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## 时间

- 1. Laughter is the best medicine, so I laugh *pretty often/pretty frequently*.
- 2. I hit the pool *regularly/on a regular basis* in the summer. It's scorching hot in my hometown, so swimming is a good way to cool off.
- Since I have to do a lot of homework <u>every day</u> and we're not allowed to use our computers, I write with a pen <u>on a daily basis</u>.
- 4. I've only been to art museums two or three times in the last ten years. It's just not my thing.
- 5. Most research indicates that eating cakes isn't very healthy, so I only eat them <u>from time to</u> <u>time/once in a while/occasionally</u>.
- 6. Schools <u>seldom/hardly ever</u> take students to history museums or historic sites. I think they should, because it could be a better way to teach history.
- 7. Unlike many elderly people, I go to parks once in a blue moon.

laughter is the best medicine 大笑是最佳良药 hit the pool=go swimming 去游泳 regularly=on a regular basis 定期地、经常地 scorching hot 非常热 cool off 凉快凉快 since 由于 on a daily basis=every day 每天 not my thing 不是我的菜、我不喜欢 research 通常不可数 indicate 表明、显示 from time to time=once in a while=occasionally 偶尔、有时 seldom=hardly ever 很少、难得 once in a blue moon 极少地、破天荒地

## 地点

- 8. There's a stadium *pretty close to/in close proximity to* my apartment and entry is free, so I run there sometimes.
- 9. I had a math tutor before. I would go to a café *just a short walk away from* my home and learn math from her for two hours every Saturday afternoon.
- 10. <u>My favorite hangout/haunt</u> in my neighborhood is a bookstore which is <u>within walking</u> <u>distance of</u> my house. The place has helped me develop a passion for reading.
- My family lives in the city and <u>it takes at least two hours to get to</u> the countryside by car, so we don't go very often.

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<u>It took me 40 minutes to</u> find the movie theater, so inevitably, I missed the opening of the movie.

be close to=be in close proximity to ... 离... 很近 entry n. 入场、进入 tutor 家教 hangout=haunt n. 经常去的消磨时光的地方 be within walking distance of ... 离...走路就能到 develop a passion for sth 培养对...的兴趣/热情 inevitably 不可避免地 miss sth 错过... opening 开头

## 人物

- 13. <u>One of my closest friends/A very good friend of mine</u> has a barbershop and I always hang out there, so I get a haircut almost every two weeks.
- 14. <u>My folks/My parents</u> instilled a love of animals in me, so I grew up loving all kinds of critters.
- I learn English <u>alone/by myself/on my own</u> cuz I can't afford to sign up for those overpriced English lessons.

close 亲近的 barbershop 理发店 hang out 在某地待着、玩(做 些休闲的事) my folks 我的家人(尤指父母) instill sth in sb 把...灌输给某人 critter=animal can't afford to do sth 付不起... sign up for sth 报名参加... overpriced 过于昂贵的

## 感受

- 16. I haven't heard anybody say that they don't like music. I think music is the best way to <u>relax/unwind/reduce stress</u>.
- 17. One of my neighbors is a good friend of mine. He always has a way to <u>help me let go of my</u> <u>stress</u>.
- 18. Walking is an underrated activity. Not only is it good for health, but it also helps people *loosen up*.
- A very <u>enjoyable/pleasant</u> experience I had before was walking through a street market in Thailand.

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- 20. Reading a good book and being transported to another world is such <u>a great mood-lifter</u>. Nothing can beat that.
- I went picnicking with friends last weekend. It helped me <u>clear my head/take my mind off</u> <u>things</u>.
- 22. When I achieved my goal of losing 30 pounds within one year, I was <u>beyond</u> <u>excited/overjoyed/on cloud nine/in seventh heaven</u>.
- 23. My folks went to Palau on vacation last summer and they <u>had a great time/had a wonderful</u> <u>time</u> there.
- 24. My company organized a photo shoot for all the employees last week. I <u>had a blast/ball</u> that day.
- 25. That movie was *quite boring/super dull/as dull as dishwasher*. No matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't focus.
- 26. If I had a pet, it would definitely *take up a lot of my time*. This is why I've never wanted to have one.
- 27. Picking out clothes in the morning is *time-consuming*, and this is why many people wear jeans they match almost everything.
- Studying is <u>not my thing/not my cup of tea</u>, so I'm really looking forward to graduating and beginning to work.

unwind=reduce stress=relax 放松 (注意: 1. relax 后面不要加上 myself, yourself 等 2. reduce stress 中间没有 my 3. unwind 后边没有 myself) let go of my stress 去除压力 underrated 被低估的、被看轻的 loosen up 放松 enjoyable=pleasant 令人愉快的、有乐趣的 transport sb ... 使人产生身临其境的感觉 mood-lifter 帮人提升精神的事物 go picnicking=go on a picnic 去野餐 clear my head=take my mind off things 让我不去想太多烦心事 beyond excited=overjoyed=on cloud nine=in seventh heaven 超级开心的 go ... on vacation 去...度假 a photo shoot 照片拍摄 have a blast=have a ball 非常开心 dull 无聊的 as dull as dishwasher 非常无聊 if I had ..., ... would ... 虚拟语气 take up ... 占... pick sth out 挑选... time-consuming 耗费时间的 match sth 与...很搭 not my cup of tea=not my thing 不是我的菜、我不喜欢 look forward to ... 期待...