

Unit 1

Do you like your first name? Why / Why not?

What does your name mean?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of ...

- having a very common name
- having a very old-fashioned name
- being named after a celebrity

Talk about a person whose personality/ appearance suits/does not suit their name.

What advice would you give to people who hate their names?

Can our name help us succeed in life?

Can our name be an obstacle making it impossible for us to achieve our goals?

Why do parents often give their kids unusual names?

What is your favorite colour? Why?

Would you like to change the colour of your room? Why?

Which room in your house do you like best? Why?

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Most people look better in some colours than other colors.’

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Everyone has a colour that they look good in.’

Can colors significantly affect our mood? In what way?

Is it true that some colours are inappropriate for certain occasions? Which ones? Why?

How can colours brighten our lives?

Unit 2

Do you shop online? Why / Why not?

What was the last thing you bought?

What is the most expensive thing you have ever bought?

Would you like to buy something personalized for you? What would it be?

Do women buy things to feel better?

Who do you usually go on holiday with?

What do you usually take on holiday? Have you ever forgotten anything?

Do you prefer going abroad to staying in your country for holidays? Why?

Where did you go on your last holiday?

Do you enjoy staying at hotels? Why / Why not?

How will the corona virus affect the way people travel? Express your opinion.

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘You can’t have a good holiday if the weather is bad.’

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Being with nice people is the most important thing when you’re on holiday.’

Talk about things that tourists do that annoy you.

Talk about a holiday that you will always remember from your childhood.

Unit 3

Which stages of life would you consider to be the most difficult/the easiest?

What are your best childhood memories?

Do you live at the same place now that you lived when you were a child? Why / Why not?

Which is better, life as a child or life now? Why?

Who or what is in your favorite photo?

How often do you take photos?

Where did you use to live when you were a child?

What was your first day at school like?

Where did you go on your first family holiday?

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Photos are the best way to keep memories alive.’

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘It’s better to keep photos in a photo album than on the computer.’

Unit 4

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘It’s very important for people to enjoy the job they do.’

Would you ever consider doing a job for no pay? Why? Why not?

What would you do if you were offered a great job abroad?

You have to choose between a well-paid but boring job and a very interesting but badly paid job. What do you choose?

If you were offered a job while in the middle of your studies, what would you do?

Do young people in Poland sometimes do part-time jobs in the evening or at weekends or while they’re at university? What sort of part-time jobs are common where you live?

How often do you or your family throw away food? What kind of things? How do you feel about it?

Who is a *freegan*? Explain.

What can you do to throw away less food?

What kind of things do you recycle? Do you feel guilty about not recycling?

Have you ever eaten anything past its sell-by date? Have you ever taken what someone else has thrown away?

What do you do with old books, clothes, furniture etc. that you don’t want but could still be used?

What do you think restaurants and supermarket should do with unused food?

What kind of things have too much packaging?

Unit 5

Do you watch TV programs? Where? What kind? On TV? On your computer, tablet or phone?

Are there any TV programs that you turn off as soon as they start? Are there any TV programs that you watch although you know they are awful?

Are there any TV programs that you only watch because the rest of your family watches them?

Which channel do you usually watch when there is a big news story? Which channel do you usually watch for live sport?

Do you ever turn the volume down or off during a program? What kind?

Do you ever get bored halfway through a program but still carry on watching? Why do you carry on watching?

Talk about

- a series that you've just finished watching
- a film you've seen more than 3 times
- a film or TV program that everyone you know has seen but you haven't

Have you ever binge – watched any series? Why? Why not?

Do you know anybody who has?

Talk about the statements below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Children under the age of 12 shouldn't watch any TV at all. ‘

‘TVs should be banned from bars and restaurants. ‘

‘Violent programs shouldn't be shown before 10 p.m.’

‘Families shouldn't have the TV on while they are eating meals.’

‘The news on TV is not objective as most channels are controlled by the government’

If you live in a town or city...

- Imagine you moved to the country. What would you miss most about the city?
- What do you think you would enjoy the most about the country?

If you live in the country . . .

- Imagine you moved to a big town or city. What would you miss the most about the country? What do you think you would enjoy most about the city?

Why do people move from the city to the country?

Unit 6

Have you ever

- assembled flat pack furniture?
- changed a wheel on your car or a tire on your bike?
- fixed something in your home? i.e. an appliance that was broken?

Give me a possible solution . . .

- my microwave has a bad smell
- my leather sofa has a scratch

- my cups have tea and coffee stains

What really annoys you about customer service when you go shopping?

What do you consider to be bad customer service?

Think of a supermarket / clothes shop / chemists / mobile phone shop / computer shop / gym

Talk about . . .

- How often you go there, how convenient the opening hours are
 - What are the facilities like?
 - What are the staff like?
 - What is the customer service like?
 - Any good or bad experience that you have had there?
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When you go to a restaurant which do you think is more important the service of the food?

Why?

Talk about some places that you like to eat out. Are there waiters or is it self – service places? How do the staff treat you? How do you treat the staff?

Unit 7

What kind of entertainment do you enjoy? Why?

Which band do you prefer to listen to? Why?

Do you like going to the theatre? Why / Why not?

Do you enjoy going to concerts? Why / Why not?

What kind of films do you prefer? Why?

Have you ever told a lie? Why / Why not?

How would you feel if someone lied to you?

What do you think about people who lie?

Is telling lies always a bad thing? Why / Why not?

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Being honest with people is more important than being nice to them.’

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Nowadays, there are more dishonest people around than honest people.’

Unit 8

Who is the most famous historical person in your country?

Who is a famous historical person you respect?

Would you rather read historical books than watch historical films? Why?

If you could be a famous person from history one day, who would you like to be? Why?

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘History should not be a school subject, but something we can read about by ourselves.’

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘It would be interesting to spend a day living like our ancestors did hundreds of years ago.’

How do you keep fit?

What do you do to stay healthy?

Should parents allow their children to eat fast food? Why / Why not?

Do you think children should be allowed to eat sweets every day? Why / Why not?

Are meals at schools in your country healthy? Why / Why not?

Unit 9

What do you remember about your first days at school?

How did you spend your birthdays when you were a child?

Have you ever been invited to a wedding? Whose?

At what age do people get married in your country?

Do you think people spend too much money on weddings? Why / Why not?

What was the best/worst present you got when you were a child? Why?

What are weddings like in your country?

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘Your wedding day is the most important day of your life.’

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘It’s important to have a big party for lots of friends and family on your wedding day.’

Unit 10

Do you enjoy school life? Why / Why not?

Do you think young people are under too much pressure nowadays to succeed in exams?

Why / Why not?

Do you feel stressed before an exam? Why / Why not?

In your country are schoolchildren generally happy? Why / Why not?

What is the most important exam you have ever done? Why?

In your country is going to university necessary to have a good future? Why / Why not?

Why do people in your country want to learn English?

Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘It’s true to say that people from a country have the same general characteristics.’