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Chapter 1 Self Introduction

Unit 1: Introduction

Question: Let us start the interview. Please tell something about yourself and the things that you do at present.

Answer 1:

My name is Hannah. I am a junior in a university. I major in Economics because I plan to be in business someday. My parents run a small family business. They have told me that I might inherit it in the future. I am now busy with my major subjects. Last semester, I studied in New Zealand as an exchange student. The experience taught me a lot of things like discipline and being independence. I also made new friends from another country.

Points to emphasize in answering:

When answering the question, give a general answer and develop it with details.

- mention your present status.
[example: I am a junior in a university.]
- give more specific details about it by:
 - describing your major/work
[example: major in economics]
 - explaining why you chose this field
[example: I want to be a businessman in the future.]
 - mention other activities or related experience in college
[example: I studied in New Zealand as an exchange student]

exchange student – a high school or college student who studies for a certain period at a foreign institution as part of a shared program between two institutions or countries.

major in – take up as a degree in college studies

semester – half of the regular school year, lasting normally from 15 to 18 weeks

someday – sooner or sometime

inherit – to receive something as a successor

discipline – manners in accord with the rules

independent – to depend on oneself instead of others

Answer 2:

I am 22 years old. I am taking up Science Education. It's my senior year. Since childhood, I have always been interested in science subjects. I also love teaching kids. I wish students could learn a lot from me once I become a public school teacher. To improve my skills, I study English, too. I read a lot of books and watch English programs on TV. On weekends, I spend time with my parents and younger brothers and sister.

Points to emphasize in answering:

When answering the question, give a general answer and develop it with details.

- mention your present status.
[example: I am taking up Science Education.]
- give more specific details about it by:
 - explaining why you chose this field
[example: Since childhood, I have always been interested in science subjects. I also love teaching kids.]
- mention other things you do to pursue your dream
[example: To improve my skills, I study English, too.]

childhood – the early years in human life

public school – a school offering free education to students in its area or community

improve – to make something more useful or better

TV programs – shows that are aired on TV

spend – to pass time

Chapter 2 One's Residence

Unit 1: One's Home

Question: Let us now talk about your home. Try to describe the place where you live and other things that could be seen near your home.

Answer 1:

I live with my family in an apartment in the city. We live on the 5th floor. The place has three bedrooms and two bathrooms. It has a small living room. We have friendly neighbors. There are schools, offices, and a supermarket near our place. The town hall is also a few minutes from our area. My favorite spot is the park located near our building. I jog there every morning.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Mention the type of home you have
Example: townhouse, apartment, condominium, mansion
- Mention if the place is in a city, suburb, or countryside
Examples: Our place is located near the city.
- Describe your house further
 - number of rooms
 - important places near your location

apartment – rooms in a building where people live
spacious – having much space
town hall – a hall or building belonging to the town; local government office
jog – to run at a slow and relaxed speed
spot – a place or area
townhouse – a house in the city, usually occupied by a single family

Answer 2:

I live by myself in a studio apartment. The place is near my school. It has a single room and a bathroom. My home is a bit small, but I placed a sofa for visitors. As for my neighbors, they are also university students. Some are young professionals. You can see dining places across the street. They serve meals that students could afford. I usually eat there because I do not cook often. I just study, sleep, and rest during nighttime and weekends in my apartment.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Describe the type of home you have
Example: a studio apartment
- Talk about the location
Examples: The place is near my school.
- Describe your house further
 - number of rooms
 - things you can see near it

studio apartment – a place having a main room, a kitchenette and bathroom
afford – to be able to pay for
sofa – a couch or long padded seat

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Chapter 4 Daily Life

Unit 1: Home Appliances

Modern technology constantly updates the way we live. At home, different appliances operate everyday and make life easier. On the other hand, having a lot of these devices also entails consuming more electrical energy. Briefly discuss how you and your family observe proper energy consumption using these home appliances.

Answer A:

The most utilized home appliances we have are the refrigerator, TV, air conditioner, gas range, and the heater. To ensure proper energy consumption, we turn off or unplug an appliance when not in use. We regulate TV viewing among family members. The air conditioner is turned on mostly during summer season and the heater is used during cold winter days. Our gas range uses liquefied petroleum gas instead of electricity. We clean the house using a broom and cloth instead of the vacuum cleaner. Other electrical devices like the computer have regulated use as well. We are glad that our electric bill remains low. Our family lives a simple lifestyle, so we minimize dependence on technology. We also spend much of our time outdoors.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Start by citing the appliances frequently used at home.
- Then, enumerate the practices observed to ensure proper consumption of energy.
- Conclude by giving a general reason why these ways are being practiced.

Vocabulary

consumption – use or spending

unplug – to disconnect from power supply

regulate – to control

liquefied petroleum gas – refined petroleum from natural gas

minimize – to reduce

dependence – the condition of relying on something or someone

Answer B:

For two years, I have been living alone in my studio apartment. Living in the city entails the use of basic home appliances. I have a personal refrigerator, an electric stove, a 21-inch TV, washing machine, and an air conditioner. To minimize energy consumption, I only use the kitchen appliances more often than the rest. I cook my own food, so I use the stove once or twice a day. The washing machine is operated twice a week when I do my laundry. I iron all my clothes, too. The air conditioner is turned on only during sultry weather. When I take a shower, I don't use the heater unless the water is icy cold. My appliances are new, and I made sure to buy the ones having the energy efficiency standard. My average monthly usage of electricity is 480 kwh.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Begin the discussion by describing the residence and number of appliances in it.
- Directly state how energy consumption is being done.
 - enumerate how each appliance is being utilized
- Describe the energy saving feature of the appliance.
- Conclude by stating your average monthly consumption of electricity.

Vocabulary

entail – requires or demands

sultry – extremely hot and humid

energy efficient – a device or appliance that functions economically

Chapter 4 Daily Life

Unit 2: Internet Banking in Your Country

As a young person, you could easily understand how to avail different services using present day technology. Older people who are very traditional are hesitant to use these kinds of services because they might not know how. Try to explain how online and traditional banking works.

Answer A:

Online banking and traditional banking work similarly, but online banking has become more appealing for various reasons. First, online banking is more accessible than traditional banking because it is not bound to inconvenient locations and fixed schedules. Traditional banking also requires every transaction to be made face-to-face, while with online banking, physical presence is not necessary for performing transactions. Online banking can be done anytime and anywhere as long as you have access to a computer and the Internet. In addition, online banking offers higher interest rates as compared with traditional banking. Finally, banking activities like money transfer and bill payments are faster with online banking as they can be accomplished within a minute. For these advantages, the number of online banking users follows an upward trend.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Introduce your objects of comparison and your preferred option
[example: Online banking and traditional banking work similarly, but online banking has become more appealing for various reasons.]
- Provide details that will support your opinion
[example: First, online banking is more accessible than traditional banking because it is not bound to inconvenient locations and fixed schedules.]

Vocabulary

banking – business of dealing in money and instruments of credit
appealing – attractive
interest rates – a rate which is charged or paid for the use of money
trend – a general direction in which something moves

Answer B:

Internet banking operates the way traditional banking does. Traditional banking is accessing one's account and doing financial transactions at a local bank. The same thing can be done using a computer. With just a click of a button, you can avail of the different bank services being offered. Clients should not hesitate using this service because measures are being done to ensure safety in every transaction.

Moreover, one does not have to be Internet-savvy to comprehend how to use web banking. Programs are self-explanatory. For those who have multiple bills to handle every month, online banking is advisable. It saves time and effort. Most of the services are free of charge. Credit and loan application can be done easily with this system, too. Before attempting to use online banking, it would be best to know the things a client should be aware of when using this service. Be informed about the "Do's and Don'ts" beforehand.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Start by stating a general comparison or similarity between the two types of banking system.
 - Enumerate the features and advantages of using online banking.
 - Discuss about the safety and accessibility of the system.
 - Conclude by giving a precaution for the client.
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Vocabulary

hesitate – to have second thoughts or doubts

Internet-savvy – to be skilled in the use of the Internet

self-explanatory – does not need further explanation; can be understood easily

multiple – many, several

attempt – to make an effort

beforehand – earlier

do's and don'ts – the things that should be done and those that should not be

Chapter 4 Daily Life

Unit 3: Role Playing

Your cousin, who would be studying in another city, wants to open a bank account online. She drops by your house and requests you to assist her with the application. Try to help her out.

Answer A:

Hi Sarah, let me try to assist you with your application. The first thing you have to do is choose the bank that suits your purpose. Your parents may advise you on this. After that, check the bank website. On the site, click the service or product that's right for you. Since you're a student, it would be appropriate to open a student account. Look for the instruction that says "Open Bank Account". Once you click this, the succeeding instructions would just guide you. Several questions would be asked and you would be asked to fill out a membership or registration form. Be sure to be ready with the requisites the bank would be asking you. Some banks would require you going to a local branch to submit some papers such as proof of student status, residential certificate or any billing statement. Some banks consider the information you submitted online as legally binding, but there are some that oblige submission of important documents. The account would not be activated unless you send them. It would take a few days for them to notify you about your new account.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Welcome the request.
- Mention the first step to do when choosing a bank.
- Advise the person on what account to open.
- Enumerate some of the requirements the applicant needs to prepare.
- Explain important things to consider.

Vocabulary

application – a written request for connection or membership in an institution
suit – to go well with
appropriate – proper
bank account – an account with a bank
instructions – orders or directions
membership – the status of being a member
requisite – important for a certain purpose
status – the position of an individual
legally binding – an indication of an agreement being consciously made
oblige – to require

Answer B:

Hi! I'd be more than happy to assist you with that. It's good that you consider online banking for financial transactions since this provides ease and reliability. If you already have chosen a bank, start visiting the bank's official website. Be more careful with this since there may be fraudulent websites that can get your personal information. After that, click on the appropriate product, like the student account for students like us. Then, look for the tab or link that says "Open Bank Account" or "Open Account". Afterwards, you need to fill out forms required for them to process your account. Personal information like name, birthday, contact details and others are needed. Be ready to provide ID numbers like the driver's license number. Then, you need to abide by certain rules and regulations of the said bank. Read this carefully in order to avoid hassles in the future. Then, follow directions on how to send them legal documents for them to process your application. Finally, when they receive your documents, congratulate yourself for a new bank account. Should you need any assistance, you can always go to your nearest bank or contact their customer service thru phone or email.

Points to emphasize in answering:

- Tell a little about the benefits of online banking.
- Give step-by-step instructions on how to open an online bank account. Transitions like "Then" and "After that" help a lot.
- Provide information on future references.

Vocabulary

fraudulent – fake; deceptive
fill out – to complete a form by providing necessary information
abide – comply; accept
hassle – disturbance

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Q2. 우리나라의 패션

Today's Question

Can you tell me how people dress in your country? What kind of clothes do they wear at work or after work?

당신의 나라에서 사람들이 어떻게 옷을 입는 지 말해줄 수 있나요? 근무 중 또는 퇴근 후에 어떤 종류의 옷을 입나요?

Sample Answer

It's quite hard to say there is a certain way people dress, but it seems people prefer wearing solid color to multi-colored outfits because it is easier to match with other outfits in that way. Korean people are fashionable so a lot of them are following fashion trends. The type of clothes people wear is different depends on where you work at. In a financial district, people wear proper suits. They have to follow the dress code strictly. Meanwhile, in IT fields, people dress a lot more casually. Most of the employees in IT company wear T-shirts and jeans. It's interesting that we could guess people's jobs by their outfits.

사람들이 옷 입는 방식이 있다고 말하기는 어렵습니다. 그러나 사람들은 단색 옷을 입는 것을 선호하는 것처럼 보입니다. 왜냐하면 여러 색깔이 있는 옷보다 단색이 다른 옷과 더 잘 어울리기 때문입니다. 한국 사람들은 유행에 민감해서 많은 사람들이 패션 트렌드를 따릅니다. 사람들이 일하는 장소에 따라 옷 입는 방식이 다릅니다. 금융권에서는 사람들은 제대로 된 양복을 입습니다. 이들은 드레스 코드를 엄격히 지켜야 합니다. 반면, IT업종에서 사람들은 훨씬 자유롭게 옷을 입습니다. IT 회사 직원 대부분은 티셔츠와 청바지를 입습니다. 옷차림을 가지고 그들의 직업을 추측할 수 있어서 흥미롭습니다.

Key Expressions

certain 특정한 | solid 단색의 | match 어울리다 | outfit 옷, 복장 | fashionable 유행을 따르는 | depend on ~에 달려 있다 | financial district 금융 지구 | proper 적절한 | strictly 엄격히 | field 분야 | employee 직원

Pattern Practice

1. Prefer A to B : B보다 A를 선호하다

→ 사람들은 여러 색깔 옷보다 단색 옷을 입는 것을 선호합니다. People prefer wearing solid color to multi-colored outfits

→ 나는 아이스크림에 관해서라면 초콜릿보다 바닐라 맛을 더 좋아해. I prefer vanilla to chocolate when it comes to ice cream flavor.

→ 우리는 비행기를 타고 가는 것보다 배를 타고 가는 것을 선호해. We prefer going by ferry to flying.

= _____ (Your Turn)

2. It is hard to say (that) ~ : ~라고 말하기는 어렵다.

→ 사람들에게 옷 입는 특정한 방식이 있다고 말하기는 어렵습니다. It's hard to say that there is a certain way people dress.

→ 이 제품이 여러분이 필요한 모든 것을 가지고 있다고 말하기는 어렵습니다. It's hard to say that this product has all you need.

→ 지금 이것이 나에게 쓸모가 없다고 말하기는 어렵습니다. It's hard to say that this is useless for me for now.

= It is hard to say (that) + _____ (Your Turn)

Tips

- 격식을 차려 옷을 입을 때는 dress up한다고 하고, 격식 없이 편안하게 입는 것은 dress casually라고 표현할 수 있습니다. 패션 감각이 좋다고 표현할 때는 have a good sense of style이라고 말할 수 있습니다. 드레스 코드를 엄격하게 지킨다고 표현할 때는 follow동사를 써서 'follow the dress code strictly'라고 표현합니다.
- 앞에 나왔던 내용과 반대되는 내용을 표현할 때는 Meanwhile, On the other hand, On the contrary, Unlikely, Whereas 등을 사용해 자연스럽게 문장을 연결해 보세요.

Q3. 옷 구매장소

Today's Question

I'd like to know where you buy most of your clothes. Where is it? What kind of clothes do they have? Tell me everything in detail.

당신이 주로 옷을 구매하는 장소를 알고 싶습니다. 어디인가요? 그 곳엔 어떤 종류의 옷이 있나요? 전부 상세하게 알려주세요.

Sample Answer

I always go to stores to buy clothes. A lot of my friends like to do shopping online, but I find it not so efficient. The main reason is the size. Not all clothes have the same measure, and I had some bad experiences about changing different sizes. I like global fashion brands as they have different styles compared to domestic brands. For example, I like clothes with patterns. I don't mind whether the pattern is big or small. Global fashion brands like to use the bold patterns. Another reason I like about them is the size. Well, it's not so easy to find decent clothes if you are far taller or bigger than others. They have a wide range of sizes, so it gives me more choices.

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Key Expressions

store 매장 | do shopping online 인터넷으로 쇼핑하다 | efficient 효율적인 | measure 치수 | experience 경험 | compare (A와 B를) 비교하다 | domestic 국내의 | bold 과감한 | decent 괜찮은, 제대로 된 | range 범위

Pattern Practice

1. Find sth 형용사 : 무언가를 (형용사) 하다고 느끼다/생각하다

→ 저는 온라인 쇼핑이 효율적이지 않다고 느꼈습니다. I **find shopping online** not so **efficient**.

→ 너는 역사 수업이 재미있다고 느낄 수도 있어. You might **find the history class interesting**.

→ 나는 영어 시험을 통과하기가 어렵다고 생각해. I **find it hard** to pass the English exam.

= _____ (Your Turn)

2. I don't mind whether A or B : A이든 B이든 중요하지 않다.

→ 패턴이 크든 작든 상관하지 않습니다. I **don't mind whether** the pattern is big **or** small.

→ 그게 좋은 리뷰든 아니든 상관없어. I **don't mind whether** it's a good review **or** not.

→ 네가 그것을 원하든 말든 상관없어. I **don't mind whether** you want it **or** not.

= I don't mind whether + _____ or _____ (Your Turn)

Tips

- 옷의 패턴이나 장식이 큼직큼직한 것을 보고 bold하다고 하죠. 패턴이 있는 셔츠나 블라우스는 patterned shirt/blouse라고 말할 수 있고, 소위 말하는 땡땡이 무늬는 polka dots라고 합니다.
- 요즘은 맞춤 의상을 결혼식 같은 특별한 날에만 입고, 평상시에는 거의 입지 않습니다. 맞춤 옷은 영어로 custom made suit라고 하고, 이와 대비되는 기성복은 ready-to-wear, pret-a-porter라고 말합니다.

Q4. 우리나라 패션 과거-현재비교

Today's Question

How did the fashion trends change from the past in your country? Do you think people in your country like to follow the latest fashion trends? Please tell me in as much detail as possible.

과거로부터 당신의 나라 내에서 패션 트렌드는 어떻게 변화되었나요? 당신은 당신의 나라 사람들이 최신 패션 트렌드를 따라가길 좋아한다고 생각하나요? 자세하게 설명해주세요.

Sample Answer

As far as I remember, the fashion trends changed a lot. I happen to watch a video that was taken in 90s, and I was so surprised to see how people dressed. All the people in the street dressed unique and they looked so confident and free. None of them looked the same. Compared to those times, I think people nowadays dress in a more conservative way. I can see a lot of people following fashion trends. People care a lot about them. There was a time when skinny jeans were a boom, though only a few people wear them now. Also, rainbow-colored sweater hit fashion industry when one actress had worn it in a TV series. Literally every girl around me wore the same sweater. I guess people have tendency to have the same item but want to be looked different. I mean, having an item that's in fashion but different in details. I think this tendency helps one fashion trend to be lasted.

제가 기억하는 한, 패션 트렌드는 많이 바뀌었습니다. 제가 90년대에 찍힌 영상을 본 적이 있는데, 사람들이 옷을 입는 스타일을 보고 깜짝 놀랐습니다. 거리에 있는 사람들이 모두 독특하게 입었고, 사람들이 모두 자신감 있고 자유롭게 보였습니다. 아무도 같은 스타일이 아니었습니다. 이 시대와 비교하면, 지금은 사람들이 좀 더 보수적으로 옷을 입는다고 생각합니다. 저는 많은 사람들이 패션 트렌드를 따라가는 걸 봅니다. 사람들은 패션 유행에 신경을 많이 쓰죠. 한 때 스키니 진이 유행이었던 때가 있었습니다. 지금 그걸 입는 사람들은 아주 소수이지만요. 또, 한 여배우가 드라마에서 입고 나왔던 무지개색 스웨터가 패션 산업을 뒤흔들었을 때도 있습니다. 말 그대로 제 주위의 모든 여자들이 그 스웨터를 입고 다녔습니다. 사람들은 똑같은 아이템을 갖고 싶어 하지만 남들과는 다르게 보이고 싶어 한다고 생각합니다. 유행인 물건이지만 약간 다른 디테일이 있는 물건을 가지는 것이요. 이런 경향이 하나의 유행을 지속될 수 있게 하는 것이라 생각합니다.

Key Expressions

happen to + v 우연히 V하다 | confident 자신감있는 | conservative 보수적인 | boom 갑작스런 인기 | (al)though ~이긴 하지만 | TV series 드라마, 연속물 | literally 말 그대로 | tendency 경향 | last 지속하다

Pattern Practice

1. As far as S + V : S + V 하는 한

→ 내가 기억하는 한, 패션 트렌드는 많이 바뀌었습니다. **As far as** I remember, the fashion trends changed a lot.

→ 내가 알기로는, 그 자켓은 500 달러야. **As far as** I know, the jacket costs 500 dollars.

→ 내가 할 수 있는 한 빨리 달릴게. I'll run **as far as** I can.

= _____ (Your Turn)

2. happen to V : 우연히 V 하다

→ 저는 우연히 90년대에 찍힌 비디오를 보았습니다. I **happen to watch a video that was taken in 90s**.

→ 나는 우연히 오랜 친구를 시내에서 만났다. I **happen to meet my old friend in downtown**.

→ 우리는 아무런 연결고리가 없어요. 그저 우연히 같은 이름을 가졌을 뿐이에요. We're not related, but **we just happen to have the same name**.

= I happen to + _____ (Your Turn)

Tips

- 유행을 따라가는 사람들을 trendy하다고 합니다. 항상 최신 유행을 따라간다고 말할 때는 'be on top of the latest trends'라고 할 수 있겠네요.
- 옷을 입는다고 표현할 때는 dress를 쓰는데, get dressed라고 표현하면 좀 더 자연스러운 문장이 됩니다. 또한, 남에게 옷을 입힐 때도 dress로 표현할 수 있습니다. 'I dressed my son in his blue shirt'는 '아들에게 파란색 셔츠를 입혔다'는 뜻이 되죠