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Speaking

학습목표

- **Practice Test 1 – Part 1 & 2**
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  - Part 1 - Buildings
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Part 1- School days

- Tell me something about your secondary school.
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→ girls'/ boys' high school, co-educational, art school, 25 students

- Which subject did you find most difficult at school? [Why?]

→ History because not good at memorizing

- Do you ever need that subject now? [Why? / Why not?]

→ Yes, it's a good topic to talk about.

- What did you enjoy about being a school student?

→ extra-curricular activities, enjoyed drama club

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- Tell me something about your secondary school.

→ I went to a girls' high school. There were about 25 students in a class, so it was crowded.

→ My high school was co-educational, and we studied a variety of subjects including Maths, English, Korean, Science, History, Art, Computer technology.

Part 1- School days

- Which subject did you find most difficult at school? [Why?]

→ I found History most difficult because I was not good at memorizing. So, my grades in History was always low.

→ My weakness was Maths. I always struggled to learn mathematical formula by heart. It was such a pain!

Part 1- School days

- Do you ever need that subject now? [Why? / Why not?]

→ Yes, I think people find it a good topic to talk about. Especially, when we see TV shows or movies based on historical events.

→ No, there is no use of Mathematics in our daily life. When would we use equation?

Part 1- School days

- What did you enjoy about being a school student?

→ I loved extra-curricular activities when I was in school. I joined drama club at that time and I enjoyed it a lot. I miss that time when I look back.

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- Tell me something about your secondary school.

→ Well, I went to a girls' high school. There were about 25 students in a class, so it was quite crowded.

→ My high school was co-educational, and we studied a variety of subjects including not only Maths, English, Korean, Science, History, but Art, Computer technology.

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- Which subject did you find most difficult at school? [Why?]

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- Do you ever need that subject now? [Why? / Why not?]

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- What did you enjoy about being a school student?

→ I loved extra-curricular activities when I was in school. / Definitely extra-curricular activities! I joined drama club at that time and I enjoyed it a lot. I miss that time when I look back.

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Part 1- School days

- not only A but (also) B : A 뿐만 아니라 B다
- learn A by heart : A를 외우다
- find A 형용사 : A를 형용사하다고 생각하다
- There is no use of A : A는 쓸모가 없다
- look back : 과거를 돌아보다

Part 1- Buildings

- Are there any famous buildings in your home town? [What are they?]
- In what type of building do most people in your home town live?
- Should buildings be attractive to look at? [Why? / Why not?]
- What is the most unusual building you have ever seen? [Why?]

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- the tallest : 가장 높은
- higher than : ~보다 높은
- think of + 명사 : ~을 생각하다, 떠올리다
- tons of : 아주 많은
- one VS that

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- 비교급 and 비교급 : 점점 더 비교급해 지다
- space-efficient : 공간 효율적인 (cf. time-efficient, cost-efficient)

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- not… any longer : 더 이상 ~하지 않다
- one of the 복수명사 : 복수명사 중 하나

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- remind 사람 of 명사 : 사람에게 명사를 생각나게 하다

Part 2

Describe an interesting story that you heard or read about in the news.

You should say:
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when you heard or read about the story

→ Online news

what the story was about

→The use of cash decreased a lot because of apps, credit and debit cards

why the story was in the news

→ The amount of money in circulation in Sweden low than other countries

Part 2

explain why you thought the story was interesting

→ Greater use of digital money, work for invisible value

Part 2

- What to think about

- Main tense and possible tenses?

- Ideas?

- Directing words / paraphrase

Part 2

One fascinating story I read recently was about less and less use of cash in Sweden.

- fascinating : 매우 흥미로운

Part 2

I read it in the international section of online news and it covered about the decreasing amount of money in circulation. It said it is mainly from our changing style of economy activity. According to the article, the convenience of applications and credit and debit cards has made us use less cash. / According to the article, applications and credit and debit cards are so convenient that people tend to use less cash.

- cover : 다루다
- according to 명사: 명사에 따르면
- so 형용사 that 주어 동사 : 매우 형용사 해서 주어 동사 하다고

Part 2

So, in Sweden, its circulation amount has gone down to 2%, which is a lot less compared to other countries like the USA and the countries in the Euro zone. Maybe that's why it was on the news.

- go down to 명사 : 명사로 떨어지다
- a lot less : 훨씬 적은
- compared to 명사 : 명사와 비교하여

Part 2

I found it particularly interesting because this means we are using digital devices much more than we expect despite the prevalent concerns and worries about hacking and personal information. Also, it sounds ironic thinking that we are working so hard to earn invisible value. All we work for exists in numbers only. It feels like a vain effort. Anyways, it was the most interesting news that I recently read.

- despite 명사
- prevalent concerns and worries : 만연한 걱정들
  (cf. hardship and difficulties, fun and joy)
- sound/feel 형용사 : 형용사하게 들리다, 느껴지다
- sound/feel like 명사 : 명사처럼 들리다, 느껴지다

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