

新题

Pen& pencil (笔)

1. Do you usually use pens or pencils?

这道题问的是：你平时是一个会用笔写字之人吗？（对应电脑打字来说）

- I do. I'm quite old-fashioned in this sense（从这个角度来说我还听老派的）。I like the feeling of writing things down, a piece of paper, with a pen or a pencil. It feels right, feels good, feel real, you know? I often carry a notebook with me, writing down my ideas about things, and later I can go through my ideas easily, I like that.（原因+举例）

- I don't, to be honest. I'm living an almost paper-free life-style. I try to use papers as few as I can. And because of this, I don't really use real pens or pencils anymore. Instead, I type down everything on my laptop and my smartphone, and sometimes I even use the voice memo app on my phone to record things.（原因+举例）

2. Which do you use more often? A pen or a pencil?

- I prefer to write with a pen. Pencil writing doesn't last long, it fades over time. So, I don't like that idea. I like writing with a pen. It's more solid, and it lasts longer.（原因 分类讨论）

- I don't really care, frankly speaking. I'll just grab（抓）whatever is next to me. I like the fact that I can adjust what I write when using a pencil more easily, and I also like the confident and solid look from the pen writing（我喜欢水笔笔迹的自信和实在之感）。（原因 分类讨论）

3. When was the last time you bought a pen or pencil?

- I don't really remember. I got my pens and pencil from my office, and also from the hotels I stayed in during business trips. I haven't bought them myself for quite a while. I don't need to.（原因）

- It was at the beginning of this year. Yes, that's my tradition actually. At the beginning of each year, I will go to the stationery store near my home, and buy new notebooks, pens, pencils and all kinds of stationeries. It makes me feel so good, like I'm a new person.

4. What do you think if someone gives you a pen or pencil as present?

Well, it depends on how beautiful the pen or the pencil is. I mean, if it's just a normal pencil or pen that you can find anywhere, then, probably I would be a little disappointed; but if it's a fancy pen, like, a Parker (派克) pen, then I would be very happy! (分类讨论)

Art (美术)

Art 的确有艺术的意思，广义上的 art。狭义上是美术的意思。如果一般人问你，喜欢 art 吗？语感上来说还是指的是美术。尤其后面对应的是美术馆等一系列问题。

1. Do you like art?

- I do. I love art. I go art galleries quite often, like, once per month. I like oil paintings and sculptures. Last time when I traveled to France, I visited so many art galleries there, and had so much fun. I'm definitely an art fan. (举例)

- I love art, especially oil paint. XXX is my favorite painter....

- No, I don't really like art. I just don't get it (看不懂). Each time when I go to art galleries, I feel confused. I don't feel connected to art. I'm very good with numbers, and I like Math. (原因，交代细节)

- (较真型学生) What kind of art are we talking about? If we are talking about fine arts (美术), then no I don't really like it. If we are talking about poetry, which is also a form of art, then I love it. I love using words to express my inner world. I find it so beautiful. (分类讨论)

2. Have you ever visited an art gallery?

上一问中回答经常去的就不会被问这道题。

Yes, just a few times. I remember last time, I went to a very big art gallery in the north of Beijing, and there were a lot of people. Everybody was so into art and knew a lot about art. They stood there, talking and looking at the art, and I felt very excluded, as I didn't understand too much about it. (讲故事)

3. Is there any artwork on the wall in your room?

- I do have a painting on the wall in my room, but it's not really an artwork. It's a decorative painting that I bought online. I really liked the colours of the painting, so I bought it. Wall-art (墙面装饰) can really highlight the room, makes the room more tasteful, I love it.

- I don't have any artwork on the wall, but I have a huge poster (海报) of my favorite singer Justin Bieber! He's my idol, and he's so good looking. You can call it an artwork too, I guess, his face is the art.

4. have you ever had art classes? 美术课

Yes, I have. I've had art classes since primary school. I've always loved them. I find art classes so fun and relaxing. They are so enjoyable, help me forget about the stress from other subjects at school.

Cake (蛋糕)

1. Do you like dessert?

- OH yes! I have a sweet tooth (爱吃甜食的), for sure! I love anything that's sweet. Cakes, muffins, brownies, ice-cream, ...When I eat at a restaurant, I will for sure order some dessert for myself. Otherwise I wouldn't call it a complete meal (否则我不会称之为完整一餐)。(原因, 交代细节)

- No, I don't like sweet things. Sweet food makes me sleepy, and it gives me oily face as well (让我脸上出油). I try to stay away from desserts at restaurants. (原因, 交代细节)

2. Do you like eating cakes?

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Cheese cake, chocolate cake, fruit cake, cup cake...

I love all kinds of cakes. I have a sweet tooth. I especially love chocolate cakes, simply because I love chocolate as well. So, chocolate cakes are like the perfect combined food for me, chocolate and cake. (递进补充)

3. What desserts do Chinese people like?

We have our own traditional desserts. For example, off the top of my head, we have this dessert called "tangyuan". It's like sweet dumplings, in the soup. It's very delicious. And also, we like western style desserts as well, we love cakes, ice-cream, and brownies. (分类讨论)

4. Have you ever made cakes?

-Yes, I'm actually very good at baking. It is because I'm foodie (吃货), I love sweet things, I learned how to make cakes. I just learned how to do it by watching YouTube videos. My friends say I'm quite talented. (原因, 交代细节)

- I had tried once. But it was a disaster. I made a big mess in the kitchen. I'm really clumsy (笨笨的) when it comes to cooking and baking, so I only tried once. (讲故事)

- No, I haven't. I'm quite impatient. I don't want to spend too much time and effort on making a cake. If I want to eat a cake, I buy a cake. And plus, my cake will be as good as the ones from those bakery stores. (原因, 补充)

Water sport (水上运动)

Swimming, polo (水球), surfing (冲浪), snorkeling (浮潜), scuba diving (深潜), sailing (帆船), canoeing (独木舟), kayak (单人皮划艇) ...

1. Have you done water sport?

- I have. I swim from time to time, and I love scuba diving. I actually just came back from Hawaii. I spent a week there scuba diving in the beautiful ocean. It was so amazing. (概括+细节)

- I haven't done any water sports before, because I'm afraid of water/ I have water-phobia (恐水症) . I feel so scared in water, so much so that I couldn't learn how to swim, not to mention other kinds of water sports.

2. What water sport do you like doing?

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My favorite water sport is scuba diving. I just love the feeling of being in the water, under the sea, seeing all the beautiful creatures, being part of the nature. I feel very free and calm under the sea, like I belong there. (原因)

3. Are water sports popular in China?

In general, yes, Chinese people love playing with water. For example, swimming always has been very popular in China. You see those public swimming pools filled with people during the summer. And also, snorkeling and scuba diving have been becoming trendy in China in the recent 10 years. So is surfing. These are starting to get more popular. (罗列)

4. What kinds of water sport do you want to try?

- I want to learn how to scuba dive. I have so many friends around me tried it already, and they all told me it was incredible. So I feel quite jealous. I want to see the nature from a different angle. I saw all the photos. I really look forward to that.

- I want to try canoeing. It looks so fun to me. I heard it's hard than it looks (做着比看着难), I mean, you need to paddle in the water using your arms, nonstop, for hours and hours, that must be tiring (你必须几小时, 不停地, 用你的胳膊划船, 肯定很累人) .