

Vocabulary for BULATS Speaking Part One

Without looking at the phrases below, listen to your teacher and guess which typical BULATS Speaking Part One topic he or she is talking about.

Sports and exercise

Hometown and accommodation

Free time (evenings and days off/ hobbies and interests)

Work or studies

Future plans

Holidays and travel

Match those topics to the vocabulary below.

Self-employed/ Middle manager/ Department/ Section/ Division/ Branch/ Subsidiary/ Parent company/ HQ/ Overtime/ Freelance/ Set up my own company/ Go it alone/ Role/ Responsibilities/ Clerk/ Staff/ Office worker/ Employee

Village/ City centre/ Suburbs/ Commuter town/ Apartment block/ Company accommodation/ Move/ Rent/ Shared house/ Housemate/ Brought up/ Grow up/ Birthplace/ Satellite town/ Rural/ Green spaces/ Downtown/ Studio (flat)/ Dorm

Ultimately/ Eventually/ Retire/ Retirement/ In ten years/ In twelve years' time/ In the next few years/ Soon/ Long term/ Short term/ Plan/ Predict/ Prediction/ Intend/ Would like/ Distant future/ Near future/ Later

Daytrip/ City break/ Winter sun/ Vacation/ Bank holiday/ Annual leave/ Long weekend/ Abroad/ Overseas/ Take a trip/

Fit/ Fitness/ Work out/ Keep fit/ Gym/ Spectator/ Stadium/

Leisure/ Stay in/ Go out/ Eat in/ Eat out/ Day off/ Interests/ Have a lie in/ To be into.../ Keen on/ Catch up on my sleep/ Stay in/ Window shopping/ Meet up/ Hang out with/ Fan/ Fanatic/ Do the housework/ Go shopping/ Do the shopping/ Clean my room/ Tidy my room/ Relax

Test each other in pairs.

Typical BULATS Speaking Part One confusions

What are the differences (of meaning and/ or grammar) between the following phrases?

Work vocabulary

- Part time job/ Temporary job
- Full time job/ Permanent job
- Casual worker/ Freelancer
- Salaryman/ Office worker
- Office worker/ Businessman
- Manager/ Executive (= Director)
- Boss/ Line manager
- Job/ Work
- Staff/ Employee
- Overtime/ Overwork
- Have my own business/ Work on my own
- New recruit/ Freshman (= Fresher)

Accommodation vocabulary

- An apartment/ A mansion
- An apartment/ A condo(minium)
- A flat (= An apartment)/ A block of flats (= An apartment block/ An apartment building)

Sports and exercise vocabulary

- Go/ Play/ Do

Future plans vocabulary

- In three days/ Three days after (= Three days later)

Holiday and travel vocabulary

- A trip/ To trip

Free time vocabulary

- Play with my friends/ Hang out with my friends/ Meet up with my friends/ Go out with my friends
- A female friend/ A girlfriend
- Look at/ Watch
- Appointment/ Date/ Arrangement/ Meeting
- Holiday/ Day off
- Window shopping/ Do the shopping/ Go shopping
- Do the washing (= Do the laundry)/ Do the washing up (= Do the dishes)
- Flatmates/ Roommates/ House mates
- Wake up/ Get up
- Hobby/ Interest
- Have a lie in/ Oversleep
- Drama/ Soap opera

What are the missing prepositions below?

- I just hung around _____ home
- A weekend _____
- Have a lie _____/ Interested _____/ What do you like doing _____ your free time?/
Do you prefer to go out or stay at home _____ the evening?/ Stay _____/ I'm really
_____ to F1
- How do you usually spend your days _____?
- _____ Sundays/ Keen _____/ Go _____ a trip
- Do you often eat _____?/ Go _____ for a drink/ Get _____ of town for the
weekend
- Are there any new leisure activities you would like to take _____?/ Catch _____ on
my sleep
- What did you do _____ last weekend?/ Do you have any plans for
_____ next weekend?
- Spend time _____ my friend

Hint 1: They are arranged into groups with the same preposition missing from all the examples

Hint2: The missing prepositions are in alphabetical order.