

## Singing (唱歌)

### 知识点:

1. 好听的声音: beautiful, pleasant, attractive, sexy, husky (高分词, 低沉有魅力的小哑嗓子), euphonious (高分词, 表示极其悦耳), soaring (高分词, 空灵的); 难听的声音: bad, terrible, awful, raspy (难听的哑嗓子), squeaky (高音又尖锐的声音); high-pitched 高音的; low-pitched 低沉的;.....

### 2. 音乐(或好的歌声)带给人的感受:

- bring sb. to tears: 催人泪下
- amaze/stun/ astound/ touch sb.: 震撼感动某人
- make sb. want to dance: 让人听了想跟着跳舞
- give you positive energy: 给你积极的力量
- heal the wound: 抚平伤口
- motivate sb./ give sb. motivation and hope: 激励人心, 给予希望
- cheer sb. up: 让人心情变好
- give somebody goosebumps/ the creeps: 让人浑身起鸡皮疙瘩
- keep sb. calm: 使人平静
- give sb. a sense of security: 给人安稳安全之感

### 3. 其他表达:

- sing in tune: 唱歌不跑调的
- have the voice of an angel: 有天使一般的嗓音
- tone deaf: 五音不全的
- sing out of tune/ off key
- I can't carry a note/tune in a bucket: (俚语) 五音不全

- **Singing is not my strongest suit/point:** 唱歌不是我的最强项
- **I don't have a knack for singing.** 我没有唱歌的天赋
- **Singing talent runs in my family.** 我们全家都会唱歌

## 1. Do you like singing? Why?

① I love singing and humming (哼唧歌曲) even though I don't have a knack for it, and I may sing out of tune sometimes. My mom says that I can't carry a note in a bucket (唱歌五音不全), haha! But still I enjoy singing. It cheers me up (让我振作) when I feel down (心情不好的时候), keeps me calm when I'm nervous. I even sing while taking a shower! (原因, 周围人评价, 好处)

② Yeh I enjoy singing a lot. All my friends say that I'm a good singer, and one friend even says that I have the voice of an angel. I don't know if my voice is really that beautiful and soaring, but I definitely love singing for my friends, my family and sometimes even just for myself. I think it runs in the family (家族遗传), as my mom is also a great singer. (原因, 周围人评价)

③ No, never. I'm a terrible singer. I can't carry a note in a bucket! My singing voice is raspy (沙哑的), annoying and awful. Trust me, you don't want to hear me sing. I think a cat can sing better than me (一只猫都唱歌比我好听). I'm good at whistling (吹口哨) though. (原因)

## 2. Have you ever learnt how to sing?

① No, not really. I took some music classes when I was in primary school, and that was it (仅此而已). I'm just naturally good at singing. I was born this way (生来如此), haha. (原因)

②Yeh I've taken some singing classes. My mom discovered my talent and took me to classes to take my talent to the next level (把我的天赋提升到更高一个级别) . And I really appreciate her support and guidance. (原因)

③No, definitely no. I'm too embarrassed to learn. And plus, there's no point (没有意义) for me to learn as I have 0 talent in singing (毫无天赋) . To be honest, I haven't even sung in front of my friends yet. (原因)

### 3. Who do you want to sing for?

① Sometimes when I'm at a get-together (小聚会) with all my close friends, I'll play my guitar and sing for them. I enjoy entertaining my friends. And the same thing goes for my family. Sometimes at a family gathering, I'll do a little concert (开个小演唱会) for them as well. But I can never imagine myself singing in public. (分情况)

② I want to sing for my future life partner. I'm single now, but I find it so romantic to sing for someone you love. One day when I find my Mr./Mrs Right (我的真命天子/真命天女) , I'll sing to him/her to express my love and gratitude for having him/her. I can't think of a better way to tell someone you love him/her than by singing (没有比这更好的方式了) . (原因。男孩女孩具体性别具体修改内容)

③ I want to sing to nobody. Like I said, singing is not my strong suit (不是我的强项) , not my thing. It's definitely not my love language (爱的语言) . Therefore, I will never want to sing for anybody. I'm a gift person though. I send gifts to show my love and appreciation. (原因)

### 4. Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?

① Absolutely, I do believe singing brings joy to many people, myself included. Just take choir members (合唱团成员) , for example. Whenever they perform, there's such a sense of joy (快乐之感) in their

performances. And it's not only in choirs. I find people humming tunes (哼歌) while cooking, showering, or even biking. It's a great stress reliever (解压神器) and almost therapeutic (治愈的), you know, letting your voice flow and just getting lost in the melody (让歌声流动, 迷失在优美的旋律里). (举例子, 原因)

②For many people yes, but not for me! Haha! It makes me nervous. But yeh, I see people humming tunes (哼歌) while cooking, showering, or even biking. It's a great stress reliever (解压神器) and almost therapeutic (治愈的), you know, letting your voice flow and just getting lost in the melody (让歌声流动, 迷失在优美的旋律里). Too bad I don't know how to sing. (举例子, 原因)

## Feeling bored (感到无聊)

知识点:

无聊的相关表达:

- I'm bored. / I feel bored. / I get bored.

注意, **bored** 是被动状态, 当你感到无聊的时候要用 **bored** (被动式)

**Boring** (主动式) 则是使人感到无聊的、枯燥无趣的 This is so boring!

注意: I'm bored. 我感到很无聊; I'm boring. 我是无趣之人。区别很大!

- I'm bored to death (无聊到死) / bored to tears (无聊到哭) / bored stiff (无聊到僵硬) / bored silly (无聊到傻掉) / bored to distraction. (无聊到分心)
- **dull/ tedious/ uninteresting/ bland/ boring:** 无趣的

- **as dull as dishwater**: 和洗碗水一样馄饨无趣 (dishwater 指的是洗碗水, 或者很难喝无味的汤)
- **mind-numbing**: 令人思想麻木的
- **like watching paint dry**: 就像看着油漆变干一样。

**The show was so mind-numbing. It was like watching paint dry./I would rather watch paint dry.**

- **a yawner** 令人打哈欠的无聊事物
- **go on forever/ never end** 一直没完没了

**The show just went on forever!**

**I feel that the show never ends.**

- **I'm falling asleep just because how boring this is.**
- **I can't say that I find this very interesting.** (很客气的说法)
- **Nothing is really happening.** (什么都没发生, 因为太无趣)
- **Keep myself busy** 让自己保持忙碌, 保持新鲜
- **Mix things up/ switch things up** 把不同事情混着做, 找新鲜感
- **Try new things** 尝试新鲜事物
- **A novelty seeker/ a thrill seeker/ a explorer/ curiosity-driven/ have an adventurous spirit**: 有猎奇精神的、对新鲜事物感兴趣的人
- **Spice up my daily life** 给我的日常生活添加佐料

## **1. Do you often feel bored?**

① **Not really, to be frank. I'm pretty good at keeping myself busy (让自己忙忙碌碌的). There's always something to do, right? I'm very curiosity-driven (充满好奇的), and I would like to see myself as a thrill seeker (猎奇心强的人). So, if I find myself with some free time, I usually try something different, something new, whether it's trying out a new cooking recipe (尝试一个新菜谱), or go to a new restaurant, or meet some new friends.**

All these things and hobbies will keep boredom at bay (防止我无聊)。(原因, 细节举例子)

② Well, every now and then (三不五时地), yeah. The thing is, I don't enjoy a routine life. You know, same old same old (总是老样子) every day, I find it mind-numbing (使人思想麻木的). It's like, nothing is really happening in my life (啥事儿都没发生). I need to try new things all the time to spice up my daily life (给生活添加佐料). Otherwise, I will be bored to death (无聊到死). That's why I try to mix things up a bit (混合事情来做), for example, I travel a lot; go to all kinds of social events to meet new people; learn new skills; adventure new things. But to be honest, from time to time (时不时地), I still feel bored. But that's life. That's normal, right? (原因, 细节举例子)

③ I'm the kind of person who easily gets bored. For example, when I'm stuck in a traffic jam (卡在交通堵塞里) during rush hours (高峰小时), when I have to drive in bumper-to-bumper traffic (在车碰车的交通在蠕动), I feel bored to death (无聊到死). Basically, anything that makes me feel stuck in the middle (卡在中央) can bore me to tears (无聊到想哭). Like I said, being stuck in traffic, or, waiting in line (排队), waiting for my dental appointment (等我的牙医), waiting for a phone call, things like this makes me insane (让我发疯) /lose my mind. Because it's boring and there's nothing I can do about it (啥也做不了)。(举例子)

## 2. When would you feel bored?

上题答案③其实已经给出具体的 situations when you feel bored

其他版本的回答:

① I usually feel bored when I'm stuck in a routine (困在一成不变的生活里) for too long. You know, doing the same things day in and day out (一天过

完又是一天) . I need to have new experiences. Too much repetition without any change can drive me crazy. (原因)

② For me, boredom often hits/ kicks in (无聊来打击、造访我) when I'm doing something that doesn't mentally stimulate me. I feel that boring things are not objective but subjective (无聊的事情不是可客观事实而是主观感受) . Nothing is really boring; it all depends on the interest (没有一件事是真的无聊关键是你没兴趣) . For example, for me, I hate math. So, I'll feel bored to tears when solving a math question. But it would be so fun for a math lover. Or, when I'm in a meeting where the topic isn't engaging, my mind tends to wander (开始走神) . (举例子)

3. What will you do when you feel bored?

① That's a good question! Usually when I feel bored, I take it as a sign (把它作为一个提示) to try something new or different, like exploring a new hobby (尝试一个新爱好) , stepping out of my comfort zone (跳出舒适区) , making my life more memorable (让我的生活有更多值得记忆的瞬间) . It's kind of a cue (提示) for me to switch things up a little (变化尝试新事物) . After all, you only live once, YOLO (年轻人的口号, “你只活一次” ) . So, better live it to the fullest (把生活过到最满) . (列举)

② That's a good question! Sometimes if I'm in a situation where there's nothing much to do, like waiting in line, being stuck in traffic, probably the only thing I can do is going on my phone, and scroll a bit (登上手机, 刷一刷) . But sometimes, say, if I feel bored staying at home, I'll just go out and meet up with some friends, you know, switch things up a little. (分情况)

4. Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?

② I'd say childhood is less boring compared to adulthood. As a child, you're all the time learning new skills, exploring new things, and seeing

the world with fresh eyes (用新鲜的眼光去看世界) . And at the same time, you don't worry about responsibilities, and you find joy in simple things (再简单的事情里找到快乐) . Adulthood, on the other hand, we often get caught up in the daily grind (日常内卷) of work and life, which can become quite repetitive and tedious. (分头比较讨论)

② I believe adulthood is less boring because you have more confidence and freedom to explore life. Some people would argue that kids are care-free and worry-free (无忧无虑, 没有烦恼) , they play and learn and have fun all the time. But I clearly remember myself feeling bored to death when I was little. I didn't have the money to do things I wanted to do. Not to mention (更别提) , I would always have to get permissions from my parents (得到允许) . But now, I have complete financial independence and personal freedom, which opens up a world of possibilities (打开无限可能) . For instance, I can travel to places I've always dreamed of visiting, explore new cultures, try local food, and experience different ways of life. That's 0 boring (一点都不枯燥) . (让位驳斥)

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前几年关于这个主题还有别的一些小问, 有时间可看:

1. What was the most boring thing you did when you were young?

① Oh, gosh, I need to think about it...uhmmm, off the top of my head, waiting at the doctor's office (等医生) , was probably the most mind-numbing thing that happened to me. I mean, it was always so long, so so long, that I couldn't understand why. And then, I didn't have a phone to get distracted. Therefore, I just remember that I would stare at the door of the office for 1 hour, or something like that. That was a yawner! (细节, 原因)



② Uhhmm, I remember, one time, my parents took me to a science lecture when I was around 10. That lecture almost killed me (无聊到差点杀了我。夸张说法) . It went on FOREVER and EVER (没完没了没完没了) . And for me, at that age, it was as dull as dishwater. At some point, I believe I fell asleep while listening to it. This experience was traumatic (给人留下致命阴影的) , that's why I can easily remember it now. (讲故事法)

2. Do you think school is boring?

① I don't think so now, as I 've come to realize the importance of good education (如今的我已经意识到良好教育的重要性) . Now, I love learning new things at school. But I have to say, when I was younger, I used to find school very boring and unnecessary. I didn't understand why I needed to go to school every day. I couldn't see what the fuzz was about (不明白有什么重要的意义) . (时间分层)

② Sometimes yes, not always. I remember when I was a kid, I used to be a big fan of Biology, Geography, Art, Music and English. But I hated Math, Chemistry and History. So, during those classes, I felt extremely bored, like bored to tears, bored stiff. They were not for me (它们不适合我) . (分情况)