

## COBE Questions – Updated 2025

**Happiness.** What does happiness mean to you? Explain. Do you think success is necessary for you to be happy? Explain why or why not.

**Seeing movies.** Do you prefer seeing movies alone or with friends or family? Explain. What is your all-time favorite movie? Explain.

**Sleep.** Are you a morning person or a night person? Explain. Can you fall asleep in unfamiliar places? Explain.

**Success and hard work.** Do you think hard work is more important than talent to be successful? Explain. Can you describe a time when you worked hard to achieve something? Explain and give at least one example.

**Environment.** What type of pollution really bothers you? Give an example and explain. Do you try to buy environmentally friendly products? Explain why.

**AI.** Do you think AI can help students? Explain. Do you think AI can replace teachers? Explain.

**Seasons.** If you had to get rid of one of the seasons so that it no longer existed, which would you choose? Explain. Which seasonal foods do you look forward to eating each year? Explain and give an example

**Watching TV.** Do you prefer watching TV alone or with friends or family? Explain. What is your all-time favorite TV show? Explain.

Do you think watching TV relaxes you? Explain. Describe your favorite TV show.

**Universities and colleges** What might be the advantages of going to college or university? Explain. Do you think it's better to study close to home or far away? Explain.

- ✓ Extended academic studies that help you acquire a better reputation towards your future job
- ✓ Make friend that have goals in life
- ✓ Self- discovery – knowing yourself
- ✓ Far away – because living in a dorm, meeting new people, creating closer friendships
- ✓ Close – getting fast to college, you're more focused, having the advantages of living at home, being close to family and friends

**A Time when you made a mistake** - What did you learn from this mistake? Explain. Do you think it's important to make mistakes when you learn something new? Explain.

**Languages** Do you enjoy speaking a foreign language? Explain. What might be the challenge of speaking to a native speaker of that language? Explain.

**Your free time** What do you like to do in your free time? Explain and give examples. Why do you think it is important to have something to do in your free time? Explain.

- ✓ Do you prefer spending your free time indoors or outdoors? Explain. What do you like to do when you are there? Give an example.
- ✓ What do you like to do in your free time? Do you like to spend your free time by yourself or with others? Explain.

**Being Organized** Do you think it's important to be organized? Explain. Do you consider yourself an organized person? Explain and give at least one example.

**Your house** What part of your house do you like the most? Explain. If you could change any part of your house, what would it be?

**Rooms in your house** What is your favorite room in your house? Explain. If you could add a room to your home, what would it be? Explain.

**Using cellphones** What are the advantages and disadvantages of using cellphones? Explain. Would you rather text your friends or call them? Explain.

**Your future** Where do you see yourself five years from now? Explain. How hard are you willing to work to get what you want in the future? Explain.

**The near future** What is one thing you are looking forward to in the near future? How will this affect your life? Explain in detail.

**Laughter** What makes you laugh even when you are upset? Explain. Do you think laughing is important in life? Explain.

**Food** Do you prefer eating in restaurants or at home? Explain. If you went out to dinner with friends and they treated the server poorly, how would you react? Explain.

**Colors** Do you think different colors affect your mood? Explain. If you could paint your room any color, what would it be? Explain why.

**Memories** Describe one of your favorite memories. What makes it special? Explain.

**A perfect day** What does a perfect day look like for you? Explain. How often do you get to spend a day like this? Explain.

**Your day** What is something you wish you could do every day? Explain. What is something you do daily you wish you did less of or you wish didn't do at all? Explain.

**A free day** If you had a free day to yourself, where would you go? Explain. What would you do there? Explain

**Making changes** If you could change one thing in the world, what would you change? Explain. What would happen as a result of this change? Explain.

**Places you have visited** What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited? Explain why you think so. If you could visit a place you have never been to, where would you go? Explain why.

**School** Do you think schools prepare teens for the future? Explain. What do you think teens should learn in school? Give two examples and explain.

Do you think the number of students in your school is ideal? Is it hard to make friends at your school? Explain.

**School subjects** What subjects do you study at school? Which is your favorite subject and why? Do you think what you learned at school will help you in your future? Why or why not?

**School day-** What does a regular day look like for you? If you could change something in your school, what would you change? Explain

**Going on school trips** Where would you like to go on a school trip? Explain and give an example. What kind of activities would you like to do on school trips? Explain.

**School rules** Which rules do you wish could be eliminated in your school? Explain. Which rule do you think should be added?

**Doing homework** Where do you usually do your homework? Why? Do you like to do your homework with music or in a quiet place? Explain.

**New students in your school** What are the most important things a new student needs to know about your school? Explain. How would you make that student feel welcome? Explain.

**Gifts** Do you prefer receiving gifts or giving gifts? Explain. What would you do if you received a gift you don't like from someone you love? Explain.

**Your community** Should teens contribute to improving their community? Explain. How have you or your friends contributed to your community? Explain and give at least one example.

**Generation gaps** What do you think your parents' generation doesn't understand about your generation? Explain. Is it possible to bridge this gap? Explain.

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**Competitions** Do you like to take part in competitions? Explain. What are the benefits of taking part in competitions?

**Different activities** How do you spend a typical day in the summer? What is your favorite summer activity? Explain and give an example.

How do you spend a typical day in the winter? What is your favorite winter activity? Explain and give an example.

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**Family traditions** What is your favorite family tradition? Explain. Do you think you will continue this tradition in your future life? Explain

**Social media** Do you think social media is good for friendships or does it stop people from becoming close? Explain. What might be the dangers of using social media such as Instagram or Facebook? Explain and give an example.

**Social media like Facebook or Instagram** What social media do you use? Explain why. How can social media be helpful in life? Explain.

**Not giving up** Do you think you should keep on trying no matter what happens? Explain. How would you help a friend not give up? Explain.

**Wishes** If you could have one wish come true, what would it be? Explain. What would happen as a result of this wish coming true? Explain.

**Movies or TV series** If you could be a character in any movie or TV series, who would you be? Explain. Would you do anything differently? Explain.

**Movies or TV series** What is your favorite movie or TV series? Explain why. If you could change anything in this movie or series, what would it be? Explain.

**Seasons of the year** What is your favorite season? Explain. What do you enjoy doing during this season? Explain and give two examples.

**Friendship** What qualities do you look for in a friend? Explain. What is the best way to make new friends? Explain and give an example.

- ✓ What is your biggest strength as a friend? Explain and give an example. Do you expect your friends to also have this strength? Explain.
- ✓ Describe a close friend. Do you prefer to have many friends or just a few close ones? Explain and give an example.

**Your free time** Do you prefer spending your free time indoors or outdoors? Explain. What do you like to do when you are there? Give an example.

**Your free time** What do you like to do in your free time? Do you like to spend your free time by yourself or with others? Explain.

**The weather** What is your favorite kind of weather? Explain. How does the weather affect what you choose to eat? Explain and give an example.

**Games** Do you prefer playing digital games or non-digital games? Explain. Do you think playing some kinds of games can affect your behavior? Explain and give an example.

- ✓ Do you like participating in competitive games? Explain. How do you feel when you win a game? Explain and give an example.
- ✓ What was your favorite game as a child? Explain. Do you think young children today would like to play this game? Explain why.

**Advertisements** Do you think advertisements are important? Explain. Do you think advertisements influence what you buy? Explain.

**Meeting people** If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be? Explain why. What would you ask this person? Explain.

**Different perspectives** If you could change places with anyone in the world for one day, who would you choose? Explain. Describe what you would do on that day.

**People you would like to meet** If you could host a talk show, who would be your first guest? Explain. What would you talk to them about? Explain.

**Being healthy** What do you think is more important – eating well or working out? Explain. What do you do to stay healthy? Explain.

**Fame and celebrities** Do you think being famous is a good goal in life? Do you think being famous makes you happy? Explain

- ✓ **Technology** Using computers or cellphones Do you think teens your age spend too much time with the computers or cellphones? Explain.  
Do you think cellphones have a good or bad influence on teens? Explain.
- ✓ How do you feel about new technology? Explain.
- ✓ When you get a new product, do you read the instruction manual, or do you figure it out on your own? Explain.

**Music** How does music make you feel? Give an example. What kind of music do you like or dislike? Explain why.

- ✓ Does music have the power to change your mood? Explain.
- ✓ How does your favorite song make you feel? Explain.

**Volunteering** - Do you think it's important to volunteer and help others in your community? Explain. Do you think that teens who volunteer or help others benefit in any way?

**Hometown-** What is your favorite place in your hometown? Explain why.  
Do you think your hometown is a good place for kids to live in? explain why or why not.

**Summer Vacations** - Tell me one thing that you like about summer vacations, and one thing that you don't like about summer vacations. Give examples on each and explain why

What is something that you wanted to do on your summer vacation that you haven't done yet?

**How You Get Things Done**- Do you prefer doing things in the evening or in the morning? Explain.

What do you think is more important? Getting it over with or doing it perfectly? Explain.

**Transportation**- Do you think public transportation in Israel is good? Explain.

What are the pros and cons of driving your own car? Explain.

What are the advantages of using private transportation, such as a car? Explain and give two examples. What are the disadvantages of using private transportation? Explain and give two examples.

## **COBE PROJECT – REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- ✓ What did you like best about working on your project?
- ✓ What did you like least about working on this project?
- ✓ Which part of the project was most difficult for you?
- ✓ Which part of the project was the easiest for you?
- ✓ In what way has this project helped you improve your English?
- ✓ What do you think you might share from what you learned about the topic with others? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Do you think you might use what you learned from your project in the future? Explain why or why not.
- ✓ What resources did you use and why? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ What was the most interesting thing you learned from your project and why? Give examples and explain.
- ✓ Would you recommend this topic to others, why or why not? Give examples from your project to support your answer.
- ✓ What do you think you might share from what you learned about the topic with others? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ After having finished your project, are you proud of your work? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Which part of the project was hardest for you and in what way? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ What did you enjoy about doing your project and why? Give examples from your own experience and explain.
- ✓ In what ways do you think your English abilities improved? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Do you think doing a project is a good way to improve your English? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Do you think doing a project is an interesting way to learn new things? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Do you think this project reflects your best work? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ If you had to help another student do their project, what advice would you give them? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Describe the stages of working on your project. Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Who or what helped you complete your project? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ Do you think the sources you used were reliable? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ If you were the teacher, what comments would you make on the project? Give examples from your project and explain.
- ✓ If you had to help another student do their project, what advice would you give them? Give examples from your project and explain.