PET: USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

PART 1. Student and examiner: Short questions and answers

▸ Where are you from?
  o I’m from ….
  o It’s in the South of Spain.
  o I was born in …. but now I live in …

▸ Do you work or are you a student?
  o I’m studying…
  o I work as a/an…
  o I am currently unemployed and looking for a job. I would like to be a/an…

▸ Do you enjoy studying English?
  o Remember:
    ▪ Enjoy/love/like/dislike/hate + -ing
  o I love studying English because…
  o I’m really into travelling….
  o I’m interested in learning other languages…

▸ Do you think English will be useful for you in the future?
  o I think it will be useful because I’ll be able to…
  o I think it will be useful because it will give the opportunity to …. 

▸ What do you do yesterday/last weekend?
  o Remember:
    ▪ Past simple!
    ▪ Play+ a ball
    ▪ Do+ a skill
    ▪ Go+ing
  o I went to…
  o I hung out with my friends
  o I watched a film
  o I played football
  o I did yoga
  o I went swimming

▸ What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
  o Remember:
    ▪ I’m keen on /good at/ interested in/ really into + -ing/ noun
    ▪ To include adverbs of frequency:
      ▪ Once/twice a week
      ▪ Three times a week
      ▪ I + always/sometimes/never/hardly ever/rarely/often + bare infinitive
  o I’m a member of a …. club.
  o I love going climbing and hanging out with my friends…
PART 2. Student and student: interactive tasks (look at your partner 😊)

➢ To begin the test, please ask: “Shall I start?”

➢ Discuss the options:
  o How about / What about + ing?
  o Let’s consider this option
  o Let’s look at this option
  o Shall we move on to this option?
  o I agree/disagree because….
  o That’s a good idea

➢ Decide the best:
  o We need to make a decision
  o Let’s make a decision
  o Which do you think is the best option?

PART 3. Photo description

➢ Think about:
  o Where was the photo taken?
  o What is the weather like?
  o What are they doing?
  o How old are they? In their twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, …
  o How might they be feeling?
  o Are they standing up or sitting down?
  o What can you see in the foreground / background?
  o If you can’t remember the name, remember you can paraphrase, for example, “it’s a kind of…”

PART 4. Examiner asks questions and the students interact

➢ The examiner will say:
  o Your photographs showed people…..(for example: doing sport). Now talk together about… (for example: sports)

➢ Remember to:
  o Ask your partner questions related to the topic
  o Respond to your partner:
    ➢ “That’s interesting/ fascinating”
    ➢ Me too (to agree with your partner)
    ➢ Me neither (to disagree with your partner)

Good luck.

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