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# Subject

## What subjects are you studying?

I'm doing accounting. It's practical and useful in getting a job and it gives me lots of confidence.

## Do you like your subject?

I love it. I think it's awesome. To be honest, I've been interested in biology since junior high school. I always wanted to become a biologist. I feel like I'm getting closer to my dream now.

## Why did you choose to study that subject?

Firstly, I could use the knowledge that I learn at high school. Secondly, I could meet people who share the same interest with me. This could be helpful.

## Is it very interesting?

Yeah. My job involves meeting a lot of new people and trying new things, which is what I am passionate about. I get to travel once in a while and that's truly an extra bonus.

## Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?

I prefer studying in the afternoons, because the weather is generally pleasant and cool. I can go and study in the school library when I have no classes. What's more, I have the evenings to look forward to.

## What technology do you use when you study?

I use my laptop to view lecture videos. When I need additional information, I will surf the Internet on my laptop or mobile phone to read articles, research papers, and Web pages that will give me some clarity regarding my questions. Another electronic device I use is my tablet and stylus, and this is how I normally record electronic lecture notes.

## What work do you do?

I work. I have been working in an international trade company for three years. I'm in sales department and I think this job is very suitable for me because I could use what I have learned at school and at the same time, there are a lot of new things for me to learn.

## Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?

Well, one of the most important reasons is that I did business major when I was in college, so I was able to put the knowledge I have gained in the courses into practice. Also, it's a well-paid job.

## Do you like your job?

Yes, I do like it. I've been working there for quite a long time. Even though it's a small office, the work

environment is relaxing.! don't have to dress up and the colleagues are nice and hospitable.

### **What technology do you use at work?**

At work, I use my laptop very frequently. My laptop is used to send work emails to my clients and colleagues and to attend online meetings. When we need to communicate about smaller matters, I will utilize my mobile phone to send messages to them using free messaging apps, as these apps provide a convenient and cost-effective way to communicate.

### **Do you miss being a student?**

No.I think being a student is hard work, because we had heavy workload and many things to learn.The school was exam-oriented, which means what we learned was not very practical.

## **Friends**

### **How important are friends to you?**

I think that my friends are some of the most important people in my life.Based on my experience, having good friends makes a huge difference because 'll always have someone to turn to or a shoulder to cry on whenever I'm going through a difficult season in my life.

### **Do you often go out with your friends?**

Yes, I go out pretty often with my friends. We usually get together during the weekends or holidays, and our favorite hangout spot is this popular shopping mall located in the heart of the city.I love going out with my friends because we always have a great time together.

### **Where do you often meet each other?**

I often meet my friends at college or at our favorite shopping mall. Since my friends and I take the same course in college, we usually see each other during our lectures and tutorials.We also love to study and work on projects together at the library.

### **What do you usually do with your friends?**

My friends and I usually hold group study sessions, especially during the exam season.When we have free time, we will go shopping for clothes or watch the latest block buster movie together. My friends and I also often have meals as a group at our favorite restaurant.

### **Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?**

Yes, I have a friend that I have known since we were both children.This friend of mine was my neighbor when I was much younger, and we always played together at the playground after school.Currently, we're both studying in different cities, but we still keep in touch with each other.

# Teachers

## Do you want to be a teacher in the future?

Yes, I wish to become a teacher in the future because I love sharing my knowledge with other people. I think that teachers play such an important role in our society, and I hope that I'll become a teacher who can instill a lifelong love for learning in my students.

## Do you remember one of your teachers?

Yes, I remember a few of my teachers, but my favorite teacher, whom I still keep in contact with to this day, is Ms. CAI. She was my Science teacher back in primary school, and I always looked forward to her classes because she was so dedicated and passionate whenever she taught us.

## What were your primary school teachers like?

I think that my primary school teachers are some of the most professional and dedicated teachers in my city. They were always willing to lend a helping hand whenever we needed it, and they taught in a very fun and engaging manner.

## Do you have a favorite teacher?

Yes, I have a favorite teacher. My favorite teacher currently teaches me Chemistry, and I think that he is very skilled and experienced in what he does. He is able to explain complex concepts in an engaging and understandable manner, which has helped me improve my learning and knowledge by leaps and bounds.

# ART

## Do you love art?

Yes, I love art. While I do enjoy admiring art pieces created by famous and aspiring artists, I also love making art myself. I think that art is a fantastic medium to express your emotions and thoughts through colors and pictures.

## Do you like visiting art galleries?

I think that one of my favorite pastimes is visiting art galleries. While some people might find art galleries boring, I absolutely love admiring the masterpieces created by talented artists from all over the globe. Visiting art galleries exposes me to different art styles that have their own unique features and twists.

## Do you want to be an artist?

Yes, I hope to be a part-time artist in the future and make a little money from my art. I really love creating art pieces, and I dream of the day when people all over the world can enjoy my art as well. I am currently working on establishing my name as an artist through social media.



## **Do you like modern art or traditional art?**

While I do enjoy traditional art, I personally love modern art a little more. I think that this form of art is very expressive and thought-provoking. Often, I find myself admiring a painting or picture for a very long time while trying to interpret its meaning.

## **Chocolate**



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### **Do you like eating chocolate? Why or why not?**

Yes, I enjoy eating chocolate because I have a sweet tooth, and I love the taste of chocolate, especially when paired with nuts like almonds. I also get a big boost of energy after having my favourite chocolate bar, which makes it all the more enjoyable to eat.

### **How often do you eat chocolate?**

I eat chocolate around three to four times a week. I used to eat chocolate more often, but I've cut down on how much I consume because it's high in calories and sugar. Now, I enjoy chocolate once every two to three days, and I only have two small pieces of chocolate each time.

### **Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?**

Yes, I used to eat chocolate pretty often as a kid. My primary school sold chocolate bars at the school canteen, and I would always save up the pocket money I received from my parents to buy chocolate. However, I rarely ate chocolate at home as my parents were strict with the types of foods I consumed.

### **Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world?**

I think chocolate is so well-loved across the globe because of how tasty it is. Chocolate usually comes with a rich texture and delightful sweetness that many people love. Additionally, there are many different flavors of chocolate, which means that most people would be able to find a flavour they enjoy.

### **What's your favourite flavour of chocolate?**

My favourite flavour of chocolate is almond chocolate. I love munching on nuts, especially almonds. When almonds are combined with chocolate, I find that the chocolate has a unique texture and flavour, making it extremely addictive to eat. Other than that, I enjoy eating peppermint-flavoured chocolate and caramel chocolate, too.

### **Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts to others?**

Yes, I think that chocolate is one of the best gifts to give to other people. Many people enjoy chocolate, and there are many different flavors that you can pick from when choosing a gift. There are also expensive brands of chocolate that you can buy if you're looking for a more extravagant gift for someone special.

## Happy things

### Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?

Yes. I recently heard from my aunt who was in the hospital the other week. She was rushed there because she fainted at a party. We're quite close, so I was worried about her status. But when I heard her voice on the phone, she seemed energized and happy. So that made me smile.

### What made you happy when you were little?

When I was a kid, I was often happy whenever my parents bought me ice cream. We weren't well off when I was a child, so ice cream was considered a treat. I'd usually have ice cream on special occasions like my birthday. But when I was feeling blue, my mom would also buy ice cream to cheer me up.

### What do you think will make you feel happy in the future?

Finishing my Master's degree abroad would definitely make me feel happy in a few years' time. Many of my professors say that if you obtain a postgraduate degree from a foreign university, you'll have even more opportunities in China and other countries. So I hope to achieve that.

### When do you feel happy at work? Why?

I'm happy whenever I can make the client smile, and this is usually because I give my full attention to the task at hand. The reason why clients go to a particular company for help is to get something important done. So if they're very satisfied to the point they're smiling already, I've done a good job.

### Do you feel happy when buying new things?

I do if it's something I really want, like some delicious snacks at the end of a hectic week or a new pair of shoes I've been saving up for. Although it's good to save money, the purpose of money is to spend it on the things you need and want. So, I do feel happy buying things at times.

### Do you think people are happy when buying new things?

Like myself, I'd say they are happy if they buy something they want. Newer things can help us do our work more effectively or make us look more fashionable. The only time people might not be happy is if they're buying to replace something that unexpectedly broke. That's an inconvenience and money is spent on something you didn't plan for.

## Jewelry

### Do you often wear jewelry?

I sometimes wear certain pieces of jewelry, such as necklaces or wrist bangles. I only wear them during special occasions, such as parties, weddings, or photo shoots. On normal days, I usually choose not to have any jewelry on.

### **What type of jewelry do you like?**

Personally,! love wearing minimalist jewelry that can make my outhits look even better.This style of jewelry has a very clean and sharp look and usually only comes in just one or two colors. I think they're extremely fashionable and pretty to look at.

### **Do you usually buy jewelry?**

No,I don't usually buy jewelry.Many of my necklaces, bangles, and earrings are gifts from other people. I only buy my own jewelry when I see a piece I really like, and it's priced reasonably.! don't see the need to spend too much money on these accessories.

### **Why do you think some people wear a piece of jewelry for a long time?**

I think some people may wear one piece of jewelry for a long time due to its sentimental value. Someone special may have gifted them a piece of jewelry that symbolizes their love and friendship.Hence, wearing this piece of jewelry may be a nice reminder of their relationship with a love done.

## **Keys**

### **Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?**

No,I don't bring around many keys with me.The only key I really need is the key to my house,which ! take with me when I go out.Personally, I don't see the point of bringing many keys around,especially when you don't actually need them.

### **Have you ever lost your keys?**

No,I've never lost my keys before.I only take one key around with me, and when I do, I always make sure that I keep it in my bag or pocket.Before leaving a place,! always check to see if the key is still with me.I think it's dangerous to lose your keys or leave them lying around.

### **Do you often forget the keys and lock yourself out?**

No,I don't forget my keys very often.I usually keep them in my favourite bag, even when I am at home.That way,whenever I bring that bag out,the keys are already inside,and I won't have to remember to bring them with me or look around the house for them.

### **Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?**

I think it can be a good idea if you trust your neighbour. Fortunately, we are very close to our neighbors, and we've known each other for along time. When my family travels, we hand them the keys to look after our house, water our indoor plants, and take care of our pet cat.



## **music**

### **What music do you like?**

I love listening to instrumental music, especially when I'm studying or completing my homework. I feel that this style of music is extremely relaxing to listen to, yet it helps keep me focused for longer when I'm doing my work.

### **What music do you dislike?**

I don't enjoy heavy metal or electronic dance music, even though these genres of music are extremely popular among young people these days. Despite how often they air on the radio, I can't seem to enjoy listening to such songs. This is just my personal preference, as I know many of my friends enjoy those songs.

### **Do you often listen to one type of music?**

Usually, I'll listen to more than one type of music. That's because my family members and friends listen to different kinds of music genres. For example, I'll listen to contemporary pop music with my brother, while my dad enjoys listening to Chinese songs with sentimental lyrics when we're in the car.

### **What's the most popular type of music where you live?**

The most popular type of music in China is C-pop. Many people I know, including my friend and family, enjoy listening to Chinese pop songs. This genre of music includes a wide variety of styles, including ballads, Chinese rock, and Chinese hip-hop.

### **Which singer or musician would you like to see in person?**

I would love to see JJ Lin perform in person. That's because I really admire his musical talent, soothing voice, and ability to write songs that speak to the heart. I feel that he pours his heart and soul into the music he creates, which make him a phenomenal music artist that I would want to watch live.

## **Outer space and stars**

### **Have you ever learn about outer space and stars?**

Yes. In elementary school, we had a series of lessons about the cosmos. We learned about the things in outer space. I remember being interested in the life cycle of the stars the most, particularly black holes.

### **Do you like science fiction movies? why?**

Yes, I do. I'm fascinated by how space and time work. In many science fiction films, there's an idea that black holes can take you to other dimensions or transport you quickly from one point to another. So I'm intrigued by such ideas in these fictional films.

### **Do you want to know more about outer space?**

I would like to know a bit more about our galaxy and the planets, but not to the point that I'll study it in depth. Our technology is still not developed enough to truly explore, so much of the reading material I see about space is all about possibilities, not reality.

### **Do you want to go into outer space in the future?**

If our travel technology is developed enough to make travel comfortable, then I'd like to. At the moment, I'm worried about the physical strain of just breaking the gravitational pull of the earth. I don't think I could handle that. But if it'll be like riding an airplane somewhere, then it would be great.

## **Small business**

### **Do you know many small businesses where you live?**

Yes, I know of many small businesses in my city. There are different types of small businesses in my area offering various products and services. For instance, some of them are in the food and beverage industry, selling items like cakes and pastries, while others provide services like dry cleaning and car washing.

### **Do you prefer buying things from big companies or small businesses?**

I personally prefer supporting small businesses in my hometown. Though their prices may be slightly higher compared to big companies, their products and services are often high-quality. I also find that they're very thoughtful and offer excellent customer service to everyone.

### **Have you ever worked in small businesses?**

Yes, I worked part-time for a small business last year. This small business was a popular bakery that sold cakes, pastries, bread, doughnuts, buns, and other baked goods. I worked as a cashier, but sometimes I would also help with simple baking tasks and cleaning up the kitchen.

### **Have you ever thought about starting your own business?**

Yes, I have thought about starting my own business many times. I have many different business ideas that I'm excited to try out, but I'm waiting for the right time when I finally have the skills, expertise, and capital needed to build the business of my dreams.

## **T-shirt**

### **Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?**

Sometimes. If the t-shirt has a unique and beautiful design, I might get one as a souvenir. Some shops sell these, and you can tell the quality is also quite good. But if it's a generic-looking shirt with just the name of the place plastered on it, I won't buy it.

### **Do you like wearing T-shirts?**

I do. I prefer a casual or sporty look, so t-shirts are something I often wear. My preferred t-shirts today are slim-fit since it shows my physique more. I used to wear baggy shirts in the past, but I've come to realize that oversized shirts make you look unhealthy.

### **How often do you wear T-shirts?**

I wear them nearly every day when permitted. It's my go-to top when going out since I don't like dressing to impress. I only wear collared shirts and other more presentable attire if I need to attend a party or if it's needed for school. Otherwise, I'd rather wear a t-shirt or a jersey.

### **Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?**

Sometimes. My usual t-shirts are generally plain, although there might be a small logo of the Brandon them. But if I do wear a shirt with a picture, it'll be one of my favorite anime, superhero, or video game characters. But if it has got a picture of some popular place or person, I wouldn't want to wear it.

### **Do you think older people who wear t-shirts are fashionable?**

If the shirt is plain and the color fits them well, then I'd say they are fashionable. I've seen lots of older people wear plain shirts with jeans or slacks, and they look good. The problem is when they wear oversized t-shirts or shirts with loud prints, then they're more awkward-looking than fashionable.

## **Weekends**

### **Do you like weekends?**

Yes, I love weekends. Weekends are a great time for me to get rest, hang out with friends and family, and pursue my hobbies and interests. I always look forward to the weekends, especially when we have special activities planned out, like a camping trip.

### **What do you usually do on weekends? Do you study or work?**

I usually spend time with my loved ones and friends during the weekends. Other than that, I enjoy playing badminton and swimming, so these are some activities I will make time for each weekend. When needed, I would also catch up on my assignments and revise for any upcoming tests.

### **What did you do last weekend?**

Last weekend, I went on a road trip with my family. We visited a neighboring province, tried new restaurants, and spent some time at the beach. It was one of the most enjoyable and memorable weekends of the year.

### **Do you make plans for your weekends?**

Yes, I often make plans for my weekends, and these often involve activities with friends and family. For instance, I love trying out different cafes with my friends or watching a movie at the cinema with my family. My weekends are usually filled with lots of fun and activities.

# **bags**

## **Do you usually carry a bag?**

Yes, I usually carry a bag around with me wherever I go. I find that having a bag makes it easier for me to take all the items I need on the go. For example, I usually bring along my purse, water bottle, keys, and mobile phone.

## **Do you change your bags often?**

No, I don't change my bags very often unless I have a good reason to. The last time I changed my bag was when its handle came off. The bag was already old and worn out, so I got a new one to replace it.

## **What kind of bags would you use when travelling?**

I love using a backpack whenever I travel because it's large enough to carry everything I need. Whenever I visit new places, I will pack many things into the different compartments of my backpack, which helps me keep my belongings organized.

## **Is a bag an ideal gift?**

Personally, I think that a bag is a perfect gift. I've gifted different brands of handbags, backpacks, and tote bags to many friends and family members, and they all loved their gifts. Bags make a practical gift that can be used in daily life.

## **Did you use a backpack when you were a child?**

Yes, I used a backpack when I was a child. Each morning on a weekday, I would pack all my books, stationery, water bottle, and snacks into my backpack and carry it to school with me. It was my favourite backpack because it had a cartoon design on it.

# **Dream and ambition**

## **What was your childhood dream?**

My childhood dream was to explore outer space. As a kid, I was extremely fascinated by the stars, and I had always dreamed of discovering new planets. I also loved the idea of being on a rocket ship and wearing an astronaut suit.

## **Are you the kind of person who sticks to dreams?**

I think it depends on what the dream is. I will stick to it if it's something achievable and if it adds value to my life in some way. For example, one dream I had was to enter a famous university in my country, and I worked hard to achieve that goal.

## **What is your dream job?**

My dream job is to become a university lecturer. I love public speaking and sharing my knowledge, and I'm especially passionate about research and psychology. In the future, I hope that I will become a dedicated lecturer who makes a positive impact in the lives of many students.

## **Do you think you are an ambitious person?**

Yes, I think I am an ambitious person. Each year, I'll set new goals for myself and strive hard to reach them. I also have a journal where I list my goals, break them into actionable steps, and track my progress each day.

## **Health**

### **How do you keep healthy?**

I keep myself healthy by maintaining a balanced diet, doing yoga, and exercising on a daily basis. I also ensure that I get at least seven hours of sleep each night, which allows my mind and body to rest and recharge.

### **What are your favorite sports?**

My favorite sport is badminton, which is something that I picked up when I was still very young. My father taught me how to play badminton, and I would go for training sessions each week at school. I even represented my school in a few competitions for that sport.

### **Are there health classes in your school?**

Yes, we have weekly physical education classes. These classes are extremely important because they teach us how to carry out various exercise routines that can help us stay fit and healthy. I enjoy these classes a lot because they help me relieve stress and encourage me to stay physically active.

### **What sports help people stay healthy?**

I think that there are many kinds of sports that can help people stay fit and healthy. Some examples include swimming, badminton, basketball, football, and cycling. All these sports can help a person increase their muscle strength, improve their endurance, and maintain a healthy weight.

### **Is it easy for people to exercise in your country?**

I think that it can be quite easy and convenient for people to exercise in my country. Many gyms, training centers, parks, and swimming pools are open to the public, and they're located all over the country. The cost of sports equipment here is also affordable.

## **Ice cream**

### **Do you like ice cream?**

Yes, I love eating ice cream. Ice cream is one of my favourite desserts because it is so affordable and comes in many different and unique flavour. Chocolate flavour is my favourite. It's especially delicious and refreshing during hot and sunny days.

### **Do you eat ice cream a lot?**

I eat ice cream about once a week, which isn't too often. While I love ice cream, I am also quite conscious of my health and my diet, so I try to avoid consuming too many sweet foods or desserts.

### **Did you eat ice cream as a child?**

Yes, I did have quite a lot of ice cream as a child. Every weekend, my parents would take me to my favourite ice cream shop located in a neighbourhood shopping mall. My parents have a sweet tooth as well, which is why they enjoy ice cream as much as I do.

### **Are there shops selling ice cream near where you live?**

Yes, there are a few ice cream shops in my neighbourhood. One of these shops has become very popular over the years. During the weekends, this shop will be very crowded, and most of its ice cream flavour will be sold out by noon.

### **Would you like to make your own ice cream?**

Yes, I would love to try making my own ice cream one day. I don't own an ice cream machine, but I have watched several video tutorials showing step-by-step instructions to make ice cream without a machine. I plan to try out one of these recipes when I have some free time.

## **Language**

### **What languages can you speak?**

I can speak two different languages, which are Mandarin Chinese and English. My family speaks to me in Mandarin Chinese, so I am very fluent in this language. I have also been learning English since I was young, and I still attend English classes to this day.

### **What languages would you like to learn in the future?**

I think that the language I would love to learn in the future is Korean. My dream is to visit Korea one day. Learning Korean would allow me to communicate well with the locals there and learn more about the culture and lifestyle in that country.

### **How do you learn a foreign language?**

I usually learn a foreign language by attending tuition classes and reading materials online. My tutors are

extremely experienced and skilled in teaching the language, which has helped me improve my speaking and writing skills by leaps and bounds.

### **How are languages taught and learned in your school?**

There are plenty of Mandarin Chinese and English lessons at school. The teachers will give us reading materials and exercises that we have to complete each day to improve our vocabulary and grammar. Sometimes, we will also watch a movie in that language.

## **Rain**

### **Do you like rainy days? Why?**

No, I don't like rainy days because the rain makes it much harder to get to places without an umbrella. Plus, the pavements tend to be muddy, slippery, and full of puddles during rainy days, making it very inconvenient to walk along the streets.

### **Does it rain much in your city?**

No, it doesn't rain very often in my city, but it does depend on the season and time of the year. It tends to rain more often during the second half of the year, so we usually prepare by bringing an umbrella with us wherever we go.

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### **Would you change your plan if it rained?**

I usually prefer changing my plans whenever it rains unless I have something urgent or important to attend to. I have to walk to the bus station and use public transport to get to different places, so the rain makes traveling inconvenient.

## **Week**

### **What is your favorite day of the week?**

My favorite day of the week is Friday, and that's because I always feel relieved knowing that the weekend is approaching. Friday nights are especially fun because I always get together with my friends to catch up over a nice meal.

### **What is your least favorite day?**

My least favorite day of the week is Monday. I usually get the Monday blues thinking about how early I'd



have to wake up to attend classes during the week. Mondays can sometimes be hectic for me as well, especially since I've started training for a swimming competition.

### **What is the busiest day of the week for you?**

The busiest day of the week for me is Tuesday. Each Tuesday, I'll attend three different classes that last for two hours each. After those classes, I'll go to the library to study for any upcoming quizzes or tests during the week. Then, at night, I'll go for piano lessons.

### **Is there anything that you do every day?**

Yes, I make it a point to exercise every day. I love working out as it helps me relieve stress and keeps my body strong and healthy. I usually exercise at the gym with my friends, which makes it even more fun for me.

### **What do you usually do on weekends?**

I usually spend time with my loved ones and friends during the weekends. Other than that, I enjoy playing badminton and swimming, so these are some activities I will make time for each weekend. When needed, I would also catch up on my assignments and revise for any upcoming tests.

### **Are weekdays and weekends the same for you?**

No, I definitely prefer the weekends over weekdays. That's because I get to relax more on the weekends and spend time with my family members. During the weekends, my family will always have fun activities planned out, such as a trip to the beach or the zoo.

## **Wild animals**

### **Are there wild animals in your country?**

Yes, China is home to many species of wild animals, including pandas, monkeys, leopards, pangolin, deer, and elephants. Because of the country's diverse terrain and climate variations, a wide range of wild animals are able to thrive here. National parks have also been established to protect and preserve China's wildlife and landscapes.

### **Have you ever been to a zoo or a safari park?**

Yes, I have visited several zoos in China before, but my favourite experience was visiting the Beijing Zoo. This zoo is one of the largest and most popular zoos in China, and it houses many different species of animals, such as pandas, monkeys, and flamingos.

### **What is the animal you would like to see in the wild?**

One animal that I would love to see in the wild is a whale. I am extremely fascinated by these creatures, mainly because they're the largest animals to roam the earth. Hopefully, I will get the opportunity to go whale watching one day so that I can admire these animals in their natural habitat.



## **Are there TV programs about wild animals in your country?**

Yes, there are numerous TV shows and documentaries about wild animals in China. Many of these documentaries showcase the behaviors and characteristics of these wild animals in their natural habitat. Personally, I believe that this is a fantastic way for viewers to learn more about wildlife in China.

## **Staying up**

### **Do you often stay up late?**

No, I don't often stay up late, but there are nights when I will stay up after midnight to finish my home work. I understand the importance of getting enough sleep, which is why I will try my best to go to bed before 11 at night.

### **Did you stay up late when you were a kid?**

No, I did not stay up late at all as a kid, as my parents made sure that I went to bed early every night. They would tuck me into bed before ten, give me a goodnight kiss on the forehead, and then switch off the lights. Before I knew it, I was already snoring the night away.

### **What do you do when you stay up late?**

I only stay up late to complete urgent assignments or study for an exam. Sometimes, the workload in college can be overwhelming, and I'll have to burn the midnight oil to finish up all my assignments and tasks before their deadlines.

### **What does it feel like the next morning if you stay up late?**

If I stayed up late the night before, I would usually feel groggy, irritable, and grumpy the following morning. I wouldn't be in the mood for any conversations, which is why I'll be extremely quiet even around my friends at school.

## **Concentration**

### **Did you stay focused in class when you were a child?**

I think I was able to focus well in class as a child. I really enjoyed my lessons in school at that time because the teachers taught in a very engaging manner. Of course, there were times when I got distracted or bored, but that didn't happen very often.

### **Are you a focused person?**

Yes, I would say that I am a very focused and determined person. When I wish to achieve a goal or complete a task, I will be able to work on it for hours without being distracted by other matters. This has helped me score good grades in my exams.

## **How do you stay focused?**

I stay focused by preparing a daily schedule and to-do list. The to-do list helps me keep track of the tasks that I need to finish for the day. When I'm working on those tasks, I will try to minimize the distractions around me by muting my phone or looking for a quiet place to complete them.

## **Is it easy to stay focused in a noisy environment?**

No, I find it extremely difficult to study or focus in a noisy environment. I am able to focus the best when I'm alone in my room or at the library. Hearing loud noises or other people talking distracts me easily.

## **Day off**

### **When was the last time you had a few days off?**

The last time I had a few days off was during Chinese New Year, which is one of the biggest celebrations in China. My family took a few days off to spring clean our house, bake cookies, and visit our relatives.

### **What do you usually do when you have days off?**

I usually spend time with my friends or family whenever I have a few days off. We would plan day trips together to the beach or shop at our neighbourhood mall. Occasionally, we would book an overnight stay at a nearby hotel or resort to relax and unwind.

### **Do you usually spend your days off with your parents or with your friends?**

I most often spend my days off with my parents. Because we're all usually busy with our own commitments and responsibilities, we always take the opportunity to spend quality time together whenever we can. My parents enjoy taking the whole family to the beach during our off days.

### **What would you like to do if you had a day off tomorrow?**

If I had a day off tomorrow, I would love to bake some cookies for my friends and family. Baking has always been my favourite pastime, but I haven't been able to do much baking lately as I've been busy with my exams and assignments.

## **Fix things**

### **Can you fix things?**

Yes, I can repair things around the house whenever necessary. For example, I am able to fix a leaking tap or replace a light bulb that no longer works. I have learned how to perform these simple repairs since I was young because I want to be an independent young adult.

### **Did anybody teach you to fix things when you were a child?**

Yes, my dad taught me how to fix things when I was much younger. Whenever something needed to be repaired, he would ask me to watch him as he worked on them. He would also provide step-by-step instructions on how to fix different problems at home, such as a clogged toilet or a leak in the ceiling.

### **What do you do when a thing is broken and cannot be fixed?**

I usually think about ways to recycle it instead of throwing it away. For example, if my phone no longer works and cannot be repaired, I would look for a trade-in or recycling program for electronic devices. In the worst-case scenario, I would dispose of the broken item to avoid cluttering my home.

### **Do you think it is necessary for people to learn to fix things?**

Yes, I believe that learning how to mend broken things is an essential life skill that everyone should learn. This skill will come in handy when we move out of our parents' homes and begin living on our own. It can also help us save money since we will not need to call in a professional to do simple repairs.

## **Riding a bike**

### **Did you have a bike when you were young?**

Yes, I did have a bike when I was much younger. The bike I had was a blue-colored one with training wheels, and it was a birthday gift from my grandparents. I remember feeling so excited receiving this gift, as this was the very first bike I had owned.

### **Did you ride a bike when you were little?**

Yes, I loved riding a bike when I was a child. My father taught me how to ride a bike for the very first time. Back then, we would go to our neighborhood park with my bike, and I would practice riding it until I became very skilled at it.

### **Did you ride a bike to school?**

Yes, I did ride a bike to school when I was younger. My secondary school was pretty close to my house. By the time I was thirteen, I was very good at riding a bike, so my parents allowed me to ride it to school after I asked them for permission.

### **Do you ride a bike when you go out now?**

No, I don't ride a bike now when I go out. My college and favorite hangout spots are located far from my house, so it isn't practical to ride a bike when I'm going to those places. Using public transport is a much quicker way for me to get around.

# Home and accommodation

## Do you live in a house or a flat?

Currently, I'm still a student, so I live in an apartment in the downtown area with my parents. It's not big, but very cozy. Maybe in the near future, after I graduate, I'll move out and live by myself.

## Can you describe the place where you live?

I live in the downtown area of a big city. There is a big park with beautiful scenery nearby, so life is enjoyable and relaxing. However, we're thinking about moving away because there is a newly built seafood market there. It's so noisy and chaotic.

## How long have you lived there?

Well, I've been living there with my family since I was born. So, it has been more than 20 years. I like living with my family because we can look after each other.

## Please describe the room you live in.

Well, it's a common but cozy room without any special design. The walls are white, and the floor is covered by brown wooden floors. Beside my bed, there is a built-in desk and several closets.

## What part of your home do you like the most?

I like my bedroom the most because it gives me a sense of freedom. It's a place where I don't feel agitated or constricted. Everything is in harmony.

## Who do you live with?

I live in a small apartment with my family. It's very convenient to live with my parents, as my mom often cooks for me when I am busy.

## What room does your family spend most of the time in?

Well, my family spends most of the time in the living room, there is a large TV set hanging on the wall and during our time off, we often watch TV or movies. We sometimes sit around and talk about our days there. That's enjoyable.

## What do you usually do in your flat?

I often listen to music if I'm really tired and I watch TV with my parents after dinner. Sometimes I just sit quietly on the sofa to meditate, to have a peaceful mind. In a word, it's restful and comfortable.

## What kinds of accommodation do you live in?

My parents and I live in a three-bedroom flat on the 23rd floor. Basically, the flat is about 120 square meters in total and since I live quite high up, I have a wonderful view of the city.

### **Do you plan to live there for a long time?**

No, I don't. I would love to own a nice town house close to work. In my imagination, it has a patio, a big kitchen, and plenty of rooms. It would be great if this dream could come true.

### **Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?**

It depends, I guess. If I live alone, I like to live in an apartment because of the cheap rent and convenience for cleaning. But if I live with my family, I will prefer a house since every member in the family can have their own space.

### **Are the transport facilities to your home very close?**

Yeah, it's in an easily accessible location. There are many bus stops and a subway near my home, so it's really convenient.

### **What kind of house or flat do you want to live in in the future?**

Personally, I would prefer living in a flat that is the right size for me. Preferably, it has two to three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room with a television, and a kitchen with all the necessary appliances and utensils to cook meals.

### **What's your favorite room in your apartment/house?**

My favorite room in my house is my gaming room. My own computer and gaming chair are located in this room, and my mother also bought a television, beanbags, and a comfortable couch to furnish and spruce up the space. I really enjoy spending time in this room because it is cozy, well-decorated, and has all the gaming equipment and accessories I need.

### **What makes you feel pleasant in your home?**

I think my family is the reason why I feel pleasant, comfortable, and happy at home. We enjoy each other's company a lot, and the environment at home is usually peaceful and joyful. All of us get along really well, and we very rarely get into a heated argument or fight.

### **What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?**

In the past, I lived in a small flat, while now I'm living in a big house. The flat I used to live in is smaller than our current house. What's more, it wasn't nicely furnished and didn't have a backyard. The house we live in now is more comfortable.

### **Do you think it is important to live in a comfortable environment?**

Yes, I do believe it is very important to have a comfortable and clean living environment so I will feel at ease and secure at home. On the other hand, living in a dirty, messy, and disorganized house will make me feel extremely stressed and unhappy.

# **hometown**

## **Where is your hometown?**

My hometown is Changsha, the capital city in Hunan Province. Since it's not a very big city, I've been to almost every corner of it and I know where I can find the good local food.

## **Is that a big city or a small place?**

Well, it's not a big city, but there are lots of scenic spots where people can go. Modern facilities for entertainments, like shopping malls, are built in the downtown areas, so we can always find things to do when hanging out with friends.

## **How long have you been living there?**

"I have been living there since I was born, for more than twenty years. It's really a beautiful and comfortable place to live."

## **Do you like your hometown?**

Yes, I love my hometown. I love the local food, which everyone who comes to my hometown would try. Also, I like the city center where there are hustle and bustle and lots of fun clubs.

## **Is there anything you dislike about it?**

I hate the traffic conditions there. The traffic always drives me crazy. It often takes me more than one and a half hours to go back home from work. Another one of my least favorite things is the pollution, which has become one of the most serious problems in my hometown.

## **What do you like (most) about your hometown?**

I like the night life in my hometown, because there are a lot of clubs. I'm the kind of person who likes to be where the crowds are, we can shoot the breeze and grab a few beers.

## **Do you like living there?**

Yeah, definitely. I have already gotten accustomed to life there, you know, the crowds, the streets, the environment. It is the place where I have spent the most precious years of my life. It's no exaggeration to say that I have left my memories in every street of the city.

## **Please describe your hometown a little.**

My hometown is Tianjin, a city which is located on the southeast of Beijing. Basically, it's a city with modern transportation system and it's quite renowned for its local food. I really miss the local food when I'm away.

## **Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?**

No, since I'm planning to have further education and future jobs in bigger cities like Beijing and

Shanghai. But when I grow old, i will probably go back and live in my hometown.

### **What's your hometown famous for?**

My hometown is just a small village, so it's not known for much. If anything, perhaps we're known locally for the rice we produce since there are many rice fields in our area. People in the surrounding villages often purchase rice from the farmers in my place.

### **Did you learn about the history of your hometown at school**

No. In our school, the history of China, in general, was the main focus, not the history of our small town. I guess educators believe that developing a sense of pride in a united nation is more important than touting the significance of the towns and cities in every province. It makes sense to me.

## **library**

### **Do you often go to the library?**

Yes, I visit the library pretty often. After school, I'll head to the library to complete my schoolwork, and I'll do this about three to four times a week. At times, I'll also visit the library on a weekend when there are assignments I need to intransigently.

### **What do you usually do in the library?**

Most of the time, I'll complete my homework and assignments and study for my exams at the library. I feel that my productivity is the highest when I'm in a quiet, cool, and conducive environment like the school library. Sometimes, I'll also borrow a few books from the library, especially those related to my research and assignments.

### **Did you go to the library when you were a kid?**

Yes, I went to the library often when I was younger. My mum would take me to the library every weekend to borrow children's storybooks. I read English and Mandarin books, which helped me improve my vocabulary and grammar by leaps and bounds.

### **Do Chinese kids often go to the library?**

Yes, I think that many Chinese kids visit the library often. The library in my school is usually packed and busy, especially when during the school's examination period. I see many people borrowing books as well as using their laptops to do research and complete schoolwork in the library.

## **schools**

### **Where do you go to school?**

I go to a neighborhood school in a province called Shandong, which is located in the north-east coast of China. This school is located near my home, and I've been going to the same school for over a decade. My parents would usually drop me off at school each morning.

### **Do you go to a good school?**

Yes, I think I go to a good school. The environment here is highly conducive, and the teachers are very professional, experienced, and dedicated. My school also provides many facilities for students to explore their interests, including a basketball court, badminton court, music hall, and art studio.

### **Do you like your teachers?**

Yes, I absolutely adore the teachers in my school. They teach with a lot of dedication and commitment, and I enjoy their classes every time. Plus, they're kind and compassionate but never fail to discipline us appropriately whenever we cross the line.

### **Do you like your current learning atmosphere?**

Yes, I love the current learning environment in my school. Many of the students are well-behaved and supportive of one another, which creates a good atmosphere for learning. The classrooms are also kept clean and decorated nicely by all the students.

### **What are the differences between your school and other schools?**

I think that one of the biggest difference is the number of students. Each class caters to just over 30 students in my school, while many other schools have between 40-60 students per class. Other than that, my school is generally smaller in size compared to other schools as there are fewer students.

### **Is there anything you want to change about your school?**

There isn't much I would like to change about my school. However, if I had to pick one thing to change, it would be the school's emphasis on learning the English language. I would love my school to focus more on English lessons and even run campaigns or activities that help us learn the language better.

### **Do you know any famous people in your area?**

Yeah, I know there is a famous person in my neighborhood. He is a self-made businessman and has set up his own company. Besides, he has acquired a good reputation for his kindness and contribution to the local charity.

### **What city do you live in?**

I live in Shanghai, one of China's most famous cities. It is also a popular tourist destination due to its beautiful scenery, including high-end fashion houses and natural attractions. I'm proud of my city.



because of how modern and well-developed it is.

### **Do you like this city? Why?**

Yes, I love living in Shanghai because of how convenient and accessible everything is here. The public transport in Shanghai is top-notch, making it extremely easy for me to travel to different places, such as my school and my favorite mall.

### **How long have you lived in this city?**

I have lived in this city ever since I was born. My parents moved to Shanghai about two decades ago when they managed to secure promising jobs that offered great pay. Ever since then, my family has been based in Shanghai, and we all enjoy living here.

### **Are there big changes in this city?**

Yes, many big changes are happening in this city because it is one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. Each day, new homes, buildings, and skyscrapers are developed. There are also constant improvements being made to the existing infrastructure.

### **Is this city your permanent residence?**

Yes, this city is my permanent residence. My entire family lives here, and we've all gotten used to the pace of life in Shanghai. I hope to find a job and continue living here after completing my studies and graduating.

## **Doing sports**

### **Do you think it is important for people to exercise?**

Yes, I think that exercise is one of the most important activities to perform regularly. Exercise can help to keep us healthy and fit and reduce the risk of physical illnesses like heart disease or diabetes. Plus, it's a great way to relieve stress.

### **Do you know any people who are good at sports?**

Yes, I know a few friends who are good at sports. Most of them are very skilled at basketball and represent my school and city during competitions. One friend of mine even hopes to represent our country in the Olympics in the future.

### **What sports do you like?**

At the moment, I love to play badminton and basketball. I began playing basketball in elementary school because my dad was a fan of the game. Growing up, I idolized Yao Ming when he was in the NBA. As for badminton, it's something I recently picked up because of my friends at university.



## Where did you learn how to do it?

My dad taught me basketball. We had a makeshift court at the back of our house. He showed me how to dribble and shoot the ball. For badminton, I began by mimicking the movements of my friends in the playground. Though physically tiring, the game is not as complicated as basketball.

## Did you do some sports when you were young?

As I mentioned earlier, I played basketball. But in school, we also learned football, table tennis, and volleyball. These were the main sports in school.

Though I could play the other sports, I wasn't too keen on them. I was mesmerized by the global culture of basketball.

## Do you think students need more exercise?

Yes, students nowadays do need more exercise, especially younger ones. Because of the proliferation of online games and the busyness of parents, kids today prefer staying indoors. I'm sure that if sports were not part of the school curriculum, very few students would be playing them. Students will only value physical fitness by exercising even more.

## Should schools encourage young students to take more physical exercise?

Yes, I think schools should encourage young students to take part more in physical exercises and sports. I believe that the younger generation needs to be taught about the importance of physical exercise and trained to prioritize their physical health.

## The area you live in



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## The city you live in

## Are there people of different ages living in this city?

Yes, the people in this city fall into different age groups, but the age group with the highest population consists of working adults between the ages of 20 and 50. There are fewer older adults staying in this city because it is quite an expensive place to retire in.

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## **Weather**

### **What's the weather like where you live?**

I live in a temperate region in China, so we experience the four seasons. At the moment, it's becoming much cooler since we've just entered autumn. Last night, for example, I didn't need to use the air-con since the nighttime air was quite cold. I just opened a window.

### **Do you prefer cold or hot weather?**

Although I appreciate cold weather at times, I'm the kind of person who'd like to be outdoors. So I'd go for hot weather, just not too hot. I like wearing my summer outfits, and I enjoy going to the beach, so hot weather is good for me.

### **Do you prefer dry or wet weather?**

Between dry and wet, if I'm going somewhere with friends, I'd prefer dry weather. Some of my friends cancel on me when it's raining or even snowing, so wet weather really ruins my plans. But when it's an ordinary school day or I'm just lazing around at home, I actually enjoy the rain and snow.

### **Are you in the habit of checking the weather forecast? When/How often?**

I do, but not every day. I check the weekly forecasts to determine if there are any coming storms or

low-pressure areas that may bring rain showers and such. By doing so, I can better schedule days out with friends. But for my sake, I don't need to know what will happen since I keep an umbrella in my backpack.

### **What do you think are the effects of climate change in recent years?**

I believe climate change is responsible for the severe storms and droughts different countries have been encountering in recent years. My parents keep saying the weather isn't the same as when they were young, so I'd say climate change is to blame for the weather anomalies.

### **Would you like to visit other cities that have different climates from where you live?**

Sure. I love traveling, so it'd be nice to experience different climates. My area in China is often warm, so it'd be nice to go somewhere cold. I'd be able to ski and ice skate when I visit. However, I wouldn't be interested in arid, desert regions as that would be terrible for my skin.

## **Work or studies**

### **What technology do you use when you study?**

I use my laptop to view lecture videos. When I need additional information, I will surf the Internet on my laptop or mobile phone to read articles, research papers, and webpages that will give me some clarity regarding my questions. Another electronic device I use is my tablet and stylus, and this is how I normally record electronic lecture notes.

### **What technology do you use at work?**

At work, I use my laptop very frequently. My laptop is used to send work emails to my clients and colleagues and to attend online meetings. When we need to communicate about smaller matters, I will utilize my mobile phone to send messages to them using free messaging apps, as these apps provide a convenient and cost-effective way to communicate.

### **What work do you do?**

I work. I have been working in an international trade company for three years. I'm in sales department and I think this job is very suitable for me because I could use what I have learned at school and at the same time, there are a lot of new things for me to learn.

### **Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?**

Well, one of the most important reasons is that I did business major when I was in college, so I was able to put the knowledge I have gained in the courses into practice. Also, it's a well-paid job.

### **Do you miss being a student?**

No. I think being a student is hard work because we had heavy workload and many things to learn. The school was exam-oriented, which means what we learned was not very practical.

### **Do you like your job?**

Yes, I do like it. I've been working there for quite a long time. Even though it's a small office, the work environment is relaxing. I don't have to dress up and the colleagues are nice and hospitable.

### **Is it very interesting?**

Yeah. My job involves meeting a lot of new people and trying new things, which is what

I am passionate about. I get to travel once in a while and that's truly an extra bonus.

### **Why did you choose to study that subject?**

Firstly, I could use the knowledge that I learn at high school. Secondly, I could meet people who share the same interest with me. This could be helpful.

### **What subjects are you studying?**

I'm doing accounting. It's practical and useful in getting a job and it gives me lots of confidence."

### **Do you like your subject?**

I love it. I think it's awesome. To be honest, I've been interested in biology since junior high school. I always wanted to become a biologist. I feel like I'm getting closer to my dream now.

### **Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?**

I prefer studying in the afternoons, because the weather is generally pleasant and cool. I can go and study in the school library when I have no classes. What's more, I have the evenings to look forward to.

### **Are you looking forward to working?**

Yeah. I think the best part of my life is when get paid for something that I love doing. What's more, I think I'm still young, so I want to learn as much as I can at work before starting my own business.

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### **Who helps you the most? And how?**

I think the person who helps me the most is my best friend, Emily. She always offers emotional support and comfort whenever I'm feeling down. Emily will lend me a shoulder to cry on when I need it and sometimes, she will even take me out for a nice meal to cheer me up.

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## P2/P3

### 有趣的老人

**Describe an interesting old person you have met**

**You should say:**

**Who this person is**

**When/where you met this person**

**What you did with this person**

**And explain why you think this person is interesting**

An interesting old person I've met is one of my professors in my digital animation course, Professor Wang. At age 65, he's the oldest person in the animation department, and I think the oldest in the entire computer department of the school, which is admirable since most people think only young people can teach computer-related subjects. I first met him in my first year in our basic animation class. He was my professor then, and he also taught me in my second year. As my professor, I had the chance to learn many animation techniques from him, and I also heard lots of stories from the animation industry since he also worked in the corporate world for several years. I find him interesting because of his vast experience in animation. He used to do hand drawings before he shifted to digital animation. I believe he was already in his 50s when he learned how to draw using the computer. So it just goes to show you are never too old to learn technology. He's also young at heart, which is why his classes are fun and lively. I think it's cool for someone his age to still be able to relate to the youth.

**Do you think old people and young people can share interests?**

Absolutely! Generational differences exist, but many interests transcend age. For example, someone older may enjoy music or art just as much as someone younger. They may even be able to learn from each other and discover new artists or genres together. Music, art, cooking, gardening, and reading, for example, can be enjoyed by anyone. So, while there may be some things that younger and older people don't see eye to eye on, I think there are plenty of opportunities for them to connect over shared interests.

**What can old people teach young people?**

There are countless things that old people can teach young people, especially from a cultural perspective. Here in China, we value the wisdom of our elders, so I think there's a lot we can learn from them. For one, they've experienced so much in their lives, so they can offer valuable advice when it comes to navigating tough situations. They can also pass on traditions and stories from our culture that might otherwise be lost. All in all, I think the most important thing we can learn from old

people is perspective.

### **Is it easy for young people and old people to make friends with each other?**

It depends on the individual. Personally, I find it a bit challenging to make friends with older people. We often don't have a lot in common, and I don't always feel comfortable opening up to them. However, I have friends who seem to enjoy talking to older people and find it quite easy to form friendships with them. So I think it just depends on the personalities involved and how much effort both sides are willing to put in.

### **Are there benefits when one person is interested in another person? Why?**

Undoubtedly! There are many benefits to being interested in someone else. It can be inspiring, motivating, and make you feel good. It can motivate you to put yourself out there and get to know them better. Even if the interest isn't reciprocated, you may still gain from the experience by becoming more social or motivated to improve yourself or even inspire them to better themselves in some way. There's always the possibility of disappointment, of course, but overall I think there are definitely potential benefits to being interested in someone else.

### **Do you think people are more selfish or self-centered now than in the past?**

Generally, we have had self-centered people in every generation. Nonetheless, I do think there are aspects of modern society that may contribute to these kinds of behaviors. For example, social media can be a breeding ground for narcissism, with people constantly posting pictures of themselves and craving attention and validation. So in that sense, you could argue that there are more opportunities for people to act selfishly or self-centered now than in the past. But at the end of the day, it really comes down to the individual.

### **What benefits can people get if they are self-centered?**

Being self-centered often leads to increased confidence and self-assurance, as one's likely to prioritize one's own needs and opinions over those of others. On top of that, being self-centered can help one stay focused on one's goals and aspirations. If you're not worried about pleasing others, you're more likely to make decisions that will benefit you in the long run. Lastly, people who are self-centered may find that they're less affected by negative feedback or criticism from others, as they're not as concerned with what other people think of them.

聚会上遇到的人



## **Describe a person you met at a party who you enjoyed talking with**

**You should say:**

**What party it was**

**Who this person is**

**What you talked about**

**And explain why you enjoyed talking with him/her**

This happened quite recently at the 60th birthday party of my aunt. She celebrated it at her home with family, friends, and former colleagues. I was quite surprised by the number of guests since she didn't seem to be the outgoing, extroverted type. The new person I recently met is Jeremy, the current boyfriend of my cousin Katie. I spotted him sitting alone in a corner and felt sorry for him since he clearly didn't know many people at the party. I know what it's like to be the odd man out, so I decided to have a chat. Our conversation centered mainly on school and work. I talked about my course and my future plans while he shared the things he did at work. It turns out he's a successful freelance graphic artist, which impressed me since I wasn't sure freelancers could earn so much. Though we didn't chat the entire evening, our conversation was quite insightful as I learned about other possible career routes. In fact, I'm contemplating testing the waters already by getting a part-time job online. However, we didn't exchange numbers or social media accounts since my cousin is a bit fickle-minded about her relationships, so I didn't want to establish a real connection with him just yet.

**In what situations would people be willing to get to know new people?**

One situation may be for work or business. Business owners are always on the lookout for new clients or partners. The same may be true for a sales employee or even a professional who offers services to others. So if the opportunity to talk to a potential client presents itself, such people will likely grab the chance. Another situation is if you are new at school or a company. New students or employees are more open to making new acquaintances compared to someone who's been there for a long time.

**Where do people go to meet new people?**

To intentionally meet others, professionals often attend work-related seminars where they can meet their peers in the industry. Such seminars are great opportunities to network with others and learn something new. But if it's to increase one's social circle, people may go to places of interest. For example, if you play basketball and want to meet like-minded people, you can go to a basketball court nearby. Or if you're a musician, you can attend a concert or a gig in a bar.

**How do people start a conversation?**

The first thing is to introduce oneself. After that, people usually try to find some common ground to start. That's why seminars, product launches, and the like are great events to attend since you're all there for the same reason. It becomes easier to strike up a conversation about your field before talking about personal things. Similarly, if you're into a particular hobby, you'll probably begin with that first since you know the person you're talking to will probably answer your queries and share similar stories.

## **Is it difficult for Chinese people to communicate with people from other countries?**

It depends on the person you're talking to. The language barrier, of course, is always a hindrance. If the Chinese person we're alluding to cannot speak English well and the other person cannot speak Chinese, yes, it will be difficult. But I also know of some extroverts who will still try to make friends with foreigners using broken English. If they don't know the word, they'll just resort to hand gestures until the meaning comes through. But shy Chinese people will probably avoid contact if possible.

## **Why are some people unwilling to have conversations with others?**

One possibility is they're naturally shy. Self-conscious people don't want to talk so much lest they say something wrong and embarrass themselves. I'm not sure if this feeling is innate or if they were also harshly scolded or embarrassed before, causing them to doubt their conversational abilities. Another possibility is they're naturally wary of strangers. As is often posted in the media, many criminals are trying to take advantage of kindhearted strangers. So perhaps such people just want to stay safe.

Is it difficult for adults to talk with children?

It can be hard if you don't know the children well or if you're not good with kids. Although some children open up to people, others shy away. So if they don't know you, it'll be hard to speak to them. And if you're not used to dealing with kids, it can be difficult to understand what they're trying to say sometimes. Young kids, for example, may initially answer your query but drift to another topic. So you might not get the answer you're looking for.

爱豆的电影角色

**Describe a film character played by an actor or actress whom you admire You should say:**

**Who this actor/actress is When you saw the film**

**What the character was like in this film**

**And explain why you admire this actor/actress**

A film character that I like is the Little Tramp in the movie Modern Times. The character was played by Charlie Chaplin, one of the first great actors in Hollywood. Even if he didn't speak a word since he starred in silent films, he had a great impact on moviegoers. I remember watching the movie repeatedly at my grandparents' house as a child. That was a time when my family would visit them twice a month, and Modern Times was always something my grandmother would play. The Little Tramp was the protagonist of the movie. From what I remember, he worked in a factory, doing his best to be a good employee. But he kept messing up, even to the point that he seemingly went crazy. However, his good heart and good nature allowed him to make up for his many mistakes. Like the other roles I've seen him in, Charlie Chaplin portrayed the role of Little Tramp really well in the movie. He was funny yet endearing, which is why he was such a great actor and someone I admire. He made me laugh before as a child, and I'm still entertained by him whenever I see short clips of him on social media. In a time when verbal jokes weren't possible,

his wacky faces and movements were more than enough to bring smiles to people's faces. It takes real talent to do something like that.

### **Are actors or actresses very interested in their work? Why?**

I think most of them are, or else they wouldn't be doing what they're doing. Although ordinary people might view acting as simply playing make-believe, I think actors and actresses see their profession as a way to entertain and also inspire people. So they work on their acting skills to create believable performances that people will enjoy and possibly be moved by. So, similar to other professions, this requires a deep level of commitment if you want to be a successful actor or actress.

### **Is being a professional actor or actress a good career?**

It's a good career if you have the talent and passion for it. If you're committed to your craft, you can earn millions of dollars in the entertainment industry and millions more because of product endorsements. It's also good since you can see the world while working, as movies can be filmed at different locations around the world. The problem is if you're not good at your craft. I've read that many actors have to support themselves with a day job since they're not able to land roles consistently.

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### **Why do children like special costumes?**

Children naturally like pretending to be someone or something else. In their daily lives, they often imagine they're a superhero, princess, spy, dragon, or a number of fantastical creatures. So any event or activity that requires a special costume is seen as something fun and exciting, provided, of course, they like the costume they'll be wearing. I've observed that it's also fun for children when they get to help make their costumes. That's when they exercise creativity when they add details to personalize the character they will play.

### **What are the differences between actors or actresses who earn much and those who earn little?**

One difference is their acting ability. Those who earn a lot are usually quite believable in their roles, which is why movie producers always want to get them and are willing to pay them well. Another is their fan base. Since movies and TV shows do well only if many people want to watch them, actors and actresses that earn a lot are very popular and recognizable, unlike those who only play bit roles and don't earn much.

### **What are the differences between acting in a theatre and that in a film?**

Talent wise, I think those who act in a theatre have more acting skills since they don't have the chance to

redo a scene. There's no room for error since people are watching you live. Also, in stage acting, you've got to be good with voice projection and body language since the audience is far from you. In films, actors can redo their scenes. And in films, the camera can focus more on facial expressions, unlike in theatre. So actors must have expressive faces.

想要一起学习/工作的人

**Describe a person you have met who you want to work/study with, You should**

**say:**

**Who this person is**

**How you met this person**

**How long you have known him/her**

**And explain why you want to work/study with him/her**

A person I'd probably like to work with in the future is my classmate Gregory. We're both IT students in our third year. Though we're the same age, I've noticed that he's a bit more serious about his studies, which is probably why his grades are better than mine. He also knows more programming languages than myself. I first met him during our freshman year in university. I recall talking to him at one of the social gatherings back then. Like myself, he's an introvert, so I gravitated more toward him than my other outgoing classmates. So this means we have been friends for more than two years, though we only became close toward the end of our second year. Introvert, so I gravitated more toward him than my other outgoing classmates. So this means we've been friends for more than two years, though we only became close toward the end of our second year. Among my classmates, I think he's the most talented. So if I do get to work with him, I know that I'll have a programming partner who knows his stuff. IT is not an easy field as you always have to adapt to the latest changes in technology. So it would be good to work with someone who takes his craft seriously. He's also easier to get along with since he's not as arrogant as my other classmates. So I don't anticipate getting into many arguments with him.

**Why should children be kind to their classmates?**

Kindness begets kindness. So if children are kind to their classmates, their classmates will be kind in return, resulting in friendship and harmony in the classroom. But if children aren't kind, others may treat them badly in return. One other reason is that some students are undergoing difficulties at home. So acts of kindness can help ease the pain they feel at home. Children should understand that so they can grow up to be helpful and loving adults.

**Can children choose their desk mates?**

No. Most teachers have their own seating arrangements to make it easier to monitor the class. In my school before, seating was usually according to a student's name, so it was alphabetical. I think it also helps with recording recitation grades. Besides, if students chose their seatmates, you'd probably find all the noisy kids bunched together, making the class even more difficult to control. So it's understandable for teachers to arrange their students the way they want to.

## **What matters most about a colleague's personality?**

A few things come to mind. The first is that the colleague should be dedicated to the job. Colleagues that aren't interested in their work are useless. Though they might be intelligent and skilled, if they don't like what they're doing, they'll submit mediocre work. Another quality is honesty. It's hard working with liars and cheats since, you're not sure if they're dealing with you honestly and fairly. One other quality is competence. Colleagues should know what they're doing for the work to be done well.

## **Are good colleagues important at work?**

Yes. If your colleagues aren't good at what they're doing, you'll have a difficult time working as a team. Besides losing out on potential bonuses, your entire group might be blamed for production mistakes or customer dissatisfaction. Another problem is if the boss asks you to redo the work of your incompetent colleagues, which becomes an additional headache for you. But if your colleagues work well, there are usually lesser issues, leading to a more stress-free work environment.

## **What kind of people are popular at work?**

Just like in school, popular people at work are usually those who are funny and friendly. Such people easily get along with others and bring fun and entertainment to the office. Besides that, I've heard that kindhearted bosses are popular too. Subordinates like it when their supervisor is approachable and reasonable, unlike very strict bosses that make life miserable for employees. Another popular type is an employee who's an expert in the job. You'll find that people regularly approach such experts for assistance or advice at work.

## **Are knowledgeable people popular at work?**

They are usually popular. These are the experts at their craft who can help you in your work. Colleagues and supervisors always keep such experts in mind when they're having trouble in thereof. But I say "usually popular" because some knowledgeable people think and believe they're better than everyone else. Arrogant people like that are well-known but not well-liked. They act like know-it-alls and are probably despised by nearly everyone in the office.

帮助别人的人

## **Describe someone you know who often helps others You should say:**

**What he/she is like**

**How he/she helps others Why his/her help is beneficial**

**And explain why he/she helps others**

Someone who is always willing to lend a helping hand is my mother. My mother is the most caring and selfless person I know, and she often goes the extra mile to help those who need it. Many people describe her as a thoughtful person with a big heart. My mother often helps those who have an illness. For example, she will care for older adults who are unable to walk well, feed themselves, or take care of their basic hygiene due to old age and illness. She's always volunteering and helping out at the nursing home, and she will sometimes offer to make home-cooked meals for the residents there.

I believe that her help and efforts make a significant difference in the lives of people. The nursing home is

often short-staffed, so she tries to make sure that those living there receive the care and attention they need. The people there feel well-loved and appreciated whenever she spends time conversing with them and helping them with basic tasks they can't do alone. My mother has always been this helpful because she believes that a little kindness goes a long way. Even though she might never reap the rewards of her acts of kindness, she wants to spread love, joy, and hope to other people who might be struggling with challenging times in their lives.

### **How can children help their parents at home?**

Children usually help at home by doing the household chores. For young ones, these may be sweeping the floor, putting away toys, and setting the table for meals. For older children, these chores might include cooking, doing the laundry, taking out the trash, or even fixing broken things at home. Besides chores, some children help out by looking after their younger siblings, especially if parents are very busy or not yet home.

### **Should children be taught to help others?**

They should. Helping doesn't always come naturally, so parents must teach their children how to be of help to family and neighbors. If they can learn this, it'll become easy for children to be helpful wherever they are, which is good for their personal and social development. Assigning them chores at home is one way to do this. Another is for parents to set an example by demonstrating how to be helpful outside the home, such as assisting a neighbor or a stranger on the street.

### **What makes children help each other at school?**

At school, children often help one another because the teacher requires them to. In many elementary classrooms, there are rules for children to help their classmates if they need assistance. Peer pressure is another reason why some kids help. When children see other classmates helping out, some kids suddenly have the initiative to help, too, lest they be called out for their indifference. One more possibility is that children help because the person in need is their friend.

### **Should students do community service? Why?**

Yes, they should. While it's good for students to help at home, they can become better citizens if they learn how to help in their community. Students can do this by helping clean the neighborhood, planting trees, assisting the elderly, or even feeding stray cats and dogs. Helping in the community also helps develop an appreciation of their town or city, which may lead to love for their country. So it's good for students to do community work.

### **Do students in your country do volunteer work?**

In China, some schools require young students to do volunteer work in the community. I wouldn't exactly say they volunteered for it since their teachers told them to help, but it falls under the category of volunteering since it's unpaid work. I also know that some high school and university students join clubs where they help out on a regular basis, whether it's cleaning up or tutoring. I believe such experiences are great for students and their communities.

### **Why do some people do volunteer work all over the world?**

One reason is that these people desire to help people of all cultures. Though it's true a person can be of



help in their community for many years, some feel it's selfish of them to volunteer their time and talents to just one people group; they want to help people everywhere. And there are also volunteers who dream of seeing the world. So joining organizations that deploy them to different countries helps them fulfill their goals of traveling and helping others.

## 感兴趣的名人

**Describe a famous person you are interested in You should say:**

**Who he/she is**

**How you knew about him/her**

**What he/she was like before he/she became famous**

**And explain why you are interested in him/her**

A famous person I like is Stephen Curry. He's a 3-time NBA champion and the star point guard of the Golden State Warriors. I first became interested in him in 2015 when his team improved greatly and won their first championship. I was rooting for him at the time because his team was the underdog against the Cleveland Cavaliers. I'm not really sure what he was like before he became very popular as there wasn't much focus on him back then. From what I know, he is the son of an NBA player, so he must have had a good life from the start. I've read that he is a lot humbler than the usual NBA stars as he doesn't brag much. And I guess this is one reason why I'm interested in him. Another reason is that he can defeat opponents who are much bigger than him. Stephen is not as tall and strong as the usual dominant players, but he is fast and a great shooter. I guess that I identify with him as I'm also not as physically intimidating, but I can win in games or other aspects of life by using my brain and quickness.

**What kinds of famous people are there in your country?**

Like in most countries, actors and actresses are considered very famous here, especially the beautiful and handsome ones. Talented singers and dancers are also idolized here. Many of us also love sports, so some local athletes are also quite well known. I think Yao Ming is perhaps our most popular athlete right now as he also did well in the NBA. Certain politicians are famous in our country as almost everyone knows who they are.

**What are the differences between famous people today and those in the past?**

In my view, there is a bigger variety of famous people now compared to 20 or 30 years ago. In the past, it was probably just the actors and actresses and popular singers who were considered famous. But now, a lot of athletes in different disciplines are well known. Some people have also become popular today because of social media, even if they are seemingly ordinary-looking, if people like what you are doing online, you can get a huge following, making you a celebrity as well.

### **Do you think famous people are necessarily good in their fields?**

I think that many of them are. But there are also a lot who are not that good yet are famous because of how they look. I think many young people are enamored by how celebrities look. So if someone is good-looking, even if they cannot act or sing well, there is a possibility of them becoming a TV star or model. They might even become famous simply because they became the boyfriend or girlfriend of a celebrity. So it is not always about talent.

### **Do you think media is putting too much attention on famous people?**

Yes, I do. If you just scroll through the different news feeds, you'll see a lot of articles about celebrities. While some discuss issues about them, others just focus on how good they look. The same occurs on TV, as celebrity news is a hot topic as well. I think this is happening because younger people are really attracted to famous people since many young people want to become famous too.

### **Why do some people become famous but not successful?**

Numerous factors can lead to some individuals becoming famous but not successful. In certain cases, individuals may gain fame due to their outrageous behavior or controversial actions, rather than their talent or hard work. Alternatively, some people may experience a brief period of fame but be unable to maintain that level of success over the long term. Moreover, certain individuals may become famous for negative reasons, such as being embroiled in scandals or negative news stories. I think it is crucial to recognize that fame and success do not always go hand in hand.

### **Why are some kids popular at school?**

The reasons for some kids being popular at school are diverse. To start with, some may attribute their popularity to their physical appearance, while others may credit their habitability, sense of humor, or outgoing personality. In addition, involvement in extracurricular activities or

having a large social circle can also contribute to a child's popularity. Furthermore, some kids may be viewed as trendsetters or leaders among their peers, which can boost their popularity.

不喜欢的广告

### **Describe an advertisement you don't like You should say:**

#### **Where and when you first saw it**

#### **What type of advertisement it is**

#### **What product or service it advertises**

#### **And explain why you don't like it**

An advertisement I do not like is something I saw when I went on vacation to the US a few years ago. I was watching TV at my cousin's home when I saw the commercial on TV. If I remember correctly, I must've come across that particular ad several times while I was there. The TV commercial was about



clothing. I can't recall the brand name, but it was everyday wear for teens or young adults. The commercial didn't directly promote the clothes, like what gadget or shampoo ads might do; it just showed a bunch of teens wearing semi-stylish clothing at school. Well, it seemed like they were at school as the setup had them all eating lunch in a cafeteria. I didn't like the commercial because it showed teens wearing semi-stylish clothing at school. Well, it seemed like they were at school as the setup had them all eating lunch in a cafeteria. I didn't like the commercial because it showed teens engaging in a food fight. I thought it was disgusting and disrespectful that people would waste food like that. Many people globally don't have food, so I can't understand why advertisers would showcase something like that in a clothing ad. Even if it was something that sometimes happened in some schools, the idea of it greatly irritated me. After that, whenever the advertisement flashed on the screen, I'd change the channel or browse my phone. I just didn't like it.

### **What are the most advertised products in your country?**

At the moment, gadgets - particularly mobile phones and laptops - clothing lines, and fast food seem to be the most advertised. I guess it's because there are a lot of competing companies in these particular industries. So to stand out in the public's mind, they have to advertise themselves regularly. I've also observed that such products always have new releases every few months, which may also be why they are often marketed online and on TV.

### **Which one is more effective, newspaper advertising or online advertising?**

It's definitely online advertising. Very few people read newspapers today, so it doesn't make sense for advertisers to use that medium. Online advertising, however, has a much wider audience since nearly everyone uses the internet, whether on their phones or computers. Not everybody enjoys it, though, when an ad pops up online. But between the newspaper and online advertising, at least people have a chance of seeing the product online, whether they like it or not.

### **What are the benefits of advertising?**

The main benefit is that customers get to know about the latest products and promotions available. Because people are so busy, it's difficult to know what's new in the market. So ads get to explain what's new to people. This includes special promos that customers may be interested in, like a buy-one-take-one special. Another benefit is that some ads, like billboards, can help spruce up the cityscape. When commuting, I like seeing billboards on the highways or buildings. They give color and life to the city.

### **What do you think of celebrity endorsements in advertising?**

I think they're okay, especially if I like the celebrity. I find that commercials are more fun to watch if the person is very famous, unlike ones where the person is unknown. It also helps to know if a certain celebrity endorses a product because it means he or she most probably uses it, meaning the quality is probably good. I know that not everybody trusts celebrity-endorsed products since many celebrities keep switching brands, but I do.

### **Does advertising encourage us to buy things we don't need?**

Yes, it does. Sometimes we get caught up by what we see on TV or online, so we sometimes have that urge to buy the product even if it is not essential. For example, someone might have a lot of jackets at home already, but when he or she sees something new in an ad, especially if it's worn by an actor or athlete we

admire, chances are high that person will want to buy the advertised jacket too.

## **What role does social media play in advertising?**

At the moment, most people seem to see these many ads through their social media accounts, which means social media helps facilitate advertising. Companies know that nearly everyone uses social media to check on their loved ones, entertain themselves, or catch up on current events. That's why companies advertise their products on these apps so that people can see what they have to offer. And this is why there are more ads on social media than on TV.

常用的网站

## **Describe a website you often visit You should say:**

**What it is about**

**How you found out about it**

**How often you visit it**

**And explain why you often visit it**

A website I often visit is NBA.COM. It's the official website of the NBA, arguably the most popular basketball league in the world. On it, you'll find information about the current season's games, players' stats, and stories about the teams. Even if other sports sites also display news about the NBA, this is the league's official website, which is why I trust it more.

I learned about it in elementary school when I became interested in basketball. I saw my older cousins reading news about the NBA there, so they showed me how to access the page. At first, it seemed like there was too much information on it. But as I grew older, I began to understand the purpose of everything on the site. In the past, they showed me how to access the page. At first, it seemed like there was too much information on it. But as I grew older, I began to understand the purpose of everything on the site. In the past, I only viewed the page once a week since I didn't quite appreciate everything on it. However, nowadays, I look at the page daily, usually at the end of each day. I'm a regular visitor now because I try to stay abreast of the latest news. I've got a handful of teams I follow, so I check their standings. I also like reading about the latest trade rumors since player movements greatly affect teams. It's the best website to check if you're a fan of the NBA or of basketball in general.

## **What are the most popular and least popular apps in China?**

The most popular apps are probably We Chat, Baidu, Baobab, and Ali pay. There are a lot, but these apps are what people in nearly every age group use, except those who are not computer literate. These apps are basically the Chinese versions of Western apps like Facebook, Amazon, and such. As for the least popular apps, I'm not sure if these can be ranked. I guess any app people don't like, such as those with bad graphics and minimal user functions.

## **What's the difference between the internet and television?**

The internet is a digital space where nearly

anyone can upload and download information. It's a network that connects people around the world. So the internet is not regulated or owned by just one country. On the other hand, the television is a device people use to view information broadcaster by TV stations, cable networks, or even content from the internet. TV networks, however, are run by the government or private companies. Thus, their regular content can be regulated if it's not from the internet.

### **Why do some people like to read the news on the internet instead of getting it from TV?**

Something that comes to mind is that internet news is regularly updated. Some news sites post articles every five minutes. But if something big is ongoing, sites may be updated every minute. TV news, however, is broadcast at specific times of the day, like the morning and evening. So by the time the TV news hosts share something, the news is already old. Besides that, people have ready access to internet news on their phones, which is more convenient than looking for an envision to watch the news.

### **Is the library still necessary? Why?**

I only think it's necessary for elementary students. Young students still need to develop an appreciation of books and printed materials. If not, they'll be too reliant on articles on the internet for information. However, for young adults and older people, libraries are not necessary. We can already search for information online, including the content of popular books and magazines, so there's no need for a physical library any more. It's a waste of private and public funds.

### **What kinds of people would still go to the library to read and study?**

Elementary students still use the library since teachers often require them to look for printed resources there. Avid readers might also go there to read something. Books are expensive, so if a library has a good selection of novels, someone fond of reading might pass their time there. And since libraries are generally quiet, older students often go there to study for a test, but they're basically using the library for the chairs and desks, not the books.

### **What are the differences between old people and young people when they use the internet?**

Although both use the internet for entertainment, I think older people use the internet more for work or family-related needs. So they'll use it more for communication, research, marketing products, or keeping abreast of the news in places where their loved ones reside. Younger people use it a lot more for entertainment than serious stuff. Yes, students use it for studies, but I estimate that more than 60% of their usage is for fun.

科技产品

### **Describe a piece of technology you own that you feel is difficult to use You**

**should say:**

**when you got it**

**What you got it for**

**How often you use it**

**And explain how you feel about it**

Among the different devices at home, perhaps my current microwave is the most difficult one for me one broke down. It was on sale, so it seemed like a great bargain. However, because of all its cooking functions, I'm not comfortable using it. As I said, the microwave was a replacement for our old one. At first, I thought it would be a blessing since it was so fancy and high-tech, but cook. My mom knows how to use it well, but I just know how to heat things. It's still functional for me whenever I heat leftovers, so I use it once or twice a day. But I cannot utilize it the way my mom does. blessing since it was so fancy and high-tech, but now I regret it, especially since I'm not much of a cook. My mom knows how to use it well, but I just know how to heat things. It's still functional for me whenever I heat leftovers, so I use it once or twice a day. But I cannot utilize it the way my mom does. As for how I feel, I wish our old one hadn't broken down or that companies still sold the older models. These newfangled microwaves have too many settings which are too complex for me to use. I understand that they made it so that people could cook the way they would on a stove or range, but such functions are for expert cooks. Tome, it's just a white elephant.

**What technology do people currently use?**

There are so many. The usual suspects are mobile phones, tablets, laptops, wireless speakers, televisions, and stereo systems. Besides that, there's a variety of household appliances people use at home, like vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, microwaves, and the like. People also use their choice of vehicle for day-to-day travel, such as a car, bus, train, bicycle, scooter, and many more. Other devices in the workplace include a photocopier, printer, webcam, stapler, pencils hardener, calculator, and many more.

**Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?**

According to the companies, it's to make life easier for their customers. These products might have more functions that improve their usefulness to the end users. Other times the newer products differ in style and design, giving more options for customers to buy what fits their personality more. But I think the main purpose is to make more money. Introducing newer products means newer sources of income for the company. So it's not all just about improving people's lives.

**Why are people so keen on buying Ctesiphon even though they haven't**

**changed much from one iPhone**

First, it's because of that desire to always be <sup>z</sup>in. "When you've got the latest iPhone or what have you, you feel like you're updated, not outdated. So there's an element of peer pressure and belonging Hess, especially if you belong or wish to belong in the more affluent social circles. Another reason may be because of marketing. Advertisers do such a great job of advertising their products that people feel they've lost out on something if they don't have it. Sadly, many are fooled by these marketing ploys.

## Why do technology companies keep upgrading their products?

Greed is my first answer to that. The owners of tech companies just want to make more money. So rather than including all the possible features in a product, they'll introduce newer features in the next iteration so that customers will buy the next one. Other than that, sometimes devices have to be upgraded because of better software applications that come out yearly. Because the specs needed to run these newer apps are more complex, technological products are frequently upgraded.

## What changes has the development of technology brought about in our lives?

Technology has made the world smaller for most people. Better means of communication allow us to contact loved ones around the world in an instant. Faster and more comfortable means of travel make it easier for ordinary people to traverse the world, not just the rich and famous. Better and affordable appliances have made housework less time-consuming, giving parents more time with their kids. And improvements in medicine have prolonged the lives of the majority of people. So there are a lot of positive changes.

Does the development of technology affect the way we study? How?

Yes. Before, people mainly referred to books, newspapers, and magazines. It was rare for people back then to consider videos as a means of learning since a topic-specific video was difficult to find. But nowadays, the reverse has occurred. Many young people search for video tutorials before referring to written materials about something. And if people opt for something written, these resources are usually sourced online rather than at the library or bookstore.

## 童年喜欢的活动

### Describe an activity you enjoyed in your free time when you were young

**You should say:**

**What it was**

**Where you did it**

**Who you did it with**

**And explain why you enjoyed it**

An activity I loved doing when I was a kid was riding my bike with my friends. At the time, my bike was a simple, blue mountain bike with around three gears or so, not like the more complicated bicycles people have today. I'd usually go biking after school if I didn't have much homework or on the weekends if all my projects for the week were done. Usually, I'd bike around the neighborhood since my parents didn't want me to stray too far. It was only when I was a bit older that I was allowed to go biking outside the community. My usual companions were my two friends, Charlie and Chen. It was safer going around as a group than solo. They had bicycles like mine but in different shades of blue. I guess I always looked forward to biking with my friends because of the sense of freedom I felt as I zoomed down the streets. No one was looking over my shoulder to see what I was doing, which usually happened at home. I also enjoyed the long talks I had

with my two friends about school and family. Unfortunately, I don't bike or even see Charlie and Chen anymore as we go to different universities, but our bike adventures often come to mind whenever I remember them.

### **Is it important to have a break during work or study?**

Yes, it's important. People aren't machines, so we can't concentrate for long periods of time. Utilizing a break even a short one, allows us to recharge so we can work or study again. But skipping a break often leads to costly mistakes since, again, you'll lose focus. So it's usually better to take advantage of the break times given to you than try to work during the break. Most schools and companies offer sufficient time for rest, so it's up to the person to make the best of their breaks.

### **What sports do young people like to do now?**

That depends on where these young people are, as there are a variety of options nowadays. But in my area, most young people are into table tennis, badminton, football, basketball, and cycling since these sports are readily accessible to most people. The thing about a sport is that if not very many people play it, there isn't much incentive to try since you've got no one to play with. That's why the sports I mentioned are popular since many people regularly play them.

### **Are there more activities for young people now than 20 years ago?**

Yes, there are. Nowadays, aside from the usual sports and outdoor activities of before, people keep inventing newer activities for people to try. For example, there are new board games, arcade games, mobile apps, and remote-control gadgets to play. Besides that, people have come up with extreme sports competitions that didn't exist before, like trail runs, triathlons, and many more. However, just because there are more options, it doesn't mean everybody does them. It's still up to teens and young adults to choose what best fits their lifestyle.

### **Can most people balance work and life in China?**

I don't think so. Although many people try to find that proper balance by engaging in more activities, Chinese people are still struggling, just like people in other countries. It's good that we are aware of the importance of work-life balance. But the reality is that schools and companies keep pushing people to their limits by giving them more work to do, so it's impossible, in my view, to strike a balance. If it were easy in China, people wouldn't be complaining about stress every day.

### **What activities do children and adults do nowadays?**

Children, of course, love to play games on their various devices. Some of these are educational, but many more are for fun. Aside from that, kids still play with toys, but not the same kind as before. Toys today are more high-tech. As for adults, they also use their gadgets to play games to pass the time. Many also watch movies and short videos on their phones or computers since these forms of entertainment are very accessible. For health-conscious adults, going to the gym and jogging are quite popular.

### **Do adults and children have enough time for leisure activities nowadays?**

No. I think life today has become more challenging because of the rising prices and stiff competition. Schools, for example, seem to be teaching more advanced techniques to students to give them an edge in



the corporate world. While it sounds like a good idea, the problem is that students have to study longer to comprehend their lessons. Adults are also stressed because they must work harder and longer to earn for the family, so there isn't much time today for leisure compared to before.

## 想学的技能

### **Describe something you would like to learn in the future**

**You should say: What it is**

**How you would like to learn it**

**Where you would like to learn it**

**Why you would like to learn it**

**And explain whether it's difficult to learn it**

Something I'd like to learn in the future is how to play the guitar. Ever since I was a kid, I never really had the chance to master a musical instrument, so I think playing the guitar is one way to express myself musically. To learn it, I'd probably enroll in a face-to-face class. Although there are many online tutorials, it's not enough to just copy what people do in a video. Similar to other practical skills, it's better if a professional teaches you how to do it. There's a music school downtown that offers this, so I'd probably start there unless a friend of mine knows of a better alternative. I'm fond of music, though I don't really sing. So learning the guitar would allow me to play the songs I love. I've also noticed that people with instrumental skills are quite popular at parties. It would be a great way to improve my social circle. As for the difficulty level, I don't think it'll be easy since real guitarists can move their fingers quickly. I'd also have to memorize the different chords. Perhaps the only easy part would be basic strumming. The rest, however, will require much hard work on my end.

### **What's the most popular thing to learn nowadays?**

In my view, it's English. Most people I know are trying to master English so they can study, work, or just migrate abroad. As the international language, it's essential you have a good grasp of the language if you want to deal with foreign partners, suppliers, customers, teachers, and many more. That's why English has become big business in China. Many review centers have sprouted to help students and adults learn the language.

### **At what age should children start making their own decisions? Why?**

For minor decisions, like what to have for lunch or what toy to get, children as young as 7 or 8 years old should be allowed to make choices. Children must understand that they're ultimately responsible for the choices they make. So even if they won't always decide well, they must learn to live with their decision. But for major decisions, like what course to take, they should be much older, like 17 or 18, when they have a better understanding of themselves and the world.

## **Which influences young people more when choosing a course income or interest?**

Though both are important, most young people today lean toward their interests more than potential income. Young people today understand that money isn't everything. As seen in social media, there are many unhappy rich people today. But if people like what they do, they'll be happy and content. Furthermore, many claim that if you love what you do, big opportunities naturally come your way because you'll be doing well in your job. So most young people I know choose according to their interests.

## **Do young people take their parents' advice when choosing a major?**

It depends on the person. Some young people consider their parents' advice, believing parents know

best. So even if the course is not exactly what they want, they trust their parents' intentions. But others follow their heart more. These are students that heard stories of unhappy university graduates who blindly followed their parents' wishes and are now stuck in jobs they dislike. Students who opt for their choice more than their parents may also be those who are confident in their skills and goals in life.

## **Besides parents, who else would people take advice from?**

Aside from parents, people might consult close mentors, like their teachers, coaches, or work supervisors. Such advisers are approached because they may be experts in their respective fields or have much experience in life. Another source of advice may be close friends. Really close friends know our strengths, weaknesses, and usual tendencies, so it's good to get their perspective about a situation we're about to encounter. They might provide insights about ourselves that we never thought about or are unwilling to face until someone points them out.

## **Why do some people prefer to study alone?**

Some people are easily distracted, so studying in a group doesn't help them at all. Instead of focusing on their notes, they may be easily disturbed by the noise, laughter, or conversations of the study group members. Another possibility is that some people don't think their classmates can contribute to their learning. I've met many honor students who believe they know more than their peers, so they would rather study alone than be bogged down by group mates who don't know the lesson.

好消息

## **Describe a piece of good news that you heard about someone you know well**

**You should say:**

**what it was**

**When you heard it**

**How you knew it**



## **And explain how**

Some good news I heard was the acceptance of my cousin to the University of Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. My cousin is a creative writing teacher at an international school. She wants to further her career, so she applied to several postgraduate programs abroad. I'm not exactly sure if her application was self-motivated or a requirement of her employer. I heard about this news just a few weeks ago at our annual family reunion. Though my cousin and I were close when we were young, we rarely message one another today because of our busyness. So it was at our family gathering that she mentioned this new development in her life. We were talking about our life goals when she busyness. So it was at our family gathering that she mentioned this new development in her life. We were talking about our life goals when she revealed her news to me and my mom. Of course, I felt happy for her. Competition in international schools is stiff, so an added advantage like a Master's

Degree abroad will definitely speed up her career growth. But I was also happy to know she'll be living away from home. Her parents are quite overprotective. She still has a curfew even if she's in her mid-20s, and her parents are always meddling in her private life. So this new opportunity will finally allow her to be free and independent, at least for a few years.

## **Is it good to share something on social media?**

I think it's good since that's how people today update their friends about their respective lives. It's difficult to personally message everyone, so it's much easier to post something online for family and friends to know you're doing well. But it can be risky if you share private information online since crooks take advantage of any slip-ups. I've heard of people who were scammed, robbed, or assaulted because they posted something personal, like their mobile number or home address.

## **Should the media only publish good news?**

No. Media must balance both good and bad news so that people are aware of what is happening around them. If only good news is published, people might think all is well when it isn't true, preventing them from preparing for the difficult times ahead. But if only bad news is printed or broadcast, citizens may be disheartened, leading to social unrest. Investors might also pull out, hurting the economy. So the right balance of good and bad news is essential.

## **How does social media help people access information?**

Social media helps by bringing to people's news feeds the latest events. Some of these are breaking news about important issues, such as a major weather disturbance or a serious crime. Other news stories may be related to a person's interests as social media apps take note of what you click to send you articles of interest. Besides that, social media can quickly give information about details you may need, such as the menu and contact details of a popular restaurant, as most establishments have their own social media.

## **What kind of good news do people often share in the community?**

If we're talking about a person's social circle, the good news often shared may be about personal triumphs, such as acing a test or winning an event. It may also be about receiving something new for a birthday or Christmas. Such good news could also be about good things that happened to a friend or relative. But if we're talking about the community in general, the good news shared might be related to

something positive in society, like a reduction in taxes or other new policies beneficial to people.

### **Do most people like to share good news with others?**

I think most people do since positive news is uplifting. When you share something good, you will generally get a good response in return. It's not like sharing bad news when you may end up arguing with someone or perhaps consoling someone for a loss. Bad news is usually emotionally draining unless your objective is to see someone get hurt. But there are also a few people that don't like sharing since they don't like socializing much.

### **Do people like to hear good news from their friends?**

Yes, most people do. Since most people want their friends to do well, it's great to hear about positive developments in their lives. Aside from feeling happy for your friend, sometimes their success, like getting good grades or earning much from an investment, can serve as a blueprint for your own success. I think the only people who don't want to hear such news are those who are insecure about themselves. Instead of feeling happy, they may become jealous or feel even worse about their present circumstances.

### **多次阅读的书**

#### **Describe a book that you have read many times You should say:**

##### **What the book is about**

##### **How often you have read this book**

##### **Why you read it**

##### **And explain what effect the book has had on you**

A book I've read several times is *The Hunger Games*. I can't recall who the author is right now, but it is an adventure book starring a girl named Katniss. After getting my own copy of the book, I've kept reading it every day before bedtime. I'm into comics, and *Katniss* is similar to two popular superheroes I like, namely *Hawkeye* and *Green Arrow*. So it's fun rereading *The Hunger Games* because I imagine she's a female version of these two heroes. Plus, whenever I read, I pick up more tidbits about the story's characters that I hadn't noticed before. I actually saw the movie before reading the book since I'm not into reading. But then a friend told me the book was more detailed, so I was intrigued and first borrowed his book before purchasing my own. As for its effect on me, I wouldn't say that anything life-changing has occurred because of the book. It's just an action and adventure story, not a self-help book. Perhaps, *The Hunger Games* made me appreciate heroes who rely more on wit and skills than those gifted with extraordinary powers. So, overall, it's just been a very entertaining book that helps pass the time.

### **What kinds of books do children like to read? Why?**

Young children love fairy tales and fables. They're at the stage where their imagination is the most active, so they love reading or listening to fantastic stories involving magic and talking animals. Picture books with simple descriptions are also things you can see little ones reading or perhaps just looking at. Older kids are still into fantasy books, but what they read is filled with action and sometimes romance. So they're into comic books and popular novels like *Harry Potter*.

## **What can kids learn from books?**

Kids can learn about a variety of topics from books, depending on their particular interests. There are many books for young learners about science, history, and art they can read. Besides gaining knowledge on such subjects, kids also master grammar and vocabulary whenever they read. It's noticeable that avid readers usually know more words than those who just watch TV. And depending on the book, kids can even learn life lessons from what they read.

## **Do people prefer to read e-books or printed books in your country?**

In China, very young children still prefer looking at printed books since they're still developing their senses and appreciate something they can touch. I think parents also contribute to this by buying their young children printed books since they don't want their preschoolers to become addicted too soon to gadgets. But older children and adults in China are leaning more toward e-books because of their accessibility. It's a hassle to lug around books wherever you go, so e-books make life easier for students and working adults.

## **Do you think people need to develop the habit of reading? Why?**

Yes. Reading exercises the brain more than watching videos and TV programs since you encounter complex vocabulary and have to use your imagination to comprehend what you're reading. Besides that, those who love reading often gain more knowledge than those who prefer videos and the like. I've observed most entertainment programs on TV have no educational value, unlike stories in books. So people, young and old, should be encouraged to read more.

## **Do you think reading books can make people happier?**

It can if a person is into reading. Reading can take a person far away into another reality. In fact, I have some friends and relatives who prefer a good book to a movie. It also takes longer to read a book than watch a movie, so there's something for readers to continuously look forward to after a difficult day at school or the office, as some books may take weeks to finish. But for non-readers, I believe reading books is just torture for them.

## **Do you think e-books will make people read more? Why?**

No. An e-book is just a book in electronic form, so people who don't normally read won't see any difference between the two. People must be motivated to read and know the intrinsic value of reading for learning in general. They must understand that reading can help improve their living situation. If not, they'll have a much harder time moving up in life because many jobs today require higher learning, which means a lot of reading.

## 喜欢穿的衣服

**Describe a piece of clothing you enjoy wearing You should say:**

**What it is like**

**When and where you got it**

**How often you wear it**

**And explain why you enjoy wearing it**

A piece of clothing I love wearing is my jacket from a mass brand. It's navy blue with no logo, and it's made of very light, waterproof material. I believe it even has UV protection, making it great for rainy and sunny weather. I bought it a few months ago at in the local mall. I wasn't planning on buying a jacket that day; however, since it was on sale, I grabbed the chance to get it before its price went backup. I believe the discount was around 25% or so. Since then, I've been regularly wearing the jacket. Depending on the weather, I might wear it once a week or sometimes every other day. Of course, to stay fashionable, I try to alternate it with my other jackets, but this is currently my go-to jacket. As alluded to a while ago, the weather is one reason I like wearing my jacket. I live in an elevated area where the air temperature is quite cool every day, so my jacket helps keep me warm. It also matches well with my personal style as I prefer plain neutral colors to loud colors, meaning the jacket fits my attire regardless of what I choose to wear.

**Do you like buying clothes?**

Yes, when I have the money, of course. As a young adult, it's important to be fashionable, which means having a variety of clothes to mix and match. So I set aside a portion of my money for new clothes. However, since I've got other living expenses, I try to find bargains whenever possible. There are many thrift shops where I live that sell second-hand clothing or factory overruns for lower prices. And I also visit the malls whenever there are special sales.

**What kind of clothes do most people wear in your country?**

That would depend on the age group. I believe older men prefer wearing slacks and collared shirts. Older women can be seen in conservative-looking dresses, though some may also wear a blouse with slacks. Younger people, however, have more variety. Young men opt for T-shirts and jeans or shorts unless they're on a date or something. Young women have the widest range of clothing, so it's a bit hard for me to generalize what they wear. But I do see a lot of denim and short skirts today.

**Under what circumstances would people in your country wear formal clothes?**

Formal clothes are usually worn on special occasions or for important work-related activities. You'll find Chinese people in formal clothing or traditional formal wear at weddings or special celebrations like graduation or milestone birthday. If the occasion is work-related, such as a business meeting or a product launch, you will usually see workingmen and women wearing formal clothes to look respectable and give a good impression to clients and business partners.

## **What is the difference between the clothing of the elderly and the young in**

### **China?**

The elderly in China usually try to dress comfortably and conservatively. Since they've already experienced much in life, they're not trying to impress others unless it's for a business negotiation or a special occasion. On the other hand, younger people are often trying to impress others, particularly their peers. Some do this by wearing form-fitting clothing, like skinny jeans or tight dresses. Others opt for loud clothing or flashy accessories to attract people's attention.

### **When do people in your country wear traditional clothes?**

Chinese people might wear traditional clothing on special occasions like weddings, birthdays, or anniversaries. We might also wear such clothes on holidays like the Spring Festival or Mid-Autumn Festival. Many middle-aged and older adults wear such on these occasions to remember our country's history, but younger adults may or may not do the same. Since Western fashion is quite popular, sometimes younger people wear suits and fancy gowns like people in other countries rather than traditional Chinese clothing.

### **Does the climate affect what people wear?**

The climate definitely affects the clothes people wear. In tropical countries, people are often in light and comfortable clothing. So you'll see them in shorts and T-shirts or summer dresses. In desert regions, people usually cover themselves entirely to protect themselves from the heat of the sun. And in colder places, people are in heavy parkas, long pants, and boots. Sometimes they'll even have layers of clothing to ensure they stay warm despite the freezing temperatures.

## 童年游戏

### **Describe the game you enjoyed playing when you were younger. You should**

**say:**

**What the game was**

**Where you played it**

**Who you played it with**

**And explain why you enjoyed playing the game**

A game that I loved to play when I was young was Scrabble. It's a popular board game where players have to form words from the different letter tiles they have. The objective is to have the highest score once all tiles have been used up. I used to play this at home until I took the game to my grandmother's house so my cousins could play with me. After that, I left the Scrabble board so anyone visiting my grandma could pass the time playing it. Initially, my parents were my first Scrabble playmates. They wanted me to master English early on, so they invested time playing with me when I was around seven years old. It was when I was ten that I began playing with my cousins since they were also keen on building their English vocabulary. Though I liked learning English, the primary reason I loved the game at that time was my

competitive fire. I loved winning, and it just so happened I had a much wider vocabulary than my family members, so I'd regularly win and receive much praise from my relatives. However, after finishing my primary school, I gradually lost interest in the game mainly because my cousins were way too busy with schoolwork to play with me.

### **What games do kids like to play now?**

I've observed that children today are generally into mobile and computer games. I regularly see my younger cousins battling each other online in games like Counter strike, DOTA, and League of Legends. And if they have a game console at home, they might play games like Super Mario Bros, or Call of Duty, depending on what game device they have. But some kids still enjoy physical games such as table tennis, badminton, soccer, and basketball. Those are the popular sports games kids like in my country.

### **Do boys and girls play different games?**

When very young, boys and girls do play different kinds of games. When using their gadgets, I've noticed that little boys opt for more action-packed gaming apps, whereas girls select games where they might dress a character up or design a playhouse. For physical games, young boys go for rough and tumble activities, while girls are into activities that require more finesse, like dancing. But once they reach their teenage years, it seems both genders become generally interested in similar things, such as popular online games and mainstream sports.

### **Are outdoor sports important for kids?**

For me, outdoor sports are necessary for children today. Kids now live a sedentary life. They're basically in front of a mobile phone, computer, or TV screen the whole day, so children need outdoor sports to move their bodies. Besides allowing them to push their bodies, outdoor sports also expose them to sunlight, providing Vitamin D. And there are additional benefits to kids, like developing an appreciation for nature and meeting others, so it's good for them to play outdoor sports.

### **Why do people play different games now than before?**

Similar to other aspects of society, things and people evolve. Before, people would play board games and other physical games because the technology was not as advanced and affordable as today. But because gaming apps today are more entertaining and realistic, people are more interested. Accessibility is another difference. In the past, if you wanted to play a board game, you had to bring it with you. But now, a person's phone can access hundreds of games wherever you are. So games today are significantly different.

### **Is winning important in games?**

Winning is important, but it shouldn't be the top priority. It's obviously good to win because that's the general objective of most games, especially if you're competing in a tournament. But if you're playing for fun, forging stronger friendships and relaxation should be more important. It's terrible for relationships to be ruined because a person always wants to be the champ. And it's also not alright for a person to be so serious when playing recreational games; in such situations, you're supposed to develop friendships, not rivalries.



## **Which is better, individual games or team-based games?**

Between the two, team-based games have more advantages. In team games, you learn about teamwork, something essential in school and work. You can hear a lecture about the pros of teamwork, but you have to experience working as a team before you truly understand. Team games also improve your communication skills, as you share what's on your mind, negotiate, and compromise if needed. And though both types of games are fun, there's a different level of joy when you savor a win with your teammates than just by yourself.

## **有趣工作**

### **Describe an interesting job that you want to have in the future, You should say:**

#### **What it is**

#### **How you can find this job**

#### **What skills it requires**

#### **And explain why it is an interesting job**

An interesting job that I would like to have one day is to become a barista in my own coffee shop. It's been a dream of mine to serve customers. However, since I'm not financially stable yet, I'll continue working as a web designer until I earn enough to put up my own business. This kind of work is available in many places around the city, especially in malls and business districts. The only issue is if there's an opening since many young people are interested in becoming a barista. The job requires coffee-making skills and sometimes even knowledge about pastries and such. Baristas should also have a pleasing personality and good communication skills. Although some may claim a career shift from IT to the service industry is more of a downgrade, I don't see it that way. I like the idea of making my customers happy with their daily brew. Baristas often encounter people in different moods throughout the day, but it is great when someone in a bad mood walks away happy after getting their coffee fix. And regular customers can eventually become casual acquaintances, widening your network since people from all walks of life buy coffee. So, as an extrovert, it's an interesting job I'd love to eventually have.

### **What are the most popular jobs for young people in your country?**

Right now, many young people are trying to become IT professionals because there are many job opportunities. Besides tech companies, even standard companies need IT professionals to create and revise their websites and maintain existing company systems. Lots of young people also want to work in the banking sector as financial analysts or for ex-traders. I'm just not sure if it's because young people nowadays love math or if they view bankers as rich and influential.

### **What is the difference between high-income and low-income jobs in your country?**

Generally, high-income jobs in China require many years of study. So to earn a lot here, you've got to be studious. High-income jobs are also very competitive since everyone wants to replace you, so there's a lot of pressure to stay on top. Low-income jobs, however, don't require many academic credentials, just the physical know-how and ability to do the work. The good thing about them is that they're not as mentally

taxing as higher-paying jobs; you just need to be fit.

### **When is the right time for young people to start making serious plans for their future careers?**

I'd say the start of high school is when young people must start considering what they want to be so they can begin exploring options to help build their skills, else they start planning young, they could already join extracurricular activities related to their possible career, watch videos about the industry, or even find related part-time work over the summer break. I think senior high school is too late because graduation is just around the corner. They should start young.

### **Which jobs have the highest salaries?**

From what I've heard and read, engineers, doctors, and lawyers usually have the highest salaries. These jobs require the most number of years in school, so it's no surprise that such professionals charge a lot to make up for their personal sacrifices. Another reason is that the work is very demanding, requiring these professionals to work long hours. In fact, some joke that people in these professions are often married to their jobs because they go home late and sometimes work weekends.

### **Do you think it is important for secondary schools to offer career advice to students?**

Yes. High school students need to know their career options early on to make the right choice before university. Schools should offer such advice at the start of high school so students can begin exploring their options while young, such as joining related activities to determine if they're fit for the job. For example, those who want a career in banking can attend webinars related to savings and investments to gauge their interest. So career advice at high school would be of great help.

## **运动节目**

### **Describe a sport you enjoy watching You should say:**

#### **What it is**

#### **Where you watch it**

#### **Who you watch it with**

### **And explain why you enjoyed watching the program**

One sport that I really enjoy watching is badminton. This is very popular here, and I love watching professional badminton players represent my country in international competitions. Even though I'm not a fantastic player myself, I have always been passionate about this sport since young. I usually watch badminton matches that are aired on television. Whenever there are important matches, I will head over to a nearby coffee shop or restaurant to watch them in real-time with other badminton fans. I've never watched a match in person, but I hope to do that one day. The person that I really love watching badminton with is my father. He's also a huge badminton enthusiast and a much more skillful player than



I am. We always have the best time of our lives watching matches together and cheering each time our favorite players score a point. I think that watching badminton is such an enjoyable activity for me because I love the adrenaline rush that comes with intense matches. Witnessing good players go head-on against each other feels exhilarating and always keeps me on the edge of my seat. Plus, it gives my father and me a common interest that we can bond over.

### **Which sport do you think most people like to do? And why?**

In China, I think most people like to play table tennis. It's the national sport, so schools everywhere teach it to children. We also have lots of great table champions who inspire people to play the sport. But though we may like table tennis, it doesn't mean everyone is good at playing it. Table tennis requires stamina, speed, and eye-hand coordination because the ping pong ball can really move fast across the table.

### **Do children need exercise?**

Children definitely need exercise to keep fit. It's through regular exercise that children can strengthen their muscles, bones, heart, and lungs. Without it, children would become weaker and prone to illnesses. Children must also exercise as a way to release their pent-up energy. Sitting for hours in school makes children restless at home, to the dismay of parents. So it's good for kids to run outside or play sports to get themselves to calm down.

### **What are the benefits of exercise?**

Exercise keeps the body healthy by burning fat and strengthening the body's organs. Without exercise, a person becomes weak, making him or her susceptible to disease.

Exercise also helps reduce stress, which is good for people mentally. When you jog, bike, or work out, the body releases chemicals that make you feel more relaxed and even happier. One more benefit is exercise can make you look good. Nowadays, looking fit makes you more attractive, allowing you to feel good about yourself.

### **What can be done to get children into sport?**

One thing is for parents to become involved. Young children like to imitate their parents, so if parents are playing sports, children will want to do so too. Another way is for parents enroll their children in sports activities, even if their kids are not interested in joining. Since peer pressure affects children, kids may eventually learn to love the sport once they befriend others and realize that sports can be fun.

### **What sports programs do people like to watch in your country?**

In China, we watch a lot of sports, but the most popular ones today are probably football, table tennis, basketball, and badminton. Lots of Chinese play these sports regularly, so weal so like watching them live or on TV. It also helps that these sports are popular commercially because they have become conversation openers for people. Football and basketball, for example, have many professional leagues around the world that people watch and talk about.

### **What's the difference between watching sports on TV and watching it live?**

When you're watching on TV, you're watching in the comfort of your home. It's inexpensive, and you can eat and drink whatever you like. On TV, you can also listen to the commentators and watch slow-motion replays of what just happened, making it easier to understand the game. But at a live game, you feel the energy of the crowd. Even if you don't always understand what's happening because of the noise and the

fans sometimes blocking your view, you just feel like you're at an exciting event.

## 传统庆典

**Describe a traditional celebration in your country that you enjoy You should say:**

**What it is**

**What you do to celebrate it**

**Who you celebrate it with**

**And explain why you enjoy it**

A traditional celebration in China that I enjoy is the Mid-Autumn Festival or Moon Festival. It occurs either in September or October each year. Not only is it popular among us Chinese, but many foreigners also look forward to this time of the year. Originally, the festival was meant to celebrate the autumn harvest and pay tribute to the goddess of the moon. But now, my family and I, like many other Chinese people, consider it a time of family. So I do my best to free my schedule to see my relatives and even give tokens of appreciation to some of them. We usually visit both sets of grandparents every Moon Festival. They're getting older, so my parents make it a point to see them while they're still around. My other relatives are usually in attendance unless someone is working or studying far away. And sometimes, my grandparents' neighbors join in on the fun. I love this time mainly because it's a time for our family to reunite. Though I'm not a people person, it's different when talking about family. I enjoyed many happy summers and other holidays with my relatives, so it's always wonderful to see them. Even if we keep in touch via social media, seeing them in person is so much better.

**Is it important for children to learn about traditional festivals at school?**

It is important for kids to learn that at school. Nowadays, most parents are too busy with work to teach their kids about customs and traditions, and social media and other interests have occupied the minds of the young. They'd rather listen to mainstream music and do things the modern way than learn about things from the past. So it's up to the education sector to teach children about traditional festivals, or these will soon die out two or three generations from now.

**Do children like to learn about traditional festivals?**

Young children find traditional festivals interesting, especially if they get to dress up in costumes and try food associated with the festival. But I've observed that older children are less enthusiastic. One reason is that they no longer believe in the folklore surrounding these festivals because of modern ways of thinking. Another is that children today are more interested in the customs and traditions of what they see on TV. Unfortunately, most of these are from other countries, so they're no longer interested in their own traditional festival.

### **Why do people hold events to celebrate?**

The primary reason is to celebrate a major milestone with those they love. That's why marriages, anniversaries, graduations, and even a new baby in the family are all a cause for celebration. But for some, these events might be occasions to show off. I've read about wealthy people who hold very grandiose parties, inviting not just their friends but even celebrities, media, and other people of influence. I believe such people are just trying to showcase they've made it in life.

### **Are traditional festivals disappearing?**

Slowly but surely, they are disappearing, particularly the minor festivals. As people today become more interested in modern life and what the future has to offer, fewer and fewer people are willing to remember and follow the traditions of the past, including celebrating traditional festivals. I believe the only ones that will remain are the popular festivals, like the National Day, since they've become highly commercialized, bringing needed tourist income to the country.

### **Is music important in traditional festivals?**

I'd say music is important in traditional festivals to keep things lively. Good music can lift people's spirits and put them in a partying mood, so there's usually some type of music during a traditional festival. However, I've noticed that the music is not always traditional anymore. There might be occasions when someone performs traditional songs, possibly during a cultural performance of some sort. But after that, you'll hear the usual mainstream music since that's what people enjoy.

### **Do you think good food and drinks are important for celebrations?**

Yes. People are more willing to stay longer at a celebration if there are food and drinks. People are much happier chatting with one another when there's something nice to sip or munch on. In fact, I know some people who don't go to a particular celebration if they anticipate the food will be mediocre. Besides keeping people occupied during the event, sometimes the food and drinks are meant to showcase something significant to the host, like the person's favorite cuisine when young. So food and drinks are important.

理想房子

### **Describe the ideal house you would like to have You should say:**

**Where it would be**

**What it would look like**

**What special features it would have**

**And explain why it would be your ideal house**

A house I'd like to have if I become successful enough in the future would be located near the sea. I'm just not sure yet if I'd like it by the seashore or overlooking it. My house would be a small three-bedroom

bungalow that's big enough for my future family but not so large that it is too taxing or costly to maintain. The bedrooms should be sizable enough for our needs, but the kitchen and living area would have to be quite spacious so we could entertain guests. As for the special features, I would like it to be solar-powered so that we would have electricity all year round and not depend on power companies. It would also have a fruit and vegetable garden around the home, so we could have healthy produce to go along with the fresh fish we catch from the sea. For me, this would be my ideal home because I'm not keen on living in the city all my life. I appreciate the modern amenities and the opportunity to earn in the city, but I also feel overwhelmed at times by the crowds of people and the noise. It's just more peaceful by sea, so I do hope to have a dream home like that one day.

### **What are the most common architectural styles in Chinese cities?**

I'm not an expert in architecture or engineering, but I guess most of the office buildings in China have a very sleek and modern style. I see a lot of glass and stainless steel rather than pure concrete or bricks. I guess such a design projects a futuristic look, emphasizing our leaders' vision of a bright future for China. However, the older buildings look quite plain, like the box-like buildings constructed in the 20th century. I'm not sure what style that is, but the structures are not very appealing.

### **What's the difference between an apartment and a house?**

In many big cities, apartments are significantly smaller than houses because of the lack of space. Developers try to maximize their returns by making small one or two-bedroom apartments to have more profits. Staying in an apartment also usually means that a wall separates you from your neighbor, unlike most houses which are often detached from one another. Because of space issues, those who stay in apartments often have common areas for residents to share. However, for houses, any extra space is only for the family or guests.

### **What's the difference between living in the countryside and living in the city?**

In the countryside, life is usually more laid back. There are fewer vehicles and people, so business is often slow, leading to less pressure. But in the city, everyone is always in a rush since city life is very competitive due to the sheer number of people. It's also much healthier living in the countryside because of the fresh air and surrounding greenery. People have ready access to fresh produce since they live near food sources. But in the city, the pollution and noise negatively affect people's health.

### **What are the advantages of the facilities of the apartment and the facilities of the house?**

Perhaps the main advantage of facilities in an apartment complex is that there's a maintenance crew. Repairmen regularly check on the condition of gym and playground equipment to ensure they are safe. Another advantage for me is that you can socialize more in an apartment's facilities since these common areas are for everyone. The biggest advantage of the house is that the facilities are yours. That became a big deal during the pandemic when people feared catching the virus by just touching something in public.

### **What difficulties do people have living in the city?**

There are many challenges living in the city. One is overcrowding. Going around can be hard when so many people are in the way. A large population also means there are lots of commuters hoping to catch

the same bus or train as you, possibly delaying your travel. Another problem is the high cost of living in the city, primarily caused by the number of people again. Thus, there's high demand for living and work space, leading to more overhead costs for businesses that drive prices up.

### **What can be done to reduce the stress of city life?**

At the government level, officials must find ways to reduce traffic congestion so that people don't waste time traveling every day. If travel to and from home were not such an issue, many people would have lower stress levels. Building more parks is another way for the government to help reduce stress in the city since people need green spaces to relax and unwind. As for individuals, people need to become more active as regular exercise, even for just a few times a week, brings stress levels down.

新开的店

### **Describe a new shop that has recently opened in your city/town You should**

**say:**

**Where the shop is**

**What it sells**

**Who goes to this shop**

**And explain how successful you think it will be in the future**

A new shop in my area is this new cafe called Cafe Sole. It's just a few buildings from my apartment, so it's quite close. As seen in the store's logo and on the various social media platforms, it's a cafe that sells a variety of beverages, pastries, and light snacks. I've never gone there yet, but I assume coffee must be its primary product. In the pictures, their pastries look enticing, so these may also be something the place is currently known for. As for who goes inside, I've seen a lot of professionals going there since the cafe is near several office buildings. I don't recall seeing students, but then again, it can be hard to tell when they are not in a school uniform. I'll get a better understanding of their clientele when I finally visit. Regarding their future success, well, that would depend on their products and services as it's clearly not an established brand like Starbucks. I presume it's a start-up business. But if they've got great-tasting food and drinks, they might just thrive. Lots of students and young professionals today love frequenting coffee shops, so there's a chance they can do well if they can satisfy their regular customers.

### **What kinds of shops are popular in your city?**

In my city, restaurants and fast-food joints are always popular because Chinese people love food. When there's a new food trend, people flock there to try it out. I'd say clothing shops are also popular, which is why there are so many different clothing boutiques. And, of course, people love dropping by shops that offer the latest gadgets. Though they might not purchase anything right there and then, people are scouting for the next phone, laptop, or gaming accessory they plan on buying.

### **Why do young people enjoy going to some boutiques?**

The thing about boutiques is that they offer items that might not be found in large department stores. Big stores tend to sell things most people would want to buy, while smaller boutiques might sell lesser-known brands or items with unique designs or functions. Young people frequent clothing boutiques, for example, because they want something trendy that other people don't have. But if you get something at a department store, chances are high that you'll encounter someone at school or work wearing the same thing.

### **Do you think location is the key factor that attracts customers?**

I don't think it's the key factor, but it is important. It's true that if your store is in a good location, there will be much foot traffic. Even if people have no intention of dropping in, since your shop is accessible and possibly right in front of them, they might just go inside. But I think the most important factor is what the shop is selling. If your products and services are fantastic, people will visit your establishment even if it's out of the way.

### **What is the difference between a small shop and a large shop?**

Because of its size, a small shop usually doesn't have as many choices as a large shop because it's too expensive to keep so much inventory. Small shops might also have slightly higher prices because they can't buy in bulk, unlike bigger stores that can purchase wholesale. However, small shops often have better customer service since they depend on return customers. And in some instances, small shops might have more one-of-a-kind items since offering things that are not mainstream is one method for small shops to attract customers.

### **How important are price and quality in influencing consumer behaviour?**

Both factors are very important. Price naturally affects what people buy because of budget. Even if someone wants something, if it's too pricey, the person might opt for a cheaper brand. But quality comes into play depending on the item purchased. The quality of everyday items might not be a big deal for most, causing people to buy inexpensive soap, pencils, and utensils. However, for products like mobile devices or athletic shoes, people consider functionality and durability; that's when quality trumps price.

### **Why is cheap fashion so popular?**

Cheap fashion has become a trend because people want to look different. To achieve this, people with limited means buy inexpensive clothes, such as generic brands or clothing sold in thrift shops. In this way, they can wear something stylishly different every day of the week without hurting their pocket. Another reason is that many today are not as brand conscious as before. If the clothes look good on you, people will applaud what you're wearing regardless of cost. So it's more sensible to buy cheaper fashion.

## **水上运动**

### **Describe a water sport you would like to try in the future You should say:**

#### **What it is**

#### **Where you would like to try it**



## **Whether it is difficult**

### **And explain why you would like to try it**

Although I don't really see myself as a big thrill-seeker, the water sport I would definitely want to try in the future is parasailing. Parasailing is a recreational activity where a person is attached to a boat by a specially designed canopy that resembles a parachute. I would like to try it in Miami because my best friend goes to school there and he has told me that it has been an amazing experience for him. Unlike other water sports where you need to have some experience, parasailing is not demanding. You should only plunge into the water and relax. This sport is not difficult because you are wearing a life-jacket and if anything goes wrong while you are parasailing, you can just float down to the water. The only thing that can cause problems is the weather. It is advisable to wait for favorable weather conditions and of course, avoid thunderstorms. I would like to try it because it is safe and offers awesome panoramic views. Furthermore, it could create a unique experience of soaring the sky like a bird while enjoying the majesty of the ocean. Also, parasailing can accommodate 2 people and my best friend could keep me company.

### **Do you think it is good to teach swimming in schools?**

In my opinion, teaching swimming in schools is absolutely necessary because it is an important life skill. Children will learn from their earliest age about how to stay safe in and around water. Learning how to swim competently and confidently cuts down on accidental death in children and improves the chances of survival and prompt reaction in emergency situations. Furthermore, if you take to it like a duck to water, this activity will provide you with physical and mental well being.

### **What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?**

Apart from swimming, which has been around for centuries and is probably the most popular, there are many other water sports whose popularity is growing. If you want to observe the marine life in the most vivid way, then snorkeling is an excellent choice. Water skiing is popular

among people who want to experience the thrill of an adventure. However, if you want to enjoy an adrenaline rush, wake surfing and wakeboarding are relatively easy, you only need a pair of fixed shoes and friends to have fun with.

### **Why do people like to live near water?**

The way I see it, people like to live near water because humans have a biological connection to it. It is a well-known fact that water has numerous therapeutic benefits. Living near water cuts down on everyday stress, prolongs life expectancy, and improves our social life as it forces us to be more active. Living near the coastline or on the beach teaches us to be in tune with nature and natural forces. Also, the fresh air boosts the immune system, relaxes our mind, which enables us to have a new perspective on life.

### **What are the advantages of water transportation?**

First of all, it allows flexibility of service and reduces the unnecessary stress which comes with traffic jams. Water transport has its natural route and you will not find yourself stuck in traffic. Also, it causes less pollution than cars or air crafts, which is why it is a better choice for preserving our environment. Another advantage is that it can convey even the bulkiest and heaviest cargoes, with less maintenance and construction costs, which makes it the cheapest means of transport over long distances.



## **What do you think of the people who waste water?**

I think that people who waste water are being irresponsible and careless. Water is a precious resource, and wasting it can have serious consequences for the environment and future generations. People who leave the tap running while brushing their teeth or take long showers are not only wasting water, but also wasting energy and contributing to climate change. But I believe if these people are provided with the tools and resources they need to reduce their water usage, it's likely to see that they start to take steps to conserve water whenever possible.

## **What are the characteristics of goods transported by water?**

Goods transported by water have several features. For starters, they are typically large and heavy, as water transport is most efficient for moving bulk goods such as raw materials, grains, and fuel. Additionally, water transport is ideal for goods that are not time-sensitive, as it can take longer for goods to be transported by sea than by air or land. Finally, goods transported by water are often packaged in large containers that can be easily loaded and unloaded from ships. Overall, water transport is an important mode of transportation for many types of goods, particularly those that are bulky or not time-sensitive.

## **重要的决定**

### **Describe an important decision that you made You should say:**

#### **What the decision was**

#### **How you made your decision**

#### **What the results of the decision were**

#### **And explain why it was important**

An important decision I made was to apply for postgraduate studies abroad rather than work after graduation. It was a decision I finally made after months of deliberation and soul-searching. Initially, I had no plans to further my studies because I was looking forward to earning my own money. But then I spoke to my aunt in the same field, and she shared that advanced studies in a foreign university can boost my earning potential. So I really thought about it, researched online, and asked advice from my parents and teachers, and they all agreed with my aunt's perspective, which is why and how I made the decision to apply. At the moment, there aren't any concrete results yet since I'm still processing my papers. However, I did receive two emails of interest from my target universities. I just need to submit all requirements. I'd say it was an important decision because it has altered the course of my career plans. Instead of getting a job later this year, I will hopefully begin studying in a foreign land, building new connections, and learning a new culture. But I also hope the degree earned and lessons learned will fast-track my career when I eventually start working.

## **Do you think children sometimes have to make important decisions?**

Yes. There are times when children must decide, but these might not always be the usual decisions people think of, like what company to join or who to marry. Nearly every day, children have to decide on things that affect their lives, such as whether they'll become serious in their studies or continue hanging out with

so-called friends that bring them down. These decisions, however, aren't always noticed by adults, but children do have to make them since it's their life.

### **What important decisions do teenagers need to make after graduation?**

After graduating from high school, teens must decide what degree to pursue and what university to attend. Choosing a degree is not a simple decision since a teen will spend the next four years or so studying, and if the wrong choice is made, much time may be lost. The particular university to attend is also crucial because big money is involved. Some families sacrifice a lot to send their teens to university, so picking the right school is important.

### **Who can children turn to for help when making a decision?**

Parents should be the first people children turn to for important decisions, as they usually know what's best when children are very young. But it's also okay for children to get advice from older siblings or relatives. Teachers can be of help for school-related matters, such as difficulties in academics or troubles among classmates. However, though teachers sometimes advise teens about family matters, I believe they should not become involved since that's the parents' domain.

### **Do you think advertisements can influence our decisions when shopping?**

Yes, advertisements can really persuade people to buy things. There are just too many choices in the market for consumers, causing confusion among buyers as each product looks equally good. That's why many people try to recall what they've seen, heard, or read in advertisements before purchasing something. Thus, besides price, products with many commercials are often the go-to brands for most people since they somehow equate quality with the frequency of ads, especially if someone famous is endorsing it.

### **Do you think the influence of advertising is good?**

Not always. Although the purpose of advertising is to inform people of what to buy, advertisers today are crossing another line. To attract customers, some advertisers regularly use beautiful people in ads, causing viewers to believe that's what they must also be like. So as people buy things, they're somehow pressured to also look and act like the models in the ads. Sadly, those with low self-esteem are greatly affected by what they see, which is why advertising can sometimes affect people negatively.

### **How do people usually make important decision?**

Before deciding, most people today try to do their research. Initially, they might consult trusted people, such as parents, good friends, and even professors. Then they might check online for testimonies or reviews related to their decision. For example, if their concern is studying abroad, people might look online for reviews of the top universities and even the pros and cons of living in a particular place. It's only after getting all these points of view that people then make their final choice.

让你失望的电影

Describe a movie you watched recently that you felt disappointed about You should say:

What it is

What it is about

Why you decided to watch it

And explain why you felt disappointed about it

One movie I watched recently that did not meet my expectations is a mystery and thriller movie with sci-fi theme. This is an English movie with a star-studded cast that gained quite a bit of popularity when it was released a few years ago. The movie is set in a dystopian world, where the main character has to investigate the disappearance of two of her closest friends while keeping herself safe from other threats. Along the way, she encounters many strange sightings of foreign-looking creatures. However, she never found out what happened to her friends, even at the end of the movie. The movie was released a while back, but my friend suggested watching it together last week because she had heard some good reviews about it from her family members. I was keen on watching it, too, because I love action-packed sci-fi movies, and the synopsis of the movie sounded interesting. Unfortunately, I didn't like the cliffhanger ending that provided no solid conclusion to the story. I felt that most parts of the movie were very slow-paced and that the ending was too rushed.

Additionally, the plot was predictable, and the dialogue was dry and boring. Overall, I was disappointed with the movie, but the cast acted well and conveyed their emotions effectively through their body language and facial expressions.

Do you believe movie reviews?

I believe the movie reviews from critics I trust. I'm aware that some movie companies hire people to create positive reviews of their films to entice others to watch; these I ignore. But there are independent movie critics who regularly publish honest-to-goodness reviews of movies, which are the ones I believe. I find such reviews helpful before going to the cinema because it would be a shame to spend so much to watch a poorly made movie.

What are the different types of films in your country?

Similar to other movie-producing countries, we have all kinds of movie genres. We have horror films, mystery, romance, comedy, drama, suspense, and action. One reason is that China has a large population, so movie producers want to cater to the wants of everyone, if possible. And, of course, movie producers want to earn a lot, so they invest in different kinds of movies to ensure something becomes a hit with the public.

Are historical films popular in your country? Why?

I think they are popular for certain age groups. Older people are into them since these films remind them of the past. I'm not saying they are so old that they experienced what was in the movie; they just have a better appreciation of history and perhaps remember their school days when their teachers taught history. Young people, however, are not that interested. I believe younger people would rather watch movies set in modern or even futuristic times since they're not so fond of the past.

## Do you think films with famous actors or actresses are more likely to become successful films?

I think the percentage of success is higher if the actors or actresses are famous, but it's not a guarantee. Of course, famous entertainers have their fan base, so these people would probably watch the movie, adding to the ticket sales and increasing the possibility of success. But for a film to be a blockbuster, many people must watch it, not just diehard fans. This will only happen if the story and special effects, if any, are really good.

## Why are Japanese animated films so popular?

I think it's because Japanese animators have been in the business for a long time, so there are many existing animated films that people have grown up with. So if a person becomes hooked on them at a young age, it's natural for them to continue watching the more recent releases and invite their friends to watch too. Plus, the internet has made it easier to promote this genre to people all over the world, making Japanese anime well-known everywhere, which is why it's so popular today.

## Should the director pay a lot of money to famous actors?

I don't agree it's a good practice. These actors are just portraying fictional roles for the sake of entertainment. They're not saving lives or building useful structures like architects and engineers, so I don't get why they should earn so much. I understand directors and producers are doing so to make more money since famous actors often increase the likelihood of the film doing well. But I still think other people deserve more than these entertainers.

## 有用的发明

Describe an invention that is useful in your daily life You should say:

What the invention is

What it can do

How popular it is

And explain whether it is difficult or easy to use

There are lots of inventions that are useful in my daily life, but the one I'd like to talk about today is my mesh Wi-Fi router. It's basically an additional router you use at home that makes modern life more convenient. Like me, many people today have internet access at home delivered by a modem supplied by their internet provider. Unfortunately, the range of most companies' modems is not that good, especially if there are multiple barriers within the location; hence, the development of mesh Wi-Fi. This system allows you to place another router in areas where your internet signal is weak, giving you better connectivity throughout your home or office. In my city, I don't think these routers are that popular yet. Most apartments here are quite small, so people can easily get by with just a regular modem. But I'm staying at my grandmother's place right now for university, and it's a big house. So the mesh Wi-Fi ensures I'm

connected wherever I am at home. Most of these mesh Wi-Fi routers are generally plug-and-play, making them easy to use. There's just a quick sign-in so you can set your password for protection, but other than that, there's no need to configure anything. So it's a great device to have at home.

### What qualities do inventors have?

Inventors are clearly smart since it takes ingenuity to conceptualize and build something new. Such people are also hardworking and patient. I've read that many of the life-changing inventions took months or years to create and perfect. The inventors had to repeatedly test their ideas in different conditions before their innovation was ready to be announced to the world, which is a clear description of requiring much patience and hard work to me.

### Do you think only scientists can invent new things?

No. Although most people think of scientists when new technologies are developed, the reality is that people from all walks of life can create something new when there's a need. I've heard that engineers, doctors, cooks, and salespeople have once upon a time made something that was of help to society. Inventors just need to be imaginative and have a real problem to solve in society before they come up with something new.

### What inventions do you think should be improved?

Clearly, the automobile needs further improvements because of all the pollution we're experiencing today. We need a more efficient machine that doesn't run on fossil fuels and is not costly to manufacture. Another invention that needs improvement is plastic, particularly plastic bags and sachets. It's sad that these plastic products are not recyclable since they contribute to the trash in the environment. I hope researchers will find a way to make durable yet recyclable plastics for us to have a cleaner planet.

### Are there any other inventions that make the world better?

There are a lot. The medicines we use nowadays definitely improve the lives of people around the world. I think household appliances like microwaves, electric fans, air-conditioners, and refrigerators make life better for families everywhere. Without them, people would have to work doubly hard to ensure their family is safe and comfortable at home. And I'd say that electric and hybrid vehicles are helping make the world less polluted while still bringing people to their destinations.

### Do all inventions bring benefits to our world?

No. Although the purpose of inventing something is to solve a need of some sort, many inventions don't do anything beneficial. However, we are unaware because they are not publicized like useful inventions. Though I can't name them specifically, I'm sure many useless contraptions are out there right now. Whether they're being sold to the general public in a place nearby would depend on the financial capability of the inventor to mass produce and market his or her invention.

### Who should support and sponsor inventors, government merits, or private companies?

In today's time, I think private companies should sponsor inventors. Most governments have budget issues

because of all the sectors they need to support, so it would be an added burden if they had to fund inventors. Besides, there's no guarantee that an invention will become a commercial success since much trial and error is involved, and the costs might be too high, meaning the government would be wasting millions to the detriment of the country. So private companies should absorb this risk if they believe the idea will work.

让你骄傲的事情

**Describe something you did that made you feel proud You should say:**

**What it was**

**How you did it**

**What difficulty you had**

**How you dealt with the difficulty**

**And explain why you felt proud of it**

Something that recently made me feel proud was when I achieved my target weight. When I was in high school, I was slightly chubby because of a lack of exercise and a terrible diet. Back then, I was really into fried noodles, sweets, and white rice. However, when my aunt died of diabetes, I became concerned about my weight.

To reduce weight, I first adjusted my diet. Gone were all the sweets, and I switched to multi-grain rice. I still had noodles on my cheat days, but I made sure the oil used was the healthy type. Another change was my new exercise routine. Doing all of it was very hard at first. I often craved sweets, and my stomach kept growling at first. But what was really hard was jogging every other day. I still had noodles on my cheat days, but I made sure the oil used was the healthy type. Another change was my new exercise routine. Doing all of it was very hard at first. I often craved sweets, and my stomach kept growling at first. But what was really hard was jogging every other day. I just didn't want to move my feet the few times. However, I kept reminding myself about my aunt, and that kept me moving forward. Now, I've reached my so-called ideal weight, and it feels good. I feel lighter yet stronger, and my friends keep telling me I look much better. I can even fit into skinny jeans now, something I could never do before. It was a tough journey to get where I am *now*, but it was worth it.

**What makes people feel proud of themselves?**

One thing that comes to mind is if you're doing well in your work, whether this is for a business or school. If you are excelling in what you do, you'll feel proud of your achievements. Another is if you were of great help to someone. There's a different feeling when you know you've been a blessing to somebody. Now, this doesn't always have to be a big gesture of help. Something like helping carry the groceries of an elderly person can make you feel proud of yourself.

**Do you think material rewards are more important than other rewards at work?**

Generally, I'd say yes. Since people are working to put food on the table, most employees would rather



receive money, goods, or vacation leaves instead of a plaque or trophy from the company. But I think the higher up you go in your profession, the less it's about money.

Specialists in their field often crave recognition more than money. They want their contributions to be acknowledged by the company, their peers in the industry, or even the general public. So it depends on where you are in your career.

### **What kinds of rewards are important at work?**

Of course, monetary rewards are necessary since that's one big reason why people work. If there are monetary incentives, like bonuses for finishing faster than the allotted time or getting a lot of clients, people will dedicate time. But rewards such as extra vacation leaves or even a vacation package can also motivate people. One more thing I've heard that helps is to have yearly or even quarterly recognition in the company. Apparently, many people feel good when their achievements are acknowledged by others.

### **Does everyone set goals for themselves?**

Whether they admit it or not, I do think people set goals. However, the way they set them is not always the same. Very driven people probably have a combination of short and long-term goals. They know what they eventually want to become and the steps needed to get there. Others, however, just have short-term goals since they're still unsure about what they really want for themselves. And then some have general dreams but aren't exactly sure how to achieve them.

### **Have your life goals changed since your childhood?**

Definitely. As a kid, my dreams were either too shallow or unrealistic. I remember daydreaming I would have seven cars and seven houses when I grew up. I also wanted to be a famous basketball player or a detective like Sherlock Holmes. But as I grew older, I began to realize that these goals of mine were too fantastic or not really essential. I'd like to believe my current goals of becoming the best IT specialist and helping my parents build their own home are much better than before.

### **Which one is more important, personal goals or work goals?**

Overall, personal goals are more important than work goals. Of course, work goals are essential since we need money, and there is much satisfaction if we can contribute to our company, but it's our personal goals that keep pushing us forward. Things like our ideal family, dream home, and even dream travel destinations keep us motivated. Personal aspirations can even include building up your community or helping out less fortunate relatives. So there's much more at stake in our personal goals.

投诉

### **Describe a complaint that you made and you were satisfied with the result**

**You should say:**

**When it happened**

**Who you complained to**



## **What you complained about**

### **And explain why you were satisfied with the result**

A time when a complaint of mine was resolved happened a week ago when I ordered some food online from a popular fast food chain. It was my weekend treat for myself after another challenging week at school. The person I complained to was a customer service rep on their app. There's a

message system that helps monitor their rider and other issues. The complaint I had was that my order was missing a few items. My meal was supposed to come with large fries, a sundae, and some ketchup, but these were not there. I was in the middle of an important call, so I didn't thoroughly check the food. But when I realized these were missing, I promptly sent a message to their app to let them know, but these were not there. I was in the middle of an important call, so I didn't thoroughly check the food. But when I realized these were missing, I promptly sent a message to their app to explain the issue. What I liked was that their rep's response was very fast. The customer rep said she would first check with their rider. But when it was confirmed nothing was with him, they promptly sent another person to me with the missing items. I was impressed because I expected a delayed response or perhaps some spiel about me being responsible for checking my order before letting the rider go. Thankfully, they've got a very professional organization that values customers.

### **When are people more likely to make complaints?**

In my view, people usually complain if the problem they've encountered is a big one for them. For example, if the clothing doesn't fit them or the food isn't hot, they'll complain. They'll also complain if the server was rude to them since they feel disrespected and want management to do something about the erring employee. But if the issue is minor, people might not complain since it might take up too much time to talk to management or write a letter.

### **What do people often complain about?**

Many things. The problem could be with the product itself, as the size, color, or type is wrong. If the product is also busted, they'll definitely complain since no one wants to pay for a broken item. Service-wise, people may complain if the service is taking too long or the staff is impolite or incompetent. Some people also complain about the establishment as they consider it part of the customer's experience. So if the place is too hot or too noisy, they might complain.

### **Which one is better when making a complaint, by talking or by writing?**

It's better to talk to management so the issue can be resolved quickly. If the issue can be resolved by the manager on duty, the problem might not happen again. So if there's a problem now with what you ordered or the service, a verbal complaint sorts things out quickly. But if the problem is big, like a product design flaw or a systematic problem with their protocols, a written letter might be better since the complaint might need to be elevated to top management.

### **Who are more likely to make complaints, older people or younger people?**

Between the two, I think older people will make more complaints. Older people feel they have the right to complain because they're wasting hard-earned money. So if they dislike the service or product they've

bought, they'll let management know. Younger people, however, might not feel that bad about buying the wrong thing, or they might be too shy to complain about the issue. I have a few classmates who'd rather eat what was given than complain that they received the wrong order.

### **How would you react if you received a poor service at a restaurant?**

elf it's really bad, I'd probably want to speak to the manager and complain about the food, customer service, or what have you. And if the manager doesn't seem to take me seriously, I'd write a letter to the owner of the restaurant so that both the manager and employees can face the consequences of treating their customers poorly. And definitely, I'd not return to the place anymore, and I'd also inform my friends to boycott the place as well.

### **How do people often respond to poor customer service?**

I think people who are confident and believe their rights have been trampled upon will verbally confront the staff and manager. I've seen some people raise their voices because of poor service in a cafe or department store. They want the staff and other customers to know something is wrong. But non-confrontational people might just walk away and promise to themselves not to return. It's not in their personality to start an argument over poor service.

喜欢做的日常事务

### **Describe a daily routine that you enjoy You should say:**

**What it is**

**Where and when you do it**

**Who you do it with**

**And explain why you enjoy it**

A part of the day that I enjoy is my mid-morning coffee and snack break. Like other university students, I've found that my body needs a jolt of coffee to stay awake the whole day. Without it, I find myself dozing off just after lunch. I usually take my break at 10 AM. If I'm at school, I like to sit on one of the park benches by the trees. But if I'm home, I'll have it in our kitchen. We have a big window where I can look outside while I sip coffee and have a few cookies. Most of the time, I take my break alone. Aside from giving me my daily caffeine, it's a time for self-reflection, or sometimes I prep myself for the challenges to come in my afternoon classes. So I'd rather be alone than be disturbed by someone's coffee and have a few cookies. Most of the time, I take my break alone. Aside from giving me my daily caffeine, it's a time for self-reflection, or sometimes I prep myself for the challenges to come in my afternoon classes. So I'd rather be alone than be disturbed by someone else's chatter. So I'd say it's enjoyable because it's my alone time, and I get to drink and eat something I love. Everyone needs time alone to gather their thoughts, and that's what happens during my mid-morning coffee break. I also try to only eat healthy during my main meals, so this is my only time to have something sweet. So it's something I look forward to every morning.

### **Should children have learning routines?**

Yes. Children need to have routines when they learn so they can get into the habit of studying in a certain way. With a routine, children become more systematic in how they study. For example, they'll know when they're supposed to begin their homework, when to take a break, and when to double-check that everything is finished, if they can learn early on, learning will become easier as they get older.

### **What are the advantages of children having a routine at school?**

If children have a routine in school, their mind is prepared for what will happen next. For example, if their daily classes start with language arts, children already know what to expect. If there's an assignment to submit or a quiz to prepare for, they at least know it's connected to language first. But if their subjects keep changing every day, children, especially very young ones, will be confused, making it harder for them to learn and harder for teachers to prepare for class.

### **Does having a routine make kids feel more secure at school?**

Generally, it does help them feel more secure since they won't have to worry about being surprised. Lots of kids find school difficult, so it doesn't help for teachers to keep surprising them with something, particularly if that something is very challenging for them. It's only the brighter students that love taking on new challenges in school. But since there's always a mix of students in every classroom, it's best if children have a routine.

### **How do people's routines differ on weekdays and weekends?**

On weekdays, the general routine is focused on serious matters like school or work. So most people have a personal schedule to help maximize their time for work or study. For example, most people wake up earlier on weekdays, and some might even skip breakfast at home to ensure they're not late. The weekends, however, are usually more relaxed, so the routines are usually not very fixed to allow more room for spontaneous, leisurely pursuits.

### **What daily routines do people have at home?**

At home, people usually have scheduled times to do household chores to keep their place tidy. Working people might have particular times for cooking, washing the dishes, vacuuming, and checking on their children's homework. Students usually also have something similar, but their routine must balance household chores and schoolwork. Besides that, people have routines for preparing for school or work, such as when they wake up, use the bathroom, and many more.

### **What are the differences between people's daily routines now and in the last**

#### **15 years?**

For people who are studying and working in the usual school or office setup, their routines haven't changed drastically. Perhaps the only issue they might have is adjusting to the daily traffic since traffic in most places has become worse. So, people today might be leaving earlier than before. But for those studying or working at home, there's a big change. Since they're already at home, people might wake up later than 15 years ago, and they might be balancing housework and office or school work during the day.

### **Do you think shopping is good for a country's economy?**

Yes. It's generally good. The country earns taxes when people buy goods. So if people love to shop, it

means money is circulating, businesses are doing well, and people have jobs. But if no one is buying anything, companies may have to shut down, and the government won't have any funds for its annual spending. So it's good for the government and businesses to encourage shopping. Consumers just have to be careful about not wasting all their money when shopping since that's also a problem.

### **Why do people like shopping more now than in the past?**

One reason is that there are a lot more choices today than before. Companies have become more creative, offering more options to consumers. Another reason is because of online shopping. In the past, people had to physically walk around department stores to see what they'd like to buy. So it took time and effort. But now, people can easily browse what they'd like and order online. For some, this is fun and easy to do, which is why more and more people are shopping.

### **How should children spend their allowance money?**

After saving a bit for rainy days, children should allocate most of their allowance for school necessities and possibly food. Depending on where the child goes to school, the child may need money daily to buy school supplies or something to eat. Although some kids save their allowances to buy their wants, I don't favor that since some children go to extremes, like skipping meals, just to save up for a toy or gadget. That's not good for their health.

### **What kinds of gifts do young people like to receive as rewards?**

Elementary students still like to receive toys and games as rewards. Though money is sometimes given to them, they are not always able to appreciate the value of money. Older teens, however, might want gadgets or even money for doing well. And some teens might value a ticket to a concert or trip somewhere as a reward from their parents. Clothing is another possibility if the parents know what to buy for their teenager.

### **How should bosses reward employees?**

One way is to give them material or monetary rewards, such as a gift item or even extra cash. Employees always appreciate something they can take home and share with their families. Another way is by giving them additional vacation leaves to enjoy more time with loved ones. One more method is to acknowledge their hard work by announcing their employees' achievements to the rest of the company, which may motivate them to work even harder.

### **Should employees have their own goals?**

Yes. Employees should have personal goals that are inline with the company's goals and goals for themselves. Company-wise, employees might aspire that their department becomes the most efficient or profitable in the company. Not only might such a goal give them higher pay, but they might also inspire others to work harder. But employees should also have personal targets for themselves, such as possibly becoming a manager in 5 years.

想要收到的物品

## **Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted**

**You should say:**

**What it was**

**When you received it**

**Who gave it to you**

**And explain why you wanted it so much**

A time when I received something I really wanted was when I got my first tablet when I turned 13. At the time, tablets weren't exactly the rage, but I was still jealous of my friends who did have one. Plus, I'm into art, so I wanted something better to draw on. I received it on my birthday as a surprise gift from my mom. After returning home from school, she told me to change since we were going to eat out, and there it was on my pillow. Even if I had bugged her for months about the pros and cons of having one, I didn't expect her to buy it since we had some financial difficulties at the time. As I said, it was something I really wanted to have since I'm into drawing. Though I could practice on paper, my goal was to become a digital artist, so I needed a better gadget to practice my skills. So when I received it, I felt I was one step closer to my dream. I remember jumping up and down with glee before hugging her tight. I was so overjoyed that I began trying it out instead of getting dressed. My mom had to remind me that we were still going out for the evening.

迟到

## **Describe a time when you missed or were late for an important meeting/event**

**You should say:**

**when it happened**

**What happened**

**Why you missed/were late for it**

**And explain how you felt about this experience**

**A time when I was late to an important event**

happened a few months ago when I was late for my grandmother's birthday party. If I remember correctly, I was late by around 30 minutes, which is a big deal in my family. I remember my cousins and other guests gave me a disapproving look when I came in. Thankfully, my grandmother didn't notice my late arrival. I was already on my way to the party when I received a reminder from my group mates about my

portion of our project. It turns out I had forgotten to attach the document to my email. Since it was urgent, I returned home since the file was on my laptop. Unfortunately, after re sending it, I found myself stuck in the rush hour traffic, my portion of our project. It turns out I had forgotten to attach the document to my email. Since it was urgent, I returned home since the file was on my laptop. Unfortunately, after re sending it, I found myself stuck in the rush hour traffic, leading to my delay. Of course, I felt embarrassed entering the restaurant. As I said earlier, relatives gave me a disappointed look when I went inside. It's a good thing I had turned down the offer to make a speech for my grandma; otherwise, everybody would've noticed my late entrance. The positive takeaway, I guess, is that I'm now going to double-check the things I email so I don't encounter a similar problem in the future.

### **Are you a punctual person?**

Yes, I am very punctual. My father raised me to be conscious of other people's time. It's very rude to be late to a set meeting because the one you are going to see sacrificed time to meet you. My goal is to be around 30 minutes earlier than the scheduled time, so I can relax and gather my thoughts. And if needed, I can freshen up before the meeting, class, or appointment begins.

### **Do you think it is important to be on time?**

Yes. When two or more people set a schedule, whether for something serious or just for leisure, it's always important to arrive before the agreed-upon time. But if someone is late, that person has basically wasted everyone's time because the scheduled activity was delayed. So, for me, people who are always late think more of themselves than others. Perennially tardy people are not disciplined, and their reliability becomes a big question mark for me.

### **Do you always avoid being late?**

I do avoid being late all the time. To ensure I'm on time, I input several alarm settings on my phone: 2 hours, 1 hour, and 30 minutes before the time. Doing so reminds me that something important is coming up, meaning I've got to wrap up what I'm doing and leave for my appointment. Another thing I do is to prepare what I need the night before. I select what to wear and prep what I need to bring so that I'm not delayed the next day.

### **Why are people often late for meetings or appointments?**

One reason is that they were never taught at home the importance of not being late. In school, teachers always emphasize the need to be punctual in class and meet assignment deadlines. So it's clear that people must've learned tardiness at home. Perhaps their parents were too busy to emphasize punctuality, or their parents were also always late. Another reason is traffic, which is often a big problem in cities. Even if you leave early, sometimes a traffic jam can severely delay you.

### **Are people in your country often late for meetings?**

No. One thing I like about our culture is we generally respect one another's time. It's shameful to be late, so we do our best to be early. It's not just our teachers or superiors that reprimand us for being tardy; even our peers will have a word or two with us if we're late since their time was also affected. Most people I know profusely apologize if they are late, even if the appointment is just with a friend or family member.



## **Do you think people are born with time management skills or they can develop them?**

People have to develop time management skills since sticking to a schedule is not something people naturally do as children. Young children consider their needs first, so they always want to continue doing whatever makes them happy. Parents and teachers must teach them that there's a proper time for everything and a need to prioritize certain activities or events. That is how they learn time management skills; it's not something people naturally pick up.

教他人做事

## **Describe a time when you taught a friend/relative something**

**You should say: Who you taught**

**What/how you taught**

**what the result was**

**And explain how you felt about the experience**

A time I taught a friend something happened just a few weeks ago. I taught my friend Tammy some basics about driving a car. Tammy is a friend at university who plans on enrolling in driving lessons this summer. However, since she doesn't have any experience behind the wheel, she asked me for some pointers.

To prepare her, I decided to teach some driving basics, similar to how I was taught before. I started with what's inside the engine and then the different parts of the car she'd need to know. Then I let her test drive my car in a vacant lot near my home.

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Despite the lack of time, I think she learned a thing or two about the car. She was able to make it go around the lot, and we tried a bit of reverse parking. However, she'll need many more hours before she'll be comfortable on the open road. As for how I felt, I felt good sharing my knowledge with her. When she first asked for my help, I could see she was nervous about her upcoming driving class. But after the lessons, she felt more confident and determined to learn more about driving. So it's something I'd gladly do again.

## **What practical skills can young people teach old people?**

The first thing that comes to mind is teaching them how to operate modern gadgets. Many senior citizens cannot keep up with the latest trends, so they're unable to use these devices. So young people can patiently teach them how to use these things. Another practical skill younger people can teach older people is how to take advantage of promotions on their apps. This goes beyond simply operating a device. I've noticed many older people are unaware that every purchase gives them reward points they can use to save money.



### **How can young people teach old people skills?**

One way is to demonstrate how to do something and then guide them through the process. This is particularly useful when teaching them about technology. You cannot just tell them how to do it; you have to guide them. This also requires much repetition because older people often forget and are then worried about doing it themselves. For some reason, older people think these lightweight devices are fragile, so they would rather wait for help than risk exploring on their own.

### **How can we know what to do when we want to learn something new?**

The method many people resort to is to search for a tutorial online. Many social media apps offer step-by-step videos that explain how to do something. Others, however, look for instructions in blogs since it can be tedious to watch a 10-minute video. Another way is to ask someone how. I find that's the best way for me since I don't have to figure out what the blogs or videos are trying to explain. I just ask friends and family members with related experience to help me out.

### **Do you think 'showing's a better way than 'telling' in education?**

In education, yes, I believe showing is much better than telling. When you demonstrate something, the student gets to see and hear what happens. I believe both comprehension and recall are stronger this way. And this becomes even better when there is guided practice. While some people can be told what to do, many others end up making mistakes since they may have misunderstood the instructions. But, in the end, showing or telling depends on the teacher's objective for the lesson.

### **Do people in your country like to watch videos to learn something?**

Many young people today like this method of learning, especially when learning practical skills. Many find it easier to search for what they need online and then watch how it's done. Aside from a clear demonstration, the vlogger often shares practical tips on what to do and what to avoid. But when it comes to academic lessons, I think students currently prefer having a professor teach the lesson. There's more interaction, and experienced teachers can tell if a student is confused, which is helpful.

### **What skills can young people teach old people besides technology?**

Besides technology, young people can teach older people about fashion. Although older people do see older celebrities looking fabulous on TV, many still stick to the fashion styles of before. So I think the younger generation can help them look more fashionable. Another thing that comes to mind is dancing. I think it'd be cool if older people could also copy modern dances, the less physical ones, of course. Plus, it's a form of exercise and a way to socialize more.

历史时期

### **Describe a historical period/moment you would like to learn more about**

**You should say:**

**What you are interested in**

**When it happened**

## **What you know about it**

### **And why you would like to learn more**

A historical period I'm interested in is the Industrial Revolution. It's a moment in history that sped up the advancement of human society. Life today is more convenient because of what happened back then. We wouldn't have communication technologies, modern transportation, and other devices if the industrial Revolution didn't happen.

If I remember correctly, this revolution occurred in the 1700s and 1800s, so it was quite a long time ago. I believe it generally began in Great Britain and then spread across Europe. Developments occurred in America too. It was an era of new inventions as manufacturers wanted to produce goods quickly and cheaply to earn big profits, inventions as manufacturers wanted to produce goods quickly and cheaply to earn big profits. Other countries like India were involved, but mainly as suppliers of raw materials.

I'm specifically interested in this time because of the invention of the steam engine, which sped up advancements in transportation. I'm a mechanical engineering student, so information about machines interests me. I'd like to know more about what inspired the original inventor of the steam engine and how other inventors of that time came up with their improvements. These are not things everybody is interested in, but as an aspiring inventor, it helps to know about these eureka moments.

### **Should everyone know history?**

Yes, everybody should know something about history. Though we might not use this knowledge the time, it's important to be aware. I've read somewhere that those who don't know prehistory are doomed to repeat it - or something that. So we must know a bit about history, especially the history of our own nation. It would be a shame if a foreigner asked about Chinese history and we could not share anything about it.

### **In what ways can children learn history?**

The usual way is through teachers and the history books at school. Most schools have lessons about history to inspire patriotism, so that's how most children learn. Another way is through stories from grandparents. I remember my grandparents telling stories of China's difficult in the past. So that's an interesting way of learning about the past. One final way is by looking online, as there are many articles and documentaries about history.

### **What are the differences between learning history from books and from videos?**

Books contain many facts you won't find in a video. When reading a history book, you can learn the important life events of key figures from the past. Books may also include famous quotes from these people. Many books also have detailed maps of the countries' borders back then. But in videos, there are even more graphics, such as pictures of important people and events. Some even have old video clips, so you can see and hear what it was like at the time, which is quite interesting.

### **Is it difficult to protect and prehistorical buildings?**

Nowadays, it's not that hard since the public is more aware of the importance of preserving outbuildings. In China, the government has an allotted budget for the preservation of historic places. Many such buildings have also become ecotourists that charge an entrance fee, which helps entertaining the



structure. The money goes to security, staff, and regular restoration of the complacence historic buildings need periodic maintenance keep them looking good and safe for visitors.

### **Who should be responsible for protecting historic buildings?**

The government should primarily be in charge since the protection of historic places is under their jurisdiction. Thus, the government should have an annual budget and a feasible plan repair and protect these historic buildings. Aside from the government, the citizens should also be responsible for respecting these places. Heaviness taking care not to litter when visiting anathema also promoting these places to others so atmosphere people can visit and learn more about significance.

### **Who should pay for the preservation of historic buildings?**

As mentioned earlier, the government should pay the lion's share. Maintaining a building is quiescently, so only the government can afford to do this. But since the expenses are very high, individuals should chip in by regularly sensitivities places where they pay the entrance fee and buy souvenirs. The government cannot pay 100% of all the maintenance fees, so transforming outbuildings into tourist sites helps to preserve them.

居住地发展



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**Describe a new development in the area where You live (e.g. shopping mall, park...)**

**You should say:**

**What the development is  
when/where you noticed it**

**How long it took to complete it**

**And explain how you feel about it**

Something new in my neighborhood is a mini-grocery store. It's not big, but it has the essentials people may need, such as soap, shampoo, snacks, noodles, and drinks. I noticed that it was open just a week ago as I was walking home from university. I heard loud music coming from the other side of the road, so I glanced over and saw the shop was open. It's just a few buildings from place, so it's quite near.

I believe it took a few months to renovate the birthplace, so it wasn't that long. Businesses come and go in that rented space, so the necessary infrastructure for the grocery store was already in place. The new business owners just needed clean it up and install what they required for my place, so it's quite near.

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As for how I feel, I think it's good there's a convenient place to shop for small necessities. I won't have to travel to the supermarket just to buy items for the home, which can be a hassle if you need something right away. The place even has some delicious baked goods that you can't get at the supermarket, so that's a bonus for me.

### **Is public transportation popular in China?**

It is because public transport is much cheaper than driving a car. When you have a car, you have to consider gas, maintenance, depreciation, and even parking expenses. Many people also find public transport safer than riding a scooter. The various drivers of public transport are experts in their field, so you can generally count on coming home safely. So even if a scooter might be cheaper at times than taking public transport, many others choose safety first, which is why many ride public transport.

### **What can be improved in public transport services?**

Cleanliness ought to be the main improvement. Sadly, not everyone in China is conscious of this. Sometimes you'll find buses and trains quite dirty, especially after rush hour. So it would be nice if transport companies regularly cleaned their vehicles throughout the day. Another concern is customer service. It doesn't happen all the time, but I did notice that sometimes conductors and ticketing staff are not smiling. It would be nice if they considered being friendlier to their passengers.

### **What leisure facilities can be used by people of all ages?**

There are a lot. Some that come to mind are movie houses, swimming pools, bowling alleys, arcade centers, and computer shops. People of all ages can also spend their free time at the park and even the amusement park. I think most leisure facilities today try to cater to guests of all ages so they can earn more revenue, so there are very few that only admit people of a particular age group.

### **Do you think young people in your country like going to the cinema?**

Yes. Even if young people can readily access movies online, there's still a different feeling when you see a movie on the big screen with friends while eating popcorn and other snacks. The limitation may be money since most students don't have work. So even if they want to watch at the cinema, they have to save up for it, which is why they might only watch once or twice a month compared to adults who have work.

### **How is the subway system developing in your country?**

I've read that the subway systems in China are among the best in the world. But since only major cities like Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Beijing have them, it's hard to tell if we're progressing according to our government's schedule. Perhaps we can say we're developing slowly but surely, which is better than not progressing at all. And since other countries think our subways are good, it means we're doing something right as far as subway systems are concerned.

## **What transportation do you use hemostat?**

The transportation I use most is my scooter. My dad bought me one as a high school graduation. He said it would come in handy in university, and he was right. I was originally planning on just using my mountain bike, but my dad said it would be safer to ride a scooter since cars don't always notice bicycles on the road. And a scooter is convenient enough to be parked on the curb like bikes.

不寻常的一餐

## **Describe an unusual meal you had You should say:**

**When you had it**

**where you had it**

**Whom you had it with**

**And explain why it was unusual**

An unusual meal I had happened just a few months ago in October to celebrate Halloween. Although Halloween isn't a Chinese holiday, my American friend William was feeling a bit homesick, so he decided to throw a party to commemorate the occasion. We had the small get-together at his apartment since we said it would be a bad idea to walk around in scary costumes. It would be much better to hang out at his place, where he could pull out the chairs if he wished. Aside from William, a few other classmates from my university were there. All in all, there were just five of us since I didn't

want to make a racket.

Aside from the costumes we wore inside, which few other classmates from my university were there. All in all, there were just five of us since I didn't want to make a racket.

Aside from the costumes we wore inside, it was a bit strange for me, the meal was unusual because he served carnival-type food. These are things he missed back home. He served fried Twinkies, which were basically sponge cakes fried in oil, candied apples, and many other sweet concoctions. Although we have many delicacies in China, I was overwhelmed by the amount of sugar served that evening. In spite of the sickly-sweet food, we had a great time. I am sure to cut down on my sugar intake afterward.

## **What are the advantages of eating in restaurants?**

One advantage is that you get to sample different kinds of food you cannot easily cook at home. Dining at a restaurant becomes an adventure of palate. Another advantage is the ambiance.

There's just a different feeling when you are eating outside than at home. However, a downside is that you have to shell out lots of money since restaurants are expensive. One other problem may be dealing with rude staff or bad-mannered customers.

### **What fast food restaurants are there in your country?**

We have a lot of fast food choices to cater to our ever-growing population. Local chains I can think include Real Lungful, and Yong King. Thereof Chinese cuisine that is cooked quickly customer on the go. As for international fast food, KFC seems to be the most popular brand here. We also have the usual big names like McDonald's, Burger King, and Pizza Hut. Mangetout people are attracted to Western cuisine, which is why these establishments seem to be doing well in China.

### **Do people eat fast food at home?**

Yes. Many people either order take-out before heading home or just have fast food delivered their homes. For many, it's more convenient to eat at home since you don't have to dress up, and you can even save a bit by not having to order drinks from these fast food joints. A bottle coke from the grocery is much cheaper than a coke from Burger King or KFC. Also, you have all the space you want at home compared to crowded fast-food restaurants.

### **Why do some people choose to eat out instead of ordering takeout?**

The main reason is to socialize with friends. It can be a hassle to ask friends to come over since you'll have to clean up after them. Plus, friends live far from you. It's easier for everyone meet somewhere in the middle, like a restaurant in a mall, where you can eat together. Another reason is that the food tastes better in the restaurant since it arrives on your plate hot, unlike takeout, where the food is often lukewarm you get home.

### **Do people in your country socialization restaurants? Why?**

Yes. Restaurants are great places to hang out with friends, relatives, and even officiates. Insert's to hold a conversation when you've godhood food and drinks with you. And I've noticed many restaurants regularly improve their ambiance to entice people to stay and socialization diners feel obliged to order more. But if you're asking whether people tend to socialize strangers in restaurants, then my answer ions. It's rude and unsafe to strike up a conversation with a stranger enjoying his or healer.

### **Do people in your country overvalued culture?**

For Chinese food, yes, we value that. Growing up, our parents and grandparents often tell us reasoner behind traditional Chinese food to appreciate the preparation and the flavors. But for international food, we're not conscious of the origins of what we eat. We just eat. So if we feel like having pasta, sushi, or burgers, we visit restaurant we like and savor the food. Perhaps only those aiming to become chefs might study the food culture behind international cuisine.

开学的第一天

### **Describe your first day at school that you remember should say:**



**Where the school Was**

**how you went there**

**What happened that Day**

**and how you felt on that day**

The first day at school I remember was when I was in third grade since I can't seem to recall earlier years. But I remember my Grade 3 because I transferred to a new school. My father was deployed to another office branch, so we had to move.

The new school was within walking distance from our home, which was good since my mom didn't have to drive. So on that day, we just went together. I remember it was cold, so I wore my favorite Epidermal jacket. I insisted on wearing it since I felt braver whenever I wore anything withstood on it.

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I was a bit anxious since I was new, but my teacher was very kind and welcoming. Instead of just making me take a seat, he introduced me to the class, and several students gave me a speechless reaction. It was also a light day for me as lessons were things I had already learned before. Overall, I remember it being a good day. That's when I first met two of my best friends in elementary school, Jiangsu and Deng. During the break, they commented on my jacket, and they already began talking about superheroes and other topics we liked. So it was a great start.

**What would parents prepare when their kids go to school on the yesterday?**

For the first day of school, parents are often the ones ensuring their children have their schoolbags, lunch and snacks, and extra clothes. They also create an ID tag to place on or inside their children's bag in case something happens. Of course, they'll have prepared preschool uniform the night before and irrepressibly have in mind the breakfast they will cook the following day so their children won't be late.

**How do children socialize with each other?**

Very young children often begin by inviting other kids to play with them. Since they're still too young to hold a proper conversation, the easiest way is to first invite someone to play with their toys or play together at the playground. After that, they'll ask for one another's names and start contemplating. Older children might start by asking questions about their favorite things. It's common for children to befriend one another because of similar interests.

**Is socialization important for children?**

Yes, it is. Humans are social beings, meaning we need others to survive. So it's important for children to know how to socialize as they'll generally interact with others for the rest of their lives. This socialization often begins with first learning how to introduce oneself and then sharing information. Daily interactions also teach them how to negotiate, compromise, clarify things, and even defend their opinions and actions. All of these are needed in adulthood.



## **What are the reasons for changeable?**

The main reason is for a better salary. Laypeople financial needs and goals, so if their current employer cannot give them what they need, they'll another job. Others leave because they crave more responsibility in their industry. Perhaps in their current position, they're just doing routine. So they might look for a similar role another company but with more duties. One final reason I can think of is a change of scenery. These people want to do the same work but another city or country.

## **Are big companies better than accompaniments? Why?**

Yes, they are since they have more resources at their disposal. In terms of production and services, big companies might have more moderateness that can churn out better-quality products. They also have more personnel attend to customer inquiries and complaints. As for the working environment, big companies usually have better compensation packages for their people. Large companies know they've got keep their people happy if they want to continue being the best.

## **What are the advantages advantageous coming along changing jobs?**

The main advantages I can think of are a higher salary and a change of scenery for the person. when moving to another company, a big part of the negotiations is a better salary package. A network environment is also great for people who a retired of their former company. However, one problem is you'll have to establish new relationships, which can sometimes be diff cult. Another disadvantage is there may be a change in your home and work routine, particularly if ethene job is farther from home.

他城的短暂停留

## **Describe another city you would like to stay for a short time**

**You should say: Where the city is**

**Why you want to go somewhere you will go there with**

**What you will do there .**

**And explain why you will stay there just for a short**

Amsterdam has been on my bucket list for mesquite time now, and I think it would be an incredible place to experience firsthand. It's a cit yin the Netherlands that's often described as a cultural hub in Europe. I've always been intrigue the art and architecture in Amsterdam, and it seems like a lively and unique place to visit. I would want to go there with my best as we both love exploring new places together and breakaways up for a new adventure. We would outspend time visiting the various museums, stocktaking boat rides through the iconic canals to see the city from a different perspective, and exploring the different neighborhoods to get a feel for the local culture. I've also heard that the always up for a new adventure. We would outspend time visiting the various museums, stocktaking boat rides through the iconic canals to see the city from a different perspective, and exploring the different neighborhoods to get a feel for the local culture. I've also heard that the nightlife in Amsterdam is second to none, so I would want to check out the vibrant knightliness and see what all the hype is about.

I would only want to stay for a short time because generally prefer to explore multiple places rather stay in one location for an extended period. Additionally, Amsterdam is known to be expensive, so I don't think I could afford to stay there for too long.

### **Why do people sometimes go to other cities or other countries to travel?**

I think there are a lot of reasons people like to travel to different places. For some, it's just about getting a change of scenery or taking a break from their everyday lives. Others might be interested in experiencing different cultures or trying new foods. And of course, some people like to see and explore all the historical and natural attractions a new city or country has to offer. Personally, I love traveling because it gives a fresh perspective and helps me appreciate what I have at home too.

### **Why are historical cities popular?**

Based on my research, I've noticed that people are naturally drawn to places that hold a lot of history and significance. I think it's a delight to be able to walk around a city and imagine all the things that have happened there over the years. That said, the cities have some incredible architectures that have stood the test of time, and it's fascinating to see how people built things hundreds or even thousands of years ago. Plus, they often have a lot of cultural significance, people

like to visit them to feel more connected to the past.

### **Why do places with historical sites**

develop a tourism industry creatively?

I think it's pretty obvious that places with historical sites are more active in developing a tourism industry because they have something to offer visitors. If you have a landmark or attraction that is unique to your area, you're naturally going to want to capitalize on it to attract tourists. Additionally, I think historical sites make for a really good story and give people a sense of connection to the past, which can make them even more inclined to visit, which can boost a country's economy.

### **Do you think tourists may come across bad things in other cities?**

I think that tourists can come across bad things in other cities. As a student, I've had the opportunity to travel to a few different places, and I've experienced this myself. Sometimes it's small things, like being scammed by a street vendor or feeling unsafe in a certain area. Other times, it's more serious, like encountering dangerous or violent situations. Of course, bad things can happen anywhere, but I think it's especially important for tourists to be cautious and aware when they're in an unfamiliar place.

### **Do most people like planned**

travelling?

I think it depends on the person. Personally, I like having a plan when I travel. It just makes me feel more organized and like I'm not wasting any time. But I know some of my friends who are the complete opposite. They love going to a new place and just seeing where the day takes them, without any specific plans or itineraries. So I don't think there's a right or wrong answer to this question, as it just comes down to personal preference.

## **Why is the noise pollution worse in tourism cities than in other cities?**

The reasons for noise pollution in tourist areas aren't far-fetched. Tourist cities tend to have a lot of people coming and going all the time, isotherm's more traffic and crowding. This alone can make things noisier. But on top of that, there are a lot of businesses in these cities that are trying to attract tourists, so they might be playing loud music or using other attention-grabbing tactics. Put all of that together, and it's no wonder that tourist cities tend to be noisier than other places.

和别人一起做的事情

## **Describe something that you did with someone/a group of people**

**You should say: What it was**

**who you did it with**

## **How long it took you to do this And explain why you did it together**

What I'll share with you is the project that my group and I completed just two weeks ago. As part of our class, we had to create an advertising campaign for a brand. We chose a clothing company.

There were four of us in the group: Jeremy, Kate, Emily, and myself. Unlike other professors who assign groups, our professor allowed us to choose group mates, so I picked my closest friends in class. It was considered a major project, and we had two months to work on it. In the end, we spent all of that time since it was difficult.

As mentioned, working together was a requirement for class because the project's scope was too big for just one person. We had to research different marketing strategies and even study the current campaigns of major projects, and we had two months to work on it. In the end, we spent all of that time since it was difficult.

As mentioned, working together was a requirement for class because the project's scope was too big for just one person. We had to research different marketing strategies and even study the current campaigns of popular brands. My group mates and I divided the research to make things faster and updated one another about what we discovered. We also divided the work according to the different marketing channels. Jeremy and Kate focused on the TV and online

commercials, while Emily and I did the print ads and social media blasts. We had many sleepless nights, but it was all worth it in the end.

## **Do you think it's important for children to learn about cooperation?**

Yes. If not, children won't be able to get along with others. They'll need to know how to cooperate in school; they want to have friends and if they want to do in-depth group projects. And they'll need to cooperate later on as adults at work and home. At's only severely antisocially like criminals who might not want to cooperate others. Naturally, there are consequences if a person ends up like that. So children should learn to cooperate if they want a good future for themselves.

## **Do you think parents should teach how to cooperate with others?**

### **How?**

Yes. It's good for parents to do this while their kids are young since not all children willingly cooperate herewith. Parents can do this by grouping children in community and having them do an activity together. This could be sports, arts and crafts, or some hyperactivity. And if there are many children in the family, whether siblings or cousins, cooperation can already begin at home. Some parents have their children help one another with chores, which is also a great disappointing for learning cooperation.

### **How do children learn to cooperate with each other?**

In school, children learn as they're placed in groups and asked to do activities together. During such activities, they learn how to adjust to one another's personalities and abilities. Slowly but surely, they begin to see how their differences can work well together. Somersetting can sometimes happen in the community neperthe play team games together. In sports, for example, they learn how to adjust to one another to win the game.

### **Do you think neighbors help each other more often in the countryside than in the city?**

I think neighbors in the countryside are more helpful than in the city. Most people in the countryside foreknown each other for years, so there's an element friendship between neighbors, unlike in the city neighborliness may come and go. Also, since it's generally safer in the countryside, people are more willing to leatherette guard down and help a neighbor they might know yet. But in the city, it's hard to trust strangers, even if they're your neighbors.

### **How do neighbors help each other?**

Generally, neighbors can help one another by ensuring they don't disturb one another. This means being conscious of their noise at home and keeping birthplace clean so that their garbage doesn't affect the people around them. Other than that, some neighborliness one another with small things, like letting a neighbor borrow tools, utensils, and even tables and chairs when needed. But if you're close, some neighbors might help with advice and even money.

### **How do you get along with your neighbors?**

always do my best to act civil with them. I might greet them in the morning and evening and smile as needed. But I'm not the type to go over and start a conversation, especially if they're much older than me. However, if they're my age, I might be a bit friendlier. And, of course, if I know my neighbors well, I usually do my best to help them when I can. So I might let borrower some things or share extra food I might have.

汽车旅行

### **Describe a car journey that you remember well You should say:**

## **Where you Went**

## **What you did**

## **Who you had the car journey with**

## **And explain how you felt about the journey**

A car journey I remember well was when we traveled to a neighboring province to visit my elderly grandparents. The drive there lasted about eight hours, but we did make a few stops along the way. We mostly chatted during the journey but stopped a couple of times to admire the beautification. I remember this trip so well because of how magnificent the sea looked, especially under the sunset. That was one of the most gorgeous views I had ever witnessed in my life, and my family and I took many photos to capture the moment.

I went on this trip with my mother, father, and older cousin. My cousin wanted to tag along because she had not seen our grandparents for quite some time, and she missed them dearly. She's easy-going and fun to be around, so we were ecstatic for her to join us on our trip.

Personally, I felt that the journey was a very smooth and pleasant one. I was extremely grateful for the opportunity to be able to engage in many meaningful conversations with my family members along the way. Plus, I felt relaxed after having the chance to bask in breathtaking scenery throughout the journey.

## **What benefits does public transport bring to the world?**

One benefit is that public transport allows many people to travel to work and school daily without having to drive themselves. Not everyone can drive, and not everyone wants to drive, so it's good to have buses, trains, and taxis available for people to use. Public transport also lessens the number of vehicles on the road, which is beneficial to the environment. Without a reliable and efficient public transport system, more and more cars and motorcycles would be on the road.

## **Is it too late for people to get their driver's license at the age of 18?**

I think 18 is the earliest age a person should get a driver's license, so it's not too late for me. Although some countries allow teens as young as 14 to start driving small vehicles, I believe young teens are too immature and irresponsible to be given the privilege of driving. They might get into an accident and ruin someone's life. So 18 is a good age, but not necessarily the age everybody should get a license. It still depends on when a person is prepared to drive.

## **What qualities does a driver need to have?**

Besides having the technical know-how of driving, a good driver should be patient on the road. Without patience, accidents and incidents of road rage are sure to occur. A driver should also be vigilant at all times since people are careless. Sometimes young children suddenly bolt across the road, or an errant driver or cyclist might accidentally enter a driver's lane. So drivers must constantly pay attention to their surroundings.

## **Do you think the government should make it a rule for people to use public transport?**

No, unless the government plans on taking away privately owned vehicles. While it would be nice if people became more conscientious about the environment, leading them to use public transport, they should still have the option to drive their own car or motorcycle, else then they would've wasted their money. But if the government decides to take away land ownership from everyone, then that would be fair for all and justify mandating everyone use public transport.

## **Which jobs require people to be good at driving?**

Besides professional drivers, like bus or taxi drivers, I believe policemen should have good driving skills too. Nearly every police officer should know how to drive well to apprehend criminals who are getting away. Doctors should also be good drivers since they are concentrated and might be needed to rush to an emergency. One more job I can think of is a salesperson. Many salespeople travel far to market their products, so they must be good at driving to make it to their customers on time.

## **Do you see driverless cars as the future of cars?**

I'm not sure. Though it might be better if cars were driven by computers to minimize accidents on the road, I don't envision people in the future giving up their right to drive. In fact, I believe people in the future will drive or fly even more high-tech vehicles like rocket ships, submarines, and flying cars. But I do think future vehicles will have more features to ensure people are safer than today.

认识的人搬到新家

## **Describe someone you know who has recently moved to a new outplace should say:**

**Who he/she is**

**What the new place is like**

**Why he/she moved to a new place**

## **And explain whether his/her move has had a positive impact on you**

Someone I know who recently moved to a new apartment is my classmate Roger. We're in mathematics class at university; he sits behind me in the classroom.

From what he has told me, his new apartment is a bit farther from campus, meaning he has to wake up earlier for class. It's also not as well-furnished as his last place, so he's still saving up to purchase some furniture and other essentials.

When he first mentioned he would be moving, I wondered why since I thought he was in an allocation. But, apparently, the building he was in before was about to undergo major renovations, so he had to move out. I am just not sure if he was ousted by his landlord or if my classmate left voluntarily. As for the positive impact on my life, the only thing I can think of is to be always prepared. I learned it's possible to be kicked out of your home, so I should always have a backup plan. Other than that,



there's been no real impact since we're not that close. We talk, but it's not like I'm overly concerned about his life. It's just good to know he has a new place to stay, even fifty is a bit far.

### **Why do some young people keep moving?**

Some young people keep moving around because they're looking for the best place for budgetary. When you're still young, your resources are limited, so it's hard finding an accommodation you like that you can afford. So sometimes they'll find a nice apartment but later on they can't sustain living there, so they move again. Then they'll find an affordable place but not like the amenities or people there, causing them to nontransferable.

### **What's the difference between living alone and living with roommates?**

When you're alone, you have peace and quiet. No one will bother you, and you don't have to worry about roommates using or stealing your things. However, being alone means you'll have to do all the chores yourself. But if you have roommates, there are people to help buy out. The chores can be divided, and sometimes roommates can assist you in your studies or even financially if you're in a pinch. The downside is all the noise since it's not just you anymore.

### **Is it beneficial for young people to live by themselves?**

I think it is. If young people can live independently, they will mature faster since they're on their own. They will learn how to budget their money, juggle their work or studies, and become more resourceful since there's no one to rely on. I've also observed that people who live alone also have more confidence since they know they can survive without help, which makes them better students and workers, in my view.

### **Besides cooking, are there any other skills that people need to learn if they live on their own?**

Besides cooking, people living independently should learn how to budget their finances. They must foresee what they'll be spending monthly and set aside money for expenses. Another skill is being able to repair things at home, like a leaking faucet or a busted doorknob. Hiring a professional to do such small tasks is expensive and possibly dangerous if you're alone at home, so it's best if you could fix them yourself.

### **What kinds of people tend to live by themselves?**

Young people who live alone want to stretch their wings. They want to set their own rules and make their own decisions. The only concern is if they have the money to remain independent since young people rarely have enough. But for adults, people who live alone might be those who don't want to be tied down by others. Living with someone else is a maladjustment to another person's wants and needs. And some people just don't like that.



## **How can parents and teachers help young people to live independently?**

Parents can do this by allowing their children to do chores and make decisions at a young age rather than always doing things for them. Once children realize they can do such things, their self-confidence will grow, making it easier for them to live independently in the future. Teachers can help by teaching skills needed to become self-sufficient, such as budgeting and proper communication. Teachers can also inspire young people by sharing related experiences since some teens need to hear that what they're learning is applicable in the real world.

## **演讲经历**

### **Describe a talk you gave to a group of people you should say:**

**who you gave the talk to**

**What the talk was about you gave the talk**

**And explain how you felt about the talk**

A talk I was asked to give happened last month. I gave it to a bunch of youngsters from anywhere who were about to play in a basketball competition.

It was more like a pep talk since many of them were nervous. I shared my sports-related experiences to let them know that everybody gets butterflies on game day and that shouldn't believe in themselves and trust their teammates.

I had no plans of giving a short talk since I was not their coach. But one of my neighbor has a child playing on the team saw me and asked me to talk to the kids. He knew I was a former high school varsity player, so he thought I could inspire them and help them calm down and focus.

At the time, I wasn't exactly sure if my words would have an impact, but I still felt good sharing my experiences with them. And I guess it worked somehow because the kids did well that day, winning by a whopping 30 points. I was ecstatic to hear they did so well, but I was modest enough not to give myself credit for the win, as the kids were the ones who played that day, not me.

### **What benefits does the internet bring to communication?**

The internet has made communication more accessible and convenient. Before, it cost much to call someone long distance within the country and overseas, unlike today nonlinear video calls to loved ones around the world are free. Online messaging is also aerodynamic because you can send documents and audio-video files, something that cannot be done via letters or telephones. So the internet has been a real boon to society communication-wise.

### **Which one is better, being a communicator or a listener?**

Between these two choices, being a communicator is better because the role includes both listening and speaking. Though listeners are helpful, since we sometimes need to rant about issues or express our concerns, a good communicator can listen and then share his or her ideas. Communicators are also good at relaying information as they can receive content and express it in ways other people can understand, which can be challenging when communicating with people of different ages, genders, and backgrounds.

### **What qualities does a person need to have to be a good communicator?**

A good communicator is attentive when listening to ensure the other party's story is understood. Good communicators are also patient yet firm. Patience is needed since everyone can express themselves clearly, meaning you might have to wait until the person found the right words. Firmness is required to ensure the person you are talking with does not dominate the conversation, preventing you from communicating your message in mind.

### **What qualities do people need to speak in public?**

To speak in public, a person has to be confident. It can be very nerve-racking when all eyes and ears are focused on you, so you must believe in who you are and what you have to say. Good public speakers must also have a way with words. They must be able to select appropriate words for their message and even simplify things when necessary. If not, the audience won't comprehend the message.

### **How important is it to be a good listener when communicating?**

It's very essential. Communication is more than just conveying your thoughts to others; it also means responding appropriately to what others are thinking and feeling. So if you just talk but never listen to the input and criticism of others, your message will fall on deaf ears. It is only after understanding the positions of the people around you that you can formulate a response they'll hopefully comprehend and agree to.

### **What kinds of people often give speeches?**

People who regularly give speeches are leaders in the community. These might be government officials, business owners, middle managers, teachers, and coaches. Because people they lead might not always give the same effort or have the right attitude, leaders sometimes give a speech to inspire and encourage the people under their command, especially in times of great difficulty. But when things are going well, a leader's speech may be to give positive affirmation to ensure people keep giving their best for the common goal.

## **童年快乐经历**

### **Describe a happy memory from your childhood. You should say:**

#### **What happened**

#### **When and where it happened**

#### **Who you were with**

#### **And explain why it was a happy memory**

A happy memory I can recall was when I participated in my first football tournament. Though my team didn't win, we made it to the semifinals, which was unexpected.

This happened when I was ten years old, so I was in Grade 5 then. The tournament was not for school; it was a local competition in our community held at the football field near our apartment complex.

My teammates at the time were mainly kids from my building. So many were already my friends, while others were kids on other floors who tried out for the team. My parents and cousins were also there to cheer me on.

For me, it was a fun and exciting time because I had never participated in a tournament before then. I

had always wanted to join one, but my parents insisted I was too young or that academicism more important. But that football season, my PE teacher had a heart-to-heart talk with my parents and said it would help boost my confidence if I could join, and they let me. So even if my team didn't win, just being in the tournament felt liberating and momentous. I even have a framed picture of me and my teammates in my room to remind me of that happy day.

### **Why do you think some people have a better memory than others?**

For some people, it's because of genetics. Some are just born with a very good memory, like the geniuses we see and hear about on TV. As for others, I think it's because they exercise their brains a lot. In my observation, very studious people and avid readers can seemingly remember better than those who don't stimulate their minds much. One impossibility is that some intentionally try to improve their memory, like detectives and motherland enforcers.

### **What kinds of things do people need to remember nowadays?**

Something off the top of my head is passwords. In today's time, people need a multitude of passwords to keep their afferent online accounts safe, so people need to remember all of them else they'll be locked out, which is a big hassle. Something else to remember daily is daily schedule at school or work. While people can write these down, their workflow becomes faster if the school or work routine has been memorized already.

### **What do you think we shouldn't forget?**

Practically speaking, people shouldn't forget their email passwords and bank IDs. Passwords are important for daily transactions, and forgetting them will lead to lots of headaches. Aside from those, people nowadays shouldn't forget the happy memories they had before and those special individuals who helped them along the way. Happy memories can inspire you to do better when times are tough. And remembering special people who have helped cultivate an attitude of gratitude that many need today.

### **Why do some people remember more of their childhood than others?**

Aside from having a very good memory, I think some people constantly replay childhood experiences, whether good or bad. So it's easier for them to remember. Others also have lots of pictures, videos, and other memorabilia that they regularly view, which keeps schoolchildren fresh in their mind. One more possibility is that some occupations, like elementary teachers, might sometimes require sharing past stories, which is why they easily remember their childhood.

### **What can people do to improve their memory?**

One thing is to exercise the mind. People should read books and magazines regularly, answer puzzles, and learn new skills. I've read that young and old people today have memorized because their eyes are always glued to a computer or TV screen where they absorb meaningless info and don't actually think. Taking vitamin supplements can also help people. I just can't recall which ones, but there are some vitamins and minerals that people need to help stimulate the brain.

## **What is your earliest memory that you can still remember now?**

The earliest memory that comes to mind is a birthday celebration I had when I was three. We went to the zoo on my birthday, and I can vividly recall jumping up and down when I saw the elephants there. I guess it helps that I have a picture of the said day, and my parentheses remember the event. But interestingly, there's no video of the occasion, yet I can picturesque what happened in my mind.

获得错误信息

## **Describe an occasion when you got incorrect information should say:**

**When you got it**

**how you got it**

**How you found it was incorrect**

**how you felt about it**

One occasion when I received incorrect information was when I was traveling with my family. This happened in December last year when we were in Japan for a family trip that we had planned for almost a year.

I got the wrong information from a stranger when I asked for directions to go to one of the most popular theme parks in the country. Visiting this theme park had been on my bucket list for congestion time, and I was ecstatic that I could finally tick it off my list.

We tried our best to follow the instructions the stranger had given to us. However, after going around in circles and asking multiple other people for directions, we finally arrived at the conclusion that we had received the wrong information at the start.

At first, I was feeling exasperated because we wasted so much of our precious time driving down the wrong route. Nonetheless, I eventually realized that the stranger was trying his very best help me out, and the communication barrier between us was probably the main cause of this unfortunate event. In the end, we postponed the trip, and I had the best time of my life enjoying the rides and attractions there.

## **How do people determine the accuracy of information?**

One thing many do is to consider the credibility of the source. If the information comes from someone trusted, such as a good friend or colleague, they would probably consider accurate. Also, if the information was from an official letter or email to them from a respected institution like a bank, then chances are the recipient will believe it. For formalization, similar rules apply. People consider the reliability of the website the info from as well as the reputation of whoever posted it.

## **How do people make sure they're getting the right information?**

People can do this by first seeking credible sources of information. For example, if you want know the details of an important meeting, it's best to ask people directly involved, another security guard who happened to be in the room. Another way is to crosscheck the info have with reliable sources. Many people can do this by viewing legitimate websites online to confirm if an address, recipe, medical procedure, or what you have is correct.

## **Why do some people not trust information on the Internet?**

I think some people are wary about information online because there's no way to really prevent people from posting articles and blogs online, unlike newspapers and anesthetization have established editors verifying content before publishing. Besides that, many crookneck to scam people online by posting fake ads and adding links meant to steal information. So instead of reading legit online articles and accessing legitimate links, some people avoid them altogether.

## **What jobs provide information to others?**

I believe front liners like hotel receptionists and office secretaries are tasked to give information to people inquiring about services. Call center agents also inform people about things they need to know, whether these be for inbound or outbound calls. People in analysand marketing also give people information. Sales personnel do this when people visit showroom, while those in marketing create ads and other agenesis that inform people about the company's offerings.

## **What's the difference between email and phone in terms of prestidigitation?**

I'd say an email is much more informative because you can add detailed text and audio-visuals to help explain what you need to convey. An email is also something people can keep and refer to in case they forget something or wish to pass along the information others. Relaying info over the phone, however, is more instantaneous, unlike emails almighty not be read right away. And over the phone, one can immediately correct informational given or answer additional queries.

## **Which do you think is the better way to provide information, by phone or by email?**

I'd rather give information by email. For one, the recipients have a copy of what 'Ave sent, allowing them to understand and even remember the details. It's also easier to send an email blast to many employees or customers than call them individually. Another advantage I could add files to my email that are relevant to the message. These may be forms to chillout, brochures, and even videos that demonstrate what I want them to understand.

迷路

## **Describe an occasion when you lost your way You should say**

**Where you were**

**What happened**

**How you felt**

## **And explain how you found your way**

When I was a small child I got lost inside a department store.

I was with my mother, but I wandered off and couldn't find her again. I remember holding hand as we

browsed through dresses in a women's clothing shop. She stopped to ask one of the employees about sizing. At the same time I noticed that there was a toy barbershop. Without really thinking about it, I walked over to look at some colorful building blocks which were displayed in the window. When I returned to the clothing store, mother was nowhere to be seen!

I suddenly felt very scared and alone, but instead of asking one of the employees if therewith where my mother was, I started trying to look for her myself. I walked in and out of a few shops, but I really had no idea where she could have gone.

I was starting to think that I might be lost forever when I heard a voice over the department store's speaker system which was talking about a lost child. Lt turned out that my mother had approached an employee and asked them to call for me.I went to the Information Andes was reunited with her.

### **Why do some people get lost more easily than others?**

I think that some people simply have a worse sense of direction than others.This makes it very easy for them to get lost, especially when they are visiting a new place.For these people, they only need to take a few wrong turns to become completely disoriented. If toucan tell which direction is north, it is not very difficult to get off course and completely lose your way.

### **Do you think it is important to be able to read a map?**

I think it was more important in the past to be able to read a map.While I still think it's an extremely useful skill to have, I think that the creation of digital maps has made it essentially. Nowadays, most people have maps on their phones which can give them directions and ensure that they almost never get lost.As long as you have a phone signal,you don't really need to read a map.

### **Do you think it is important to do some preparation before you travel to new places?**

I think it's vital to do at least some preparation before visiting a new place, particularly fit's a different country. If the people in that country speak a different language, or have a different culture to yours, I think it's essential. If you don't prepare, you are more likely Roget lost, or do something that is offensive to the native people. It could be scary to get into trouble like this when you're far from home.

### **How can people and their way when they are lost?**

The easiest strategy for finding your way when you're lost is to use your phone to discover location, elf you don't have access to this, you could ask someone.An authority figure such as a police officer would probably be best for this, or the employees in a nearby shop.In the countryside you may not have these options, but I imagine that almost any local would be able to help you.

### **Is a paper map still necessary?**

While technology has made it much easier to navigate unfamiliar places, a paper map can still be incredibly useful. For starters, it doesn't require a Wi-Fi or mobile data connection,which can be a lifesaver in areas with poor signal.Additionally, paper maps can provide a broader view of an area and help you get a better sense of your surroundings. They can also be more reliable than electronic maps, which can be prone to glitches or inaccuracies.Ultimately, whether or not a paper map is necessary depends on one's personal preference,but it can certainly be a valuable tool to have on hand.



## How do people react when they get lost?

Getting lost can be a stressful experience for most people. Some may experience feeling anxiety or panic, while others may feel frustrated or angry. It's not uncommon for individuals to feel embarrassed, particularly if they're in an unfamiliar area. In response, some people may try to retrace their steps to find their way back, while others may ask for directions or utilize a map or GPS device. Regardless, people may react differently depending on their personality, past experiences, and the situation at hand.

冒险

## Describe an exciting adventure you would like to take in the future should say:

**What the adventure is**

**Where you would go**

**Who you would go with**

**And explain why you would like to take the adventure**

An adventure I've dreamed of doing is going whale watching. In particular, I'd like to see a pod of humpback whales, the so-called "wolves of the sea" and the majestic yet elusive blue whale. It would be a filmstrip but also a dangerous one because these large creatures can easily capsize the boat, so it's not an adventure for the faint-hearted.

I'm not exactly sure where a person can do this, but I assume it'll be somewhere in the Southern Hemisphere, possibly towards the south of Africa or even near Antarctica. I've seen a few documentaries about these whales, but I never took note of their location.

As for who I'd go with, definitely, I'd have to be with an experienced crew as I don't know how to sail a ship. Besides them, I would probably take my good friend Jimmy since he loves sailing. I've always been fascinated by these beautiful creatures, which is why whale watching is on my bucket list. Orcas are amazing pack animals that are more than sharks, it'd be great to watch them rounding up sea lions together. And the blue whale is just a rare sight to see. Hardly anyone gets to see one in person, so that would make for a grand tale to tell my future children.

## Who likes to read adventure books?

People who like reading such books are avid readers who love action, as a non-reader would not do so unless forced. So these may be people who also love superheroes,

mysteries, and action films. I believe many young boys and girls today may be into such as they have active imaginations, but I also know some working adults who also read fantasy sci-fi adventures. I once assumed most athletes might like such books since they're physically active, but some athletes I know don't because they dislike reading.

## Do people prefer adventure novels or adventure movies?

Nowadays, most people would rather watch an adventure movie than read an adventure novel. Reading



takes a lot of time and can be weary on the mind as you need to disfigurement out what the author meant and imagine what is happening. Movies, on the another, already do the thinking for you. The characters and action sequences, as interpret the director, can be seen on the screen. You just need to watch and listen.

### **Why do some people like to read adventure books rather than take an adventure?**

In my view, people who are like this are those who are timid and insecure in real life. Perhaps, deep inside, they want to be the hero and experience grand adventures, but theatre fearful of what may happen in the real world since they don't view themselves as courageous and strong. Such people might also be concerned about what people may think them, so they don't go on real adventures lest they fail and be laughed at.

### **Who doesn't like to take adventures?**

I believe there are two kinds. One kind is someone who is very shy and lacks confidence, and the other is a very serious, no-nonsense type of person. Very shy people have a lot doubtfulness. They're always concerned about what people may say, so they shun adventures to avoid criticism. However, serious people just want to focus on the task at hand, so hydrotherapy study and work than go on a frivolous adventure with friends.

### **What kind of personality should people have to experience a lot of adventure?**

People who want to experience many adventures should be confident in themselves and willing to own up to their actions. Adventurous people understand they don't always everything, but they're willing to learn and try. This attitude allows them to go to commonplaces and experience new cultures. But those who want to sustain an adventurous life should also take responsibility for their decisions and actions. They shouldn't blame forsooth their failures, or they might just stop because of one adventure gone wrong.

### **Will experiencing adventures broaden people's horizons?**

Yes. Whenever you visit new places, meet new people, and do different things, you gain a wider perspective of the world and yourself. You learn how to appreciate differences and become slow to judge since you've already learned that different situations don't always out the way you expected. Experiencing adventures also allows you to love yourself as you begin understanding who you are and what you want in life. So adventures are good for people.

和小孩共度时光

**Describe an occasion when you spent time with a young child You should say:**

**Who this child was**

**When you spent time with this child**

**What you did together**

**And how you felt about it**

I love spending time with my younger cousin, who is thirteen years younger than I am. There seasoned occasion when we spent the whole day together, and this was an experience that I would never forget. This happened last year during the school holidays. My auntie and uncle had an emergency attend to, and they were not able to keep an eye on my cousin, who was only seven years old at that time. I volunteered to keep watch over my cousin while they attended to the urgent matter. Because my cousin was extremely fascinated by animals, we decided to visit the zoo for the day. The moment we stepped foot into the zoo, my cousin's eyes lit up, and he was bubbling excitement. We spent the entire day watching and even feeding the animals at the zoo, and cousin couldn't stop smiling from ear to ear. Seeing how delighted my cousin was made me happy and fulfilled. Though the tickets to the zoo were a little expensive, I was more than willing to spend that money on this priceless experience I will remember for a lifetime. To this day, my cousin still talks about that occasion always asks when we will be able to visit the zoo again.

### **Do you think children should have a lot of toys?**

No. I don't think it's helpful for children to have many toys because it will divide their attention. Children have short attention spans, so giving them many options causes them switch from one toy to another. It's better to have a few toys to play with, so they can focus them and develop their imagination from there. Another reason against having so antonyms is that it spoils children. Children should learn to appreciate what they already have and not keep asking for more.

### **Where do children usually play?**

Unfortunately, many kids now just play at home. They might play online with other kids live far away, or they might play solo on a downloaded app. They usually play such games in their rooms, but sometimes you'll also see them in the living room or kitchen. But for kids who are into physical activities, they might be in the park if there's one nearby. And athletic children might play in a gym, basketball court, or a football pitch near their home or school.

### **Do you think there are too many rules for children to follow, whether at school or home?**

I think the current rules are sufficient for children. Some adults might view them as too many, but if you think about it, kids need all those rules to help discipline them. Children don't have enough knowledge of the world to make proper decisions, so they need black-and-white rules at home and school to tell them what they can and cannot do. Without schedules, they're more likely to become delinquents than responsible citizens of the country.

### **Do you think children should follow all the rules?**

Generally, children should follow all the rules because these rules were made for a reason. So if they're supposed to keep quiet, raise their hands before speaking, or not eat dessert before their main meal, they should follow. Such rules teach them about obeying authority and respecting the rights of others. The only time children might be allowed to break a misrule if there's a dire situation. That's when they can speak up, shout for help, or run outside to flee from danger.

### **Do you think it's necessary for parents to make decisions for their children?**

Yes. Parents should make important decisions for their kids, though it would be nice for parents to still get their children's input in some situations. It sounds cliché, but parents do know what's the best since children don't know enough about life to make informed decisions. But when something is minor, like where to have a birthday party or the color of their children's clothing, parents should consult their kids so the children can practice decision-making and take responsibility for their choices.

### **Do you think it is good for parents to help their children choose friends?**

Yes. Having the wrong set of friends can affect a child's value system and behavior. If parents know that a possible friend of their child will be a bad influence, they should steer their child away from that person. But parents must also give their children a certain amount of freedom to befriend others. Parents should only intervene if that "friend" is leading their child astray and not because of other biases parents might have, such as godhood-looking or rich potential friends may be.

存钱买贵重礼物

### **Describe an expensive gift that you would like to give someone when you save a lot of**

**Mooney should say:**

**What the gift is**

**Who you will give the gift to**

**How long it will take to save the money**

**And explain why you would like to give the gift to this person**

An expensive gift that I'd probably like to give is a travel backpack, something of a big brand.

Although nearly everyone has a backpack, these particular brands have anti-theft technology, hidden zippers and wire mesh, which keep your belongings safe from pickpockets and other uncharacteristic.

I'd probably give this gift to my friend Charlie for the winter holidays. Besides it being a stylish-looking holiday gift, I know he'll find it useful when he goes to university abroad next year.

I've actually canvassed these brands for myself before, so I know the cost ranges between 1000 to 2000 yuan making them pricey for a backpack. That means I'd need at least six months of serious saving to purchase the gift.

As for why I'd give it to Charlie, well, he's a good friend of mine, so it wouldn't be such a waste splurge on him. Plus, he might just need it as a student in a foreign land. Though criminal elemental everywhere, it's a bit more challenging when it's your first time somewhere. I've read that seasoned criminals can easily determine if you're a tourist or new to the area, so it would give Charlie peace of mind knowing his gadgets and other documents are safe inside his anti-theft backpack.

### **What do young people like to save money for?**

Young people today usually save money for gadgets, new clothes, and vacations. These seem to be what

we desire, as I'm a young person, because of what we see on social media. Every day we see blogs and adverts about the latest devices, fashion trends, and holiday getaways, and we become envious of what we watch. This envy is even greater somehow when a friend posts something similar, so we, too, begin saving up money to have the same thing.

### **Should children have pocket money? Why?**

At a certain age, children should be given some pocket money. I'd say when they are around eight years old because they at least understand the value of money. Children should know to budget their money, even if it's just meant for small things like snacks at school. The faster they learn this, the better they'll be at handling their finances. But very young children, basically seven years old and below, should not because they don't understand concept of money yet.

### **Should children learn how to use money at school or from their parents?**

They should definitely begin at home before having this reinforced at school. For important lessons such as handling money, children should be oriented first by their parents. Parents can drill this in daily as they explain how their family spends and saves money.

Parents are also able to monitor their children's allowance expenditure. But teachers should also reinforce this learning since children can be stubborn, especially if they don't have a good relationship with their parents.

### **How do people save money?**

Some people set aside a small percentage of their income so they can finally save up enough for what they need. For example, they'll deduct 10% every payday and place that in a separate account or even in a piggy bank at home. Others save money by reducing expensiveness. They might opt for second hand goods instead of brand-new items or cut costly foregoing something, such as no longer ordering take-out or not watching movies at cinematic anymore.

### **Is it easy for people to save money to buy something expensive?**

No, it's not easy at all. Students usually receive allowances that are rarely more than they need for daily expenses. And whether you work or study, it's hard to set money aside because of the temptation to use it for an immediate need or want. I hear that regularly my friends and relatives who say they were saving up for a new laptop or fancy shoes, only to have spent it all on a night on the town.

### **Why can't some people save money?**

Many people can't save because they lack the discipline to do so. These are often impulsive people driven by emotion, if they want something, they have to purchase it right away.

Others don't save because they were never taught the importance of saving, believing that money is meant to be spent. And some think they're so skilled or even lucky that money just comes to them, so they don't see the need to set anything aside. I've got a cousin homelike that.

## **Describe a place you visited where the air polluted**

**You should say: Where the place is**

**when you visited**

**Why the air was not good**

**And explain how you felt about the place**

A place I visited where the air was bad is a town northern China. On the map, it's in the northeastern portion of China. It's midway between Beijing and Shanghai, more or less. I last went there late last year when my father and I visited my aunt who lives there. My father hadn't seen her for more than a decade, so he felt it a mistake to see her as she was sick. We brought needlewomen medical supplies and some money to help her out.

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**Is there more pollution now than in the past?**

Yes, there is. According to my grandparents, the environment in their time was clean. They breathed fresh air every day and even had chance to swim and catch fresh fish from the rivers. But today, the air is no longer clean, and our rivers are unsafe for swimming and chitchatting. My friends say lots of what we eat comes from the ocean because we can't trust the quality fish from the rivers. Thankfully, the government understands these issues and is working hard to rectify them.

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**Do you think the city is cleaner dirtier than the countryside? Why?**

The city is definitely dirtier than the countryside because of the sheer number of people in cities. More people means more everyday waste in trash bins and sewage in canals. Because there's so much waste, it's inevitable that trash ends up on the streets, in the fields, and in bodies of water. More people also means more vehicles polluting air. That's why the environment is better in countryside since there are fewer people, meaning fewer pollutants and more greenery that helps clean up the environment.

## **What can factories and PowerPoint do to reduce pollutants?**

As mentioned earlier, alternative energy source scan help reduce carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide being sent into the air. Currently, coal and gasoline are burned in power plants to generate electricity for factories and the country general. But if we could use hydroelectric geothermal energy, there be no need to anything. Besides that,factories should find effective ways to recycle parts and dispose of their used parts properly.The soil and shearwater often polluted because of the waste factorizes.

## **Do you think the wind has aftereffect on pollution? How?**

Lt does because the wind can send smog from earphone to another place.This wind movement is positive if the wind disperses the pollution in armourer.Even if powerful storms are a danger, every time a typhoon passes by, I know I'll be able breath fresh air the following day.But this defection also means another place may experience more pollution coming from another city or town.

## **In what ways can air pollution be reduced effectively?**

The best method is to find alternative yet sustainable sources of energy to power our homes, factories, and vehicles. Society is energy dependent because of technology, yet this is also why we have so much smog.Another way is to have even more green spaces since trees and other plants filter out carbon dioxide and other pollutants from the air. Even if the government has been planting trees, there's still too much concrete in cities and towns.Citizens should grow more plants to help reduce air pollution.

## **Do you think many companies have been forced to reduce pollutants?**

At's hard to tell.I know that governments around the world have created laws to reduce pollutants.I'm just not sure if many companies actually comply.Even if many of the top corporations regularly issue statements that they're recycling have changed their business processes to make their products environmentally friendly, it's still difficult to know if they're telling the truth.I just hope they are doing their part for the sake future generations.

嘈杂地

## **Describe a noisy place you have been Toyota should say:**

**where it is**

**When you went there**

**What you did there**

## **And explain why you feel it's a noisy place**

A noisy place I've been to is a coffee shop earth university.It's outside the campus but close enough for students to bike there.Many office workers also go there since the place is next Romany business establishments.

I've been there a few times before, but my last visit was two months ago when I met my group mates to discuss a project.The coffee bishop within walking distance from their homes, so agreed to meet there



instead of at school.

At the coffee shop, we went over the data we forgathered and cleaned up our slideshow for class. My group mate Jimmy also tried looking for additional sources to support our bindings. All final, it probably took us Ave hours to polish

My group mate Jimmy also tried looking additional sources to support our findings. All final, it probably took us five hours to polish everything for our presentation.

As for the noise, the coffee shop has always Deena noisy establishment because of all the people. Many students go there to converse with friend work on their assignments. Professionals also there to unwind, adding to the racket. For me, it's not a conducive place for studying or doing projects. I'm sure we would've finished faster had we chosen a different venue. But since my group mates insisted, there was nothing I could do. At least we did finish and got a good grade in the end.

### **Do you think it is good for children make noise?**

At's okay in certain situations. Children should have the opportunity to express themselves loudly in a safe and controlled environment. So if thermodynamics and banging on things during playtime home, it's okay. They're still exploring netherworld and testing their abilities. But in other situations, like

lessons in school or dinner at a restaurant, kids need to learn how to tone it down and behave. If not, they'll get into big trouble when they get older.

### **Should children not be allowed matoke noise under any circumstances?**

No. Firstly, children should be allowed to express themselves somehow. So asking them to always quiet is unfair to them. Also, if the place they're in allows some noise, I don't see why cannot make some noise, especially if bricklaying. Some kids, for example, bring toys nepenthe go out with their parents. I don't think it's wrong if they make some noise as they play while eating out, just as long as it's not disturbing other customers.

### **What kinds of noises are there in our life?**

The erst thing that comes to mind is the noise of other people, such as loud conversations, singing, kids crying, and sometimes people fighting.

There's also the noise of traffic, especially in big cities. Even if cars aren't honking, motorcycle big trucks make a lot of noise as they zoom. There's also the noise of technology like the TV, radio, and handheld devices. Animal noise scan be heard if you or your neighbor has a loud pet, like a dog or parrot.

### **Which area is exposed to noise more, the city or the countryside?**

At's the city because of all the people. The camerapeople there are in a place, the noisier it is because of all the talking, laughing, and shouting. And, of course, with more people, you can expect have lots of noise coming from vehicles,

construction work, and the various gadgets people. That's why many older people would alliterative in the countryside since it's more peaceful. Though people, vehicles, and the like also make noise in the countryside, the noise level is bearable.

### **How would people usually respond noises in your country?**

Chinese people are used to the everyday noiselessness by others. We've got a billion plus people, so it's a normal part of life. The only time might complain is if the situation is disrespectful, such as someone



turning up their stereo system late at night. That's when it becomes rude to make such a racket. Now, if people cannot handle the noise level, like aiderman people I know, they can always move to a remote place, like a village in the mountains. Older people have options here.

### **How can people consider brotherliness when chatting in public?**

One way is to be mindful of your noise level. Enif you're enjoying a conversation with friends, toucan still monitor your voice levels. Most people know if they're speaking too loudly. The only reason why they don't lower their voices is that they don't care about the people around them. Another way is to watch what you say in public. If there are many children or older people around, it's best not to use foul language or tell vulgar stories that may offend them.

放松的地方

### **Describe your favorite place in your house where toucan relax**

**You should say: Where it is**

**What it is like**

**What you enjoy doing there**

**And explain why you feel relaxed at this place**

My favorite place where I can relax at home is our small living room. I live in a 2-bedroom apartment my cousin, who is also going to universality me. So our living room is situated between front door and the rooms.

At's diff cult to estimate the actual size, but nonliving room is big enough to accommodate around five people. We've got a couch, two plastic chairs, a small table, and a medium-sized TV attached thereto wall. The lighting there is good, so it's one of the brighter spots at home.

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movies on the TV. Though I can also do this on my phone, it's much better on a bigger screen. Sometimes my cousin and I invite people over fora movie marathon on the weekends. ! also breadboards there because of the lighting and space since my room is a bit cramped.

Besides the space and lighting, I like the grooming because I don't feel so alone there, as cousin feels more at ease in our living room too. So it's where we hang out. And even if she's outwith friends, just having the TV on makes me feel like people are at home.

### **Why is it diff cult for some people relax?**

I think the primary reason is that they're greathearted about something. Such people might bethinking about issues at school or work, which dishy they cannot relax right away. Others have family problems to deal with, which are concerns that can keep you agitated the whole day. Northerner possibility is that some people are hardwired to work. For them, any form of downtime is a waste of precious time for studding working.

## **What are the benefits of doing exercise?**

There are many. Exercise, of course, keeps busybody healthy and in shape. If we don't regularly our bodies, our body parts begin to breakdown. So we need regular exercise. Exercise also helps us mentally by lowering our stress levels. I've read that exercise releases happy hormones that help combat the stress-inducing chemicals in our bodies. So even if people say you should not think of your problems if you want to relax, unrounded to move your body to reach a state of relaxation.

## **What is the place where people spend most of their time at home?**

At's a toss-up between the living room and the bedroom. I think in more close-knit families, members spend more time in the living room since they can see one another. This is usually where the big television and entertainment system a relocated so that family members can spend equality together. But in families where members are not close, they probably stay inside their rooms for privacy and to avoid having to see or speak Boone another.

## **Do you think there should be classes for training young people and children how to relax?**

Yes. This is important because children and canteen also experience debilitating forms of stress. If left unchecked, young people could end up breaking down mentally, hurting others, or hurting themselves. Plus, without formal training, unpeople will just copy what their peers do, which be resorting to alcohol or drugs for relaxation. That would definitely affect their argumentatively. So formal training in relaxation is a great idea.

## **Which is more important, mental relaxation or physical relaxation?**

Both are necessary, but the more important one instalment relaxation. The mind is the control center the body. You cannot relax physically if gourmand is stressed about something. So even if homebody looks like it's at rest, if you're bothered mentally, many negative things may be going inside. Your heart rate might be too fast, outpoints might be aching, and the acid in your stomach might increase, causing ulcers. So if wanton to be relaxed physically, your mind must beat rest.

人多的地方

## **Describe a place you have been to where there were lots of people should say:**

**where it is**

**Who you were with**

**What people were doing there**

**And explain why there were lots of people**

A place I went to where there were lots of people was the public market. At's located a fetlocks from where I live in an area that I often try to avoid.

At the time, I accompanied my mom and grandmother. Usually, it's my dad who goes with them to help

carry the bags and keep watch, but that weekend he was busy, so my mom tapped me to go. We were there around 5:30 AM or so, an unholy hour if you ask me, yet there were tons of people milling about. Many were vendors selling all kinds of products, ranging from fruit and veggies to live farm animals. Others were customers shopping for their needs. And then there were other shady-looking characters that I kept an eye on in case they were up to good. Apparently, most people go early because the best products sell out fast. If you arrive late, not much will be left except for damaged goods. So the crowded scene was a common sight, according to my mom. Though we got through the morning and arrived home dreadnought, it's a duty I don't look forward to. At's a good thing my dad doesn't mind.

### **Which scenic spots will have queues of people?**

That's a tough one because most scenic places I know of are spacious enough for everyone enjoy simultaneously. I guess the only time people might fall in line is to ride something a ski lift or sailboat in these scenic spots or order something at a restaurant or thereafter. In many beach resorts 'Ave visited, lots of people wait in line at eateries because choices are limited in such places.

### **Where do young people like to go?**

In the city, young people love going to malls. Big malls today are like one-stop shops for young people. They can go shopping or even window shopping together, watch a movie, play arcade games, or while away the time at a cafe. Besides that, young people also go city parks to exercise. Outside the city, young people love going to the beach to swim and chill with their friends. And a trip to the mountains is something more adventurous unpeople do when they have the time.

### **Are people happy living in crowded apartments?**

I think most adults, young and old, are not very happy living in crowded apartments. Crowded apartments tend to be very noisy, affecting your peace of mind when you try study, work, or do chores. There's also an element of danger since you don't know who else might be living around you. I believe it's only young children who enjoy such places because of the availability of many playmates.

### **What are the advantages of living on a higher floor?**

The view is probably the biggest advantage. Apartments on the upper levels have a good view of the surrounding areas, which is particularly great early in the morning and late at night. However, those living on the middle and lower floors probably just see other bodybuilding their windows. Another advantage is lesser noise since people on the upper floors are farther away from the street, making it easier to concentrate on work and studies in daytime and sleep soundly at night.

### **What are the disadvantages of living on a lower floor?**

I'd say those on lower floors don't see much from their windows. Another is that it might be overstaffed there because the surrounding buildings block the airflow. Noise is another issue you're nearer to the street, so you'll hear the raucous noise from vehicles and people. In my view, those living on lower floors are also more prone to random robberies because easier for criminals to break in and escape from the lower levels than the upper levels.

## **What do you think of the phenomenon of people queuing in restaurants for**

### **more than an hour?**

I believe it's a waste of precious time. Although the food and drinks might be good there, don't think it's worth it to stand in line for so long. Though the place may be well known, I'm sure there are other less crowded establishments that serve something similar. Besides, with the shift to online orders, one can always order from that restaurant and have delivered to your home; no need to stand in line.

未来想去的遥远地方

## **Describe a place you plan to travel to that is far away from your home in the future. You should say:**

**Where it would be**

**When you would like to go**

**How you would like to go there**

**What you would do there**

**Who you would go with**

**And explain why you would like to visit the place**

A place that I plan to travel to in the future is St. Parkersburg, Russia. I have always been fascinated by Russian history and the culture of this popular tourist destination.

I really hope to visit this city next year during my mid-year holidays. The weather during this time of the year should be perfect for traveling, too.

I think that I'd travel to St. Parkersburg by plane because this is the most convenient means of getting there from my country. Before my trip, I plan to take some Russian language classes as I wish to communicate well with the locals there.

With my background in Russian history, I am eager to see some of the places I read about in my classes. The top spot I want to visit is the Winter Palace, which is the former residence of Russian emperors. Besides that, I plan to explore the museums and theaters located in St. Parkersburg.

I want to visit this city with my best friend, who is also captivated by Russian history and culture. We'll probabilistic planning our travel itinerary as soon as we can.

I would love to visit St. Parkersburg because it is a cultural center with a rich history. This city is home to many stunning landmarks and attractions, so I am sure that St. Parkersburg will be an unforgettable experience for both of us.

## **Where do people usually travel on holidays?**

I've observed that people usually head to the beach or a water park for vacation. For busy people, holidays are the only time for them to unwind and enjoy time in the water, so it's a usual destination. Besides that, people may also go to popular theme parks, like Disneyland Ocean Park. I wouldn't say it's the fault of

social media, but people nowadays want to visit those popular attractions since many of their friends and acquaintances have already there.

### **Why do some people think it is enjoyable to stay at home on holidays?**

For some, going on a vacation far away is very stressful. Much planning and budgeting are involved, and sometimes people have to make sacrifices at home and work just for such a trip to push through. That's why they prefer staying at home since there's less pressure and less spending too. It's also safer vacationing at home, especially if you have young children. Some parents don't want to risk exposing their young children to disease or the elements, so the family stays home.

### **How do students who have taken a gap year differ from other students?**

There are two thoughts in mind. One is that gap-year students might have more coincidences themselves than students who went straight from high school to university. Traveling nonworking before university gives them life experiences that most high school graduates don't have. However, there's also the danger of not wanting to study again, especially if they've worked for a year. So these gap-year students might not be as focused as before since they may have lost the desire to study.

### **Do teenagers usually travel with friends or alone?**

Most teens would rather travel with friends. Naturally, teens love the company of their peers, so as much as possible, they'd like to have a friend or two with them to enjoy eyesight together. But the other reason is safety. Most teens today are wise enough to know they're still inexperienced. So when traveling, they'd rather go for safety in numbers than try going solo lest they be taken advantage of by others.

### **What do you think is the most desirable place for people to visit during holiday?**

Most people would want to visit a scenic and popular beach for a vacation. I'm not sure it's been ingrained in people because of all the TV shows and blogs people see and read, but for many, a long vacation is not complete if you don't go to the beach. The only problem would be the crowd since others have the same thought, but still, many would insist on booking such a vacation if given a chance.

### **What does tourism have to do with cultural exchange?**

Tourism allows people of different cultures to interact, so there's a natural cultural exchange. As tourists spend time in another place, they learn about the habits and behaviors of the people there. And if what they learn is to their liking, they'll bring that home with them. Similarly, the locals also pick up new customs and develop an appreciation understanding of their visitors. So tourism is one of the best ways to foster cultural understanding.

获得错误信息

### **Describe an occasion when you got incorrect information**

**You should say:**

**When you got it**

## **How you got it**

## **How you found it was incorrect**

## **And how you felt about it**

One occasion when I received incorrect information was when I was traveling with my family. This happened in December last year when we were in Japan for a family trip that we had planned for almost a year. I got the wrong information from a stranger when I asked for directions to go to one of the most popular theme parks in the country. Visiting this theme park had been on my bucket list for the longest time, and I was ecstatic that I could finally tick it off my list.

We tried our best to follow the instructions the stranger had given to us. However, after going around in circles and asking multiple other people for directions, we finally arrived at the conclusion that we had received the wrong information at the start.

At first, I was feeling exasperated because we wasted so much of our precious time driving down the wrong route. Nonetheless, I eventually realized that the stranger was trying his very best to help me out, and the communication barrier between us was probably the main cause of this unfortunate event. In the end, we postponed the trip, and I had the best time of my life enjoying the rides and attractions there.

## **How do people determine the accuracy of information?**

One thing many do is to consider the credibility of the source. If the information comes from someone trusted, such as a good friend or colleague, they would probably consider it accurate. Also, if the information was from an official letter or email to them from a respected institution like a bank, then chances are the recipient will believe it. For online information, similar rules apply. People consider the reliability of the website the info is from as well as the reputation of whoever posted it.

## **How do people make sure they're getting the right information?**

People can do this by first seeking credible sources of information. For example, if you want to know the details of an important meeting, it's best to ask people directly involved, not the security guard who happened to be in the room. Another way is to crosscheck the info you have with reliable sources. Many people can do this by viewing legitimate websites online to confirm if an address, recipe, medical procedure, or what you have is correct.

## **Why do some people not trust information on the Internet?**

I think some people are wary about information online because there's no way to really prevent people from posting articles and blogs online, unlike newspapers and magazines that have established editors verifying content before publishing. Besides that, many crooks try to scam people online by posting fake ads and adding links meant to steal information.

So instead of reading legit online articles and accessing legitimate links, some people avoid them altogether.

## **What jobs provide information to others?**

I believe front liners like hotel receptionists and office secretaries are tasked to give information to people inquiring about services. Call center agents also inform people about things they need to know, whether these be for inbound or outbound calls. People in sales and marketing also give people information. Sales personnel do this when people visit the showroom, while those in marketing create ads and other signages that inform people about the company's offerings.

## What's the difference between email and phone in terms of providing information?

I'd say an email is much more informative because you can add detailed text and audiovisuals to help explain what you need to convey. An email is also something people can keep and refer to in case they forget something or wish to pass along the information to others. Relaying info over the phone, however, is more instantaneous, unlike emails that might not be read right away. And over the phone, one can immediately correct wrong information given or answer additional queries.

## Which do you think is the better way to provide information, by phone or by email?

I'd rather give information by email. For one, the recipients have a copy of what I've sent, allowing them to understand and even remember the details. It's also easier to send an email blast to many employees or customers than call them individually. Another advantage is I could add files to my email that are relevant to the message. These may be forms to fill out, brochures, and even videos that demonstrate what I want them to understand.



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