Unit 6 — Interview and Portrait — Teacher copy

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1. Vocabulary

Match each item to its meaning or use it in a sentence.

Term	Your note
interview	
interviewer	
interviewee	
open question (Wh-)	
closed question (yes/no)	
follow-up	
transcript	
off the record	
on the record	
quote	
paraphrase	

2. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Interview vocabulary

interview, interviewer, interviewee, open question (Wh-), closed question (yes/no), follow-up, transcript, off the record, on the record, quote, paraphrase.

Open question forms

- *Tell me about …*
- *Could you describe …?*
- *What was it like when …?*
- *How did you decide to …?*
- *Why did you choose …?*
- *What do you remember most about …?*

Reporting an interview in writing

Direct: *"I remember the day," she said.* Reported: *She said she remembered the day.* Mixed (allowed in journalism): use one short direct quote per paragraph + reported speech around it.

3. Practise

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1. Mark open or closed: *Did you enjoy your job? — Tell me about your first day. — How long have you been here?*
2. Rewrite as open: *Did you have a favourite student?* → ___ .

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3. Prepare 8 open interview questions for an imagined interviewee.

4. Your turn

Interview + 150-word portrait. In pairs, run a 5-minute interview based on 8 open questions. Then write a 150-word portrait of your interviewee with at least one direct quote and 4 sentences of reported speech.

Sample

Mrs. Brock has worked at our school for 21 years. She says she remembers every student's name, and the way she said this, leaning forward slightly, made me almost believe her. "You forget faces but you remember voices," she told me. She came to the school because her sister-in-law had worked here in the 90s. She added, smiling, that her favourite part of the job was the empty corridor between 7:30 and 7:55 in the morning. "Best minutes of the building," she said. "Everything is about to start, and nothing has gone wrong yet."

5. Further reading / listening

- BBC News — *In Pictures* / portrait journalism.
- The Guardian — *Long reads* (selected).

6. Teacher answer key

G. 1. closed / open / open.

2. *Tell me about a student you remember.*

M. 3. Open.