

## Speaking Test 2 with Deniz (transcript)

**Robbie:** Hello, my name is Robbie, can you tell me your full name, please?

**Deniz:** My name is Deniz Pike.

**Robbie:** OK, and can you tell me where you're from?

**Deniz:** I am from Turkey.

**Robbie:** OK, and can I see your identification?

**Deniz:** Yes, here you are.

**Robbie:** OK, thank you very much. Now in this first part I'd like to ask some questions about yourself. So to begin with, can you describe a brother or sister?

**Deniz:** Ok, I have an older sister and a younger brother. I am going to talk about my brother.

My brother is younger than me as I mentioned and he is a quite bubbly. He is a growing person. He loves going out with his friends and our family. Even though he is younger he is quite mature person (inaudible) and he loves helping out people. You know he is always there for me and for everyone and he is always like nature, he likes nature since his childhood I can remember. You know when we played and everything. Even though he is younger than me he is quite tall. And he, our appearance a little bit different. Even though everyone, you know, when they see us they say, you know, there is a resemblance, we can definitely say that, I was like, no, I can't (laughing).

**Robbie:** Ok, what do you think it is like to be an only child in a family?

**Deniz:** I don't really know that. As I mentioned it I am (unclear). But I assume it might be some pros and cons. As you know being an only one which means, you can actually get whatever you like, because you are the only one, you know. Because when you have brothers and sisters it might be a little bit difficult you might need to think of the others first. But on the other hand only child means maybe they might know to share their things with the others, but again it depends on how the family actually brought up, you know, born. They can actually learn these things. But I think they might get a little bit jealous maybe or don't know maybe (inaudible).

**Robbie:** All right and why do you think some people choose not to have children?

**Deniz:** Again, this is quite personal thing. Everyone is different, and I mean they might think the environment and the way world is going really bad. Lots of problems actually arising every day and also stressful lifestyle or not enough money even though people work hard and you know I assume everyone likes to give their child the best they can. And if they, some people might think that, you know, they haven't enough things to give them or the world is not good enough to raise a child. I think it might be the reason, I assume.

**Robbie:** Right then, I'd like to move on to talk about clothes. How much money do you spend on clothes?

**Deniz:** All right. I mean like every girls I love clothes. I love fashion as well. But I mean I am quite careful about, you know. What to buy or not to. Depends on a season, if need it. And I assume I don't really much, spend much. But again if I like something like I don't know new dress and everything I know I can definitely go and buy. So it depends actually, depends on my mood.

**Robbie:** Ok and do you like to follow fashion?

**Deniz:** I mean I love fashion. But it does not mean I follow. I mean I know which colours suite me or, you know, which brands I know and if can say the brand I love has a new kind of clothes or new season comes in, I definitely go and have a look.

**Robbie:** Ok. What colours do you think suite you?

**Deniz:** I love blue and you know, shades of blue. I mean people also say I should go for brighter colours, like yellow or red. But yellow I don't really like, I really hate it. I don't know why, but I think my point is maybe they are right. Because you have to actually listen to what people say.

**Robbie:** Ok and how do the seasons affect what things you choose to wear?

**Deniz:** Seasons are quite important. I mean imagine, you know, if it rains every day which means you will have a grey weather so you have to sometimes cheer yourself up, that's why you need to have some kind of bright colours. If the season is summer you know the sun is quite and you feel bubbly and happy. Everything is kind of shines. That's why maybe the colours are not important, but in winter, the grey weather, the rains, you definitely need bright colours around you. And it is definitely important, I guess.

**Robbie:** Ok, right, I'd like to move on to talk about national parks. Does your country have national parks?

**Deniz:** Yes Turkey has lots of national parks. From west to east. From north to south we have quite rich... Turkey is really a big country and that's why we have different temperature and different seasons. We have all seasons. So that's why we have a really good national parks, different breeds of animals and different types of plants there.

**Robbie:** OK, what do you feel makes a good national park?

**Deniz:** I think people nowadays has a, you know, quite stressful lifestyle. That's why I mean having this sort of national parks around actually makes you feel better. I mean if you live in a city, like I, you really need to go somewhere else to feel a little bit kind of relaxed. And to think about, forget about you have been doing or stress, things like that. That's why it really important, just to see a different scenery.

**Robbie:** Ok. Right now I am going to give you a topic and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. And before you talk, you have one minute to think about what are you going to say and you can make some notes if you wish. Do you understand? So here are the topic and take a minute.

### Topic card

Describe a festival that is important in your country. Please say

- When the festival occurs
- What people do during this festival
- What you like or dislike about it
- Explain why this festival is important.

**Robbie:** Ok, are you ready? You only got one to two minutes, so don't worry, if I stop you in the middle.

**Deniz:** I mean in Turkey we have different kind of events, some of them are actually kind of religious, they come from religions, some from arts, you know, music and everything – but I am going to talk about the religious festival we usually have twice a year. One of them is really again religious, many people actually try to do it, because they believe in you know it is something important. And I find it quite interesting, I mean even though people kind of has a different lifestyle, but they try to do it, because it makes them happy. Also the other thing that actually this sort of events actually bring family together. And also this is the time you actually see your friends and family as well. They come and then share, celebrate, talk about, you know, the things they have been doing, maybe. As I mentioned because of stressful lifestyle it is not easy to see everyone, you know, kind of, together. That's why it is quite important. And it usually takes three or four days. And then again, kind of people come and visit each other and you actually kind of go and visit them as well. It is important, it is not famous, but is important, I guess, kind of religious thing. Because years by years on years like everything, lots of changes there. These religious festivals also change as well. Instead of people visiting, you know, their friends and families, they kind of go somewhere else, abroad, or I don't know. Just use them as a holiday. I think this is the part that makes me a little bit sad sometimes. I mean it is better to go and visit family and, you know, parents. They expect actually to see you.

**Robbie:** Ok that's fine thank you. Do you find that at this festival you would often get foreign visitors?

**Deniz:** Yes, some, I mean, if people, some foreign people are just there (inaudible) I mean then enjoy staying (inaudible) one of them is related to fasting. I don't think people might like join them.

**Robbie:** I'd like to talk about some topics related to this now. To start with I'd like to talk about culture. What are some of the things that define a country's culture?

**Deniz:** there are too many elements, when we talk about culture. Again can be they are language, music. They created (inaudible) clothes, clothing. Again music that I mentioned I don't know, language again kind of they developed during the years. These like things that make them kind of together.

**Robbie:** Ok and how are the arts such as painting, music and literature viewed in your country?

**Deniz:** Many people are quite interested in arts such as dancing, music and everything. But if there are kind of events happening in their city and they are quite happy to go and visit and have a kind of (inaudible) about themselves.

**Robbie:** Do you think government should fund cultural activity in a country when there are shortages for such things as education and health?

**Deniz:** That is quite tricky questions. I mean if they have... I think government definitely you know makes their point of actually giving their citizen everything they can. But there is shortage of money... Because art again is a kind of education, isn't it? You know, this is something actually they can develop and then something they can actually feel happy, free to express themselves. Ones so often they haven't express themselves. But I mean, again, government should find a way to kind of, actually, support these events as well, because these are important.

**Robbie:** What are some of the things that define a great work of art?

**Deniz:** I can say it's, I mean, whatever unique, I can't say, uniqueness or a different way of looking at and (inaudible) in this case. If you see a something and if it makes you happy, I think it is main thing. Because there are too many different things, different groups, or different forms and too many different names in art, music and everything. But you have to enjoy it, it has to touch you. And now you can feel, oh yea, that is something unique, that's something different.

**Robbie:** I'd like to move on to talk about museums. What kind of things come to mind, when you hear the word "museum"?

**Deniz:** I think museum I feel like... the place to collect interesting things actually that can be kind of nature or science related or kind of art, historical, dancing, every little interesting piece that can be put there to give people information about, what it's all about.

**Robbie:** Ok. What advantages if any are there to having museums in a town?

**Deniz:** As I mentioned, museums are kind of collective things. And then of course if you have it in your town, it is there, you will benefit, you know, from having it. I mean if you talk about giving people education or a little bit of information about the nature and everything. It would be beneficial to have it in your, I don't know, door step. You can take kids and show them what it is all about. And then they actually can create curiosity. And maybe you know their mind will develop, even they might choose this subject, as a job. And then you know they can actually go and study.

**Robbie:** Ok. How could we get young people to visit museums more?

**Deniz:** Oh yea. Again, youngsters, their mind is everywhere and you have to get up and grab their attention. I mean they are curious about everything, that's why you have to actually reach them and then to tell why they need to go there, explore, and everything that's there, they can actually interact maybe with different exhibits style, interesting things, events and everything. And then this the way they can actually develop imagination, this is the way they might get inspired by the things they see there.

**Robbie:** Ok. Do you think museums should be free or should they charge for entry?

**Deniz:** I think they should be free. OK, I know it must be difficult to run if many people don't go there. They definitely need funds or donations. I think what they can do to when people go there ask for donations, small donations or maybe government can fund them, I don't know.

Robbie: Ok well, thank you very much, that is the end of the test.

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