

雅思口语 IELTS Speaking Part 3: Surprises

1. Do Chinese people like surprises?

Yeah, I'd say they do, as long as it's a nice surprise of course! I don't think anyone would say they liked anasty surprise! But if it's a pleasant surprise, you know, like a friend throwing you a surprise birthday party, then I think most people in my country would be happy about it. And I guess that's the same around the world really, not just China!

As long as.....of course = 当然只要……

Nasty-令人不快的;令人厌恶的;恶劣的 *Something that is nasty is very unpleasant to see, experience, or feel.*

Throw a party = 搞个聚会

Really– when “really” is at the end of a phrase, the meaning is like “actually”, 实际上; 事实上

2. Do you always get excited by surprises?

Um....not all the time, no. I'd say I can feel a little bit apprehensive if I think I might not like the surprise. But on the whole I'd say I do quite enjoy surprises and mostly look forward to them, because they kind of make a change from always knowing what's going to happen.

Apprehensive-担忧, 忧虑的

On the whole – in general, 总的来说

Look forward to... - 期待

It makes a change – 带来新鲜感, 是个怡人的变化

3. Can people learn how to be happy?

Yeah, I'm sure they can. I mean, happiness is really just a matter of having a good state of mind, you know, looking at things in a positive way. And I think this is something that everyone can learn to do. It might be more difficult for some people, depending on what they've experienced in life, but I definitely believe it's achievable.

just a matter of – 只不过是……而已

State of mind – 心态

4. What do Chinese people think of money?

I'd say most of us think it's great. You know, money allows us to do what we want to do, and buy the things we want to buy. So basically, it helps increase our standard of living, and this is something that everyone is very aware of here. So yeah, money's held in pretty high regard. (I'm not sure what else there is to say really!)

Held in high regard= 受到人的重视

I'm not sure what else there is to say really – 我不知道还该说什么！

5. How do people in your country express their happiness?

In very much the same way as other nationalities express theirs! You know, they'll show it with a big smile on their face! That's just the natural way to express it. Um... yeah, that's kind of it really. I mean, some people might jump up and down if they're super happy about something, or pump their fists in the air if they're playing sport, but on the whole I think smiling is definitely the main way of showing happiness. So I don't think there's anything really that sets us apart from other nationalities in this respect.

In very much the same way - 以差不多的方式

that's kind of it really – 差不多就这个

pump their fists in the air - 高举拳头

sets us apart = makes us different

in this respect = in this aspect