

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.

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.

Friends

- Do you have many friends?
Yes I do. My friends are very nice and we often throw a party together at weekends which is a great form of relaxation.
- How often do you talk to your friends?
I talk to my friends every day which is an indispensable part of my life. We often share a lot of interesting things with each other after work.
- How do you communicate with your friends?
We often communicate through Wechat which is a popular social platform in China. However face to face communication is my favorite way.
- How can people make friends in your country?
There are a variety of ways for people to make friends in my country. Young generations prefer making friends online which is extremely convenient. Old people tend to make

friends through some activities such as playing chess and dancing together.

Television

- What TV programs are you interested in?
I'm very fond of cooking programs which are very appealing to me because I like cooking tasty food and I have learned a lot of cooking skills from these programs
- When do you watch TV?
I often watch TV after work or when I'm low in spirit. For me watching TV is a perfect way of releasing pressure.
- In China, have television programs changed much in recent years?
Yes television programs have changed dramatically in recent years. They are getting more excellent, for example, we can see a better picture quality and enjoy some new types of TV programs.
- How do you think TV programs in China could be improved?
I think some variety shows should become more educational and teach young people valuable things which are very beneficial to their growth.

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 any ways.
- 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

Watch

- 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.

Forget things

- What kinds of things do you have to bring when you go out?
I have to bring my laptop when I go out because I need to check my emails and sometimes watch some interesting movies when I'm low in spirit.
- Did you ever forget to bring something?
Yes I did. Several years ago I attended a family party and forgot to bring my gift, which was a terrible experience.
- How do you remind yourself?
I often mail a copy of important things to myself which is very helpful. Sometimes I write them down on my mobile phone and it is also a good way.
- Do you carry different things in the morning and in the evening?
No I carry the same things all the time. As a student, I need to carry my textbooks and laptops with me anytime anywhere and they are an indispensable part of my life.

Mirror

- How often do you look at yourself in the mirror every day?
About 2 or 3 times a day I often look at myself when I'm doing housework. My girlfriend told me that I look more charming at that moment, which always makes me feel good.
- Have you ever bought mirrors?
Yes I have. Last week I bought a big mirror from the local supermarket and it was very cheap.
- Would you use mirrors to decorate rooms?
Yes I would. Because my house is a bit small, mirrors can make my house look much bigger and more comfortable.

Video games

- Do you play video games?
Yes I do, video games are very appealing to me. I often play video games when I'm suffering study or work pressure. They help me to wind down.
- What kinds of video games do you like to play?
I'm fond of video games about shooting which often make me feel excited. I often play this kind of video game with a couple of close friends and we all enjoy it.
- Is it good for young people to play video games?
It depends. Playing video games, of course, is a perfect way of releasing pressure. However, playing too much video games is a big waste of time and many young people are addicted to some violent games which are harmful to their mental growth.

Shoes

- How often do you buy shoes?
I buy shoes about 2 or 3 times a week. I prefer sneakers which are always fashionably designed.
- Have you ever bought shoes online?
Yes I have. Last week I bought a pair of sports shoes from a famous shopping platform Taobao which was extremely popular among young people in China. Luckily I got a big discount and I felt quite happy about it.
- Do you know anyone who likes to buy a lot of shoes?
Yes I do. My favorite singer Jay Chou is very fond of buying shoes. He is a rich man and

he has collected more than 100 types of shoes, which is very incredible.

- What's your favorite type of shoes?

As I mentioned before, I love sneakers which can match my personality. I think wearing sneakers really increases my charm and it makes me feel good.

Robots

- Do you like robots?

Yes I like robots because they are very clever. Some robots can help people to clean the house and even cook tasty food, which is very incredible.

- What kinds of robots would you like to have?

I prefer domestic robots and they are very useful. I have a sweeping robot in my house and it has become an indispensable part of my life

- Will robots change our society significantly?

Yes I think so. Robots will bring our society a dramatic change. For example robots will be able to do everything for us and they may even get married with human-beings, which sounds very incredible.

Dreams

- Do you often have dreams at night?

Yes I do. Most of my dreams are very beautiful. Last night I dreamed that I got married with my favorite singer Jay Chou who was extremely charming. That dream made me feel good.

- Have you had a bad dream before?

Yes I have. I got a terrible dream several weeks ago. In my dream I had a dinner with a group of ghosts and they looked so scary. It was such a horrible dream.

- What was the strangest dream you have had?

Apart from what I just said, I think the strangest dream was that I fought against many wild animals in a mysterious forest and I felt very exhausted.

- What do you usually dream about?

I usually dream about throwing a party with my close friends and we have a blast together. It is always one of my favorite dreams.

Newspaper and magazine:

- Do you often read newspapers?
Yes I do. I often read newspapers during breakfast. For me it is a great form of relaxation.
- Do you prefer to read local news or international news?
I prefer international news which is more interesting. I love to get latest information about some foreign celebrities such as Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift.
- Which is more popular where you live, newspapers or magazines?
Magazines are more popular, because magazines always have beautiful pictures which are very appealing to the readers.
- Do many people today read newspapers?
No I don't think so. We have more ways to get the news today for example we can browse the news webpages which is more convenient and free of charge.
- In the future, do you think more people than today will read magazines, or fewer people?
I think fewer people will read magazines in the future because we will use the VR technology to see a better world instead of watching the pictures in the magazines.
- Do you think newspapers will be very important to you in the future?
Definitely not. Newspaper will be a strange thing to me in the future. Maybe I can only find them in the museums.

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.

Music

- Have you ever been to a concert before?
Yes I have. Last week I went to a music concert which was held by a famous singer Justin Bieber. He had a charming voice and his music concert was extremely appealing to me.
- When do you listen to music?
I often listen to music after study or when I'm feeling upset. For me, listening to music is a great form of relaxation.
- What's your favorite kind of music?
I love rock music which has become an indispensable part of life. I even listen to rock music when I'm doing housework.
- When did you start listening to this type of music?
About several years ago I attended a music lesson; it was my first time to listen to rock music which was so breathtaking.
- How do you feel when you listen to this music?
Truly speaking, I feel energized when I'm listening to rock music. I often listen to rock music when I'm low in spirit.
- What kinds of music are (most) popular in China?
I think folk music is very popular in China. We can get it in many ways for example we can listen to a lot of folk music through radio and TV programs.
- How much time do you spend listening to music every day?
I spend 2 to 3 hours listening to music every day. I treat it as a kind of leisure activity and enjoy it very much.
- Do you often (like to) listen to music?
Yes I do. Listening to music makes my life more interesting. Sometimes I listen to music in my car which is extremely relaxing.

- Do you like to listen to live music?
Yes course. It's more exciting to listen to live music because I'm able to enjoy a better atmosphere and interact with the music player or singer.
- Do you like listening to songs?
Yes I'm fond of listening to songs and my favorite singer is Justin Bieber who has a charming voice. His songs are very appealing to me.
- Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
Yes I have and I learned to play guitar when I was a freshman at university.
It was a wonderful life experience and I made many new friends who had the same interest at that time.
- Is music an important subject at school in China?
Yes it is. Music should be an indispensable part of school education because music can promote our creativity and imagination which is very important to our mental growth.
- Did you often listen to music when you were a child? (If yes, give details.)
Yes I did. I often listen to many kinds of music when I was a child because I had a great music teacher who was so knowledgeable and he often introduced new types of music to me.

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!

Indoor games

- Do you play any indoor games?
Yes I do. I'm quite into playing chess with my father after study, which is one of my favorite pastimes.
- Do you prefer to play indoor games or outdoor games?
I prefer outdoor games especially at the local parks because I like to breathe the fresh air and have a good view of nature scenes at the same time.
- What indoor games did you play when you were a child?
I played marbles a lot when I was a child. It was such an interesting indoor game and I was really addicted to playing it.
- What sorts of indoor games do children play now?
Children have many kinds of indoor games to play now. Playing with toy bricks is one of their favorites, which develops their creativity and imagination.

Housework

- Do you do housework at home?
Yes I often do housework at home and it has become an indispensable part of my life. I love living in a clean house which can bring me a good mood.
- Do you think men and women should share housework?
Of course yes, I think it is a shared responsibility. What's more doing housework together is a perfect way of promoting family relationship.
- What kinds of housework do you dislike to do?
I dislike washing the dishes which is a bit boring. I prefer sweeping the floor and listening to rock music at the same time, which is a form of relaxation for me.
- Did you help your parents do housework when you were young?
Yes I did. I helped my parents to clean the kitchen which was a tiring job. My parents often cooked tasty food in order to praise me for my work.

Public holidays

- What public holidays do you have in your country?
We have many public holidays such as Middle Autumn Day and Spring Festival; they are important to Chinese people. We often have a big dinner with family members and enjoy ourselves.
- Do people in your country celebrate foreign festivals?
Yes, people in my country especially young generations love to celebrate Christmas Day which has become an important part of their lives. They usually throw a party with a group of close friends and drink beer together.
- What did you do during the last public holiday?
Last public holiday I went to cinema with my parents, and we watched a great movie, which was a happy experience.
- What do you usually do during public holidays?
I often go camping at the beautiful local park during public holidays. I'm fond of breathing the fresh air and eat some delicious food at the same time.
- Do you think public holidays are important?
Yes I do think so. Public holidays are very important to my country because they are the symbol of culture

- Why do we need public holidays?
We need public holidays mainly because public holidays allow us to relax, which is very beneficial to our health. Without public holidays, everyone would feel extremely tired.

Home/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.

Schools

- Where did you go to school?
My primary school was located in the center of my town. It was a beautiful place just like a garden where I could breathe fresh air and smell the flowers every day.
- How old were you when you started school?
I started my school when I was 7 years old. My first year at school was very terrible because I failed all the exams.
- What were some of the most popular activities at primary school?
The most popular activity at primary school was throwing a party with our teachers. They were so talented and often sang wonderful songs in front of us which made me feel extremely excited.
- Did you enjoy it? (why? why not?)
Yes, I enjoyed it a lot and it has become an important part of my memory. I miss my teachers and my classmates at primary school.
- Have you ever returned to see your old school again?
Yes, I have. Last year I went to my school and it looked quite different. I visited my old teacher Mr. Qian and he was so happy to see me. We talked a lot about many interesting things that happened before.
- Tell me something about the school? (=Can you describe it?)
My school had 3 teaching buildings and a big library. I often spent the whole day at the library reading my favorite magazines which was always a wonderful experience.
- How did you get to school each day?
I often took the subway to school which was very convenient and money saving. Sometimes I took a taxi when I could be late for school.
- What was your favorite subject in secondary school? (= high school)
My favorite subject was history in secondary school which was very appealing to me. I could learn a lot of interesting things about the past through this subject.
- Are you still in contact with any of the friends you had in primary school?
Yes I still keep contact with one of my classmates in primary school. He is very clever. I often write emails to him and ask him some difficult questions.
- Which secondary school subject do you think is most useful for people in adult life?
Chinese is the most useful subject for people in adult life because we need to write Chinese

articles and read a lot of Chinese books.

- What subjects did you study in secondary school? (=high school?)
I study Chinese, Maths, History and some other subjects in secondary school. My school life was very busy and I had to study hard every day.
- And which subject did you like the least? (Why?)
I liked science the least because it was too difficult. What's more, my science teacher was very irresponsible and I often felt bored in his class.
- What part of your secondary school education did you enjoy most?
I enjoyed the extracurricular activities most because they were very interesting and fun. I often discussed some hot topics with my classmates and I had learned a lot of new things.