

# 习 语 课

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## Emotions

**1. In the mood to do something / In the mood for something** 有那个心情去想干什么

Q: What do you want to eat tonight?

A: Well, actually I'm **in the mood for** some pizza, what about you?

Q: What do you usually do on the weekends? (习惯题型)

A: Well, it depends, if I'm **in the mood to do some outdoor activities** then I'll probably go hiking in the mountains, but if not **in the mood to go out**, then I'll probably stay at home and watch some American TV dramas on my bed.

Topics: music, food, film, activities etc..

**2. Have butterflies in one's stomach** 有点紧张

Q: How did you feel on your first day at university/high school? (引子题)

A: Well, when I just arrived, **I had butterflies in my stomach** coz it's a totally new place in a new city, u know all the things, the new teachers, new classmates, new rules or so, are so strange to me. Even worse, I got lost on my way to my accommodation, which made me feel a little bit embarrassed.

Topics: sing, travel, photography, etc...all about the 1st experience

### 3.Head Over Heels      神魂颠倒

Q: Do you like riding a bicycle? (喜好题)

A: Yea, I'm **head over heels** about cycling. I always ride my Fixed Gear Bike with my friend in the park during weekends to have fun. Also, I think bicycle is a fancy transport tool coz it's environment-friendly and money-saving.

Topics: food, clothing/ fashion, sports, film (esp film stars), music, drawing, nature, friends, etc...  
Almost all the topics

### 4.get on my nerves      什么让你很烦

Q: Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days? (个人偏好题)

A: I would prefer sunny days, because sunshine can make me feel powerful and it's good for outdoor activities, like going shopping or on a date. Whereas the rainy days can make people feel peaceful and some people say they can sleep better during rainy days, I still dislike it coz the wet air will **get on my nerves**.

Topics: future plans, cooking, transportation, technology, accommodation, nature etc... Almost all the topics

## 5.break someone's heart      让谁心碎

Q: Do you like taking photographs? (喜好题)

A: No, I really hate taking photographs. U know, I'm not photogenic and I don't like people taking photo of me, the way I look in every photo always **breaks my heart**.

Topics: love, book, music, travel, family / friends, weather. Computer etc.... Almost all the topics

## 6.Have a blast      干什么很开心

Q: Do you often do any cooking? (个人习惯之频率题)

A: Yea, I do. Most times I cook for my parents at home to make sure they could have a balanced diet everyday. Occasionally, I cook with my friends at their homes to **have a blast**. I think cooking is not only an important skill, but it's also a good way to relax yourself and improve your life quality.

Topics: almost all the topics

## 7. Not in the mood for something      不太想干嘛

Q: Have computers changed your life in any way? (比较题)

A: Of course it has. In the past, if I wanted to record some interesting things in my daily life I would write diary by pen. But when I had my personal computer about 5 years ago, I was **not in the mood for writing down things**, instead, I would choose to write something on the internet coz it's convenient.

Q: What do you usually do when it rains? (个人习惯之通常题)

A: Well, it depends. If it rains heavily I will choose to stay at home, u know rainy days make the world seem more quiet so it will be a good idea to have a interesting book with you and, it will be perfect if there's a cup of hot chocolate. If just drizzle, I'm **not in the mood for staying at home** and I will have a walk with my lovely raincoat coz it will make me feel loosen up.

Topics: work, future plans etc... Suitable for 'would you like to do'

## 8. In high spirits / low spirits      心情好/不好

Q: Would you say entertainment is important for people? （观点题）

A: Yea, it would. To have some time for entertainment will help people loosen up. Although it seems a way of distracting people's attention, I still think it's a necessary part of life coz it will help people work **in high spirits**.

Q: Do you like to travel in your holidays? （喜好题）

A: No, I dislike it actually. U know, there are hundreds and thousands people choose to travel during their holidays, that means, all the tourist attractions will be full of people and you can't even have the first-hand experience of what you are traveling for. And also, the crowded people and horrible traffic situation will make me feel **in low spirits**. I've never traveled in my holidays.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 9.in a good mood /in a bad mood      心情好

Q: How do you handle stress? (解决方案)

A: Well, it would be helpful if you can take a break when you feel stressful, maybe you can just go for a walk to transfer your attention or do some mellow sports like yoga to loosen up. Also, you could just talk to yourself to find out what makes you feel stressful. You know, you choose to be **in a good mood or in a bad mood**. The bottom line is, it's your choice how you really feel about. Sometimes what you are confused about is just a stupid problem.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 10.mixed feelings      心情复杂

Q: What other languages would you like to learn?

A: Well, short term speaking, I don't want to learn any other languages except English coz it takes most of my time on it. U know, I do have **mixed feelings** about learning another languages, I know it will be helpful if I can speak some foreign languages like Spanish or French, especially during traveling. But I don't think I can learn them well and I bet I will forget them quickly if I don't use them in my daily life.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 11.change of heart 变心

Q: Would you like to take part in a sports competition?

A: Yes, I would. And actually, I have had this kind of experience. Just couples of months ago, my friends asked me to take part in a jogging competition, and at first I didn't want to go coz I think it's tiring and time-consuming. But I **had a change of heart** after listening to the details of this competition. This is a competition for charity and the winning team will get a chance to donate a large amount of money to disabled people in their name. Finally, I joined it.

Topics: future plans, work, food, music, studies, family, weather etc...

## 12.touches someone deep inside 触动内心深处

Q: What kinds of photographs do you most like to look at?

A: I enjoy looking at photographs of people. Although, photos of nature are always fascinating and can broaden my horizon to some degree, I still think these kinds of photos can't be called 'PHOTOGRAPHS', they are just like postcards. The photos of people can **touch me deep inside** coz it records different stories and different lives and all the precious memories.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

### 13. Bored out of one's mind      太无聊

Q: Do you think the internet is a good place to learn about history?

A: Of course I agree with this. You know if you just learn history at school, teachers always give lectures and seminars, you will be probably **be bored out of your mind** soon. But on the internet, you can read historical stories, watch historical videos and discuss historical events with people in discussion forum. You can learn a lot and have fun.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

### 14. something bugs you      什么东西让你很烦

Q: Do you like the environment where you live?

A: That's so pity I dislike it. Where I live is an old community and the nature environment is terrible. There's almost no plants at all and rubbish is everywhere. Even worse, **the relationship between neighbour bugs me** a lot. We don't have any common topics and can't get mutual understand at all.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 15.have good vibes for something      对什么东西有好感

Q: What do you like (most) about your hometown?

A: I think the most thing I like in my hometown is the climate. My hometown is located in the middle of China and it's a typical traditional city we called 江南水乡. Most travelers **have good vibes for** its overall feeling when they first come to my hometown. But as a local, I really enjoy the climate, coz the winter here is just cold not icy and the summer is just hot without extreme temperature. I mean, you can enjoy the difference between four seasons but it won't make you feel uncomfortable.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 16.something gets me hyped      让你很激动

Q: How do you like to celebrate your birthday?

A: Well, it depends. If I'm at my university, I will have a party, and usually, it will be a theme party, with my friends. Coz some interesting themes like acting as princess or cosplay can **get me hyped**. But if I stay at home maybe during my holiday, I will have a big dinner with my family members, and usually I will cook for them coz it's a good way to express my gratitude and love towards them.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 17.something is a jaw dropper 让你惊呆了的东西

Q: What kind of dictionary do you have?

A: Of course I have a dictionary of paper but I also have a electronic dictionary pen. The latter one is a jaw dropper and it's a birthday gift I got from my daddy. This dictionary pen is so amazing that you can just scan the new words by the head of the pen and get the meaning as well as the pronunciation immediately.

Topics: technology, computer, all kinds of new things etc...

## 18.feeling edgy 毛躁的感觉

Q: Is it easy to be patient?

A: Well, it depends. For younger people, it seems they will get angry easily and they always feel edgy, maybe due to the stressful lifestyle. On the other hand, for older people, they will be patient and most of the time, they are more patient than younger groups. This is because they experienced more and have more understanding of other's live and behaviors, all the things help them to be patient.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## 19.wasted 喝多了

Q: How do you feel when others are late?

A: I will be angry I think. I remember once I had a date with my ex-boyfriend and he had been late for almost one hour! What's more, he was **wasted** at all. You can't know how angry and depressed I felt at that time and we broke up after then.

Topics: when you are in the bad mood, transportation, party etc...

## 20.feeling groggy 昏昏沉沉的感觉

Q: How do you feel on rainy days?

A: Well actually I **feel kind of groggy** on rainy days so I usually just stay in.

Topics: 自己可以想想什么情况会让你感觉昏昏沉沉.

## 21. feeling impulsive      感觉浮躁

Q: How do you feel when you attend parties?

A: Well actually it **feels kind of impulsive**, all the people and all the noise just gets to me(影响到我).

Topics: 自己可以想想什么情况会让你感觉浮躁

## 22. I feel in the dumps      心情很郁闷

Q: If someone gave you a dictionary as a gift, how would you feel?

A: Well, I guess I will **feel in the dumps**. I'm not sure if a dictionary is a good gift or not, but at least it's not a good idea to have a dictionary as a gift. It's so boring and I have had two dictionaries, there's no need for a third one.

Topics: almost all the topics about your feeling

## Future plans

### 1. Follow someone's nose to do something 凭直觉做啥

Q: What do you want to do when you graduate?(未来计划题)

A: Well, I'm not quite sure, but I just want to **follow my nose and see where it takes me.**

Topics : making decisions, future plans, future job

### 2. Run its course 顺其自然

Q: How should parents educate their children?

A: Well, I think parents shouldn't force their children to do anything, just let everything **run its course.**

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

### 3.aim high 远大理想和目标

Q:What do you plan to do after you finish your studies?(未来计划题: 机经1b-Your studies-7)

A: Well, short term speaking, after I finish my studies, I think I will seek for job opportunities overseas and gain some practical experience. Long term speaking, I hope to be an entrepreneur and work for my self. Because, you know, I'm the kind of person who **aim high** and want to make a difference.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

### 4.It's up in the air 还没有眉目

Q:What do you want to do when you graduate? (未来计划题)

A: Well, I can't say for sure. **It's still up in the air**, because currently there are some many things I'm interested in, such as being a teacher or an interpreter. But I believe, in a year or two, I will find my lifelong career.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job, opinions

## 5.Shoot for something      努力去做什么

Q:Would you like to attend a cooking class? (未来计划题: 2014年1-4月机经 Cooking-13)

A: Yea, I would, but currently I want to focus on passing the IELTS because that's something I should **shoot for right now**. In the future when I have time, I will attend a cooking class because I think cooking is a necessary part of life and, to be honest, I'm a foodie.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job, opinions

## 6.Trust my heart      随心去做

Q: Do you plan to continue living in your hometown?(未来计划题: 2014年1-4月机经 Your Hometown-10)

A: Well, I'm not quite sure. I mean I love my hometown and currently I enjoy living here, but maybe I will change my mind in the future. You know, I just want to **trust my heart** and do whatever feels right.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

## 7. Follow my passion 追去自己热衷的东西

Q: What are your future work plans?(未来计划题)

A: Short term speaking, I plan to find a job and learn some practical skills. Long term speaking, I want to open my own bar because I have a passion for music and food, and for me, **following my passion** is what matters the most.

Topics: opinions, making decisions, future plans, future job

## 8. In the long run 长远角度来看

Q: Would you like to learn another language?(未来计划题)

A: Well, I would, but currently I want to focus on improving my English, and in the future when I have time I will probably learn Spanish. Because I believe, **in the long run**, mastering several languages can help me to survive.

Topics: opinions, making decisions, future plans, future job

## 9. Spark someone's interest 点亮谁的兴趣

Q: Do you enjoy going to the museum?(喜好题)

A: Yea I do, I enjoy going to cultural museums, such as history museums and art museums. I think it makes my free time productive, and I remember when I was a kid, my parents took me to museums very often. It really **sparks my interest** so I started to enjoy going to museums.

Topics: opinions, likes, making decisions, future plans, future job

## 10. From what I can see 从我目前可见的

Q: Would you like to have more rain or less rain (in your hometown)?(未来计划题: 2014年1-4月机经 Rain-5)

A: Well, I think there should be more rain in my hometown. **From what I can see**, the environment in my hometown is getting worse in the past few years. For example, unlike before, the rivers are running dry and the air is not humid enough.

Topics: opinions, making decisions, future plans, future job

## 11.tread into uncharted territory 涉及不熟悉的领域

Q: What are your future work plans?(未来计划题)

A: Short term speaking, I plan to find a job and learn some practical skills. Long term speaking, I want to **tread into uncharted territory** because I feel that it' like a brand new world unfolded before my eyes.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

## 12.A long way off from something 离什么还远着呢

Q: In the future, what type of place would you like to live in?(未来计划题: 2014年1-4月机经 Your Home-14)

A: Short term speaking, I want to live in big cities . Long term speaking, when I have enough money, I plan to settle on the islands of the Aegean sea, such as Santorini island. Well, I'm **a long way off from that dream** so I need to work extra hard.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

### 13. Have a lot of ground to cover 还有很多需要做的

Q: What are your future work plans?(未来计划题)

A: Short term speaking, I plan to find a job and learn some practical skills. Long term speaking, I want to open my own bookstore because that's what I've always been dreamed of, and to achieve that, I still **have a lot of ground to cover**, from design to management.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

### 14. getting nowhere 原地踏步

Q: What are your future plans?(未来计划题)

A: Short term speaking, I plan to study education in Australia. Long term speaking, I want to teach Chinese as a foreign language. I know it may sound unrealistic, but I believe, as long as I focus on that goal, I'm not **getting nowhere** in life.

Topics: making decisions, future plans, future job

## Food/Cooking

### 1.foodie 吃货

Q: Do you think people should learn cooking? (观点题)

A: Yea I do, I feel that cooking can enhance people's quality of life and it's a necessary skill in life, personally speaking, I'm a **foodie** so I know how to cook and it just makes life so much better.

Topics: meals, food, cooking, habits

### 2.Veggies 蔬菜

Q: What dishes have you cooked?(考试真题)

A: I have cooked 鱼香肉丝 for several times, which is a combination of chopped pork and **veggies**, such as carrots and peppers.

Topics: meals, food, cooking, habits, leisure time etc

### 3.Master chef 大厨

Q: Who taught you to cook?(考试真题)

A: I had attended a cooking class and **the master chef** of a well-known restaurant taught me to cook.

Topics: future job, making decisions, future plans etc

### 4.Culinary delight 美食佳肴

Q: Would you like to attend a cooking class?(未来计划题, 考试真题)

A: Yea I would, but currently I want to focus on my studies, and in the future when I have time I will attend a cooking class because I think it's not only an important part of life but also a good way for me to enjoy **culinary delight**.

Topics: meals,cooking,entertainment,birthdays,future plan,leisure time etc

## 5.Pig out on something      狼吞虎咽的吃啥

Q: What do you usually do after work/after classes?(个人习惯题通常题，考试真题)

A: Sometimes, I would **pig out on delicious Chinese food** with my friends after work/after classes at a well-known restaurant to enjoy ourselves, other times, I watch films by myself (after work/after classes) at home to loosen up.

Topics: habits,leisure time,meals,food,cooking

## 6.You're what you eat.      你的饮食成就你的身体

Q: Why do you want to learn cooking? (解释题，考试真题)

A: One of the main reason is that rubbish food has a negative effect on people's health, you know, **you're what you eat**, so I want to learn cooking healthy food and also cooking brings me a sense of achievement.

Topics: meals, food, cooking, leisure time ,health

## 7.have a sweet tooth 爱吃甜食

Q: What kinds of dishes do people in your country like to eat?(大群体喜好题)

A: Well, older people enjoy eating light dishes such as 素炒土豆丝and 清炒苦瓜, on the other hand, younger people enjoy sweet dishes for example 糖醋里脊, because most of them **have a sweet tooth**.

Topics: habits,leisure time,meals,food,cooking,health

## 8.Grab a bite 随便吃点啥

Q: Do you often do any cooking? (个人习惯题通常题, 考试真题)

A: I do cooking every now and then, it depends, if I have a lot on my hands, then I'll just **grab a bite** before working, but if I'm free then I'll cook some delicious dishes for my parents. I enjoy cooking, because it adds spice to my life.

Topics: leisure time,work,meals,food,cooking

## 9. Make one's mouth water 让你流口水的东西

Q: Who does most of the cooking in your home? (考试真题)

A: My mother does most of the cooking in my home, the delicious dishes she cooked often **make my mouth water**.

Topics: family, cooking, food, meals

## 10. eat like a horse 形容谁狼吞虎咽的吃像

Q: Do you prefer to spend time with your relatives, or your friends? (个人偏好题, 考试真题)

A: I would prefer spending time with friends over relatives, because my friends have the same hobby with me and they won't limit my activities, whereas relatives can take care of me, but they often advise me to do something or not to do something, for example, my uncle often tells me not to **eat like a horse**, which makes me lose my appetite.

Topics: relatives, friends, meal

## 11.gross 恶心的

Q: Do you like cooking?(喜好题, 考试真题)

A: No, I don't, cooking is not my thing, I think cooking is tricky and it's a hassle, I remember a while ago, I cooked at home, the food was **gross** and I was so disappointed.

Topics: meals, food, cooking, leisure time

## 12.nasty 恶心的

Q: Do you think cooking programs on TV are useful?(观点题, 考试真题)

A: No, I don't. I feel that it's no use watching cooking programs on TV, because you have no idea about how much salt or sugar should be put, I remember a while ago, I tried to cook the dish as the chef did, but maybe I put more water and less sugar, the dish tasted **nasty**.

Topics: meals, food, cooking, leisure time, TV program

### 13.tastes good 好吃的

Q: What are the benefits of cooking?(观点题)

A: I feel that cooking can bring me a sense of achievement, you know, the meal cooked by yourself **tastes better** than others' cooking, although it is time-consuming and complex, I still think cooking is a necessary part of life, because it can add spice to my life.

Topics: cooking, future plan, personal experience, meal etc

### 14.tastes weird 吃着怪怪的

Q: Can you remember the first thing you cooked?(考试真题)

A: Yea of course, I remember when I was twelve years old, I tried to cook a dish called 番茄鸡蛋, however, it **tasted really weird**, maybe I forgot to put the salt.

Topics: meals, food, cooking

## 15. Something I've never had before 从来没吃过的

Q: Do you enjoy travelling?(喜好题)

A: Yea, I do, I'm keen on travelling, I feel that travelling offers me beautiful scenery that I've never seen, **delicious food that I've never had before**, different lifestyle and culture that I've never ever imagined. It's an opportunity to refresh my mind. I often go travelling with my family during holidays to many foreign countries to expand my horizons.

Topics: travel, meal, holiday, leisure time etc

## 16. Be in season / be out of season 适合季节的

Q: What do you usually buy when you go shopping? (个人习惯题通常题, 考试真题)

A: Sometimes, I buy some fresh fruits such as grapes and strawberries which **are in season** by myself after class to the fruits supermarket to fulfill my material needs, other times, I buy some clothes with my friends to the shopping mall to enjoy ourselves.

Q: What cooking experience have you had? (考试真题)

A: I remember a while ago, I was eager to eat a dish called 菠萝古老肉, at that time pineapple **was out of season** and could be hardly found in the supermarket, at last I poured a lot of tomato sauce into the dish instead of pineapples, it turned out to taste good, which made me very happy.

Topics: shopping, meal, leisure time, cooking etc

## 17.treat someone to something 请谁吃啥

Q: What's your favourite gift you have ever received?(考试真题)

A: My friend, Lisa, **treated me to a special meal** which is cooked all by herself at my birthday party and that meal is my favourite gift I have ever received.

Topics: birthday, friends, meals, leisure time, gifts

## 18.It's a treat 饱口福的

Q: Would you like to attend a cooking class?(未来计划题, 考试真题)

A: Yea I would, but currently I want to focus on my studies, and you know, **it's a treat** to have meals cooked by my mother. She knows exactly what kinds of dishes I like and in the future when I have time I will attend a cooking class because I think it is a necessary part of life and it can cultivate my independent ability.

Topics: future plan, meal, family, cooking

## Clothing/Fashion

### 1. eye-catcher          吸引眼球的

Q: Do you spend much when you go shopping?

A: yea I do, I spend a lot when I am go shopping, because I want to buy some **eye-catcher** clothes to catch girls attention.

Topics: 形容某种你喜欢的东西 例如: 玩具 乐器 书 等等          Toy, music instrument, book etc.

### 2. it thing          形容某东西现在很流行

Q: What factors do you consider when you are buying clothes?

A: it depends, if I buy clothes for my mum than I'll focus on the quality of the clothes, because body health is more important than personal appearance. But If I but I buy clothes for myself than I'll focus on the design of the clothes, because I like wear some **in-thing** stuff.

Topics: 任何你觉得很酷炫的东西, 不仅仅是衣服, 还可以是电子产品等 例如: iPhone6、微信、某种软件或网站          Iphone6, WeChat, software, website, etc.

### 3.catch someone's attention

抓住谁的注意力的

Q: Do you and your friends ever give each other advice about clothes?

A: yea I do, when I go shopping with my friends, we always give advice to each others, because we want to choose the best one and **catch girls' attention**.

Topics: 你觉得特别不一般的，有吸引力的东西 例如：吉他吸引女孩子、热裤吸引男孩子 等  
等 Music, hobby, etc.

### 4.To try on

试穿啥

Q: Do you like (going) shopping?

A: yea I do, I like **to try on** some splendid suits to enjoy the rich guys' feel, and also going shopping can full fill my material needs.

Topics: 意为试穿，意思较狭窄 身上穿的物件都可与用 clothes

## 5. Classy 高大上的

Q: Did you have any special clothes to wear when you were a child?

A: yea I did, I had a beautiful tang zhuang when I was a kid, and it's made of silk so it looks very **classy** and full of Chinese traditional taste.

Topics: 一切很非同一般的, 很有气质的东西 例如: 土豪金 好工作 Job, luxury, etc.

## 6. Cheesy 俗气的

Q: Have you ever helped other people choose what clothes to buy?

A: yes I have, my best friend 阿呆, he has a bad taste on clothes and his clothes are very **cheesy** and corny, so when I go shopping with him, I always give him lots of advice to help him choose what clothes to buy.

Topics: 文化 衣着 等等 Culture, clothes, etc.

## 7.Corny 土鳖的

Q: Have you ever helped other people choose what clothes to buy?

A: yes I have, my best friend 阿呆, he has a bad taste on clothes and his clothes are very cheesy and **corny**, so when I go shopping with him, I always give him lots of advice to help him choose what clothes to buy.

Topics: 文化 衣着 等等      Culture, clothes, etc.

## 8.Trendy 时尚的

Q: What kinds of clothes do you like to wear?

A: it depends, if I go out with my friends than I'll wear some **trendy** clothes such as t-shirt and slim pants, but if I stay at home than I'll wear something comfortable.

Topics: 时尚的玩意 例如: 新的穿衣方式等等      Clothes, fashion, etc.

## 9. stylish 有范儿的

Q: What factors do you consider when you are buying clothes?

A: I think the main factors that I consider when I am buying clothes is the design of the clothes, it must be very **stylish** and trendy so I can keep up with the latest trend.

Topics: 衣服, 物品      Clothes, toy, souvenir, etc.

## 10. Keep up with the latest trend 追寻最新的时尚

Q: How often do you go shopping for clothes?

A: I go shopping once a week, because I want to **keep up with the latest trend** and go shopping can full fill my material needs.

Topics: clothes, internet, advertisement, media

## 11.have a good / bad taste      好/坏 品味

Q: Who bought your clothes for you when you were a child?

A: of course my parents, they always bought clothes for me, because when I was a kid I **had very bad taste** on clothes.

Q: Do you ever go shopping for clothes with a friend?

A: yea I do, I usually go shopping for clothes with my friends during the weekend to full fill my material needs, and of course my friends **have a good taste** on clothes they can give me lots of advise.

Topics: hobby, sports, clothes, game, toy, etc.

## 12.in style      符合潮流的

Q: Do / did you wear the same clothes at school and at home?

A: no I don't. Because of school rules, at school I wear school uniform. But at home I'll wear some clothes **in style** such as miniskirt and sexy stockings.

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Topics: sports, clothes, game, toy, etc

### 13.out of date      过时了的

Q: what do Chinese people like to do during the spring festival?

A: Most people enjoy traditional activities such as making dumplings and setting off fireworks because it's our custom, but personally speaking I think it's **out of date**, so I enjoy traveling abroad because it can help me get a better picture of the world.

Topics: tradition, culture, clothes, toy, TV-show, etc

### 14.getting old      老套，没新鲜感的

Q: what do Chinese people like to do during the weekend?

A: Most people enjoy ordinary activities such as going to cinema or KTV to loosen up because it's very popular. But personal speaking I think it's **getting old**, so I enjoy some crazy stuff such as punk music and horror movies.

Topics: tradition, culture, clothes, toy, TV-show, etc

## 15.wear something comfortable

穿舒服的东西

Q: What clothes do you usually like to wear?

A: it depends, if I go out with my friends than I'll wear some trendy clothes such as t-shirt and slim pants, but if I stay at home than I'll **wear something comfortable**.

Topics: clothes



# Shopping

## 1.Freebie 免费赠品

Q: Do you like shopping? 考题

A: Yes, I'm like buying cosmetics very much, because when you buy large amount, the sales will give you lots of **freebies** especially the cosmetics samples which are in good quality.

Topics:Clothes, parties etc.

## 2.Cost an arm and a leg 非常昂贵的

Q: Do you like travelling by train or by air? 考题

A: I much prefer travelling by rail, because there's always time for you to relax and enjoy the scenery, whereas travelling by air can get you quickly at your destination, but it **costs me an arm and a leg**.

Topics:Dictionary, clothes , Mobile phone etc. 描述东西或者干什么事很贵

### 3.Cut down on something      降低/减少 什么

Q:When do you go shopping?

A:At the end of the year the shops often **cut down on all the goods** to attract customers for promotion. So I often go shopping at that time.

### 4.Pick up      购买啥

Q: In china, is it necessary to bring a gift when you visit someone? 考题

A: People think it's a nice gesture if you **pick up a gift** for someone when visiting his household. It shows you appreciate being invited and that you want to repay the favour.

Topics:Shopping, mobile phone, etc.

### 5.Rip-off      形容什么东西坑爹 不值

Q: Is there anything you don't like shopping? 考题

A: Well, recently there are too many overpriced and substandard products, which are really **Rip-off** for customers. So It's extremely time-consuming to tell the truth from the false.

Topics:Internet, clothes etc.

## 6.It's a steal 赚到了

Q: what do you do on the Internet? 考题

A: I always surf the Internet for shopping so I can purchase something online much cheaper than in a shop, and **it is a steal**.

Topics:Shopping, birthday, etc.

## 7.chip in for something 一起掏钱去付款购买什么

Q: Do you prefer shopping alone or with others? 考题

A: Being alone. Although shopping with my friends can always **chip in for something**, I can't stand others to hurry me up and I can choose anything I want without others' opinions.

Topics:gifts, leisure time, etc.

## 8.Something was a good deal 非常划算的

Q: Do you like shopping for clothes or other goods on the internet? 考题

A: Definitely! I'm an Internet shopper and I think **shopping online is a good deal**.

Topics:Shopping, clothes etc.

## 9.picky 形容挑剔的

Q: What kind styles of clothes do u like to wear? 考题

A: I'm a bit **picky**. I only like to wear dark Gothic and matrix style clothes to match my dark personality.

Topics: Gifts, people, etc.

## 10.a frugal person 一个节俭的人

Q: Do you eat at home or do you usually eat outside? 考题

A: I never ate out a lot. I'm **a frugal person** and I dislike spend any penny on a restaurant.

Topics: People, cooking, etc

## 11.It's worth my money 物有所值

Q: What type of shop do you prefer to go to? 考题

A: I'm keen on fashionable clothes, so I sometimes like browsing through clothes boutiques and **it's worth my money**.

Topics: Shopping, clothes, etc.

## Sports/Health

### 1.health freak      注重健康的人

Q: Do you often do sports?

A: Yea, I do. I do sports a lot, I enjoy doing outdoor sports, such as hiking and biking. Actually, I'm a **health freak** and I think doing sports is really fun and adventurous. I do sports whenever I have time to relax.

Q: Do you prefer eating fast food or homemade food?

A: I prefer eating homemade food over fast food because I am a **health freak** and homemade food is very healthy and nutritious, whereas fast food is very convenient, but it is very unhealthy and it is bad for my skin.

Topics: Food, sports, health, cooking, etc.

### 2.as Sick as a dog      身体特别不好

Q: How did you feel on your first day at university/high school?

A: I felt terrible on my first day at university. I remember I was **as sick as a dog** that day, and I have to carry my heavy luggage by myself and I got lost in the university.

Q: Have you ever been late for anything?

A: Yea, I have ever been late for a very important meeting because I was **as sick as a dog** and I overslept after I took the medicine.

Topics: health, experience, etc.

### 3. buff      形容一个男人特别壮

Q: What sports do young people like to do?

A: Young people like to go to the gym to do some exercises, boys want to be **buff** and girls want to be get nice curves.

Q: Do old people and young people like to do the same sports?

A: Compared to the sports that old people like to do, young people like to do intense sports to be **buff**, so they often go to the fitness center. On the other hand, old people enjoy doing some relatively slow paced exercises such as taiji and golf.

Topics: sports, keep fit, etc.

### 4. in bad shape      身体/身材不好

Q: Do you ever do any exercise to keep fit or healthy?

A: Yea, I do, I go for a jog in the park every evening to keep fit and to stay healthy. I remember when I was a child, I was **in bad shape** and I decided to do exercises regularly to improve that.

Q: Do you think exercise is beneficial for older people?

A: Yea, I do, I think old people should do more exercises to be healthy. I think exercise is beneficial for people of all ages, especially for the old people who are **in bad shape**, doing exercises is good for their body and help them to stay healthy.

Topics: Keep fit, sport, health, feelings, etc.

## 5.bag of bones      瘦的只剩骨头了

Q: What do people in your country do to focus?

A: In china, most young people like to focus on losing weight, they always want to be **bag of bones** and they do excessive exercises, but personally speaking, I think it is unnecessary and unhealthy so I enjoy doing regular exercise and keep a healthy diet.

Q: What would you say is a "healthy lifestyle"?

A: I think a healthy lifestyle includes having a nutritious diet, enough exercise and adequate sleep. Too many young people nowadays are keeping an unhealthy diet and eat too little, which makes them to be **bag of bones**. I think it's very bad and everyone should keep a healthy lifestyle.

Topics: sports, keep fit, lifestyle, etc.

## 6.get into shape      塑造好身材

Q: Do you like going to the gym?

A: Yea, I do. I enjoy going to the gym to do some aerobic exercises. I think it is very interesting and it is a good way for me to **get into shape**.

Q: Why do you want to learn dancing?

A: One of the main reasons is that I want to **get into shape** and also I'm very interested in it.

Topics: Sports, health, beauty, etc.

## 7.nice build 好身材

Q: Why do you think some (or, many) people like dancing?

A: In my opinion, I think it's coz dancing is interesting and fun and also it's a good way to keep fit and to be **nice build**.

Q: What kinds of (or, style of) clothes do people in your country like to wear?

A: In china, young people like to wear tight clothes, such as tight pants and short skirts, to show off their **nice build** body. On the other hand, old people like to wear some loose clothes, such as sportswear and Taiji clothing.

Topics: sport, keep fit, work out, exercise, clothes, etc.

## 8.Work out 健身

Q: How do you (usually) spend the weekend?

A: It depends, if I'm tired, I stay in my room and listen to some music to loosen up, but if I'm in a good mood, I'll go to the sports center to **work out** and stay healthy.

Q: What do you do for entertainment?

A: I usually **work out** with my friends in the sports center, I think it's a good way to loosen up and kill time with my friends in the gym is very relaxing and happy.

Topics: sport, habits, interests, etc.

## 9.nice curves 形容女生有好线条

Q: What kinds of sport do you like to do?

A: I enjoy doing aerobic exercises such as yoga and jogging. I think it is a good way to get **nice curves** and it adds spice to my life.

Q: What programs do you (most like to) watch?

A: I enjoying watching the keep fit programs, it teaches people to do some slimming exercises to help girls to have **nice curves**. I think it's really helpful and it's a good way to lose weight.

Topics: Exercises, keep fit, etc.

## 10.sporty 比较运动的

Q: What kinds of clothes do you like to wear?

A: I like to wear some **sporty** clothes because it looks very smart and it's very comfortable.

Q: Do you wear the same clothes both at work and after work?

A: No, I don't, I wear suits at work, and I take off the suits and wear **sporty** clothes after work because the suit is tight and uncomfortable, whereas the sporty clothes is soft and loose.

Topics: sport, clothes, disposition, habits, etc.

## 11.filled with energy

充满活力/动力的

Q: Do you often listen to music?

A: Yea, I listen to music a lot. I enjoy listening to some inspiring songs, such as 紅日 and 相信自己. I think they are very inspiring and encouraging. I listen to music when I'm alone and I feel **I'm filled with energy**.

Q: Did you ever visit a zoo when you were a child?

A: Yes, I did. I remember when I was a child, my parents took me to visit a zoo, i was **filled with energy** at first, but after we arrived, I was not very excited because the animals were very smelly and dirty.

Topics: music, habits, animals, etc.

## 12.feeling under the weather 身体不适

Q: What do you usually do in your spare time?

A: Well, it depends. If I am in a good mood, I'll go for a stroll with my friends after dinner, but if **I'm feeling under the weather**, I'll stay at home and have a rest.

Q: Do you like traveling by train?

A: No, I don't. I can't stand traveling by train. I think it is not convenient and it is very dirty. I remember a while ago, I traveled with some friends by train and it made me **feel under the weather**.

Topics: Heath, habits, travel, etc.

## Film/Entertainment/TV

### 1. Couch potato 成天呆在家看电视的人

Q: Did you watch much TV when you were a child? (引子题)

A: Yes, I watch a lot of TV when I was a child. I remember about seven years ago, I was a **couch potato** and watched much TV during my holidays for killing time because I had nothing to do after finishing my homework.

Topics: entertainment, TV, habits, leisure time etc

### 2. Chick flick 女孩爱看的电影

Q: Would you say entertainment is important for people? (观点题)

A: Yea, I feel that entertainment is crucial. I remember when I was a kid, I always played with my friends for entertained ourselves. During the time, we learnt how to make friends and to think of others. It is also important for adult people having entertainment because adults always have too much stress and entertainment can help them to have fun and overcome stress. For example, women love watch **chick flicks** to add spice to their lives, whereas men always enjoy watching major blockbusters to loosen up.

Topics: film, entertainment, TV, habits, leisure time etc

### 3.Box office hit 票房冠军 Major blockbuster 大片

Q: What do you usually do for leisure or entertainment in your free time?(个人习惯题)

A: Sometimes, I listen to some pop music to loosen up, other times, I enjoy watching **major blockbusters** to have fun, especially, I am really into **box office hits** because they have wonderful special effects and the plots are exciting, for example, Lord of the Rings and The Avengers.

Topics: film, entertainment, TV, leisure time etc

### 4.Sellout 非常受欢迎的电影

Q: In your country, where do young people go for entertainment? (大群体问题)

A: In China, boys love to go to movie theatres to watch some major blockbusters to have fun. That is why almost each new blockbusters are **sellout** in China and they are box office hits. On the other hand, girls enjoy shopping in large department stores chatting with their friends to loosen up.

Topics: film, entertainment, leisure time etc

## 5. Two thumbs up      点赞的

Let's go to see the movie named One Piece. It should be a good one because most of my friends gave it **two thumbs up**!

Topics: film, entertainment, TV, habits etc

## 6. Box office disaster      票房很糟糕      Lousy film      烂片

Q: Tom, have you watched hunter game 2 ?

A: No, most of my friends said that was a **lousy film**, so I don't want to try it. I guess, it would be a **box office disaster**.

Topics: film, entertainment, TV

## 7. Films that take audiences for a spin      比较绕的电影。

Q: Do you like watching films? 喜好题

A: no, I don't. I am not into watching films, especially some **films that take audiences for a spin**. I think it is waste of time. I remember a while ago, I watched a Korean film; the plot was so boring and I was going to die.

I can't stand watching films that **take audiences for a spin**. I remember a while ago, I watched a film called < who is she >, the plot was so boring and I was so exhausted.

Topic: Film, entertainment, TV, habits, leisure time etc

## 10. Mind boggling      令人震惊的

A: I am really interested in astronomy, but it is really difficult to me.

B: well, astronomy, the study of stars, has lots of **mind-boggling** theories.

Q: What subjects do you study? 引子题

A: Well. I am studying accounting in macquaire uni, it is really difficult for me, you know, making sense of **mind boggling** complexity in accounting isn't easy.

Topics: Films, study, TV etc

## 11. oldie but goodie      经典的老电影

Q: How do you usually spend your evenings? 个人习惯题

A: well, sometimes, I watch some **oldie but goodie** with my parents when I am free; other times, I go shopping with my friends to loosen up.

One of my favorite films is an **oldie but goodie** called < Roman Holiday>

Topics: films, leisure time, TV, entertainment etc

## 12. parodies ['pærədɪs]

恶搞电影

Q: What do you usually do after classes? 个人习惯题

A: It depends. If I am in a huge pressure because of my study, I will watch some **parodies** such as crazy stone or lost in Thailand to loosen up. If I am really in a good mood after classes, I will chill out with my friends when I am off.

Short videos like **parodies** in everyday life have grown in popularity in China.

Topics: films, TV, leisure time, habits etc

## 13. family shows

适合全家看的节目

Q: What type of TV programs do people in China like to watch? 大群体

A: Well, young people enjoy watching some talk shows and dating shows, for example, a dating show called 非诚勿扰 is really popular among the younger generations. On the other hand, old people like **family shows** especially because I think the reason for that is because family shows bring happiness and sense of belongings.

Q: What is your favorite show?

A: Well, my favorite show now is called where is my daddy? Which is a very famous **family show** in China. I think children in this show all really cute and clever.

Topics: TV, habits, leisure time etc

## 14.reality TV show 真人秀

Life is like a **reality show**, you will never know what kind of role you will play.

Q: what kinds of TV shows do you like most? 喜好题

A: well, I like watching **reality TV shows** such as the apprentice and Survivor. I think that they all really attractive and make me feel amazing. Also, I can learn lots of knowledge about life and economics.

Topics: TV, habits, leisure time etc

## 15.sitcoms 像friends或者two broke girls 那种带笑声的节目

Q: why sitcoms are so popular?

A: one of the reasons is that **sitcoms** are funny shows that show the life of young people which easily resonates with young people's experience. Another reason is that sitcoms could lead you to thoughtful considerations related to life and emotions.

I really like watching **sitcoms** with my roommates such as two broke girls and friends. Watching sitcoms is really a good way for us to loosen up.

Topics: Friends, TV, movies, habits etc

## 16.TV series 电视剧

Q: How often do you watch TV?

A: Well, I watch TV every day. I really like watching TV series, especially Korean TV series. I think it is really a good way to relax myself. It not only brings me happiness but also helps me to build my time management skills, u know, I can relax myself in certain time and do other things freely.

Q: What is your favorite star?

A: Well, my favorite star is Benedict Cumberbatch who starred in the TV series called < Sherlock>.

Topic: Movie, TV, leisure time etc

## Transportation

### 1. Grab a cab (to) 打的

Q: What do you want to eat this evening?

A: Well, let us go out to dinner. Instead of trying to find parking, let's just grab a cab.

Q: Do you often use the public transportation? 频率题

A: Well, I use the public transportation frequently. Although I have my own cars to drive, I can't stand finding parking place in big cities. So, I will choose taking public transportation. That is why I always grab a cab instead of driving my own car.

Topics: transportation, travel, leisure time etc

### 2. On-the-go 在路上的时候

Life keeps us on the go.

Topics: Transportation, travel

### 3.Squishy 比较拥挤

Q: Do you prefer taking public transportation or driving your own car? 个人偏好题

A: Well, I would prefer driving my own car rather than taking public transportation because it is very convenient and time-saving. Although taking public transport is really good for environment, I just hate the feeling of **squishy**.

Whenever I take the tram, I feel that I am like a sardine in a can **squished** by people around me.

Topics: transportation, travel, leisure time etc

### 4.Bumper-to-bumper traffic 非常拥挤的交通

Q: How can we improve the road in your hometown? 建议题

A: it would be really helpful if the government implement some laws to punish people who own over two cars. You know right now, my hometown has a really **Bumper-to-bumper traffic**. So if the government effectively minimizes the use of private cars, our hometown will not have so much congestion.

**Bumper-to-bumper traffic** delayed my flight to New Zealand.

Topics: transportation, travel etc

## 5.A gas guzzler 油老虎

Q: How can we protect our environment? 建议题

A: it would be really helpful if the government implement some laws to control the pollution created by people. You know right now, the environment is really bad and global warming is the main problem. So if the government levy **Gas Guzzler** Tax, our environment will be better because of the less exhausted gas emission.

Hummer made GM seem like the **gas-guzzler** company

Topics: transportation, environment, travel

## 6.Hop on the subway 乘地铁

In the rush hours it is a nightmare when you want to **hop on the subway**.

Q: Do you like taking the subway? 喜好题

A: No, I don't. I can't stand crowd environment. I remember when I was a high school student, every day I had to **hop on the subway** and be squished in the rush hours.

Topics: Transport, travel etc

## 7. Give someone a ride 带别人一个路程

Would you like me **give you a ride** home?

I can **give you a ride** if you don't mind climbing on this load of boxes.

Topics: travel, friends etc

## 8. Catch a flight 赶飞机

Q: Do you like travelling by airplane? 喜好题

A: yes, I do. I enjoying travelling by airplane because it is very time-saving compared to travelling by train or by boat. Although sometimes I have to wake up very early to **catch a flight**, I still like it.

Most of workaholics have to **catch a flight** for work frequently.

Topics: Travel, work, transport etc

## 9. Behind the wheels of something 驾驶什么东西

Many babies' health is threatened **behind the wheels of profiteering merchants** such as milk powder co.

People have to be very careful when they **behind the wheels of cars** or important things in their life.

Topics: environment, transportation.

## 10. Packed with people 挤满了人

Q: why do people in China choose to buy private cars rather than taking public transport? 个人偏好题

A: one of the main reasons is that it is **packed with people** when you take public transport, which make you feel annoyed. Another reason is that private cars may bring us convenience and time-saving.

The bus is always **packed with people** no matter it is on the rush hours or in the holidays.

Topics: travel, transport

## 11.walk around, drive around

走路/开车遛弯

A: honey, can we just **drive around** before we check into a hostel?

B: of course, we can **walk around** the nearest beach, lay on it and view the beautiful scenery

I always **walk around** my uni when I feel stressful or in bad mood.

Topics: travel, leisure time, transport etc

## 12.go somewhere on foot

步行去某地方

Q: would you like to be a professional traveler? 未来计划题

A: yes, short term speaking, I will finish my master degree in my uni and travel to beautiful places when I am free. Long term speaking, I will try to be a professional traveler because I can **go some beautiful place on foot** at anytime ignoring the time I will spend and also have a deep reflections on life.

My grandma always **goes to the supermarket on foot** to strengthen her body and exercise her muscles.

Topics: health, travel, leisure time, transport etc

# Music

## 1. Ear candy

好听的音乐

Q: Do you like listening to music? (喜好题)

A: Yea, I do. I enjoy listening to music, especially those pleasant popular music, like **ear candy**.

Q: What kinds of music do you usually listen to? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, sometimes, I listen to classical music to relax myself. Other times I listen to **ear candy** and sing with it to release pressure.

Topics: leisure activities, music, habit, etc.

## 2. Indie music

小众音乐

Q: Are you interested in the music? (喜好题)

A: Wow, I'm really into music. I cannot live without music, but not all the music suits me. I personally like **indie music** the best.

Q: Do you often listen to the music? (个人习惯题)

A: Yea, I do. I listen to indie music a lot. I enjoy listening to **indie music** especially when I am doing exercise.

Topics: leisure activities, music, habit, etc.

### 3.Mainstream music

### 主流音乐

Q: Do you prefer listening to mainstream music or indie music? (个人偏好题)

A: Well, I would prefer indie music over **mainstream music**, because I think indie artists are very cool, and I like the particular melody of their music very much.

Q: How do you usually spend your evenings? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, it depends. If I spend the evening alone, then I'll listen to **mainstream music** to relax myself, but if I am with my friends in that evening, then we'll hang out and do some window shopping.

Topics: leisure activities, music, habit, etc.

### 4.musical talent

### 拥有音乐天赋的

Q: How do you like to celebrate your birthday? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, it depends. If I celebrate my birthday alone, I will just buy a birthday cake for myself and take it easy, but if I am able to hold a party on my birthday, then I'll invite people of great **musical talent** to play beautiful songs for me.

Q: Why do you want to learn playing the piano?( 解释题)

A: Well, one of the main reasons is that I want to pursue my childhood dream—to be a pianist. You know, when I was a toddler everyone said I was a **musical talent**, because I was very sensitive to the music. I didn't have chance to learn about the music at that time, so now I want to give it a try.

Topics: music, hobby, show biz, etc.

## 5.off beat      不在点上

Q: Would you like to be a reporter? (未来计划题)

A: Yea, I would, but currently I want to focus on my IELTS test, and in the future when I acquire enough knowledge of reporting, I surely will give it a try and I want to present the audience with **offbeat** reporting.

Topics: hobby, music, etc.

## 6.out of tune      跑调

Q: What do you usually do in your leisure time? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, sometimes I like to do exercise to keep fit, other times I like to sing karaoke at home with my friends, though I am always **out of tune**.

Q: Do you often visit your relatives? (个人习惯题)

A: Yea, I do. I visit my relatives a lot. I enjoy spending time with them. I play the violin for them each time on my visit, although I am always **out of tune**.

Topics: hobby, music, etc.

## 7.Can't carry a tune

五音不全

Q: Do you prefer to sing at home or at a place such as a karaoke bar? (个人偏好题)

A: Well, I prefer singing at home over singing at a karaoke bar, because I **can't carry a tune**, if I sing at a karaoke bar, then more people will know this truth.

Q: How do you handle stress? (问题解决题)

A: Well, when I am under great pressure I will go to sing at karaoke bars with my friends, but actually it's a torture for them coz I **can't carry a tune** and always go offbeat.

Topics: leisure activities, music, etc.

## 8. someone is a musical sensation

轰动音乐界的人

Q: Would you like to be a reporter? (未来计划题)

A: Yea, I would, but currently I want to focus on my IELTS test and in the future when I become a reporter I hope to interview Wang Leehom, coz I admire his musical talent very much and I think **he is a musical sensation**.

Topics: hobby, music, movies, show biz, etc.

## Home/Accommodation

### 1.Cozy 温馨的

Q: Do you like the environment where you live?

A: Yea, I do, I like the environment where I live. I think it is **cozy** and comfortable. Although it is far from the city center, I still like it because it is calm and quiet.

Q: What did you do on your last birthday?

A: On my last birthdays, my family took me to a very nice restaurant and we had a lot of laughter that night, then we came back home and chat all night with my siblings, I felt it is **cozy** and I was filled with happiness.

Topics: home, family, friends, gathering, etc.

### 2.Messy 凌乱的

Q: What do you usually do in your room?

A: Well, it depends, if the room is **messy**, I'll do some household chores such as wash the dishes and do the laundry, but if I'm busy, I'll sit at the desk and finish my work.

Q: Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days?

A: I prefer sunny days over rainy days because the weather is good on sunny days, so I can hang out with my friends, whereas rainy days add humidity to the climate, but it makes the road **messy** and sordid.

Topics: flat, house, apartment, weather, etc.

### 3.Tidy 整洁的

Q: How well do you know your neighbors?

A: I know my neighbors very well, she is a clean freak and she keeps her home tidy and clean. Keeping her home tidy is her pleasure.

Q: Do you like receiving presents?

A: Yea, I do, I like receiving presents, and vice versa. I think it's a good way to express your love to a person and the present can also serve as a badge of the long-lasting friendship. I remember a while ago, when I tidied my room and I found a present that my friend gave me at my birthday party, it reminded me of her and it brought flashbacks.

Topics: home/room/flat, habits, disposition, etc.

### 4.Neat 整齐的

Q: In the future, what type of place would you like to live in?

A: In the future, I would like to live in the countryside with neat rows of trees and blossomed flowers. I think the air is refreshing and the environment is wonderful in the countryside.

Q: Would you say the place where you live is good for families with children?

A: Yea, I would say the place where I live is good for families with children, actually I think as long as the house is clean and neat, it is suitable for everyone to live in.

Topics: home/family, environment, etc.

## 5.nothing compares to my home sweet home

金窝银窝不如我的鸟窝

Q: Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

A: No, it is not, my home is far from the city center and it requires more than a hour for me to come back from my office to my home, but **nothing compares to my home sweet home**, although it is small and simple, I feel cozy and warm.

Q: Is there anything you don't like about the place where you live?

A: Yea, there is, my home doesn't have wi-fi and it causes me a lot of troubles, but **nothing compares to my home sweet home**, as long as it is tidy and clean, I feel very happy and comfortable.

Topics: home, living, travel, etc.

## Nature

### 1.rain cats and dogs      下大雨

Q: Do you prefer shopping online or in a store? (个人偏好题)

A: Well, I prefer shopping online over shopping in a store, because online shopping enables me to buy clothes no matter what the weather condition is. For instance, when it rains cats and dogs outside, I still can buy my favourite clothes.

Q: Do you often visit your relatives? (个人习惯题)

A: Yea, I do. I visit my relatives a lot. I enjoy spending time with them. I will make a long trip to meet them even though it is raining cats and dogs.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

### 2.soaked      湿透了

Q: Do you prefer to take pictures of scenery or of people? (个人偏好题)

A: I prefer taking pictures of people over scenery, because I think the presence of people in a picture can make the picture look more vivid. I remember a while ago, I took a picture of my nephew and me when we were soaked in heavy rain. I think that picture is very funny.

Q: Are bicycles very popular in your country? (大群体喜好题)

A: Yea, riding bike is very popular in my country. Most people like to do spinning in gyms, but personally speaking I like riding bike in countryside until I am soaked in sweat.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

### 3.drizzle 飘着小雨

Q: Do you like drizzling?

A: To be frank, I hate **drizzle** coz the air is very humid when it is drizzling and clothes cant dry easily.

Q: What are the differences between eating out and eating at home?

A: Compared to eating out, eating at home is more enjoyable coz you don't need to bother about the weather. For example, **drizzle**, scorching or misty weather annoys me when I am having meal at open air restaurants.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

### 4.misty 雾蒙蒙

Q: Do you like misty weather? ( 喜好题)

A: Yea, I am really into **misty** weather. I would much rather have misty weather than hot sunny weather. I enjoy sleeping on misty days coz it is soothing and relaxing.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

## 5.foggy 大雾

Q: Do you like your hometown? (喜好题)

A: Yea, I like my hometown very much, and I particularly like the high mountains there. I remember when I was a child I always went hiking with my family. All the high mountains were surrounded by mist, and the foggy weather in the peak really made me feel I was in the paradise.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

## 6.smog 雾霾

Q: How has your hometown changed in the past and now? (比较题)

A: In the past, the climate in my hometown was very good. We got fine weather and fresh air everyday, but after a few years, there are lots of factories and modern buildings in my hometown, and now we always have smoggy day. Misty and foggy weather happen frequently, the weather there is in a disorder state.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, future plans, etc.

## 7.Sweaty 汗流浹背

Q: Do you like going outside on sunny days? (喜好题)

A: No, I don't. I can't stand being **sweaty**. I think the best thing to do on sunny days is to go to swim in an indoor swimming pool.

Q: What do you usually do in your house? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, it depends, if my parents are with me in the house, I will watch TV with them, but if I am alone, I will do exercise, like aerobics. I want to keep fit so I don't stop until I am **sweaty**.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

## 8.Scorching 非常热的天

Q: Do you like very hot weather? (喜好题)

A: No, I don't. I can't stand scorching weather and I can't stand being sweaty. I think people on **scorching** days tend to feel impulsive.

Q: What kinds of transport do you usually use? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, it depends. if the weather isn't very fine, like on rainy and **scorching** days, I will take buses or subway, but if the weather is good, then I will ride bike.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, emotions, etc.

## 9.gentle breeze 微风

Q: Are bicycles very popular in your country? (大群体喜好题)

A: Yea, bicycles are very popular in my country, and people there ride bikes a lot. Young people like to ride bike to keep fit, on the other hand, old people enjoy the **gentle breeze** brings by cycling.

Q: How do you usually spend your evenings? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, sometimes I like to go to gyms to do some fitness training, other times I like to stroll along the beach to enjoy the **gentle breeze**.

Topics: leisure activities, environment, etc.

## 10.Get in touch with nature 接近大自然

Q: How often do you go to parks? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, I go to parks every now and then. If my friends and I are free, I will go to have picnic with them in parks to **get in touch with nature**.

Q: How often do you watch TV? (个人习惯题)

A: Well, I seldom watch TV. I always go hiking and cycling with friends in countryside to **get in touch with nature**.

Topics: future plan, future job, food, etc.

## Animals

### 1.Fuzzy 毛茸茸的

Q: Do you have a pet?

A: Yes, I keep a pet dog. A few days ago it gave birth to three **fuzzy** puppies. They bring much fun to my family.

Topics: animals, clothes, toys etc...

### 2.Cuddly 可爱的看着就想抱抱的

Q: What's your favourite zoo animal?(喜好题)

A: I'm really fond of panda, not only because it is China's national treasure, but also for its **cuddly** appearance.

Topics: animals, gifts, children, toys, etc...

### 3.man's best friend      人类的好伙伴（指的是狗）

Q: Why do some people have a pet?(解释题)

A: One of the main reasons is that pets supply companionship to lonely people. Many people like to raise dogs cause they are **man's best friend**.

Topics: animals, entertainment, leisure time etc...

### 4.ferocious      比较凶猛

Q:Do you like lions?(喜好题)

A: Yes. Though they are quite **ferocious**, I still think they have a softer side.

Topics: animals, character, war etc...

### 5.killer gaze      带杀气的眼神

Q: Did you ever visit a zoo when you were a child? (引子题)

A: Yes, I've been to zoo several times in my childhood. I remember the first time I saw tiger was in zoo, its **killer gaze** really scared me.

Topics: animals, people

# People

## 1.Geek 怪胎 / 网虫

Q: How do you usually spend your evenings?(通常题)

A: Most of my evening time, I glued to internet--- watching films or chating with others. Actually, I am a real **geek**.

Topics: hobbies, leisure time, entertainment etc...

## 2.Fussy 挑剔的

Q: Why you didn't invite bob to your birthday party?(解释题)

A: The reason is he is so **fussy** and nearly have no friend. He is a wet blanket(令人扫兴的人).

Topics: personality, relatives, food, children, etc...

## 3.Be down to earth 接地气的

Q: What programs do you think are the most interesting? (观点题)

A: I feel that those **are down to earth** are the most interesting one, such as stand-up comedy and short sketch.

Topics: TV Programs, music, entertainment, book etc...

#### 4.To look up to 崇拜谁

Q: Who taught you to cook?

A: It was my grandmother who taught me this useful skill. She was quite good at cooking and she was the person I most **looked up to**.

Topics: star, old person, relatives, films etc...

#### 5.Follow in someone's footsteps 追寻别人的步伐

Q: What are your future plans? (未来计划题)

A: Short term speaking, I plan to further my study abroad, and long term speaking I would **follow in my father's footsteps** to be a doctor.

Topics: future plans, work, relatives etc...

#### 6.I got it from someone 从谁身上遗传下来/得到的什么

Q: Do you often do any cooking? (频率题)

A: Yea, I cook food a lot. I enjoy the process of making dishes. I think it's really fun and creative. My mom is an expert in cooking so **I got the gift from her**.

Topics: cook, music, singing, painting etc...

## 7. Bosom friend 发小

Q: Do you like (going) shopping? (喜好题)

A: Yea, I do, I'm quite into shopping especially doing it in boutiques. Usually I would go there with my **bosom friends** who give me some useful advice on selecting goods. It is a good way to keep our emotional connect.

Topics: friends, shopping, birthday etc...

## 8. Got off on the wrong foot with someone 一开始认识的时候不太合

Q: How do you become good friend with Angela?

A: Oh...it is quite a surprising process. I **got off on the wrong foot with her**, we had totally different character but after half a year, we found that we were so complementary and had tacit understanding(有默契) with each other.

Topics: friends, relatives, partners etc...

## 9.Bossy 比较霸道的人

Q: Do you think being patient is an important part of being polite?(观点题)

A: Yea I do, I feel that being patient can show your tolerance and respect to others. A person who is impulsive and **bossy** is irritating and not polite.

Topics: friends, relatives, work etc...

## 10.Party animal 爱玩儿的人

Q: How do you like to celebrate your birthday?

A: I am a **party animal** so I'd like to invite my friends to have a diner party and then play some games.

Topics: friends, birthdays, relatives etc...

## 11.Newbie 新手/小白

Q: Do you use computers very much?

A: Yes, now I use it quite often. It provides a lot of help with my study and entertainment. But one year ago I was a **newbie** for computer, thanks to my teacher who taught me how to operate it.

Topics: computers, languages, cooking etc...

## 12. Stingy 吝啬的

Q: Do you spend much when you go shopping?

A: No. As a student who hasn't made money, I would not spend a lot when buying goods. Sometimes my roommates even joke me, saying that I am as **stingy** as Eugenie Grandet(欧也妮·葛朗台).

Topics: shopping, clothes, relatives, friends etc...

## 13. Oddball 奇葩

Q: What gifts do you like the least?

A: I believe it must be the present from my friend Bob. It is a transformer which made me feel both funny and annoying. I can not understand why he sended this gift to a girl... he is quite an **oddball**.

Topics: friends, birthdays, relatives etc...

## 14. Cheap 廉价的人

Q: Why you don't like Nancy?(解释题)

A: One of the main reason is that she is flirtatious. A **cheap** girl would not receive others' respect.

Topics: friends, relatives, punctuality etc...

## 15.Shady 不靠谱的

Q: How do you feel when you are late?

A: Oh... it is quite embarrassing. Actually I rarely being late because that not not waste others' time but also made others feel that you are a **shady** person.

Topics: friends, relatives, history etc...

## 16.Nosy 爱管闲事的

Q: What kind of relatives that you don't like go along with?

A: Well, I had no patience with my **nosy** relatives who is a high maintenance person .I can't stand the relatives that always nosy my own business.

**17.Wacky**      比较不正经的

Q:Why would your parents don't like you to be an actor?

A:That's coz they think the position of actor is unstable,and another reason is they feel the job looks a little bit **wacky**.

**18.high maintenance person**      事儿多的人

**19.Someone's got style**      有范儿的人

**20.Looking sharp**      形容一个男的非常精干，干练

Q:What kind of person do you like to make friends with?

A:Well,I prefer to make friend with the person who is very smart and he should understand to deal with the things stand in others' shoes, for example,when we work together ,he should be the person who is very **looking sharp**.

## 21.gorgeous 形容一个女的非常炫

Q: Who is the most popular person in your university?

A: In my university , the most popular person is a charming girl ,her majoy is Clothing Design. I remember one time in a herself fashion show, it appealed to all of the students' eyes.To be frank,I had not expected such **gorgeous** creations, you know she is really gorgeous.

## 22.Charismatic 有魅力的

## 23.Charming 迷人的

Q: Who is your best friend in your university?

A: Well, during the university my best friend is Miya,coz she is very **charming** and charismatic, she is really a beauty queen.

## 24.Spoiled brat 被宠坏了的人

Q: What is the draw back in Chinese family education?

A: Well, personally speaking,the biggest problem is that parents always instead of children to do what they should finished by themselves.Naturally, this phenomenon leads to a result many children become to **spoiled brat** and ill-mannered one.

**25.Mama's boy**      形容一个男人还在妈妈面前比较娇气

Q: Do you think the students around the age of 20 are mature enough?

A: To be fair , it depends,if they borned in a poor family , then they will be more indepentent and know how to care others, if they grown in a wealthy families, then they will be more like a **mama's boy**.

**26.Leeching off parents**      啃老

Q: Do you think student should lived independtently after they graduated from university?

A: Well, personally speaking , in the legal sense , they should lived independently , but due to the higher prices and fierce competition as well as the fast pace of the life ,under the particular circumstances , they should give them a helping hand. Whereas the students shouldn't obtain blindly, that means we shouldn't **leeching off parents**.

**27.born with a silver spoon in one's mouth**      生在一个富有的家庭的人

Q: Why do many children behave in a rude way?

A: One of the main reason is that they **born with a silver spoon** in their's mouth. Their parents indulge their children too much and it's bad for their character.

## 28.well off      家里条件比较优越

Q:What are the differences between rich students and the poor ones?

A: Compare to rich students , poor students will be more stay grounded and down to the earth .For example they are very simple-minded and warm hearted. On the other hand, the students' parents who are **well off** that they may have a wider horizon. Then when you communication with them you will learn from their strong points and offset our weakness.

## 29.nostalgic      比较恋旧的人

Q:What kind of person that you want to make friends with?

A:Well, I enjoy making friends with the people who are very **nostalgic**. Coz they will never ignore you when they have a new friend.

## 30.narcissistic      自恋的人

Q: what kind of people around you that you don't like

A: Well, personally speaking , I don't like the people who is very self-fish and **narcissistic**,coz when we have fun or work together , they only think they are right and they don't willing to accept others' opinions.

## Technology/Computers/Tools

### 1.State of the art technology 顶端科技

Q: why do you think our society developed so quickly?

A:Firstly I think it's coz the **state of the art technology** that brings us mang convenience,that let our work and life more efficient, and also now we have more chances to receive the education and western influence.

### 2.Spam 垃圾邮件

Q:What do you think the problems in the Internet?

A: Well , in the modern society , we use the internet frequently , so the messages on the internet are so messy and complicated, which most confused me is the **spam** that I can receive every day .

### 3.High tech gizmo 高科技小玩样

Q: Do you often use the latest technology?

A: Yea,I really into the **high tech gizmo** , coz it adds spice to my life , and keeps me about the latest information , I think it's a necessary part of my life.

#### 4. Teched out      形容一个东西科技含量比较高

Q: Do you like use iphone?

A: Yea , iphone is my favourite mobile phone coz I think it is **teched out** , I like its functions and screen coz its high resolution . In my opinion , the design of the iphone is very stand out and creativity.

#### 5. Selfies      自拍

Q: What did you do during the hoilday with your friends?

A: We really enjoy taking photos in some fashion places, such as western restaurants and café, for example now the young people are fancy **selfies**.

#### 6. handy      比较有用，实用的

Q: What kind of technology do you prefer to use?

A: Well , for me , I enjoy using the technology which is **handy** and easy to use ,coz I don't like the technology that has complicate function, it will very time-consuming coz I will spend a lot of time to choose which function to use.

## 7. multi-functional      多功能的

Q: Why do you like your TV?

A: One of the main reasons is my TV is **multi-functional**, not only I use it to watch the TV show but also I can use it to surf the internet.

## 8. makes things easier for someone      给谁带来便利的

Q: Why do you like using your mobile phone?

A: Firstly I think it can **makes things easier for me**, for example I can use it to glance over the latest news and play the games to kill time.

## 9. creature comfort      物质享受

Q: What do you think that the technology can bring us?

A: Well, generally speaking, the modern technology is a necessary part of our life that we can not live without it. It brings us convenience and efficiency. And another reason that we can't ignore is the modern technology brings us the **creature comfort**, for example we can use it for online shopping and make a restaurant reservation.

## Leisure Time/ Travel

### 1. Time flies 时间过得很快

Q: How about your trip to Thailand?

A: Well, I had a nice time there, It's a quite wonderful experience, but you know **time flies**, i still missed some attractions.

Topics: 久别重逢, 新旧变化, 时光荏苒

### 2. drop in/drop by on something or someone 拜访, 看看某人

Q: Do you often visit your relatives? (习惯题——频率)

A: Actually, i **drop in** my relatives every now and then. It depends, if i have enough leisure time then i'll drop by my relatives, but if there is a host of work at hand then i'll finish it as soon as possible.

Topics: relatives, travel, train travel, present, etc...

### 3. Get out and about 到处走走

Q: How do you usually spend your evenings? (习惯题——通常)

A: Sometimes, I love to **get out and about** to have a relax, other times i wanna stay at home watching TV programs.

Topics: leisure time, sunshine, walking, etc..

#### 4. See the world 见识世界

Q: Do you like to travel in your holidays? (喜好题)

A: yeah, I'm really into traveling in my holidays, you know it could help me **see the world**.

Topics: leisure time, travel, computer, television

#### 5. Chill out 放松

Q: How much time do you spend listening to music every day? (口语真题)

A: Well, you know, I listen to my favourite music everyday for about 2 hours to **chill out**.

Topics: music, leisure time, travel, bicycle, computer, TV, etc..

#### 6. Loosen up 放松

Q: Do you like singing? (喜好题)

A: yep, I enjoy singing very much. You know, blues and jazz are my thing. I love to sing in karaoke bar with my buddies to **loosen up**.

Topics: singing, music, travel, leisure time, etc...

## 7. Let off some steam      释放压力

Q: What are the benefits of bike riding? (观点题)

A: Well, I suggest that bike riding could make me healthy although it's quite tiring, I still love to ride a bicycle because it can help me **let off some steam**.

Topics: singing, music, travel, leisure time, bicycle, etc...

## 8. Kill time      打发时间

Q: How often do you watch TV? (习惯题——频率)

A: Well, I watch television every now and then. It depends, if I have lots of homework to do, I'll finish it immediately, but during my time off, I'd like to turn on television and watch some boring programs to **kill time**.

Topics: TV, walking, singing, music, etc...

## 9. Hang out somewhere      闲逛，泡在某处

Q: What do you do in your spare time? (习惯题——通常)

A: Sometimes I love to **hang out bars** with my buddies to let off some steam, other times I wanna stay at home to have a sleep to charge my battery.

Topics: shopping, clothes, leisure time, etc...

## 10.to have a blast      特别愉快的时光

Q: Have you ever been to a zoo? (引子题)

A: Yeah, of course. I remember i visited the biggest zoo in my city with my friends last summer and we really **had a blast** there.

Topics: zoo, leisure time, travel, singing, etc...

## 11.Frequent flyer      飞行常客

Q: Well, i start to worry about his trip because of the long distance flight.

A: Never mind. You know, he is a **frequent flyer**.

Topics: travel, busy, etc...

## 12.Jet lag      时差

Q: Don't you feel sleepy?

A: Actually not, **jet lag** makes me awake!

Topics: travel, busy, news, etc...

### 13.Layover 临时滞留

Q: When did you arrive at Beijing?

A: Don't mention it! Thanks to the bad weather, i had a **layover** in the waiting hall for about like 2 hours!

Topics: travel, train travel, leisure time, etc...

### 14.Travel light 轻装旅行

Q: Would you like to take more clothes with you during your trip?

A: No way! I just wanna **travel light**.

Topics: travel, train travel, leisure time, etc...

### 15.stop and smell the roses 放慢脚步享受人生

Q: Do you like having a busy life? (喜好题)

A: Well, i dislike a busy life. I feel that it's quite tiring working from dawn till sundown. And i just wanna **stop and smell the roses**.

Topics: busy, travel, music, train travel, etc...

## 16.Day off      休息日

Q: When do you use a computer? (习惯题)

A: Well, i usually use PC to help me finish my homework, such as searching information on the internet and sending emails, what's more, computer is also a good way to relax, i love to surf on the Internet for entertainment during my **day off**.

Topics: leisure time, travel, train travel, busy, etc...

## 17.go for a stroll      散步

Q: How to improve the relationship between you and your parents? (suggestions)

A: Well, it would be helpful if you can create more chances to communicate with each other, for example, you could **go for a stroll** with your parents in the park after dinner to share some interest news or information. It's not only a good way to get some exercise, but it's also a good way to enhance your relationship.

Topics: sports/ health, stress, home, weather etc...

## 18.refreshing experience      一个让人焕然一新的体验

Q: Who taught you to cook? (引子题)

A: My grandma taught me to cook when I was young at home to add spice to my life and she believed it's a necessary part of life. And I enjoy cooking different dishes and I feel that cook can enhance my hand on skills, independent ability and this **refreshing experience** brings me happiness and sense of achievement.

Topics: train travel, cooking, etc.

## 19. take a leave from something

从什么当中脱身而出去休息

Q: Do you prefer being a busy life or having nothing to do everyday? (个人偏好题)

A: I would prefer being busy, and I enjoy the feeling that after **taking a leave from work**, it will be boring if I have nothing to do everyday. I can have a strong sense of achievement from busy life.

Topics: train travel, entertainment, walking, sunshine, etc.

## 20. A sweet getaway

非常棒的假期/度假

Q: What do you usually do for leisure or entertainment in your free time? (习惯题)

A: Well it depends, if I have long-term holidays then I'll go abroad to enjoy **a sweet getaway** coz it brings me relaxation and adds spice to my life at the same time, but if I only have one day off then I'll take a leave from heavy study load and exercise with my friends at a gym to loosen up coz it has a positive effect on my physical fitness.

Topics: train travel, entertainment, birthdays, etc.

## 21. take up a lot of time

花费很多时间

Q: Do you spend much when you go shopping? (习惯题)

A: Yea I do. I enjoy **taking up a lot of time** to go shopping for such clothes and cosmetics. I think it's a good way to express love and passion towards my life. I go shopping with my friends when I'm feeling down at malls to loosen up and cheer myself up.

Topics: train travel, computers, music, television, languages, shopping, etc.

## 22.first hand look at something      亲身体验什么

Q: Do you think computers are useful in everyday life? (观点题)

A: Yep, I enjoy using computers to obtain various information. I think it's convenient and time-saving coz it doesn't need me **first hand looking at everything** while getting useful message at meanwhile. I use computers and internet whenever I'm working or in my spare time to keep myself posted about the latest events.

Topics: computers, cooking, shopping, etc.

## 23.eye opener      大开眼界的东西

Q: Do you think learning languages is important? (观点题)

A: Yea, I do. I think learning different languages helps us get better pictures of unfamiliar culture and tradition. I remember a while ago I learned a little bit Thai language to make my trip at Thailand more convenient . I think it was an **eye opener** for me to know culture about that place and helps me communicate with local residents without language barrier.

Topics: train travel, computers, television, languages, etc.

## Work

### 1.workaholic 工作狂

Q:Why did you choose to do that kind of work?(解释类)

A:Well, firstly,You know I am a **workaholic**,so I am really into that kind of job with high pressure and also it can cultivate my social skills.

Topics: work, people ,leisure time

### 2.Doing something twenty-four seven 随时都在干嘛

Q:Do you often use the mobile phone?(频率题)

A:Yeah, I do .I **use the mobile phone twenty-four seven** , I can not live without my mobile phone such as using it to contact with friends and playing some games to loosen up. I think it is really useful and it can keep me posted about the latest news. I use the mobile phone whenever i need it to help me finish my work and entertain myself.

Topics: 个人喜好habit , 个人习惯题, 频率题当中使用

### 3.between jobs      换工作期间

Q:An forgettable experience?

A:I was once doing a job in a orphan house **between jobs**, although life is tough at that time ,those innocent children make me believe that I can fulfill my dreams in this charity organization,and we developed sincere friendship.....

Topics: 用于套用在所讲述的事情发生的时间点,或者时间利用点的表达上。

### 4.It's a hassle      特费劲，麻烦的

Q:Would you like to attend a cooking class?(未来计划题)

A:Yea, I would not. But currently I want to focus on my study and in the future when i have time I will try my best to learn how to cook although actually **it is a hassle** for me because cooking is an essential skill when I study abroad.

Topics: 未来计划题中对于某项技能或事物的观点，个人偏好题或喜好题以及大群体中对某事物的看法观点的表达，比如cooking， dancing， computer skills

## 5. Riding the gravy train      赚很多钱

Q: What do you plan to do to after finish you studies? (未来计划题)

A: Short term speaking, i plan to find a job and learn some practical skills. Long term speaking, i hope to be a famous actor coz it can **ride the heavy grain**.

Topics: 可以用于讨论自己的职业理想活着未来计划

## 6. Be well-rounded      全面的人

Q: Do you think it is important to be on time ?

A: Yea, i do. I think it is of great importance to be punctual and it is a good way to show your politeness. I remember when I was a child, my grandma told me always to be punctual because it is a necessary part of **being a well---rounded**.

Topics: people, punctual, politeness, future plans

## 7. Slack off      偷懒      To call it a day      完成当日的活儿

Q: How did you feel on your first day at job?

A: At first I thought my working is extremely boring, all I need to do is to find a fantastic way to **slack off** and **call it a day**. After few hours of work I can to realize that i have to devote myself to it. Only in this way can this job enhance my hands on skills.

Topics: describe people, a memory, a bad experience .比如说曾经遇见过某个爱偷懒的奇葩的人

## 8.Job security      工作稳定性

Q:Do many people in your country choose to do that type of work?（大群体喜好题）

A: Most people hold the idea that the **job security** is vital when choose a job, so they prefer to search that type of job ,such as teacher and doctor.But personally speaking,I think it is a little bit boring so i think some challenging job is my thing.

Topics: job/work , future plan, 个人选择

9.A demanding job      一个要求高/繁忙的工作      **Work around the clock**      昼夜不停的工作

**Be tied up at work**      工作比较忙走不开      **Job prospects**      工作前景

**break one's back to do something**      非常努力艰辛的干什么

Q:Do you love you job?（喜好题）

A:Well ,you know as a doctor ,my job is **a high demanding job** ,for example I **am tied up at work** all the time also I need to **work around the clock**. Although i have to **break my back to make my patient satisfied** with me,I still like it because the **Job prospect** is clear.

Topics: Job ,future plan

## 10.Occupational disease      职业病

Q:What would you like to do during your time off?

A:Well ,you know I am a journalist ,sometimes i am into watching different kinds of news during my time off, other times I would like to go for a stroll and to see what happened around us.I think it maybe a kind of **occupational disease**.

Topicz: job,个人习惯，形容一个有职业病的人

## 11.On a tight schedule      时间比较紧迫

Q:Do you prefer travel by train or drive by your own (比较题)

A:Compared to travel by train, driving my own car brings me convenience and more freedom, for example ,you can go wherever you like at any time , where as travel by train is more money-saving,i still don't like it because it seems everything is **on a tight schedule**, I have to keep my eyes on the train schedule all the time.

Topics: 形容work, being busy,个人偏好题中对不喜欢事物的原因列举， travel , 或者记忆里一场时间很紧迫但最后完成了的经历。

**12.clock in / clock out** 打卡 **day in day out** 一天又一天的

Q: What work do you do?

A: As an ordinary commuters I **clock in /clock out** every day ,my work is extremely boring , I just type some files **day in day** out that why I have been considering changing my job.

Topics: work, 或者是每天的生活常态以及考虑到未来改变这种状态

**13.Have a lot on someone's hands** 手上事儿比较多

Q: Do you like you will be busy in the next few years?

A: Actually I already **have a lot on my hands**, sometimes I even feel like I am exhausted it is obviously I will be busier in the next few years so I have to adjust myself to this fiercely competitive field.

Topic:stress, leisure time怎样帮助解决处理手上事情多的困惑 ,being busy ,work ,future plan, 比如手上的事情太多了考虑换工作

**21.set up something**      组织，成立什么东西      **Make ends meet**      收支相抵

Q:What are you future plan?

A:Short term speaking ,I plan to find a job and **make ends meet**. Long term speaking,I hope to **set up my own company** and work for myself.

Topic: future plan , an un forgettable experience,比如说曾经组织过某活动，或者未来打算成立什么组织。

## Actions

1. running away from something      逃避什么
2. keep an eye on      关注什么
3. Pull one's leg      愚弄谁
4. Get a load of sth      看看什么东西
5. Turn one's back on sb      不理睬某人
6. To go along with      顺从什么东西
7. To make fun of someone / something      取笑/调弄谁/什么东西
8. To cope with      应对/适应什么东西
9. Talk someone into sth      说服谁干什么
10. To call off      取消什么东西
11. To make up one's mind      决定干什么

- 12.To be/get stuck on something      卡在什么上了
- 13.Screw up something      搞砸什么东西
- 14.a pat on the back      认可/赞美什么
- 15.give someone the cold shoulder      冷落谁
- 16.Keep a low profile      低调的干什么
- 17.To hold a dim view about something      对什么东西不认同
- 18.slip one's mind      忘了干啥
- 19.relate to something      对什么东西有共鸣
- 20.See eye to eye with someone on something      跟某人在一件事儿上意见相同
- 21.In the middle of doing something      干某件事的过程当中

## Studies/Books

1. Rocket science            难学的知识
2. It's never too old to learn            活到老学到老
3. Jack of all trades, master of none            样样懂，门门不精通
4. Easier said than done            干起来没有说着容易
5. A piece of cake            非常简单的
6. Ace a test            考试考100
7. Blow a test            考试考砸了
8. Cram            考前抱佛脚
9. Cut class            翘课
10. Know-it-all            觉得自己什么都懂的人（贬义词）
11. Pull an all-nighter            熬夜复习

12.Pull through something      顺利完成什么

13.over one's head      难以掌握/理解的东西

14.begin to see the light      慢慢开窍

15.Make the grade      达到标准

16.knowledge is power      知识是力量

17.Bookworm      书虫

18.Cover a lot of ground      涵盖了很多知识

19.Be well-rounded      全面的人

20.Slack off      偷懒

21.brush up on      温习某东西

22.To grasp      掌握某东西

## 生活必用词汇

1. I'm into something      喜欢某东西
2. I'm quite keen on something      喜欢某东西
3. I'm fond of something      喜欢某东西
4. I'm a \_\_\_lover      什么的热爱者
5. Big fan of something      什么的热爱者
6. I can't stand something      受不了什么东西
7. \_\_\_is not my thing      什么不是我的菜
8. I get a good kick out of something      从什么当中得到快感/ 快乐
9. I feel that      我感觉
10. The way I see it      由我看
11. Chances are slim      机会渺茫

12. Something happens out of the blue      什么东西突然发生

13. Someone's Achilles heel      谁的致命弱点

14. right up one's alley      正合某人的心意

15. every now and then      偶尔

16. every once in a while      偶尔

17. I do something from time to time      偶尔干嘛

18. I do something once in a blue moon      很少似乎不干吗

19. I do something a lot      经常干嘛

20. Find out about something      发现某东西

21. I get it      我理解

22. On the same page with someone      跟谁在一个层面上思考，步伐相同

23. The beauty of it/ doing sth      什么的好处是。。

## 跟考官对话时可用

1. I didn't quite catch what you said.      不好意思，我没听清你说的  
(当你没听清考官的问题的时候来说。)
2. It's nice talking to you thanks for your time      很高兴跟你聊天，谢谢你的珍贵时间
3. How are you doing today?      今天如何
4. It's very nice meeting you      认识你很棒
5. I don't have a clue      我完全没头绪
6. I hope I can pull through      希望我能顺利完成
7. I hope this is a one time deal      希望一次搞定
8. I'm sure I'll come up with something      我相信我能想出来点啥