CAMBRIDGE B1 PRELIMINARY (PET) – SPEAKING

Part 1 – Personal information, family & school

Consigne : Prepare short answers (2–3 sentences). Include 3 elements: a direct answer, a detail and a personal opinion or example. Use B1+ vocabulary and grammar.

1. Personal information

Questions	B1+ useful structures & model answers
1. What's your name? How old are you?	My name is… and I'm … years old. / I was born in… / I'm currently a student at…
2. Where do you live?	I live in Lille, in the north of France, close to the Belgian border. It's a lively city with plenty of things to do.
3. Can you tell me something about your town?	Lille is well-known for its Flemish architecture and beautiful Grand Place. It's also famous for its shops, restaurants and cultural events.
4. Who do you live with?	I live with my parents and my… / We get along really well. / We tend to spend time together at weekends.
5. Have you got any brothers or sisters?	I've got an older / younger brother or sister. / We have a lot in common, although we sometimes argue.
6. What do you like most about your hometown?	What I appreciate most about Lille is its friendly atmosphere. Although the weather can be quite rainy, there's always something interesting to do.

2. Family

Questions	B1+ useful structures & model answers
7. Tell me about your family.	There are … people in my family. I'm particularly close to… We get along well, although we sometimes disagree.
8. What do you usually do with your family?	We tend to spend time together at weekends. We enjoy going out, watching films or having meals together.
9. Who are you closest to in your family?	I'm particularly close to… because we have a lot in common. I can always rely on him/her when I need help.

3. School and studies

Questions	B1+ useful structures & model answers
10. What's your favourite subject at school? Why?	I'm particularly keen on… because I find it fascinating. It also allows me to develop useful skills.
11. What subject do you find the most difficult?	I tend to struggle with… because I find it quite challenging. I'm making an effort to improve by practising regularly.
12. What do you like about your school?	What I enjoy most is the atmosphere. I get along well with my classmates, which makes school more enjoyable.

13. What do you usually do during the lunch break?	I usually spend my lunch break chatting with my friends. It gives me time to relax before the afternoon lessons.
14. How do you get to school?	I usually commute by bus / bike / car. It takes me approximately … minutes, depending on the traffic.
15. What would you like to do after you finish school?	I'm considering studying… / I'd like to… / I'm hoping to go to university because… I haven't made up my mind yet.
16. Do you think English is important? Why?	There's no doubt that English is important nowadays. It allows us to communicate with people from other countries and gives us more opportunities to travel or work abroad.

4. B1+ grammar structures to reuse

Structure	**Example**
Present perfect + for/since	I've lived in Lille for ten years.
Relative clauses	Lille is a city which attracts many tourists.
Although + subject + verb	Although it rains often, I love living here.
Despite + V-ing	Despite being busy, I enjoy school.
Used to + infinitive	I used to walk to school when I was younger.
Would rather + infinitive	I'd rather study English than German.
Be interested in + V-ing	I'm interested in learning languages.
Look forward to + V-ing	I'm looking forward to leaving school.
Tend to + infinitive	I tend to spend my free time reading.
So + adjective + that	Lille is so lively that there's always something to do.