

# Personal Information and Hobbies

## I. THEORY

### 1. Vocabulary

| No | Word                                                      | Meaning                                                                                                                                                       | Example                                                        |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | First name/<br>Forename/<br>Given Name                    | your personal name: tên                                                                                                                                       | My first name is Hoang.                                        |
| 2  | Middle name                                               | the name some people have between their first name and their last name                                                                                        | My name is Nhu Quynh. My middle name is Nhu.                   |
| 3  | Last name/<br>surname/                                    | Your family name: họ                                                                                                                                          | She is Taylor. Her last name/ surname is Swift                 |
| 4  | Address                                                   | the number of the house, name of the road, and name of the town where a person lives or works: địa chỉ                                                        | Her new address is 12 Warwickshire Mansions.                   |
| 5  | District                                                  | an area of a country or city, especially one regarded as a distinct unit because of a particular characteristic: Quận                                         | He lives in Hai Chai District.                                 |
| 6  | Province                                                  | a type of administrative division that is larger than a district but smaller than a region: Tỉnh                                                              | Vietnam has 63 provinces and city.                             |
| 7  | Town                                                      | an urban area that has a name, defined boundaries, and local government, and that is generally larger than a village and smaller than a city: Thị trấn        | He was born in Hoi An Ancient Town.                            |
| 8  | Ward                                                      | one of the areas into which a city or town is divided, having its own elected political representative or its own organizations for managing services: Phường | I live in An Hai Tay Ward, Son Tra District, Da Nang City.     |
| 9  | Phone number/<br>mobile phone number/<br>cellphone number | a number assigned to a telephone line for a specific phone or set of phones: số điện thoại                                                                    | You'll find the address and phone number of the college below. |
| 10 | Sex/gender                                                | the physical state of being either male, female, or intersex: Giới tính                                                                                       | What sex/ gender is your cat?                                  |
| 11 | Male                                                      | belonging or relating to men: Nam                                                                                                                             | His gender is male.                                            |

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| 12 | Female                        | belonging or relating to women: Nữ                              | Her gender is female.                              |
| 13 | Date of birth                 | the day you were born:<br>Ngày tháng năm sinh                   | Please state your name and date of birth.          |
| 14 | Place of birth                | the place you were born: Nơi sinh                               | Da Nang is my place of birth.                      |
| 15 | Nationality                   | the official right to belong to a particular country: Quốc tịch | She has British nationality.                       |
| 16 | Job/Profession/<br>Occupation | the regular work that a person does to earn money: Nghề nghiệp  | She's applied for a job with an insurance company. |



| Country     | Nationality | Language       | Country   | Nationality | Language   |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Afghanistan | Afghan      | Afghan         | Italy     | Italian     | Italian    |
| Argentina   | Argentine   | Spanish        | Japan     | Japanese    | Japanese   |
| Australia   | Australian  | English        | Jordan    | Jordanian   | Arabic     |
| Bolivia     | Bolivian    | Spanish        | Korea     | Korean      | Korean     |
| Brazil      | Brazilian   | Portuguese     | Laos      | Laotian     | Laotian    |
| Cambodia    | Cambodian   | Cambodian      | Latvia    | Latvian     | Latvian    |
| Canada      | Canadian    | English/French | Lithuania | Lithuanian  | Lithuanian |
| Chile       | Chilean     | Spanish        | Malaysia  | Malaysian   | Malay      |
| China       | Chinese     | Chinese        | Mexico    | Mexican     | Spanish    |

## 2. Sentence Structures

|                                | Sentence structures                                  | Example                                                             |
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| <b>Introduction to Hobbies</b> | I'm really into/fond of/keen on...                   | I'm really into hiking and exploring new trails.                    |
|                                | One of my favorite pastimes is...                    | One of my favorite pastimes is photography.                         |
|                                | I have a passion for...                              | I have a passion for cooking exotic dishes from around the world.   |
|                                | I like/enjoy/love...                                 | I enjoy playing the guitar in my free time.                         |
|                                | I'm a big fan of...                                  | I'm a big fan of vintage book collecting.                           |
| <b>Describing the Hobby</b>    | It involves...                                       | It involves creating intricate origami sculptures.                  |
|                                | I spend my time...                                   | I spend my time perfecting my watercolor painting techniques.       |
|                                | It's all about...                                    | It's all about coding and developing new software applications.     |
|                                | I find it really relaxing/fulfilling/entertaining... | I find it really relaxing to knit and create handmade scarves."     |
|                                | I find joy in the simple act of...                   | I find joy in the simple act of collecting stamps.                  |
| <b>Frequency and Duration</b>  | I do it regularly, usually...                        | I do it regularly, usually every morning before work.               |
|                                | I make time for it at least...                       | I make time for it at least three times a week, usually after work. |

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|  | It's a daily/weekly ritual for me to...                    | It's a daily ritual for me to practice mindfulness through meditation.          |
|  | It's a part of my routine, and I've been doing it since... | It's a part of my morning routine, and I've been doing it since I can remember. |

## II. PRACTICE

**Exercise 1:** Listen and fill the gap (Nghe và điền vào chỗ trống)

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| Surname          |  |
| First name       |  |
| Country          |  |
| Age              |  |
| Address          |  |
| Telephone number |  |

**Exercise 2:** Read the conversation and choose the correct answer (Đọc đoạn hội thoại sau và chọn đáp án đúng)

**Sarah:** Hi there! My name is Sarah. How about you?

**Alex:** Nice to meet you, Sarah! I'm Alex. Where are you from?

**Sarah:** I'm from Canada. How about you, Alex?

**Alex:** I'm from the United States. So, Sarah, how old are you?

**Sarah:** I'm 25. And you?

**Alex:** I'm 28. By the way, do you mind sharing your phone number? We could exchange contacts.

**Sarah:** Sure, it's 555-1234. And yours?

**Alex:** Great! Mine is 555-5678. Thanks! So, Sarah, what do you like to do in your free time?

**Sarah:** I love hiking and reading. Exploring new trails is so refreshing, and a good book is my escape. How about you, Alex?

**Alex:** Nice choices! I'm into photography and playing the guitar. Capturing moments and creating music are my passions.

**Sarah:** That's awesome! Maybe we can exchange some book and music recommendations sometime.

**Alex:** Absolutely! I'd love that. By the way, do you have a favorite genre or author?

**Sarah:** I enjoy fantasy novels, and J.K. Rowling is a favorite. How about you with music?

**Alex:** I'm a fan of rock and blues. Classic bands like Led Zeppelin and contemporary blues artists really resonate with me.

**Sarah:** Cool choices! It was great getting to know you, Alex.

**Alex:** Likewise, Sarah! Let's definitely keep in touch and maybe plan a hike or a music night sometime.





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| Where is Sarah from?                  |  |
| How old is Sarah?                     |  |
| What is Alex's phone number?          |  |
| What is Sarah's favorite hobby?       |  |
| What is Alex's favorite hobby?        |  |
| What is Sarah's favorite book genre?  |  |
| What is Sarah's favorite music genre? |  |

**Exercise 3: Rewrite sentences without changing meanings** (*Viết lại câu sao cho nghĩa không đổi*)

1. I have a deep love for playing the piano.  
→ (Have a passion for) .....
2. I like spending my evenings watching documentaries.  
→ (Be into) .....
3. My hobby includes creating handmade greeting cards.  
→ (Involves) .....
4. Experimenting with new cooking techniques is what it's all about.  
→ (Be all about) .....
5. I'm really into painting landscapes.  
→ (Favorite pastime) .....
6. I am really into practicing mindfulness meditation as a daily ritual.  
→ (Be a daily ritual) .....
7. I am really into vintage book collecting.  
→ (Be a big fan of) .....
8. I like hiking in the mountains.  
→ (Fond of) .....
9. Gardening on weekends is something I enjoy.  
→ (Find joy in the simple act of) .....
10. It makes me relaxing when I play the piano.  
→ (Find it really relaxing) .....
11. I like exploring new hiking trails.  
→ (Be a big fan of) .....
12. One of my favorite pastimes is reading science fiction novels.  
→ (Be keen on) .....
13. It's a part of my routine to listen to music.  
→ (Spend time) .....
14. I'm really into travelling the world.  
→ (Love) .....
15. I am keen on surfing the internet in my free time.  
→ (Like) .....