

## 8. THE ROLE OF MY FAMILY

### ✎ The role my family plays in my life

- My family members are very important to me. We get on well, I have a few relatives I can admire but, of course, my nuclear family plays the most important role in my life.
- Everybody is in a hurry, we don't have enough time to spend together. But in my family we can always find somebody to talk to, my parents stand behind me and help if I need it.
- Unfortunately, I don't have a good relationship with my family. I'd rather spend my time with my friends. I can get on well with them and if I need any help or advice, I always turn to them and not to my family.

### ✎ My favourite activities I can do with my family

- I'm always happy when I can spend some time with my family. We watch TV, go on outings together at weekends, sometimes take part in cultural events together, visit our relatives or go to a restaurant to have a weekend meal.
- My favourite activity is to spend time with my cousins. They're the same age as me, we have some common hobbies and interests, so we can always find something funny.
- The best thing is to visit my grandparents. I get on very well with them. I love them because they are funny and I always enjoy it when they tell me family stories.

### ✎ How much time I can spend with my family

- Although I don't have too much free-time, I try to spend my weekends with my family. We organise programmes, take part in cultural events or visit other relatives. On weekdays we often have dinner together, which is a good opportunity to speak about our day.
- My weekdays are very busy, I meet my parents in the morning and in the evening. Weekends are better, we spend at least one day together every week.

### ✎ Having arguments in my family

- We don't often argue as we have some house rules and we respect each other.
- We often argue in my family. The most common things are my studies at school, staying out late, sharing housework, using my computer and telephone. My parents expect me to behave well. In return, they let me go out with my friends and if I keep the rules, I can do what I want.

### ✎ The most memorable time I've ever had with my family

- My best memory is when we went on holiday together with my grandparents and cousins. We went to Croatia on a beach holiday for a week. I enjoyed every minute of it.
- My best memories are the big family gatherings. We spend every Christmas with my extended family. There are about 30 of us when everybody comes but it's always great to see each other.

## 6d Task 1

Speak about the topic in details: *Family relationships*. Answer the following questions:

1. What role does your family play in your life?
2. How often do you spend time with your family members?
3. What are the favourite activities you do with your family?
4. What is the most memorable time you've spent with your family?
5. Do you ever have arguments with your family? If yes, about what?



## 6d Task 2

These pictures show different family relationships. Look at the pictures and talk about them, including the following points:

- > the importance of family relationships
- > the role of social media in family relationships (good and bad points)
- > spending time with your close and distant family
- > what you prefer: spending time with your friends or with your family

## 📖 Words and useful phrases:

to play a role | *valamilyen szerepet játszik*  
extended family | *kiterjedt család, távoli rokonok*  
to respect each other | *tiszteli egymást*  
to look up to somebody | *felnéz valakire*  
to admire | *csodál*  
to have common hobbies | *hasonló hobbitak*  
*űznek*

to argue with somebody about something | *vitatkozik valakivel valamiről*  
to do one's best | *megteszi a tőle telhető legtöbbet*  
strict parents | *szigorú szülők*  
to behave well | *jól viselkedik*  
to keep the rules | *betartja a szabályokat*  
to enjoy every minute of it | *minden percét élvez*

Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.

## 9. APPEARANCE AND PERSONALITY

### ✦ The most important personality traits

- › I think people should be polite, kind and friendly to each other. I like sociable people I can spend my time together with. It's also very important to be reliable, patient, tolerant, honest and sincere. Besides these, being ambitious, calm, brave in different situations, or being cheerful and generous can be some other characteristics we want to find in people.
- › However, unfortunately, there are some people who are rude and impolite. I try to avoid them.

### ✦ Situations when appearance matters

Lots of people say that appearance doesn't matter, inner qualities are much more important. However, I'd say there are some situations when appearance matters.

- › If you meet somebody for the first time, your appearance makes the first impression.
- › Job interviews are a typical example when appearance can be important. If you want to get a job, you have to make a good impression on your future boss. You have to be smart, neat and wear elegant clothes.
- › If you have a job where you have to meet clients, it's also very important to wear elegant clothes. For example, if you are a businessman or businesswoman, your success can depend on your look as well.

### ✦ What I would change in myself

- › I'm sometimes lazy. If I want to get better results at school, I should do something about that. Moreover, I'm not always patient enough. I don't like waiting for anybody or anything, so I sometimes lose my temper.
- › I'm not hardworking enough. Even if I know that something is important, I don't put enough energy into it.
- › I'm often late, but I should be more punctual to arrive everywhere on time.

### ✦ My appearance

- › I'm an 18-year-old girl/boy. My hair is brown/black/fair/short/long/curly/straight/wavy. I'm tall/short/of middle height. I'm slim/fat/a bit overweight/chubby. I like wearing comfortable/trendy/stylish clothes.
- › I'm usually smartly dressed.
- › My friends and relatives say that I'm pretty/handsome/attractive.

### ✦ My personality

- › I always try to be nice to people. I'm proud of my good features, such as being tolerant, sincere, honest, kind, patient, reliable and sociable. On the other hand, I have some inner characteristics I'm not happy with. I'm sometimes jealous of other people and not determined enough.
- › My friends and teachers consider me creative and ambitious. I think these are important things for young people who want to achieve something in their lives.



### 68 Task 1

**Interview topic: Appearance and personality. Answer the following questions in details:**

1. What are the most important personality traits for you?
2. What are you like?
3. What would you change in yourself?
4. What do you look like?
5. When do you think appearance matters?

### 68 Task 2

These pictures show people whose appearance is different. Have a look at the photographs and speak about the topic, including the following points:

- > what appearance means to you and how important it is
- > the situations when appearance matters
- > what you think about these people's personalities
- > how you can describe a person who is close to you (his/her appearance and personality)



### 📖 Words and useful phrases:

reliable | *megbízható*

patient | *tűrelmes*

impatient | *tűrelmetlen*

sincere | *őszinte*

tolerant | *elfogadó, toleráns*

honest | *becsületes*

to feel like doing something | *valamihez kedve van*

feature | *tulajdonság, jellemző*

inner characteristics | *belső tulajdonságok*

to consider | *tart valamilyennek*

appearance | *megjelenés*

personality | *személyiség*

personality traits | *személyiségjegyek*

something matters | *valami számít*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**

## 10. MY BEST FRIEND

### ✂ My best friend

- > My best friend is Kate/John. He/she is my classmate so we can spend a lot of time together/we go to the same sportsclub, so we meet at least twice a week.
- > My best friend is the same age as me/ two years older/younger than me.
- > He/she's tall/short/of medium height, has brown/blonde/fair hair. He/She's handsome/prettty.

### ✂ How we met

- > We have known each other for ... years. We first met when we started secondary school/my classmate had a house party/took part in a competition.
- > We met in .... and since then we have been friends.
- > We haven't known each other for a long time but I think we know a lot about each other.

### ✂ How important my friends are

- > I've always had just a few friends. I don't have too many friends because it's easier to keep contact with only a few but I can't imagine my life without friends. Social media websites help us keep contact with each other if we can't meet as often as we want to but meeting face to face is the best.
- > I'm afraid, I don't have any close friends. I get on well with some of my classmates and it's enough for me.
- > I wouldn't say that my friends are more important than my family, but I can't imagine my life without them. I love gossiping and I can talk about secrets only with my friends.

### ✂ What we have in common

- > Having friends for me means that we have a lot in common.
- > Me and my best friend love going to plazas. We can spend hours going from shop to shop, trying on clothes and laughing at each other. We often go to the cinema together and visit museums because both of us like art.
- > Me and my best friend play computer games almost every day. Sometimes we invite some other boys but we can spend hours playing and talking.
- > Both of us are professional footballers/ dancers/tennis players. We go to competitions together and it's fantastic that we can share our experiences with each other.

### ✂ A good friend

- > A good friend is somebody who is kind, helpful, reliable and is always there for you. A good friend can accept you even if you aren't in a good mood. Perfect people don't exist but if you have a good friend, you can discuss and solve problems. A good friend is honest and sincere and can tell you how he/she feels about something. You can trust in a friend, you can tell him/her your secrets and he/she won't reveal them to anybody. A good friend never gossips behind your back.



## 68 Task 1

**Interview topic:** *My best friend.* Answer the questions in details:

1. How could you describe your best friend?
2. How long have you known each other? When and where did you meet?
3. What do you have in common?
4. In what ways are your friends important to you?
5. Who makes a good friend?



## 68 Task 2

These pictures show friends meeting face to face and online. Compare and contrast the pictures. Include the following points:

- > the advantages and disadvantages of both
- > the places where you can go to if you want to make friends
- > if you can imagine a long-lasting online friendship
- > what information you'd include about yourself on an online site

### Words and useful phrases:

handsome | *jóképű*

pretty | *csinos*

to support somebody | *támogat valakit*

to stand behind somebody | *támogat valakit*

to get on well with somebody | *jól kijön valakivel*

long-lasting friendship | *hosszan tartó barátság*

to share your experiences | *megosztja az élményeit*

to accept somebody | *elfogad valakit*

to discuss | *megvitat*

to solve problems | *problémákat old meg*

to reveal secrets | *felfed titkokat*

to gossip behind someone's back | *pletykálkodik valaki háta mögött*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**

## 11. FRIENDS AND RELATIONSHIPS

### ✂ Making friends

- > I often go to parties, so making friends is easy for me.
- > I'm a lonely type of person so I find it difficult to meet new people.
- > I have a lot of friends from school and we spend a lot of time together.
- > Sometimes I go on holiday with my family. I usually keep contact with people after coming home.

### ✂ My best friend

- > My best friend's name is ... He/she is ... years old. He/she is tall/short, has ... brown eyes and hair.
- > He/she's polite/funny/helpful/sociable/nice/intelligent and creative. .... I can always rely on him/her.
- > We've known each other for ... years. We met ...
- > We spend a lot of time together. We can talk about everything.
- > We can have fun together.
- > When we're together, we can go to... or do ...
- > What I really like about him/her is...
- > Both of us like ... -ing.
- > We can talk about anything.

### ✂ Activities friends can do together

- > We can spend some time together.
- > In the afternoons and at weekends we usually go to parties, to the cinema or play computer games together.
- > Watching films, listening to music and walking in nature are our favourite free time activities.
- > If the weather is good, we go on an outing. Our favourite place is...
- > We can do some sport or go out with some other friends.
- > Sometimes we study together.

### ✂ A good friend: The most important personality traits

- > A good friend is somebody I can rely on and who is always ready to help.
- > A good friend is funny, intelligent, friendly, sincere and open-hearted.
- > It's important for me to share some common interests.
- > A good friend is somebody you can go out with.

### ✂ Keeping contact with friends

- > We can meet at school and go out together.
- > We can talk to each other on the Internet. We can use social media websites, for example Facebook, Instagram and we talk on the phone.
- > I like meeting my friends face to face because it's very good if we can spend some time together.
- > I have a few close friends and we meet as often as we can.

## 68 Task 1

**Interview topic:** *Friends and relationships.*  
**Answer the following questions in details:**

1. Where can you meet new people if you want to make friends?
2. How could you describe your best friend?
3. Who makes a good friend? What are the most important personality traits for you?
4. How do you usually spend time with your friends? What are the most common activities you usually do together?
5. How do you usually keep contact with your friends?



## 68 Task 2

**These two photos show friends in different situations. Compare and contrast the pictures and speak about them, including the following points:**

- > the importance of friendships
- > your friends
- > how you can spend your time together
- > your best friend(s)



## 📖 Words and useful phrases:

to make friends | *barátkozik*

relationship | *kapcsolat*

a lonely type | *magányos típus*

personality traits | *személyiségjegyek*

to rely on somebody | *számít valakire*

sincere | *őszinte*

open-hearted | *nyíltszívű, nyitott*

to keep contact with somebody | *kapcsolatot tart valakivel*

to trust somebody | *megbízik valakiben*

to share some interests | *hasonló az érdeklődésük*

close friends | *közeli barátok*

social media | *közösségi oldalak (Facebook, Instagram, stb.)*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**



### ✈ **Making friends face to face and on the Internet**

- Some people say that making friends face to face is the best. It's much easier to get to know each other.
- However, as people are usually in a hurry and we live in the 21st century, the way how we meet new people and make friends have changed a lot. Through the Internet you can get closer to people from other countries, you can even practise foreign languages. Of course, it might be dangerous in some situations but if we're careful enough, it can work.

### ✈ **"Meeting" people on the Internet**

- Social media websites give the chance to meet people from different corners of the world. Several years ago it was almost impossible to travel to so many countries, so people didn't have the chance to meet people from far away.
- Of course, you have to be very careful, because there are some criminals on these sites. Never give out your personal details, passwords to anyone you don't know.

### ✈ **Some useful advice about using social media websites**

- Parents should be very careful with their kids and limit the time they can spend on social media websites. They should talk to their children about using the Internet and its dangers.
- If you start talking to someone, always check the person's profile. If you find it suspicious, don't start a conversation with him/her.
- Social media is full of fake news. Don't trust any of it until you check if it's a reliable source or not.

### ✈ **The advantages and disadvantages of using social media**

- The Internet and social media websites give a lot of opportunities to meet people. You can get in touch with some celebrities or some friends who live far away from you. If you have a big family, you can talk to your relatives. You can start video chatting, making your conversation very similar to a real one.
- Unfortunately, there are people on social media sites who use fake profiles and try to cheat. Besides this, young people use these websites much more than they should, they don't meet their friends face to face and the way in which they communicate is also changing. Some of them are so addicted to social media, they can't switch it off.

### ✈ **The most popular social media websites**

- The most popular site is definitely Facebook but there are some others such as TikTok and Instagram.
- There are some influencers who have a lot of followers and can make a lot of money.

## 6d Task 1

**Interview topic:** *The role of social media in relationships. Answer the following questions in details:*

1. What are the differences between making friends face to face and meeting new people on the Internet?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using social media when it comes to making friends?
3. How often do you meet new people on the Internet?
4. What are the most popular social media websites? Why do you think they are so popular?
5. What advice would you give to a teenager about using social media?



## 6d Task 2

**These two photos show how people use social media. Compare and contrast the pictures and speak about them, including the following points:**

- > keeping contact with people via the Internet
- > the advantages and disadvantages of using social media in a relationship
- > how the ways of communication have changed recently
- > social media websites you can use
- > the dangers of social media



## 📖 Words and useful phrases:

relationship | *kapcsolat*

social media | *közösségi oldalak (Facebook, Instagram, stb.)*

to meet somebody face to face | *személyesen találkozik valakivel*

to make friends | *barátkozik*

to keep contact with somebody | *kapcsolatot tart valakivel*

to get in touch with somebody | *kapcsolatba kerül valakivel*

technological development | *technikai fejlődés*

to be addicted to something | *valamitől függő (pl. nem tudja letenni a telefonját)*

from different corners of the world | *a világ különböző részeiből*

personal details | *személyes adatok*

password | *jelszó*

to limit the time | *korlátozza az időt*

suspicious | *gyanús*

fake news | *álhír*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**

## 13. THE OLD AND THE YOUNG

### ✈ The advantages of being young

- › Young people don't often have health problems. They can move easily and keep in shape.
- › Teenagers and young adults can make friends as it's much easier to go out.
- › If you're young, you only have to study at school, you don't have to go out to work.

### ✈ How I can imagine myself in 50 years' time

- › I find it very difficult to imagine myself in 50 years' time but I hope I will be young in spirit and healthy. I would like to live with my family. I think I will have some interesting hobbies like gardening, taking photographs or travelling.
- › I'll have some friends and will go out as often as we can.
- › If I am healthy enough, I'll look after my grandchildren and will spend a lot of time with my relatives.
- › In 50 years' time I'll be a retired person so I'll have a lot of free time.

### ✈ Difficulties elderly people have to face

- › Elderly people are often lonely, they feel miserable and find it difficult to take up an activity they can enjoy. They can't do everything on their own, they need help.
- › A lot of people often ignore elderly people because they think the old are not as useful as they used to be.
- › Retired people don't have too much money. After working for about forty years, they often have financial problems.
- › Sometimes the grandparents live together with the younger generations, which may cause some conflicts because of the generation gap. They don't have their privacy and it makes their lives even more difficult.
- › Some of them have problems with rude teenagers.

### ✈ How people should help the old

- › Young people can help a lot. They can do the shopping, take them to the doctor's, help with the housework. If different generations live together, it's easy to do.
- › There are some organisations, usually run by the local government to help the elderly. They take them to the shops or to the doctor's and call them regularly on the phone to check if everything is all right.
- › I think it's the family's responsibility to take care of their old family members.
- › For people who live alone, there are old people's homes with doctors and nurses to take care of them. They can spend some time there during the day or stay there for the night as well.

## 68 Task 1

**Interview topic:** *People at different ages: the old and the young.* Answer the following questions in details:

1. What are the advantages of being young?
2. What are the difficulties elderly people usually have to face?
3. How do you imagine yourself in 50 years' time?
4. How do you think people should help the old?



## 68 Task 2

These pictures show people at different ages. Have a look at the photographs and speak about the topic, including the following points:

- > the advantages and disadvantages of living at different ages
- > the ideal age for you
- > typical teenage problems
- > how people of different generations can live together
- > what people can do in different stages of their lives

## 📖 Words and useful phrases:

generation | *generáció*

elderly people | *idős emberek*

to face problems | *problémákkal találkozik*

to bother with something | *bajlódik valamivel*

to ignore | *figyelmen kívül hagy*

it's run by the local government | *az önkormányzat által működtetett/fenntartott*

old people's home | *öregék otthona*

to take care of somebody | *gondoskodik valakiről*

to imagine | *elképzel*

to be young in spirit | *lélekben fiatal*

typical teenage problems | *tipikus tinédzserkori problémák*

different stages of life | *az élet különböző szakaszai*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**

## 14. LIVING IN SOCIETY

### ✎ What I admire in other people

- For me, it's very important to have some models in front of me who can set good examples and I can look up to. A person I would admire is intelligent, open-minded, helpful. I respect people who I can rely on and ask for help if I need it.
- I admire famous people who have achieved something in their lives. I can follow them in a way and learn a lot from them.

### ✎ What I dislike about other people

- I have a lot of friends, we get on well with each other. However, there are some people around me I dislike. I don't like them because they aren't reliable, they don't take notice of other people's opinions, they're selfish and self-centered.
- Another thing I dislike about people is when they expect everything from others but they don't give anything in return.

### ✎ What the "generation gap" problem means

- The generation gap problem is a situation when members of different generations can't understand each other, they have arguments about common things like staying out late, doing housework, studying, or simply they can't stand each other. It makes family relationships bad and can cause serious problems.

### ✎ Problems elderly people have to face

- Elderly people might have some health problems. They can't move as well as they used to, they have to visit the doctor's more often.
- They may have some mental problems. Their memory can be worse as they grow older, they forget about things.
- Younger people don't treat them well. They don't pay attention to them and their problems, so elderly people suffer from ignorance many times.
- Because of our economic situation, more and more elderly have financial problems. Their pension isn't enough, they don't have enough money to buy everything they need.

### ✎ What ordinary people and the government should do to help the elderly

- We should appreciate elderly people. They worked a lot when they were younger, so they deserve a good life when they decide to retire. The government should provide opportunities for them to live in good circumstances.
- If an elderly person doesn't have a family who can look after him or her, the state should help him or her with a place to live, for example in an old people's home. There are nurses and doctors who can take care of them.
- Of course, the best is when elderly people can live with their family members. Then the members of the younger generations can help them when they need it.



## 68 Task 1

**Interview topic:** *Living in society.* Answer the following questions in details:

1. What do you admire in other people? Why?
2. What do you dislike in people? Why?
3. What problems do elderly people have to face?
4. What do you think ordinary people and the government should do to help the elderly?
5. What do we mean by “generation gap” problems?



## 68 Task 2

These pictures show people having problems at different ages. Have a look at the photographs and speak about the topic, including the following points:

- > difficulties elderly people have nowadays
- > disagreements between different generations – reasons and solutions
- > how younger generations can help the elderly
- > if you have ever had any arguments with your parents and/or grandparents – if yes, what about?



## 📖 Words and useful phrases:

to set a good example | *jó példát mutat*

to look up to somebody | *felnéz valakire*

open-minded | *nyitott, széles látókörű*

to respect somebody | *becsül valakit*

to rely on somebody | *számít valakire*

to take notice of other people's opinion | *odafigyel mások véleményére*

to accept | *elfogad*

in return | *cserébe*

to appreciate elderly people | *nagyra becsüli az időseket*

to provide enough money | *elég pénzt biztosít*

old people's home | *idősek otthona*

ignorance | *amikor nem vesznek tudomást valakiről*

can't stand each other | *ki nem állhatják egymást*

generation gap problems | *generációk közötti különbségből adódó problémák*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**

## 15. PUBLIC AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN HUNGARY

### ✦ The most important holidays in Hungary

- › In Hungary there are a few national holidays like 15<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> August and 23<sup>rd</sup> October and there are public holidays when people don't go to school or work, for example Easter and Christmas.
- › Some public holidays are family holidays when people gather together.

### ✦ My favourite holiday

- › My favourite national holiday is 20<sup>th</sup> August. It's a summer day and there are always interesting events all around the country. There are even festivals. My favourite one is in Budapest where I can meet people of different professions and sample Hungarian specialities. In the evening we can enjoy the firework display.
- › My favourite public holiday is Christmas. We have a big family and we can't meet very often, but at Christmas time we have a big family gathering. We decorate the Christmas tree together, prepare some delicious food and enjoy meeting the relatives we can't do during the rest of the year. We also have some Christmas traditions we would never miss.

### ✦ Celebrating holidays in my family

- › We don't celebrate national holidays at home. It's really good that on national holidays we don't go to school or work. We can go out together but we don't take part in celebrations. We celebrate public holidays like Christmas and Easter together, it's an old tradition for us.
- › I like seeing the national flags everywhere. We often take part in celebrations organised by the local authority. We're proud of our history as it's part of our culture.

### ✦ The Hungarian national holidays

- › On 15<sup>th</sup> March we celebrate the revolution and war of independence in 1848, in August we celebrate the foundation of the state, it's St Stephen's Day. In October we commemorate the revolution of 1956 and the declaration of the new constitution in 1989.
- › During these days there are national flags everywhere in the country. Some public events are organised where politicians make speeches.

### ✦ Celebrating holidays at school

- › We celebrate national holidays and Christmas at school. To tell the truth, I don't always like these celebrations because I find them boring. However, I like Christmas, which we celebrate with my classmates. We decorate the classroom and the Christmas tree, give presents to each other, sing Christmas Carols, eat cookies and play games.
- › Our school has an interesting tradition. We celebrate each national holiday in a unique way: we get some tasks to work on projects about the holiday. I find it much more enjoyable than celebrating in the usual way, because we can work together with my friends and can learn much more.

## 6a Task 1

**Interview topic:** *Public and national holidays.*

**Answer the questions in details:**

1. What are the most important holidays in Hungary?
2. What do we celebrate during our national holidays?
3. What is your favourite holiday? Why do you like it?
4. How do you celebrate holidays at school?
5. Do you celebrate any holidays with your family? If yes, what? If no, why not?



## 6a Task 2

These two photos show national holidays in Hungary. Look at the pictures and speak about them, including the following points:

- > the most important national holidays in Hungary
- > the historical backgrounds to these holidays
- > how you celebrate these holidays at school
- > your favourite holiday

### Words and useful phrases:

to celebrate | *ünnepel*

national holiday | *nemzeti ünnep*

the foundation of the state | *államalapítás*

declaration of the constitution | *alkotmány kikiáltása*

public holiday | *munkaszüneti nap*

to commemorate | *megemlékezik*

revolution | *forradalom*

independence | *függetlenség*

national flag | *nemzeti zászló*

family gathering | *családi összejövetel*

tradition | *hagyomány*

to celebrate in a unique way | *különleges módon ünnepel*

to sing Christmas carols | *karácsonyi énekeket énekel*

**Answer the questions and talk about the topic on your own – this time only with the help of the pictures.**