

Education

The system of education in this country/your country. Describe the course of your studies at the university. What do you think of the system of education in this country? If you were given the authority, what would you change (curriculum, grading, homework)?

Work experience

What work opportunities have you had? Do you have a job now? Describe the responsibilities the job included/includes. What, in your opinion, makes a good and interesting job? Who/what influenced your choice of career?

My home, city life versus country life

Describe the town or village you live in. What are the pros and cons of living in the country/in the city? Housing in the Czech Republic/your country. What do you like/dislike about your home?

Holiday travel, transport

What travel and holiday opportunities have you had? What kind of holiday is your favourite? What do you consider the best means of transport? Which means of transport do you use most often and why? How would you rate the public transport in our country?

Shopping, services, clothing

How much time do you spend on shopping every week? What are your favourite shops in your area and why? How has shopping in this country changed in recent years? What sort of services (post office) and repair shops do you use? Is it difficult for you to buy clothes? Is fashion important?

Food and drink

What are your favourite foods and drinks? What foods and drinks do you dislike? What do you usually have for breakfast, lunch and dinner? Are you a good cook? Do you like eating out in a restaurant? What is your favourite restaurant/pub?

Keeping healthy, sickness and disease

What do you think are the main principles for maintaining good health? Do you feel that your lifestyle is healthy? Tell us about the last time you went to hospital or the dentist. If you feel you may be getting a flu, what do you do? What do you think of our national health care system?

Entertainment and culture

What cultural opportunities do you enjoy? What type of movies do you like? What was the most memorable theatre performance you have seen? What type of TV programmes do you like/dislike? What kind of museums do you find interesting? What kind of music do you like to listen to and when?

Conferences, meetings, giving a presentation

Describe a conference you have attended/helped to organize. What kind of meetings do you go to? How are they organized? Describe a presentation you have made. What makes a good presentation and a good speaker?

Going for a business trip abroad, cultural differences, staying in a hotel

Have you ever made a business trip abroad? Do you know of any differences in social

behaviour in other countries? What is your experience with the hotel accommodation? What services and hotel facilities do you consider most necessary for the business traveller?

Communication technologies, the role of media

How has the communication changed in recent decades? Which ways of communication do you prefer? What do you use the Internet for? How do you see its future? What is the influence of newspapers, radio, film and television on society? On you personally?