

Task 1

Describe a member in your family.

Today I want to talk about my sister. My sister is ____ years old. She's a chef. She likes cooking new recipes. She lives in Dammam. She's married and she has a baby boy. I talk to my sister every day.

Describe the room you are in.

I'm in a computer lab. It's a big room with many computers. There are many tables and office chairs. There's a whiteboard and a three big windows. There's Smart Projector but it's not on now.

Please tell me about your job.

I'm a _____. I work at a hospital/clinic. I have been working here for ____ months/years. I work 8 hours a day. I work 6 days a week. I have 28 vacation days a year. My salary is _____. I like working here because my colleagues are great. They are helpful and kind.

Task 2



Describe this picture.

Hmmm it's an interesting picture. In this picture I can see a man reading a newspaper. He's wearing a black suit and a blue tie. He looks about 30 years old. He has short brown hair. Behind him there are many televisions. The TVs are showing some programs. I think they're news programs. The TVs are a little old now.

How do most people in your country learn about world news?

In my country there are many ways to learn about world news. You can watch or read the news online, you can read a newspaper and you can listen to the radio. I think the most popular way of receiving news is online. There are many websites but you can also get news through social media like Twitter and Facebook. It's very convenient for me.

How has the reporting of news changed in the last fifty years?

That's an interesting question. 50 years ago the news was reported by radio. People didn't have internet and not many people had TVs. Radio was very important 50 years ago worldwide. People could listen to the radio at home, in their cars or in the restaurant.

Task 3



What do you see in the two pictures?

In the first picture I can see a wonderful beach. The water is blue. It looks clear and clean. I think it's a popular beach because people have walked on the sand. But there are no people in the picture. It's a beautiful sight.

The second picture is quite different. It is also showing nature but this is a field. It looks like a farm or a place where animals live. I can see a barn on the left side, but I can't see any animals. I think a cowboy lives here. There is a hat and a gun in the front of the picture. I can also see many trees in the background.

Which of these two places do you think children would prefer? Why? (45 seconds)

I think children would prefer the beach because at the beach there are many activities for children. They can play in the sand and make sand castles. They can go swimming and they can play with a ball. I want to go to the beach in the weekend with my children and we can have a barbecue. Sometimes we go Half Moon beach by car.

Which of these two places would you prefer to go on holiday? Why?

I would like to go to the beach for a holiday because I can do many activities on the beach. I can relax and enjoy my free time. I can read a book, listen to music and lie down in the shade. I can also make a barbecue with my family and have a nice time. I think the countryside would be boring. There is nothing to do in the countryside.

Task 1

Please tell me the best way to travel around your country.

In Saudi Arabia the best way to travel is to go by bus. The bus services in my country are good. Many people go by bus to Makkah. The buses are comfortable and cheap. The ride takes 12 hours but it's a good way to travel. There are some stops for eating and praying. Also the driver needs a break because it is the same driver from Dammam to Makkah.

Please describe your journey here today.

Today, I came here by car with another student. I have a driver. For Lincoln College there is no college bus so we have to come by car. My driver is dangerous. He drives too fast. He doesn't follow the rules. But it only takes 15 minutes to arrive here.

Please tell me about a famous place in your country.

In Saudi Arabia the most famous place is Makkah. It's a holy place for Muslims around the world. People from all over the world come here to visit Makkah. In Makkah you can visit the Great Mosque and Kaaba. There is a mountain called Noor Mountain, where Prophet Mohammed prayed. It's an important and spiritual place.

Task 2

Describe this picture



In this picture I can see a man dancing. He's wearing yellow pants and a yellow shirt. He's wearing a cap too. He's moving his arms and legs. He looks very happy. Maybe he's listening to music. You cannot dance without music.

Do you like dancing? Why? Why not?

Yes I like dancing. There are many reasons why I like dancing. I like dancing because it makes me happy, dancing is good exercise and it's fun to do with my friends and family.

No, I don't like dancing. There are many reasons why I don't like dancing. I don't like dancing because I don't like listening to music, I don't think I'm good at dancing and I don't know how to dance.

On what occasions do people usually dance in your country?

People usually dance in my country at weddings and other celebrations like birthdays. Everyone in the family dances together. Dancing is an important part of the party. When I dance with my friends and family I feel very happy. I like dancing.

The last time I danced was at my sister's wedding. It was a fun time.

Task 3



Tell me what you can see in these two pictures

In the first picture I can see a large crowd of people attending a concert. They are putting their hands up. In the background I can see some musicians with a guitar and piano. There are some purple lights. Some people are dancing. I think the atmosphere is exciting.

In the second picture I can see three men playing classical instruments on a stage. I can't see any people so I think maybe the musicians are just training now. Maybe this is before the concert starts.

What sort of people go to these two events?

In the first picture I think younger people go to this event. Young people like the lights and the noise. They like exciting concerts.

In the second picture I think more kinds of people can attend this concert. Families can go here or musicians and students of music can enjoy this classical music. People like the relaxing music.

Which of these two events would you prefer to go to? Why?

I would prefer to go to the second concert because it is more relaxing. I like classical music too. It is my favourite genre of music. Last month I went to a classical concert. There were many people. I enjoyed the classical music very much. I don't really like rock music and I don't like standing up for a long time at a concert. So I would like to go to the second concert.



Task 4

Tell me about your fa

How do you feel when you wear it?

Why do people dress in such different ways?

My favourite piece of clothing is my black dress. It's my favourite piece of clothing because I can wear it with many things and also because it's my favourite colour. I bought the dress from Zara last month. It's a maxi dress. I have worn the dress many times.

When I wear this dress I feel very happy and comfortable.

People dress differently because everyone has a different taste.

Some people like bright colours and some like dark colours.

Some people like comfortable clothes and some people like more formal clothes.

Task 1

What do you like doing with your friends?

I like doing many things with my friends. I like going shopping, watching movies and cooking dinner with my friends. We also like going for a picnic when the weather is nice. Sometimes we have a barbecue together at the beach.

Please describe your house.

I live in a small house. It has two bedrooms. It has an open kitchen with a table. It has two living rooms and a play room for my child. It's a modern house with an office. There's a big window in the living room. There's a small garden too. There's also a small pool for my child. It is located in good area in Qatif.

Please tell me about yourself.

My name is _____.

I am _____ years old.

I am married/single.

I am a _____ (job).

I am from Saudi Arabia.

I live in _____. (town)

I live with my family.

My family is small/big.

I have _____ kids. (number)

I like shopping and cooking.

At the weekend I see my friends.

I don't like reading and cleaning.

Task 2



Describe this picture

In this picture I can see a group of people in a cinema. I think they are watching a funny movie or a comedy because they are all laughing and smiling. Some people are eating popcorn and some people are drinking soda. The people all look different, maybe they are from different countries.

Tell me about a time when you laughed a lot.

Well this morning I was with my sister. We were having coffee and she spilled the coffee on her shirt. It was very funny because she looked very upset and she didn't know what to do.

Do you think people from different countries laugh at different things?

Yes, I think so. They laugh at different things because the people come from different cultures. But there is a TV show that everyone from around the world can find funny, it is Mr Bean. He's funny because he's so stupid. He always does something silly. There are many funny episodes.

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Tell me what you see in the two pictures

In the first picture I can see a woman alone at a table. I think she's at home. She's studying with her laptop and books. I think she's studying online. She's also drinking coffee. She looks serious. I think it is morning because she's drinking coffee and because it is very sunny.

In the second picture I can see a group of students studying in a classroom. They are listening and looking at their teacher. Maybe the teacher is giving the students some exercises because they are writing something. Everyone looks interested. The teacher might be giving them important information.

Which place looks better to learn in?

I think the second place or the classroom looks better to learn in. There are many reasons why it is good to learn in the classroom. Firstly if I have a question I can ask my teacher directly. Secondly I can help and get help from the other students. Thirdly I am more interested in the topic when I go to the classroom. I don't want to study online because it is boring, it is difficult to get information and I can't easily ask the other students or my teacher. Also the internet is not reliable.

Is it better to study in groups or face to face or on the internet? Why?

I think it is better to study in groups because I can get more information when there are other students. We can share the information easily. In my classroom we share APTIS material. We give each other APTIS speaking questions. I think studying face to face is not good because I can't speak to other students.

Task 4

Tell me about a time when you visited an old building.

How did you feel about it?

Why do you think it is important to look after an old building?

I remember a time I visited an old building. It visited the Colosseum in Rome. I went there with my family in 2012. It was an amazing experience to see this old building. I felt very excited to see this place. There were many tourists, they were all taking photographs. I think it's important to look after old buildings so we can understand more about history. I hope to return to this old building again one day.



Task 1

Please tell me about your favourite book.

My favourite book is the Quran. It is my favourite book because it's important for me as a Muslim. I read this book every day. There are many stories in the Quran. I can learn many things about life.

What sport do you like?

I like swimming. I like swimming because it's fun and it's good for exercising my body. I like swimming with my friends. When I go on vacation I go swimming at a private resort.

What did you do last night?

Last night I made dinner for my family. We watched TV and then I studied English for the APTIS exam. I made Italian food. It was delicious. I like cooking for my family.



Describe this picture.

In this picture I can see a group of people in a big garden. It looks like a family. There are some children. There is a girl at the front. She is playing with a hoola hoop. There are two boys. They're playing with a hoola hoop too. The girl is wearing a white dress. The boy on the left is wearing a green shirt and pants. The boy on the right is wearing a blue shirt and shorts. They look happy.

Tell me about a game you played when you were a child.

When I was a child I played with a Playstation. I played a game called Crash. It was a very popular game. The game has an animal. He must jump and kick. To win the game you must eat the apples. It was a fun game.

How have the children's games changed in the last 50 years?

In the last 50 years, children's games have changed a lot. In the past children played mostly outside. They played games like football or they played with toys. They didn't have phones or tablets. Nowadays children play inside a lot. They play games like Playstation games or they play games on their phones. I think it's not good for them to play inside so much.

Task 3



Tell me what you see in the two pictures.

In the first picture I can see some people in a lab. They are wearing a lab coat, mask and a hat. They are working in a lab or maybe a factory.

In the second picture I can see some people in an office. They are sitting at a computer. They are talking to each other. I think it's a training course because I can see they are having a discussion. They look serious.

What would it be like to work in these two places?

The two places are different.

I think in the first place it would be a serious place to work. I would have to focus very carefully on my work and not make a mistake. Sometimes I will have to work as a team.

In the second place the communication would be very different. You have to work with others face to face all the time. Some people don't like working with other people all the time. Maybe there are a lot of e-mails and phone calls. It might be stressful.

Which of these two places would you prefer to work in? Why?

I prefer to work in the first place because it is quiet and focused. You don't have to work quickly. I worked in a lab last year. I loved working in the lab. It was a good experience for me. I don't have any experience working in an office. So I don't know if I will like working in an office but I think it's not good because I have to talk to people face to face all the time. I don't really like

working with other people. Also I think in the office you are sitting too much. It's not good for you.



Task 4

Tell me about a time when someone told you to stop doing something.

How did you feel about it?

Do you think there are too many rules in modern life?

Hmm well this is a very difficult question because it's hard to remember a time when someone told me to stop doing something. But I remember a time when I was with my friend. She was visiting me from another city. We wanted to explore the city and take some photos. In my city there were many sculptures. Sometimes there's a barrier around the sculptures. It's so that other people cannot touch the sculpture. Well my friend really wanted to take a photo of the sculpture so she jumped over the barrier. Suddenly a man yelled out and told her to not touch the sculpture. She felt really embarrassed and upset. I was a little embarrassed too. */im'berast/*

I don't know what this last question means, "do I think there are too many rules in modern life?". Hmmm well I don't know very much about rules in the past. So I'm not sure. I think rules are important to keep us safe. We need rules so that there are less accidents and things like that.

Task 1

Please tell me why you are interested in travel.

I'm interested in travel because of many reasons. Firstly I love seeing new places. I also like seeing new people and knowing about new cultures. I think traveling is interesting and fun.

Please tell me what you do at the weekend.

At the weekend I do many things. I cook for my family, I go shopping, I go on a picnic and I visit family. Sometimes I go to Bahrain and watch a movie.

Where did you go last weekend?

Last weekend I went to Dubai with my friends. We stayed at the Burj Khalifa. It was an amazing experience. The food was delicious. The weather was very nice. It was a nice weekend.

Task 2

Describe this picture.



In this picture I can see a family of a mother and father, son and daughter in a park. They are sitting down. They are having a picnic. They are drinking juice and eating fruit and other foods. I think it's lunchtime because it's sunny, not night time. They look happy.

Tell me how you and your family spend free time together.

Usually in the weekend we go to my family's house. We eat lunch together. Sometimes my mother cooks lunch. Sometimes my father brings food from a restaurant. After finishing lunch the children play in the garden and me and my family drink tea and eat sweets. I love weekends with my family.

Do you think today's parents should spend more quality time with their children and why?

No. I think parents spend enough time with their children. Parents need a break, they need to relax after working. Parents get a headache. It is also true that children need more time to play outside. Playing is good for children. Playing with other children is good for their social skills.

Task 3

Tell me what you see in the two pictures.



In the first picture I can see a big apartment building with many floors. I can see fire exits on the outside of the building. I think young people like university students live here. It's in the city. In the second picture I can see a small one floor house. It has big windows and a wooden door. There is grass outside. There are some trees. I think a small family lives here. There might only be a few small bedrooms.

What would it be like living in these two places?

In the first place it would be noisy, not private and crowded. There would be no garden.

In the second place it would be more quiet, more relaxing and there is space for my children to play in the garden. I would like to live in the second place.

Which of these two places would it be better for old people to live in? Why?

I think the second place would be better for old people to live in. In the second place there is no need to go up and down the stairs. It would be more comfortable for the old people to walk around. Also, because it's a small house it would be easier for cleaning. There is an outside area where they have a picnic and grow flowers.



Task 1

Do you have a large family?

Yes, I have a large family.
I have six brothers and six sisters.
My brothers live in Riyadh.
One of brothers is an engineer and another brother is a businessman.
I am very close with my family members.

No, I don't have a large family.
I have two brothers and I don't have any sisters.
My older brother studies in America and my little brother studies in primary school.

Tell me about the place you live in

I live in Qatif which is a large and beautiful city in Saudi Arabia. It is a place with friendly and kind people. There is a mall called "City mall" and a castle called "Tarout Castle". I like where I live.

What's your favorite season ? Why ?

I love winter because it rains in the winter here. I love the rain because I barely see the rain in the other seasons.

I love spring because the weather is very nice. It is not too hot or not too cold. I can go out in the morning and at night. I can play outside with my children. *Sister.*

Task 2



Please describe this picture.

In this picture I can see a couple on their wedding day. The bride is wearing a white wedding dress and the bridegroom is wearing a black and white suit. They are having their wedding photos taken at a beach. They look very happy.

When did you last attend a wedding? *I'd talk about the last time I had attended a wedding.*

I attended a wedding a year ago. I went to my sister's wedding. I wore a black dress and golden shoes. The wedding was held at a hotel/a castle. I ate rice and beef and danced with my friends.

Why are weddings important to the families involved?

Weddings are important because it is a day to see all of my family together. When two people get married their families join together. The families are happy for the bride and bridegroom. It is an important day to say 'congratulations' to the married couple. *further more, it's a good time to save beautiful memory together.* *-> after a long time*

Task 3



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Tell me what you see in the two pictures

In the first picture I can see some people working on a field. They are farmers. They are cutting the plants by hand. They are wearing wide hats and thick clothing.

In the second picture there is a big machine cutting the plants. I think this is an example of modern day farming.

What would it be like to work on these two farms?

In this first farm it would be difficult to work there. The farmers are working by hand, so it would take a long time to complete the work. It would also be hard because the farmers are always bending over so they would get a lot of back pain.

In the second farm it would be easy to work there. The farmer uses a machine so it would be faster. It would also be good for making more money.

Which method of farming is better for the community?

I think the second method of farming is better for the community. It takes a short time, you don't need many employees and it is easier for their bodies.

Task 4



Tell me about a time you went on a long journey.

How did you feel about it?

How do people travel long distances in your country?

I went on a long journey last year.

- I went to Egypt for 5 months.

- I went Syria by bus. It took 24 hours.

- I went to Mecca by bus. It took 12 hours.

I was very tired after the long trip. But I couldn't take a plane because it was very expensive and there were no seats available. I also am afraid of flying.

In Saudi Arabia people can take a car, a bus or they travel by plane. Nowadays there are high speed trains.