

Talking Heads - A Portrait

Your Mission...

- I. To interview an older member of your family.
- II. To paint or draw their portrait which will then be attached to this page (17cm x 22cm).

Your Audience...

Students in China who are studying English and who will learn a little bit about your family history by reading the interview and looking at the portrait.

The Steps...

- 1) Choose a member of your family to interview (the older the better).
- 2) Use the interview form for the interview. There are some specific questions to answer as well as room for you to write about a particular event in the person's life.
Important point A: You might need to explain some things. For example '**my Grandmother plays Doom**'. You may need to explain that Doom is a computer game.
- 3) Once you have interviewed them you will draw their portrait. (The portrait might be taken from real-life or from a photograph). **Important point B:** A portrait is usually a painting or sketch of the head and shoulders only.
- 4) The portrait will then be attached **over this page** and needs to fit inside this frame. So not too big and not too small!

The Challenges...

- ◆ Finding out something that interests you about your subject.
- ◆ Putting this down on paper in a way that will be interesting and clear to someone who is learning English and lives in a different country.
- ◆ Capturing the character and/or physical likeness of your subject in your portrait

A Portrait of my _____

She/he is called _____

First a little bit about myself...

My name: _____ My age: _____

My state/territory: _____

My school: _____

My hobbies: _____

A Portrait of in Words.

What is your earliest memory? _____

What did you like/dislike about where you lived? _____

What did your parent/s do for a living? _____

What were you frightened of as a child? _____

What have you enjoyed most about your life? _____

Would you rather be a child now or when you grew up? Why? _____

An important event in their life.
