***Topic: About Myself***

1. Let’s start with your autobiography.

2. What do you like doing in your free time?

3. What questions do you usually ask when you want to get acquainted with someone?

4. What are the characteristics of a true friend?

5. Nowadays teenagers have got up to 300 friends in Contact. What do you think about it?

***Topic: Types of Houses***

1. Let’s talk about different types of houses. Tell me about the house/flat you live in.

2. What types of houses are there in Belarus?

3. What type of house would you prefer to live in?

4. Your friend doesn’t know what to choose: to live in a city or in the country. Give him/her some advice.

5. Your family is going to move. What questions will you ask your parents about your new flat/house?

***Topic: Education in Belarus***

1. Let’s talk about education. What can you tell me about the place where you study?

2. Does your college have any traditions?

3. What can you tell me about the system of education in Belarus?

4. Today some young people think that having a good education is not very important. Do you agree with them?

5. Today some young people want to study abroad because they believe that the level of education is higher there. Would you do the same?

***Topic: Education in Great Britain***

1. Let’s talk about education. What can you tell me about the system of education in Great Britain?

2. Does your college have any traditions?

3. What questions can you ask a British teenager about education in Britain?

4. What ideas from Belarusian school can you advise a teacher from GB to use in British school?

5. Today some young people want to study abroad because they believe that the level of education is higher there. Would you do the same?

***Topic: Youth Organisations***

1. Today young people take an active part in the social life of the country. What youth organizations do you know?

2. Would you like to join any of the organizations you’ve heard about? Why (not)?

3. What campaign would you recommend to start? Why?

4. What issues would you recommend to discuss at a monthly meeting of a debate club?

5. Not all young people in Belarus have joined youth organizations. What stops them?

***Topic: Art***

1. Let’s talk about art. What kind of art do you enjoy most? Why?

2. Our country is world famous thanks to its artists, composers, etc. How can you prove this?

3. Are you good at painting, dancing or singing?

4. Do you want to see more graffiti around town? Why (not)?

5. What is art in your opinion?

***Topic: Science and Technology***

1. Let’s talk about science. What scientific achievements do you find very important?

2. People are becoming more dependent on high-tech devices. Is it good or bad?

3. Can you prove that mobile phones are necessary for people?

4. Why do you think cloning was banned in some countries?

5. Parents think that the internet influences negatively the development of teenagers’ thinking skills. Children, on the contrary, believe that it’s impossible to imagine our modern world without the internet. What is your point of view?

***Topic: Outstanding People of Belarus***

1. Let’s talk about great people. Can you name any famous Belarusian citizens? What are they famous for?

2. Do you know honorary citizens of your town or village?

3. What questions will you ask an outstanding scientist?

4. Any of us can become famous. Do you agree with this statement? Why (not)?

5. Is there anyone in your family or do you know anyone who has done/is doing something important for your country? Say some words about this person.

***Topic: Outstanding People of Great Britain***

1. Let’s talk about great people. Can you name any famous British citizens? What are they famous for?

2. What makes a person famous?

3. What questions will you ask an outstanding scientist?

4. Any of us can become famous. Do you agree with this statement? Why (not)?

5. What would your life be like if you were famous?

***Topic: Mass Media***

1. Let’s talk about mass media: TV, newspapers, radio. Which of these does your family prefer?

2. Is there any means of communication you can’t live without? Why (not)?

3. Are all means of mass media popular among your peers? Why?

4. Do you think all means of communication will exist in the future? Why (not)?

5. Can the internet replace all the other means of mass media? What is your point of view?

***Topic: Family***

1. Let’s talk about family. What role does it play in each person’s life?

2. What can you advise people who want to have a close and happy family?

3. Are there any things that you do with your parents together?

4. They say that parents and children have difficulties understanding each other because of the generation gap. What do you think about this problem?

5. Nowadays an average family has one child. From your point of view, how many children should there be in a family?

***Topic: Choosing a Career***

1. Let’s talk about your future career. What kind of job would you like to have in future?

2. What is your idea of an ideal job?

3. Does a person need to possess special qualities to become a good specialist in this or that particular field? Why?

4. Give me some advice on what I need to think about when choosing a job?

5. What questions will you ask your future employer at a job interview?

***Topic: Environment***

1. Let’s talk about environment. People say that our planet is in danger. Do you share this opinion?

2. What environmental issues are most important today?

3. What do you think people should do to protect the environment?

4. What would you like to ask your British friend about measures that are taken to protect the environment in Britain?

5. Are you optimistic about the future of the humanity? Why (not)?

***Topic: English-Speaking Countries***

1. Let’s talk about Britain / Australia / New Zealand / The USA / Canada. What do you know about this country?

2. What are the state symbols of Great Britain?

3. Give me a piece of advice on what sights to see in London.

4. Would you like to visit Britain / Australia / New Zealand / The USA / Canada? Why (not)?

5. They say it’s important for a person to speak English nowadays because it is popular all over the world. What is your opinion?

***Topic: Belarus***

1. Let’s talk about Belarus. What do you know about our country?

2. What do you know about the history of our country?

3. Do you know any symbols of our country?

4. They say that Belarus is at the crossroads of Europe. Explain why.

5. What Belarusian sights would you advise a foreigner to visit?

***Topic: Free Time Activities***

1. Let’s talk about leisure time. What do Belarusian teenagers do in their free time?

2. In what leisure time activities do you currently participate? What other activities would you like to participate in?

3. What questions can you ask a British friend about his/her free time?

4. Many parents think that children should spend less time playing computer games, that they should play outside or do some sport instead. What do you think about this?

5. Many parents complain that children don’t read books. Why do you think children are not interested in reading?

***Topic: Travelling***

1. Let’s talk about travelling. What role does it play in your life?

2. What types of tourism do you know?

3. What can you advise a person who doesn’t know where to spend his/her holiday?

4. What difficulties can you have when visiting a foreign country? Is it possible to avoid them?

5. Today people are tired of exotic countries and prefer to spend holidays in the countryside in Belarus. What can attract people to it?

***Topic: International Cooperation***

1. Now let’s talk about international cooperation. Can you name any international events that take place in Belarus?

2. Have you ever been to a live concert? Did you enjoy the sound?

3. Would you recommend a foreigner to visit Slavyansky Bazaar in Vitebsk? Why (not)?

4. What can you advise a person who is going to host an exchange student?

5. Social networking is a convenient way to keep in touch with foreign friends. What do you think about it?

***Topic: National Character***

1. Do the British differ greatly from Belarusian people in character?

2. What stereotypes connected with the British do you know? What do you think about them?

3. You have to write a short article about Belarusian people for a foreign newspaper. How would you describe our people?

4. What makes Americans different from the British?

5. Do you think that national stereotypes give a true picture of national character?

***Topic: Friendship***

1. Let’s talk about friendship. What role do friends play in your life?

2. Can you rely on your best friend? Why (not)?

3. What questions do you usually ask when you want to get acquainted with someone?

4. What can you advise a teenager who doesn’t want to go to school because of bullying?

5. Nowadays teenagers have got up to 300 friends in Contact. What do you think about it?

***Topic: Modern Means of Communication***

1. Is there any means of communication you can’t live without? Why (not)?

2. Do you consider all means of communication very effective? Why?

3. What questions will you ask people who live without a TV set, computer or radio?

4. I’d like to watch an interesting programme on TV. What can you advise me?

5. Some people believe that it’s not necessary to buy newspapers nowadays. What is your point of view?

***Topic: Healthy Way of Life, Sport***

1. Let’s talk about sport and a healthy way of life. What do you do to keep fit?

2. Do you agree that bad habits, like smoking, can be dangerous? Why (not)?

3. What questions will you ask a professional sportsman?

4. What can you advise a person who doesn’t know what kind of sport to take up?

5. What is the best way to promote a healthy way of life among young people? Why is it important to stay healthy?

***Topic: Food, National Cuisine***

1. Now let’s talk about food. What can you tell me about eating habits in Britain?

2. Do you personally follow the rules of a healthy way of life? Why (not)?

3. What questions can you ask a waiter when you are ordering a meal in a café?

4. Which national dishes can you recommend a tourist to taste in Belarus?

5. Scientists say that fast food is unhealthy but people go on eating it. What do you think about it?

***Topic: Money, Shopping***

1. Let’s talk about shopping and money. Who does the shopping in your family?

2. Are your parents happy about the way you spend your money? Why (not)?

3. What questions will you ask a shop assistant to help you to choose a purchase?

4. What can you advise a teenager who wants to buy a birthday present for his/her friend?

5. Do you agree that if you have problems, money can help you to solve them? Why (not)?