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1. Do you like drawing?

→ Yes, I have **taken a keen interest in** drawing since I was a kid, and at one point I even attended an art class for beginners. These days though, I rarely draw due to a lack of time, however, I still **spend some time** occasionally on the weekend to visit an art gallery in the city.

- **take an interest in** / 'teɪkən ən 'ɪntrəst ɪn /: hứng thú với.

Ex: I wish John would take an interest in his schoolwork.

- **spend time doing sth** / spend 'tʌm 'duːɪŋ 'sʌmθɪŋ /: dành thời gian cho hoạt động

Ex: On the weekends I usually spend my time with my family and friends.

2. Do you like to go to the gallery?

→ Absolutely yes. I'm a big fan of fine art, so I often spend time on the weekends visiting different galleries and exhibitions. **Aesthetic quality** can vary from different art styles, so I enjoy both **historical-themed** masterpieces in local galleries and modern artwork in certain art showcases.

- **Aesthetic quality** / ɪːs'θetɪk 'kwɒləti /: giá trị nghệ thuật

Ex: Aesthetic quality is considered one of the most significant factors when judging artwork.

- **Historical-themed** / hɪ'stɒrɪkəl ðəmd /: mang chủ đề lịch sử

Ex: Historical-themed artworks appear to be quite boring to some people.

3. Do you want to learn more about art?

→ Though I don't see myself as being **gifted**, I'd still like to attend art classes to fulfill my passion for painting. Personally speaking, learning to paint or draw not only helps to promote **creativity** but also significantly reduces my stress levels.

- **gifted (adj)** / 'ɡɪf.tɪd /: có năng khiếu

Ex: She is a gifted dancer who won numerous awards.

- **creativity (n)** / 'kriː.ɪ'tɪv.ə.ti /: khả năng sáng tạo

Ex: Too many rules will kill your creativity.

4. Did you learn how to draw when you were a kid?

→ Yes, I enrolled in my first art class when I was 7 years old. My old teacher used to speak highly of my random **scribbles**, though I've never seen myself as being very **artsy**.

- **scribbles (n)** / 'skɪb.əl /: nét vẽ nguệch ngoạc

Ex: The kids have caused many scribbles on the wallpaper.

- **artsy (adj)** / 'ɑːrt.sɪ /: khéo tay, liên quan đến nghệ thuật

Ex: She is a typical artsy person who spends most of her time creating beautiful artwork.

Advertisements



1. Are you interested in watching advertisements on the television or internet?

→ Neither are very **appealing** to me. Don't get me wrong; I don't completely hate advertisements. Some of them are very creative and unique. However, I would rather watch the things that I want to watch and not the adverts.

2. Are there any kinds of advertisements you dislike?

→ **Celebrity endorsements**. I'm not too fond of the way that those famous people influence other people's choices. Some of them haven't even used the product before encouraging their fans to buy it.

3. Do you share advertisements with others?

→ To be honest, yes. I know it sounds crazy to share ads with other people, but there are many hilarious ads, especially those from Thailand. I always **laugh my head off** when watching those funny ads, and so I like to share them with some of my friends who have the same **sense of humor** as me.

4. Would you like to work in the advertising industry in the future?

→ There are numerous reasons why certain meeting places are better than others, but it usually would depend on who the people are, why they are meeting, and their **whereabouts**. For example, due to their **popularity**, cafes tend to be quite noisy places so if you wanted a private conversation about something serious then you might be better off in a park or somewhere quiet and more private.

- **appealing** /ə'pi:liŋ/ (adj): hấp dẫn
Ex: The large salary made their offer even more appealing to him.

- **Celebrity endorsements** /sə'lebrəti m'dɔ:smənt/: quảng cáo thương hiệu bằng người nổi tiếng
Ex: Celebrity endorsement is a very old marketing communication strategy.

- **Laugh one's head off (idiom)**: cười nhiều, lớn
Ex: You laughed your head off when I fell!
- **Sense of humor (n)**: khiếu hài hước
Ex: He has a great sense of humor because he makes me laugh every time we meet.

- **whereabouts (n)** /'weɪə.bəʊts/: vị trí địa lý
Ex: Trupin is thought to be in the Caribbean, although his exact whereabouts is a mystery.
- **popularity (n)** /ˌpɒ:pjə'lɪə.ə.ti/: độ yêu thích
Ex: Organic food has gained increasing popularity.