



# Oh My OPIC

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*For All Levels*

# Introduction

- English is a universal language. Many people are getting interested to learn it. The use of the English language is getting popular in Korea and in many countries around the world. We can open ourselves to the world and the only way we can connect to the world is through the universal language. If you are a businessman, you would have to learn English to expand your business overseas. If you're a student, you would have to learn English for your own bright future. If you are an employee, you would have to learn English for the benefit of your career. Even if you are just a street walker, you still need to learn English to understand what's going on in the world. No matter who you are, learning English is very important.
- This book is a written sample of OPIC test (Oral Proficiency Interview) that is usually done through computer. It is a kind of spoken language proficiency test. This material will assess your ability to use the English language effectively and appropriately in real-life situations regardless of when, where, why or the way in which the language has been acquired. It will measure how well you communicate. There are different topic areas tailored to students' linguistic ability, work experience, academic background and interests. This book serves as a structured conversation between an interviewer and the person who is being tested. It is like a role-play of "real life" situations and it asks you to provide a response based on your own situation. You will be given a specific amount of time to respond based on the difficulty of the task.
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# Lesson 1: Tell me about yourself

### Key words:

Introvert, dedicated, hardworking, confident, dependable, outstanding

### Sample Response

My name is Byun Joon Seok and I'm in my mid 20s. I'm single and still looking for a relationship. Currently, I live in Seoul, Korea. My family stays in my hometown in Pusan. I have average height and I also wear eye glasses. I'm a shy and quiet type of person. I study at Korea University and my major is Political Science. I also study English through phone and I attend a translation class. In this course, I learn how to translate Korean documents into English. Right now, I work in the library as a student assistant. I'm very dedicated to my work and I enjoy what I do. I have gained so much experience in this job. I learn how to deal with many people and how to interact with my supervisors and colleagues. And it boosts up my self-confidence since I'm an introverted person. I'm a hardworking person and I make sure that I satisfy the student's needs by providing them an excellent service. My manager always tells me that I'm an important person in the library because I have many responsibilities. Before, I really wanted to be a police man but my plan has changed. Instead, I want to work in a law firm in the future.

### Sentence Structure

#### Name and Age

My name is Byun Joon Seok and I'm in my mid 20s.

My name is Park Young Mi and I'm 34 years old.

My name is Lee Min Ji and I'm in my early 40s.

#### Status

I'm single and still looking for a relationship.

I'm married and have three children.

#### Educational Background

I study at Korea University and my major is Political Science.

I also study English through phone and I attend translation class.

I finished my degree at Princeton University and my major was Advertising.

I majored in English literature at Stanford University.



## Job/ Position

Right now I work in the library as a student assistant.  
I am a teacher in the Science academy.  
I have been an English Instructor in a Korean academy for four years.

## Personality

I'm a shy and quiet type of person.  
I'm very dedicated to my work and I enjoy what I'm doing.  
I'm an introverted person.  
I'm a hardworking person and I have to make sure that I satisfy the student's needs by providing them excellent service.  
I am a hardworking and creative person to carry out my duty  
I'm an outgoing person who has a positive attitude.

## Goals in Life

Before, I really wanted to be a police man but my plan has changed and now I want to work in a law firm in the future.  
I want to be a doctor someday.



## Make up Answer

- Name & Age
- Marriage Status/Family
- Educational Background/Major
- Job/Position
- Personality
- Goals in Life

# Lesson 2: Tell me about your family

## Key words:

Religious, loving, understandable, funny, respect, responsible, supportive, close family.

## Sample response

I'm married to John Lim. We've been married for three years. We had a baby boy name Joshua and he just turned one last month. I met my husband when we were still in college. He was a senior student and I was a freshman. We hit it off and we have been dating for seven years. After I graduated from college and had a job as a Telemarketer, we decided to get married. My husband is a Vice President of Union Oil Company. My parents like John very much. They actually treat him as their own son. When my father died, John was there to be a shoulder to cry on and he even supported my family. What I like about him is that he is a very funny person. He always makes me laugh. He's got a great sense of humor. Even though he is very busy in his work, he always has time for us. On weekends, he cooks food and he even helps me do the laundry and he also plays with my son. Every Saturday morning they go to the park and stroll around. Not only do we go out on dates, we also watch movies or fashion shows, concerts, clubbing and playing badminton. Then on Sundays, we go to church together with my in-laws.

## Sentence Structure

### Introduction

I have a wife and an adorable daughter.

My brother and I still live with our parents.

I'm married to John Lim. We've been married for three years.

### Appearance

My wife and I look alike.

My husband is a very good looking guy.

Even though my father is 55 already, he still does look young and fresh.

My mother is trendy.

The loveliest person in the world is my wife.



## **Personality**

She is so stubborn and strict that we quarrel very often.

My father is very strict and that is why we follow and obey him.

My mother is very understanding.

## **Activity/Relationship**

We are apart from each other, but we get together almost every weekend to have dinner together.

On weekends, he cooks food, he even help me do the laundry and he plays with my son.

And every Sunday we go to church.

## **Others**

My father and I play guitar together singing “Come Together” , a song by the Beatles.

Not only do we go out on dates, we also watch movies or fashion shows, concerts, clubbing and playing badminton.

## **Make up Answer**

- Introduction
- Appearance
- Personality
- Activity/Relationship
- Others



# Lesson 3: Tell me about your hobbies and interests

## Key words:

Classic, suspense, thriller, action, enrich, in, relieve, bonding, fantasy, novels, inspire, motivated

## Sample Response

Reading is one of my favorite things to do. However, it is not easy to focus on reading since there are many things that are more exciting to do than reading. I usually read books before going to bed, during my leisure time or depending on my mood. I prefer to read classic English books because they help me enrich my vocabulary skills and knowledge. My favorite author is William Shakespeare who wrote the famous novel “Romeo and Juliet”. When it comes to sports, playing badminton is included in the list of my hobbies. Badminton is one of the best exercises that I could do on my free time. I normally play badminton on weekends since I am busy during weekdays. It somehow helps me maintain my good body posture. For me, hobbies and interests are same as long as I enjoy doing them both. I like to go to the movies and buy DVDs very much. I like all kinds of movies but my favorites are action, suspense and thriller movies. I do have lots of favorite movies. I love the movie of Liam Neeson “Taken”.

It is a story of a former spy who relied on his old skills to save his estranged daughter, who has been forced into the slave trade. I was completely surprised and blown away when I went to watch this movie. I found the story original and I was completely taken away by this movie. Normally I watch movies every weekend with my family. Watching a movie serves as family bonding to me and my family, so I might say we usually watch them. Sometimes I watch movies in order to relieve my stress and forget some problems. There are lines or phrases that we can get at the movie that might help or inspire us.

## Sentence Structure

### Hobbies and Interests

Reading is one of my favorite things to do.

Writing articles is one of my hobbies.

When it comes to sports, playing badminton is included in the list of my hobbies.

I usually play soccer on my free time.

I like to go to the movies and buy DVDs very much. Watching sports live in the stadium is of my favorite things to do.

## **Favorite/ Genre**

I prefer to read classic English book.

I love reading novels.

Reading Non- Fiction books are one of my favorite.

Badminton is one of the best exercises that I could do on my free time.

I usually play soccer with my friends.

I like all kinds of movies but my favorite is action, suspense and thriller movie.

I'm usually driven to watch movies that portray my personality.

I like comedy, action, and supernatural movies.

## **When and how often**

I usually read books before going to bed, during my leisure time or depending on my mood.

I read books on my free time.

I normally play badminton on weekends since I am busy during weekdays.

I play baseball three times a week.

Normally, I would watch movies every weekend with my family.

I watch DVDs with my sisters every night before sleeping.

## **Description**

My favorite author is William Shakespeare who wrote the famous novel "Romeo and Juliet".

I like John Grisham novels.

I love the movie of Liam Neeson "Taken".

It is a story of a former spy who relied on his old skills to save his estranged daughter, who has been forced into the slave trade.

One of which is the movie version of my favorite TV show "Sex and the City".

The movie didn't disappoint in delighting its audience with lots of music and fashion.

But most of all, the movie never failed to touch the hearts of its followers.

## **Impression**

I was completely surprised and blown away when I went to watch this movie.

I found the story original and I was completely taken away by this movie.

## Reasons

I prefer to read classic English books because it helps me enrich my vocabulary skills and knowledge.

Reading fairytale books gives me the chance to dream the impossible dream.

It somehow helps me maintain my good body posture.

It gives me a sound body and mind.

Watching a movie serves as family bonding to me and my family, so I might say we usually watch them.

Sometimes I watch movies in order to relieve my stress and forget some problems.

There are lines or phrases that we can get at the movie that might help or inspire us.

## Make up Answer

- Hobbies and Interests
- Favorite/ Genre
- When and how often
- Description
- Impression
- Reasons

# Lesson 4: Tell me about your friends.

## Key words:

Rare, blessing, joy, laughter, wonderful

## Sample response

Having a friend has made me happy in a million ways. I enjoyed my friendship with my high school friends. We shared joys and audible laughter that we couldn't explain when we were together. I have got many friends in my high school days. We loved to hang out and go to the beach after exams. We love to go to singing rooms and watching movies together. Our friendship became a habit that we love to stay together all the time. I appreciated all the things we did, and the way we showed our care to everyone. They are the kind of friends that only heaven could have sent me. They are gifts that gold cannot buy, blessings that are rare and true, they are the gift of a wonderful friend like the friend that I have in them.

## Sentence Structure

### Composition of Friends

I enjoyed my friendship with my high school friends.

I have many college friends.

### Interest

We loved to hang out and go to the beach after exams.

We loved to go to singing rooms and watching movies together.

Going to amusement park is one of our interests.

## Importance/Impression

Our friendship became a habit that we love to stay together all the time.

I appreciated all the things we do, and the way we showed our care to everyone.

They are the kind of friends that only heaven could have sent me.

They are gifts that gold cannot buy, blessings that are rare and true, they are the gift of a wonderful friend like the friend that I have in them.

## Make up answer

- Composition of Friends
- Interest
- Importance/Impression

# Lesson 1: Tell me the nature of your Job.

### Key words:

Responsibility, duty, organize, operate, manage

### Sample Response

My duties and responsibilities as an Administrative Officer. I sort mail and often respond to letters that are of routine nature. Make daily schedule for teachers/students both offline and online. I do preliminary interviews of job applicants. Maintain office efficiency by ordering supplies and being prepared for rush jobs. Organize students profile etc. I set up or administer meetings. I also organize social affairs for the company. I am responsible for the care of personnel records, including the coordination of vacation time. I always make various kinds of contracts, memos, announcements and proposals. I handle correspondence.

It's my job to Orient new employees, conduct research on the Internet, and operate and troubleshoot new office technologies. Do the payroll and deal with the accounting department regarding errors in paychecks and withholding taxes are one the most complicated part of my job. Organize certain office tasks and recommend changes is one of the best things I love to do.

## Sentence Structure

### Responsibilities

My duties and responsibilities as

\_\_\_\_\_.

I sort mail and often respond to letters that are of a routine nature.

I do preliminary interviews of job applicants.

Maintain office efficiency by ordering supplies and being prepared for rush jobs.

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I also organize social affairs for the company.

I am responsible for the care of personnel records, including the coordination of vacation time.

It's my job to Orient new employees, conduct research on the Internet, and operate and troubleshoot new office technologies.

Maintain office efficiency by ordering supplies and being prepared for rush jobs.

### Make up Answer

Responsibilities

# Lesson 2: Tell me a detailed description of your company.

## Key words:

Marketing, establish, strategy, consulting, technique, advertising, commercial, developing, local, international

## Sample Response

I work for a marketing consulting firm called Copernicus. It was established in 1988. Our headquarters is in Seoul, but there are six other branches in Korea and we are trying to expand more. There are around 100 people working here. Copernicus offers marketing strategy consulting services that lead to transformational marketing strategies for brands products, and services, as well as increased sales and profits. It specializes in developing strategic marketing and advertising programs to help our clients build successful and highly profitable businesses. We work with many major international companies who want to do business in Korea. These companies come to us for help because they don't know the Korean market very well. Overall, I love my job and I enjoy working in this company.

## Sentence Structure

### Company Name

I work for a marketing consulting firm called Copernicus.

I work for P&G Company.

I used to work as an English Instructor in AB English Company.

I work as a Sales and Marketing Manager at Kinden Inc.

### Commute/Location

Our headquarters is in Seoul, but there are six other branches in Korea and we are trying to expand more.

It is located in the downtown of Busan.  
Our main office is located in Guam.



## Size & History

It was established in 1988.

There are around 100 people working here.

We have around 50 employees including the talented actors and actresses who had a very wide background in theater arts, Musical Directors, Production Coordinators, Producers and other In-house staff.

## Production and Field

Copernicus offers marketing strategy consulting services that lead to transformational marketing strategies for brands, products, and services, as well as increased sales and profits.

It specializes in developing strategic marketing and advertising programs to help our clients build successful and highly profitable businesses.

My company produces home automation appliances

## Make up Answer

- Company Name
- Commute/Location
- Size/History
- Product/Field

# Lesson 3: Tell me about your work space and work place.

## Key words:

Headquarters, office, department, organized, well-developed

## Sample Response

I work at my company headquarters, which is in downtown Seoul. The office I work in is on the tenth floor. I share an open-air office space with twenty other co-workers. So while I work, I can see everything that is going on. And there are windows everywhere, which give us a lot of light. Everything is well-organized and easy to find at our office. For example, the photocopiers, printers, and fax machines are all in the middle of the office. There's also a lounge on our floor where we can go to relax. When I look outside my office window, there are many office buildings. When I look down, I can see busy streets with lots of people and cars. The roads are especially crowded with cars during rush hours. The sidewalks are packed with people all day long. There is also a subway station and a city park nearby. Overall, the view from the office building is a typical view of a commercial district.

## Sentence Structure

### Location

I work at my company headquarters, which is in downtown Seoul.

The office building I work is in located in a commercial district.

### Space

The office I work in is on the tenth floor.

I share an open-air office space with twenty other co-workers.

## Things can be seen inside

And there are windows everywhere, which give us a lot of light.

Everything is well-organized and easy to find at our office.

For example, the photocopiers, printers, and fax machines are all in the middle of the office.

## Things can be seen outside

When I look outside my office window, there are many office buildings.

When I look down, I can see busy streets with lots of people and cars.

The roads are especially crowded with cars during rush hours.

The sidewalks are packed with people all day long.

There is also a subway station and a city park nearby.

## Make up Answer

- Location
- Space
- Things can be seen inside
- Things can be seen outside

# Lesson 4: Tell me about your workshop or training that you had to get to do your job.

## Key words:

Mentor, training, colleagues, contract, strategies.

## Sample Response

I was hired as an English instructor for Koreans and Japanese in an online company. When I first started working for my company, I had to go on a three -week Teachers Training Course for new ESL Instructors of the Company. My colleagues and I learned many things through various workshops. We especially learned a lot on how to teach English as a second language. Our mentor taught us various teaching strategies. We were assigned to have demo teaching in every session of our training. When we finished the training, we were all assigned to our teaching loads and signed six months contract. These programs really helped me adjust to the work environment at my company.

## Sentence Structure

### Type of Job

I was hired as an English instructor for Koreans and Japanese in an online company.

I'm a secretary in a consulting company.

### Type of training

When I first started working for my company, I had to go on a three -week Teachers Training Course for new ESL Instructors of the Company.

I had to go 1 month training.



## **Learning**

We especially learned a lot on how to teach English as a second language.

Our mentor taught us various teaching strategies.

These programs really helped me adjust to the work environment at my company.

## **Application of the things learned**

We were assigned to have demo teaching in every session of our training.

When we finished the training we were all assigned to our teaching loads and signed six months contract.



## **Makeup Answer**

- Type of Job
- Type of training
- Learning
- Application of the things learned

# Lesson 1: Tell me about your course and the classes that you are taking up.

## Keywords:

Major, naturally, enhance, develop, courses, mandatory

## Sample Response

My major is Electronic Engineering. I'm currently in my senior year in college. Naturally, I'm taking a lot of mandatory courses related to my major. Since I'm also interested in other fields of study, I also take some elective courses. Many of the elective courses are about marketing and management. Overall I'm taking 16 credits this semester and I'm auditing two classes. Good English skills are very important in the job market these days, so I also take an English conversation class. The Online English conversation course is indeed interesting and many of the students are taking this up to enhance their communication skills in using foreign language. If given the chance, I would also love to go to another country to be an exchange student.

## Sentence Structure

### Major and level

My major is Electronic Engineering.

I'm currently in my senior year in college.


I'm taking up Bachelor of Elementary Education.

I'm a sophomore student in my school.

### Courses

Naturally, I'm taking a lot of mandatory courses related to my major. Since I'm also interested in other fields of study,

I also take some elective courses. Many of the elective courses are about marketing and management.



Good English skills are very important in the job market these days, so I also take an English conversation class.

### **Benefit**

The Online English conversation course is indeed interesting and many of the students are taking this up to enhance their communication skills using foreign language.

### **Make up Answer**

- Major and level
- Courses
- Benefit

# Lesson 2. Tell me a detailed description about your school.

## Keywords

Prestigious, educational institution, modern, historical, population

## Sample response

I go to one of the prestigious universities in the Philippines, the University of Santo Tomas. It is located in the capital city of the Philippines which is Manila. The University of Santo Tomas is the oldest existing university in Asia. It is known as the Catholic University of the Philippines. It is already almost 400-years old and this university is the oldest in Asia. In student population, it is the largest Catholic University in the world located in one campus. My school is the first and only educational institution declared as a national cultural treasure. My university is composed of several autonomous faculties, colleges, schools and institutes, each conferring undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degrees, and the basic education units.

There are many historical and modern buildings on our campus. There is also an athletics center which has a swimming pool, basketball courts, volleyball courts and weight room. Inside the campus, there are also many big trees that give us good shade to sit under.

## Sentence Structure

### School name

I go to one of the prestigious universities in the Philippines, the **University of Santo Tomas**.

I'm studying at Columbia University.

### Location

It is located in the capital city of the Philippines which is Manila.



## Known For

The University of Santo Tomas is the oldest existing university in Asia.

It is known as the Catholic University of the Philippines.

It is already almost 400-years old and this university is the oldest in Asia. In student population, it is the largest Catholic University in the world located in one campus.

My school is the first and only educational institution declared as a national cultural treasure.

## School's composition

My university is composed of several autonomous faculties, colleges, schools and institutes, each conferring undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degrees, and the basic education units.

## Facilities

There are many historical and modern buildings on our campus.

There is also an athletics center which has a swimming pool, basketball courts, volleyball courts and weight room.

## Makeup Answer

- School name
- Location
- Known For
- School's composition
- Facilities

# Lesson 3: Tell me good and bad experiences that you had in school.

## Keyword

Professor, nervous, assignment, paper works, defense

**State your experiences during his/her school days.**

## Sample Response:

I once had to write a paper for an Economics class I was taking but I'm not good in doing paper work. He gave me 2 weeks to finish it. Since I really don't have any idea how to start, I really found it hard to make it. It is not that easy to gather information and I'm only doing it as an individual project and no other people could help me. I tried my best and I worked hard on it. I stayed in the library for a long time and I always faced my computer during my free time. No time is really wasted. Even though I spent most of my time doing it, still I'm not that confident to present it in class. Therefore, I was a little nervous that I might get a bad grade. But my opinion is quite different from my professor's opinion. However, I was very surprised to get an A on that assignment. There was also another surprise in my professor's comments at the end of the paper. He asked me whether it was okay to share my paper with the rest of the class. I learned that it's good to express my opinion, even if it is different from the professor's.

## Sentence Structure

### Unforgettable experience

- I once had to write a paper for an Economics class I was taking but I'm not good in doing paper work.
- He gave us individual thesis project.
- It is not that easy to gather information and I'm only doing it as an individual project and no other people could help me.

### Solution Made

- I tried my best and I worked hard on it.
- I stayed in the library for a long time and I always face my computer during my free time.

### Result

- However, I was very surprised to get an A on that assignment.
- There was also another surprise in my professor's comments at the end of the paper.
- He asked me whether it was okay to share my paper with the rest of the class.

### Makeup Answer

- Unforgettable experience
- Solution Made
- Result

# Lesson 4: Tell me about the problems that you encountered and how did you solve it.

## Keyword

Registered, interested, dropped, instructor

**State some of the major problems you have experienced at school and tell how you coped with it.**

## Sample Response

I wanted to sign up for an English conversation class test semester. The class I was interested in was the one taught by a very beautiful instructor from Canada. All the guys wanted to take her class because she was not only very pretty but also friendly. Unfortunately, as soon as registration began, her class was already fully booked. I was too late and wasn't able to sign up for her class, so I put my name on the waiting list. Luckily, three days later I got a phone call from the school telling me that I could get in. Some students had dropped the course and there was an opening. I felt so lucky.

## Sentence Structure

### Problem

- I wanted to sign up for an English conversation class test semester.
- All the guys wanted to take her class because she was not only very pretty but also friendly.
- Unfortunately, as soon as registration began, her class was already fully booked.
- I was too late and wasn't able to sign up for her class, so I put my name on the waiting list.

### Result

- Luckily, three days later I got a phone call from the school telling me that I could get in.
- Some students had dropped the course and there was an opening.
- **Makeup Answer**
- Problem
- Result

## Part IV: Life At Home

### Lesson 1: Tell me a good description about your home.

#### Key words

**Modern style, Mediterranean, American, pleasing, neighborhood, hallway, balcony, veranda, home theater, entertainment room, condo, apartment**

**I would like to know about what kind of place you live in.**

#### Sample Response

My family lives in a middle size modern style house in Jangrak Dong, Jecheon Si. It's a typical four- bedroom apartment. When you go inside you can see the hallway full of decorations and pictures of my family hanging on the wall. The dining room and our mini bar are inside the kitchen. Our living room has a big sofa and a nice home family theater system. My mom and dad use the master's bedroom, which has its own bathroom. The small room serves as the study room where you can find our mini library and computers that we use for studying. Since I have three sisters, the two remaining rooms are divided to us. I and my eldest sister share in one room and while my two sisters use the other room together. We have a big veranda where you can see beautiful flowers planted by my mom and a nice view of the neighborhood. Our house is under renovation right now because my mom decided to change the color of the house and the wall papers to make it look more comfortable and pleasing to the eyes of our visitors.

#### Where and what kind

My family lives in a middle size modern style house in Jangrak Dong, Jecheon Si. I live in an apartment which is in Busan, South Kyungsang Province. I live on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the building.

#### How big

- It's a typical four- bedroom apartment.
- I used to live in a studio type apartment.
- We bought a small-sized one- bedroom condo.

#### Parts of the house

- The dining room and our mini bar are inside the kitchen.
- Our living room has a big sofa and a nice home family theater system.
- My mom and dad use the master's bedroom, which has its own bathroom.
- The small room serves as the study room where you can find our mini library and computers that we use for studying.
- I and my eldest sister share in one room and then my two sisters use the other room together.
- condo.

### **Beautiful spot from the house**

- We have a big veranda where you can see beautiful flowers planted by my mom and a nice view of the neighborhood.
- We have a great view from our apartment.
- I can see the Everland theme park from our

### **Changes in the house**

- Our house is under renovation right now because my mom decided to change the color of the house and the wall papers to make it look more comfortable and pleasing to the eyes of our visitors.
- We redecorated the interior of our apartment.
- We renovated the house 3 months ago.

### **Make up Answer**

- Where and what kind
- How big
- Parts of the house
- Beautiful spot from the house
- Changes in the house

# Lesson 2: Tell me about your neighborhood and community

## Keywords

Mid-size, large, diverse, vibrant, transportation, Korean style, condo, apartment, amusement, commute, urban, suburbs

**I would like to know what your neighborhood is like.**

## Sample Response

I live in Gwangju, the fifth largest city in South Korea. Located in the heart of the farming Jeolla region, my city is well-known for its rich and diverse cuisine. It is one of the Seoul satellite cities because it has countless restaurants, good movie theaters, western style bars and cultural events to keep your schedules booked. This city is so vibrant and energetic so many Koreans and foreign people want to stay here. I live in an apartment complex just around the city. It is easy to get around in our city because public transportation is well-developed. It's close enough to go in, for a night on the town, or shopping. You can get to Seoul, or Busan, in less than 1 to 4hrs, which makes for an easy road trip with friends some weekend. The reason I like Gwangju so much is that it's very peaceful and quiet. Even though it doesn't have big options, it can be much easier, and quicker, to escape into the mountains for a hike, or to a nearby temple for some much needed relaxing time. Also the transportation system is good, which allows you to visit nearby cities with ease or commute around without ever wishing you had your own car. The Seoul satellite cities like Gwangju are basically large suburbs, around Seoul, connected to the Seoul subway system. This allows you to enjoy the best of both worlds. There are many resorts, museums and amusement venues in Gwangju city which are being promoted. You should check Gwangja National Museum and Vicinity when you visit my city.

## Size

- I live in Gwangju, the fifth largest city in South Korea.
- It's a middle –size city in South Korea.
- Jinju is a small town near in Busan.

## Location

- Located in the heart of the farming Jeolla region, my city is well-known for its rich and diverse cuisine.
- It is found in the middle of Gyeonggido City.

## Description

- It is one of the Seoul satellite cities because it has countless restaurants, good movie theatres, western style bars and cultural events to keep your schedules booked.
- This city is so vibrant and energetic so many Koreans and foreign people want to stay here.
- Seoul is one of the busiest cities in the world.

## Kind of house

- I live in an apartment complex just around the city.
- I live in a middle-size house in Gangnam City.
- I'm currently residing in a studio type apartment.

### **Accessibility**

- It is easy to get around in our city because public transportation is well-developed. It's close enough to go in, for a night on the town, or shopping.
- You can get to Seoul, or Busan, in less than 1 to 4hrs, which makes for an easy road trip with friends some weekend.
- There are accessible transportation for 24 hours like buses and taxi.
- Supermarkets and shopping mall are just nearby.

### **Reasons for living there**

- The reason I like Gwangju so much is that it's very peaceful and quiet.
- Even though it doesn't have big options it can be much easier, and quicker, to escape into the mountains for a hike, or to a nearby temple for some much needed relaxing time.
- Also the transportation system is good, which allows you to visit nearby cities with ease or commute around without ever wishing you had your own car.

### **Best spots to visit**

- There are many resorts, museums and amusement venues in Gwangju city which are being promoted.
- You should check Gwangja National Museum and Vicinity when you visit my city.
- Kangwangdoo is famous for ski resorts and camping sites.

### **Make up Answers**

- Size
- Location
- Description
- Kind of house
- Accessibility
- Reasons for living there
- Best spots to visit

# Lesson 3: Tell me about your family's responsibilities at home

## Keywords

**Strength, family, responsibilities, tasks, household chores, financial status, decision-making, concerns, participation**

## Sample Response

I'm currently living with my mother, father, grandmother and my three sisters. Since we have big family, it is easy for us to do each other's responsibilities. We have a clear idea about our day-to-day responsibilities in and to our family. As a family member, we must be flexible all the time. One task should not be done by only one person, but other members should have the knowledge and must know how to take charge of other's responsibilities if some unpleasant things happened. My sisters and I decided to ask my father and mother to quit their job and just stay in the house since they are already old. As the head of the family, my father used to work to sustain our financial needs. But now, we are the one working to raise our family and support everyday living. My dad is helping my mom in doing household chores like throwing the garbage, fixing electricity and household problems, and cleaning the house. As a mother, she does the typical job in the house like cooking, washing the clothes, cleaning the house and managing to budget our finances. As the youngest, I work for the family and I give half of my earnings to my family as well as my 3 sisters. Since we are working from Mondays to Fridays we don't have enough time to do chores in the house.

But we make it sure that every weekend, my mom and dad takes a rest. My eldest sister cooks every weekend from our breakfast up to dinner time. My second sister usually washes the remaining clothes that we used at the end of the week. My third sister is responsible for cleaning the living room and bathroom. She also takes good care of our grandmother every weekend and whoever is available to look after her. As the youngest, I always clean the bedroom and change the curtains every weekend. Even though all of us are working for the finances in the house, still we try to do our responsibilities inside the house. We always participate in decision makings regarding our family's concerns. I believe that our family will function best when decision making is shared among family members. My parents provide plenty of encouragement for our efforts. Making real decisions is a good practice and can help us grow up to be responsible adults as what we are now. Having a good family is one of my strength that I could be proud of everywhere I go.



## Composition of Family

- I'm currently living with my mother, father, grandmother and my three sisters.
- I have an extended family. I have 2 brothers and we live with my mother, father, grandparents and my aunt.

## Function as a family

- As a family member we must be flexible all the time.
- One task should not be done by only one person, but other members should have the knowledge and must know how to take charge of other's responsibilities, if some unpleasant things happened.
- We must live harmoniously and play as a good member of the community.

## Responsibilities of the member

- But now we are the ones working to raise our family and support everyday living.
- My dad is helping my mom in doing household chores like throwing the garbage, fixing electricity and household problems and cleaning the house.
- As a mother she does the typical job in the house like cooking, washing the clothes, cleaning the house and managing to budget our finances.
- As the youngest I work for the family and I give half of my earnings to my family as well as my 3 sisters.
- My eldest sister cooks every weekend from our breakfast up to dinner time.

- My second sister usually washes the remaining clothes that we used at the end of the week.
- My third sister is responsible for cleaning the living room and bathroom. She also takes good care of our grandmother every weekend and whoever is available to look after her.
- As the youngest I always clean the bedroom and change the curtains every weekend.

## Learning's as one family

- Even though all of us are working for the finances in the house still we try to do our responsibilities inside the house.
- We always participate in decision making regarding our family's concerns.
- I believe that our family will function best when decision making is shared among family members.
- My parents provide plenty of encouragement for our efforts.
- Making real decisions is a good practice and can help us grow up to be responsible adults as what we are now.

## Make up answer

- Composition of Family
- Function as a family
- Responsibilities of the member
- Learning's as one family

# Lesson 4: Tell me about memorable events that took place in your neighborhood.

## Keyword

Memorable, funny, comfortable, environment

**Say something about your best memories with your neighbors.**

## Sample response

Thirteen years ago I lived in apartment and I don't usually get together with my neighbor. I didn't have any special memory with my neighbor. I knew some of my neighbors when I was young. I could only remember my childhood friends and our family friends. With my childhood friend Mira, I used to play with her because we lived in the same apartment when my father changed his job. We moved to the next city. It was not easy for me to adapt the new environment. I couldn't realize that I could meet my friend Mira again at school. We were so happy to see each other again. We used to study at the same school since elementary to university. At that time we spent a lot of memories together. We talked a lot and we used to go to their house to play and to study as well. Her mother prepared some food for us. I feel very comfortable when I go to their house just like my own. It was really funny that we used to study at the same school even though we lived in different places but we still had time to spend together. Those times were the happiest moments with my neighbor.

## Location


- Thirteen years ago I lived in apartment and I don't usually get together with my neighbor.

## Neighbors

- I knew some of my neighbors when I was young.
- I could only remember my childhood friends and our family friends.
- With my childhood friend Mira, I used to play with her because we lived in the same apartment when my father changed his job.

## Memorable experience

- With my childhood friend Mira, I used to play with her because we lived in the same apartment when my father changed his job.
- We moved to the next city. It was not easy for me to adapt the new environment.
- I couldn't realize that I could meet my friend Mira again at school.
- spend together.

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- We were so happy to see each other again. We used to study at the same school since elementary to university.
  - At that time we spent a lot of memories together.
  - We talked a lot and we used to go to their house to play and to study as well.
  - Her mother prepared some food for us.
  - I feel very comfortable when I go to their house just like my own.
  - It was really funny that we used to study at the same school even though we lived in different places but we were still had time to spend together

### **Make up answer**

- Location
- Neighbors
- Memorable experience

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## Part V: LIKES AND INTEREST

### Lesson 1: Tell me about the games that you used to play (games and sports)

#### Keywords

Online games, board games, enhances, broadens, pleasure, recreational, expands

**What is the game you enjoy playing the most? Why do you like playing this game and who do you normally play with?**

#### Sample Response

The games that I like to play the most are word games like mind boggles, scrabble and other word games. It started when I was a high school student; we used to play these games when teachers are not around and during our free time. Until now I still enjoy playing it with my cousins every weekend and even online when I have free time in my office. I came to like the game very much because you need to focus a lot on the strategy and in the composition of the words to win. It enhances and widens my vocabulary. All the words that I have learned while playing, I can easily use in recitation classes. Also, it was a great way to bond with my school friends because we often played all the time. Since my parents are quite strict, I seldom go outside to play. I haven't had much time to meet my friends. There has never been any serious money involved when I play this game. It has always been learning and recreational.

#### Sentence Construction:

##### Game

- The games that I like to play the most are word games like mind boggles, scrabble and other word games.
- I really love playing Korean card game called "go- stop:"
- Online games are trend now in Korea. I'm getting hooked in playing war games online.

##### Play time

- It started when I was a high school student; we used to play these games when teachers are not around and during our free time.
- Until now I still enjoy playing it with my cousins every weekend and even online when I have free time in my office.
- When I was an undergraduate student, one of my friends taught me how to play the game.



### **Reasons why you like it**

- I came to like the game very much because you need to focus a lot on the strategy and in the composition of the words to win.
- It enhances and widens my vocabulary.
- All the words that I have learned while playing, I can easily use in recitation classes.
- Also, it was a great way to bond with my school friends because we often played all the time.
- It's like a good exercise for my body and it is fun.

### **Make up answer**

- Keywords
- Game
- Play time
- Reasons why you like it

# Lesson 2: Tell me about the kind of materials that you love to read.

## Keywords

Classic books, espionage, culture, varieties, appreciate, literature, precious, everlasting

**What kind of books do you like to read? Do you have any favorite author?**

## Sample Answer

I actually like a lot of books on various topics. But my priority lists would be books on how to understand the human mind and behavior better, real-life crime stories, human's incredible feat, paranormal and psychic related materials and anything on espionage, archaeology and culture. These topics satisfy me and make me appreciate life even better. If I'm a vampire, these books serve as the precious blood for me.

I also love reading classic novels that cover world novels from Latin America to Asian literature down to European novel and renaissance period. These kinds of books widen my horizon about literature of the world that is applicable in my country's setting period. I also learn a lot of vocabulary words which I can use in making presentations and book reports.

I tend to read books because it helps me appreciate other country's culture and helps me acquire practical information.

The knowledge that I get from reading gives me the opportunity to help other people by sharing what I've learned. I don't have any particular author that I read. When I go to the bookstore, I always look at the best sellers section to find a book that I want to buy. I also try to buy second hand books from my friends.

## Kind of books

- But my priority lists would be books on how to understand the human mind and behavior better, real-life crime stories, human's incredible feat, paranormal and psychic related materials and anything on espionage, archaeology and culture.
- I also love reading classic novels that covers world novels from Latin America to Asian literature down to European novel and renaissance period.
- I love to read science fiction books that deal with the impact of imagined innovations in science or technology, often in a futuristic setting.

### **Reason why you like it**

- These topics satisfy me and make me appreciate life even better.
- These kinds of books widen my horizon about literature of the world that is applicable in my country's setting period.
- I also learn a lot of vocabulary words which I can use in making presentations and book reports.
- I can share stories to my student especially in reading class.

### **Benefits of reading**

- I tend to read books because it helps me appreciate other country's culture and helps me acquire practical information.
- The knowledge that I get from reading gives me the opportunity to help other people by sharing what I've learned.
- It gives you inspiration and encouragement to go on with your life.

### **Favorite Author**

- I don't have any particular author that I read.
- Charles Dickens is one of my favorite authors.
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- For kids literature I really like Hans Christian Andersen's book.

### **Make up Answer**

- Kind of books
- Reason why you like it
- Benefits of reading
- Favorite Author

## Lesson 3: Tell me about the kind of music and singers that you like.

### Keyword:

Pop music, classic, RNB, favorite, songs.

**Tell about your interest in music industry.**

### Sample response:

Listening to music makes me feel relaxed. While other kinds of music give me unexplainable energy. I don't have any particular favorite singer but I like Korean pop singers. Nowadays, they are very famous in my country and outside Korea as well. I like three kinds of music Kpop, classical and RNB music. I feel better every time I listen to music. Aside from that, I love playing the guitar. On my free time I play my favorite song on my guitar. Many people are crazy about Kpop's live concerts in my case. I am satisfied listening to their songs in my MP3 player. When I feel blue, I listen to classical music. It changes my emotion easily. I also have my all time Korean favorite singer. Her name is Park Jung Hyun. She's also known as Lina Park. She's one of the best singers I have ever seen. I like her because of her beautiful voice. I like most of her songs.

### Sentence Construction:

#### Genre of Music

- I have three kinds of music Kpop, classical and RNB music.
- I love classical music.

#### Favorite Singer

- I don't have any particular favorite singer but I like Korean pop singers.
- I love the way how black Americans sing.
- I also have my all time Korean favorite singer.
- Her name is Park Jung Hyun.

#### Reasons why you like

- I feel better every time I listen to music.
- When I feel blue, I listen to classical music.
- It changes my emotion easily.

#### Make up answer

- Genre of Music
- Favorite Singer
- Reasons why you like



# Lesson 4: Tell me about the musical instrument that you can play.

## Keywords

Harp, electric guitar, passionate, favorite, inspiration, melody, harmony

**What kind of instrument can you play? How did you learn to play that instrument?**

## Sample Response

I love to play piano, guitar and drums. But the musical instrument that I am very passionate with is the guitar. I have played guitar since I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I first learned how to play because I was so inspired by my music teacher who can play this instrument very well. I feel comfortable when I listen and play musical instruments. It helps me to relax and remove stress and makes my heart sing with melody. I got private guitar lessons. After few months, I learned to play acoustic guitar while I'm singing. I used to play it every day. I tried my best to save money from my allowance just to buy my first instrument. I was able to get it when I turned 14 as a birthday present for myself. I continued playing when I was in college. In fact, during my college years, I joined the chorale group in my school. I used to play guitar when we have school performance and sometimes I do sing if needed. Now that I'm working, I couldn't spend much time to practice. Sometimes I play worship songs using my guitar every Sundays. Although now I don't have much time to play the guitar because of my job, I'm happy that I've learned how to play this wonderful instrument.

## Instrument that you can play

- I love to play piano, guitar and drums.
- But the musical instrument that I am very passionate with is the guitar.
- Piano is the best instrument that I can play.

## When did you learn?

- I have played the guitar since I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- I learned to play it since I was a kid.
- I started to play drums when I was in university.

## Why do you like it?

- I feel comfortable when I listen and play musical instruments.
- It helps me to relax and remove stress and makes my heart sing with melody.
- It brings out my emotions.

## How did you learn?

- I first learned how to play because I was so inspired by my music teacher who can play this instrument very well.
- I got private guitar lessons.
- My father loves piano so he taught me how to play it.



### **How often do you play it?**

- I used to play it every day.
- I can play it during my free time.
- I can play my instrument in music class.

### **Make up answer**

- Instrument that you can play
- When did you learn?
- Why do you like it?
- How did you learn?
- How often do you play it?