

Speaking Part 1

Q1. What do you do on the weekends?

My weekends are usually a mix of relaxing activities and catching up on things I don't have time for during the week. I love to spend time with friends, so we often go out for brunch or to see a movie. And, of course, I always make sure to allocate some time for reading, as I find it incredibly relaxing and stimulating. It's important for me to unwind and recharge after a busy week, and my weekends are a perfect opportunity to do just that.

Q2. Do you live in a house or flat?

I live in a cozy flat in the heart of the city. It's a two-bedroom apartment on the third floor, and I really love the vibrant energy of living close to everything. I enjoy having easy access to shops, restaurants, and cultural events, and being able to walk to most places. Although it's a bit noisy sometimes, I wouldn't trade the convenience and community feel for anything. Plus, having a balcony where I can enjoy a cup of coffee in the morning is a real perk.

Q3. What kind of movies do you like?

I'm a big fan of movies that really draw me in and make me think. I love well-crafted stories with compelling characters and thought-provoking themes. I'm particularly drawn to independent films and foreign cinema, as they often explore unique perspectives and tackle issues that mainstream movies might shy away from. Of course, I also enjoy a good action movie or comedy when I'm looking for something lighter and more entertaining. But for me, the most satisfying movies are the ones that leave a lasting impression and spark conversations.

**Q4. What do you see in these photos?**

Both pictures compare family travelling and solo travelling. As for the first one, an immediate family, a little daughter with her parents, is in the airport, holding their trip tickets. All of them are excited as the smiles on their faces expose. Family trip is quite fun to have a quality time together, and it also helps make family ties stronger. In contrast, the second picture shows a woman traveling by herself, holding a map of the area. Travelling alone has also advantages, giving travellers a chance of relieving their stress, doing what they want.

Q5. What are the advantages of family travelling?

Family travel offers a unique set of advantages, primarily the opportunity to strengthen family bonds and create lasting memories. It allows families to experience new cultures together, share adventures, and learn from one another in a way that's not possible in everyday life. It's also a chance to escape the routine and create shared experiences that everyone can cherish for years to come. For example, witnessing the awe in a child's eyes as they see a majestic mountain range or the laughter shared around a campfire during a camping trip creates priceless moments that solidify family connections.

Q6. Which types of trip would you prefer?

While I enjoy the companionship of others on trips, I find myself drawn to solo travel more often. It allows me to really get to know myself better, to make decisions based solely on my own interests, and to truly appreciate the solitude. There's a certain freedom and independence that comes with exploring a new place on my own terms. I can spend as much time as I want in a museum or wander off the beaten path without feeling pressured to keep up with a group. Of course, sharing adventures with loved ones is also incredibly rewarding, but I find that solo travel provides a unique opportunity for personal growth and self-discovery.

Speaking Part 2



- **Describe a time when you shared a secret with others**
- **Describe the situation that led to sharing the secret**
- **Mention the people involved in the secret-sharing and the consequences**

I'd like to talk about a time when I shared a secret with my close friends. This happened about a year ago when I was planning a surprise birthday party for my best friend, Sarah. I wanted it to be a big surprise, but I realized I couldn't do it alone. So, I decided to share the secret with a few of our mutual friends.

The situation started when I found out that Sarah was feeling a bit down because she thought nobody remembered her birthday. I thought it would be a great idea to organize a surprise party to cheer her up. I first talked to my friend Mark and then included two other friends, Lisa and Tom. We all agreed that we wanted to make it special for her.

When I shared the secret with them, they were really excited and immediately started brainstorming ideas. However, there was a bit of pressure because we had to keep it a secret from Sarah. We planned everything carefully, from the decorations to the cake, and decided to invite her family and some close friends.

The consequences of sharing this secret were mostly positive. We managed to pull off the surprise party successfully, and Sarah was genuinely shocked and thrilled when she walked in. It brought us all closer together as we worked as a team to make it happen. However, there was a moment of panic when one of our friends accidentally mentioned the word "party" in front of Sarah, but luckily she didn't catch on.

In the end, sharing the secret not only made the party a success but also strengthened our friendship. It taught me that sometimes sharing a secret can lead to wonderful experiences and that teamwork is really important in making things happen.

Speaking Part 3

Owning a pet disadvantages and advantages	
FOR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pets can provide a sense of companionship and emotional support• Owning a pet can encourage you to be more active• Caring for a pet teaches important life skills.	AGAINST <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owning a pet can be extra expenses• Pets need a lot of attention and care• Owning a pet can limit your lifestyle choices

Raising a pet at home has its own certain pros and cons. As for the advantages, pets can provide a sense of companionship and emotional support, especially for people who live alone or have limited social interaction. They can reduce stress and anxiety, offer a sense of purpose and routine, and provide unconditional love and affection. Moreover, owning a pet, especially a dog, encourages a more active lifestyle. Regular walks, playtime, and outdoor activities not only benefit the pet's health but also keep the owner physically fit. This increased activity can lead to better overall health, helping to reduce stress and improve mood. In addition, caring for a pet teaches important life skills such as responsibility, empathy, and patience. Pet owners learn to meet the needs of another living being, which can foster a greater understanding of caring for others. This experience is particularly valuable for children, as it helps them develop nurturing qualities and a sense of accountability.

However, owning a pet can be expensive. You need to pay for food, vet bills, grooming, and toys. Some animals, like dogs, require specialized training or daycare, which can add to the costs. This can be a significant financial burden, especially for those on a tight budget. In addition, pets need a lot of attention and care. You need to feed them, walk them, play with them, and take them to the vet. This can be challenging for busy people or those with limited free time. It can also affect your social life, as you may need to decline invitations or rearrange your schedule to accommodate your pet's needs. Another minus side is that owning a pet can limit your lifestyle choices. You might not be able to travel as freely, especially if you're going somewhere that doesn't allow pets. You also might need to make adjustments to your home environment to accommodate your pet, such as installing a pet door or purchasing pet-friendly furniture. This can be a challenge for those who are accustomed to a more flexible and spontaneous lifestyle.