

MAY 2025 PART 1

BEING BUSY

Are you busier now than when you were a child?

When was the last time you were busy?

Do you like being busy or having free time?

What do you usually do when you're very busy?

BIRTHDAYS

What do you usually do on your birthday?

What did you do on your birthday when you were young?

Do you think it is important for you to celebrate your birthday?

Whose birthday do you think is the most important to celebrate in China?

FLOWERS

Do you love flowers?

Do you know anyone who loves flowers?

Are there a lot of flowers where you live?

Do people in your country often send flowers to others?

GEOGRAPHY

How do you like geography?

Do you think geography is useful?

Have you ever learned geography?

Do you want to be a geography teacher?

HOUSEWORK AND COOKING

Do you do some cooking or help your family cook at home now?

Did you do some housecleaning when you were young?

Do you have breakfast at home every day?

What housework do you like or dislike doing?

JEWELRY

Do you often wear jewelry?

What type of jewelry do you like?

Do you usually buy jewelry?

Why do you think some people wear a piece of jewelry for a long time?

LIST

Do you make a list when you shop?

Do you make a list for your work?

Why don't some people like making lists?

Do you prefer to make a list on paper or your phone?

MACHINES

What is your favorite machine in your home?

Do you think washing machines and sweeping machines are important?

Do you read the instructions before using a machine?

Do you think it is important to read the instructions?

MEMORY

Are you good at memorising things?

How do you remember important things?

Have you ever forgotten to do something important?

What do you need to remember in your daily life?

NAMES

Does your name have any special meaning?

How would you choose names for your next generation?

Does anyone in your family have the same name as you?

Are there any differences between how people name their children now and in the past?

PATIENCE

Are you a patient person?

What is it that makes you feel impatient?

How do you feel when you have to do something for a long time?

Does your job require you to be patient?

PLANS

Do you like making plans?

Do you use paper or your cellphone to make plans?

What are the benefits of making plans?

Do you prefer short-term or long-term plans?

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

What kind of public transportation do you usually take?

When do you usually take public transportation, in your everyday life or when you are traveling?

Do most people prefer public transportation in your country?

Did you take public transportation when you were a kid?

PUZZLES

Did you do puzzles in your childhood?

When do you do puzzles, during your trip or when you feel bored?

Do you like doing word puzzles or number puzzles? Which is more difficult for you?

Do you think it is good for old people to do puzzles?

SAYING THANK YOU

Have you ever sent a thank you card to others?

Do people in your country often say 'thank you'?

On what occasions do you say 'thank you'?

Do you prefer saying thank you in person or in a message?

SINGING

Do you like singing?

Have you ever learnt how to sing?

When was the last time you sang?

Do people in your country like to sing?

SNACKS

When do you usually eat snacks now?

Do you think it is healthy for you to eat snacks?

Did you often eat snacks when you were young?

What snacks do you like to eat?

SPARE TIME

Do you often have free time?

What do you usually do in your spare time?

Which day do you have more free time, Saturday or Sunday?

Would you like to have more free time in the future?

SPENDING TIME BY YOURSELF

Do you usually spend time by yourself?

What did you do last time you were by yourself?

How do you usually spend your time by yourself?

Do you like spending time by yourself?

STAYING UP LATE

Do you often stay up late?

Did you stay up late when you were a kid?

What do you do when you stay up late?

What does it feel like the next morning if you stay up late?

TALENTS

Do you have a talent or something you are good at?

Was it mastered recently or when you were young?

Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?

Do you think anyone in your family has the same talent?

TEXT MESSAGES

How often do you send text messages?

Is sending messages popular in your country?

Did you send more messages when you were younger?

Do you reply to messages as soon as you receive them?

WEATHER

What's the weather like where you live?

Do you prefer cold or hot weather?

Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

Are you in the habit of checking the weather forecast? When and how often?

WRITING

Do you write a lot?

What do you like to write? Why?

Do you think the things you write would change?

Do you prefer typing or handwriting when you are writing?

MAY 2025 PART 2

PEOPLE

Describe a person from a different cultural background with whom you enjoy spending time

You should say:

Who he or she is

Where he or she is from

Where or how you knew him or her

And explain how you feel about him or her

Describe a friend from your childhood

You should say:

Who he or she is

Where and how you met each other

What you often did together

And explain what made you like him or her

Describe a person who inspired you to do something interesting

You should say:

Who he or she is

How you knew him or her

What interesting thing you did

And explain how he or she inspired you to do it

Describe a person who persuaded you to do something

You should say:

When it happened

What he or she persuaded you to do

Why he or she persuaded you to do it

And explain whether you did it in the end

Describe a person you disliked at first but ended up being friends with

You should say:

Who he or she is

How you knew him or her

Why you disliked him or her at first but changed your mind

And explain how you feel about the experience

Describe a friend of yours who is well-dressed and good at dressing up

You should say:

Who he or she is

How you knew him or her

What his or her dressing style is

And explain why he or she dresses this way

Describe an intelligent person you know

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew this person

What this person does

And explain why you think this person is intelligent

Describe a person you know who loves to grow plants (e.g. vegetables, fruits, or flowers)

You should say:

Who this person is

What he or she grows

Where he or she grows them

And explain why he or she enjoys growing plants

Describe a famous person you would like to meet

You should say:

Who he or she is

How you knew him or her

How or where you would like to meet him or her

And explain why you would like to meet him or her

Describe a person who shows his or her feelings very openly

You should say:

Who he or she is

How you knew him or her

Why you think he or she is such a person
And explain how you feel about him or her

PLACES

Describe a shop or store you often visit

You should say:

What the shop's name is

Where it is

How often you visit it

And explain why you like to visit it

Describe a noisy place you have been to

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

What you did there

And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

Describe an unusual but interesting building you would like to visit

You should say:

Where it is

What it looks like

Why you think it is unusual and interesting

And explain why you would like to visit it

Describe a place you visited and enjoyed in the countryside

You should say:

Where it was in the countryside

What you did there

And explain how you felt about the visit

THINGS

Describe a goal you set that you tried your best to achieve

You should say:

What it was

When you set it

What you did to achieve it

And how you felt about it

Describe something you had to share with others

You should say:

What it was

Who you shared it with

Why you had to share it with others

And explain how you felt about it

Describe an advertisement which introduced a product you have seen

You should say:

When and where you saw the advertisement

What the product was

How you liked the advertisement

And explain how you felt about it

Describe a beautiful sky you enjoyed seeing

You should say:

Where you saw it
Who you saw it with
What you saw
And how you felt about it
Describe a photo you took that you are proud of
You should say:
When you took it
Where you took it
What is in this photo
And explain why you are proud of it
Describe a movie you watched recently and would like to watch again
You should say:
What type of movie it was
What it was about
Where you watched it
And explain why you would like to watch it again
Describe an object that you think is beautiful
You should say:
What it is
Where you saw it
What it looks like
And explain why you think it is beautiful
Describe an article on health you read in a magazine or on the Internet
You should say:
What it was
Where you read it
Why you read it
And how you felt about it
Describe a photo that you enjoy looking at
You should say:
Who took it
When and where it was taken
What the photo was about
And explain why you enjoy looking at it

ACTIVITIES

Describe a skill that you think you can teach other people
You should say:
What it is
When you learned it
How you can teach others
And how you feel about this skill
Describe an important thing you learned (not at school or college)
You should say:
What it was
When you learned it
How you learned it
And explain why it was important

Describe an impressive English lesson you had and enjoyed

You should say:

What it was about

When you had it

What the teacher did

And why you enjoyed the lesson

EXPERIENCES

Describe a time when you forgot or missed an appointment

You should say:

What the appointment was for

Who you made it with

Why you forgot or missed it

And explain how you felt about the experience

Describe an argument two of your friends had

You should say:

When it happened

What it was about

How it was solved

And how you felt about it

Describe a time you made a decision to wait for something

You should say:

When it happened

What you waited for

Why you made the decision

And explain how you felt while waiting

Describe an impressive conversation you had that you remember well

You should say:

Who you talked to

When and where you had it

What you talked about

And explain why you think it was impressive

Describe a time when you made a plan to do an activity with a lot of people

You should say:

What it was

When and where you made it

What the activity was

And explain how you felt about the plan

Describe a time when you saw children behave badly in public

You should say:

Where it was

What the children were doing

How others reacted to it

And explain how you felt about it

Describe a disagreement you had with someone

You should say:

Who you had the disagreement with

What the disagreement was

What happened

And explain how you felt about it

Describe a time when you received money as a gift

You should say:

When it happened

Who gave you money

Why he or she gave you money

And explain how you used the money

Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted

You should say:

What it was

When you received it

Who gave it to you

And explain how you felt when the person gave it to you

Describe an interesting decision that you and your friend made together

You should say:

When and why you made the decision

What the decision was about

Why you made the decision together

And explain why you think it was interesting