

1. Describe a museum

- 1) How often do you visit the museum?
- 2) Which type of museum is popular in your country?
- 3) Why do you want to visit the museum?

Follow-up:

- * What do you think of the importance of museums in history?
 - * How do you think of the heritage of a country?
 - * Compare the museums nowadays and in the past
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2. Describe your favorite photograph

- 1) Where was the photo taken?
- 2) Who took the photo?
- 3) What can be seen from the photo?
- 4) Explain why it is the favorite photograph for you.

Follow-up:

- * How to take good photo?
 - * When do people use camera?
 - * How can the new technology put cinema's skill advanced?
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3. The important historic place

- 1) What is the place?
- 2) Where is it located?
- 3) Why do you think it is important?

Follow-up:

- * What do you think of the historic place in the future?
 - * Will the government increase or decrease the safety guard?
 - * What are the changes to the local people and economy?
 - * What is the impact on the historic place by tourists?
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4. Describe a party

- 1) What is the party?
- 2) Why was the party held?
- 3) Who attended the party?
- 4) What did you do for that party?

Follow-up:

- * What's the difference between serious party and friendly party?

- * Why are some people late for parties intentionally?
 - * Why do some people like party while others hate it?
 - * What would you do if the guests feel bored?
 - * Will there be more and more people to attend parties?
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5. Describe a subject taught in your school?

- 1) Who teaches it?
- 2) How is it taught?
- 3) What do you learn from the class?

Follow-up:

- * Is there any difference between the traditional and modern educational systems?
 - * What are the pros and cons of the current educational system in your country?
 - * Do you think it is necessary to give comment or criticism to teachers?
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6. What is the important invention before the age of computer?

- 1) What is the invention?
- 2) Why do you think it is very important?
- 3) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the invention?

Follow-up:

- * What is the significant impact of modern inventions on life?
 - * Which skills do you want to study in the future?
 - * Do you think it's necessary to develop modern invention in the countryside?
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7. Describe a foreign country you have never been to

- 1) Where is the country?
- 2) When will you go there?
- 3) Why would you like to go there?

Follow-up:

- * Say something about the tourism development in China, facility, services and the effect on environment.
 - * What is the importance of travel and tourism industry?
 - * What do you think the function of tourist guides?
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8. Describe your favourite movie

- 1) What's the name of the film?

- 2) What's the theme of the film?
- 3) Why do you like it?

Follow-up:

- * Describe a type of movie you like.
 - * What's the difference between Chinese and American movies?
 - * What do you think of the violent films (Hollywood films)?
 - * Why movies need computer techniques? Any example of movie using computer techniques
 - * Which parts of cinema are the most important and how to improve it?
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9. Describe a newspaper or magazine

- 1) What's your habit for reading?
- 2) What are the benefits of reading?
- 3) What's the main difference between newspaper and magazine?

Follow-up:

- * What do you think the important qualities for a news reporter?
 - * What's the function of a report to the society?
 - * What kinds of books/newspapers/magazines do Chinese adolescents read?
 - * With the popularity of Internet, do you think newspapers and magazines will disappear?
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10. Describe a children's game (sports not suggested)

- 1) How is it played?
- 2) What can you learn from the game?
- 3) What impact does it bring on your growth?

Follow-up:

- * What do you think of the benefits of children's games?
 - * Nowadays children have less and less time for game, what do you think about it?
 - * What do you think the difference between games nowadays and in the past?
 - * What's the negative aspect of games?
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11. Describe a happy event in your life?

- 1) When did it happen?
- 2) Where did it happen?
- 3) What was it?

Follow-up:

- * Tell me how you organize your study time?

- * What do you think is important in achieving happiness?
 - * How do Chinese celebrate some happy events?
 - * What do the camera and video play in celebrating?
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12. Describe a thing which is important to you

- 1) Who gave it to you?
- 2) What is the thing?
- 3) What does the thing mean to you?

Follow-up:

- * What are the changes of city between now and past?
 - * Does money represent happiness and why?
 - * How do you regard as the things people want to earn?
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13. Describe one of your neighbours

- 1) When did you become neighbours?
- 2) Do you often meet?
- 3) State whether your neighbour is a good one

Follow-up:

- * What is the difference between neighbours and friends?
 - * Why do people like to watch TV serials in their houses?
 - * How do you think of the relationship in the city?
 - * How to improve the neighbourhood?
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14. Describe one of the shopping centers you often go to

- 1) Where is the shopping center?
- 2) How often do you go to the center?
- 3) Why do you often go to it and its characteristics?

Follow-up:

- * Will smaller shops survive in the current business system?
 - * What are the characteristics of shopping malls and smaller shops and their difference?
 - * What is the trend of future shopping centers?
 - * Talk about Internet shopping
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15. Describe your favourite animal

- 1) What kind of animal is it?

- 2) Describe it briefly
- 3) Why do you like the animal?

Follow-up:

- * What do you need to do to take care of it?
 - * What's the future trend of the animal?
 - * How do you think of the poaching of some precious animals such as pandas?
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16. Describe a historical place

- 1) What is the place?
- 2) Where is it located?
- 3) What is the historical meaning of the place?

Follow-up:

- * What do you think of the future trend of historic places?
 - * Will government strengthen its protection toward historic places?
 - * What are the changes brought about by the historic place in local economy, people, etc?
 - * What is the effect of tourists on the place?
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17. Advertisement

- 1) What are the forms of advertisement?
- 2) What are the functions of advertisement?
- 3) What is the effect of advertisement to people?

Follow-up:

- * Do you feel bored and disgusted about advertisement?
 - * What do you think are the criteria of assessing a good piece of advertisement?
 - * What will happen if unauthoritative advertisements prevail in the market?
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18. Describe an important letter

- 1) When did you receive the letter?
- 2) From whom did you receive the letter?
- 3) Explain the reasons why it is important

Follow-up:

- * What is the significance of handwriting?
- * Does your country have handwriting lesson now?
- * Compare the handwriting now and past
- * With the popularity of computers and Internet, will people lose their ability to write letters?

19. Describe the best present you have received

- 1) Who sent it to you?
- 2) When did you receive it?
- 3) Detailed information about the present

Follow-up:

- * Do you think that present giving will play an important role in Chinese daily life? Why?
 - * Do you think that the brand name is very important for sales?
 - * In terms of the media, which do you think will play a main role in present giving, television, newspaper or Internet?
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20. Describe your holidays

- 1) Where do you go for the holidays and how long do they last?
- 2) Who do you go with?
- 3) Talk about any interesting things happening during your holidays

Follow-up:

- * What do the Chinese people mostly do in their leisure time?
- * What's the difference between holidays today and 5 years ago and the reasons for the change?
- * Do you think people will spend more time on leisure or working in the future?