

**Describe a person you know who likes to talk a lot (能说会道的人)**

**You should say:**

**Who this person is**

**How you knew this person**

**What he/she usually talks about**

**And explain how you feel about him/ her**

**知识点:**

**善谈、能聊的人的一些表达**

**1. 褒义、正面语气:**

- **Chatty:** 能聊的
- **Talkative:** 同上，健谈的
- **Outgoing and open:** 开朗且愿意分享感受的
- **Great conversationalist:** 很棒的聊天对象 (conversationalist 对话者)
- **Life and soul of the party:** 聚会灵魂人物
- **Eloquent/ articulate:** 不光能说，还善于雄辩的，口条清晰的，口才好的
- **Expressive:** 善于表达的
- **Storyteller:** 会说故事的人

**Tara is such an engaging storyteller! I love her vivid ways of telling a story!**

- **Social butterfly:** 交际花，特别左右逢源之人
- **People person:** 善于和人打交道之人
- **There's never a dull moment with someone.** 没有一刻觉得沉闷

**Tara is so chatty and fun. There's never a dull moment with her. She so easy to talk to and so fun to be with.**

**2. 负面的、消极一点的语气**

- **Chatterbox:** 话匣子，一刻不停地说话（这个表达不算非常负面，一般有一种调侃他人或者自我调侃的成分，暗指某人真的很能侃大山）
- **Talks someone's ears off:** 把别人耳朵都聊掉了  
My aunt is a real chatterbox. She can talk people's ears off sometimes!
- **Nosy/ gossipy:** 很八卦的，爱打听的  
My aunt is very nosy. She loves spilling the tea (揭露别人的八卦) of other people.
- **Blabbermouth:** 大嘴巴
- **Windbag:** 风袋，表示能说且说了半天都是无价值的屁话的那种人  
I tried to have a quick chat with my neighbor, but she's such a windbag that a five-minute conversation turned into an-hour long talk.
- **A broken record** 坏掉的唱片，指的是那种不停重复同样内容的人  
My grandma sometimes sounds like a broken record, keeps saying the same things.

So, today I'd like to talk about my aunt, who's my mom's sister. She's in her mid 50s (在 50 岁中段, 55 岁左右) and is quite a social butterfly (交际花). I feel like, she knows practically everyone in her neighbourhood, and always has something to chat about with people around her. That's the kind of interpersonal skills (人际交往能力) that I'm really jealous of (嫉妒).

I've known her all my life, and she's always been incredibly outgoing and open. Whenever there's a family gathering or a community event, you can bet she's the life and soul of the party (派对灵魂人物). She has this infectious/ contagious energy (有传染力的感染力的能量) about her that just draws people in (吸引人群).

Now, in terms of what she talks about? Basically, everything under the sun (太阳能照到的一切东西). The news, stories about her friends, her life,

you name it (你随便说, 她都能聊) . She's an engaging storyteller (特别会说故事的人) , a real chatterbox (话匣子) . Sometimes, she can talk people's ears off (话太多, 把人耳朵说掉) , haha!

Finally, moving on to my feelings about her "chattiness". Well, to be honest, I have mixed feelings (有点复杂矛盾的感觉) . On one hand, I adore her. She's so easy to talk to and very fun to be with. She's got this fun way of talking that can engage people. But, on the other hand, she does have a bit of a nosy side (有点八卦) . She loves a bit of gossip and can be quite gossipy at times, always keen on spilling the beans (透露别人的秘密) about what's going on in the neighborhood. And, it can be a bit much (有点过分) sometimes. (分头讨论)

So, yeh, that's my dear aunt! Thank you!

### Part3:

#### 1. What communication skills does a talkative person have?

A talkative person often, not always, has very good communication skills. They are good at thinking logically, expressing themselves clearly and then articulate their thoughts well (思考有逻辑、表达清晰、口脑配合好) . Many of them have a very good sense of humor (有幽默感) that can bring joy and laughter to people (给人们带去快乐) . That's why they tend to be the life and soul of a party (派对的灵魂人物) . And also, they are normally very good at storytelling and know how to keep a conversation going (把话题保持下去) smoothly. (罗列)

#### 2. Is it good to be talkative?

I'm having a hard time drawing the conclusion (不好得出结论) because just like my aunt, yes (用扬调去强调) , she's talkative, sociable and outgoing, right? She knows everybody and can converse with anybody

(和任何人对话) . That's seems to be a really good trait (好的特点) . But, at the same time, sometimes, she talks too much. Especially when she is nosy (八卦的) , spilling the beans (八卦) . She could come off as someone who's untrustworthy and deceitful (有可能给人们留下不可信的印象) . On top of that, she's not a good listener (会倾听之人) . Listening actively and wholeheartedly is not her thing (不是她感兴趣的事儿) , not her strong suit (不是强项) . She's all about talking. So, there you go (结论在此) . Is being talkative a good thing? It really depends on the individual. (分头讨论)

### 3. How should parents encourage their children to talk more?

Number one, Parents should encourage children talk more by encouraging them in topics they're interested in, so that they can build that connection first in order to help children open their mouths. Number two, techniques help (聊天技巧也很重要) . A good conversationalist (好的对话者) always tends to ask open-ended questions (问开放性问题) . That's what parents should do. Asking open-ended questions allows children to elaborate their ideas more (解释自己的想法) instead saying just yes or no.

Number three, as role models (榜样) , parents should teach and show kids how to better express their feelings and emotions. Parents themselves should talk more to teach their children how to talk properly. Lastly, parents should create a very free and comfortable environment so that children can feel safe (感到心安) expressing their thoughts. (罗列)

### 4. How should people encourage children to express themselves when being asked questions that they are afraid to answer?

Again, just like I said, it's important to create a trustful and comfortable atmosphere to let children know it's okay to share their feelings, that there are no wrong answers (没有错误的回答) . Being a good listener is key here. That means, being able to listen patiently, actively and with empathy.

### 5. On what occasions do you think a child should talk less than usual?

Wow that's an interesting question! I guess, on occasions where they are not supposed to talk (不该讲话的时候). For example, during a class, or in a museum, or in a library, or when someone else is speaking. Children need to learn to be respectful, and to listen more and speak less or don't speak at all. Sometimes you will see kids cutting off and talking over each other (抢话, 打断彼此, 同时说话) and it's really important to learn good social etiquette (社交礼仪) like this where they learn to take turns (轮流) to speak. (举例子)

#### 6. What jobs need employees to be talkative?

I think jobs that involve a lot of interaction with people will need employees to be talkative. To name a few (举几个例子), salespeople, customer service representatives, realtors, lawyers, and teachers need to be communicative and articulate. Being able to communicate effectively is key to success in these fields. (举例子)