

**Where are you from?**

I'm from [name of city] in [name of country].

**What do you do, study or work?**

I'm working at the moment. I'm coordinating an art exhibition for local artists.

**What thing do you like most about your job?**

I've only had this job for a short while, but I love interacting with the artists and also the other people involved in the gallery where I work. Everyone's so interesting, it's incredible.

This is only the second job I've had, but it's way better than my previous work which was rather boring. So, I guess it's how interesting the work is and the people, every day is different and that's what I like best about my job at the moment.

**Did you used to like any pop star when you were a child? Why?**

No, not really, I liked listening to music, but I never really had a favorite pop star. I listened to a lot of different music by different groups and solo artists. So, I guess you could say I liked certain songs irrespective of who sang them, rather than just liking a particular artist or group.

**Have you ever met a pop star?**

No, I haven't.

**Do you prefer to listen to music in concert or on the radio?**

Neither! I prefer to listen to music on my phone or other mobile device. I have my playlist of favorites in Spotify so I can listen to them wherever I go.

Commercial radio stations generally have too much advertising and silly competitions that I can't stand, so I prefer to be in control of what I listen to online.

**Do you read any magazines?**

No. I don't. I usually read some blogs or websites if I want to get some ideas about something, and if I want to see the news, I watch it online. In fact, I can't remember the last time I actually bought or read a magazine – it must have been a very long time ago.

**Did you occasionally read a magazine when you were a child?**

No, when I was a child I used to read comic books, or graphic novels, not magazines.

**Have you ever tried reading an online magazine? What did you think of it?**

I've read several articles on magazine sites, for example, last week I read an article about financial support for art projects, which was in an online journal about the arts.

But I have to admit, I didn't really think of it as reading a magazine, just reading a particular article, rather than the entire magazine site.

### **What do you enjoy most about learning English?**

#### **ANSWER 1**

Well, there are two answers:

The first is that I enjoy the English language itself. I just like the way it sounds, I've always liked it since I was a child.

The second answer is that English is the modern lingua franca, that is, I can talk to everybody in the world. No language barrier between me and somebody from China or Saudi Arabia or Sweden!

Marina, Italy

#### **ANSWER 2**

For me, next to the use of the English language, the culture and the literature is really what I like studying a language. But the most important reason why I learn languages, mostly English and Spanish, is the reason to be able to communicate with people around the world.

F., Switzerland

#### **ANSWER 3**

Since we live in a globalized world with English as the most spoken language, learning it enables me to make friends from every corner of the world, which definitely is the part I enjoy the most.

Hana, Slovakia

#### **ANSWER 4**

Being able to communicate with foreigners - travelling and meeting new people is easier!

Beatka, Spain

**“Good answer but too short - you can add another sentence at least.”**

#### **ANSWER 5**

I understand my English-speaking work colleagues much better and my speaking is better.

I use it for holidays and it's really helpful for my job in my position. For me it's a kind of - how shall I say - something new and useful every week in the lessons. It's like brain training.

E., Switzerland

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Where are you from?

#### **ANSWER 1**

Originally I am from Germany, but as a child I lived already in Switzerland, of course with my parents. We moved back to Germany when I was 7 years old. When I finished my studies in Frankfurt, I moved to Zurich again. This was in 2011.

F., Switzerland

**“Good answer but you need to put the adverb before the main verb. ‘I already lived in Switzerland’.**

**And you should say ‘that’ instead of ‘this’. This is for things that are close to us; that is for things that are far away. ‘That was in 2011’.”**

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What do you do here/there?

ANSWER 1

I have been working as a Marketing Consultant for [company] since 2011. This is also the reason I moved to Switzerland because I found exactly the job opportunity I was looking for.

F., Switzerland

**“Fine, but a bit dry. Can you spice it up a bit?”**

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How long have you been studying English?

ANSWER 1

I have been studying English since high school, which means since 1997. I also had English as a subject at university and spent some holidays in an English speaking country. The last one was Australia.

F., Switzerland

**“A missed opportunity to use an advanced adjective. The last one was Australia, which was breathtaking/life-changing/beyond belief.”**

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Are you the kind of person who can do two things at once?

ANSWER 1

As a first reaction I would say yes – but this is not correct. I can watch television and being in the internet at the same time, but when it needs some kind of concentration for both things, I prefer doing one thing after the other, because then it is done correctly.

F., Switzerland

**“Can is a modal verb, so the verb that follows, watch, has to be in the base form. But so do all the other verbs that connect to ‘can’ - I can WATCH television and BE on the internet at the same time.”**

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How do you usually like to spend your free time?

ANSWER 1

It depends on the amount of time. But in generally I love reading my books, being with friends and family and doing sports, in particular running and yoga. And I just started riding the motorbike, which is a lot of fun. But most important for me is travelling.

F., Switzerland

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Are you planning to do any courses in the near future?

ANSWER 1

Yes! As I really enjoy the English classes at work – it is kind of a variety to the normal daily business life. And of course I still want to continue to improve my English skills. So next goal is the proficiency level...

F., Switzerland

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If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?

ANSWER 1

If I could go anywhere, I would go to Asia or Africa. The reason is simple, because I spent the last 7 months in North, Central and South America and Australia, so these two continents are still missing. There are still a lot of destinations on my travel-to- do-list, but I am working on it.

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Do you use social networking sites a lot? Why/Why not?

ANSWER 1

Unfortunately, I do, especially Facebook. But I stopped to post things, I tell my family and friends who are interested in my life on a direct and personal way. And since Whats App is used by so many people I prefer communicate via tis app instead of Social Media. Additionally, I started to call people again instead of writing messages.

F., Switzerland

**“I stopped smoking = I quit**

**I stopped to smoke = I stopped driving the car, got out, and lit a cigarette**

**I stopped POSTING things on Facebook.**

**Apart from that, a really good answer.”**

