

Texto 1: Where do you live?

I live on a farm in the countryside where there are large fields of green grass and lots of animals.

Every day I wake up early and help my family with chores around the house and take care of the animals.

My favorite animals to take care of are the horses and the cows.

When I'm finished working, I like to play with my dog in the empty fields.

His name is Balto and he loves to play fetch with tennis balls. The houses in my neighborhood are very far apart, so it's often very quiet all day.

The nearest market and store are a twenty-minute drive from my house, but I rarely go to the market because my family grows most of the fruits and vegetables that we eat.

We grow food like corn, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, apples, and oranges.

It is hard work living on a farm, but I find it really fun and fulfilling.



Texto 2: Do you like to Travel?

One of my favorite things to do is travel! I have only traveled by car and airplane.

Most of the time I travel by car and it feels like a mini road trip! I love looking out of the window when passing by new places to see what life is like in other places.

But when I travel far, like out of state or out of the country, I travel by airplane.

The first time I flew on an airplane, I was five years old.

I sat in the window seat and again looked out of the window the entire time.

I loved watching the plane pass through clouds because it made me realize just how high up we were.

I haven't flown on a plane in a while but hope to travel again in the near future.



Texto 3: What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobby is drawing. I have always loved art ever since I was a child.

My parents used to buy me crayons and I would draw on the walls instead of on paper.

They got upset that I drew on the walls so they bought me chalk to draw on the sidewalk instead.

I would spend everyday outside with my chalk set drawing flowers and trees with the other kids in my neighborhood. It was most fun in the summer because I would get to run through the sprinklers and watering hose when my parents sprayed the sidewalk down to give me a new canvas to draw on the next day. As I got older, I learned to draw with colored pencils instead of chalk. But I still love to draw flowers and trees to this day. My favorite flower to draw is a sunflower.



Texto 4: Do you like music and do you play any instrument?

I love listening to all types of music! My favorite genre is pop and my favorite musicians are Billie Eilish and Taylor Swift. Their songs are very fun to listen to especially when I am in the car driving to work. My favorite song from Billie Eilish is "Ocean Eyes" and my favorite song from Taylor Swift is "Red". Do you like listening to music? What kind of music do you listen to and who are your favorite artists? I also wish I knew how to play an instrument. The instrument I want to learn the most is the piano. I think the piano sounds so beautiful playing any kind of song. My favorite pianists are Yiruma and Thad Fiscella. One day I would like to take lessons to learn the piano. I am also interested in learning how to play the drums. I think they sound very cool! Do you play any instruments? And how long have you been playing them?



Texto 5: Do you like cooking or baking?

Ever since I was little, I have always been interested in cooking. I would watch my mom every morning make breakfast and then watch my dad every evening make dinner. This sparked my interest in cooking at an early age. As I got older, I decided to start learning how to cook myself. The first thing I learned was how to cook eggs. I learned how to cook them sunny side up, scrambled, and into an omelette. Making omelettes was definitely the hardest one to learn! But now I know how to make different types of omelettes and they are my favorite way to eat eggs. Although I love cooking, I do not know how to bake. Baking is much harder for me because I cannot taste the flavor of the batter because of the raw eggs. I would love to learn how to bake in the future because I want to make a personalized birthday cake for my younger sister.



Texto 6: What is your dream destination?

My dream destination to travel to is Japan. I have never been to Japan before but I have seen many pictures and videos. It looks really interesting and fun! Japan has a lot of vending machines for food and drinks as well as many seafood restaurants. My favorite food is sushi so I would love to try sushi prepared by a master sushi chef. I am most interested in sightseeing animals in Japan. They have a rabbit island where there are hundreds of rabbits that live freely. There is also a deer park where the deer are fed by tourists who visit. I would love to visit these places in Japan one day because I love animals. I am also really interested in the Japanese culture. There are many historical interactive parks where they teach you about what life was like in Japan in the past. Japan also has a lot of really good food and shopping areas. I can't wait to travel to Japan one day!



Texto 7: What's your favourite season?

My favorite season is summer. Summertime is the perfect weather to go outside and relax! I love how bright and warm it is. The sunlight brings me lots of joy and happiness compared to the gloomy weather in winter. The best part about summertime is going swimming or to the beach. It feels so refreshing to swim in a pool or the ocean when it's really hot outside.

And then after swimming it is great for a bonfire on the beach. It's so nice to spend time with friends around the fire, sing songs, and make smores. My favorite thing to eat during the summer is watermelon. It's so refreshing and hydrating after a long day outside when the weather is really hot. A tip I learned about eating watermelon is to cut them into cubes and freeze them. They are just as delicious and stay colder much longer! I also like to blend watermelon to make watermelon juice, which tastes just as good as eating watermelon whole.



Texto 8: At what time do you get up?

Linda was an early-bird who liked to wake up at 6AM every day, including on the weekends. She found it refreshing to be up when the sun was rising when starting her day. Sleeping in late often made Linda feel sluggish so she hated sleeping in later than 7AM unless she was sick. The first thing Linda did when she woke up was wash up in the bathroom to get ready for the day. Next, she went to the kitchen to make herself a cup of coffee and some toast for breakfast. Linda's favorite part of her morning routine was drinking coffee while catching up on current events on her phone. She enjoyed reading politics as well as pop culture. After she finished breakfast, Linda washed up her dishes and grabbed her headphones to go on her morning walk outside. Linda liked to stay active every day in order to take care of her mental and physical health.



Texto 9: At what time do you sleep?

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Texto 10: What's your pet's name?

I recently adopted a stray cat. His name is Sesame and he is all black; even his whiskers and toe beans! He is a silly cat who loves to follow me around and lays down whenever he wants to be pet. Sesame doesn't know how to use scratching posts so he just uses cardboard scratchers instead. He isn't a picky eater but he definitely prefers when I feed him anything made with fish. Most of the time, he spends his day sleeping on my lap while I work or grooming himself on my couch. But sometimes late at night, he gets a sudden burst of energy and runs around my room like he's being chased with a bat. I love to hear his little paws running on the hardwood floors. He's not always careful so sometimes he knocks over things by accident. But overall, he is a very good, kind, and cuddly cat. I love him very much and couldn't have asked for a better companion.



Texto 11: Where do you live?

Amanda has just graduated from university and wants to move out of her small town in upstate New York and move to New York City. It has always been her dream to take the subway to Manhattan or walk through the shops in Soho. Amanda came from a rural town where there were more animals than people but she always knew that this kind of life wasn't for her. Amanda longs for the fast-paced city life where everyone is constantly headed somewhere else. She first visited New York City when she was thirteen and instantly fell in love with the city. Now she stands in the heart of New York City with a big smile of accomplishment after working so hard to get to where she is now. Amanda worked all throughout university in order to save up enough money to afford an apartment in her dream city. She could not be more proud of herself for achieving her thirteen-year-old self's dream.



Texto 12: How long have you been in Mumbai

When I was in high school, I joined a Pen Pals program where I wrote letters to an arranged partner in another state. At first, I didn't want to but my best friend really wanted me to do it with her so how could I have told her no? It just sounded like extra homework so I couldn't understand the appeal it had to her. But Pen Pals was nothing I thought it was going to be like! My partner was a girl named Melissa in Maine. She always decorated her letters with highlighters that smelled like fruit and colorful pen ink colors. Melissa told me about her family, friends, and even her crushes! There were times I felt closer to her than my own best friend. But after I started college, I stopped responding to her letters. Sometimes, I still wonder how she's doing and what it would have been like if we stayed in touch until today.



Texto 13: Are you familiar with Spanish

People ask me how it is possible to have a Mexican accent while speaking English when I grew up in Canada. But English wasn't my first language. I grew up in a MexicanCanadian household speaking Spanish as my first language. My parents were immigrants who came moved to Canada together two years before I was born. They spoke little English and got by with the help of their friend who spoke both English and Spanish. My eventually parents learned how to speak English before I was born but promised each other that when they had a child, they wanted to raise their child speaking Spanish to preserve their culture. And when I was born, that was exactly what they did. I don't ever regret my parents teaching me Spanish first because it helps me feel close to my Mexican roots while living in Canada. Even though I've been made fun of for my accent, I love my accent and would never exchange my culture for anything in the world.



Texto 14: Are you a student?

When I imagined what university was going to be, I thought it was going to be too much change for me. Not only am I living away from my family for the first time, but I am also studying overseas. I won't be able to see my friends and family on the weekends like everyone else. Now that I live in London, I have to be completely self-reliant and create an entirely new life for myself here. Even though there are hard times where I feel homesick and miss my family, I am a lot happier here than I originally anticipated. I currently live in an international dorm where all of the students here are from outside of England and everyone is also learning to adjust to living in London for the first time like me. I think that makes the experience all the more special because my peers are in the same position as me and we can all lean on each other for support whenever we need it.



Texto 15: Where do you study/work?

Linda steps off of the airplane with her carry-on bag, arriving in South Korea for the very first time. She is working as an English teacher for preschool children at a school in Seoul, S. Korea. Though Linda has never traveled to South Korea or speak Korean fluently, she wants to try something new and completely out of her comfort zone. She is nervous but also excited about this major life change. Not only can she help children in another country but she also can widen her own perspective by immersing herself in a culture she isn't familiar with. Linda walks to the baggage claim to wait for the rest of her luggage to arrive. The airport buzzes with various languages, but most prominently Korean. She tries to listen to a nearby conversation to test her Korean listening skills. She is able to understand the basics, which makes her even more thrilled about the new journey she is about to embark on.



Texto 16: Tell me about your family

Jeremy is the youngest member of his family. He has two older brothers and one older sister. Ever since he was a child, they always treat him with extra care because his siblings are all at least seven years older than him. This used to make Jeremy feel distant from his siblings because he wanted to have friends instead of more parental figures, but as he got older, he has learned to appreciate how much each of his siblings loves and truly cares for him. No matter what kind of problem Jeremy is facing, he knows he can come to anyone in his family for help and support to get him through it. His favorite person to turn to is his older sister Rachel. She is the least critical of Jeremy whenever he makes a mistake so he feels the most comfortable talking to her first when something is wrong. He feels so blessed to have such a supportive family.



Texto 17: My city is a beautiful place

Next summer, I will be going to Hawaii with my girlfriend for the first time. We both love the ocean and so I thought it would be a great gift to surprise her with plane tickets to go to one of the most beautiful places in the USA. We will be going to the island Oahu for four days to explore downtown Honolulu and the North Shore. I plan to purchase surfing lessons for both of us so we can learn how to surf together. I have also heard the local food is really good in Hawaii. There are so many things I want to try! The things I am most excited for from my list are shaved ice, loco moco, and poke. My girlfriend doesn't like to eat raw fish but I love it so I will be trying the poke by myself. This is our first time traveling out of state together but I think it will be really fun!



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Texto 18: Do you have any other language partner?

Jonathan is currently learning Japanese at his college. He has previously tried to learn Japanese on his own from books but had trouble focusing so he was very excited when he found out that his college offered Japanese language classes. Jonathan's favorite part about taking Japanese classes at his college is being able to study with his classmates. He loves practicing his speech and listening skills so he is always joining the study groups with his peers. Jonathan feels like he is learning Japanese much easier compared to when he was studying alone because he is a collaborative learner. Jonathan's roommate Thomas, on the other hand, is able to learn Japanese on his own through online courses and videos on Youtube. Thomas prefers to learn by himself because he gets nervous around others over his accent when he speaks foreign languages. Even though his classmates are also learning Japanese for the first time, Thomas feels embarrassed speaking Japanese around others when he hasn't perfected his speaking skills yet.



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Texto 19 – Which is your favourite movie?

One of my favorite things to do is to watch movies at the theater. There is something special to me about sitting in a large, dark room with reclining chairs with a giant bucket of popcorn, a soda, and some candy. My local theater is unique because it has a little station of shakers with different types of seasoning next to the butter dispensers. Most people enjoy butter popcorn but I love to eat cheese popcorn! When I get to the theater, I like to sit in the middle towards the back of the room. This gives me the best view of the screen. I don't like to sit in the front rows where I have to tilt my head up to watch because it hurts my neck. Some people don't like watching the previews before the movie but I love it! It gives me a great opportunity to see what movies are coming out next.



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Texto 20 – Are you into politics?

Robinson is very into reading about politics. He believes that it is important to understand what policies are being set up for citizens because these policies will affect their everyday lives. Robinson tries to stay caught up on the news every week and participates in every election. He feels that it is his duty as a responsible citizen to be aware of what is going on politically. When he has extra time, he likes to spend time reading about politics in other countries as well to see what is happening on an international scale. His best friend Henry does not agree with him. Henry does not like to involve himself in politics because he finds it is boring. Robinson has tried many times to convince him how important it is to be aware of changing policies and what they mean to the average citizen but Henry is not interested in learning. Henry finds politics to be too complicated and at times discouraging.



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Texto 21 – What do you prefer– nature or

My mom loves to go to national parks all over the nation to sightsee while hiking. Hiking is one of her favorite hobbies because she gets to be around nature, breathe in the fresh air, and exercise all at the same time. She prefers going in the spring or summer so that she can walk around the trails when it's sunny and warm instead of trekking through snow or puddles of rain. Next summer we are going to Yosemite National Park in California. We plan to hike the trails there as well as camp overnight at the camping grounds. She loves to visit Yosemite but because it is a far drive, my family doesn't go there often. But as an early birthday gift, we decided to surprise her and fly there instead. My mom will be so thrilled once she finds out! She's been talking about wanting to go back to Yosemite for years.



Texto 22 – What is your dream destination?

Wesley has traveled all around the world due to his job as a motivational speaker. Even though he only speaks English, his story has resonated with millions of people around the world who have also struggled with being disabled. But the one place he hasn't traveled to yet but desperately wants to is New Zealand. When he was a child, he was gifted a book about the history of New Zealand, which sparked his interest in the country at a young age. He never forgot the book and always hoped that one day he would save enough money to go on a trip to his dream destination. But as he got older, he grew busy and only traveled to places related to his work. So after ten years of working nonstop, he decided to take a break from work to go on a long-overdue vacation to the one place he has been dying to go to since he was a kid.



Texto 23 – I am not much of a traveller.

Yesterday, I went to the market to pick up some groceries. I wrote down a list of things I wanted to get, including items like eggs, milk, bread, apples, and lettuce. But I was in a rush when I was leaving so I forgot my list at home. I didn't realize until I already got to the market so I wasn't able to go back home to pick it up. I tried to remember what was on my list but I couldn't remember everything. This really bothered me but there was nothing I could do but try my best to recall what I wrote down. I understand now why people often make digital lists on their phones instead of using a notepad. But thankfully, I was still able to purchase most of the things I wanted. When I arrived home, I checked my list and saw the only thing I forgot was granola.



Texto 24 – Do you like travelling?

Mary doesn't like to travel because she has travel anxiety. Whether it is on a plane, train, or bus, she does not like to stay anywhere too far from her home overnight. But in order to overcome her travel anxiety, Mary wants to start taking short weekend trips in places not too far from her home. She currently lives in Los Angeles, California, and plans to stay in Joshua Tree National Park for a weekend. Joshua Tree National Park is about two hours away from where she lives, which will be a good start for Mary to begin overcoming her fear. Mary loves to visit nature whenever she can so she is excited to see the national park, however she is still worried about traveling there. To help support her, her sister, Sarah, is traveling with her so that she isn't alone.



Texto 25 – Do you like mountains?

One of the seven New World Wonders is Machu Picchu in Peru. Many hikers from around the world come to Machu Picchu to see the Inca ruins at the top of the mountain. Many people have to train themselves before attempting the hike at Machu Picchu because of the duration and difficulty for the average person. It is reported that the Inca trail up the mountain takes hikers approximately four days to complete. So it is really important to be prepared for a multiple-day adventure when going to Machu Picchu. But with proper training for longdistance hiking, it is not impossible to complete the hike on Inca Trail! And with the views of the Inca ruins and the triumph of arriving at one of the New World Wonders, the hike at Machu Picchu is known to be well worth the effort by hikers all around the world.



26 – Are you into adventure sports?

Last week, I was riding my bike and accidentally fell on my ankle the wrong way. My older brother took me to the hospital to get my ankle checked out and the doctors told me that I broke my ankle. It was a strange feeling since I have never broken a bone in my life before. But since breaking my ankle, I have been thinking about the things I miss and want to do once my ankle heals. The biggest thing I want to do when my ankle heals is to go mountain biking again. I miss the fresh air in the mountains, being surrounded by trees, and the chirping of the birds in the sky as I bike around the mountain trails. The doctors told me it will take at least six weeks for my ankle to heal but I don't know if I can wait that long!



27 – Where was the last place you travelled?

Helen is a lawyer who lives in Colorado with her dog named Charles. She is originally from California but realized after college that the city life in Los Angeles was not for her. So when it was time to apply for law school, she decided to try to apply to schools out of state. One of her top choices was in Colorado, which she was later accepted to. Helen couldn't be happier living in Colorado even if her family is still in California. Every few months, Helen flies back to California with her dog Charles to visit her family. Her family is always so happy when she visits because Helen is usually very busy with work and doesn't get to visit often. Her dog Charles loves Helen's mom the most of all of her family members. Helen's mom spends a lot of time dog sitting for Helen when she hangs out with her friends in California.



28 – Do you travel to your grandparents?

Every week I like to drop off food for my grandparents. They are too old to drive so they are unable to go to the market or pick up take-out food. My grandparents are immigrants who do not speak English so they are also unable to order food over the phone or through delivery phone apps. They only occasionally cook at home when my family takes them to the market to buy groceries. But I really enjoy bringing them food. When I was younger, I didn't understand that my family members will not be around forever the older they get. But now that I am older, I want to spend as much time with them as I can. I can tell whenever I visit that they are so happy to see me because they don't often get to see any of their grandchildren. I don't ever want to take the time that I still have with my grandparents for granted.



29 – Do you travel to eat?

Whenever Angela and her friends visit somewhere new, they always research beforehand what local foods are must-haves to try. Many people have itineraries for activities or attractions to see in new places, but Angela and her friends have a food-based itinerary. Angela and her friends are known as foodies. Although activities and local attractions are interesting to Angela, she much prefers to try local foods instead. To Angela, food is an incredibly intimate experience that cannot be felt through any other means. With food, she can taste the love and passion the chef has for food as well as the uniqueness of the local culture. There is a different sense of joy that Angela experiences when she eats food compared to sightseeing. The place she wants to visit the most is Japan because they are known to put a lot of effort and heart into everything they cook. Food is not just for consumption to the Japanese, it is an experience that starts from the moment you walk in the door.



30 – Where do you work?

Eric used to work in an e-commerce business for two years. An e-commerce business is a business that does not usually have a physical storefront and primarily sells its products online. Eric loved working at this company because he loved the products and believed in the vision of the company. He was always happy to come into work early to help out his coworkers whenever his help was needed. The company was small so it was important that all of the employees understood that they each had to wear different hats to fulfill different roles within the business. Eric never had a problem handling issues outside of his department. But after the business was acquired by a larger company, management changed and many people were let go as a result of the acquisition. Unfortunately, Eric was among the employees who were let go. He was incredibly sad to leave the company he loved but accepted the decision from the new management team.



31 – How cold is the winter in your country?

For many people, winter is a dreaded season with lots of snow, heavy wind, and below-freezing temperatures. But I have never experienced that. I have lived in Los Angeles, California my whole life, and the winters here are completely different. In Southern California, winters have moderate rain and lots of wind at most. Here it doesn't snow or drop below thirty degrees Fahrenheit even at its coldest temperatures. As much as I would love to enjoy a snow day, I much prefer the winters here because it's rarely too cold to go outside and do something. The weather in Southern California is one of my favorite things about living here and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Living in an area with generally moderate weather all year long allows me the freedom to do whatever I want throughout the year with little trouble. However, I do enjoy a nice cabin trip in the mountains for some snow occasionally!



32 – Summers are beautiful in my country.

Fred is originally from Singapore but will be moving to Canada next summer. The weather in Singapore feels like summer year-round because it is close to the equator. Both the temperature and humidity levels in Singapore tend to stay the same all year long. Because he grew up his whole life living in Singapore, the heat doesn't bother Fred much. After visiting Canada on vacation with his family, he fell in love with the country and instantly knew he wanted to settle down there instead. The weather in Canada is completely different from Singapore. Canada has distinct seasons and can get extremely cold in the winters whereas winter doesn't really exist in Singapore. Though Fred doesn't hate the Singaporean heat, he is still excited about cooler weather in his new home. Not only is the summer temperature lower in Canada, but the humidity levels at their highest are still significantly lower than the year-round humidity levels in Singapore.



33 – Have you travelled abroad?

When I was in college, I wanted nothing more than to join the study abroad program. What could be more fun than living in another country as a student for a few months and having the security and safety of living on campus and making friends with other international students? The place I wanted to study at most was England. I really wanted to visit London and Brighton because I have heard so many good things about those places. But when I asked my mother about studying abroad, she immediately rejected the idea saying that I needed to stay local because she was afraid of having me live so far away from her. It was quite upsetting at the time because when was I going to have this opportunity again in the future? I watched my friends go off to Australia, China, and Spain in their programs while I stayed home, disappointed that I wasn't joining them by going on my own international adventure.



34 – What is the best thing about your country?

Kevin is originally from America but recently moved to Germany due to his job. Since moving to Germany, he has learned about many things that make him not only love living in Germany but also prefer living in Germany to the USA. The biggest reason is the affordable cost of living in Germany. Depending on which city and state in the USA, the cost of living can easily be over a thousand US dollars per month excluding rent whereas living in Germany costs about the same amount in US dollars but including rent. Another reason Kevin prefers living in Germany is because of the better work-life balance. Work hours in Germany are generally shorter than in the USA and there is more encouragement to prioritize having personal or leisure time instead of working around the clock like a machine. It also doesn't hurt that the beer is tastier in Germany too!



35 – Is your country expansive?

The USA is a very expansive country. Depending on where you are, the weather, environment, social culture, and accent can be completely different from another place. If you arrive in Los Angeles, California in the winter, there might be some rain and wind but it will not be that cold especially compared to other countries where it snows annually. But if you travel to Helena, Montana in the winter, the snowfall can reach as high as twenty-five feet and many parts of the land will be untouched by city life. And if you go to New York City, New York in the winter, it will snowing and extremely cold like Helena but packed with people on subways and countless buildings and businesses on every street. Even within the same state, just traveling from city to city the environment both geographically and socially completely changes. But this individuality is one of the biggest charms of the USA. There is always something to do or see wherever you are in the USA.



36 – What is the one thing you do notlike about your country?

One thing that is difficult about living in the USA is the health care system. Other countries have universal health care where citizens are encouraged to seek medical assistance whenever needed and the cost will be primarily if not entirely covered by the government. But in the USA, health care is up to the individual to pay for; the citizen will only receive assistance depending on the insurance plan that they purchases. Because medical bills are up to the individual to pay, it heavily discourages people from seeking out medical assistance when needed out of fear of how much the bill will cost. This arrangement of the health care system makes it difficult for those with low incomes because they are less likely to be able to afford any kind of expensive procedure or long-term treatment. This then forces some people to opt out of coverage entirely because they cannot afford the monthly cost.



37 – What's your bestfriend's name?

My best friend's name is Diana. She is a year older than me and is one of the smartest people I know. Her intelligence isn't based on books, trivia, or academia, but rather social intelligence with understanding people, their intentions, and how to handle all types of personalities with ease. I have never been someone who easily made friends so seeing how comfortably she talks to new people and gets an accurate feel of who they are was a great shock to me. She observes someone's behavior when they are around others as well as in private because she believes you cannot trust someone based on a single instance. Her social intelligence and understanding of how to deal with all types of people are much more impressive than she ever lets people know because she is humble and does not feel it's a skill to brag about. But I think that she is incredibly smart and I hope to continue learning valuable lessons about interpersonal relationships from her.



38 – What's your way to pass time?

Elizabeth's favorite pastime was photography. Ever since she was a child, she always enjoyed looking at the world through a lens because it was the only way to preserve the beauty of a moment for her to cherish again later. Her family used to ask her why she couldn't just be present at the moment and relive the good times with her memory later but Elizabeth told them that simply remembering what happened wasn't enough for her. It didn't feel real enough for Elizabeth because it was only in her head. But having a tangible photo reminded her that how she felt in that moment was real. So when Elizabeth turned thirteen, her parents bought her a digital camera so she could take an endless amount of photos. She was so happy and took photos of everything from her food to her backyard to every birthday her family celebrated. Elizabeth felt great joy and pride whenever she looked at her photos because they were evidence of her happiest moments.



39 – What's your facebook id?

I have just created my Facebook account. It was incredibly easy to set up. I went to the official website and clicked sign up. Then I created an account with my email and started to set up my profile. I put my real name and a fun photo of myself. Then I went to the biography section to fill in a few fun facts about myself. I have seen some profiles that do not list any information, which is completely fine because Facebook doesn't force you to put any information you don't feel comfortable publicizing. After updating my bio, I selected some of my interests and hobbies to personalize my profile. I followed a few Facebook groups for things like animals or volunteer work so I can stay updated on the things I am interested in. The final thing I did was search for my friends and family to add them as my friends. This was my first social media account so I was very excited to customize my profile!



40 – Have you ever received a terrible gift?

When Rebecca was fourteen, she had the worst birthday ever. It was her first year starting high school and so she was really nervous about celebrating her birthday at school. Most kids at her school had friends who made them birthday signs to wear all day that told everyone it was their birthday, birthday balloons, and sometimes even a sash that said, birthday girl or boy. On the day of Rebecca's birthday she was hopeful that her friends would do something special for her too. But much to her disappointment, none of her friends remembered it was her birthday at all. She kept her mouth shut and watched as other students who shared her birthday got to share it with everyone while no one knew it was her birthday too. But when her sister and her sister's best friend came to pick her up from school, her sister's best friend gave her a cupcake and wished her a happy birthday, which brought tears of gratitude to Rebecca's eyes.



41 – Have you ever been to a nightclub?

Michael and his friends love to party. Every weekend they go to the local nightclub and purchase a table to hang out and drink at. Oftentimes, there are random club-goers who try to befriend them in order to get free alcohol from Michael but he doesn't like to give away drinks that he and his friends paid for themselves. But one day, Michael met a girl at the club and had an interesting conversation with her. It surprised him because he didn't expect to have a quality conversation with anyone in a place like a nightclub. She didn't ask him for any favors or free drinks, which made Michael really happy. At the end of the night, he decided to ask for her phone number, which she happily gave to him. He texted her the next day and they couldn't stop texting each other back and forth all day. By the end of the week, Michael was sure he was interested in this girl and asked her out on a date



42 – Have you ever travelled solo?

Do you think you could ever travel somewhere by yourself? It can be really liberating to go to a new place where no one knows who you are and discover the area by yourself. Traveling by yourself can build self-reliance, street skills, and adaptability since there is no one else you can rely on but yourself. But there can also be downsides to traveling solo too. It is often more dangerous to travel by yourself than in a group because a travel companion would immediately notice if you went missing. Traveling alone also can make you a more obvious target than others to begin with. However, if you take the appropriate precautions to stay safe during your trip, you can have a fun and safe vacation all by yourself! There are many people who travel around the world solo, some of whom even prefer it. Just be sure to do your research about whether or not your destination is safe and suitable for solo traveling.



Inglês 43 – Have you ever fought with a bully?

When Victor started his first job after graduating college, he encountered his first bully. He thought bullies didn't exist after high school but to his surprise, he found his coworker was definitely a bully. Victor worked at an ice cream shop near his house to start making money to save up to move out into his own apartment. His coworker found out this information and began to tease him relentlessly for still living at home. Every day when Victor came to work, his coworker would make jokes about him still being a child living off of his parents. His coworker even went as far as pushing him around in the breakroom when the manager wasn't around and dumping chocolate sauce on Victor's uniform when Victor wasn't looking. Victor didn't understand why his coworker disliked him so much that he felt the need to bully Victor when they were both adults. After weeks of harassment, Victor decided enough was enough and reported his coworker to the manager.



44 – Do you have plants in your home?

When I move out and have my own home, I want to have lots of plants all around my house. Growing up, my family has always been really into spending time outside and gardening. Naturally, I picked up this interest as well and love to surround myself around fresh air and greenery. Seeing a plant in a room instantly makes me feel better just by looking at it! I think having plants make homes feel cozier and more exciting because it feels like someone actually lives there instead of looking like a furniture catalog, which is very important to me. Every room in my house will have plants depending on how much light filters in through the windows. I already have a list of plants I plan to grow for every type of environment within a home. The most important room to me is my kitchen, which I will fill with lots of herbs and small fruits that I can grow from the windowsill.



45 – What do you do when you have a cold?

Ten-year-old Jimmy has a cold. His nose is often runny and occasionally stuffy. He is constantly sneezing and needs to blow his nose every few minutes. Jimmy's father decides to take Jimmy's temperature to see if he has any other symptoms. Just as Jimmy's father suspected, Jimmy has a low-grade fever. Jimmy cannot attend school today and will stay home in order to rest up and not spread his cold to his classmates. Jimmy's father takes the day off of work in order to take care of his son. He cooks Jimmy a small pot of porridge as well as a can of chicken noodle soup. These hot foods will help warm Jimmy's stomach and give him nutrients to feel better sooner. Jimmy spends the day wrapped up in a blanket on the couch and watches cartoons with his father. Although Jimmy is sad that he is sick and cannot go to school, he is grateful for the extra time he gets to spend with his father.



46: Do you like flowers?

My favorite gift to receive on Valentine's Day is flowers. This may appear as a cliché gift but I find flowers to be very thoughtful and sweet. Not to mention they smell really nice and are beautiful decor for any table. Every time I receive flowers from my partner, I feel really happy and appreciated by my partner. Some people don't like receiving flowers because it feels too cheesy or boring for them. But I don't think a gift should be about how extravagant or expensive something is in order to be a high-quality gift. I believe what makes a gift a good gift is if it either reminds you of your partner or because you know it is something your partner really love. So it makes me really happy when I receive flowers because it shows me that my partner not only cares about me but also takes the time to listen to me when I tell them something matters to me.



47 – Have you ever seen a camel?

Richard has never seen a camel in real life because there are never any opportunities to see camels in his hometown. Ever since Richard was a child, he was always incredibly interested in the camel humps and how an animal could comfortably walk long distances with a hilly-shaped back. Because of his fascination with their backs, camels eventually became Richard's favorite animal. As a child, Richard made a promise to himself that one day he would travel to Egypt and ride a camel. Now that Richard is older, he finally has saved up enough money to buy a plane ticket to travel to Egypt for vacation. Richard is beyond ecstatic to finally accomplish his lifelong goal of seeing a camel in real life. He will be traveling with a group of his best friends to Egypt to celebrate their university graduation. Every night he has trouble sleeping because he is so excited thinking about finally meeting a camel face to face.



48 – What's your nickname?

Growing up, my friends and family all used to call me Fruit as my nickname. This nickname started because when I was young, I used to only ever want to eat fruit. I didn't enjoy eating vegetables, grains, or protein, I only ever wanted to eat fruit. So this then became what I was known for by my friends and family. When I started school, my friends immediately noticed that most of my lunch was different types of fruits. They used to always ask me if I was hungry and wanted something more fulling but all I ever wanted was any type of fruit. There isn't a type of fruit that I've tried and didn't like. My favorite fruit is watermelon! It is so refreshing and sweet, especially in the summertime. It's the perfect snack to cool off or rehydrate with when the weather is really hot.



49 – Are you born in Jakarta

Megan was born in Mexico but grew up in South Korea. Her mother was pregnant and gave birth to her while on vacation in Mexico a month before she was supposed to be due. Megan's birth was unexpectedly in Mexico, but her parents were happy that she was healthy despite being born sooner than anticipated. Shortly after Megan was born, her parents took her to South Korea where their home was. Megan grew up speaking Korean and conversational English from school but always wanted to learn Spanish because of where she was born. When Megan was in high school, she decided to enroll herself in a Spanish class at a local international school to fulfill her dream of speaking Spanish. She studied really hard and found that she really enjoyed speaking Spanish, especially when she had to roll her tongue for certain letters and sounds. Now, Megan is trilingual and speaks Korean, English, and Spanish fluently.



50 – Are you also annoyed with your boss, like I am?

At my last job, I had a terrible manager. He seemed like a cool and easy person to work with but as the months passed by, he quickly became a nightmare. He wanted to micromanage everything that I did and was constantly messaging me about why I handled situations the way I did, whether or not I was right or wrong. Whenever he was frustrated at clients or our other coworkers, he would lash out at me as if I had done something wrong when I hadn't. As my manager's anger grew increasingly frequent, I contemplated talking to my boss about my manager's attitude. But I was worried that because my manager was in a higher position than me that my boss would side with my manager and I would get in trouble for reporting him. In the end, I didn't report him to my boss and decided that quitting was the better option for my sanity.



51 – Who used to be your hero when you were young?

Growing up, my mom has always been my biggest hero. As a single mother, she proved to me that anything was possible with enough hard work and determination. I used to watch her work two jobs six days a week and come home extremely tired, but she never once complained about how hard things were for her. My mom was my biggest supporter and allowed me to pursue all of my dreams, even when she knew we didn't have the money to pay for things like sports uniforms or musical instruments. The only thing that mattered to my mom was that I was happy and we had food on the table. Now as an adult, I'm so grateful for my mom and how much she sacrificed in order to give me the best childhood she could. I wish I hadn't taken her efforts for granted and thanked her more when I was younger to show my appreciation.



52 – What was your best memory from when you were a child?

As a young boy, Greg's favorite memory was going to the local aquarium for the very first time on a school field trip in the second grade. Ever since he was little, Greg was too scared to go into the ocean because he couldn't swim. His older brothers used to tease him for staying on the sand instead of going into the water when his family would spend the day at the beach. But everything changed for Greg when his class went to the local aquarium. He was finally able to enjoy all of the things about the ocean without actually being inside of the water. As he observed the different tanks of animals and underwater plants, he got to learn about the ecosystem without the fear of not knowing how to swim. His favorite room was the jellyfish exhibit, where all of the lights in the room were turned off so that people could see the jellyfish glow in the dark in the tanks.



53 – Do you think the past was better than the present?

When comparing the past and the present, I believe the present is much better than the past. A lot of people like to remember the past and relive good memories, but I prefer to look forward to what is going to happen next. I cannot change what has happened in the past, but I can choose what happens in the present. This ability to choose what happens next is so powerful and much more interesting to me because I always want to make sure that I'm moving forward in my life instead of being stuck in the past. The possibilities for what could happen next are endless. For some people, that sense of unknown can be scary, but for me, I find that freedom to be very exciting. Every day and every minute is a surprise. Sometimes, it can be a good surprise and sometimes it can be bad, but in life, there has to be a balance between good and bad to truly live a fulfilling life.



54 – Where is your favorite place to shop for clothes?

One of Jennifer's favorite things to do on her day off of work is to go shopping. However, instead of going to the mall, she prefers to go to thrift shops to buy second-hand clothes. Some people don't like to buy second-hand clothes because it was previously owned, but that's one of the reasons why Jennifer likes it better than buying from a regular store. She believes there is much more love and memories in clothes that have been worn before. There are many styles from older generations that can't be found in stores if they aren't considered trending. The wide variety of clothes at thrift stores gives Jennifer a lot more options to choose from when shopping, which she finds more exciting. Her favorite part of thrifting is the possibility of finding a unique article of clothing that no one else has. Sometimes, she even likes to look for clothing that she can sew into something special and become a one-of-a-kind piece that only she owns.



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There are many ways to experience a story, but my favorite way is through reading a book. Although watching a movie or listening to the radio is much faster and easier to understand, the experience of reading a book is much more unique and special to me. I like holding a book in my hand and listening to the sound of the pages turn. When I read the story, I get to take as much time as I need to fully understand what the author is saying. My favorite part is using my imagination to create my version of the story in my head. I get to choose what the characters and the setting look and sound like based on the descriptions in the book. I find that makes stories much more interesting to me because it makes me feel like I'm also writing the story as I read. It's really nice to take a few hours out of my day to relax and use my imagination to be in an imaginary place.



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57 – How were the Pyramids built?

The Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It was built over four thousand years ago as a tomb site for the pharaoh Khufu in the 26th century. In Egyptian history, pyramids were built as monuments for the burial sites of pharaohs. They believed that these pyramid tombs would help pharaohs continue their journey to another world after death. The Great Pyramid of Giza is estimated to have taken twentyseven years to build. Historians have found that workers used sleds and rope to carry blocks of stone in order to build the pyramids. The ability for men to create the Great Pyramid, which originally stood at 146.5 meters tall, without the use of technological advances is one of the many reasons why it is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



58 – What are you doing this year to improve yourself?

With the new year, there are many ways to improve yourself in different ways. Three great tips include exercising regularly, drinking lots of water, and checking in with your mental health. These tips are really important because they work on both mental and physical health. Exercising regularly isn't just about losing weight or getting fit. There are many mental benefits like reducing anxiety and negative moods while improving self esteem. These can help the mind in addition to keeping the body healthy and fully functioning. Drinking enough water is also important because it helps with both energy levels and brain function. Our bodies need water to survive, so it is essential to drink enough to stay healthy. Lastly, checking in with your mental health is a great way to improve yourself and understand what your body needs. It's very easy to forget what our bodies need when we're so busy living our everyday lives, but we must also prioritize how we feel in order to be our happiest.



59 – Where do you often go in summer?

When I was growing up, I used to visit my family in Canada for one month every summer. Because we lived in different countries, I didn't get to see my family in Canada often so these summer trips were really important to me. My uncle would pick me up from the airport and let me stay in his guest bedroom. It was super fun because my room was next to my cousin's room so we would always sneak into each other's room at night to stay up and play past our bedtime. I was always so grateful for my uncle who took off work during my vacation in order to take me and my cousin around Vancouver to explore and sightsee. As someone born and raised in New York, visiting suburban Vancouver was always a big culture shock to me. It was much more quiet and slow, which I really liked compared to the busy subways and crowded streets of New York.



60 – Have you followed any TV series for a really long time?

Henry is a huge fan of the show Grey's Anatomy, which has been airing on television since 2005. Although he has never been interested in medical drama shows before, he was instantly hooked after watching the first episode of the show. He finds the different relationships between the many doctors and interns at the hospital very interesting because everyone's personalities are so different, yet they all have the same drive to become successful surgeons. The character he relates to the most is Christina Yang, a cutthroat intern who doesn't have time for goofing off and takes her job very seriously. When at home, Henry has no problem having fun and being silly, but when he wants to be serious, Henry is very focused and determined to accomplish his goals, just like Christina Yang. Even after eighteen seasons, Henry is still very invested in the show and makes sure he never misses it on TV every week.



61 – Do you have a habit of biting nails?

Ever since Linda was a child, she would bite her nails when she got nervous. Her mother and father tried to comfort her with toys so she would stop, but nothing they gave her ever worked. Linda wasn't sure where she developed this habit of biting her nails, however, it oddly helped calm her down in situations she felt uncomfortable in. As an adult navigating her twenties, Linda still found herself biting her nails when caught in uncomfortable situations. This habit was hardest for Linda to stop doing while in job interviews. One interview in particular had Linda especially nervous because it was her dream job. She knew it would look unprofessional biting her nails in the middle of the interview so she learned to focus on her breathing instead to remain calm. Despite her urge to bite her nails, she pushed through the interview successfully with her breathing technique and was able to land the job.



62 – At what time do you get up?

Linda was an early-bird who liked to wake up at 6AM every day, including on the weekends. She found it refreshing to be up when the sun was rising when starting her day. Sleeping in late often made Linda feel sluggish so she hated sleeping in later than 7AM unless she was sick. The first thing Linda did when she woke up was wash up in the bathroom to get ready for the day. Next, she went to the kitchen to make herself a cup of coffee and some toast for breakfast. Linda's favorite part of her morning routine was drinking coffee while catching up on current events on her phone. She enjoyed reading politics as well as pop culture. After she finished breakfast, Linda washed up her dishes and grabbed her headphones to go on her morning walk outside. Linda liked to stay active every day in order to take care of her mental and physical health.



63 – Have you travelled abroad?

After a long day of working, Linda went to the market on her way home to buy some groceries. She stopped by the grocery store down the street from her house to pick up ingredients to make spaghetti and meatballs. Linda bought a pack of spaghetti noodles, a jar of spaghetti sauce, and a bag of frozen meatballs. She didn't buy tomatoes, basil, and parmesan cheese since she already had those ingredients at home. After purchasing her groceries, Linda drove home and prepared a pot of salted water to boil her spaghetti noodles in. As the water boiled, she started to cook her meatballs and tomatoes in the spaghetti sauce. When everything was done cooking, she plated a heavy portion of spaghetti and meatballs with some grated parmesan cheese on top. She was so full after dinner that she couldn't eat another bowl so she put the rest of the food into the refrigerator. Once the kitchen was cleaned, Linda headed to her bedroom to go to sleep early.



64 – What is the one habit you wish to change?

One of my worst habits is biting my fingernails when I'm nervous. I have been biting my fingernails for as long as I can remember. I'm not sure where I learned this habit, but I always find myself chewing on my fingernails whenever I feel nervous or scared. I have read many books and online articles about why biting my nails is comforting and how I can stop, however, I still have trouble getting myself to stop. As I've gotten older, I have made more progress in beating this bad habit, although I still have much more to go before I beat this habit entirely. One thing that has really helped me is focusing on my breathing when I'm feeling uncomfortable. This technique gives me something else to occupy my mind so that I don't anxiously chew on my nails. Breaking any bad habit is hard, but I'm doing my best to improve myself.



65 – Are you a night person?

People often ask me if I'm a night person and my answer is no, I am a morning person. There is a refreshing sensation of waking up and starting a new day that I only feel when waking up early. Therefore, I do not like staying up late at night unless I have to. Staying up late makes me feel sluggish and tired in the morning because my sleep schedule has changed and I like to get sufficient rest to properly take on the next day. As much as I enjoy being a morning person, I find myself envious of people who enjoy staying up late at night. There are many things that are better enjoyed at night like movies, bars, and star-gazing. Sometimes I wish I could stay up late to enjoy those kinds of activities, but I find it very difficult to stay awake late at night. I guess night life just isn't for me!



66 – What do you don't like in girls/boys?

Everyone has both good and bad qualities, regardless of their gender identity. One type of person I do not like being friends with is someone who cannot celebrate your successes. I have noticed that many people are happy to be there with you when you are feeling down or have failed an opportunity because it is easy to comfort someone. However, once you succeed, not everyone is going to be able to be happy for you or with you because they now see you as competition. I find this quality in a friend difficult because I believe friends should be able to celebrate both the wins and the losses together no matter what. So I find it very important to make sure I fully trust whoever I become friends with and keep in my life. True friends should always be able to share both the good and the bad with you.



67 – Is sleeping late a bad habit?

I often wonder if sleeping late is a bad habit. Although I am someone who sleeps early, I still find sleeping late has its own unique benefits. These benefits include enjoying nightlife, stargazing, and artistic creativity. Going out drinking with your friends is most fun at night because bars and nightlife entertainment are mostly open after dark. Stargazing is also best enjoyed at night because stars and constellations cannot be seen during the day. When there is light, whether it is from daylight or city lights, it is very hard to see any stars in the sky so it's important to be outside in an area away from light pollution at night to properly see stars and constellations. Lastly, I noticed that a lot of artistically creative people often find inspiration late at night. I have heard this from many writers and painters that their creativity flows easier and stronger when staying up late instead of waking up early.



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68 – What is your food habit?

When Linda makes dinner plans with friends, the first thing she will do is check the menu in advance. It is important to Linda to check the menu because she prefers knowing what kind of food will be available before arriving at the restaurant. This will help her decide what she wants to eat more easily since she has trouble picking out what she wants to eat. Linda has trouble with surprises and will worry about her dinner selection if she does not prepare in advance. She is the type of person who likes to make sure she is getting the best or unique dish whenever she goes to a new restaurant because she likes trying new food. If Linda cannot make a decision, she will ask the server what the restaurant's speciality is. Linda will also take pictures of her meals to post online to her food blog and Instagram account.



69 – Is it ok to drink water in between meals?

I will drink my water after I finish eating my meal. I prefer drinking after I finish eating because I like to eat my food all at once. Drinking water while I eat makes me full faster so I do not like drinking while I eat. After I finish eating my food, I will drink my water and move onto dessert. Because dessert is often so sweet, I will need to drink a lot of water afterwards to balance out the sweetness. My favorite dessert is black forest cake, which is a very chocolatey type of dessert. No matter where I go to eat, I will always check the dessert section for black forest cake or something similar as my sweet treat. The best part of any meal is dessert so the first thing I will look at on a menu is the dessert section.



70 – What is the most common habit of the people of Australia

A subject that everyone will learn at school is history. Many people believe learning about history is only about reading dates of events that happened in the past, however, I disagree. I believe that learning history is not only understanding what happened before but also using that knowledge to understand what could happen in the future. We often ask ourselves what will happen if this event occurs or that disaster happens, but we do not look at the past as a reference. Of course we will never fully know what the future will hold, however, making sense of the past will give us a guide based on what has already happened. That is why I believe that history is the most important subject to learn at school and should continue to be taught to future generations as history continues to grow.



71 – What's your favourite sport?

Ariel's favorite sport was horseback riding. Many people did not agree that horseback riding was a sport, however, Ariel believed that it was just as athletic as any other sport. She first learned to ride horses at a very young age since she grew up on a ranch that her family owned. As a little girl, Ariel used to beg her parents to teach her how to ride horses despite being far too small to ride one. No one could sway her stubborn nature and eventually her parents allowed her to learn horseback riding. From the age of seven, Ariel began horseback training daily in order to become an olympic horseback rider. Her dream was to win a gold medal for the olympic team in dressage horseback riding. Ariel knew that once she won an olympic medal, she would be able to prove everyone who thought horseback riding wasn't a sport wrong.



72 – What's your favorite holiday spot?

Ariel's favorite holiday spot in her twenties was Hawaii. Beaches and warm weather was what drew her to the tropical state, but the amazing food and kind people kept her coming back every year. Whenever summer was almost over, Ariel would start booking tickets to fly to Hawaii so she could enjoy a piece of paradise for a few days in the middle of winter. Her parents originally thought Ariel was being excessive for booking a trip to Hawaii every winter until they joined her on a trip one year and realized that they loved the warm beaches and peaceful weather too. From that year forward, her parents began joining her on her annual trip to the beautiful Hawaiian islands. Ariel preferred vacationing on Oahu while her parents preferred Maui so every year they rotated between the two islands so they all could enjoy their vacations.



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74 – What's your pet's name?

I have a pet cat named Midnight. She is known as a tuxedo cat because she has black fur with a white chest, much like a tuxedo suit. Midnight is my first pet cat because growing up, my parents didn't allow me to have any pets in the house. She's a very curious cat who loves to cuddle all day long. Although she enjoys playing with other cats, she much prefers spending time with people instead. Midnight loves anyone and everyone she meets because she gets excited from all of the new attention. I always laugh when I see people shocked at how friendly she is as a cat. Many people think she's more like a dog than she is a cat because of how much she wants to be around people. Despite growing up alone on the streets, Midnight is super friendly and trusting now that she is a safe, indoor house cat.



75 – What's your nickname?

As much as I love my name, I also find nicknames to be super fun! Growing up with the name Ariel, I have been associated with the movie The Little Mermaid almost all of my life so my friends used to call me Mermaid. I still like this nickname because it reminds me of the movie, which happens to also be my favorite Disney princess movie as a child. Another one of my nicknames is Elle. My family members are the only people who call me Elle. As an adult, my friends no longer call me Mermaid and now call me Ari. Between all of these nicknames, Elle is the most special to me because it's what my family calls me, but Ari is the nickname I like best because of the way it sounds. Because I've grown up having so many nicknames throughout my life, I really enjoy the uniqueness and playfulness of having a nickname.



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One of my favorite foods is sushi. The first time I was introduced to sushi, I didn't know what to make of it. Hearing the fish was raw was a little scary at first, but I still was interested to try it. Now that I've had good quality sushi enough times, I can confidently say that I love it! There is such a wide variety in flavor and taste with different types of fish and different types of preparation. I really like how sushi has a fresh flavor since it is often served in its most pure form without much preparation. My favorite type of sushi is salmon nigiri, which is fresh salmon on sushi rice. I like to dip my sushi in soy sauce mixed with a little bit of wasabi for a bit of a spicy kick. Sushi is definitely not an easy food for everyone to enjoy, but I still recommend for everyone to try it at least once!



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77 – What's your favourite season?

Overall, I like all of the four seasons in a year. However, my favorite of the four is autumn, also known as fall. As much as I enjoy the fresh air and warm weather of spring and summer and the cozy fireplaces and snow of winter, there is something I find special about autumn. I love watching the trees change colors from bright green to shades of red, yellow, and brown and the sky turning blue to gray. There's something relaxing and calming about the weather cooling down and the need for sweaters and jackets. Autumn also reminds me of change and the start of something new because it is when the new school year starts. This season is also the start of rainfall and the feeling of wanting to stay inside with a cup of tea. The homeiness of autumn really makes me feel at ease and that is why it's my favorite season of the year.



78 – What's your bestfriend's name

Ariel's best friend's name was Linda. The two friends met when they were in college during their freshman year in the dorms. Although they weren't roommates, they lived in the same hallway and quickly became friends during their first week of class after finding out they had a few classes together. After the two started bonding over adjusting to college and studying for classes together, Ariel and Linda became inseparable friends. It was often hard to see one friend without the other. Once their freshman year of college came to an end, the two girls decided to move in together for their sophomore year of college. From that point forward, Ariel and Linda continued living together throughout the rest of their college careers and even moved in again after graduating. No matter what obstacles came their way, Ariel and Linda learned to rely on each other and support one another in order to push through the good and the bad they faced in their adulthood.



79 – What's your way to pass time?

I have ordered a clown to perform at your birthday party today. The clown should arrive at noon, however, if he doesn't arrive on time, we will make sure that everyone is still having fun playing games. I have also prepared water balloons and a bouncy house that all of the kids can play with while we wait for the clown to arrive. If the clown unfortunately cancels, then we will bring out the cake early and take everyone to the arcade to play more games instead. No matter what happens with the clown, we want to make sure that you will have lots of fun with your friends. As we set up your birthday party, I will call the clown to check in with him and make sure he is on his way. Hopefully, the clown comes on time today and we don't run into any issues celebrating your birthday!



80 – What's your facebook id? Can we be friends on facebook?

It was such a pleasure meeting with you today and I hope to see you again. I will send you a friend request on Facebook when I get home and have access to my computer. Hopefully in the future we can find time to meet up again to hangout since I really enjoyed talking with you. It has been a long time since I've had such a good conversation with someone after meeting them for the very first time. Our conversation about botanical gardens was particularly very interesting to me and so I would love to visit one together in the future. I will check my schedule to confirm what days I am free so we can find time to visit our local botanical garden together. I think it will be lots of fun and I look forward to the next time we can meet!



81 – Where do you work?

Ben has had many jobs in his lifetime. His first job was a server at a local chain restaurant when he was eighteen. He was happy to earn money for the first time, but he didn't enjoy the job because of how stressful it was working at a fast-paced restaurant. After working as a server for two years, he was accepted into an internship at a marketing firm. Here at the marketing firm, Ben learned a lot about real world experience in marketing from his boss, which inspired him to want to pursue marketing as his career. When the internship was over, he applied for an entry-level job at that same marketing firm since he loved working there as an intern. Since the company was familiar with his work and saw his potential in marketing, the company hired Ben and he finally had his first office job working on the same team and under the same boss.



82 – How was your day?

Since it was a weekend, Ben woke up late that morning. He got out of bed sluggishly and went to the kitchen to find something to eat. His refrigerator was empty so he decided to call up one of his friends to grab breakfast together instead. After his friend agreed, Ben washed up and got dressed to go out. Since the restaurant was far, Ben drove his car and picked up his friend Ryan on the way. They settled on going to a pancake house because they were both in the mood for sweet breakfast food. Ben ordered blueberry pancakes while Ryan ordered chocolate chip pancakes. They also ordered a plate of eggs, bacon, and hashbrowns on the side to share. The two friends spent their breakfast catching up together about their week when Ben realized he needed to buy a new shirt for an event the following day. After they finished their meal, Ben dropped Ryan off home before heading to the mall.



83 – Are you also annoyed with your boss, like I am?

When Ben started working at the marketing firm as an intern, he really liked working under his boss. His boss took Ben under his wing and taught Ben everything he knew about the marketing industry. Through their close relationship, Ben's boss quickly became Ben's mentor in the workplace. So when Ben started working there as a researcher at the same marketing firm, Ben was so happy to be working with his mentor again. Although there were days where Ben and his boss didn't get along because of differing ideas on marketing techniques, Ben never lost respect or hated his boss. Through their disagreements, Ben learned how to navigate different opinions and perspectives in the workplace. Ben continued to work at the marketing firm under his mentor for years until his mentor finally quit. This devastated Ben since he always looked up to his boss as his mentor, however, on his boss' last day of work, Ben's boss chose Ben to take his place as the marketing director of the firm.



84 – How long have you been working?

Ben had been working since he was eighteen years old with his first job being a server at a chain restaurant. While in college, he realized he was really interested in marketing after being accepted into a marketing internship at a local marketing firm. Ever since the internship, Ben had his sights set on becoming a marketing director just like his boss at the firm. After working at the marketing firm for ten years, his boss eventually quit his job and chose Ben to take his place. Although Ben was sad to lose his mentor to retirement, he was so happy to finally achieve his goal of becoming a director at his firm. The marketing industry was fast-paced and constantly changing, which were qualities that made Ben super interested in it even after working in it for ten years. Ben was certain that he would continue to work at the same marketing firm until retirement as well, just like his mentor.



85 – Is there a dress code in your office?

One thing I enjoy about my workplace environment is the relaxed dress code. Every morning when I wake up, I don't have to worry about dressing formally or following any strict guidelines because the atmosphere in my office is very relaxed and casual. All employees are encouraged to dress up if they choose to, however, it is not required or enforced. Anyone can come in a button up shirt and slacks or t-shirt and jeans depending on their mood. My boss comes to work in a suit most days with the exception of Casual Fridays where everyone dresses in comfier clothing every Friday. Most days I like to wear a collared shirt and jeans to dress in between casual and dressy so that I can comfortably handle any unexpected situation at work like a last minute meeting with a client. Eventually, I want to try wearing a suit to work, but for now, I'm happy being able to wear whatever I want to work.



86 – Do you have weekends off?

I work an office job at a marketing firm so my work schedule is a typical 9–5, Monday through Friday work schedule. Thankfully, this allows me to have weekends off every week. Many of my friends work in retail and have schedules that change every week, including working on the weekends, so sometimes it's hard to find time to hangout together. Although I wish I could see my friends more often, I still really enjoy having a regular Monday through Friday work schedule since it is easier for me to build a weekly routine. On weekdays, I give myself the freedom to relax after work in order to recharge for the next day. On the weekends, I like to spend time with family and friends when I can or work on any hobbies or projects I have going on. I like having time to relax, but I also like to be productive most days to keep myself motivated on whatever I'm doing.



87 – What is your working hour?

As a researcher at a marketing firm, I work a typical office job schedule which is called a nine to five job. It is called a nine to five job because the work hours for this type of schedule is generally from 9AM to 5PM. A nine to five job also is typically Monday through Friday with the weekends off. I prefer this kind of work schedule because it's very stable and consistent every week. It's much easier to anticipate what my work week will look like when the schedule is constant. Many of my friends work in retail where their schedules change weekly, which would be very difficult for me to handle. I work much better with consistency and have trouble with adapting my work schedule every day. Having a stable work schedule helps me plan out time to recharge so I can be ready for the next work week.



88 – Is this your first job?

When I graduate high school, I want to get a job before I start college. I'm not sure what kind of job I want to do for my career long term, but there is a job opening at my local chain restaurant that I am interested in. The restaurant is walking distance from my home so it will be very convenient to go to work over the summer. I won't have to use any gas to drive to work and I will get lots of exercise at the same time! The restaurant has fair pay and flexible hours so I don't think it will negatively affect any summer plans I hope to have with my friends before we move out for college. I'm really excited because I've never had a job before, but I think having a job will be a good experience for me before going to college. Having a job will teach me how to manage my time, learn to work with others in a professional setting, and how to manage money.



89 – What is your dream job?

When I graduate college, I want to become a marketing director so I will start an internship to get my foot in the door for the industry. I have only worked in a restaurant setting before so being in an office for the first time will be a very new and exciting experience for me. I'm nervous about making mistakes regarding work culture in an office setting, however, I will do my best to learn as much as I can to make up for what I don't know. I hope I will make friends and even gain a mentor who I can rely on for questions and professional advice in the workplace at my internship. None of my friends are doing their internships at the same marketing firm as me so I will be completely on my own, which is both terrifying but also exciting. My first day at the marketing firm will be Monday!



90 – What do you work?

After I build my professional resume, I want to apply for a job at the same marketing firm that I did my internship at. Despite spending months working there as an intern, I still feel like there is so much I can learn from that company. They have a great work environment and company values that I align with. My boss during the internship took me under his wing and has taught me many things. If I am able to get a job there again, I know that my boss will be able to continue teaching me even more things about the marketing industry that I can use throughout the rest of my professional career. There is still a lot of preparation I need to do in order to apply for a job there, but I will work my hardest to make sure that I land that job. However, if I do not get the job, I will still cherish the time and experience I had there forever.



91 – What do you prefer– nature or monuments?

As a countryside boy, Ryan preferred spending time in nature compared to being in the city. He loved breathing in the fresh air and being surrounded by tall trees and the sound of animals in the distance instead of the crowds and busy streets of city life so moving into the city for work was very difficult for Ryan. To bring him a sense of home, Ryan would go hiking because it allowed him a few hours of peace and quiet in nature with his friends. He hated being distracted by his phone and social media so hiking gave him space to be free in nature. Walking by trees in warm weather instantly recharged his energy and made him happy no matter what he was feeling. Ryan often invited his friend Ben to join him, however, Ben was not a big fan of hiking. Ben preferred staying at home relaxing, however, he occasionally joined his friend when the weather was too perfect to pass up hiking in.



92 – What is your dream destination?

After graduating high school, Ryan wanted to move to Colorado because he liked the balance between nature and city life throughout the state. Ryan went to Colorado once as a kid with his family to visit his aunt and uncle and had the best time there. His aunt and uncle took him hiking at Emerald Lake Trail while on a camping trip in Rocky Mountain National Park. This was Ryan's first time camping so it took him a day or two to adjust to living outdoors before he was able to enjoy it. However, by the end of the camping trip, Ryan loved being surrounded by nature, away from the city lights. He was able to go bird watching in the daytime and gaze up at the stars at nighttime. Ever since that first camping trip, Ryan insisted on coming back to Rocky Mountain National Park to camp with his family again every year. Later as an adult, it became Ryan's dream to move to Colorado to live by the mountains permanently.



93 – I am a wandering monk. I can travel anywhere,

Ryan was a graduate student studying to become an environmental scientist. During his childhood, he was incredibly interested in animals and being outdoors so naturally science became his favorite subject in school. When he reached high school, he took every earth or environmental science class his school offered in order to learn more about Earth's environment specifically. Unfortunately, there weren't too many classes Ryan could take until he attended college. In college, Ryan immediately applied as an environmental science major because he was so confident and passionate about wanting to pursue a career involving understanding and helping the environment. No matter how many classes he took, environmental science classes were always the most interesting to him because he was constantly learning something new about the planet. Once he graduated college, he started his graduate school applications to continue his path to becoming an environmental scientist. He planned to focus on climate change as his professional specialty in hopes of understanding how people can best learn ways to lower their impact on the environment.



94 – I am not much of a traveller. I usually step out when I need to

As a graduate student for environmental science, Ryan often finds himself outside of the laboratory in his free time. Most of his time was spent at school studying about the environment so it was important to him to be in nature in his free time. If he had a lot of free time, then he often went on camping trips with his friends and family. However, if he only had a little bit of free time, then he would go on hikes instead. Although he loved studying about nature and learning the ins and outs of the environment, Ryan hated how much schooling kept him cooped up inside classrooms, the laboratory, and his house. Ryan wanted to be out in nature, learning about its needs through first-hand experience instead of being stuck at home. However, he knew that in order to pursue a career in environmental science, he needed to put in all of the academic work first before he could make a difference.



95 – Do you like travelling?

Being a student in graduate school for environmental science, I love traveling but don't have enough time for it. I want to visit all of the Seven Wonders of the World and climb all of the world's greatest mountains in order to see everything Earth has to offer. So far, I've only been to a few different states around the USA including California, Colorado, Minnesota, and Tennessee. Eventually, I hope to visit every state in the USA. I have never flown out of the country before, but when I finish graduate school, I plan to get my passport and go on my first international trip to Peru. One hike that I am extremely interested in pursuing is climbing to the top of Machu Picchu after reading so many blog articles and books about it. I know that I will have to train extensively in order to complete the hike, but I am ready for the challenge. Until I graduate, I will continue to travel around Colorado, where I currently live, for now.



96 – Do you like mountains?

When I was a kid, my aunt and uncle took me to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado for a camping trip and I instantly fell in love with mountains. There is something so beautiful about how untouched it feels as you hike up the trails with its majestic views of the surrounding land when you reach the top. I have not hiked many mountains around the United States, however, one day I hope to do so. I have a lot of dreams to travel around the nation and around the world to famous landmarks and see what Mother Nature has to offer. I believe there is a sense of freedom and accomplishment that can only be achieved when hiking up a difficult mountain. Not everyone enjoys hiking, however, it is one of my favorite things to do despite how hard it can get at times. There is nothing in the world quite like standing at the top of a mountain.



97 – Are you into adventure sports?

Although I am a very big fan of hiking, I am surprisingly not a big fan of adventure sports. I enjoy watching soccer and baseball, however, I am not as interested in sports like rock climbing or racing. Soccer, internationally known as football, is my favorite sport because of how quickly the players travel across the field and the unity between them because the playing field is so large. I only started watching soccer in college and quickly became addicted to watching sports highlights after class. There was also a short period of time I tried training to play soccer for my college team, however, I quickly realized that I am not nearly as quick as the other players who have been playing soccer all of their lives. Not making the soccer team didn't crush my spirits or affect my enjoyment of the game though. I still play with my friends on the weekends and watch every game when the FIFA World Cup tournament begins.



98 – Where was the last place you travelled?

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99 – Do you travel to your grandparents?

My grandparents live in California so it was hard to see them outside of the holidays when I was a kid. However, now that I live in Colorado, it is much easier to visit them since I live closer. In order to make up for the lost time in my childhood with my grandparents, I plan to visit them once a month every month. I have not told them the good news yet, but I know that when they hear I'll be visiting often, they will be so happy and excited to see me. Most of my family lives around the nation in different states, so it's very difficult for everyone to get together except once a year during the holidays. Hopefully, me visiting my grandparents more often will motivate other family members to start visiting often too since my grandparents are getting older and cannot travel very far themselves. I have coordinated with my parents for my first visit next week, which we have kept hidden from my grandparents in order to surprise them.



100 – Do you travel to eat?

Although I am not a foodie, many of my friends are. My best friend Ben, in particular, loves food and finding the best restaurants in town. He is always on social media looking at food other food bloggers have posted before we go to restaurants so that he knows what is worth ordering on the menu. Some of our other friends find his interest in food tiring because it takes him a while to make a decision, however, I like that Ben has found something he is very passionate about. Plus, I get to try all a bunch of new, amazing restaurants with him! When Ben first discovered food blogging online, he also tried to get me into it so that we could start a food blog together since we hang out so often. I was a bit skeptical of the idea but tried it anyway because I wanted to help my friend out. We quickly realized that food blogging isn't for me so now I just accompany Ben on his food adventures as a friend for moral support.

