

SCHOOL TALKS

A. READING

Before you read

When you meet your friends, which of the following topics do you often talk about?

- sports and games
- entertainment
- · health problems
- hobbies

- holidays
 - films
 - weather
 - work and study

While you read

Read the following small talks and then do the tasks that follow.



Hello. My name's Nguyen Hong Phong. I'm sixteen years old. I'm a student at Chu Van An High School. I am in class 10A with forty-five other students. I study many subjects such as Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Literature, History, Geography, and so on. I like to learn English best because it is an international language. I don't really like getting up early, but I have to because I often have a lesson at 7:15.

2 Hello. My name's Nguyen Lan Phuong. I teach English at Chu Van An High School. It is one of the biggest schools in Hanoi. Teaching is hard work, but I enjoy it because I love working with children.



3 I'm Nguyen Hong Ha. I'm Phong's father. We live in a small flat above a corner shop in Tay Son Street. The flat is far from Phong's school so he usually goes to school by bike. I worry about this. He has to ride his bike in narrow and crowded streets to get to school. There's so much traffic: so many cars, motorbikes and bicycles.



Task 1. Fill each blank with one of the words in the box below. There are more words than needed.

language worry subjects ride traffic enjoy	
1. Young children helpi	ng with household tasks.
2. We were stuck in heavy	for more than an hour.
3. I think you don't have to	
4. It was two weeks before Christm with shoppers.	
If two people speak the same attitudes and opinions.	, they usually have similar
Task 2. Work in pairs. Read the small	
	Name
 enjoys teaching. 	Miss Phuong
 has to get up early. 	
 lives far from school. 	
 loves working with children. 	
 loves learning English. 	
 rides a bike to school every day. 	
rides a bike to school every day.studies at a high school.	

Task 3. Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where does Phong study?
- 2. What subjects does he study?
- 3. Why does he want to learn English?
- 4. What does Miss Phuong say about her teaching profession?
- 5. Why does Mr. Ha worry about his son's safety?

After you read

Work in groups. Talk about:

- what subject(s) you like best and why.
- what you like or dislike doing at school.
- what you worry about at school.

B. SPEAKING

Task 1. These expressions are commonly used when people are chatting. Place them under the appropriate heading. Then practise with a partner.

Good morning. / Hi.

Great. I'll see you tomorrow.

Sorry, I've got to go. Talk to you later. Hello. How are you?

Well, it's been nice meeting you.

Hello. What are you doing?

How's everything at school?

Catch you later.

Goodbye. See you later.

Hi. How is school?

Starting a conversation	Closing a conversation		
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喝	Task 2. Rearrange the following sentences to make a conversation and then practise it with a partner.
	A. Bye. See you later.
	B. What did you do?
	C. Where are you going now?
	D. Hi, Minh. Did you have a nice weekend?
	E. Oh, I stayed at home and did my homework. Nothing special.
	F. Hello, Quan. Yes, I did. It's great.
	G. I'm going to the library to borrow some books. Sorry, I've got to go. Talk to you later.
	H. I went to Lan's birthday party. The food was good and the people were interesting. What did you do, Quan?
B	Task 3. Complete the following conversation with suitable words, phrases or sentences in the box and then practise it with a partner.
	What's the matter with you awful / tired / sick / cold a headache / a cold / backache / toothache You should / You'd better go home and have a rest
	A: Hello, Hoa. You don't look very happy?
	B: Hi, Nam. I feel I've got
	A: Sorry to hear that
	B: Yes. That's a great idea. Goodbye, Nam.
	A: See you later.
图	Task 4. Work in pairs. Make small talks on the following topics, using the starting and ending of a conversation.

- the weather
- last night's TV programmes
- football
- plans for next weekend

C. LISTENING

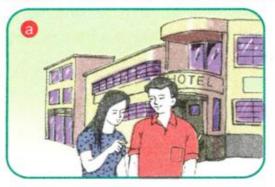
Before you listen

Read and match a question in A with a response in B.

A	В
1. What subjects are you taking this semester?	a. Yes, I am.
2. How do you like the class?	b. For a month.
3. Are you enjoying the party?	c. I'm taking Maths.
4. How long are you staying?	d. Sure.
5. Would you like to have a drink?	e. I really like it.

While you listen

Task 1. Listen to the conversations and match them with the pictures.









Task 2. Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1. What subject is Lan taking this semester?
- 2. Whose class is Lan in?
- 3. Where is Nam now?
- 4. How long does Son plan to stay in Nha Trang?
- 5. Does Hoa travel with her friends?

W W	Task 3. Listen t words.	to the last convers	ation aga	ain and	write in	the mis	sing
	A: Hoa. How de	o you like (1)		?			
	B: It's (2)	The hotel is (3)	and m	y room is	(4)	
	A: Are you (5) with you			ends?			
	B: (6) I'r	n travelling (7)					
	A: Would you l	ike to go somewh	ere (8)			_?	
	B: That's great.						

After you listen

Work in groups. Talk about the problem(s) you have experienced at school.

D. WRITING

Filling in a form

- Task 1. Work in pairs. Answer the following questions.
 - 1. On what occasions do you have to fill in a form?
 - 2. What sort of information do you often have to provide when you fill in a form?

Task 2. Forms do not usually ask questions, but they ask for information. Match a line in A with a question in B.

A	В		
1. First name	a. What do you do?		
2. Surname	b. Where are you living at the moment?		
3. Date of birth	c. Are you married or single?		
4. Place of birth	d. What's your first name?		
5. Present address	e. When were you born?		
6. Marital status	f. What's your surname?		
7. Occupation	g. Where were you born?		

喝	Task 3. Forms ask you to do certain things. Do the following:
	1. Write your name in block capitals.
	2. Sign your name:
	3. Delete where not applicable. I am a student / an employee / an employer.
	4. Put a cross if you are male.

5. Put a tick if you are female.

Task 4. Fill in the following form.

PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS
Mr./Mrs./Miss*
Surname
First name
Date of birth
Nationality
Language(s)
Address in your country
Occupation
Reason for learning English: Business/Pleasure/Exams/Others* (If others, please specify)
How many hours a day do you want to stay at the school?
What date do you want to start?

E. LANGUAGE FOCUS

• Pronunciation: / \(\lambda / - / \(\alpha : / \)

• Grammar: 1. Wh- questions

2. Gerund and to + infinitive

Pronunciation

Listen and repeat.

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study

far

subject

father

cousin

marvellous

love

target

wonderful

guitar

- Practise these sentences.
- 1. I love my school very much.
- 2. I think my cousin is lovely.
- 3. Last month I took Sunny out for lunch.
- 4. They are dancing under the stars.
- 5. Martha and Charles are dancing in the dark.
- 6. Let's have lunch in the garden.

Grammar and vocabulary

Exercise 1. Make questions for the following responses.

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For a few days.

3	?
I came with a friend. 4	?
In the centre of the city. 5	?
Because it is interesting. 6	?
It's seven o'clock. 7	?
They have three children.	
Exercise 2. Fill each blank with an -ing or to + infinitive for verb in brackets.	
Dear Lisa, I have been expecting (1) (hear) from you. I hope you are I'm busy, but happy. Last night I went to a party at one of my classmates' home. I really nervous. You know I usually avoid (2) (9 parties because I have trouble (3) (remember) per names. Well, last night things were different. Before the per I read a book about improving memory, I practised (4) (do) some of the memory exercises. They really helped. result, I stopped (5) (worry) about what people is about me, and I tried (6) (pay) attention to what people is were saying. And guess what? I had a good time! I'm even planning (7) (go) dancing with a guy from my class. Why don't you consider (8) (visit) me? I really miss (9) (see) you. Please write. I always enjoy (10) (hear) from you. Best wishes, Sonia	was yo) to ople's arty, As a think

Exercise 3. Complete the following sentences using an -ing or to + infinitive form of the verbs in the box.

watch	make	call	have	;	lend
wait	live	talk	go	post	find

Example:
When I'm tired, I like television. It's relaxing.
When I'm tired, I like to watch television. It's relaxing.
1. It was a nice day, so we decided for a walk.
2. I'm not in a hurry. I don't mind
3. They were hungry, so she suggested dinner early.
4. I'm still looking for a job, but I hope something soon.
5. We must do something. We can't go on like this.
6. Could you please stop so much noise?
7. Our neighbour threatened the police if we didn't stop the noise.
 Lan was in a difficult situation, so I agreed he some money.
9. Suddenly everybody stopped
10. Don't forget the letter I gave you.