

### 剑 8-1

#### Neighbours

How well do you know the people who live next door to you?

How often do you see them? Why?/Why not?

What kinds of problem do people sometimes have with their neighbours?

How do you think neighbours can help each other?

#### 1. 要点提示

- 1) Reveal whether you know your neighbours or not, how close you are, etc.
- 2) Frequency+Explanation.
- 3) List the possible problems and illustrate by giving examples.
- 4) Express your opinion on the types of help that come from neighbours.

#### 2. 结构示例

- 1) To tell the truth, I barely know the people who live next door to me. I remember their faces vaguely but I don't know their names or what they do. I think my neighbours are on the same page as I am on this issue.
- 2) Well, I see them occasionally. For example, I run into them when waiting for the elevator. Other than that, I have little chance to see them, because we don't really know each other.
- 3) I think the most common problem is probably noise. You know, it's not comfortable to live next door to people who play loud music or have so many parties or are with kids screaming all the time.
- 4) I know of an idiom that says "A good neighbour is better than a brother far off", so I think there are many ways that neighbours can help each other. For instance, neighbours can keep an eye on each others' properties for troubles such as break-ins. What's more, they can help when there is emergency.

### 剑 8-2

#### Newspaper and magazines

Which magazines and newspapers do you read? Why?

What kinds of article are you most interested in? Why?

Have you ever read a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language? When/Why?

Do you think reading a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language is a good way to learn the language? Why?/Why not?

### 1. 要点提示

- 1) List the names of magazines or newspapers you read, and tell people what is interesting about what you read.
- 2) Describe the types of article you are most interested in, and tell people what you can learn from those articles.
- 3) Yes/No+Give reasons and examples.
- 4) Yes/No+Give reasons.

### 2. 结构示例

- 1) I don't read newspapers often, but I read some magazines, including... I like the ideas expressed in the ...magazine.
- 2) I like reading articles that introduce things and places that I'm interested in. They satisfy my curiosity.
- 3) Yes, I have. When I study a foreign language, I like to read magazines in that language. It helps me to understand how native speakers use the language.
- 4) Of course. I learn foreign languages with the help of foreign magazines. They are new and interesting. What's more, they are beneficial to one's knowledge about the language.

## 剑 8-3

### Flowers

Do you like to have flowers in your home? Why?/Why not?

Where would you go to buy flowers? Why?

On what occasions would you give someone flowers?

Are flowers important in your culture? Why?/Why not?

### 1. 要点提示

- 1) Yes/No+Give reasons.
- 2) Places you would go to buy flowers, and what is great about there.
- 3) Give examples of occasions you give someone flowers.
- 4) Yes/No+Give reasons.

### 2. 结构示例

- 1) Yes, I do. Flowers are beautiful, and it's great to have the touch of the nature inside my room. It makes the room lively and reminds me of how colourful the world is.
- 2) I buy flowers from the nearby florist's shop and sometimes I go to flower markets. They are both convenient, and ...

- 3) There are many occasions that are appropriate to give flowers. For example, it could be birthdays, anniversaries, dates, funerals, and...
- 4) As far as I know, flowers are important in my culture. In Chinese literature, many types of flowers are used as metaphors to express ideas since several thousands of years ago. For example, it is well known that wintersweet is a symbol of strong will, ...

#### 剑 8-4

##### Television

How often do you watch television? Why?/Why not?

Which television channel do you usually watch? Why?

Do you enjoy the advertisements on television? Why?/Why not?

Do you think most programmes on television are good? Why?/Why not?

#### 1. 要点提示

- 1) Frequency+Give reasons.
- 2) List the channels you usually watch and explain what is interesting about it.
- 3) Yes/No+Give reasons.
- 4) Yes/No+Give reasons.

#### 2. 结构示例

- 1) I don't watch TV very often. Actually, I've never paid my cable bill since I moved to my current place a month ago. I watch domestic and foreign TV shows via the Internet everyday though.
- 2) I usually watch the xxTV, you know, via the Internet. I'm a fan of a programme called..., which is presented in that channel.
- 3) Not so much, especially when the most interesting part is about to start. If the advertisements are well created, that's tolerable. I just don't understand why some silly advertisements can be shown on TV.
- 4) I have to say it depends. Some programmes, such as ... and ..., are good, while some other programmes, for example, ... and ..., are not so good. They are vulgar, or offensive. I don't think they convey positive messages.