

Zkoušecí karta Unit 1 People – Personality, appearance, free time

1. **What are you like?** (personality/character) What are **your good/ bad qualities?**
What do **you look like?** (appearance)
What do **you like doing in your free time?**
2. What does **your brother/ sister/ best friend/ idol/ Jack Sparrow/ Homer/ Bella (of the Vampires)/ James Bond** look like?



He wears a leather hat, leather trousers, make-up, he has a moustache, beard, ..
He usually wears a black suit and a tie...

What is the person **like**? He is ambitious/ determined/ intelligent/ arrogant/ shy/
talkative/ lazy/ hard-working/ honest/ mean/ ...

What **does he/she like doing**? He likes eating doughnuts.. He loves women and alcohol..

What **do you like doing together with your family members**?

Do you get on well? We get on well../ We do not get on very well...

3. What **was your basic school English teacher like**?

What did he/ she look like?

What did the teacher like doing in the lessons?

4. What **should your future husband or wife/ ideal boyfriend or girlfriend be like**?

What should he or she look like?

(What **would** be your ideal boyfriend be like?

What **could** your future husband **look like**?)

5. What **are these people doing**?

What are they wearing?

Describe the atmosphere.





In the picture, there is a... The man is wearing a ..

The man on the right is... the girl in the middle.. the boy in the background.. etc.

Maturita Card 29: Family

- **How big is your (immediate) family?** My (immediate) family is small. / I have a big family. / I wish I had a bigger family. / My family is big (but we don't / we rarely / we seldom see each other, because...).
- **What can you tell me about your family?** I have a mother / mum (AmE) / mom (AmE) and father / dad. It's only me, my mother and father. / My parents are divorced. My mother / father is remarried with a new husband / wife. I have a step-mother / step-father / step-brother(s) / step-sister(s). I have no siblings / an only child. / I have a younger / older brother / sister. I have two brothers / sisters. / I have a twin brother / sister. / I am one of triplets / quadruplets. Both / All of my grandparents are in good health. / Unfortunately, one of my grandmothers / grandfathers died / passed away when I was... / I only have one grandmother. I have no / a few / many / plenty of / two aunts / uncles / cousins. My brother / sister (is married and) has a child / son / daughter, so I also have a brother-in-law / sister-in-law and a nephew / niece.

- **What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of coming from a big family?** Having a big family means there are more people to share your joys and troubles with / to rely on (as long as you get on well with each other). The advantages of coming from a big family / having a lot of siblings are that you have lots of people for company / to help you with... The disadvantages are that... you have to share your things / if you're younger you have to wear hand-me-downs / there are more siblings to fight with... if you have a big family, you are never alone, which can be an advantage but also a disadvantage, for example, when... you want to talk to somebody on the phone / you need to study...

- **What are the advantages and disadvantages of being an only child?** The advantages of being an only child are that you get all your parents' attention / love. You have... everything to yourself / more privacy and time / more space to yourself... You don't have to share your things. The disadvantages are that you can be lonely / you can feel alone / you miss out on the support from having siblings...

- **Who do you take after more, your mother or father?** I look more like my father, but share more character traits with my mother. I am a lot like my father in many ways, we are both tall and thin / athletic / interested in sports... and we both have dark / curly... hair / long legs / the same sense of humour. My mother / father and I both have the same colour of hair... My mother

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/ father and I both share the same... I'm a bit more like my grandmother / grandfather (on my mother's / father's side) than either of my parents. I inherited my mother's / father's / grandmother's / grandfather's sense of humour / musical talent / green eyes...

- **How well do you get along with your parents?** My parents are more like friends to me. / I can tell them (almost) anything / share secrets with them. / My parents are a bit hard on me, they're always... criticizing my choice of friends / telling me how disappointed they are with me... My parents have high expectations of me, and the pressure is sometimes unbearable. My parents pretty much ignore me, so me, so I can get away with almost anything.

- **How well do you get along with your siblings?** I don't get along very well with my brother / sister... (don't) have a lot in common. My older brother / sister picks on me / used to pick on me quite a bit... I get along with my siblings much better now than we are all adults. / I get along with my brother / sister very well, we often spend time together.

- **What kinds of things do you and your family (like) to do together?** My family / I go skiing / hiking / on trips... together. / I like to discuss things with my parents / help my parents / mother in the garden / train our dog... We don't spend much time together nowadays, but when I was younger / smaller, we used to sit around the fire / go to the cinema / spend at least a week at sea... together. / My parents are very busy but they always find some time... to ask me about my social life / hobbies / interests / to spend time with me at weekends / on holidays...

- **Do you have any influence on family matters?** Which ones? My family is quite democratic, we all have an equal say in family decisions. My parents discuss / ask my opinion on most / many matters, for example, which school I wanted to go to / where we will go on holiday next... I have no influence whatsoever on anything... / We have / get no say in (almost) anything. My parents often ask my opinion, but never seem to take it seriously.

- **What household chores / work do you do? How much or how often do you help around the house?** I usually take out the trash / do... the washing up (BrE) / dishes (AmE) / ironing / dusting / laundry shopping / Hoovering (BrE) / vacuuming (AmE)... try to help out as much as possible so I... / To tell the truth, I avoid household work whenever I can.

Maturita Card 17: Personal Identification Bridge

- **How would you describe yourself and your friends?**

I am / My friend is... (quite / very)... tall / short / thin / slim / skinny / fat / chubby / overweight / athletic / muscular / petite / round-faced / oval-faced / attractive / handsome / beautiful / good-natured / friendly / kind / happy-go-lucky / serious / moody / bad-tempered / vain / egotistical / confident / adventurous. I have / she has... short / long / straight / curly / glossy / wavy / blonde / ginger / red / light brown / flaxen hair... blue / brown / hazel eyes... has freckles... wears glasses... has a tattoo.

- **What is one thing you would like to change about yourself?**

I would like to be... more confident / funny / cleverer / more attractive / quieter / louder / more organized / better at managing my time. I'd like to... work harder and not get distracted so easily / have more talents, for example, I want to learn to play an instrument / improve my English. I wish I would... get on better with my parents / family... not argue with my boyfriend / girlfriend so much... start earning money.

- **Can you describe your childhood?**

My childhood was... fun / peaceful / quiet / nothing special / difficult / boring... because when I was a child... I went camping / played with my friends / had no worries / my parents cared for me / I just went to school / I stayed at home / visited my grandparents every weekend / we never went anywhere / my parents didn't have much money / we lived in a very small flat / we only visited our cottage on weekends.

- **How do you feel at school, at home and / or with your friends?**

When I'm at school I am sometimes... nervous that I might fail... stressed about my exams... tired from studying all night... bored with my lessons. At home I am / feel... relaxed when I watch TV / calm when I sit in my room / bored when there's nothing to do. When I'm with my friends I am / feel... happy because we always laugh together / relaxed.

- **What would you like to do after the Maturita exam / in the future?**

After the exam / high school, I would like... to go to university... to study law / medicine / engineering / history / English... to travel... to stay in an English-speaking country for a while... to get a job... to move out of / away from... home.

- **What characteristics do you look for in a boyfriend / girlfriend?**

My girlfriend / boyfriend should... be funny / kind / attractive / handsome / beautiful / well-built / curly /

clean-shaven / in good shape / good natured / friendly / family-oriented / religious / clever / smart / intelligent / loyal... have stubble / a beard / a good figure / good sense of humour / a lot of money / good fashion sense / a car / a sense of adventure / good personal hygiene... want to travel / go out... get along with my friends / family.

- **What characteristics do you not look for in a friend / boyfriend / girlfriend?**

My friend, boyfriend or girlfriend shouldn't... be rude / selfish / arrogant / mean / cruel / materialistic / stupid / ugly / bald / overweight / obese / too thin / unpleasant / unfriendly... have facial hair... wear unfashionable clothes... listen to bad music... only want to stay at home... only play computer games... eat only junk food.

- **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I like / enjoy... reading / swimming / hiking / camping / travelling / going to the cinema / listening to music / dancing / going to cafes / playing computer games / shopping / going to shopping centers (malls) / trying different foods / learning English / playing football (volleyball / basketball / floorball / hockey).

- **How have your hobbies and interests changed since your childhood?**

My hobbies have changed a lot / a little... My hobbies haven't changed much / at all. When I was young I used to... play with toys... read comics / fairy tales... listen to pop music... go camping... belong to the Scouts. Now, I like spending time with my friends... going to the cinema / dancing lessons / language lessons... reading serious literature... skiing... hiking... playing guitar / drums / in a band. I have always liked / still like... reading / camping / spending time with friends / listening to music.

- **What is your ambition and why?**

I would like to be... a journalist because I want to travel / I like writing / I'm curious about the world... a lawyer because... I'm good at arguing / I can communicate well / I believe in justice / lawyers need to be intelligent and I am intelligent... a doctor because... I want to help people / I find medicine fascinating... a travel agent because I like travelling / I want to work with people... a car mechanic because... I want to work with my hands / I am interested in cars... a nanny because... I like to work with children / it could be fun. My dream is to own a shop / café because... I want to be my own boss / it would be interesting / I could sell what I am interested in.

● **Is it important to have friends?**
Yes, it's very important to have friends. If you don't have friends... life can be boring / you feel lonely / you have no one to share experiences with / have fun with. Having friends is important, but it's not as important as family. I think having friends is not the most important thing in the world.

● **What (qualities) do you look for in a friend?**
A friend is someone who... is loyal / you can trust / is kind / is caring / is fun to be with / is interesting / is helpful / is reliable / is understanding / likes me for who I am / has the same interests as me. A real friend is someone you can... argue with and it doesn't matter / talk to about anything without them judging you / depend on in an emergency. I don't like people who are selfish / unkind / thoughtless / mean / uncaring / boring.

● **Do you find it easy to make new friends?**
I do / don't find it easy to make friends. I... am a shy person so it's hard for me to get to know new people / don't like being in a big group where I don't know anyone / prefer having one or two really close friends. I... like meeting people / enjoy talking to strangers / like hanging out with a big group of friends.

● **Where do you find and meet friends?**
Normally I meet friends at school or through other people. Sometimes I meet new friends... at parties / when I go out / at an after-school club / doing an after-school hobby. I... play tennis / play football / go to a dance club and meet people there. I meet people online who have the same interests as me.

● **How often do you meet friends online and how often in person?**
I see my friends every day at school and we sometimes meet after school as well, to... go to after-school clubs / hang out. I meet my friends every weekend to... go to the cinema / go to parties / play football / go dancing. I only have time to meet my friends... while at school / during holidays / at weekends. I chat online to my friends... every night / all the time / once a week / only at weekends. It's important to see friends in person, not just online. I meet my friends in person and online; it's the same. I only meet my friends online as I don't have time to see friends after school.

● **Do you use social networking sites to keep in touch or make new friends?**
Yes, I use social networking sites. No, I don't have a Facebook account. I... use my Facebook account all the time / hardly ever use Facebook / never use social networking sites. I have lots of friends online /

I am only friends with people I know offline / I have hundreds of online friends. I think it's... a good way to meet to meet new people / a great way of keeping in touch with people that you might not be able to meet with / a good way of meeting people from around the country / the world. I think it's... important to only have friends online that you know offline / safer to know people in person first.

● **What is more important, family or friends?**
I think... family is the most important thing / they will always be there for you / your family is part of who you are. It depends on... how close you are to your family / whether you get on with your family. Sometimes your family... don't care about you / treat you badly and so friends become really important. As you get older you might have more in common with your friends than your family.

● **Do you get on with your family?**
I... get on really well with / like my family. I... don't get on well with / hate / have a difficult relationship with my family. I get on well with my grandparents but not my parents / brother / sister. My siblings and I are very close. I argue a lot with my parents. I don't see my grandparents / uncles / aunts / cousins often / rarely / not very often.

● **What can you tell me about your family?**
I live with my parents / in a nuclear family with my dad and brother / sister. My parents are... still together / separated / divorced. I have a stepmother / stepfather / stepbrothers / sisters. I live in an extended family. I live with my grandparents. My brother / sister is... younger / older than me / has already moved away to live on his / her own.

● **What do you look for in a partner?**
She / he has to... be friendly / have a nice smile / be kind / be trustworthy / be fun / be intelligent / be good looking / be a nice person / be someone who can make me laugh / be someone romantic. I look for someone... with whom I have lots in common / who is the opposite of me. I don't want anyone who... is unkind / rude / mean / cheats / is not supportive.

● **Do you think you'll settle down with a partner / have a family?**
Yes, one day I'd like to eventually have a family and children. It's important to me. I don't want to... be married / be in a relationship / have children. I see how many problems it causes. I want to be independent. I'm too young to think about... having a long-term partner / getting married / having children. I want to travel / have fun / have a career / go to university / do other things first.

Speaking Card 4: Free Time and Entertainment Gate

● **When do you have the most free time?**
I usually have the most free time after school on weekdays / during the week / only during weekends and holidays. I don't have much free time because I have a lot of homework / I have to... help at home / babysit my sisters / meet my tutor.

● **What do you (like to) do in your free time? How do you (like to) spend your free time?**

In my free time I like / enjoy... going to the cinema / hanging out with friends / walking my dog / going to clubs / doing nothing / sleeping / riding a bike / going inline skating. When I have some free time, I usually... chat with friends on Facebook / surf the internet / watch movies / read books (magazines) / play computer games / stay at home / cook / listen to music / take care of my pets. I have many hobbies, so in my free time I like to dance / practise martial arts / draw (paint) / sew / make jewellery / collect (stamps) / build models of planes / play a musical instrument (piano, guitar, drums...) / mix music on my computer / play football (hockey) / study languages / go to Scouts.

● **Are you a sportsperson or are you more interested in culture?**

I like to be / keep active and I do lots of sports. In summer I go swimming and play tennis. In winter we often go to the mountains to ski. I don't really enjoy sports. I am not good at them. / I think sports are dangerous. / I prefer to stay at home and watch a film or go to the cinema and theatre. / I'm crazy about art and fashion / I like to go to lots of exhibitions, museums and workshops.

● **What kind of films do you like? What do you like to read?**
I really enjoy adventure / horror / thriller / comedy / animated / documentary /

dramatic / musical / romantic / historic / science fiction films. I like to read detective stories / horror stories / fantasy novels / stories / celebrity biographies / poems.

● **Do you prefer to spend your free time alone or with other people?**

Sometimes when I feel good I want to be with my friends or among people. Usually when I'm tired / sad / want to relax, I prefer to... be alone / stay in my bed / read a book / walk my dog / spend time with my family / go fishing.

● **What do you usually do during the weekend? What do you do together with your parents?**

I often... go to see our relatives (my father's new family) / stay in our cottage / visit my parents' friends / stay at home and clean (help around) the house / work in the garden / go to the theatre / go snowboarding or cross country skiing / hike in the mountains / go kayaking / ride a horse / pick mushrooms or berries. We like to be outside in the fresh air and get some exercise. We enjoy staying at home, relaxing, playing games, watching TV and eating something good. We don't do many things together because we have different interests / my parents work a lot.

● **What kind of holiday do you enjoy?**

I enjoy active holidays. I like to travel / camp / be outside / see new places. I like to go on holidays with my family / with my grandmother. We always go abroad / stay in our cottage / travel around the Czech Republic. I like to go to cities and go sightseeing, especially museums and historic sights / music festivals. I prefer relaxing holidays on the beach / near a lake / in the mountains / at home / with friends. I prefer to stay in the countryside / visit smaller towns. I don't like big cities. They are too noisy / dirty and have too many people.