

SET 1 CANDIDATE A

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1 STEREOTYPES



- Are there any typical characteristics which you think describe the people from your country? Which ones?
- Are people from different areas of your country similar / different in any way?
- Do foreign people have any stereotypes about people from your country? Which ones? Do you think they are right?
- What are the stereotypical ideas you have about people from other countries (United Kingdom, USA, France, Italy, China...)? Are they realistic?
- Think about this sentence and comment on it: "People from different countries are not very different from each other". Do you agree with it? Why? Why not

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A SUNDAY OUT

You and a friend of yours are planning to spend Sunday out of your city. You both live in Glasgow and have decided to get away from the crowd. You would love to spend the day in the countryside, relaxing. These are the ideal activities for you:



- Climb **Ben A'an**, a beautiful mountain only 45 minutes away (reaching the summit only takes 1 hour and a half).
- Have a picnic in the forest. You'll have to bring food and drink.
- Go for a walk by the shore of Loch Katrine.
- Relax in the country and be in contact with nature.

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2 FAME



- Nowadays, a lot of people want to become famous...and they want it really quickly!
- "Big Brother", "Operación Triunfo"...people participate in these contests to become celebrities and to get a lot of money, but they don't WORK, they don't make any effort.
- Being famous is a positive value in our current society.
- I would love to be famous.
- If I became a celebrity, I would...

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You and a friend of yours are planning to spend Sunday out of your city. You both live in Glasgow and have decided to get away from the crowd. You would love to visit a small town, **Stirling**, which you have never seen before and is only 27 miles away. These are the ideal activities for you:



- Visit the castle and the old town, which is full of history and monuments.
- Have lunch in a cosy restaurant where you can try home-made haggis, a typical Scottish dish.
- Go for a walk in The King's park, a beautiful public park which has a golf course, playing fields, play park, etc. It is one of Stirling's best used recreation areas.
- Visit the Changing Room Museum, a gallery for contemporary art (you love art).

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3 ANIMALS



- Do you have any pets? If so, talk about it.
- People sometimes abandon their pets. Talk about this.
- Some people keep exotic and wild animals as pets, in apartments. What's your opinion?
- Fur coats, ivory decorative furniture, using animals for the cosmetic industry... How do you feel about this?
- Keeping animals in captivity for our entertainment: zoos, circuses... Do **we** really need this?
- Can animals help people in any way? How? Therapies with animals.

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A PRESENT FOR SHEILA

You and a friend of yours have decided to buy a present for a common friend you have, Sheila, a 25-year-old girl. You think she would really love a dress you have seen at a hippy shop in town. Your reasons for choosing this dress are varied. Some of them are:



- Sheila loves hippy clothes.
- She is unemployed now and she has no money to buy this dress.
- The dress is green, her favourite colour.
- She loves personal presents.
- She is going to a party on Saturday night.

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4 TELEVISION



- People waste a lot of time in front of the television.
- Reality shows and gossip programmes vs. documentaries and educational programmes.
- You can learn a lot of things watching TV.
- There are too many channels on TV.
- Violence is really common on TV these days.
- Children watch too much TV.
- Advertising on TV.

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- Sheila's frying-pan is very old and doesn't fry food properly.
- She is unemployed at the moment and she can't buy a new one.
- This is a practical present.
- You earn little money and this present is not too expensive.

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5 EDUCATION



- What was school like for your parents? Is it very different from the education you have received/are receiving?
- What is/was your favourite subject at school? Why? Is/Was there any subject you hate/hated? Why?
- Do you think Physical Education is important? Why? Why not?
- Are there any subjects that you miss in today's school system. (Cooking, sewing, Latin, philosophy, etc)
- What are the good and bad points of education nowadays?
- Are computers going to replace books and notebooks? Why? Why not?

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A HOLIDAY

You have decided to go on a holiday in Girona with a good friend of yours. You've been looking for information on the internet and have decided you'd like to rent cottage in the middle of a forest near the Pyrenees.



- It's a 7 hour drive from where you live. You need a car to get to the house.
- The price of the house is €600 per week.
- It's isolated. No other houses can be seen from it.
- The views are fantastic: it's on the top of a mountain.
- You can relax and enjoy nature.
- Places you can visit :a forest with a permanent open-air exhibition of sculptures, an inactive volcano, a magical beech forest, a medieval town, etc
- Activities you can do: hire a rowing boat in Banyoles Lake, go white-water rafting in the Noguera-Pallaresa, trekking, etc

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6 YOU



- How would you describe your character? What's your sense of humour like?
- How much attention do you pay to your appearance?
- What is your job? / What are you studying? What's your attitude to work?
- What are your hobbies? What activities would you never take up?
- What are your ideals in life? Do you have any ambitions?
- Who are the most important people in your life? Why?
- Which are the most important decisions you have made in your life?

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You have decided to go on a holiday in Girona with a good friend of yours. You've been looking for information on the internet and have decided you'd like to book a room in a nice 3-star hotel in Platja d'Aro, a popular tourist resort on the Costa Brava.



- It's a 6 hour drive from where you live, but you can also get there by train or coach.
- The double room is €450 a week. It is in front of the sea.
- Extremely exciting nightlife: lots of pubs and discos
- Beautiful sandy beaches surrounded by pine-trees.
- An excellent marina (a sports harbour).
- The most modern shopping streets.
- A water park
- Trekking itineraries
- A first class golf course

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7 SPORTS



- Do you do any sports? Which ones? How often? What do you like / not like about it?
- What do you think about sports which make a lot of money? What do you think about sportspeople who appear in adverts?
- Have you ever practised any risk sport? Which one? Did you enjoy it? What do you think about this kind of sports?
- 'High-level sports are dangerous and unhealthy for the people who practise them.' Do you agree with this statement?
- What's the most popular sport in your country? And in other parts of the world?

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A NIGHT OUT

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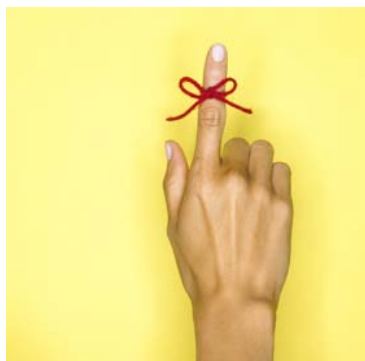
- Going for a short walk.
- Having dinner in a quiet restaurant.
- Seeing a film at the cinema.
- Having an early night so you can make the most of your Sunday.

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8 MEMORIES



- Do you usually remember appointments or birthdays? Do you forget where you have left things? Are you a forgetful person or are you able to remember small details?
- Have you ever used mnemonic techniques (strategies to remember things)? Which ones? Did they work?
- What is the oldest memory that you have? Do you have any special memories from your childhood (good or bad)?
- Do/did your parents tell you any memories from the times when they were children? What are the ones which they tell/told you more often?
- Do you think remembering things from the past is good/bad?

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A NIGHT OUT

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- Watching a DVD at home in the evening.
- Ordering a takeaway pizza and having a quick dinner at home.
- Going out for a drink to a pub.
- Going to a disco and dancing until the morning comes

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9 PARENTAL RELATIONSHIPS



- Parents should be strict about what time their children come home.
- Every child needs at least one brother or sister.
- Children learn more from their parents than they do at school.
- Everybody in the family should cooperate with the housework.
- Children should work in their school holidays and earn money.
- Children should leave the family house before 25.

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LIVING TOGETHER

You and your best friend have decided to start living together. Your ideal place to live would be like this:



- A house in the country.
- Three bedrooms, a kitchen, two bathrooms, a big living room and a garden.
- Only 20 minutes from the town by car.
- £200,000
- You can have pets and grow vegetables.

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10 TECHNOLOGY



- High-tech mobile phones are very common devices nowadays. What do you think about them? What do you use them for?
- Do you use MP4s or i-pods? Have they changed your life in any way?
- Video-games isolate children. Do you agree?
- The internet has meant a revolution in current society. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this tool? Do you use it often? What for?
- What are the good and bad things about technological developments?

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LIVING TOGETHER

You and your best friend have decided to start living together. Your ideal place to live would be like this:



- An apartment in the centre of town.
- Two bedrooms, a small kitchen, a bathroom and a living room.
- Very near your work places.
- £150.000
- Shops, supermarkets and theatres are very near.

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11 OLD AGE



- How are elderly people treated in our society by the government / by other people?
- What kind of problems do they have? What advantages can we find in old age?
- Many of them live alone and feel lonely. Why? How can this problem be solved?
- Homes for elderly people. What are their advantages and disadvantages?
- How should we spend our time when we retire? How can we feel useful in society?
- Your life when you are old. How do you imagine it?

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VOLUNTARY WORK

You and a good friend of yours have decided to spend some time as volunteers for an NGO (Non Governmental Organization). After doing some research you think that the best option is:



- NGO: Save the Children.
- In Haiti.
- Two months in spring.
- Direct work with children (looking after them, teaching, playing...)
- You will also work helping with the distribution of food.

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12 MANNERS



- Smoking should be banned in all public places.
- People who throw litter in the street should be severely fined.
- There should be more pedestrian areas in towns.
- Drinking alcohol in the street is a problematic issue.
- Noise is a kind of pollution in towns and cities.

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- NGO: Greenpeace.
- In the Faroe Islands, North Atlantic Sea, between Scotland and Iceland.
- One month in winter.
- You will be part of the crew of a boat which will try to stop other boats from hunting whales.
- You will take part in protests outside government buildings using chains, banners etc.

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13 STRESS



- Do you think stress is a problem in current society? How does it affect our lives?
- Is everybody affected by it, even children? Give examples.
- How can we avoid or relieve stress? Talk about different methods you can think of.
- Are you stressed? What causes this feeling? What are the consequences for you? How do you relax?

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- Now you will have a conversation with 2 other students about an imaginary situation for about 7.30 to 9 minutes.
- Remember it is a conversation, so be participative and avoid very short answers.
- The other students have the same topic but different information.
- If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

You and your partners have decided you want to enrol in a sport activity together next summer. You would like to enrol in a course to learn to fly a small aeroplane. Here's some information:



- The course fee is €400 per person
- The course consists of 20 hours of theory and 50 hours of actual flying.
- It lasts one month, every weekday from 9 am to 1.30 pm.
- At the end you could get your own pilot's licence.
- It might be really exciting and you'll be able to get wonderful views of the countryside.
- You can't swim

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JOBS



- What is your job now? Are you a student? Do you like it? Why? Why not?
- If you could choose your ideal job, which one would it be? Why?
- Which jobs would you never do? Why?
- If you had enough money... would you stop working? Why? Why not? What would you do with your time if you didn't need to work?
- What do you think is the ideal age to retire? Why?

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

You and your partners have decided you want to enrol in a sport activity together next summer. You would like to take a deep-sea diving course for beginners. Here's some information:



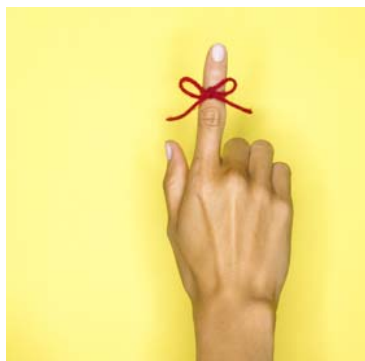
- Two hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, for two weeks.
- You'll learn how to breathe underwater and use the equipment safely.
- It's €200 per person.
- You only need a swimming costume and towel — equipment is provided by the instructors.
- You'll enjoy watching the amazing marine wildlife of our coast.
- You belong to an ecologist organization

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

You and your partners have decided you want to enrol in a sport activity together next summer. You would like to learn to play golf. You know of a golf club which offers lessons. Here's some information:



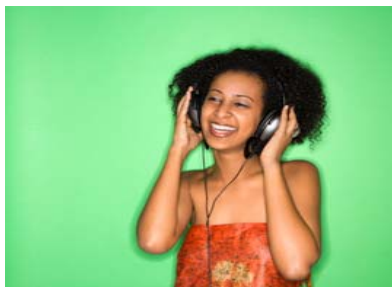
- A course lasts 3 weeks and lessons are from 17:00 to 19:00, Monday to Friday.
- It costs €150 per person.
- Lessons take place in a golf course situated in an exceptionally beautiful area outside the city. Sorry, no buses or trains.
- There are regular social evenings at the club bar.
- You will need your own equipment.
- You are afraid of heights

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15 MUSIC & BOOKS



- What kind of music do you like? What is your favourite band or singer? Why?
- What kind of music do you listen to in different situations, for example...
...when you are sad? / ...when you are happy?
...when you want to relax? / ... when you want to have fun?
- Do you play any musical instruments? Can you sing? Do you like karaoke?
- What kind of books do you like? Do you usually read novels / essays / poetry?
- Is reading a good habit? Why? Why not? How can we encourage children to read?
- What is your favourite book? Why? What book / books didn't you like at all? Why?
- What do you think about the books which have been made into films? Do you remember any?

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A NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

You and your brother / sister have decided to get a pet. You both agree in having a dog, but you would like to buy one in a shop, because you want a pedigree dog. Your reasons to purchase the animal are varied. Some of them are:



- Breed dogs are beautiful.
- These dogs have been treated well since they were born.
- They are usually in good health conditions.
- You have enough money to buy one.

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16 HOLIDAYS



- What kind of holidays do you prefer:
guided tours / going camping/ backpacking/ in your own car etc?
- What kind of places would you like to visit most:
cultural places/ ski resorts / seaside resorts etc?
- Who do you prefer to go on holiday with (alone, with your family, friends, partner...)?
- What kind of activities do you enjoy doing when you go on holiday (visit monuments and museums, relaxing, doing sports...)?
- Where did you go on your last holidays? What did you do there?
- How do you enjoy travelling (by plane, by boat, by car...)?

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A NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

You and your brother / sister have decided to get a pet. You both agree in having a dog, but you would love to adopt one. Your reasons to choose an adopted dog are varied. Some of them are:



- You really think these dogs need an owner and a place to live and be happy.
- These dogs have had bad experiences and you will be able to love the animal.
- These dogs are not beautiful sometimes, but they are intelligent and affectionate.
- You don't want to spend money on a breed dog.

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17 ADMIRATION



- Who is the person you most admire (artists, sportspeople, celebrities...)? Why?
- Do you admire anybody in your family? Why? Do you admire any of your friends? Why?
- Do you think it is necessary to admire your boyfriend / girlfriend to love him / her?
- Do you admire any organization or group (NGOs, teams...)?
- 'Heroes and heroines are really normal people'. Do you agree with this sentence?
- What do you admire most about yourself?

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A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Daniel, a friend of yours you haven't seen for a long time, is coming to your city to visit you and another friend (student B). It is also his birthday, and in order to celebrate, you and student B are planning something special. You would like to go on a picnic and then have a ride in a hot air balloon. Here's some information:



- The hot air balloon ride is €40 per person.
- You can enjoy wonderful views, and it's really exciting.
- You know a nice place to have a picnic which is a 45-minute drive from your town.
- From there to the balloon centre it's another 45-minute drive.
- You know Daniel loves nature and the country. He doesn't like crowded places.
- You are a bit short of money and would like the three of you to share the cost.

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18 MONEY



- Money makes the world go round. What do you think about this statement?
- What do you usually spend your money on?
- Do you like shopping? What kind of things do you buy? What kind of shops do you go to?
- What things do you consider too expensive in society nowadays?
- Do you give money to charity?

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- The theatre tickets are € 20 each.
- The meal in the restaurant you have chosen is about €35 per person.
- It's the most fashionable restaurant in town at the moment.
- Both the theatre and the restaurant are in the city centre and can be easily reached by underground
- You know Daniel likes modern theatre. He doesn't like travelling by car.
- You think the two of you should pay for the whole thing. It's Daniel's birthday!

SET 10 CANDIDATE A

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

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4 TELEVISION



- People waste a lot of time in front of the television.
- Reality shows and gossip programmes vs. documentaries and educational programmes.
- You can learn a lot of things watching TV.
- There are too many channels on TV.
- Violence is really common on TV these days.
- Children watch too much TV.
- Advertising on TV.

SET 10 CANDIDATE A

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

It's your parents' 40th wedding anniversary and you and your brother / sister are planning to buy them a short trip. This is what you think they would enjoy most:



- A weekend at a spa in Archena, Murcia.
- There are frequent trains to Murcia and from there they can take a bus. The whole journey would only take around 90 minutes.
- You have found a weekend offer:
 - €250 per person
 - Two nights
 - All meals included
 - Two massage treatments
- They have never been to a spa and mum has got rheumatic problems.

SET 10 CANDIDATE B

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

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- Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. You can add ideas of your own.
- Talk about the topic for 3 to 3:30 minutes.

10 TECHNOLOGY



- High-tech mobile phones are very common devices nowadays. What do you think about them? What do you use them for?
- Do you use MP4s or i-pods? Have they changed your life in any way?
- Video-games isolate children. Do you agree?
- The internet has meant a revolution in current society. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this tool? Do you use it often? What for?
- What are the good and bad things about technological developments?

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- A weekend in Peñafiel, Valladolid.
- It is 6 hours by train to Valladolid (there is a direct train from Alicante). Then you must take a 40-minute bus to Peñafiel.
- You have found a nice hotel which will cost €190 for two days (breakfast and dinner included).
- You can also book a special lunch for Saturday in a traditional restaurant where they can try the typical roast lamb and they can drink the wine of the area. This lunch will cost €70 per person.
- Dad loves the wine culture and would love to visit the museum of wine, in the wonderful castle of Peñafiel.

SET 11 CANDIDATE A

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

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- Talk about the topic for 3 to 3:30 minutes.

2 FAME



- Nowadays, a lot of people want to become famous...and they want it really quickly!
- "Big Brother", "Operación Triunfo"...people participate in these contests to become celebrities and to get a lot of money, but they don't WORK, they don't make any effort.
- Being famous is a positive value in our current society.
- I would love to be famous.
- If I became a celebrity, I would...

SET 11 CANDIDATE A

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SHARING THE HOUSEWORK

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In the apartment there are two bedrooms, a living-room, a kitchen, a bathroom and a small study.



- You think a general cleaning session a week is enough.
- You do not like washing the dishes.
- You don't mind taking the dog for a walk.
- You hate doing the ironing.
- You enjoy cooking. You are a strict vegetarian.
- You think hiring a cleaning lady is not a bad idea.

SET 11 CANDIDATE B

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

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5 EDUCATION



- What was school like for your parents? Is it very different from the education you have received/are receiving?
- What is/was your favourite subject at school? Why? Is/Was there any subject you hate/hated? Why?
- Do you think Physical Education is important? Why? Why not?
- Are there any subjects that you miss in today's school system. (Cooking, sewing, Latin, philosophy, etc)
- What are the good and bad points of education nowadays?
- Are computers going to replace books and notebooks? Why? Why not?

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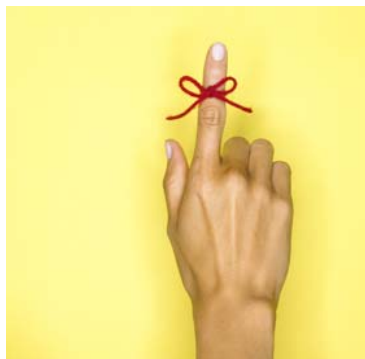
- You think you need at least two cleaning sessions a week.
- You hate washing the dishes.
- You like taking the dog for a walk.
- You don't mind doing the ironing.
- You like cooking. You have never enjoyed vegetables much.
- You think hiring a cleaning lady is not a good idea. You are quite short of money.

SET 12 CANDIDATE A

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

- Read the title of the topic and the suggestions.
- Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. You can add ideas of your own.
- Talk about the topic for 3 to 3:30 minutes.

8 MEMORIES



- Do you usually remember appointments or birthdays? Do you forget where you have left things? Are you a forgetful person or are you able to remember small details?
- Have you ever used mnemonic techniques (strategies to remember things)? Which ones? Did they work?
- What is the oldest memory that you have? Do you have any special memories from your childhood (good or bad)?
- Do/did your parents tell you any memories from the times when they were children? What are the ones which they tell/told you more often?
- Do you think remembering things from the past is good/bad?

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DINNER TOGETHER

You and a friend of yours are planning to go out for dinner on Friday night. You have been looking for the ideal restaurant and this is the option you have chosen:



- THE FISHCLUB, a restaurant whose speciality is fish and seafood.
- It is located in the centre of town, so pubs are near there.
- The average price per person is €50.
- It is very popular so many people go there.
- You are not very keen on spicy food.
- You have not been out for a long time and feel like seeing people around.

SET 12 CANDIDATE B

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

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- Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. You can add ideas of your own.
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18 MONEY



- Money makes the world go round. What do you think about this statement?
- What do you usually spend your money on?
- Do you like shopping? What kind of things do you buy? What kind of shops do you go to?
- What things do you consider too expensive in society nowadays?
- Do you give money to charity?

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- THE NEW ATLAS , a Moroccan restaurant.
- It is situated in a small village, a 20 minute drive from the town.
- The average price per person is €25.
- It is not well-known but it is very good quality.
- You do not like crowded places; you want to have a quiet night talking to your friend.
- You worked at a fishmonger's for 5 years when you were young.