1. NUMBERS

1) Do you have a favourite number or a number that is special to you?

Yes, my favourite number is... because it's the day I was born on, and it's my lucky number.

2) Do any numbers have special importance in your country?

Yes. The number 7, for example, is supposed to be a special number in my country. It appears in so many places, like the seven days of the week, the seven main notes in music, and the seven ages of man that Shakespeare described.

3) Are you good at remembering numbers? Why / why not?

No, I'm not very good at remembering numbers. I don't think it's necessary to learn them by heart; I just save them on my phone.

4) What numbers do people often have to memorise?

The most important number to remember on a daily basis is the pin number for your bank card. Without this you can't pay for anything or get cash out.

<u>Is supposed to be</u>	Được coi là
<u>Appears</u>	Xuất hiện
<u>The seven main notes in music</u>	Bảy nốt chính trong âm nhạc
<u>The seven ages of man</u>	Bảy giai đoạn của đời người
<u>Good at</u>	Giỏi về...
<u>Learn them by heart</u>	Học thuộc lòng
<u>On a daily basis</u>	hàng ngày
<u>The pin number for your bank card</u>	Mã pin cho thẻ ngân hàng của bạn
<u>Pay for</u>	Trả cho
<u>Get cash out.</u>	rút tiền mặt

TOPIC 2: ROBOTS**1. What do you think of robots?**

I think robots are a clever idea. I'd love to have a robot that could speak to me and do things for me!

2. Did you watch any cartoons related to robots in your childhood?

I can't remember watching cartoons with robots, but I remember that I liked the robots in films like Star Wars.

3. Do you like the idea of robots helping you at home or driving your car?

Yes, definitely. It would be great to have a robot helper at home, and I like the idea of driverless cars - I think driving would be safer if cars were controlled by robots.

<u>A clever idea</u>	Một ý tưởng thông minh
<u>A robot helper</u>	Một người máy giúp đỡ
<u>Driverless cars</u>	Xe không người lái

TOPIC 3: SHOES

1. Do you like to buy expensive shoes?

No. I tend to buy average-priced shoes because I'm more interested in comfort than expensive brands.

2. When you buy shoes, do you prefer convenience or style?

I mainly look for comfort and convenience. But obviously I consider the style too, because I do choose shoes that match the clothes I wear.

3. Why do you think some people buy many pairs of shoes?

I suppose they either like following the latest fashions, or they want a pair of shoes to match all of the different clothes or outfits that they have.

4. Have you ever bought shoes online?

No, I haven't. I always like to try shoes on before I buy them, to make sure that they fit properly and feel comfortable.

Average-priced shoes	Giày có giá trung bình
I'm more interested in	Tôi thì hứng thú hơn trong/về...
Expensive brands	Những thương hiệu đắt tiền
Look for	Tìm kiếm
Consider	Xem xét
Match	Thích hợp
Outfits	Trang phục
Try shoes on	Thử giày
Fit properly	Vừa vặn

TOPIC 4: HOLIDAYS

1) Do you like holidays? Why / why not?

Yes, I love holidays because I get the chance to take a break from work, to relax and unwind, and to spend time with my family.

2) Do you prefer to travel or stay at home during holiday periods? Why?

If I can I prefer to travel. It's nice to get away from everything and to have a change of scenery. Also, I like visiting new places and doing some sightseeing.

3) What do most people do during their holidays in your country? Why?

During the summer especially, I think most British people go somewhere hot and sunny, to escape from the British weather!

4) When do you prefer to take your holidays? Why?

I like taking my holidays just outside the main summer season, which is July and August. If you go on holiday in May, June or September, everything is cheaper and places aren't so crowded with tourists.

Get the chance to	Có cơ hội
Take a break	Nghỉ ngơi
Unwind	Giải trí
Get away from everything	Tránh xa mọi thứ
Have a change of scenery	Có một sự thay đổi cảnh quan
Doing some sightseeing	Đi thăm quan
Escape from	Trốn khỏi
Go on holiday	Đi nghỉ
Crowded with	Đông đúc với

TOPIC 5: CHOCOLATE**1) Do you like chocolate? Why / why not?**

Yes, I love chocolate. I like the taste, the texture and the feeling that you get when you eat it. And it goes really well with my favourite drink, coffee.

2) What type of chocolate do you prefer? Why?

I prefer dark chocolate to milk chocolate, because it has a stronger taste. I also like chocolate when it's in a cake, and I love drinking hot chocolate too.

3) When do you usually eat chocolate?

I try not to eat too much, but I probably eat or drink something that contains chocolate every couple of days.

4) Do people give chocolate as a present in your country? When?

Yes, it's very common to give boxes of individual chocolates as a gift. You can give chocolates on any special occasion really: birthdays, Valentine's day, Easter, Christmas, and so on.

Taste	Mùi vị
Texture	Cấu trúc
Goes really well with	Kết hợp thật sự tốt với
Special occasion	Địp đặc biệt

TOPIC 6: NEIGHBOURS

1. How well do you know the people who live next door to you?

I know my neighbours quite well. They're really nice people, and I always stop to talk whenever I see them.

2. How often do you see them?

I see my neighbours at least a few times a week. We usually see each other when we're leaving for work in the morning or coming home in the evening.

3. What kinds of problem do people sometimes have with their neighbours?

I think the most common problem is probably noise. It's difficult to live next to people who have a dog that barks at night, or who play loud music.

4. How do you think neighbours can help each other?

Neighbours can do little things like watching your house if you go on holiday or taking a delivery if something arrives by post when you're not at home. I think these little favours are a good way for neighbours to help each other.

People who live next door to you	Người sống kế bên nhà bạn
Neighbours	Hàng xóm
Noise	ồn ào
Barks	sủa
Play loud music	Chơi nhạc ồn ào
Taking a delivery	Nhận giao hàng
Arrives by post	Đến bằng đường bưu điện
Favours	Sự hỗ trợ

TOPIC 7: NAMES**1) How did your parents choose your name?**

To be honest, I'm not sure how they chose it; I've never asked them. I suppose it was just a name that they both liked, and maybe they thought it **suited** me.

2) Does your name have any special meaning?

It might do, but I don't know what that meaning is; I've never **looked it up**. Maybe I'll google it later today; you've made me **curious** to **find out**!

3) Is your name common or unusual in your country?

Yes, it's quite **a common name**. I remember that there were two other people with the same name as me in my class at school.

4) If you could change your name, would you?

No, I definitely wouldn't. My name is **part of my identity** now, and it would **feel strange** to suddenly change it. I don't think my friends and family would like that either.

Suited	Phù hợp
Looked it up	Tra từ điển
Curious	Tò mò
Find out	Tìm ra
A common name	Một tên phổ thông
Part of my identity	Một phần nhận dạng của tôi
Feel strange	Cảm thấy lạ

TOPIC 8: FREE TIME**1) How much time do you spend at home?**

Obviously I sleep at home, but I don't spend very much time at home during the day, because I'm usually busy with work.

2) Do you prefer to spend your free time at home or outside the house?

During the day I prefer to be out of the house, so I like visiting family or meeting up with friends. But I do like relaxing at home in the evenings.

3) What do you do when you have some free time and you're at home?

I usually sit and watch some TV or a film, or I listen to some music. I also like sitting outside if the weather is nice.

4) Would you like to have more spare time to spend at home in the future?

No, not really. I get bored if I'm at home for too long. In the future, I imagine I'll still prefer to go out and do things rather than stay indoors.

Out of the house	Ra khỏi nhà
Get bored	Chán nản
Stay indoors	ở nhà

TOPIC 9: HOUSE**1) Do you live in a house or an apartment?**

I live in a semi-detached house with three bedrooms and a small garden.

2) Which room do you like most in your house? Why?

My favourite room is the kitchen because it looks out onto the back garden, and it's on the side of the house that catches the afternoon sun.

3) Is there anything about your house that you would like to change?

Well, it would be nice if it were a detached house so that we could have windows on the wall that we currently share with our neighbours.

4) Tell me something else about your house.

The previous owners converted the loft into an extra bedroom; that's the quietest room in the house, and the best place to go to do some work.

<u>A semi-detached house</u>	một ngôi nhà có chung tường một bên với nhà khác
<u>Looks out onto</u>	Nhìn ra
<u>On the side of</u>	Bên cạnh
<u>Catches the afternoon sun</u>	đón ánh nắng buổi chiều
<u>Converted the loft into an extra bedroom</u>	Chuyển gác xép thành một phòng ngủ thêm

TOPIC 10: PHOTOS

1) What type of photos do you like taking?

Well, I don't usually take photos to be honest. I prefer to enjoy whatever I'm doing, rather than stop to take a photograph.

2) What do you do with photos you take?

I rarely take photos, but if I occasionally use my mobile phone to take a picture of something, I just leave the photo there; I don't do anything special with it.

3) When you visit other places, do you take photos or buy postcards?

I don't really do either. I leave it to my friends or other family members to take photographs; I'm usually with someone who likes taking photos and can share them with me later.

4) Do you like people taking photos of you?

No, I prefer not to be in photos. I always feel awkward when someone asks me to smile for the camera, and I don't think I'm very photogenic.

Take photos	Chụp ảnh
Rarely	Hiếm khi
Leave the photo there	Để lại ảnh ở đó
Feel awkward	Cảm thấy khó xử
Photogenic	Ăn ảnh

TOPIC 11: MATHEMATICS

1) At what age did you start studying mathematics?

I can't exactly remember, but it was probably in my first year at primary school when I was 5 years old. I probably learnt simple addition at that age.

2) Do you like mathematics? Why / why not?

I don't dislike maths, but I wouldn't say that I've ever really liked the subject either. I'm happy to do simple calculations, but my brain can't cope with the complex stuff!

3) Is it necessary for everyone to learn mathematics?

Yes, I think it is. We all need a basic grounding in maths so that we can do daily tasks, like managing our money, working out bills, and so on.

4) Do you prefer to use a calculator when doing mathematics?

It depends. I quite like exercising my brain with anything that's easy enough, but I use the calculator on my phone for anything tricky.

Mathematics	Toán học
Primary school	Trường tiểu học
Learnt simple addition	Học phép cộng đơn giản
Do simple calculations	Làm phép tính đơn giản
Cope with	Đối phó với
Complex stuff	Những thứ phức tạp
A basic grounding in	Một nền tảng cơ bản
Do daily tasks	Làm việc hằng ngày
Calculator	Máy tính
Exercising my brain	Tập thể dục trí não
Tricky	Phức tạp, khó

TOPIC 12: MUSIC

1) Do you like music?

No, I don't really like music, and I don't listen to it. It's not something that I've ever been interested in.

2) What kind of music did you listen to when you were young?

I can't remember listening to much music as a child either. I suppose I must have heard some traditional music at festivals or parties, but I didn't take much notice of it.

3) When was the last time you went to a concert?

I've never been to a music concert. Maybe I should try going to one; perhaps it would be interesting to see an orchestra playing classical music.

4) Would you like to participate in a live music show?

No, definitely not. I don't play a musical instrument and I don't sing, so I can't imagine that I'd ever find myself performing to an audience.

Festivals	Lễ hội
Take much notice of	Chú ý nhiều đến cái gì
A music concert	Một buổi hòa nhạc
Orchestra	Dàn nhạc
Musical instrument	Dụng cụ âm nhạc
Performing to an audience	Trình diễn cho khán giả

TOPIC 13: WALKING

1. Do you like walking?

I'm not one for going on really long walks in the countryside, but I **don't mind** walking when I'm in a town or city, for example when I'm **sightseeing** in a new place.

2. Do you think walking is important?

Yes, I think it's important to be active, and walking is **the most basic physical activity** that we can do.

3. Do you think walking in the countryside is better than walking in the city?

Personally, no. As I said before, I like walking in the city, especially if it's somewhere with a lot of history like London or Paris.

4. What could be done to improve the experience of walking in cities?

I suppose the main issues are space and safety. **Pavements** need to be wide enough to **accommodate lots of pedestrians**, and we need safe places to **cross the street**.

Don't mind	không ngại
Sightseeing	Tham quan
The most basic physical activity	Hoạt động thể dục cơ bản nhất
Pavements	Vĩa hè
Accommodate lots of pedestrians	Có thể chứa được nhiều người đi bộ
Cross the street	Băng qua đường

TOPIC 14: STUDY

1. Do you like studying? Why / why not?

Yes, I like studying because it's the best way to gain a deeper insight into any subject. I like reading, learning from others, and trying to understand difficult concepts.

2. Do you prefer to study alone or with others? Why?

I prefer to study alone because I need to be able to concentrate fully. Other people are a distraction.

3. Where do you prefer to go when you need to study? Why?

I like to find a quiet corner in my local library; being in an old building and surrounded by books seems to help me to focus on my work.

4. How do you feel if someone disturbs you when you are studying?

It frustrates me because it breaks my concentration. I prefer to avoid distractions by going somewhere where nobody will interrupt me.

Gain a deeper insight into	Có được cái nhìn sâu sắc hơn về...
Understand difficult concepts	Hiểu những khái niệm khó
Concentrate fully	Tập trung hoàn toàn
Distraction	Sự phân tâm, sao nhãng
Quiet corner	Góc yên tĩnh
Focus on	Tập trung vào
Disturbs	Quấy rối
Frustrates	Làm thất vọng
Breaks my concentration	Phá vỡ sự tập trung của tôi
Interrupt	Làm gián đoạn

TOPIC 15: COOKING

1. Do you like cooking? Why / why not?

Sometimes. I like preparing a special meal for family or friends who visit, but everyday cooking is a bit boring; it's something that has to be done, but it's not really fun.

2. Who did the cooking in your family when you were a child?

My mother almost always did the cooking when I was young. I don't think she trusted my father to make a nice meal.

3. Do you think that it's important to know how to cook well?

I'm not sure whether it's important to cook well, but I do think that everyone should know the basics. It definitely isn't healthy to rely on pre-prepared meals or fast food.

4. Do you think that children should be taught cookery at school?

Yes, that's probably a good idea. If all children knew how to cook a few basic, healthy meals, that would surely be a good thing.

<u>Preparing a special meal for</u>	Chuẩn bị một bữa ăn đặc biệt cho
<u>Trusted</u>	Tin tưởng
<u>Make a nice meal</u>	Làm một bữa ăn ngon
<u>Healthy</u>	Khỏe mạnh
<u>Rely on</u>	Tin cậy
<u>Pre-prepared meals</u>	Những bữa ăn chuẩn bị sẵn

TOPIC 16: COLLECTING

1) Have you ever collected anything as a hobby? (What?)

Yes. When I was younger I used to collect keyrings. I remember that my favourite was a Lego man keyring that someone bought me as a present.

2) What kinds of thing do people often like collecting?

Some people collect cheap items like stamps, keyrings or toys. Others collect expensive antiques, watches, jewellery or even cars.

3) Why do you think people collect certain objects?

Maybe they like the constant search for a new item, or they want to remember past experiences. Others might like the feeling of organising and presenting what they own.

4) Is there anything that you would like to collect in the future?

Yes. If I could afford it, I'd love to have a collection of guitars in different colours, shapes and sizes!

Collect keyrings	Sưu tập chìa khóa
Stamps	Tem
Antiques	Đồ cổ
Jewellery	Đồ nữ trang
The constant search for	Tìm kiếm liên tục
Remember past experiences	Nhớ lại những trải nghiệm trong quá khứ
Afford	Có khả năng làm gì

TOPIC 17: MAPS

1. Do you ever use maps?

Yes. Whenever I go somewhere new, I plan my journey with the help of a map.

2. When do people usually need to use a map?

I imagine that some people use a map every day if they travel to different places for work. Others might only use a map when they're on holiday.

3. Do you prefer electronic or paper maps?

I still prefer paper maps for a long journey; I like being able to open the map out on a table and see the full journey ahead.

4. Do you ever ask people for directions instead of using a map?

Only if I'm really lost. Whenever I ask for directions, I find it difficult to remember what the person said. So I prefer to find my own way.

<u>Go somewhere new</u>	Đi đến nơi nào đó mới
<u>Plan my journey</u>	Lập kế hoạch cho chuyến đi của tôi
<u>Paper maps</u>	Bản đồ giấy
<u>See the full journey ahead</u>	Nhìn được toàn bộ hành trình phía trước
<u>Ask for directions</u>	Hỏi đường

TOPIC 18: PARKS**1. Do you like parks? Why / why not?**

Yes, I like parks because they're great places to relax or go for a walk. I think every city needs some green space where people can escape from the crowds.

2. How often do you visit parks?

There's a park very close to where I live, so I probably go there once or twice a week if the weather's nice.

3. Why are parks an important part of many towns and cities?

Parks are like an oasis where people get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. They are where people go to have lunch, to take some exercise, or to forget about work for a while.

4. What do you think could be done to make parks better?

The parks in big cities are already really good in my opinion. If I think about the famous parks in London, Paris or New York, I can't imagine what I would do to improve them.

<u>Go for a walk</u>	Đi dạo
<u>Escape from the crowds</u>	Thoát khỏi đám đông
<u>Oasis</u>	ốc đảo
<u>Get away from the hustle and bustle of city life</u>	Tránh khỏi sự hối hả và nhộn nhịp của cuộc sống thành phố

TOPIC 19: HOME**1. Do you live in a house or an apartment?**

I live in a **semi-detached house** with three bedrooms in a suburb of Manchester. I've lived there for just over a year.

2. Which is your favourite room in your home? Why?

I don't really have a favourite room. But if I had to choose, I'd say **the living room** because that's where I go to sit and relax.

3. Would you change anything about your home? Why / why not?

Yes, I've been meaning to **redecorate** it since I moved in last year. It needs a new kitchen, so that's what I'd change first.

4. Would you like to move to a different home in the future?

Yes, I'd definitely move again at some point if I could afford to. I'd like to live in the countryside, or maybe in a different city or country.

Semi-detached house	một ngôi nhà có chung tường một bên với nhà khác
The living room	Phòng khách
Redecorate	Trang trí lại

TOPIC 20: GAMES

1. What games are popular in your country?

Well, if we can consider sports as games, then football is definitely the most popular game in my country, but we also love board games like chess.

2. Do you play any games?

Not regularly these days. I play the occasional game of tennis with my brother-in-law, and I recently played a bowling game on the Nintendo Wii with my nephew. I wasn't very good at it.

3. How do people learn to play games in your country?

I think children teach each other to play games. I remember a friend at primary school teaching me to play chess, for example.

4. Do you think it's important for people to play games?

Yes, it's really important, especially for children. I think research has shown that play can improve brain development, intelligence, creativity, and the ability to cooperate with others.

<u>Consider sports as games</u>	Xem thể thao như một trò chơi
<u>Board games</u>	Trò chơi bàn cờ
<u>Brother-in-law</u>	Anh rể
<u>A bowling game</u>	Bowling
<u>Good at</u>	Giỏi về
<u>Primary school</u>	Trường tiểu học
<u>Play chess</u>	Chơi cờ
<u>Improve brain development</u>	Cải thiện sự phát triển trí não
<u>Intelligence</u>	Sự thông minh
<u>Creativity</u>	Sự sáng tạo
<u>Cooperate with</u>	Hợp tác với

TOPIC 21: READING

1. Do you like reading?

Yes, I like reading a lot. I read all sorts of things, including novels, newspapers, magazines, and online articles.

2. Do you usually read for leisure or for work purposes?

Well, I have to do a certain amount of reading as part of my job, but I probably read more for enjoyment. I pick up a newspaper most days, and I usually have a book on the go.

3. What was your favourite book or story when you were a child?

The first book that I remember really enjoying was '.....'. It only took me a few days to read because I liked it so much that I couldn't put it down.

4. Do you think it's important that children read regularly?

Definitely. I think reading is possibly the most important skill that children learn. The ability to read opens the door to all aspects of education.

Novels	Tiểu thuyết
As part of my job	Là một phần công việc của tôi
Have a book on the go	Có một cuốn sách trên đường đi
Put it down	Đặt nó xuống
Opens the door to all aspects of education	Mở cửa cho tất cả các khía cạnh của giáo dục

TOPIC 22: HOME TOWN**1. Where are you from?**

I'm from Manchester, which is a city in the north west of England.

2. Do you like your home town? (Why?)

Yes, I like living in Manchester because it's where most of my friends live, and because there are **plenty of** things to do there. The only thing I don't like is the weather.

3. Would you prefer to live somewhere else? (Why?)

For the moment I'm happy living here, but at some point I'd like to live in a country with **a warmer climate**, and I'd like to live near a beach!

4. Do you think your home town is a good place for young people? (Why?)

Yes, Manchester has lots of things for young people, such as **sports facilities**, music and cinemas.

Plenty of	Nhiều
Warmer climate	Khí hậu ấm hơn
Sports facilities	Cơ sở vật chất thể thao

TOPIC 23: SPORTS

1. What sports or physical activities do you regularly do?

Unfortunately I don't have time to do any sports or physical activities because of my work commitments. I'd like to find more time for regular exercise.

2. Which sport or game would you like to be good at?

I'd like to be good at tennis. It must be great to be able to hit the ball as hard as you can and watch it land exactly where you wanted it to.

3. Do you prefer watching or playing sports?

I don't watch much sport on TV and I'm not a big sports fan, so I think I would probably enjoy doing sports more than watching them.

4. Do you think children should be encouraged to do more sport?

Yes, I think that sport is really important for children. Sports and games teach children to play together and try their best.

Physical activities	Hoạt động thể chất
Work commitments	Sự cam kết trong công việc
Regular exercise	Tập thể dục đều đặn
Hit the ball as hard as you can	Đánh trái bóng càng mạnh càng tốt
A big sports fan	Một người hâm mộ thể thao lớn
Be encouraged to	Được khuyến khích làm gì
Try their best.	Cố gắng hết sức

TOPIC 24: SHOPPING

1) Who does most of the shopping in your household?

There isn't one person who does most of the shopping. I'd say it's a shared responsibility because we tend to go shopping together as a family.

2) What kind of shopping do you like doing?

I quite like shopping for presents for people's birthdays or for Christmas. My favourite type of shop would have to be a bookshop.

3) Is shopping a popular activity in your country?

Yes, it's very popular. Saturday is the busiest shopping day, and lots of people treat shopping as a kind of leisure activity, rather than something practical.

4) What types of shops do teenagers like best in your country?

I'm not an expert on teenage behaviour, but I guess they like buying clothes, music, gadgets... that kind of thing.

<u>A shared responsibility</u>	Trách nhiệm chung
<u>Tend to</u>	Có khuynh hướng
<u>Treat shopping as a kind of leisure activity</u>	Coi việc mua sắm như một hoạt động giải trí
<u>An expert on teenage behaviour</u>	Một chuyên gia về hành vi thiếu niên

TOPIC 25: TOYS

1) Did you play with toys when you were a child?

Yes, of course. I loved playing with toys when I was a child; I think all children do.

2) What kinds of toys did you like?

As far as I remember, I mostly played with toy cars, planes and action figures from films or cartoons. I also liked building things with Lego.

3) In your country, do boys and girls play with the same types of toys?

Not really. I think boys like the kinds of toys that I mentioned before, whereas girls play with dolls. My niece, for example, doesn't like toy cars; she prefers dressing dolls in different outfits.

4) Do you think that toys help children to learn?

Yes, I do. All toys encourage children to use their imagination and creativity. Even with simple toys, children imagine situations and invent games and rules.

<u>As far as i remember</u>	Như những gì tôi nhớ
<u>Planes</u>	Máy bay
<u>Action figures</u>	Mô hình lắp ráp hành động
<u>Mentioned before</u>	Đã đề cập trước đó
<u>Dolls</u>	Búp bê
<u>Imagination and creativity</u>	Trí tưởng tượng và sáng tạo
<u>Imagine situations</u> <u>invent games and rules</u>	tưởng tượng ra các tình huống sáng tạo ra các trò chơi và quy tắc

TOPIC 26: TELEPHONING

1. How often do you make telephone calls?

I probably make three or four phone calls every day, usually just to make arrangements with work colleagues or to speak to family and friends.

2. Who do you spend most time talking to on the telephone?

I think it would be one of my closest work colleagues. We often call each other rather than meeting face-to-face.

3. When do you think you'll next make a telephone call?

My family are expecting me to phone them as soon as I finish this exam. They'll want to know how it went.

4. Do you sometimes prefer to send a text message instead of telephoning?

Yes. I prefer to send a text message when I'm arranging something simple, like a time to meet someone. In those situations, a phone call isn't necessary.

Make arrangements with	Sắp xếp với
Work colleagues	Đồng nghiệp làm việc
Meeting face-to-face	Gặp mặt trực tiếp
How it went	Nó đã diễn ra như thế nào

TOPIC 27: FRIENDS

1. Are your friends mostly your age or different ages?

Most of my friends are about the same age as me because we met at school or university. I've got one or two friends who are older or younger than I met through work.

2. Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends?

I tend to meet up with my friends at weekends because everyone's too busy during the week.

3. The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?

It was one of my friends' birthday last weekend. Six of us went out for a meal to celebrate.

4. In what ways are your friends important to you?

I think it's important to have friends that you can talk to and share experiences with. My friends make me laugh, but I know I can also rely on them whenever I need help or support.

Meet up with	Gặp gỡ với
Went out for a meal	Ra ngoài ăn
Make me laugh	Khiến tôi cười
Rely on	Dựa vào
Need help or support	Cần giúp đỡ hay hỗ trợ

TOPIC 28: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

1. Which musical instrument do you like listening to most? (Why?)

My favourite musical instrument to listen to is the guitar. I like the fact that there are different types of guitar, like classical, acoustic and electric. I love the variety of sounds a guitar can make.

2. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

I took some guitar lessons when I was younger and still have a guitar at home. I don't play it much nowadays. I wish I had more time to practise.

3. Do you think children should learn to play an instrument at school?

Yes, I think it's a great skill and it's really enjoyable to be able to play a musical instrument. All children should be given this opportunity.

4. How easy would it be to learn to play an instrument without a teacher?

It would probably be more difficult without a teacher. You need someone to show you what to do and correct your mistakes. You need a lot of discipline to teach yourself.

<u>Musical instrument</u>	Nhạc cụ
<u>Classical</u>	Nhạc cổ điển
<u>Acoustic</u>	Nhạc acoustic
<u>Electric</u>	Nhạc điện tử
<u>The variety of sounds</u>	Sự đa dạng của âm thanh
<u>Took some guitar lessons</u>	Học một số bài học ghita
<u>Correct your mistakes</u>	Sửa chữa lỗi của bạn
<u>Discipline</u>	Kỷ luật

TOPIC 29: CLOTHES

1. Are clothes and clothing fashions important to you? (Why/Why not?)

No, clothes and fashions are not really important to me. I tend to wear clothes that are comfortable and practical rather than fashionable.

2. What different clothes do you wear for different situations?

Well, I have to dress quite formally for work, so I wear a shirt and trousers. At home I prefer to wear jeans and a T-shirt, and on special occasions I might wear a suit.

3. Do you wear different styles of clothes now compared to 10 years ago?

No, not really, because I don't follow fashion. I think I have dressed in a similar way for the last 10 years.

4. Do you think the clothes we wear say something about who we are?

Yes, they probably do. Some people are really careful about what they wear because they want to be seen as stylish. Other people wear clothes that show wealth or status, such as clothes by famous designers.

Comfortable	Thoải mái
Practical	Thực tế
Rather than	Thay vì
Fashionable	Hợp thời trang
Dress quite formally for work	Mặc quần áo trang trọng để làm việc
Trousers	Quần
Follow fashion	Theo thời trang
Dressed in a similar way	Mặc quần áo theo cách tương tự
Stylish	Hợp thời trang
Show wealth or status	Biểu thị sự giàu có hay địa vị
Famous designers	Nhà thiết kế nổi tiếng

TOPIC 30: COMMUNICATION

1. How do you usually keep in touch with members of your family?

I mostly keep in touch with my family by phone, and I've started using the Internet to make video calls. I also try to visit

members of my family in person as often as I can.

2. Do you prefer to speak to people by phone or by writing emails?

It depends on the situation. I use email and text messages to communicate with friends, but my parents prefer it if I phone them.

3. Do you ever write letters by hand? (Why / Why not?)

No, I don't write letters by hand because it's so much easier to send an email that will arrive immediately.

4. Is there anything you dislike about mobile phones?

Well, I don't like listening to other people's conversations in public places, and I don't like it when someone's phone rings in the cinema or during a lesson.

Keep in touch with	Giữ liên lạc với
Make video calls	Gọi điện video
In person	Trực tiếp
Communicate with	Giao tiếp với
Write letters by hand	Viết thư tay
Arrive immediately	Đến ngay

TOPIC 31: DANCING

1. Do you like dancing?

No, I don't like dancing. I'm not a big music fan, and dancing just makes me feel uncomfortable and self-conscious.

2. Has anyone ever taught you to dance?

No, I've never been interested in learning to dance, so I've never taken any lessons or asked anyone to show me how to do it.

3. Do you think that traditional dancing will be popular in the future?

I'm afraid I have no idea because I don't follow what's happening in the dancing world! I suppose it will always be popular with some people.

<u>A big music fan</u>	Một người hâm mộ âm nhạc lớn
<u>Uncomfortable</u>	Không thoải mái
<u>Self-conscious</u>	Ngượng ngùng, e dè
<u>I'm afraid</u>	Tôi sợ
<u>Follow what's happening</u>	Theo dõi những gì đang xảy ra
<u>Suppose</u>	Giả sử

TOPIC 32: WORK

1. Do you work or are you a student?

I'm a qualified doctor, but at the moment I'm studying English so that I can work in this country.

2. Do you enjoy your job?

Yes, I really enjoy my job. Ever since I was a child I have always wanted to be a doctor; I've always wanted to be able to help people.

3. What's the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is that I can make a difference in people's lives. It's a great feeling to see someone recover after an illness because my colleagues and I were able to help.

4. Do you prefer working alone or with others? Why?

In a hospital you have to work as part of a team. I've got used to working with others, and I think you can achieve a lot more as a team than you would alone.

<u>A qualified doctor</u>	Một bác sĩ có trình độ
<u>Make a difference in people's lives</u>	Tạo sự khác biệt trong cuộc sống mọi người
<u>Recover after an illness</u>	Khôi phục sau cơn bệnh

TOPIC 33: ACCOMMODATION**1. Tell me about the kind of accommodation you live in.**

I live in a house that has a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a small garden. It's not a very big house, but it's just right for me.

2. How long have you lived there?

I've lived there for about five years. It's the first house that I've owned; before that I was renting an apartment.

3. What do you like about living there?

I like living there because I think the house reflects my personality: I decorated it myself, I chose all the furniture, and everything is where I want it to be.

4. What sort of accommodation would you most like to live in?

If I could, I'd buy a bigger house near a beach or in the mountains, preferably somewhere with a warm climate.

Accommodation	Chỗ ở
Renting an apartment	Thuê một căn hộ
Reflects my personality	Phản ánh nhân cách của tôi
Furniture	Nội thất
A warm climate	Khí hậu ấm áp

TOPIC 34: EMAILS AND HANDWRITING

At work or in your studies, do you often write things?

Yes, I write a lot of emails as part of my job. I work for a company that has offices in several countries, so we use email to communicate.

How often do you send e-mails?

I probably write between 5 and 10 work emails every day, and I send emails to friends or family a few times a week.

Do you prefer to write by hand or on a computer?

It depends on what I'm doing. I prefer the computer for most things because it's faster and you can save or copy things, but I still like making notes or writing ideas down by hand.

Do you think computers might one day replace handwriting?

No, I think we will always write by hand as well. I think it's an important skill, and schools will continue to teach children to write by hand before they learn to type.

<u>Depends on</u>	Phụ thuộc
<u>Making notes</u>	Ghi chú
<u>Writing ideas down by hand</u>	Viết ý tưởng bằng tay
<u>Learn to type</u>	Học cách đánh máy

TOPIC 35: LAUGHING

1. What kinds of thing make you laugh?

I laugh most when I'm with friends talking about funny things that have happened to us. I also like watching comedians and comedy films.

2. Do you like making other people laugh?

Yes, it's a nice feeling when you can make someone laugh because you can see that you've made them happy. It's great to share a funny moment with someone.

3. Do you think it's important for people to laugh?

Yes, of course. It's important to see the funny side of things; humour helps us not to take life too seriously. I think that laughter is good for our health.

4. Is laughing the same as feeling happy?

It's not exactly the same because you can be happy without laughing, and sometimes we laugh when something bad has happened; a sense of humour can help us to cope with difficult situations.

Watching comedians and comedy films	Xem các diễn viên hài và phim hài
Share a funny moment with	Chia sẻ một khoảnh khắc vui vẻ với
See the funny side of things	Thấy khía cạnh vui vẻ của nhiều thứ
Humour	Hài hước
Not to take life too seriously	Không để cuộc sống quá nghiêm trọng
A sense of humour	Tính hài hước
Cope with difficult situations	Đối phó với những tình huống khó khăn

TOPIC 36: TRAVEL

1. What form of transport do you prefer to use? Why?

I prefer to travel by car because it means that I have my own space. Also, the buses and trains in my city are usually overcrowded; my car is much more comfortable.

2. How much time do you spend travelling on a normal day?

I probably spend about an hour and a half travelling to and from work. I travel during the rush hours, so there is quite a lot of traffic.

3. What do you do while you are travelling?

I usually listen to the radio or a CD. In the morning I like to listen to the news to find out what is happening in the world.

4. Do you ever have problems with transport?

Yes, as I said, I get stuck in traffic on my way to and from work. I used to get annoyed by traffic jams, but now I'm used to them.

Overcrowded	Quá tải, quá đông đúc
An hour and a half	Một tiếng rưỡi
Travel during the rush hours	Di chuyển trong giờ cao điểm
Get stuck in traffic	Kẹt xe
On my way to and from work	Trên đường đi làm và về nhà
Get annoyed	Bực mình
Traffic jams	Tắc đường
I'm used to	Tôi đã từng

TOPIC 37: ART

1. Did you enjoy doing art lessons when you were a child?

No I didn't. I was never **very good at** drawing or painting, and I found art lessons quite slow and boring. I **preferred** language and science lessons.

2. Do you ever draw or paint pictures now?

No, I don't draw or paint these days, because **there's never any need for** me to create art at work, and I still don't enjoy art as a hobby.

3. When was the last time you went to an art gallery or exhibition?

I honestly can't remember the last time I went to any kind of **art exhibition**; I'm not much of an art fan, and I tend to go to **music concerts**, the cinema or the theatre **instead of** art shows.

4. What kind of pictures do you like having in your home?

I don't have any paintings or **artistic images** in my home, but I do have photos of family members and some nice photos of **landscapes** on the walls to **brighten the place up**.

very good at	Rất giỏi...
preferred	Thích cái gì hơn
there's never any need for	Chưa bao giờ có nhu cầu ...
art exhibition	Triển lãm nghệ thuật
music concerts	Các buổi hòa nhạc
instead of	Thay vì
artistic images	Những bức hình nghệ thuật
landscapes	Phong cảnh
brighten the place up	Làm cho nơi đó sáng sủa/màu sắc hơn.

TOPIC 38: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

1) Do you use public transport? Why / why not?

These days I mostly drive, and the main reason is that my usual journeys are much faster by car. For example, the half-hour drive that I do twice a week would take me three times as long by train and bus.

2) Which type of public transport do you prefer? Why?

I definitely prefer the train. I like being able to stroll up and down, and on some trains I can book a seat with a table and a socket, so that I can do some work.

3) How good is the public transport where you live?

It's quite good. There's a train station not far from my house, and it's a direct line straight into the city centre. There are lots of bus routes too, and there's even a tram network in the centre of Manchester.

4) Do you think people should use public transport more? Why / why not?

Yes, as long as it's convenient for them. Public transport is obviously more environmentally friendly than private cars, so we could reduce air pollution by using it more.

<u>stroll up and down</u>	Đi lên xuống
<u>book a seat</u>	Đặt 1 chỗ ngồi
<u>socket</u>	Ổ cắm điện
<u>a direct line</u>	1 chuyến thẳng tới nơi nào
<u>bus routes</u>	Các tuyến đường xe buýt
<u>a tram network</u>	1 hệ thống xe điện
<u>environmentally friendly</u>	Thân thiện với môi trường
<u>private cars</u>	Xe hơi riêng
<u>reduce air pollution</u>	Giảm ô nhiễm không khí

TOPIC 39: RAIN

1) Do you like rain? Why / why not?

No, not at all. It rains far too often in Manchester, where I live, and I'm **fed up of** it; I wish we had more sun!

2) Do you think that rain **affects people's mood**?

Yes, definitely. I think rainy days and grey skies can be a bit sad and **depressing**. Where I live, people are much more **cheerful** when the sun comes out.

3) Does it often rain where you live?

Yes, unfortunately it does. As I said, Manchester is known for being a rainy place; you can't trust the weather here, because it can **cloud over** and start raining at any moment.

4) Have you ever been caught in the rain without a coat or umbrella?

Yes, many times. Just last week I went out without an **umbrella** and **got soaked**; I did **have a coat on**, but it didn't really help.

fed up of	Chán cái gì
depressing	ảm đạm
affects people's mood	ảnh hưởng tới tâm trạng
cheerful	Vui vẻ
cloud over	Đầy mây trên trời
umbrella	Cái dù/ô
got soaked	Bị ướt sũng
have a coat on	Mặc áo khoác vào