Age/Different stages in life

1.12

1. Are you happy with the age you are now?
→ Yes, I'm enjoying the best time of my life, at the age of twenty four. I have everything I need: **a well-paid job**[1], a boyfriend and a house to return. It can be considered as **a sense of satisfaction**[2].

[1]**A well-paid job** /ˌwel ˈpeɪd dʒɒb/: một công việc lương cao
Ví dụ: At last he had found a well-paid job that interested him.

[2]**A sense of satisfaction:** cảm giác hài lòng
Sense /sens/: Cảm giác
Satisfaction /ˌsæt.ɪsˈfæk.ʃən/: hài lòng
Ví dụ: I did not feel any sense of satisfaction at all.

2. What is the most important thing you've done in your life so far?
→ Up until now, the most crucial thing is that I have got a **decent job**[3] to earn money and **relieve the financial burden**[4] on my family. I could also buy my dad a new tie and buy my mom a new dress with the amount of money I earn by myself.

[3]**A decent job** /ˈdiː.sənt dʒɒb /: Một công việc tốt, ổn định
Ví dụ: He got a decent job doing construction

[4]**To relieve the financial burden:** giảm bớt gánh nặng tài chính
Relieve /rɪˈliːv/ : Dịu đi, giảm bớt đi
Burden /ˈbɜː.dən/: gánh nặng
Financial /faɪˈnæn.ʃəl/: tài chính
Ví dụ: The New Zealander believes that central contracts for the top players could help relieve the financial burden.

3. What do you hope you'll be doing in five years time?
→ I haven't had any clear plan yet but I think at this time 5 years later, I will be studying overseas for a **master's degree**[5]. You know, **pursuing further education**[6] is always my dream.

[5]**Master's degree:** bằng thạc sĩ
Degree /dɪˈgriː/: trình độ, bằng cấp
Ví dụ: He received a master's degree at Villanova.

[6]**To pursue further education:** theo đuổi nền giáo dục cao hơn
Pursue /pəˈsjuː/ : theo đuổi
Further /ˈfɜː.ðər/ : Xa hơn
Education /ˌedʒ.uˈkeɪ.ʃən/ : Giáo dục
Ví dụ: If they don't pursue further education by age 24, statistically it is not going to happen.

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Discussion

1.13

1. What kinds of things do you enjoy discussing with your friends?

→ Well, all sorts of things from films, idols, shopping to food can be a topic of our talk. We also like to **catch up on**[1] what each of us has been up to recently. Well, I don't really know whether it's **a stereotype**[2] but women tend to have many more things to discuss than men, right?

[1]**To catch up on** /kætʃ ʌp ɒn/: bắt kịp, theo kịp
Ví dụ: we catch up on the work.

[2]**A stereotype** /ˈster.i.ə.taɪp/: một điều định kiến
Ví dụ: The characters in the book are just stereotypes

2. In a discussion, do you prefer to talk more or listen more?

→Well, I would say I'm more into listening. Honestly, I'm not a talkative person but when needed, I'm ready to raise my voice and share my opinions.

3. Do you often change your opinion during a discussion?

→ In case I find that my point's no longer appropriate, I will **adapt**[3] to make my idea better. Being **determined**[4] and sticking with an opinion is good but not all the time. Sometimes, change is for the better.

[3]**To adapt** /əˈdæpt/: thay đổi
Ví dụ: The play had been adapted for children.

[4]**To be determined** /dɪˈtɜː.mɪnd/ : kiên định
Ví dụ: She will get the job she wants - she's a very determined person.

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Recycle

1.14

1. Do you recycle now? Why?

→ Yes, I do recycle but not too often. Instead, I reuse things like glass jars and bottles, paper bags or plastic bags to reduce the amount of waste thrown out. If I have no idea about how to reuse it, I will **sort things out**[1] and send them to the recycling centre.

[1]**To sort things out:** phân loại
Sort /sɔ:t/ : sắp xếp
Ví dụ: He figured he'd burn through his $15,000 savings and sort things out from there.

2. Did you recycle when you were a kid?

→ No, I'm afraid. Recycling wasn't common at that time, especially in the place where I lived which was a rural area. That's why **my memory went blank**[2] for a second after hearing your question.

[2]**My memory went blank:** trí nhớ đột nhiên trống rỗng
Memory /ˈmem.ər.i/: trí nhớ
Blank/blæŋk/: trống rỗng, khoảng trống
Ví dụ: My memory went blank on my very first line.

3. Will you recycle in the future?

→ Of course yes. Recycling is **environmentally friendly**[3]. As I said, it helps to limit the amount of harmful **pollutants**[4] that need to be **disposed of**[5]. Besides, I will also encourage my friends and family to recycle and reuse so as to keep our environment clean.

[3]**To be environmentally friendly:** thân thiện và không gây hại cho môi trường
Friendly /ˈfrend.li/: thân thiện
Environmentally /ɪnˌvaɪ.rənˈmen.təl.i/(adv) : môi trường
Ví dụ: There are a growing number of investors backing firms that are environmentally-friendly.

[4]**Pollutants** /pəˈluː.tənt/: chất gây ô nhiễm
Ví dụ: Sulphur dioxide is one of several pollutants.

[5]**To dispose of** /dɪˈspəʊz əv/ : vứt ra, thải ra
Ví dụ: It took only five minutes for the world champion to dispose of his opponent.

4. What kind of things do you recycle?

→ Things made from **non-biodegradable**[6] materials like plastic, glass, metal, ... can be recycled.

[6]**Non-biodegradable** /nɒn baɪ.əʊ.dɪˈgreɪ.də.bəl/: không có khả năng tự hủy sinh học
Ví dụ: Globally, around six billion non-biodegradable cards are produced each year.

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Sport

1.15

1. What sports did you do when you were a kid?
→ Actually I didn't play any sports when I was a little girl. Instead, I just spent all my childhood playing traditional games such as hide and seek, bag jumping, ...

2. What's your favorite sport? Why?
→Now, I'm still not a **sporty person**[1] so I don't **have a passion for**[2] any particular kinds of sport. But if I have to choose one, I would love to take up swimming. Well, I think it's kinda **exhilarating**[3] and good fun to relax during **a boiling hot weather**[4].

[1]**A sporty** /ˈspɔːˌti/: một người yêu thích và giỏi thể thao
Ví dụ: Guy wasn't really the sporty type.

[2]**To have a passion for something:** có niềm đam mê, yêu thích về một cái gì đó
Passion /ˈpæʃ.ən/ : đam mê
Ví dụ: I have a passion for history.

[3]**To be exhilarating and good fun:** hứng khởi và vui vẻ
Exhilarating /ɪgˈzɪl.ə.reɪ.tɪŋ/ : Hứng khởi
Ví dụ: His work is exhilarating and good fun

[4]**A boiling hot weather:** thời tiết nóng sôi (nóng như nước sôi)
Boiling /ˈbɔɪ.lɪŋ/: sôi
Hot /hɒt/ : nóng
Weather /ˈweð.ər/ :thời tiết
Ví dụ: We don't usually have such boiling hot weather.

3. Do you watch sports? Why?
→ No. Watching sports is **not my cup of tea**[5]. I find it so **tedious**[6]. In fact, I'm more into watching comedies or TV series which make me laugh **hysterically**[7] to relieve my stress.

[5]**My cup of tea (idiom):** sở thích của tôi
Ví dụ: Opera is not my cup of tea.

[6]**To be tedious** /ˈtiː.di.əs/ : buồn chán
Ví dụ: The problem is I find most forms of exercise so tedious.

[7]**Laugh hysterically:** cười một cách điên cuồng
Hysterically /hɪˈster.ɪ.kəl.i/ : điên cuồng, cuồng loạn
Laugh /lɑːf/ : Cười
Ví dụ: She started laughing hysterically.

4. Are you a fan of any sport teams? Why?
→ Honestly, I don't have my favorite team because like I said, I'm not **fond of**[8] watching these matches. **Having said that**[9], I do admire the Vietnamese national football team. You know, all players are skillful despite their young age.

[8]**To be fond of:** thích
Ví dụ: She was very fond of horses

[9]**Having said that:** mặc dù vậy
Ví dụ: He forgets most things, but having said that, he always remembers my birthday

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