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What kind of buildings do you like?

As a general rule, I prefer older buildings to more modern ones. The main reason is because older, historic buildings usually have some nice decorative features, such as animals. In contrast, modern buildings often look quite boring and less imaginative. However, some modern buildings, like the new CCTV building in Beijing, look unusual and make me wonder how they could be built.

11. Change

How has your life changed in recent years?

The main way in which it has changed is because I have finished high school and started university. As I now live away from my parents, I am more independent. The biggest difference is that studying at high school involved much more work whereas now I have a little more free time to develop my interests. At university there are many clubs that enable students to do this.

12. Cities

Do you like living in a city?

Generally, I prefer living in a city to living in the countryside. There are more things to do, especially with regard to entertainment. Also, the job opportunities are better, especially if you want to work for an international company. However, living in the countryside has some advantages. The air is much cleaner and I love going for walks in the countryside.

13. Clothes

Is the brand of clothes important to you?

No. I really have no interest in which brand of clothes I buy. To be honest, I usually cannot see very much difference in quality between the cheap brands and the expensive ones. When I buy clothes, I want them to feel comfortable and look good. I don't really follow fashion and so I don't see any reason to pay the high prices that fashionable brands charge.

14. Collecting

How do you get things for your collections?

Well, I collect stamps and it's very easy to find them because so many people collect them. First of all, I can buy new stamp issues from the post office. I often get stamps from people who sell them in the market not far from my home. Occasionally, I buy stamps online, but I usually prefer not to do this