

ESSENTIAL PREPARATION

PART 1— HOMETOWN

- What's (the name of) your hometown?
- Is it a big city or a small town?
- Describe your hometown a little?
- How long have you been living there?
- What do you like (most) about your hometown?
- Is there anything you dislike about it?
- Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?
- Has your hometown changed much since you were a child?
- Are there any changes you would like to make in your hometown?

What's the name of your hometown? It's called _____ and it's located/situated in...	Is it a big city or a small town? It's a relatively big city, I guess. It's a medium-sized town.	Describe your hometown a little It's a densely populated (or a sparsely populated) place.	Most residents live in residential areas on the outskirts of the city. In the heart of the city/town, it's a shopper's paradise.
There are a number of places of interest such as...	I would highly recommend visiting...	How long have you been living there? I've been living there since birth/ for roughly _____ years.	Is there anything you dislike about it? Like all cities, there is traffic congestion at peak times so I get annoyed when I get stuck in traffic.
Do you think you will continue living there for a long time? I'm hoping to go to... I'm not entirely sure, who knows what the future will bring...	Has your hometown changed since you were a child? Yes, it's radically changed... No, there have been minor changes but it's still pretty much the same.	Are there any changes you'd like to make? If I had the chance, I'd change/get rid of/increase the number of...	What is it famous for? It's renowned for its cuisine. Some of its famous dishes include...

Fail to prepare, prepare to fail!

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Glossary

to be located in/situated in	to be in a particular place
to highly recommend visiting	to strongly recommend visiting
medium-sized	of average size
relatively	regarded in comparison with something else; quite
densely populated	lots of people live there
sparsely populated	not many people live there
a residential area	a place where people live
on the outskirts of	the outer parts of a town/city
a shopper's paradise	a great place for people who like shopping
roughly	about
traffic congestion	very little or slow movement of traffic
at peak times	at the busiest times of day e.g. 8-9am and 5-6pm
to get stuck in traffic	the traffic has stopped and you can't move
to radically change	to change a lot
minor changes	small changes
pretty much the same	almost the same
to get rid of	to remove
to be renowned for	to be famous for
dishes	food