Borrowing / Lending

1.16

1. Have you ever borrowed money from others?
→ Yes, occasionally, in unexpected cases. Like, yesterday, I did borrow some money from my roommates to buy some food since I forgot my wallet at school. But most of the time, I try to manage my money carefully so that I won't **get into debt**[1] some days.

[1]**To get into debt:** nợ nần
Debt /det/ : nợ
Ví dụ: He got into debt after he lost his job.

2. Do you like lending things to others?
→ I don't mind lending things as long as the borrower promises to return it back to me on time and **on top of that**[2], they must be a responsible person because I don't like to see any damage to my stuff.

[2]**On top of that:** trên hết là
Ví dụ: On top of that, it was funny.

3. How do you feel when people don't return the things they borrowed from you?
→ Basically, those people will **leave a bad impression on**[3] me. They have **betrayed my trust**[4]. Well, it's not that serious actually but I won't lend them anything after that.

[3]**To leave a bad impression on somebody:** để lại ấn tượng xấu cho ai đó
Impression /ɪmˈpreʃ.ən/ : ấn tượng
Ví dụ: Remember, bad hygiene will leave a bad impression on everyone

[4]**To be betrayed my trust:** phản bội lòng tin
Betray /bɪˈtreɪ/: phản bội
Trust /trʌst/: lòng tin
Ví dụ: My girlfriend betrayed my trust

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Voice

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1. Is your voice similar to that of a family member?

→ I don't think so. My parents have heavy **local accents**[1] from central Vietnam while I don't. I guess it's because I was born and raised in the south. Not to mention that my parents' voices are much **thicker**[2] than mine.

[1]**A local accents:** giọng địa phương
Local /ˈləʊ.kəl/: địa phương
Accents /ˈæk.sənt/: giọng
Ví dụ: He speaks with a local accent.

[2]**To be thicker** /θɪk/: trầm hơn
Ví dụ: Closed-circuit security cameras are probably thicker on the ground in Britain than in any other country.

2. Do you enjoy recording your voice and listening to it?

→ I used to feel quite **awkward**[3] when recording and listening to my own voice, but now, I really enjoy it. Actually, it's the thing I do every day to become more **fluent at**[4] speaking English. By listening to my voice, I can easily check my pronunciation, fluency and intonation.

[3]**To be awkward** /ˈɔːkwəd/: kỳ quặc, ngượng ngùng
Ví dụ: He seemed a little awkward when I first met him.

[4]**To be fluent at** /ˈfluːənt/: trôi chảy, lưu loát
Ví dụ: There was not anything fluent at all about our offense

3. Was your voice different when you were young?

→ I'm not sure but I don't think there have been any significant changes in my voice. I've always had this **high-pitched**[5] voice. To be honest, I don't really like my voice because it doesn't sound "mature" at all.

[5]**High-pitched** /ˌhaɪˈpɪtʃt/: giọng cao
Ví dụ: He talks to his dog in the most ridiculous high-pitched voice.

4. Does everyone have the same voice?

→ I guess not since I have never met two people with the same voice, **let alone**[6] everyone. Voices **vary from person to person**[7] and it either will be different in pitch, volume or tone.

[6]**Let alone** /let əˈləʊn/: huống chi, huống hồ
Ví dụ: Some people never even read a newspaper, let alone a book.

[7]**To vary from person to person:** khác biệt giữa người này với người khác
Vary /ˈveə.ri/: thay đổi.
Person /ˈpɜː.sən/: người
Ví dụ: The effects will vary from person to person.

5. Are you using the same voice all the time?

→ Probably no. Whenever I am in **a heated discussion**[8], I often **raise the tone and volume**[9] of my voice in order to place more emphasis on the message I am delivering.

[8]**A heated discussion:** cuộc tranh luận nảy lửa
Heated /ˈhiː.tɪd/: nổi nóng
Discussion /dɪˈskʌʃ.ən/: cuộc tranh luận
Ví dụ: Her remarks on the employment question led to a heated discussion.

[9]**To raise the tone and volume:** lên tông giọng và lớn tiếng
Raise /reɪz/: làm cho thứ gì đó tăng lên
Tone /təʊn/: tông giọng
volume /ˈvɒl.juːm/: độ lớn của âm thanh
Ví dụ: My boss raise the tone and volume to me

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Haircut

1.18

1. What's your favorite hairstyle?
→ I don't actually have a favorite hairstyle these days. But in the past, I used to be crazy about the **undercut**[1] style which was really **compatible with**[2] my face shape. However, now I just let the **barber**[3] do whatever he wants as long as I look neat and tidy.

[1] **Undercut** /ˌʌn.dəˈkʌt/: kiểu tóc undercut
Ví dụ: My favorite hairstyle is the undercut style

[2] **To be compatible with** /kəmˈpæt.ə.bəl/: thích hợp với
Ví dụ: Such policies are not compatible with democratic government.

[3] **Barber** /ˈbɑː.bər/: thợ cắt tóc
Ví dụ: He used to work as a barber.

2. How often do you have your hair cut?
→ Once a month or once every two months I suppose. Because my hair grows quite fast so I have to go to a barbershop to **have it cut**[4] and sometimes dyed if I want to **refresh**[5] myself.

[4] **To have it cut and dyed:** cắt và nhuộm tóc
cut /kʌt/: cắt
dyed /daɪ/: thay đổi màu sắc của vật bằng chất lỏng, trong trường hợp này là nhuộm tóc.
Ví dụ: My girl friend will have it cut and dyed before TET holiday

[5] **To refresh** /rɪˈfreʃ/: làm mới
Ví dụ: A good night's sleep will refresh you.

3. How much money do you usually spend on your hair cut? How often do you change your hair cut?
→ As I mentioned, I **do multiple things at the same time**[6] like having my hair cut and dyed, so the cost of my haircut is quite high. Every now and then, I often **get a facial massage**[7] and shampoo also, so the cost can sometimes **amount to**[8] a hundred VND in total.

[6] **To do multiple things at the same time:** làm nhiều việc cùng lúc
Ví dụ: The Congress and its members can do multiple things at the same time

[7] **To get a facial massage:** mát-xa mặt
facial /ˈfeɪ.ʃəl/: thuộc hoặc nằm trên khuôn mặt
massage /ˈmæs.ɑːʒ/: mát-xa
Ví dụ: I get a facial massage in every day

[8] **To amount to** /əˈmaʊnt/: lên đến
Federal and state costs for building and operating prisons amounted to $25 billion.

4. Have you ever kept a hairstyle you don't like?
→ Everyone must have, at least once in their life, and I am no exception. When I was in grade 6, undercut style was a **megatrend**[9] so I decided to **give it a try**[10]. It turned out that the style made me look quite rebellious, which gained a lot **unnecessary attention**[11] from my teachers.

[9] **Megatrend:** xu hướng lớn (toàn cầu)
Ví dụ: The advance of technology constitutes a development megatrend with megatrend with huge potential.

[10] **To give it a try:** thử
Ví dụ: You can give it a try here.

[11] **Unnecessary attention:** sự chú ý không cần thiết
Unnecessary /ʌnˈnes.ə.ser.i/: không cần thiết
attention /əˈten.ʃən/: sự chú ý
Ví dụ: It would create unnecessary attention.

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5. What was the last time you had your hair cut?

→ If I'm not mistaken, it has been a month since the last time I **had my hair done**[12]. I'm planning to go to the barber's next week to have my hair cut and styled for my birthday.

[12]**To have my hair done:** làm tóc
hair /heər/: tóc
done /dʌn/: làm
Ví dụ: I had my hair done yesterday.

6. On what occasions do Vietnamese people usually have their hair cut?

→ Well, people in my country usually have their haircut and also styled before important occasions like their birthdays, Tet holidays and so on; or simply when it has reached a certain length.

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Friend

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1. What kind of people do you like to make friends with? / What do you think make good friends?

→ Honestly speaking, I would say those who **take responsibility for**[1] their actions would make great friends because they must be very **trustworthy**[2]. On the other hand, I would never, **not even in a million years**[4], be friends with a **stingy**[3] person.

[1]**To take responsibility for** /rɪˌspɒn.sɪˈbɪl.ə.ti/: chịu trách nhiệm
Ví dụ: I take responsibility for what happened.

[2]**To be trustworthy** /ˈtrʌstˌwɜː.ðɪ/: đáng tin cậy
Ví dụ: We have a brand that is perceived as trustworthy.

[3]**To be stingy** /ˈstɪn.dʒi/: keo kiệt
Ví dụ: The landlords are so stingy - they refused to pay for new carpets.

[4]**Not even in a million years:** không bao giờ

2. Do you think you are a good friend for others?

→ Like everyone else, I do make mistakes **once in a while** [5] but I believe that I **have tried my best**[6] to be a supportive and **trustworthy** friend who they can always **confide in** [7].

[5]**Once in a while** /wʌns ɪn ə waɪl/: thỉnh thoảng
Ví dụ: We meet for lunch once in a while.

[6]**To try my best:** cố gắng hết sức
Try /traɪ/: cố gắng làm điều gì đó
Best /best/: tốt nhất
Ví dụ: I'm trying my best, but I just can't do it.

[7]**To confide in** /kənˈfaɪd ɪn/: tâm sự
Ví dụ: She's nice, but I don't feel I can confide in her.

3. Do you have any far friends? How close are you to them? /Why are they close to you?

→ I have a few friends who are studying and working abroad. We try to **catch up with**[8] each other once in a while but it isn't easy. We used to be much closer but now we are slowly **growing apart**[9].

[8]**To catch up with** /kætʃ ʌp wɪð/: bắt kịp với
Ví dụ: Will Western industry ever catch up with Japanese innovations?

[9]**To grow apart** /grəʊ əˈpɑːt/: không còn thân thiết với nhau
Ví dụ: There was nobody else involved - we just grew apart.

4. Have you ever contacted your friends from primary school?/ How important childhood friends are?

→ Honestly the thought of **reaching out to**[10] my childhood friends never occurs to me. Simply because I think we no longer **share any similar interest**[11]. To me, childhood friends are like good old memories that we look back on occasionally.

[10]**To reach out to** /riːtʃ aʊt tu/: chủ động liên lạc với ai đó
Ví dụ: The Democrats have to reach out to these people to win this election.

[11]**To share any similar interest:** có cùng sở thích
share /ʃeər/: chia sẻ
similar /ˈsɪm.ɪ.lər/: gần giống, tương đồng
interest /ˈɪn.trəst/: sở thích
Ví dụ: Toan and Hoang no longer share any similar interest

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