

Names

Do you like your name?

Yes I like my name very much which was given by my grandfather. Once he told me an interesting story about my name but I can't remember it now.

Does your name have any special meaning?

I don't think my name has any special meanings. Maybe I should look it up in the dictionary or ask my grandfather why he chose that name for me.

What kinds of names are popular in China?

I've no idea about this question. Every name is very unique because they are given by their parents or grandparents and carries their love.

Are there many Chinese people who have the same name as you?

No, because my grandfather put a complicated Chinese word in my name which is hard to write and pronounce. Truly speaking my name has brought me a lot of troubles in my life.

Is there any tradition about naming babies?

It's a big question for me and I never thought about it before. Maybe I will turn to my grandfather for some ideas after this test.

Work or studies

What work do you do?

I work as a tourist guide in a small company and it is an easy job.

Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?

I chose that job mainly because I could get a high salary which would bring me a better life.

(Possibly)? Do you miss being a student?

Yes I miss being a student a lot. I had a lot of free time when I was a student. I often threw a party with my classmates and had a blast together which was always a wonderful experience.

Is it very interesting?

Yes it is very interesting because I can meet different kinds of people every day which makes me feel good.

Do you like your job?

Yes I like my job very much. Apart from the reasons I just mentioned, another reason is that I get along well with my colleagues which gives me a sense of achievement.

What subject(s) are you studying?

I'm studying international business and it has brought a lot of pleasure. I like to discuss some hot topics with my classmates, which is the most interesting part of my school life.

Why did you choose to study that subject?/Why did you choose to study those subjects?

I chose to study that subject because it was very appealing to me and I would learn a lot of useful knowledge about the economy.

Is it very interesting?

Yes it is very interesting. Apart from what I said, we have some other fantastic activities. For example we often communicate with foreign students and exchange valuable ideas, which is very meaningful to my life.

Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?

I very much prefer studying in the mornings because I feel more energetic and I can study more efficiently which is extremely important to me.

(Possibly)? Are you looking forward to working?

Yes I'm looking forward to working especially in a big company. I need to earn some money and get precious working experience which can provide me with a better life in the future.

Boat

Have you ever traveled by boat ?

Yes I have. It was a great experience. I saw many kinds of fishes in the water which made me feel extremely excited. I even had a barbecue with my friends on the boat and I enjoyed it so much.

Do you like boats?

Yes especially boating. Boating is a low impact activity and for me it is a great form of relaxation. It is also an amazing bonding experience that creates fantastic memories.

Would you like to have your own boat?

Yes I'm eager to have my own boat then I can spend a relaxing day on the water soaking up the sun and have fun with my close friends.

Is boat trip popular in your country?

Yes I think so because boat trip is less expensive than other types of trips. Besides people like to eat delicious seafood while traveling on the boat which is fairly enjoyable.

Family

How often do you meet with your family?

I meet with my family every day, which is very important to me. My parents always prepare nice meal for me; so I could eat great food after school.

How do you spend the time with your family? Do you want to live with your family in the future?

We often chat with each other or watch some interesting videos together, which is very relaxing and fun. I hope we can still live together like now in the future.

Are you close to all of your family members?

Yes I'm close to all of my family members and they are very nice. We often throw a party and have a blast together.

How has your family influenced you?

My parents are very good at cooking and I have learned a lot of cooking skills from them which make life more interesting and comfortable.

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I have no idea about it because my country is too big and I rarely watch weather forecast.

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Yes there is ,especially in western part of my country. It only rains a few times a year and the air is very dry.

When(in what month/season)does it rain most in your hometown?

It rains most in summer,almost there times a week. I like to play football in the rain in summer, because the rain makes me feel cool and excited.

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Can you remember any time when it rained particularly heavily in your hometown?

Yes. As far as I can remember, it rained extremely heavily on a hot summer day when I was 6 year old. I saw a huge rainbow in the sky after that rain and I took a picture of it which was a great memory.

High school

Do you like your high school?

Yes I like my high school. The school campus was extremely beautiful and my teachers were really nice to me.

Which subject you like most? And dislike?

I loved history a lot. I was fond of listening to some interesting stories about historical

figures which always inspired me a lot. Besides ,history reveals the past which is very meaningful.

Do you still contact with your friends in high school?

Yes I still contact with my friends in high school and they are really nice people. I often visit some of them and do our favorite things in high school again such as having a barbecue and watching movies together.

What is your high school like?

My high school is a great place. Most of the buildings have a long history. There is a big lake in the center of my school and we can see some lovely birds flying above it.

What happened on your first day of high school?

The headmaster was standing in front of school gate and gave every new student a warm hug on my first day of high school. It was a great memory and we all respected our headmaster.

Transportation

What's the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?

The most popular means of transportation is subway especially during peak hour .People prefer taking subway because there is no traffic congestion in the city's railway network.

Can you compare the advantages of planes and trains?

There are many advantages of planes, for example air travel is the quickest and safest way of traveling which is very important to me. However we can go for a stroll on the train but we can't do it on the plane.

How often do you take buses?

Almost every day, I often take the bus earlier in the morning. For me, it is an ideal way to commute from my home to my workplace, because it is more money saving compared with other means of transportation.

Is driving to work popular in your country?

Yes it is, particularly in some big cities such as Shanghai and Beijing. Driving a car is much more convenient most of the time. If you take a bus you might waste a lot of time waiting in a queue.

Would you ride bikes to work in the future?

Yes of course, riding a bike is always my favorite means of transportation. It can develop my mental and physical strength. More importantly I do not have to worry about traffic congestion during peak hours.

Do you prefer public transportation or private transportation?

My preference is private transportation because I feel more comfortable, the bus or

subway is over-crowded sometimes. If I drive a car, I could have a larger space instead of standing in a busy bus like sardines in a can.

Do you think people will drive more in the future?

I guess not, especially for the athletic people, they are more likely to ride a bike in their daily lives instead of driving which can promote their health to some extent.

What will become the most popular means of transportation in China?

I think it will still be subway especially in some modern cities. It is relatively money saving and convenient. Having said that, we may have a new means of transportation better than subway in the future, who knows!

Advertisement

Are there many advertisements in your country?

Yes there are many advertisements in my country and they have become an important part of our lives. We can get information about new products or services through advertisements.

Why do you think there are so many advertisements now?

Mainly because advertising is a perfect way of promoting a product or service, which is very important to a company; without advertisements, new products can't reach the customers.

How do you feel about advertisements?

I know that advertisements are super important to our society and individuals. Besides, some advertisements are fairly educational and we can learn a lot of good things from them.

What are the various places where we see advertisements?

We can see advertisements in a magazine, on TV and many other places. Most advertisements are well made and they can add a lot of spice to our daily lives.

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Home(Your Accommodation)

Who do you live with?

I live with my roommate Jack, and he is an interesting guy. We get along well with each other.

What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?

I live in a small flat which is a wonderful place because I can have a fantastic view of the whole city through my window.

Can you describe the place where you live?

Yes, my flat has a large kitchen and a small bedroom. I love cooking, so I spend most of my time in the kitchen.

Which room does your family spend most of the time in?

My family live in a big house, and they love watching TV. There is a smart TV set in the living room, so they spend most of the time there.

How long have you lived there?

I have lived in my flat for almost 3 years, and it is a good life experience. I love everything in my flat including my roommate.

What do you usually do in your house/flat/room?

I often play video games or watch some interesting movies online with my roommate. I always have a great time in my flat which is such a comfortable place.

Do you plan to live there for a long time?

No, because I need to find a job and I have to move to a new place. But I will miss everything in my flat which has become an important part of my memory.

Are the transport facilities to your house very good?

Yes, they are very good, for example, subway line 2 is just behind my house which makes my life much easier. I don't have to worry about traffic congestion.

Please describe the room you live in?

My room is fashionably designed. There are many nice paintings on the wall, and I love to keep fresh flowers which make my room look much more beautiful.

Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?

Well I very much prefer living in a house because a house is much bigger than a flat. I'm fond of throwing a party with my close friends, so house fits me better.

What part of your home do you like the most?

I like my bedroom the most, and I always feel comfortable there. I often spend the whole day in my bedroom at weekends and do something interesting such as watching TV and updating my blogs.

Hometown

What's(the name of) your hometown (again)?

My hometown is a small town called Wu Zhen in Chinese which has a vibrant history.

Is that a big city or a small place?

It's a small place which is extremely famous for the local snacks. People in my hometown are very nice.

How long have you been living there?

I have been living there for almost 20 years, and it is a great life experience. I've got a lot of good friends and we often do some exciting activities together such as mountain climbing and hiking.

Do you like your hometown?

Yes I like my hometown very much which is such a beautiful place. I like everything there which has become an important part of my life.

Is there anything you dislike about it?

I dislike the weather in my hometown because it is too cold in winter. I have to stay at home watching TV programs or reading some books instead of doing my favorite outdoor activities.

What do you like (most) about your hometown?

I love the local snacks very much which are quite scrumptious. I often send some snacks to my friends as gifts at some special occasions such as Spring Festival and Middle Autumn Day.

Please describe your hometown a little.

My hometown has a long history and there are many kinds of museums in my hometown. We often visit them and get a better understanding of our own culture.

Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

No I don't think so. I will get a new job in Shanghai which means I have to leave my hometown.

Outdoor activities

What do you do in your spare time?

I often go out for a meal with my family members at local restaurants or go to the cinema with a couple of close friends. They are my favorite pastimes.

Do you like outdoor activities?

Yes I like outdoor activities very much which get me closer to the nature. What's more outdoor activities are good for my health because I need to stretch my arms and legs when I am doing most of them.

What outdoor activities do you like to do?

I prefer to go camping with my friends at the bank of a river close to where I live. I treat it as a kind of leisure activity.

How often do you do that?

I do it once or twice a month. We usually sit at the bank drinking beer and chatting with each other about lives. We really enjoy this kind of outdoor activity.

What outdoor sports do you like?

I very much prefer playing football on the school playground with my classmates. It often makes me feel totally relaxed and of course improves my physical well-being.

How often do you do outdoor activities?

A few times a week outdoor activities have become an important part of my life. I often do some interesting outdoor activities with my family members if the weather is nice.

What types of outdoor activities are popular in your country?

I think cycling is the most popular outdoor activity in my country. People especially young generations like to ride bicycles along the street or riverside. They think it is a very good form of relaxation.

Sleep

How many hours do you sleep every day?

Normally, I sleep 7 hours everyday, I find this amount of sleep very comfortable and it helps me to lift my spirit especially when I wake up.

Is it necessary to take a nap every day?

Definitely yes, especially for people who always are at the office and work all day. It's necessary to take a nap which is a good way to recharge their batteries and allows them to refresh their mind and body.

Do old people sleep a lot?

From my perspective, old people need to sleep less. However, they are supposed to get up early to do workouts, such as practicing Taichi and walking, which is a good way to keep fit and stay healthy.

How to have a good sleep?

Well, I would have some hot milk or have a hot bath and listen to music before sleeping, especially soft music which can really make me relaxed and fall asleep easily.

Do you like to get up early in the morning?

Yeah, I do like getting up early in the morning mainly because I'm keen on morning reading. If I get up early, I have a sense of achievement and I feel it's a good start to a brand-new day.

Can you sleep well if you are in a noisy environment?

To be honest, I can't, I will toss and turn in a noisy environment especially late at night. If it is noisy I usually watch my favourite TV programmes until I feel tired.

News /newspaper

Are you very interested in the news?

Well, it depends on what kind of news really. For me, I like entertainment news which is attractive and appealing, especially for girls. I always follow celebrity gossip and reports about the affairs between famous stars which I chat about with my best friends. I find political or financial news boring and hard to understand.

Why do you want to know the latest news?

Sometimes, it is necessary to know the latest news. What's happening in the world is important. As for me, I'm a fan of NBA basketball. When the basketball season is on it is vital for me to get the latest match situation and the scores from the news. We do need catch the latest news, to be aware of the world and not be a bookworm, who only cares about the textbooks.

How important is it to you to get the news every day?

Actually, it is pretty essential for me to get the latest news, especially in the basketball season, during which I am excited and nervous. When I watch the sports news on CCTV, I am eager to know the latest results which team won and which team failed in the round. When I know that my favourite team had won a match, I am so excited and I usually jump for joy.

What sort of news are you most interested in?

I like those entertainment news programmes and magazines in particular. I find them attractive and appealing, especially news about GEM. I have no idea why I like celebrity gossip and chatting about the affairs between famous stars with my best friends but it is interesting and funny.

How do you usually find this news?

I find out about the news via the newspapers mainly. When I am free after a meal, especially supper, I prefer to sit on the sofa and have a short break. In order to kill time, I always read the local newspapers which are delivered every day to my home.

Do you prefer to read newspapers or watch TV to get your news?

My preference in getting the news is to watch TV. This is because it is colourful and more interesting than reading a newspaper. I can listen to the news from the broadcaster as well as do something else like doing housework at the same time. I can grasp the main points of the news just by listening to the announcer.

Do you ever get news from the Internet?

Yes the Internet is one of the ways I can get the news. The first thing I tend to do when I turn on my computer is to login to QQ, at the same time. The Tencent news pops up immediately in a new window. Thanks to this, I see some news every day including political news, economic news and so on.

Do you (often/ever) read newspapers?

Not really. I was into reading newspapers a few years ago. I would like to read a newspaper after meals to kill time. But now, I prefer to watch the news on my mobile phone, which is eye-catching and offers me videos at same time.

What sections of the newspaper do you usually read?

When I read a newspaper the first section I like to read first is the entertainment news. I find this more interesting and full of popular news. Through this section I know more about my idol and tend to chat about the celebrity gossip with my friends which is a good way to strengthen our friendship.

Do you think newspaper is important?

I do believe that newspapers are important. I think they are especially important for old people who don't know much about advanced technology. I guess for them a newspaper, which is easy to keep, is almost the only way to gain latest news. And through reading newspaper, the elderly can learn more about the world as well as help their memory function.

Besides newspapers, what are some other ways people get news?

Of course, besides newspaper, news is very accessible nowadays. For instance there is the Internet, TV news programmes, the radio and convenient APPs on the mobile phone. For me, my preference is to use a news app, which is eye-catching and handy. Via this app, we can check out the news and see different kinds of video.

How important do you think the news is?

I suppose it depends on the person's point of view. Some people regard news, especially entertainment news, as funny and a way to relax. Others may view news shows and newspapers as a way to know more about current events, such as the political situation, the global economy and so on. For me, I think news is a link between the outside world, and me which is vital if you want to keep abreast of world events. .

Which do you think is more important, domestic news or international news?

Both are essential but compared with international news my preference is for domestic news. I say this mainly because it provides news which is directly related to us. For instance, like what the job market is like nowadays in China, food safety and so on. It is apparent that we can benefit from domestic news which can help us to find better job and have a promising future.

Would you say the news affects your life very much?

Obviously, news influences my life to some degree. As a college student, I have to finish some papers or tasks, most of which relate to current situation around the world. Therefore the news provides me with enough information about it and also helps me keep a sharp eye on global developments.

Are old people and young people interested in the same (kinds of) news? (Why? /Why not?)

Of course not it is obvious that elders prefer to know about current and military events, 多多

which to some degree shows their patriotism. They care about the development of the country. On the other hand the younger generations tend to gain some news just for personal pleasure, such as sports, fashion and entertainment.

Gift

How often do you buy gifts?

A few times a week, I often buy some small gifts for my best friends such as toys and books. This can strengthen the bond with them.

Do you like to send expensive gifts?

Yes I like to send expensive gifts especially for my family members. I think it is one of the best ways to show my care. Last week I attended a family party and I bought my younger sister a LV bag. She was very happy with it.

What kinds of gifts are popular in your country?

Electronic gifts are very popular in my country. We often send this type of gift on some formal occasions such as birthdays and traditional festivals. Children extremely love electronic gifts and Ipad is one of their favorites.

Why do people send gifts?

There are several reasons why people send gifts. First and foremost, it is a tradition to give gifts on occasions like Christmas and New Year. Secondly gift-giving occasions are opportunities to affirm one's personal bonds to loved ones.

Animal

Do you like to see animals in the zoo?

Yes of course. When I was a child, I was really curious about animals and often asked my mom to take me to the zoo. Now I still go to the zoo quite often with my girlfriend.

What kinds of animals do you like?

My favorite animal is dog. Because most dogs are very smart and loyal. I feed a dog called Jimmy now and he is my good company.

Why do some people keep pets at home?

Pets are usually lovely and friendly. They can act as good companions who can bring people a lot of joy and reduce their loneliness. I think living with a dog can offer a pleasant family atmosphere.

What is the most popular animal in China?

Of course the dog. Some people treat dogs as their family members. They like to walk their dogs at the local parks or even sleep with them.

Have you ever had a pet before?

Yeah, when I was 10 years old, my dad bought me a dog. I never felt bored anymore since then. I'd say he really made my life more colorful and interesting.

Exercise

Do you like extreme sports?

No. Frankly speaking, I'm not a brave boy so I often feel scared when I see some extreme sports like bungee jumping. More importantly, the facilities of extreme sports are not reliable in China. I have seen many terrible accidents on TV.

What kinds of exercises do you do ?

I like some body exercises like yoga which can make me look more charming. I often practice yoga earlier in the morning which can help me to start a great day.

Do you think children should play sports regularly?

Of course. Sports could boost their health and prevent diseases. Some sports could teach them how to communicate or cooperate with others which is important to their future study or work.

What kinds of exercises are popular in your country ?

I think it is the table tennis. When you walk in some parks, you can see many people playing table tennis. I think it is mainly because table tennis is much more simple compared with other sports and suitable for all age groups.

What was your favorite sport when you were young ?

Snooker. When I was in primary school, I was addicted to snooker and even skipped classes in order to play snooker with my friends. I believe snooker will accompany me in my whole life-time.

Friend

Do you remember your friends in primary school? why?

Yes I do. I remember most of them because we entered the same secondary school. Some of them even went to the same college with me.

What do you do with friends?

We have a variety of things to do such as watching movies together at weekends or having a barbecue during holidays. They are super important to my life.

How do you make friends?

I often attend some parties and make new friends. I like to ask them for their phone numbers and stay in touch with them.

Do you have many friends?

Of course, because I have many interests. We often have a blast together when we are free. It feels great to have a lot of friends.

Do you like chatting with friends online?

Yeah, I often chat with my friends by WeChat which has many great functions like video chat. Therefore, I often make a video call with my friends who work in different cities.

Dictionary

Do you like paper dictionary or electronic dictionary ?

I prefer electronic dictionary because it is more convenient and informative. I'm able to check the words in the dictionary application on my phone anytime and anywhere which facilitates my work and study.

How will dictionaries change in the future ?

The future dictionary will be more intelligent just like a robot. I can speak to him and ask him questions; then he will give me answers immediately. This would improve the efficiency of my study.

What kinds of dictionaries have you used before ?

When I was in primary school, I used the Chinese dictionary and Idiom dictionary quite often with the guidance of a teacher. But since high school, I mainly used English dictionary to look up English words which was very helpful.

How often do you use your dictionary ?

Almost everyday. I usually look up the words that I don't know in the English dictionary while watching some interesting English TV series and talk shows. I think it's a good habit which helps me a lot in my studies in a long run.

App

What's the most popular app in your country?

I think it's WeChat which is a great communication platform. We are able to chat with our families and friends through WeChat which is super convenient and user-friendly. It has become an inevitable part of my personal life.

What kinds of apps do you often use ?

I often use chatting apps, shopping apps and new apps. They are well-designed and save me a lot of time.

Do old people in your country like to use apps ?

No. They are unfamiliar with apps especially apps on the mobile phones. For the old, Mobile phone is just a device for making phone calls instead of having fun.

What kinds of apps would you like to have in the future?

The apps about pets. I have a very cute dog and I want to take good care of him so I need to get some useful information from pets apps.

What was the first app you used ?

Maybe the QQ I think. QQ was very popular about 10 years ago. I got my first mobile phone from my dad at that time and found QQ on it. I felt very excited to chat with my classmates through QQ and we had a lot of fun together.

Foreign food

Do you like to try new food?

Yes, I do because it's very exciting to try some new food. I often go to some newly opened restaurants and order some food I have never tasted before.

Do you like any food from the countries near China?

Sure. I went on a trip to Thailand several months ago and I really loved the local food called Kao Phad which was extremely tasty. I will learn how to cook it in the near future.

Have you ever tried foreign food?

Yes I have. I travelled to England with my parents last year and I enjoyed the taste of Fish and Chips. But my parents disliked it and they thought it was too greasy.

What kinds of new food have you tried recently?

I went to a small village near my hometown and I bought some local snacks which were extremely cheap and tasty. I will never forget the taste of them.

What kinds of foreign food are popular in your country?

I think it is definitely beef steak. You can find it in almost every western food restaurant. It's always very expensive and not to my taste.

Watch

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How often do you wear a watch?

I wear a watch every day which is very important to my life, because wearing a stylish watch can make me look more charming.

What was your first watch like?

My first watch was very cute and smart. I could even watch some videos on my watch, which was amazing.

What kinds of watches do you like to wear?

I'm fond of wearing a smart watch which has brought me a lot of convenience for example I can text messages or make a phone call on my smart watch without using the

mobile phone.

Do people still wear watches in your country?

Yes most people wear watches in my country. For young generations, they like to wear cool watches and show their personalities. For some older people, they often wear expensive watches in order to show their social status.

Rainy days

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Teacher

What kinds of teachers do you like best?

I prefer teachers who are very knowledgeable because I can learn a lot of useful things from him which is very meaningful to my life.

Who was your favorite teacher when you were young?

My favorite teacher is Mr Qian. He had a charming voice and his class was very appealing to me.

Would you want to be a teacher in the future?

Yes I would.Firstly I can spread valuable knowledge to my students which can give me a sense of achievement; secondly being a teacher, I'm able to get a decent salary which can provide me with a better life.

Have you ever had bad teachers before?

Yes I have. My PE teacher at primary school was very rude and irresponsible. We all felt very uncomfortable in his class which was always very boring.

Celebrity

Who is your favorite celebrity in China?

My favorite celebrity is a famous chef called Mr Qian. I'm fond of watching his shows and I have learned a lot of cooking skills from him.

Do you like any foreign celebrities?

Yes I do. I love a foreign singer called Justin Bieber who has a charming voice and his shows are very appealing to me.

Would you want to be a celebrity in the future?

Yes I would. It feels great to be a celebrity. First of all I'm able to earn big money which can provide me with a better life. Secondly being a celebrity means I would meet more excellent people and learn a lot from them.

Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?

Yes, it is very necessary to do that. Celebrities should have personal time and space to have fun with their own friends. I think it's very rude to disturb them in anyways.

How do celebrities influence their fans in China?

In China, celebrities have a huge influence on young generations. We often spend a lot of money buying their products even though we may not need them. Also, we like to copy their bad behaviors which is harmful to our growth.

Letters

Who do you usually write to?

I usually write to my best friend Lisa who is a clever girl. I often turn to her for some advice through emails. Sometimes I send her some good movies which always make her excited.

Do you prefer to write letters by hand or use a computer?

I prefer to write letters by hand because I'm good at handwriting. Apart from this, I think handwritten letter can show my sincerity and the receivers feel much better when they are reading my handwritten words.

How often do you write an email or a letter?

I write an email several times a week. Just two hours ago I sent an email to my professor Mr Qian and confirmed the deadline of my assignment. I'd like to say writing email has become an important part of my life.

What are the differences between emails and letters?

The biggest difference is that writing emails is far more convenient than writing letters because you can send emails immediately by internet. What's more sending emails is free of charge which can save people a lot of money.

Is it hard to think of what to write?

Yes sometimes it is hard to think of what to write especially when I'm writing a love letter. I need to express my mixed feelings and make sure that my words can make her feel comfortable.

Dream job

What was the dream job for you when you were young?

I wanted to be a tour guide. I thought it was a good profession because I could travel around the world and learn different kinds of culture, which would give me a new perspective about life.

Have you changed your mind on your dream job?

No I haven't because it is a meaningful job. I even read a lot of books and watch some videos online about how to become an excellent tour guide.

What do you plan to do in the future?

I plan to take some online courses and get a tour guide certificate. Besides, I will try my best to speak English well in order to communicate with foreign visitors. I'm pretty sure that I will be a qualified tour guide.

What kinds of jobs are popular in China?

Jobs like teacher, engineer are very popular in my country because people who are engaged in these kinds of jobs can get a decent salary and enjoy a better life. What's more they can receive more respect from other people.

Have you had full-time or part-time job before?

Yes I have. It was a great experience. I worked as an online writer and shared my ideas and life experience through blog. I loved that job which gave me a great sense of satisfaction.

Travel (space travel)

Do you want to travel in the outer space?

Yes I do. I think it would be very exciting. I'm eager to explore the secrets of universe and see lovely aliens, which was my childhood dream.

What would you do if you had that opportunity?

I would take many pictures of the extraordinary scenery in the outer space and share them with my close friends. Besides I would like to build my own house on the Mars and plant my favorite flowers.

Do you think it's necessary to see other planets?

Yes it's quite necessary. We need to discover outer space creatures and see how they live their lives. It's better to make friends with these creatures.

When was the last time you went travelling?

I went on a trip to Sichuan and saw the lovely panda ,which got me extremely excited. Apart from that, I tried some new food there which was quite tasty.

Do you like to travel by air?

No I dislike traveling by air and I think it's quite dangerous,because I saw some air disasters on TV which was so scary.

Sports

Do you like to watch sports on TV?

Yes I do.Watching sports on TV is one of my favorite pastimes. I love to curl up on sofa watching football matches on TV with my girlfriend.

Do you play any sports?

Yes I do. I often play football on the school playground if the weather is nice,which is good for my health .Sometimes I choose to play basketball in the gym on rainy days.

Do you have a favorite sports star?

My favorite sports star is Yaoming who is a household name in China. I heard a lot of stories about him in which he encouraged young people to keep their dreams.

What kinds of sports are popular in China?

Sports like table tennis are very popular in China, because we don't need to find a large space.As well as that, most Chinese people are good at playing table tennis so it's very easy for you to find other people to play with.

What kinds of sports would you like to try in the future?

I want to try some extreme sports like bungee jumping. These kinds of sports can get me excited and give me a lot of courage after trying them.

Study time

What time do you like to study?

I like to study in the midnight because it is always very quiet outside.So I can focus on

my study without any interruptions.

What's the best time for you to study?

As I just mentioned, midnight is the best time for me to study. I'm fond of listening to my favorite music and do my homework at home. I'm able to finish my work more efficiently during midnight.

Do you like to study alone or with your friends?

I prefer to study with my friends because we can exchange our ideas and find a better solution to some questions. More importantly, studying with my friends is a good way to strengthen my bond with them.

Who do you usually study with?

I usually study with my girlfriend because she is very smart. She often gives me a lot of help and even checks my homework very carefully. I love her so much.

Map

Do you often use maps?

Yes I do because maps make my life much easier. I can find my destinations more quickly through maps. I often buy a local map when I'm traveling in a new city.

Who taught you how to use a map?

My father taught me how to use a map. He even took me to a strange place and taught me how to find the nearest subway station by using the map. It was an interesting experience.

Do you prefer electronic map or paper maps?

I prefer electronic map which is more convenient because I can use it on my mobile phone. Some electronic maps are very user friendly. I can get useful information by speaking to the electronic map.

Save money

Did you save money when you were young?

Yes I did. It was an unforgettable experience. I saved some money to buy a teddy bear and gave it to my best friend Anna as a birthday gift.

Have you ever given money to other children?

Yes have. When I was about 6 years old, I gave all of my pocket money to a beautiful little girl. She was extremely happy and gave me a big hug.

Do you think parents should teach children to save money?

Absolutely. Children can understand the importance of money and know how to spend money reasonably if their parents teach them to save money.

Do parents give children pocket money in China?

Yes they do especially on special occasions like spring festival. Children can receive red packets from their parents and family members. But most parents will get money back and keep it as future tuition for their children.

Plants

Do you keep plants at home?

Yes I do. I keep some plants in the bedroom because they can purify the air and make my bedroom look more beautiful and comfortable.

What plant did you grow when you were young?

I grew an apple tree in my backyard and watered it almost every day. Unfortunately it died only several days later.

Do you know anything about growing a plant?

Yes I do. I read many books and magazines about how to grow a plant well recently. So I'm pretty sure that I'm good at growing a plant.

Do Chinese people send plants as gifts?

Yes they do. some Chinese people like to send bamboo as gifts because bamboo symbolizes good luck and better future.

Spare time

What do you usually do when you are free?

I often play football on the school playground if the weather is nice .Sometimes I choose to play basketball in the gym on rainy days.

Do you like to spend time with your family?

Yes I like to spend time my family which is always a good way to release my pressure from work or study. I love to chat with my parents and share my happy experience with them.

What do you and your family like to do in spare time?

Apart from what I said, we often go out for a meal and try some new food. Sometimes we choose to watch a new movie at home.

Do you think you will spend more time with your family?

No I don't think so because I will study abroad, but I promise my parents that I will send letters to them quite often.

Time management/Punctuality

Why are some people always late?

I think most of them are extremely irresponsible. Take one of my classmates as an example, he was always late for an appointment but never apologized. So he almost has no friends now.

Do you think it is important to be punctual?

Absolutely. Being punctual is a basic way to show your respect for other people. So it is very impolite to keep someone waiting for you.

What will you do if you are waiting for someone?

I will listen to my favorite music or watch a new movie when I'm waiting for someone, which is a perfect way to kill time and make me feel calm and comfortable.

Do you think people these days are as punctual as they were in the past?

I have no idea about this question but at least I know most of us have a busier life than before. Maybe some people are not punctual as they were in the past because they have more things to deal with.

Being bored

What kinds of things are boring to you?

I think it is quite boring to play chess because I'm not clever enough to do it well and my friends often laugh at me.

What will you do when you feel bored?

I will listen to my favorite music if I feel bored. I think it is the best way to kill time and make me feel calm and comfortable.

Do you think young people are likely to get bored?

No I don't think so. Nowadays young people have many ways to entertain themselves. Some of them even play extreme sports in order to get more fun.

When you were young, what would you do if you got bored?

As far as I can remember, I often played football on the school playground when I got bored. Sometimes I choose to play basketball in the gym.

Shoes

How often do you buy shoes?

Well, a few times a year I think. I would like to go to the mall to buy some shoes. Especially when I am having a bad mood. People say that having a pair of nice shoes can make a girl look really attractive.

Have you ever bought shoes online?

Yeah, of course! I always buy shoes on Taobao, you know, it is the most famous shopping website in China. Shoes online are very cheap and also can be fashionable.

Do you know anyone who likes to buy a lot of shoes?

Yes, one of my friends. He is a dead-hard fan for Jordan's. He has 4 closets of shoes, can you imagine that? It is crazy I mean, but I get it, buying Jordan's is one of the most important things in his life.

What's your favorite type of shoes?

I love boots. They are cool and warm, can be the best choice for me in winter, especially Doctor Martin's, one of my favorite brands. It is very classic.

weather

Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

Neither. When it is too dry, my skin starts to get really itchy; but when it's too wet, the air is very humid and I don't like the smell of it. I prefer the kind of weather neither too dry nor too wet.

What kind of weather do you like the most?

I like the kind of weather when the temperature is mild. Not too hot and not too cold. It can always make me feel relaxed and comfortable.

What's your favourite season?

I like autumn the most. It is neither too hot nor cold in autumn and I really enjoy the breeze in autumn; it's the best feeling ever!

What kind of weather is typical in your hometown?

Well, my hometown is in the south of China near the sea so it rains a lot, especially in summer. I really hate rainy days, that's why I moved out of my city and came to the north.

Photos

Do you like to take photos?

I love taking photos, one of my favorite things to do. I can feel a sense of achievement when I take good photos; also taking photos can help me memorize beautiful moments in my life.

Do you prefer to take photos yourself or to have other people take photos?

I don't mind. If I travel alone sometimes, I would love to ask someone else to help me take photos with the beautiful scenery. If I just need to take some random photos, I am sure I can do it by myself.

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How often do you take photos?

It's hard to say, when there is nothing special happening, I won't take any photos; but when some special occasions come, like traveling, meeting up with friends or family, I always take lots of photos.

In what situations do you take photos?

When some special occasions come, like weddings, parties, traveling to somewhere new, I would love to take photos to keep those special occasions in my camera or phone. But sometimes when I just see something really cute, like a lovely squirrel in the park, I would still take photos even though nothing special happens.

How do you keep your photos?

I Keep them in my hard drive or my laptop. I don't really trust phones and cameras; if they are stolen or broken, all the photos will be gone. So it is much safer to keep them in hard drives or computers.

Sunglasses

Do you like to wear sunglasses?

No, it is hard for me to wear sunglasses, because my nose can't really hold them. It can cause so many troubles when I wear them. It is really inconvenient.

Where can you buy sunglasses?

I don't really buy sunglasses but I assume we can buy them online or in the sunglasses shops. When you buy sunglasses online, there should be a lot of choices and they can be really cool.

Do people in your country wear sunglasses?

Yes, we do and we wear sunglasses in spring or summer the most. In spring, it can be really sandy and dusty, so wearing sunglasses can protect eyes from those dusts; in summer it is very hot, the sun ray is harmful to our eyes. Wearing sunglasses can protect our eyes from the sun.

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Paintings

What do you know about paintings?

I am not really good at painting so I am afraid I know very little about it, almost nothing.

Have you learned drawing or painting?

Yes, I do. When I was in kindergarten and Primary school. We had drawing classes. It was fun but when we grew older, those classes got canceled. So I stopped drawing.

Is it important to hang pictures at home?

Well, maybe not important but can be really beneficial. Hanging pictures we like on the

wall can be a kind of decoration, will make our home look nicer and can bring us good mood.

What kind of paintings do you like?

I like oil paintings. They are really colorful; I find them very appealing to me. I often go to art galleries and watch oil painting shows.

If someone wants to draw a picture of you, will you agree?

I will. It can be a really good memory for me in the future. I will always be so happy looking at my own picture.

Movies

Do you watch movies?

Yes, I like movies a lot. I watch movies twice a week; it is a good stress reliever and can whisk me away.

How often do you watch movies?

I watch movies once a week. Normally I will go to the local cinema with my best friend or by myself to watch the latest movies. It is such a fun thing to do!

What kind of movies do you like?

I really like romantic movies. I am attracted to the love stories in those movies even though they are not realistic. I kind of feel like this is what most girls like to watch.

Do you prefer to go to a movie alone with others?

I prefer to watch movies with my girlfriend. We usually sit on the couch and cuddle while we are watching movies. It is very comfortable and relaxing.

Do you prefer to watch movies at home or in a cinema?

At home. I have a projector at home and can cast movies on the wall. I can get the same atmosphere at the cinema or even better. Some people like to check their phones and even answer calls during movies in the cinema; it is ridiculous!

Colors

What's your favorite color?

I like blue. It's the color of the sky and the color of the sea. Blue is very beautiful!

Do you like dark colors?

No, I like bright colors; they can bring me a good mood. Dark colors can be very negative sometimes.

Are there any colors you dislike?

I don't like black. Black is not a really good color in my opinion. People usually wear black for funerals.

Do you usually wear clothes in your favorite color?

Not really. I choose to wear clothes in the color that suits me more, like yellow or white. I don't have a lot of blue outfits actually; it might not be that suitable to me.

Drink water

How often do you drink water?

All the time. Drinking water is good for our body; it is the most basic thing to do as a human being, just like breathing.

What kinds of water do you like to drink?

Tap water. Tap water is clean and healthy. Besides, I always use tap water to cook food.

Do you drink bottled water or water from water machine?

I drink bottled water. Especially when you travel to a new country, bottled water is the safest. You will always be OK when you drink bottled water.

Holiday

What kinds of places do you like to go on holiday?

I like tropical places. I can see beaches, sea and blue sky there; I can also swim in the sea with my best friend. They are the most perfect places for vacation!

Who would you like to go on holiday with?

I like to go on holiday with my friends. We can always have a lot of fun; we can ride scooters on the street; swimming in the sea; playing with sand and trying delicious local food. It is so exciting!

Where you do plan to go for holidays in the future?

I want to go to Jordan. I really want to go there and see the Dead Sea; my friend told me it is really amazing! You can float on it reading or drinking beer; it is so cool!

Cooking

Have you ever cooked?

Yes I have. Not a lot though. I only cook for some special occasions, like my mom's birthday or my parents' anniversary.

Do you like cooking?

Yes, I do. I really enjoy the sense of achievement when I finish cooking. I like to cook baked rice and fried noodles. My friends said I cook the best baked rice!

Do you want to learn how to cook?

Even though I have already known how to cook some food, I would like to know more in the future. I think I can learn it from my mom; she is really good at cooking.

Is it difficult for you to cook Chinese food ?

It can be. I'm not very familiar with a lot of ingredients in Chinese dishes; I find western food much easier.

Morning routines

What do you do in the mornings?

After getting up, I would like to get dressed and go for a run. After that, I will take a shower and have some breakfast to start my amazing day.

Is breakfast important?

Yes of course. Having breakfast can balance our body functions and make us more energetic. So it is very important to have breakfast.

What is your morning routine?

I usually get up at 7 and go for a run in the park nearby. After that I will take a shower and have some breakfast. I will always drink a cup of coffee before I leave for work. Because it can make me feel refreshed.

Do you like to get up early in the morning?

Yes, I do. It is said that nothing is more beautiful than the beauty of the sunrise. When I get up early, I can see the beautiful sunrise which will make me feel so refreshed and happy. Watching beautiful sunrise can motivate me to try my best and have a great day.

Cities

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Which city do you want to go to?

I want to go to Cairo. I want to visit the Great Pyramid of Giza and ride a camel on the dessert. My friend went there and he told me that place was indeed incredible.

What kind of cities do you like

I like cities with stories. I prefer to visit cities with historical museums and ancient buildings, because I am really interested in history. This kind of city can always satisfy me.

Do you prefer the city or the countryside?

I like to live in the city, even though it can be noisy and crowded. There are more job

opportunities in the city and people live there are well educated.

Which city have you been to recently?

I went to Edinburgh last week. I was really amazed by the Edinburgh castle which is really out of this world! The whole city just gave me a great feeling, I love Edinburgh.

Do you like the city you are living now?

Yes I do. I live in Shanghai at the moment which is a really nice and big city. I made a lot of friends here. There are also a lot of people from different parts of the world; I can learn a lot of things from them. My life is very rich and colorful here.

Park/ garden

Why do people in cities like public gardens?

Well I think because public gardens are full of flowers, they can bring people a lot of joy, especially when you live in cities. Staying in public gardens can make you stay away from hustle and bustle, will make you feel relaxed and comfortable.

What do you think are the benefits of having gardens in the city?

First, having gardens in the cities can make cities look beautiful and pretty; also gardens can provide people good places to relax after their exhausting work or study.

Do you think there are enough public gardens or parks in your hometown?

I don't think so. Every time when I go to the public garden near my apartment, it is always so crowded and full. So I think government should build more gardens to solve this problem.

Are there many public gardens in China?

Yes, there are a lot of public gardens. People love to go to gardens at weekends and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Public gardens are very important to their lives.

Are public gardens very important in China?

Yes, I think so. Public gardens can be really good places for people to relax and do outdoor activities. We can go for a run, play chess with our friends and also walk our dogs. We can't live without public gardens.