

Speaking module (11–14 minutes)

PART 1

Answer these questions.

Let's talk about what you do.

Do you work, or are you a student?

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What subjects do you study?

Why did you choose this course?

OR

What's your job?

Why did you choose this job?

Now let's talk about reading.

Did your parents read to you when you were a child? Why/Why not?

Do you read for pleasure very often? Why/Why not?

What kind of books or magazines do you buy? Why/Why not?

Which do you find easier, reading in English or writing in English? Why?

PART 2

You have one minute to make notes on the following topic. Then you have up to two minutes to talk about it.

Describe an elderly person in your family who you enjoy talking to.

You should say:

who the person is

what he/she is like

how often you see him/her

and explain why you enjoy talking to this person.

Do other people in your family like talking to this person too?

When did you last see this person?

PART 3

Consider these questions, and then answer them.

Let's go on to talk about elderly people who live with their families.

In your country, do most grandparents live in the same house as their children and grandchildren? Why/Why not?

What are the advantages and disadvantages for grandparents of living in the same house as their children and grandchildren?

Now let's talk about retirement.

Do you think some people retire from their jobs too early? Why/Why not?

Why do you think some people feel unhappy when they first retire from work?

What types of hobby do people enjoy doing after they have retired from work?

Now let's consider old age in the future.

What kinds of problem can be caused when the proportion of elderly people in a country keeps rising?

In what ways might the lives of elderly people be different in the future? Why/Why not?