

SPEAKING CARDS (USE)

Answer the questions in detail. Speak continuously for about 40 seconds per question. Use topical vocabulary and basic grammatical forms.

1 (School)

- 1 What kind of school do you study at? Is it old, modern, specialised with enhanced coverage in some subjects, state or private?
- 2 What is your time-table like? How much homework do you normally get?
- 3 What subjects do you like and dislike most? Do you think modern school curriculum is efficient?
- 4 What after-school activities do you participate in? Do you ever go on school trips?
- 5 Does school prepare you for your future career and future life?
- 6 What would you like to change about school and education in general in your country?

2 (Technology)

- 1 How has technology changed our lives?
- 2 Can you think of a device you wouldn't be able to do without?
- 3 What are the main advantages of technological advances?
- 4 What are the downsides of technology?
- 5 Are modern gadgets addictive? If yes, is it possible to control the use of gadgets?
- 6 Do you agree with the opinion that technological progress has deprived people of many skills?

3 (The Internet)

- 1 Do you often use the Internet? What do you use it for?
- 2 How has the Internet changed our lives?
- 3 What are the main advantages of the World Web?
- 4 What are the downsides of the use of the Internet?
- 5 Is the Internet addictive? If yes, is it possible to control the use of the Net?
- 6 Do you agree with the opinion that the government should control and censor the Internet?

4 (Career)

- 1 Have you chosen your future career or sphere where you would like to work?
- 2 What subjects do you need to study and what skills do you have to have for your future work?
- 3 How long have you been studying the subjects you need? Are you good at them?
- 4 How can school leavers be helped with their career choices?
- 5 What jobs are in high demand on the job market now?
- 6 What is more important for you, to have a well-paid, prestigious, important or rewarding job?

5 (Free time)

- 1 Do you have enough spare time to do what you like doing?
- 2 Have you got a hobby? What are you interested in?
- 3 How do you usually spend your free time?
- 4 What would you like to do if you had more free time or more money?
- 5 Do you agree with the opinion that teenagers waste time on unproductive activities?
- 6 Don't you think that leisure time should be arranged? In what way(s)?

6 (City life)

- 1 Why do you think most people would prefer living in a city to living in the countryside?
- 2 What are the main advantages of living in a big city?
- 3 What are disadvantages of living in a big city?
- 4 What facilities should every city have?
- 5 Is there a city you would/wouldn't like to live in? Why?
- 6 Do you expect cities to change significantly in the near future?

7 (Environment)

- 1 What are the most urgent (global) environmental problems these days?
- 2 How could these problems be solved?
- 3 What is the environment like where you live?
- 4 Have you ever taken part in any environmental projects? What do you do to help protect the planet?
- 5 What should governments do to save our planet?
- 6 What can and what should common people do to help save the environment?

8 (Sport)

- 1 Why do you think sport is very important in everyone's life?
- 2 What kinds of sport are popular in your country/city?
- 3 Why do you think extreme sports have become so popular over the past twenty years?
- 4 Do you agree with the opinion that authorities should control participation in extreme sports?
- 5 What should be done to involve teenagers in doing sports?
- 6 Do you expect big sport to change significantly in the near future?

9 (Friendship)

- 1 Why is it important to have friends?
- 2 What kind of friendship is the strongest/the most lasting (school friendships/those build up later on)?
- 3 Which is more important, your family or friends?
4. Have you got a close friend? How long have you known him/her? What do you do together?
5. What is your friend like? What do you like/dislike most about him/her?
6. Do you think you are a true friend? Why? Why not?

10 (Travel)

- 1 Do you think travel/tourism has changed over the past decades? In what ways?
- 2 What kinds of travel are the most popular in your country?
- 3 What is the future of travel?
- 4 What is the most interesting place you have ever been to so far?
- 5 What place would you like to see? Who would you like to go with?
- 6 Do you agree with the opinion that tourism does a lot of harm to the environment?

11 (The Media)

- 1 Which mass media are still popular and which seem to have become outdated (newspapers, magazines, the radio, television, the Internet)?
- 2 Why has the Internet become so popular with both the younger and the older generations?
- 3 What is the role of a smartphone in your life? What do you use it for?
- 4 Do you think that numerous learning applications are helpful? Do you use any of them?
- 5 What role do social media play in our lives?
- 6 Can you think of advantages and disadvantages of social media?

12 (Books)

- 1 What kind of books are the most popular with teenagers in your country? Why?
- 2 What was the last book you read about? Did you like it? Why? Would you recommend it to others?
- 3 Who is your favourite author? Your favourite book? Your favourite literary character/hero?
- 4 Why do you think people read less nowadays?
- 5 What can books teach us?
- 6 Do you read books in English? Is it useful? What book(s) would you like to read in the original?

13 (Films)

- 1 What is your favourite movie genre? (sci-fi, period drama, romance, thriller, biopic, comedy, fantasy)
- 2 What was the last film you've seen about? Did you like it? Do you like watching series?
- 3 Who is your favourite actor/actress? Why do you like him/her? Have you ever dreamt of being one?
- 4 Do you watch films in English? Do you think it helps you develop your listening skills and vocabulary?

5 If you were a film director/actor, what kind of film would you make? Why?

6 Do you often go to the cinema with friends? Do you discuss films?

14 (Food & eating habits)

1 What are staple foods in your country?

2 Why is it important to eat healthily? How can we teach children to have healthy eating habits?

3 Why has fast food become so popular? Why is it unhealthy?

4 What is your favourite food/dish? Can you cook it yourself?

5 Are family meals important? Why?

6 Is eating out expensive in your city/country? Where do you usually go out for a meal?

15 (Home & housework)

1 Where do you live? What kind of flat/house do you live in?

2 It is difficult/time-taking to look after your flat/house?

3 Is it important to share household chores in a family?

4 What kind(s) of housework do you like/don't mind/can't stand doing?

5 Is it important to have a spacious/comfortable/cosy home?

6 Where would you like to live in the future?

16 (Appearances)

1 Do you judge people by their looks?

2 Is it important for young people to look good and follow fashion?

3 What is your favourite item of clothing? Why?

4 How often do you buy clothes? Where do you buy them?

5 If you could change something about your appearance, what would you change?

6 Do you agree with the statement: 'Appearances are deceptive'?

17 (Languages)

1 What foreign languages are popular in your country?

2 Are you learning any foreign languages apart from English?

3 Why do you think it is important to learn foreign languages?

4 How long have you been studying English?

5 What techniques do you find efficient for learning a language?

6 Are there any languages you would like to study? Why?

18 (Music)

1 What is your favourite type of music? Why do you like it?

2 Who is your favourite performer? Where can you see/listen to him or her?

3 Why is music important for young people? For you?

4 Can you play a musical instrument or sing?

5 Do teenagers in your country listen to or sing folk music/songs?

6 How often do you go to live concerts or any other music events?

19 (Fashion)

1 Is fashion/being fashionable important for young people? Why?

2 What items of clothing are in fashion in your country/city now?

3 Are fashionable clothes very expensive where you live?

4 Is it easy to follow fashion?

5 What people are style icons for teenagers in your country?

6 How would you describe your style in clothing?

20 (Volunteering)

1 What kind of work can volunteers do?

2 Have you ever taken part in volunteer work/activities?

- 3 How can volunteer programmes help community?
- 4 Why is volunteering good for a personality? Beneficial for society?
- 5 What volunteer projects are held where you live/in your community?
- 6 Why do celebrities take part in volunteer/charitable work?

21 (Science & inventions)

- 1 How do you study science at school? What is your favourite subject?
- 2 Is it important to study science? Why?
- 3 What is the most important discovery/invention ever?
- 4 What might scientists discover in the future?
- 5 Do you like reading science fiction books or watching Sci-Fi films?
- 6 What is/are the most essential scientific issues today?

22 (Success)

- 1 What does it mean to be a successful person?
- 2 What qualities/personal traits do you need to become successful?
- 3 What would you like to succeed in? Why?
- 4 What has your biggest achievement been so far?
- 5 What is your main ambition? How are you going to achieve your goal(s)?
- 6 What would you choose, to have a well-paid and prestigious job or an under-paid job you like?

23 (School subjects)

- 1 What school subjects are the most important for students' future life?
- 2 Why is it necessary to study science at school? How can it be taught efficiently?
- 3 Why is it important to study literature and languages?
- 4 Are there any subjects you would like to exclude from the school curriculum?
- 5 What disciplines would you like to study at school? Why?
- 6 Do you think it is easier to learn the material through films and interactive games?

24 (Animals)

- 1 What animals are common where you live/in our country/region?
- 2 What animals have become rare/endangered? Why?
- 3 What should we do to protect animal species (from extinction)?
- 4 Have you ever worked/Would you like to work on a conservation project?
- 5 Why do many people keep pets?
- 6 Have you got a pet? Is it difficult to look after it?