

Lesson 11 - Speaking Part 2 - Objects

I. Speaking Part 2 format: see Coursebook

II. Exam skill: **Describing Objects**

1. Sample questions:

- Describe a piece of clothing that you received as a gift recently?
- Describe a toy you like when you were a child?
- Describe a gift you would like to buy for your friend?
- Describe a product from your area (specialties or handicrafts)?
- Describe your favorite food at a traditional festival?

2. Answer structure:

How you got it (Bạn có nó như thế nào) Giới thiệu về đối tượng sẽ nói tới Thời gian mua, hoàn cảnh mua Mô tả sơ về địa điểm mua	Features and functions (Đặc điểm và công dụng) Ấn tượng đầu tiên về đối tượng Mô tả về hình dáng bên ngoài (hình dáng chung, kích thước, màu sắc, giá cả, v.v) Chất liệu, nguồn gốc làm nên đối tượng Đặc tính và chức năng chính của vật Tần suất sử dụng đối tượng của bản thân Điểm thích nhất của bản thân
Why and how often you use/wear it (Tại sao và tần suất sử dụng đối tượng) Cảm xúc đối với đối tượng (có thể đề cập và so sánh cảm xúc trong quá khứ, hiện tại và tương lai)	Story telling (Kéo dài = kể chuyện) Kể câu chuyện liên quan đến đồ vật Ý nghĩa và cảm xúc đằng sau câu chuyện

3. Useful sentence structures:

a. How you got it (Bạn có nó như thế nào)

- Today, I am going to talk about my all-time favourite (piece of clothing, piece of technology) which was... (Dịch: Hôm nay, tôi sẽ nói về niềm yêu thích của tôi (một bộ quần áo, đồ công nghệ) cái mà...)
- This...was given to me as a gift from my parents on my birthday (Dịch: Cái này... đã được tặng cho tôi như một món quà từ cha mẹ tôi vào ngày sinh nhật của tôi)
- I (picked it up / came across / got my hand on this ...) for a price of ... a couple of years ago from a ... (Dịch: Tôi (nhặt nó lên / vô tình thấy/ có trên tay tôi...) với giá của... vài năm trước từ một...)
- This place is well-known for selling / making ... with very reasonable prices. (Dịch: Đây là nơi nổi tiếng về bán / làm... với giá cả rất hợp lý.)

b. Features and functions (Đặc điểm và công dụng)

- At first, I was very impressed by... (Dịch: Lúc đầu, tôi rất ấn tượng bởi...)
- Talking about its design/shape/appearance, it is a/an + tính từ + ..., made of ... (Dịch: Nói về thiết kế / hình dạng / vẻ ngoài của nó, nó là một + tính từ + ..., được làm bằng ...)
- It has the fragrance of lavender / vanilla,...(Dịch: Nó có hương thơm của hoa oải hương / hương vani,...)

- Moving on to its function,... (Dịch: Chuyển sang chức năng của nó,...)
- The best thing about this ... is that... (Dịch: điều tốt nhất về cái này... là...)
- ... is an essential part of my life I can't imagine how to do without (Dịch: là một phần thiết yếu trong cuộc sống của tôi, tôi không thể tưởng tượng được sẽ làm như thế nào nếu không có)

c. Why and how often you use/wear it (Tại sao và tần suất sử dụng đối tượng)

- To me,...has great emotional/ sentimental values ... (Dịch: Đối với tôi, ... có những giá trị tình cảm / tình cảm rất lớn ...)
- I'm always conscious of keeping ... intact (Dịch: Tôi luôn ý thức giữ ... nguyên vẹn)
- I can say that ... worth every penny and I've made the right decision to buy it. (Dịch: Tôi có thể nói rằng... đáng giá từng xu và tôi đã đưa ra quyết định đúng đắn khi mua nó.)
- That's pretty much everything. (Dịch: Đó là khá nhiều thứ)

III. Practice:

1. Exercise 1 – Identify the topic questions of these answers:

a. _____

Recently, I received a beautiful jacket as a gift, which I absolutely adore. It was given to me by my close friend for my birthday, and I couldn't have asked for a more thoughtful present. The jacket is made from a high-quality, soft wool blend that feels incredibly warm and comfortable, perfect for the cooler months. It's a deep shade of navy blue, which I think complements my complexion quite well. The design is quite elegant, with a minimalist look, featuring a sleek, tailored cut that enhances its sophistication. I particularly appreciate the subtle detailing, like the silver buttons and the fine stitching, which add a touch of luxury without being too flashy. It also has a versatile style, so I can easily pair it with both casual and semi-formal outfits, making it a practical addition to my wardrobe. Since receiving it, I've worn it several times, and I always feel stylish and cozy when I do. This jacket holds sentimental value as it reminds me of the thoughtfulness and care that went into picking it out, making it a truly special piece of clothing.

b. _____

If I had the chance to buy a gift for my friend, I would choose a high-quality leather wallet. My friend has always been someone who appreciates practical, long-lasting items, so I think this gift would be perfect for him. I would select a classic, sleek design in dark brown or black, which would match well with most of his outfits. The wallet would have multiple compartments to hold cards, cash, and even some coins, providing both functionality and style. I know he would appreciate the craftsmanship and the fact that it's something he can use every day. Leather, especially when it's well-made, ages beautifully and becomes even more personal over time, so it would be a gift that lasts and improves with age. I would probably momentarily also have it engraved with his initials, which would make it extra special and unique to him. I think he would really appreciate the thoughtfulness behind the gift, as it's something both useful and meaningful.

c. _____

When I was a child, one of my favorite toys was a remote-controlled car. It was a small car that I could control with a remote, making it move forward, backward, and even turn left and right. I was fascinated by how the car would zoom around the house, and I spent hours playing with it. The car was made of plastic and had bright colors, with red and blue being the dominant ones. It was not very expensive, but to me, it felt like the best toy in the world. I loved the feeling of controlling the car as it raced across the floor. My friends and I would often race our cars to see whose was faster, and it was always a lot of fun. This toy not only provided entertainment but also helped me develop my coordination and motor skills. Looking back, I realize how much joy it brought me, and it is still one of the fondest memories of my childhood.

d. _____

If I had the chance to buy a gift for my friend, I would choose a nice watch. My friend has always been a fan of wearing watches, and I think it would be a great gift for him. I would choose a simple design that's stylish but not too flashy, something that can be worn both with casual clothes and more formal outfits. I would probably pick a black or silver strap because these colors are very versatile and can match easily with almost anything in his wardrobe. The watch would also have a clear, easy-to-read face, which I think is very practical. I would try to choose a high-quality one, so it lasts a long time and doesn't break easily. I know my friend would appreciate a gift like this because it's something useful that he can wear every day, and it shows I've thought about what he likes. Plus, a watch is a gift that doesn't go out of style, so it's something he can enjoy for many years.

2. Exercise 2: Underline adjectives used to describe the outlook of the object.

3. Exercise 3: Circle the words that you can paraphrase using words from Lesson 11.

4. Write an outline answering the following questions:

a. Describe an important object you have.

You should say:

- What the object is
- Where you got it from
- How long you have had it
- And explain why it is important to you.

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b. Describe a household appliance you use frequently.

You should say:

- What the appliance is
- How it works
- How often you use it
- And explain why it is important to you.

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Homework: Record a video answering the above question. Upload it on Padlet.