

IELTS Speaking Prepositions and articles pairwork guessing game

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Student A

A

Can I ask about a word in the question?

I will take a trip to the mountains.

I started studying English when I was a child.

That's a difficult question.

I don't know a lot about this, but I guess...

It was a long time ago, but I think...

When I was a junior high school student,...

I go back to my hometown about twice a year.

I'm not sure if this is a good example, but...

A couple of weeks ago...

A few years ago,...

About

I've never really thought about that before.

Should I talk about Tokyo, or the city I come from?

The book which I am reading is about a serial killer who...

I don't know a lot about this, but I guess...

I'm going to speak about...

After

I'm going to see my grandparents the day after tomorrow.

Ago

I moved to Tokyo about 12 years ago.

An

I am an only child.

My father is an office worker.

I work as an accountant.

Any

I don't really have any hobbies, but...

As

As you may know,...

As far as I know,...

At

I do aerobics at my local gym twice a week.

I'm a freshman at Tokyo University.

When I was at high school,...

In the evening I prefer staying at home but I go out at the weekends.

I'm not between jobs at the moment but I have an interview next week.

Looking at it another way,...

Back

I go back to my hometown about twice a year.

Before

I just came back from abroad the week before last.

Between

It takes me between thirty and forty minutes.

For

I work for Toshiba.

My hometown is famous for dumplings.

I've been living in Tokyo for about thirteen years.

From

From personal experience, I would say that...

I'm flying to Spain with some friends from university.

I live about 20 minutes from here

I am from Gunma prefecture.

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Student B

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In

I live in a studio flat near Shinjuku.

I'd like to live in the countryside.

I'm going back to visit my parents in two weeks.

When I was in my early teens,...

When I was in the second year of university,...

I was born in Tokyo.

I live in the suburbs.

I'm in charge of a regional sales department.

I'd like to move back in the next few years.

In my free time I mainly watch TV and jog along the river.

I sometimes see a movie in the evening but otherwise I just go straight home.

In my limited experience,...

In my opinion,...

In general,...

Much

I don't have much leisure time, so I spend most of it with my wife and daughter.

No

I'm no expert on this, but I would imagine...

Of

I'm quite fond of Japanese pop.

I didn't understand the last part of the question.

I can't think of anything to say.

That's all I can think of to say.

Off

My days off are Monday and Tuesday, so at the weekend I almost always work.

On

I live on the third floor of an apartment building.

I'm no expert on this, but I would imagine...

Moving on to the second question,...

Out

I usually finish work too late to go out at night, so I often go drinking at the weekend.

Since

I've been studying English since I was in junior high school.

The

Sorry, I didn't catch the final word of the question.

Sorry, what was the question again?

The majority of people who I know,...

I didn't understand the last part of the question."

The first thing that comes to mind is..."

Just the other day...

To

I meant to say...

That is to say...

The first thing that comes to mind is...

I have been to France but nowhere else.

Up

I was born in Tokyo but I was brought up on an island near Kyushu.

I grew up near here but then went away to university.

I usually meet up with my friends and go drinking.

I'd like to take up surfing because I saw a great movie about it last year.

No preposition

I saw a movie _____ last week about...

I would like to travel _____ abroad in the next few years.