

B2.1 The Questionnaire

You can learn:

- How to form complex questions correctly.
- How to 'get to know' your partner better.

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Read these people answering questions. Can you work out what the questions are?

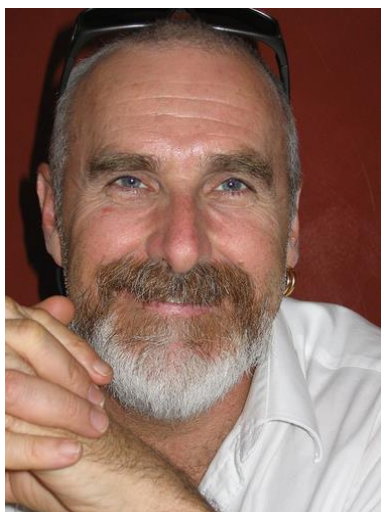


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1 No, I don't. I think they are good for the international reputation of the country. Some people think that they are a waste of money, but when you go abroad everyone is aware of them. Especially when there is a wedding, or a jubilee celebration, I think it lifts everybody's spirits. And the Queen works really hard.

Adam

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2 I always have my handbag and that has all my essentials in it. I mean things like my credit cards and bus pass. Oh, and I always like to have my lipstick with me because it cheers me up when I put it on, though I don't usually wear a lot of make-up. There's my keys too of course, but I generally don't carry a lot of stuff around.

Tina

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3 I think I would have to say at the birth of my daughter. She's six now, so that's six years ago and the place was in the hospital because I was present for the birth. I was absolutely overjoyed. Yes, that was definitely when I was the happiest I've ever been. *James*



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4 No, I don't. I think it is barbaric. And I don't think it acts as a deterrent. Just look at the United States. They have it there don't they? But America is a more violent country with lots of shootings. I think it brings us down to their level. *Matt*



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5 I wish that I had gone to university. In my day, women were not encouraged to go. It was considered more important that you were a good wife and mother. Socially and intellectually, I think I would have really enjoyed it. I envied my daughter when she went. But it's my only regret. *Joyce*

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Now match the questions to the people. When you have done this, ask and answer these same questions with your partner.

- a) When and where were you happiest?
- b) Should the British Royal Family be abolished?
- c) Which objects do you always carry with you?
- d) What is your greatest regret?
- e) Do you believe in capital punishment?

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Now ask and answer these other questions from 'the questionnaire'.

- f) What is your idea of perfect happiness?
- g) With which historical figure do you identify?
- h) What is your greatest extravagance?
- i) How do you relax?
- j) What would improve the quality of your life?
- k) What makes you depressed?
- l) How would you like to be remembered?

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Now take it in turns to pick topics from the circle to discuss.

My first job... My secret ambition...
My proudest achievement...
If I lived again... My best friend...
A book that has influenced me...
My ideal job... My favourite film...
What makes me angry...
My favourite sandwich...
My most treasured possession...
The kind of music I hate...

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Write a paragraph describing your partner using the information you have discovered today.

My partner believes that capital punishment is justified in certain circumstances. He said that often in the U.K. people are soon free after committing the most terrible...

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Notes:

Lined area for taking notes, containing 20 horizontal lines.

*"Judge a man by
his questions
rather than by
his answers."
Voltaire*