

Unit 6 Interview & Report

Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Smartie is interviewing his NET teacher Miss Hill.

Smartie : Good afternoon, Miss Hill. I'd like to interview you about the countries you have visited. **Would you mind answering** a few questions?

Miss Hill: No, not at all! What do you want to know, Smartie?

Smartie : First, **how many times have you been to** South Africa?

Miss Hill: **I've been to** South Africa **once**. I **went** there in **2010**.

Smartie : I see. What did you do there?

Miss Hill: I lived in a tree house and went on a safari there.

Smartie : That sounds fun! How about the countries in Europe? Have you been to any of them?

Miss Hill: Well, I come from England so I've been to a number of countries in Europe, like Italy, France and Spain.

Smartie : **OK**. Let me write them down... **How many times have you been to** these countries?

Miss Hill: **I've been to** Italy **twice** and France **five times**. I **visited** Spain for the first time **last year**.

Smartie : What did you do there?

Miss Hill: I went shopping and visited the churches.

Smartie : I see. What is the next country you want to visit?

Miss Hill: **I've never been to** Greece so I want to visit Greece this summer.

Smartie : I hope you'll have a great trip. **That's all for the questions.**
Thank you very much, Miss Hill!

Starting the interview

- Greet the interviewee
- State the purpose of the interview
- Start the conversation politely with 'Would you mind...?'

Preparing a set of questions

- Depending on the interview topic
- In this case, you can ask about:
 1. Whether he / she has been to certain places
 2. How many times he / she has been there
 3. When he / she went there
 4. What he / she did there

Taking notes

Use a recorder or jot some notes (or do both)

LEARN THIS SKILL

People gather information from an interview in order to write an interview report.

Ending the interview

- State that the interview has ended
- Thank the interviewee politely

USEFUL TIP

We use the **simple past tense** only when an activity took place at **a specific time in the past**.

e.g. Chloe and her mum **visited** Cheung Chau **two weeks ago**.

ABC Choose the Best Answers

- What does Smartie want to know from this interview? **Preparing a set of questions**
 - A. How many times Miss Hill has visited South Africa
 - B. What Miss Hill did when she visited Spain
 - C. Which European countries Miss Hill has been to
 - D. All of the above
- Smartie is going to interview another teacher. Which of the following may he NOT say in the interview? **Starting & Ending the interview**
 - A. 'That's all for today's interview.'
 - B. 'Thank you very much for your time.'
 - C. 'Answer my questions!'
 - D. 'Would you mind answering some questions?'

? Fill in the Blanks

- What is Smartie going to do when he says 'Let me write them down...'? **Taking notes**
He is _____ when he says that.
- The noun '_____ ' in the interview means 'a trip to look at wild animals'.

Word choice

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Smartie is writing an interview report. Write the correct letters in the boxes.

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|----------------------------------|---|
| A. An introduction | C. The countries Miss Hill has visited |
| B. 'My Interview with Miss Hill' | D. The country Miss Hill wants to visit |

Yesterday I had an interview with our NET teacher, Miss Hill. —

Miss Hill has been to South Africa once. She went there in 2010. She has also been to a number of European countries... —

Miss Hill has never been to Greece. She wants to visit there this summer. —

Part 2 Fun Text Grammar



Suggested finishing time: 5 mins



Practical Sentence Patterns

We use ' **Would you mind** ' + ' **-ing** ' to ask somebody a favour politely.

e.g. **Would you mind answering** a few questions?

Ex. Complete the questions with the correct form of the words given.



1. Would you mind _____
_____ (tell me / how to go to) the Avenue of Stars?

2. _____
_____ (help me / carry) this heavy bag?



Magic Grammar Points

We use ' **How many times** ' to ask about the number of times people do something.

The adverb ' **once** ' stands for 'one time' and the adverb ' **twice** ' stands for 'two times'.

How many times

have you been to Ocean Park?

I have been

there

twice (= two times).

Ex. Fifi and Mimi are talking. Complete their conversation with 'once', 'twice', 'never' and the correct form of the verbs given.



: Have you ever been to Cheung Chau?



: No, I **1** _____ to Cheung Chau (never).

I've only been to Lantau Island.



: How many times **2** _____ you _____ (be) to Lantau Island?



: **3** _____ (x2)



: **4** _____ (try) the tofu pudding there?



: **5** _____ (x1)

Part 3 Getting to Write



Suggested finishing time: 10 mins



Brain Boost

Smartie interviewed a new classmate yesterday and jotted some simple notes. Pay attention to the underlined words and write the questions he asked.

Date of interview: 4th Feb, 20XX Interviewee: Joey Lin

1. _____
Ladies' Market / x1

2. _____ (go)
there / two days ago (with friends)

3. _____ (do)
there / bought a T-shirt & a toy car

4. _____ you ever _____ Hong Kong Disneyland?
x HK Disneyland (wants to meet Mickey Mouse there)



Let's Practise

Complete the interview report with the help of Smartie's notes. You can fill in each blank with one or more than one word.

My Interview with Joey Lin

Yesterday I ① _____ an interview with my new classmate Joey Lin. He just came to Hong Kong from Singapore last month.

Joey ② _____ to Ladies' Market ③ _____.

He ④ _____ there with his friends ⑤ _____ ago. He ⑥ _____ there.

Joey ⑦ _____ Hong Kong Disneyland.

He wants to go there in the future because he wants to ⑧ _____.

_____.

Write the correct form of 'have'.

Which word means 'one time'?

Pay attention to 'ago'. What tense do you use?

Include the word 'never' in your answer.

Which three words can you write?