

Sample Discussions

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1. Do you enjoy watching animations? Why or why not?

A: Of course! I'm **fascinated by** animations. The **protagonists** in the anime often have some exciting adventure. While watching, it seems that I have **undertaken** the unique journey **alongside them**. How interesting it is!

B: Absolutely! I couldn't agree more. I'm also a big fan of animations, and I find them truly **fascinating**. The reason is that they often cause me to think deeply. They often **convey positive values**. Therefore, when I feel upset or confused, I would watch my favourite animation, from which I can find the answer to life's problems.

2. What kinds of animations do you like watching and why?

A: Well, I prefer the **hot-blooded type**. It's usually **based on** friendship, growth or hard work, showing **courage and fighting spirit**. For example, my favourite is *One Piece*. I **am moved by** the exciting battles and responsible characters. Actually, Monkey D Luffy is my idol!

B: Oh, many of my friends like it, too. As for me, I'm fond of **mystery anime**, like the well-known *Detective Conan*. It's **complex** but interesting, with complicated **plot twists and turns**. I feel my critical thinking skills improve after watching. I really enjoy learning while being amused.

C: Yes, I also like to learn while playing. I'm obsessed with history, so I like watching **historical animation**. My favourite one is *Year Hare Affair*. It tells a series of stories about modern Chinese history with **interesting expression** and **humorous style**, which can make me relax. You should have a look, I'm sure you'll love it!

D: The most recent cartoon series that affected me the deepest was '*Demon Slayer*' since I had initially thought that it was merely a **gore-fest** with demons losing their heads. To my surprise, it showed me that demons are actually flawed beings whose suffering is being exploited brutally and who deserves our understanding. It teaches us how to treat people better as a whole...