

1. Family

How many people are there in your family?

There are 5 people in my family: my father, mother, brother, sister, and me.

Does your family live in a house or an apartment?

We live in a house in the countryside.

What does your father do?

My father is a doctor. He works at the local hospital.

How old is your mother?

She is 40 years old, 1 year younger than my father.

Do you have any siblings? What's his/her name?

Yes, I do. I have 1 elder brother, David, and 1 younger sister, Mary.

Are you the oldest amongst your brothers and sisters?

No, I'm not. I'm the second child in my family.

What does your mother/father like?

My father likes playing football and my mother likes cooking.

Do your parents let you stay out late?

Of course not. They always ask me to get home before 10 pm each night.

Do you stay with your parents?

Right now, no, but I used to.

Does your family usually have dinner together?

Yes, we do. My mom always prepares delicious meals for us.

2. Restaurant

How often do you eat out? Who do you go with?

I often eat out on weekends, when I hang out with my friends.

What restaurant do you usually visit?

Well, there are not many restaurants in my neighborhood, so my best choice is the deli in convenient stores like the Circle K, Mini-Stop, B-smart.

What type of food do you enjoy to eat? Western or Asian?

I'm interested in Asian food, Western food is not my thing.

How much do you usually pay when you eat out?

It's not very expensive, just around \$5 for each meal.

Do you enjoy spicy food?

Yes, I do, especially on cold days.

Are the servers there friendly to you?

Yes, they are. Most of them are really helpful.

Have you ever tried Italian food?

Yes, at least once, when I was in my friend's wedding party.

Are you concerned about calories when eating out?

Yes, I am. I'm on diet now, so this really matters to me.

Are fast food restaurants like KFC or McDonald's famous in your country?

Yes, they are. The youth in my country are big fans of fast food.

Do you often drink alcohol when eating out?

No, not often. Just when I have parties with my friends.

3. Books

How often do you read books?

I read books almost every night before I go to bed.

What's your favorite type of book?

I love reading about different cultures.

What can you learn from books?

Books can broaden my horizon about thousands of things around the world, and books are also my best friends.

Where do you read books?

I read books at home, sometimes in the library.

What's the most interesting book you have ever read?

I think that would be *Nepal*, a book written about the country of Nepal, published in 1999.

How long does it take you to finish a book?

Well, it depends on the length of the book, but it usually takes me a week to finish a 300-page book.

Do you usually bring books with you when you travel?

Yes, I do. When I'm at the airport or bus station, I read books to kill time.

Is there any bookstore or library in your area?

Unfortunately, there are none near my house. The nearest one is 3 kilometers away.

4. Travel

How many places have you traveled to?

I've visited all the provinces throughout my country.

Who do you usually go with?

I often go with my family, sometimes with my best friends.

What's your favorite tourist attraction?

That would be Venice city in Italy. I love riding the gondola along the canals while watching Italian people live their daily lives.

Have you ever been abroad?

Yes, I have. I came to Italy last year for a business trip.

What language do you use when traveling?

English, but sometimes I have to use body language since not all people are good at English.

What do you usually do during your trip?

I often go sightseeing, take pictures, mingle with the local people and sample the local cuisine.

What do you do to prepare for your trip?

Before the trip, I search for information about the location, weather, famous tourist attractions, transportation, local cuisine and prices on the internet.

What do you usually bring when you travel?

I usually pack my suitcase with some necessary items such as clothes, medicine, food, a map, and a camera.

Do you prefer traveling by car, train or plane?

I prefer planes although it can be a little expensive. Planes are much faster than any other mode of transport.

Do you prefer traveling alone or joining a guided tour?

I love backpacking with my friends who share the same interests as me.

5. A Friend

Who's your best friend?
It's Jenny. She's my best friend.

What does she look like?
She has shoulder-length brown hair. I just love her lovely smile.

How and when did you meet?
I first met her when we were in high school.

How often do you see this friend?
I see her every day. We're in the same class.

What's she like?
She's not only thoughtful but also very understanding. She's always by my side to cheer me up whenever I'm in trouble.

Do you and her share anything in common?
Yes, a lot. We both love shopping and playing sports.

What do you and her do together?
We usually do homework and read books together.

Have you and her ever quarreled?
Yes, but we seldom quarrel. When we do argue, afterwards we seem to understand more about each other.

Does she know how to cook?
Yes, but she's not a great cook.

Do your parents like her?
Yes, a lot. They always ask Jenny to come over for dinner.

Why is a friend important in life?
A good friend can make your life better in many ways. I don't think anyone can stand loneliness.

6. Hobbies

What is your hobby?

I like playing sports, especially swimming.

Is your hobby common in your country?

Yes, kids, adults, and senior citizens all like swimming in my country.

Is your hobby the same as when you were a child?

Yes, I was fond of swimming when I was a little girl.

When did you start practicing that hobby?

I started swimming when I was 5 years old.

Is there anybody in your family who you share your hobby with?

My dad, he taught me how to swim.

How much time do you spend on your hobby?

I usually go to the swimming pool twice a week.

What benefits do you get from it?

Swimming is a really good workout. It helps me keep fit and chill out after a long day working.

Have you ever heard of someone having a very unusual hobby? What was it?

Yes, my cousin loves tattooing vehicles. He puts stickers everywhere on his car.

What do you think about someone having weird hobbies?

I don't think any hobby is weird. It's just what you like to do, so I don't judge others.

What hobbies are usually expensive in your country?

Playing golf is a really expensive hobby. Only the rich can afford to buy golf supplies.

7. Shopping

Do you like shopping?
Yes, I'm a shopaholic.

What do you usually shop for?
I usually shop for clothes. I'm a big fashion fan.

Where do you go shopping?
At some fashion boutiques in my neighborhood.

Are there many shops in your neighborhood?
Yes. My area is the city center, so I have many choices of where to shop.

Do you spend much money on shopping?
Yes and I'm usually broke at the end of the month.

Do you usually shop online? What items?
Yes, but not really often. I only buy furniture online.

What's the difference between shopping online and offline?
Unlike shopping offline, you cannot try on the pieces of clothes or check the material when shopping online.

8. Holiday

Where did you go for holiday?

Last year I went to Singapore, a Southeast Asian country.

Why did you choose that destination?

I love to travel to Asian countries and Singapore was my best choice because of its beauty and culture.

How long did it last?

I stayed there for 2 weeks.

Who went with you?

I traveled to Singapore with my best friends.

How did you travel?

We flew there of course. During the time there, we moved mostly by MRT and taxi.

What did you pack up?

I only brought some necessary items such as money, clothes, medicine, a map and a digital camera.

What did you do during the holiday?

We visited famous tourist attractions like Marina Bay Sands, Merlion Park, Artscience Museum, Singapore Flyers. We also enjoyed local cuisine there.

What's the difference between holidays today and 20 years ago?

Well, it has changed a lot. People now can afford holidays outside their countries while 20 years ago, traveling abroad seemed hard.

At what time do people in your country usually go on holiday?

It depends on what job people have. When they have a break from work, they will find somewhere to travel.

9. Sports

What sport do you like?
I like playing badminton.

Is it easy to play that sport?
Yes, it's pretty easy to play.

Is that sport popular in your country?
Yes, it is.

How long have you been practicing that sport?
I have been practicing it for 5 years.

Who do you play sports with?
I play badminton with my friends, sometimes with my brother.

How often do you play that sport?
I play badminton every weekend.

What benefits can you get from that sport?
It helps strengthen my muscles because while playing, I have to move continuously. It is good to burn calories as well.

Do you like watching football? Online or offline?
Yes, I do. I prefer watching football offline and online. Going to the stadium, shouting and cheering are good to release stress.

What is your favorite football team?
I like the Manchester United Football Club, also known as "The Red Devils".

Why is sport important?
Sports are sources of recreation. People can learn how to encourage team spirit when they play sports, too.

10. Outdoor Activities

What outdoor activity do you participate in?
I do many, but my favorite one is jogging.

Where do you do it?
I go jogging in the park near my place.

Who do you do outdoor activities with?
I usually go jogging with my family.

Who shares the same interests as you?
My family, especially my dad. We usually jog together.

How often do you take part in outdoor activities?
Every morning, except on rainy days.

How do you feel after activities?
I feel really relaxed and refreshed.

What benefits can you get from outdoor activities?
It's a good workout method. Jogging is also a good way for me to charge batteries for a long day working.

Do you usually play sports outdoors?
Yes, I do. I play volleyball and swim outdoors.

Why are children less interested in outdoor activities nowadays?
Children nowadays prefer high-tech gadgets like computers, iPads, and phones to outdoor activities.

11. Pollution

How many kinds of pollution are there?

There are many types of pollution: land, water, noise, air, light, thermal pollution.

What type of pollution is popular in your country?

The most popular one is water pollution, I guess.

Have you ever littered?

Yes, I have, but when I was taught the lesson of protecting Mother Nature, I quit littering.

What can you do to help prevent pollution?

Reduce and reuse whatever I can to eliminate the amount of waste is what I can do to prevent pollution.

What does the government do to encourage people to protect the environment?

They organize some campaigns to raise the awareness of people. Everything should start from education.

Are people in your country aware of the environmental issues?

Yes, they are. They care about what happens to the environment around them.

Is there any law to force people to protect the environment?

Yes. The environment law states punishments to people doing harm to the environment.

12. Learning a Second Language

Do you like learning languages?

Yes, I do. I love traveling and talking to the local people in their mother tongue.

What is your mother language?

I speak English.

What second language are you learning?

I'm learning Spanish. I fell in love with Spanish when I traveled to Spain last year.

Is that language popular in your country?

Yes. People in my country come from every corner of the world and Spanish is the second popular language spoken here according to the statistic.

How often do you use that language?

Quite a lot. I see Spanish people every day in the restaurant, bank or supermarket.

How long have you been learning that language?

I've been learning it for 5 years. I'm in advanced class now.

Why do you choose to learn that language?

I'm interested in Spanish culture, and I'd like to use language as a tool to discover Spanish cultural values.

Who is your teacher?

An old Spanish teacher. She can also speak English fluently.

Why do people learn a second language?

There are many purposes. Some learn to do business, some learn to travel, some just learn for fun.