

Getting to Know You a Bit Further

Please, take yourself at least **30 minutes** time to write about yourself. Of course, more interesting than mentioning¹ your family situation and where you live and work is to get to know you a bit further as a **person**.

Therefore you may want to consider² the following questions while writing about yourself:

Part A

→ **What do I want to tell the others about myself that they might find pretty interesting?**

Here your responses³ to the following questions could perhaps make people curious⁴:

- 1. What does "luck" personally mean to me?*
- 2. What are the things that I would never want to miss to do in my life?*
- 3. Is there a motto that I have? If yes what is it?*
- 4. Thinking about my job and family situation where do I see myself in ten years?*
- 5. Is there something that I have done in my life that makes me feel pretty proud of or sad about? Do I want to tell the others?*
- 6. What is that made me choose my job as an early-childhood teacher and that makes me feel really satisfied in my job?*

→ **What do you expect from your qualification at your workplace⁵, at the vocational school you are currently attending and particularly from your English lessons?**

Here the following questions may be taken into consideration⁶:

- 1. What have been my personal experiences at my workplace so far? Have they already met my expectations⁷?*
- 2. What makes a good vocational school teacher⁸ in my field of work? What competences should she or he have?*
- 3. How important is English to me at my workplace and in my leisure time? What should the English lessons look like and what do I especially want / need to learn in English?*

1 to mention: erwähnen

2 to consider: bedenken; in Betracht ziehen

3 response = answer

4 curious: neugierig

5 work place: Arbeitsplatz (= kindergarten)

6 to take into consideration: in Betracht ziehen

7 to meet an expectation: einer Erwartung gerecht werden

8 vocational school teacher: Berufsschullehrkraft

This is how you could structure your self-portrait

Intro

Let me first start to talk about _____
before I want to continue with my expectations about my _____.

Part A

You gave me some questions to write about so that my self-portrait perhaps turns out to be interesting to my listeners. I am going to give it a try. First, I want to talk about what is important to me in life. I am starting with the pretty difficult question what "luck" personally means to me:

To me a lucky person is someone who _____
_____.

Here is what I would deeply regret not having done⁹ in my life when I am old: First,

_____.

Second, I would never want to miss _____

_____.

Third, _____

_____.

Being asked about my motto I can say that _____

Let me explain that a bit further: _____

⁹ o regret not having done: etwas bereuen, nicht getun zu haben

Well here is where I see myself in ten years: _____

Hopefully my dreams will become true.

Of course, there are things in my life that I am a bit proud of / ashamed of having done in my life ...

a) and that I am willing to talk about:

or

b) but I don't want to talk about them in public:

Part B

Over to my work as _____ I chose this job because _____

What really satisfies me at my work is that _____

What I really do not like so much is _____

Therefore my positive experiences at work are/ were _____

whereas my rather depressive moments at work are/ were when _____

_____.

Well, my expectations concerning my tutors at my workplace and the teachers at my vocational school are that _____

Generally speaking, to me a good teacher is someone who _____

_____.

Eventually these are my experiences with English at my work place and in my free time: _____

_____.

As far as the upcoming English lessons are concerned my expectations are that _____

So that it's for now. Now make a guess who I am!