

Speaking and Listening Practice for Beginners

Practice asking these daily life questions with your student again and again (and again) for speaking practice and fluency. They can also ask you these questions. Answering in a complete sentence would be helpful and even writing down some of the questions and answers would be good practice.

Present verb tense

1. How do you spell your name?
2. How do you spell "Charlottesville"?
3. Where are you from? How do you spell it?
4. What is your address?
5. What is your phone number?
6. What time is it?
7. Where do you work?
8. When do you usually work?
9. What do you do there?
10. What do you do every day? (What is your normal schedule?)
11. What do you do on the weekends? (In your free time?)
12. Do you like your work? Why?
13. Do you like Charlottesville? Why?
14. What is your favorite food? What's in it?
15. Do you have a driver's license? When does it expire?
16. What time do you usually go to bed?
17. What time do you usually wake up?
18. What is your wife/husband's name?
19. How many children do you have? What are their names and birthdays?
20. Where do they go to school?

Present Progressive (Present Continuous)

1. What are you doing now?
2. What are we doing now?
3. What am I doing now? (tutor asks repeatedly while doing different things)
4. What are you wearing?
5. What am I wearing?
6. What are you thinking about?

7. What is your (husband/wife/mother/son/daughter...) maybe doing right now?
8. What are they doing? (Use various kinds of pictures for this.)

Past Tense

1. When were you born?
2. Where were you born?
3. When did you come here today?
4. When did you come to the United States/Charlottesville?
5. What work did you do in your country?
6. What time did you go to bed last night?
7. What time did you wake up this morning?
8. What did you eat this morning?
9. What did you eat last night?
10. What was the name of the last movie or TV show you watched?
11. What did you do yesterday? Last night? Last weekend? This morning?