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Family and Friends

- Family – descriptions, relationships, activities
- Friends – descriptions, family, importance
- Past and future activities with friends

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Tag	Questions	French ID	Spanish ID	German ID	Italian ID	EFL ID
	Tell me a bit about your family.	183	1204	1759	6645	5464
	Do you get on well with your family? Why/Why not?	210	1019	1669	6267	5560
Pa	What have you done recently with your family?	209	922	1698	6266	5467
	Describe your best friend. What are they like?	191	1018	1696	6264	5562
	Describe your best friend's family.	241	1547	2300	6715	5637
	Does your best friend get on with his/her family? Why/why not?	250	1577	2271	6720	3664
	Can you describe the mum or the dad of one of your friends?	260	1603	2299	6482	5901
Pa	Describe your first childhood friend.	230	1111	2077	6444	3658
Op	Why are friends important?	221	1077	2238	6607	4093
	Describe the friendship between Harry Potter and Ron or Hermione.	227	1141	2047	6448	3572
Fu	What are you going to do with your friends this weekend?	2545	1203	1667	6195	5466
Fu	What will you and your friends do next Saturday?	235	1143	2176	6620	3496
Pa	What did you do to celebrate your birthday this year?	263	1174	2301	6721	5635
Pa	What present have you bought for someone recently? Describe it.	237	1460	2044	6613	3604
Op	In your opinion, what makes a good friend?	5314	5118	4600	6751	
	Describe a characteristic that you particularly admire in one of your friends. Why do you admire them for this?	5311	4349	4597	6750	
	Do you think that bullying is a problem for young people? What kinds of bullying are there and what can be done to prevent it?	5271	4350	4534	6776	
	How have family structures changed over time? What effect does this have on young people?	5272	5119	4538	6777	
	Would you like to get married in the future? Why/why not?				6307	

Freetime and Leisure

- Film and TV – genres, cinema, actors, descriptions of films/programmes
- Music – preferences, songs/tracks
- Books – book descriptions, electronic books
- Technology and the internet – websites, phones, preferences
- Cultural opinions – celebrities, designer clothes, fast food
- Sports and activities – team/individual sports, past and future activities

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	What type of films do you like and why?	346	894	1890	6698	3499
Op	Do you like going to the cinema?	322	953	1949	6401	3560
Op	Do you prefer going to the cinema or downloading a film? Why?	330	1361	1824	6686	5435
	Describe the last film you saw.	275	1021	1700	6380	5470
Op	What do you think about 3D films?	393	1306	1921	6619	5599
	Who's your favourite actor/actress? Describe them.	353	1396	1919	6396	5802
Pa	What have you seen on TV recently?	411	1175	2337	6504	5639
Op	What do you prefer: listening to music or watching TV? Why?	299	929	1701	6659	5471
	What was the last song/track you bought and why?	390	1463	2082	6534	3550
	Do you like listening to music? Why is it important to you/other people?	5266	5125	4603	6758	
	Is there a particular kind of music that comes from your country/is popular in your country? Tell me about it?	5313	5120	4601	6821	
	Do you play a musical instrument? How long have you been playing for? If not, is there an instrument that you would like to learn to play and why?	5355		4621	6595	
	Tell me about the last book you read.	2515	1085	2083	6625	3845
Op	What do you think about Kindles (electronic books).	398	1054	2084	6463	5505
Op	Apple or Google: why?	361	957	1828	6538	5509
	What sites do you use the most on the Internet?	435	1583	2276	6500	5641
	Describe your relationship with Facebook.	379	1304	1955	6464	5504
Op	Smartphone or normal mobile? Why?	2496	1401	1831	6629	5510
Op	What do you think about the popularity of social media in your country?	5268	5121	4542	6754	
	Do you think that it is important to stay up to date with the news? Why/why not?	5269	5122	4540	6780	

Op	What do you think about the way we worship celebrities?	2493	959	1894	6533	5603
Op	What do you think about luxury branded clothing?	441	1177	2367	6710	5775
Pa	What was the last item of clothing that you bought?	884	1178	2303	6723	5638
Op	Are you for or against fast food? Why?	427	1551	2304	6494	3692
	What sports do you like?	302	1020	1673	6207	5568
Op	Team sports or individual sports? Why?	409	1146	2085	6626	5608
Fu	What sports activity will you do this week?	357	1082	2081	6434	5544
Fu	What are you going to do in your free time next weekend?	282	930	1702	6239	3627
Pa	What did you do last Christmas holiday?	312	931	1704	6234	3846
Pa	Have you ever attended a big sporting event? Did you enjoy it? Why/why not?	5354		4364	6604	
Pa	Have you ever been to a big concert or music festival? Did you enjoy it? Why/why not?	5247		4624	6348	

Education and Work

- School – general description, opinions
- School habits
- School subjects
- Exams, homework and education in general
- Work experience
- Jobs, unemployment and finding a job
- Future work plans

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Op	What do you think about your school?	44	1200	1692	6146	5462
	Describe your school buildings.	2512	1107	2203	6526	5694
	Did you have a uniform? What was it like?	59	1012	1755	6140	5457
Pa	What did you used to do during break at your school?	119	1073	2039	6521	5695
	What subjects did you study at school?	149	1574	2267	6559	3549
	What school subject do you prefer? Why?	24	1197	1756	6648	3720
Op	Why is homework important?	114	1072	2202	6617	3749
	What's your advice for succeeding in exams?	157	1598	2266		3521
Op	What's a plus and a negative point about education in your country?	127	1042	2040	6450	5692
	Name three rules that there were at you school.	5241		4626	6485	5894
Op	Do you think that we put too much pressure on young people to do well at school?	5244		4378	6344	
	Describe a teacher that you really like.	5215	5053	4532	6772	
Op	Which subjects that you study do you think will be the most useful later in life?	5310	5117	4536	6774	
Op	Do you think that a work experience is a good idea? Why/Why not?	86	949	1915	6424	5664
Pa	Do you like your job/work-experience? Why/Why not?	97	1423	1883	6366	5662
Pa	How long did your last work experience last?	2531	1011	1660	6142	5458
	Describe the first small job that you had.	145	1170	2263	6562	5769
	Do you have a job at the moment? Tell me a bit about it.	106	1293	1882	6423	5661
Op	Is unemployment a problem for young people? Why/Why not?	75	1420	1911	6365	3539
	In which media can you find small job announcements in your country?	165	1599	2358	6486	5628
Fu	What holiday job are you going to do this summer?	124	1139	2105	6449	5852

Co	What would you like to do in the future? Why/Why not?	78	1390	1914	6388	3830
	What job do you want to do in the future?	133	1600	2357	6488	5631
Co	What would be your dream job?	37	982	1664	6135	5558
Fu	What sort of work would you like to do later in life? What are the most important skills/qualities you will need?	5261	5116	4535	6773	
Pa	Have you ever done any charity/voluntary work? What do you think are the main advantages/disadvantages of this kind of work?	5242		4377	6346	
Op	What do(es) your parent(s) do for a living? Would you like to do what they do? Why/why not?	5243		4375	6596	

My Area

- Home town/region – description, opinions
- Activities – available activities in the area, past and future activities
- Town vs countryside – opinions, advantages, disadvantages
- Environmental issues in the area
- Directions

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	Tell me a bit about your area.	751	1223	1715	6213	5810
	Describe your town/village a bit.	2500	1354	1938	6696	5530
Op	Do you like your town/village?	822	1415	1906	6409	5652
Op	Do you like where you live? Why/why not?	738	1226	1781	6178	5452
Pa	Have you lived in your town for a long time?	852	1192	2350	6738	3789
Co	If you could change something in your town/village, what would it be?	795	1318	1846	6427	5422
	What can young people/visitors do in your town/village?	800	1320	1845	6373	5651
	Describe 4 activities for tourists in your area.	2508	1506	2224	6473	3757
Pa	What did you do the last time you went out in your area?	773	942	1685	6212	5554
Fu	What are you doing in your town/village this weekend?	2507	1319	1968	6379	5791
	Have you done anything interesting today? Are you going to do anything interesting today?	867	1565	2349	6505	3869
Op	Do you prefer the town or the countryside? Why?	860	1591	2382	6512	5759
Op	What are the pluses about living in a town?	835	1069	2195	6470	3693
Op	What are the negatives about living in a town?	839	1066	2193	6471	3674
	Do you have pollution problems in your area? Why?	762	1037	1686	6216	3516
	Are there any solutions to these pollution problems?	768	1225	1812	6668	5813
	Do you sort through your rubbish (to recycle it)? Why/why not?	877	1537	2321	6581	5757
	Tell me about public transport in your area.	2483	1068	2194	6539	3616
	From here, how do you get to the train station?	845	1593	2322	6584	3602
	From here, how do you walk to a hospital?	830	1476	2164	6630	5581
	Is there a sense of community in your area? Why do you think this is?	5251	5112	4593	6790	
	How do you normally get around your town/city? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?	5214	4666	4530	6778	
	Describe the weather during the different seasons in your country. Do you ever have to worry about extreme weather?	5212	4351	4529	6793	

Home and Health

- Routines – daily, morning, evening
- Habits at home
- Household tasks
- Health and fitness – smoking, healthy eating, exercise, illness
- Past and future activities
- Cultural issues – gender equality, lifestyle

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	Tell me about your daily routine.	480	1216	1679	6201	5833
	Tell me about your daily routine in the morning.	549	1558	2279	6565	5910
	Tell me about your evening routine.	541	1090	2088	6545	5613
Pa	What did you eat at home last night?	465	1028	1736	6665	5473
	What's your favourite meal?	2536	1026	1708	6174	5475
Fu	What will you do at home tonight?	455	1245	1707	6205	3801
Co	Would it bother you if you had to move house tomorrow?	2583	1057	2154	6635	5713
	How do you feel about doing housework?	449	1025	1706	6152	3629
	What are the household tasks that you hate doing?	579	1184	2309	6728	5909
Pa	Describe the last time that you lost something important.	563	1614	2370	6576	5780
	Do you smoke? Why? Why not?	544	1056	2249	6475	3829
Op	In your opinion, what is the best reason for not smoking?	558	1585	2280	6498	5753
Fu	Will you eat your 5-a-day today?	2542	1496	2086	6527	5607
	What do you do to stay in shape?	521	911	1898	6403	3646
	What do you do when you feel ill?	571	1584	2435	6501	5643
Fu	What activity will you do this week?	489	901	1832	6831	3835
Pa	Did you do more exercise when you were younger? Why?	510	904	1835	6702	3472
Pa	What happened the last time you hurt yourself whilst doing an activity?	526	902	1836	6436	3497
Op	Do you think that true equality exists between men and women?	2521				
Op	Do you think that life's a choice between: making the most of it or having a healthy lifestyle?	2503	905	1927	6701	5547
Op	Do we put pressure on young people to live healthily?	546	1154	2087	6631	5512
	Do you think that there are certain personality traits/characteristics that are common amongst people from your country? What are they?	5319	4678	4551	6781	

	Tell me about a possession that is special to you. Why is it special?		5359			
Op	Do you think that it's a good idea for young people to have celebrity role models? What kind of celebrities make good/bad role models in your opinion?	5274	5124	4553	6792	
Op	What does 'success' mean for you?	5300	5123	4554	6763	
	Describe a traditional celebration from your country.	5273	4679	4552	6757	
	Why do some people choose to immigrate to a new country? What challenges might they face?	5275	5109	4549	6759	
	Where do you do your food shopping and how much do you spend on food each week?	5238		4366	6300	
	How much do you spend on clothes each month?	5344		4371	6301	
	How often do you eat at a restaurant? What kind/nationality of food do you like?	5357		4368	6602	
Op	Is homelessness a problem where you come from? Why do you think this might be?	5235		4369	6601	
	What are some things that can cause a person to find themselves homeless?	5325		4367	6603	

Holidays and Travel

- Holidays in general – usual holiday habits, location, transport, preferences
- Past holidays and activities
- Future holiday plans and dreams
- Importance of holidays

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Tag	Questions	French ID	Spanish ID	German ID	Italian ID	EFL ID
	What kind of holiday do you like and why?	647	1317	1901	6441	5524
Op	Sea or mountains? Why?	693	1127	2156	6468	5876
	What do you usually do on holiday?	587	1281	1712	6181	5809
	What do you like doing on holiday and why?	667	968	1903	6705	3879
Op	A new area or an area you know well? Why?	2715	1061	2187	6640	5519
Op	Do you prefer to go abroad or stay in your country? Why?	614	1217	1714	6180	5578
	What do you always take with you on holiday? Why?	686	1092	2093	6637	5516
	What's your preferred method of transport? Why?	714	1189	2317	6578	5618
Op	Train or car? Why?	698	1064	2063	6639	3513
Pa	Where did you go on holiday last year?	634	1250	1681	6672	5837
Pa	Describe your last holidays.	639	1409	1904	6368	3850
Pa	4 activities that you did last holiday?	706	1186	2344	6577	3676
Pa	What are your favourite holiday memories?	725	1531	2347	6509	3511
Pa	Describe the last time that you broke down (by car/bike).	729	1187	2315	6513	5882
Fu	How will you spend the summer holiday this year?	604	1221	1680	6217	5839
Fu	4 activities that you're going to do next holiday?	704	1560	2376	6566	3873
Co	Tell me about your dream holiday?	2513	1220	1713	6673	3805
Co	If you had loads of money, where would you go?	682	1094	2158	6480	3528
Op	Do you think that holidays are important? Why/Why not?	680	1316	1932	6442	5677
Op	Do you think we have too much holiday? Why/Why not?	2519	1376	1905	6413	5526
	How do people in your country usually spend their summer holidays? Are there any trends?	5303	5110	4590	6764	
Pa	Have you done much travelling? What challenges are there for travellers?	5253	4664	4591	6760	
	What can we learn through travel?	5250	5111	4589	6761	
	What positive effects can tourism have on a city/country?			4609	6598	
	What negative effects can tourism have on a city/country?	5329		4372	6605	

Prompt Cards

Interviewees are given a list of ten questions which they answer one after the other. These videos are longer and cover a broader range of subjects within the topic. The easiest of these make a great introduction to the site for younger or lower ability students.

Each set of questions covers a particular topic, including:

- Introduction, personal description, preferences, hobbies
- House and home
- Holidays and festivals
- Internet and social media
- The environment

Questions	French ID	Spanish ID	German ID	Italian ID	EFL ID
Introducing yourself.	7	885	1659	6289	3463
Introducing yourself2: My favourite colour etc.		1007	1783	6291	3783
Introducing yourself3: My clothing etc.	2620	1291		6743	5627
Talking about friends	5207	2919	3323	6768	5760
Talking about your house1	2482		3244	6556	5490
Talking about your house2	2678	2822	3227	6516	5455
Talking about festivals etc.	2509	2820	3192	6589	5454
Talking about health	2527	2818	3346	6708	5488
Talking about social media	2532	2756	3265	6588	5429
Talking about the environment etc.	2491	2860	3246	6741	5660

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