

A PERSONAL INTERVIEW

- 1** Work in pairs. Which of the topics from the box are you most likely to discuss with your friends? Which are you least likely to discuss? Why?

celebrities new apps sport travel
TV series your family

- 2** Read the questions. Decide if they ask about the past, the present or a hypothetical situation.

- 1** Do you prefer eating out in a restaurant or having a takeaway meal at home? Why?
- 2** What activities did you enjoy doing in the summer holidays when you were younger? Why?
- 3** If you could travel to any country in the world, which would it be? Why?

- 3** Read Jake's answer to Question 2. What activities did he enjoy doing?



I loved being outside when I was younger. I must say, I didn't do many organised activities, like sport or drama, but I used to spend a lot of time in the park with my friends. We would ride our bikes and practise tricks on our skateboards, too. We always had a lot of fun while we were skateboarding! To be honest, I'm still the same now, and I'd still rather be outdoors if I can!

- 4** Read Jake's answer again. Find four different past verb forms. What present verb forms does he also use? Why does he use these?

- 5** Read two answers to Question 3 in Exercise 2. Which person gives the best answer? Why?



1

My parents were really keen on travelling, so when I was younger, we went on holiday to quite a few different countries. I think Spain and Italy were my two favourites. I loved trying different kinds of food. Not only that, but seeing and learning about different cultures was really interesting.



2

I guess it would be Canada, especially the north of the country. I've seen lots of films about it, and I think it would be amazing to see those frozen landscapes in real life. I can really imagine myself on a boat watching whales, too. If I was lucky enough to see some, I'd be absolutely thrilled!

- 6 Read the second answer in Exercise 5 again. What phrases and verb forms does the speaker use to talk about a hypothetical situation?

KEY LANGUAGE FOR A PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Talking about the past

past simple, past continuous, *I used to ... We would ...*

Talking about hypothetical situations

It would be great/amazing to ... I can really imagine myself ... If I was ..., I'd ... If I could ..., I'd ... It might be fun/interesting to ...

Adding additional information

too, also, as well, especially ...

And another thing is ... Plus, ... Not only that, but ... Besides, ...

Giving and explaining opinions

To be honest, ... I must say ... I'd rather ... I'd prefer to ... I suppose/guess it would be ... For one thing ... But the absolute best/worst thing ... definitely ...

- 7 Read an answer to Question 1 in Exercise 2. Complete the additional information with one word in each space.



I must say, I'd rather have a takeaway at home,
 1 if I'm with a group of friends, because
 we can watch a movie while we eat it. Not only
 2, but it's more relaxed, 3
 You don't have to think about other people around
 you and keep your voice down. And 4
 thing is it's cheaper to get a takeaway at home, so
 you can save money. 5, you can choose
 exactly when you want to eat, rather than having to
 book a table.

- 8 Choose the correct word in *italics* to complete the sentences.

- 1 To be *honest* / *true*, I don't really enjoy going to the gym.
- 2 I'd *rather* / *prefer* watch sport on TV than go to a live event.
- 3 I *could* / *must* say, I don't really like reality TV shows.

- 4 But the *complete* / *absolute* worst thing about theme parks is having to queue!
- 5 Tennis is *definitely* / *surely* my favourite sport.
- 6 I don't really like going to the cinema. For *first* / *one* thing, it's too noisy to enjoy the film!
- 7 I *suppose* / *say* my ideal holiday destination would be a hotel next to a beach.
- 8 I don't like reading. *I'd* / *I'll* prefer to watch a good film.

- 9 When we talk about hypothetical situations, we often use the second conditional and other structures with **would**. Complete the sentences with the words and phrases from the box.

can could choose I'd might be was would

- 1 If I any job to do, I'd be a computer game designer.
- 2 It be amazing to attend the award ceremony and meet all the film stars there.
- 3 If I very wealthy, I'd have houses in different countries around the world.
- 4 I really imagine myself working with animals one day.
- 5 It fun to work with some of the top chefs in the world.
- 6 If I didn't have to study, definitely spend a lot more time with my friends.

- 10 In pairs, ask and answer the questions. When you answer, think about the verb forms you need to use, give and explain your opinions and add extra information.

- 1 Do you think you spend too much time on your phone? Why? / Why not?
- 2 If you could meet any celebrity, who would it be? Why?
- 3 What is the best TV series you have watched recently? Why did you enjoy it?
- 4 What kind of job would you like to do in the future?
- 5 Is it important to you to follow a healthy lifestyle? Why? / Why not?
- 6 What was the last trip you went on with your friends?

ACTIVE LISTENING

Listen while your partner answers. Which words and phrases from the *Key Language* box does he/she use?