

2023 年 1-4 月雅思口语 Part2 保留题参考资料 (第三套故事<共五套>)

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1. 提供素材的目的，旨在帮助大家高效积累可用的地道口语表达，以及帮助各位同学扩展回答思路。我们在编写素材时，原则是接地气、符合大众生活情境。但是，任何素材无法全部完美适合所有人，因此建议练习中结合自身实际情况做素材调整，达到更高效复习的状态。调整内容时，如有疑问欢迎联系 Penny 解答。
2. 2023 年 1-4 月 Part2 保留题共 25 个。请您注意通过列表查询自己需要的话题和相关素材；
3. 每一版本的故事角度不同，请大家根据个人喜好选择参考；第三版为非串题版，可通过第二页表格查询每个考题的故事简介。
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5. 所有口语题目均为多次核实确定的考题，接下来我们仍将继续跟进核实，如有需补充题目或有需要更新的资料，会及时补充添加至“补充更新文件夹”。您在复习中有对题目的疑问，也欢迎随时联系 Penny 解答；
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7. 复习时，请您根据自己喜好来灵活运用故事及加分表达，切勿逐字逐句死记硬背；
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类别	题目 Topic	故事简介
事件类	1. 分歧/争论	与室友因打扫卫生而争论
	2. 一节喜欢的英语课	校外辅导班上的外教口语课
	3. 信息搜索	为写学校论文在图书馆查找资料
	4. 校外学到的重要东西	向朋友请教学习吉他
	5. 克服困难终成功	工作/学习太忙找不到时间锻炼身体
	6. 决意等待	决定等待一年再申请读研
	7. 塑料垃圾	海滩边发现很多塑料垃圾
	8. 失约	因参加婚礼忘记和导师见面的约定
	9. 收到钱作为礼物	妈妈在我生日时给我钱让我放心花
	10. 糟糕的购物体验	淘宝买了电脑却发现是翻新机
	11. 不得不与他人分享	与同事分享工位
事物类	12. 喜欢看的节目	综艺《这就是街舞》
	13. 漂亮物品	手工吹制的玻璃天鹅
	14. 引以为傲的照片	我拍到的日落美景
	15. 户外活动	远足
	16. 喜欢并想再看一次的电影	《盗梦空间》
	17. 有趣的小说/故事	《了不起的盖茨比》
地点类	18. 熟人的家	爸爸的朋友家极简风格的装修
	19. 推荐旅游的地方	哈尔滨
	20. 运动场所	市中心的体育馆
人物类	21. 认识的不同文化的人	认识的从荷兰来留学的交换生
	22. 时尚人士	网红时尚老太太
	23. 喜欢种植物的人	朋友在家里种各种香草调料做饭用
	24. 激励你做有趣事情的人	喜欢挑战新事物的朋友带我室内攀岩
	25. 童年玩伴	从小一起骑车上下学的好伙伴

Describe a time when you disagreed with somebody about something

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who you disagreed with;

What you disagreed about;

What the result of this disagreement was;

And explain how you felt about disagreeing with this person.



1. 分歧/争论

I'm going to talk about a **disagreement** I had with my **roommate**. My roommate and I usually get along really **well**, but we still have some **conflicts** **every now and then**¹. We had **this particular disagreement** a few **weeks** ago.

My roommate and I have lived together for a few **months** now. I've noticed that we **have very different standards** when it comes to **cleanliness**. **Whereas** I care **more** about things being **neat** and **tidy**, she can be **a bit of a slob**². I don't like it when the **garbage** doesn't get taken out **regularly** because it causes a **mess** and it makes the kitchen **smell**. But my roommate **didn't** seem to notice or care before I **brought it up**³.

She told me that if the garbage **bothered** me, I **should** be the one to take it out. I said that **wasn't** fair because **we both contributed to the garbage**⁴, so we should **take turns** bringing it outside. My roommate was pretty **stubborn**⁵. But once I **calmly** explained that we should take **care** of the garbage not just because it bothered **me**, but also because it was **unhygienic**⁶, she **finally** agreed that we could **share** the responsibility.

Anyway, I felt pretty **frustrated** at the **beginning** of our disagreement. But I knew that it was **important** to **be civil**⁷ because I **like** my roommate and I want to have a **good** relationship with her. I'm glad we could **talk it out**⁸.

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¹ every now and then: 时不时地

² a bit of a slob: 有一点邋遢

³ brought it up: 提起这件事

⁴ we both contributed to the garbage: 我们都是垃圾的贡献者

⁵ stubborn: 固执

⁶ unhygienic: 不卫生

⁷ be civil: 有礼貌的

⁸ talk it out: 谈一谈

Describe an English lesson that you really enjoyed.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where the lesson took place;

What the lesson was about;

What the teacher did;

And explain why you enjoyed this lesson so much.



2. 一节喜欢的英语课

I'd like to talk about a lesson I had in an English **tutoring** school near my house. I **signed up** for the **spoken** English class there last summer because I wanted to **work on my oral skills**.

The **instructor** was a **gorgeous** **Australian** woman named Lisa. She told us that she moved to Hunan and was there for **over a year** to learn Mandarin and teach English at that school as well.

Honestly, the first lesson **blew me away**⁹. She **divided us into pairs** and gave each pair an **interesting topic** to discuss. The topic my partner and I got was "Is it necessary to hold a wedding nowadays?" Even though we **didn't** exactly **know each other from Adam**¹⁰, we had a **really** fun conversation in English about that topic. And our hilarious **body language** even made each other **laugh out loud** in class. Lisa **pointed out** **all** the mistakes we made after listening to our discussion and **taught** us the right and **idiomatic expressions**.

I **took a liking**¹¹ to her lesson because **her way of teaching** was **really** productive and **different** from ordinary English teachers in public schools. **Other** English teachers I've had are really **by the book**¹²; they focus on teaching students more about English **grammar** and **vocabulary**. **Lisa**, on the other hand, **knocked it out of the park**¹³ by making her lesson fun and interesting.

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⁹ blew me away: 令我大吃一惊；令我印象极深

¹⁰ know from Adam: 从来没见过或不认识某人

¹¹ take a liking to: 对...产生爱好，喜欢

¹² by the book: 照章办事；照本宣科

¹³ knock it out of the park: 做的很好很出色

Describe a time when you had to find some information

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What information you had to find;

Where you looked for the information;

How much you enjoyed looking for the information;

And explain why you needed the information.



3. 信息搜索

I'm going to talk about a time I had to do **research** for a **school essay**. **If memory serves correctly**, it was my **first paper** in university. I was taking an **introductory** psychology course. Psychology was a **totally new** subject to me, so I **was struggling to** finish my assignment for class. It had to be a **five-page** paper about a topic we had discussed in class.

I decided to write a paper about our unit on **social psychology**. So I went to the school **library** to do research. We had to **include at least three sources in our paper**¹⁴, so I knew I needed to go there. Not only did I search for some **online articles** using one of the computers there, but I also **went through the shelves**. It was **hard** to figure out where to look **at first**. But thankfully a librarian pointed me in the **right** direction.

I **picked out** a few textbooks that I thought would be **useful**. It turns out that I actually **gathered way too much information**¹⁵. I only needed a **few** sources, but I had to spend a **lot** of time **going through**¹⁶ **all** of the articles and books in order to figure that out.

In that sense¹⁷, my **research skills** were a bit **weak**. I **overwhelmed** myself with **too many** things. But in the **end**, I was able to put together a **pretty** good paper, **if I do say so myself**¹⁸.

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¹⁴ include at least three sources in our paper: 在我们的论文中包括三个文献引用

¹⁵ gathered way too much information: 收集了太多信息

¹⁶ going through: 阅读

¹⁷ In that sense: 从这个意义上说; 就这方面来说

¹⁸ if I do say so myself: 如果我要这么说(自夸)的话

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Describe something important that you learned, not in school or college.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you learned;

How you learned it;

How easy/difficult it was to learn;

And explain why learning this was important to you.



4. 校外学到的重要东西

Learning **new** skills is one of the **best** ways to **motivate** you to improve and **keep life challenging**. I try to learn at least **one** new skill every year in order to **push myself**¹⁹ and become the **best** person I can be. A **new** skill that I learned last year was how to play the **guitar**.

My good friend **Tony** has played the guitar since he was a **child**. He's always **encouraging** me to learn how to play the guitar. Finally, last summer, I decided to buy my **own** guitar and learn how to play. Tony agreed to **teach** me twice a week at his home where he showed me **everything** I needed to know about **the basics of learning the guitar**²⁰.

For anyone who has learned an **instrument** before, they know how **difficult** it is to **play at a high level**²¹. It can **take hours and hours of practice**²² if you want to become **talented** at playing an instrument, and the guitar **is no different**²³. Tony taught me the basics of **finger movement**²⁴, learning how to **read** music, and how to **hit the right chords**²⁵ while playing. It was **frustrating** at first since there was **so much** to learn, but he was **patient** with me and pushed me to do my **best**.

Now, I'm able to play **several** songs. It's **not** stressful to play. It actually helps me **wind down**²⁶. When I **focus on** playing guitar, I can **let the worries of my day leave my mind**²⁷. It **helps me manage stress**²⁸. So it's definitely one of the most **important** skills I've ever learned.

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¹⁹ push myself: 逼自己; 强迫自己

²⁰ the basics of learning the guitar: 学习吉他的基础知识

²¹ play at a high level: 弹到很高的水平

²² take hours and hours of practice: 花很长时间来练习

²³ is no different: 没有区别 (也是这样), 和... 一样

²⁴ finger movement: 手指动作, 指法

²⁵ hit the right chords: 弹中正确的弦

²⁶ wind down: 放松

²⁷ let the worries of my day leave my mind: 一天的烦恼都能抛之脑后

²⁸ helps me manage stress: 帮助我管理压力

Describe a time when you succeeded in doing something that was difficult.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you succeeded in doing;

Why it was difficult to do;

Whether you got help/How much help you needed;

And explain how you felt when you succeeded in doing this difficult thing.



5. 克服苦难终成功

I'm going to talk about the time I decided to start **working out** every week. Honestly, that may be **a walk in the park**²⁹ for **some** people. But at the time, I was **super** busy and very **unmotivated**³⁰ to add **another** thing to my schedule.

I decided I should start working out regularly a few **months** ago. I realized that I was pretty **out of shape**³¹, and I wanted to be **proactive**³² about it instead of waiting for things to get **worse**. I looked at some **fitness sites** to get recommendations, but everything seemed so **overwhelming**. It was **hard** for me to focus on **exercise**. I also started feeling **anxious** that it was **too late** and I **wouldn't** be able to **develop a good workout routine**.

I talked to one of my friends, **Dan**, who's a very **active** person. He told me **not** to focus on having **the perfect workout regimen**³³. Instead, I could just pick **one** activity **per** week. It could be the **same**, or it could be something **new** every week. And it **didn't** have to be **too intense**. He said that **even a walk after work could count**.

His advice **helped**. I realized that I could fit in **short walks** while I **took a break from work**. **Making small changes at a slow pace**³⁴ helped me overcome my **anxiety** about working out enough. Soon, I had a **nice** weekly routine. I felt really **happy** that I found a **way** to work out.

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²⁹ a walk in the park: 轻而易举的事

³⁰ unmotivated: 毫无动力

³¹ out of shape: 身材走样

³² proactive: 积极主动的; 主动出击的; 这里指尽快去做点什么

³³ the perfect workout regimen: 完美的锻炼方案

³⁴ Making small changes at a slow pace: 慢慢地做一些小的改变

Describe a time when you made a decision to wait for something.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you decided to wait for;

What you did while you were waiting;

How you felt while you were waiting;

And explain why deciding to wait was a good decision.



6. 决意等待

I'm going to talk about the time I decided to wait for **a year** before **applying to grad school**³⁵. After I graduated **last** year, I wanted to **go straight to** grad school. It was my **goal** to **get my postgraduate degree as soon as possible**³⁶. But when I was talking about it with my **best** friend, she suggested that I **take a gap year instead**³⁷.

I was **really** surprised when I heard her advice. But she explained that I needed time to **rest**. I had been **pushing myself really hard**³⁸ in school. She said that if I **kept going at this pace**, I was going to **burn out**. I **took her words to heart**³⁹ and decided to take a **break**. It was **hard**, but I realized that I had to prioritize my **mental** health.

I felt really **stressed** about my decision at first. I thought that maybe I was **overreacting**⁴⁰. But once it had been a couple **weeks**, I realized how **wound up**⁴¹ I had been. It was really **refreshing** to have some time **away** from school. After that **realization**, I felt very **relieved** that I had made this **important** decision.

I **didn't** stop thinking about school completely, of course. Instead, I took the **extra** year to research **different** schools to apply to. Now that it's time to **apply**, I think I **have a much clearer head**⁴² and I feel **better** about my choices. So I'm very **grateful** to my friend for giving me that advice.

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³⁵ applying to grad school: 申请研究生

³⁶ get my postgraduate degree as soon as possible: 尽快拿到我的研究生学位

³⁷ take a gap year instead: 不如选择休学（间隔）一年

³⁸ pushing myself really hard: 对自己要求非常严格

³⁹ took her words to heart: 把她的话听进去了

⁴⁰ overreacting: 反应过度

⁴¹ wound up: 紧张

⁴² have a much clearer head: 我的头脑更清醒了

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Describe a time when you saw a lot of plastic waste in a natural environment.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

When and where you saw this plastic waste;

How you think this plastic waste got there;

Why you noticed it;

And explain how you felt about seeing plastic waste in this natural environment.



7. 塑料垃圾

I'm going to talk about the time I went to the **beach** and saw lots of **plastic** waste. **If memory serves correctly**, I went there **last summer**. My friend and I decided to **go on a road trip**⁴³ and visit the nearest beach. We were so excited to **swim** and enjoy the **beautiful** weather.

But when we got to the beach, we were so **upset** to find that **the shore was littered with garbage**⁴⁴. There were plastic **bags** and **bottles** all along the shoreline. It was like someone had had a huge **party** and decided not to **clean up**. We asked one of the locals **why** there was so much trash, and they said that a lot of tourists like to come to the beach but they **don't pick up after themselves**⁴⁵.

I thought it was **horrible** that people could treat nature like that. I mean, it was such a **beautiful** beach, but it was **ruined** by all the garbage. I **didn't** even want to **go in the water**. My friend and I picked up some of the garbage by **ourselves**, but we could **barely make a dent**⁴⁶. After an hour, we **took a quick swim**, and then we went home.

I was really **sad** to see so much plastic waste on the beach. I **can't** imagine how **badly** that affects the wildlife. **It's such a shame that**⁴⁷ people are so **disrespectful** with their garbage. We **really** need to do better.

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⁴³ go on a road trip: 来一次公路旅行

⁴⁴ the shore was littered with garbage: 岸上到处都是垃圾

⁴⁵ pick up after themselves: 收拾自己的垃圾

⁴⁶ barely make a dent: 没有什么改变; 无济于事

⁴⁷ It's such a shame that: 真是非常遗憾

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Describe a time when you forgot an appointment (e.g. a doctor's appointment or meeting a friend)

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

When and where the appointment was;

Why you forgot the appointment;

What happened after you forgot the appointment;

And explain how you felt about forgetting the appointment.



8. 失约

I'm going to talk about the time when I forgot the appointment that I made with my **advisor**. **If my memory doesn't fail me⁴⁸**, it happened on **July 1st**. Actually that was also my sister's **wedding day**.

I remember that one day when I was **revising my dissertation⁴⁹**, I received an **email** from my advisor. She asked me to come to her **office** at 2 pm on July 1st. She would like to discuss the **changes** in my dissertation. I replied the email and **confirmed⁵⁰** meeting time with her.

However, as I said just now, my sister's wedding party was **also** held on July 1st. And I was her **maid of honor⁵¹**. So, I had to do **tons of** things, like helping the bride to get ready and welcoming the guests. You know, as the bride's little sister, this was **a moment of joy** that I **greatly** looked forward to. So I had so much **fun** that I **totally** forgot the appointment of the meeting!

At the **end** of the wedding ceremony, I received a **call** from my advisor...and it was already **2.30pm**! She was **pissed off⁵²** because I **broke the appointment⁵³**. After I **sincerely apologized** to her and explained that it was my **sister's** wedding day, she eventually forgave me and **rescheduled the meeting for** the next day. I was really **embarrassed**, so since then, I always set an **alarm** on my phone to remind me of the **appointments**.

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⁴⁸ If my memory doesn't fail me: 如果我没记错的话

⁴⁹ revising my dissertation: 修改我的论文

⁵⁰ confirmed: 确认

⁵¹ maid of honor: 伴娘

⁵² pissed off: 生气

⁵³ broke the appointment: 失约

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Describe a time when someone gave you some money as a gift.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who gave you the money;

Why they gave it to you;

What you did with it;

And explain how you felt about receiving the money.



9. 收到钱作为礼物

When it comes to a time someone gave me **money** as a gift, the **first** one that **comes to mind**⁵⁴ is the time my **mom** gave me cash for my **birthday**.

Specifically, it was just a couple **months** ago. It was my **twentieth** birthday and so my mom wanted to give me **spending money**⁵⁵ to go **treat myself**⁵⁶. You know, **twenty** is a **pretty big milestone**⁵⁷. She gave me **a wad of cash**⁵⁸ so my friend and I could go enjoy a **BBQ** festival together **without** having to worry about the **price**. It was **totally** worth it; later on **that** week, I took my friend to the festival and we bought **loads** of **roasted lamb**⁵⁹.

Well, BBQ is my **favourite** food, and **it was a blast**⁶⁰ to enjoy them with my **friend**. My mom knows that as a **student**, I often have to **keep a tight budget**⁶¹, so the money was a **perfect** gift for me. I feel like if she **hadn't** given me money, I would've been **worrying** about how to afford **everything**. Especially since I was taking my **friend** with me — it was **nice** to not have to think about **money** the whole night.

As for my **feelings** about it, I was **over the moon**⁶². It was such a **thoughtful** gift and my friend and I **definitely** spent the money well. It **really** **took a load off**⁶³ in terms of worrying about my **finances**.

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⁵⁴ comes to mind: 马上想到的

⁵⁵ spending money: 零花钱

⁵⁶ treat myself: 犒劳自己

⁵⁷ a pretty big milestone: 意义非凡

⁵⁸ a wad of cash: 一沓钱，表示给了不少

⁵⁹ roasted lamb: 烤羊肉

⁶⁰ it was a blast: 做某事很开心

⁶¹ keep a tight budget: 省钱，节省开支

⁶² over the moon: 很高兴

⁶³ took a load off: 放下了对...的心理负担

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⁷⁶ trustworthy: 可信赖的, 可靠的

Describe a time when you had to share something with another person or other people.

You should say (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What you had to share;

Who you had to share with;

Why you had to share;

And explain how you felt about sharing something with another person or other people.



11. 不得不与他人分享

I'm going to talk about the time I had to share an **office** with a co-worker. **If memory serves correctly**, this happened a few **months** ago. Normally, I have my **own** space at work. But there was an **issue** with the **building infrastructure** that required some parts of the floor to be **shut down**. So one of my coworkers had to **share** my office with me. They added their **desk**, which made the space quite **cramped**⁷⁷.

Luckily, this co-worker and I get along **pretty** well. Her name is **Sarah**, and we **have a lot in common**⁷⁸. But **even then**⁷⁹, having to share an office **added some tension**⁸⁰. She would often take **phone calls** in our office, but she talked so **loudly** that I had to **put earphones in** so I could focus. But I could **still** hear her over the music I played, which was **frustrating**.

We had to share the office for **two weeks**, which definitely **felt like an eternity**⁸¹. By the **end** of those two weeks, we had started to **get on each other's nerves**⁸². It **wasn't** good for our **professional** work, and it definitely **wasn't** helping our work performance. But once I **had my space back**⁸³, things got much **better**.

As for how I **felt** about it, well, I was a little **annoyed** that I **had to** share my space. But as an **adult**, you have to learn how to deal with **difficult** situations and **make the most out of it**⁸⁴.

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⁷⁷ cramped: 拥挤

⁷⁸ have a lot in common: 有很多共同点

⁷⁹ even then: 即便如此

⁸⁰ added some tension: 增加了一些矛盾

⁸¹ felt like an eternity: 感觉像永远一样; 意指感觉

度日如年

⁸² get on each other's nerves: 让彼此都很烦

⁸³ had my space back: 又有了我自己的空间

⁸⁴ make the most out of it: 充分利用它

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Describe a program that you enjoyed very much (e.g. on TV or the internet)

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What the programme was about;

Where you watched this programme;

Who you watched it with;

And explain why you enjoyed this programme so much.



12. 喜欢看的节目

Recently I've **gotten hooked on**⁸⁵ a game show called "*Street Dance of China*"⁸⁶. It's **not** a new show at all, I think it's been going on for like five seasons, which I **take as a good sign**⁸⁷. It must be **popular** for it to be running for **5 years**! I don't really know **why** I didn't watch it **earlier**. I guess I just **hadn't** heard of it. My **friend** actually showed it to me when **I was over at her place**⁸⁸. She **loves** it, and wanted to **share** that with someone.

So, *Street Dance of China* is a **competitive** dancing game show where people from all over **China** come and **dance off**⁸⁹ to see who the **best** street dancer is. It's actually quite an **engaging**⁹⁰ show, I **didn't** expect it to be **such a treat** to watch. I think what really makes it **fun** is the **bad** dancing. There are some people who come on and dance so **badly** that everyone is **completely floored by**⁹¹ what they see. I mean, I never understand how they **don't** know they are so **bad** at dancing. **It makes for hilarious episodes**, though.

I don't watch the **entire** show **on a daily basis**. After all, it also plays on the **internet**, so I don't need to follow its **playing schedule**⁹² on **TV**. Instead, I watch **episode clips**⁹³ on the internet whenever I'm feeling **bored**. I think it's better watching it this way because it allows me to **kick back and relax**.

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⁸⁵ gotten hooked on: 迷上..., 喜欢...

⁸⁶ Street Dance of China: 综艺节目《这就是街舞》

⁸⁷ take as a good sign: ...是不错的信号(表示某件事可能会继续进行下去, 这里指意味着节目办的不错, 可能继续下去)

⁸⁸ I was over at her place: 我去她家(的时候)

⁸⁹ dance off: 舞蹈对决比赛

⁹⁰ engaging: 吸引人的

⁹¹ floored by: 被...惊到

⁹² playing schedule: 播放时间表

⁹³ episode clips: 节目片段

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Describe an object that you think is very beautiful.

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the object is;

Where you first saw the object;

What it looks like;

And explain how you feel about this beautiful object.



13. 漂亮物品

One beautiful object I've seen is **a handblown glass swan**⁹⁴. **If memory serves correctly**, I saw it when I went on **vacation** with my family. We decided to go to a **beach town** **a few hours from our city**⁹⁵. It was a **long** drive, but it was **worth** it when we got there. We had a **lovely** time swimming and relaxing on the shore. Then, we decided to check out some of the **stores**.

I found one shop that had all kinds of **knickknacks**⁹⁶. But the one that **caught my eye**⁹⁷ right away was a **glass swan**. It looked so **lifelike**⁹⁸. The glass curved **perfectly** to show the swan's **signature long neck**⁹⁹. It was also pretty **large**, probably so that there could be a lot of **detail**. Even the little **beak**¹⁰⁰ was **perfectly** made.

I was so **impressed** that someone could make something like that. When I asked the **shop owner** about it, he said that a local **glassblower**¹⁰¹ had made it. It took him a **long** time to craft something so delicate, but **the end result was stunning**¹⁰². The owner said that **lots** of tourists wanted to buy the vase, but it ended up being too **pricey** for them.

It was a bit too **expensive** for me as well, but I was happy just to **admire** it. I took a picture so that I could **remember** it. I **was honestly so blown away**¹⁰³ by how beautiful the vase was. I **really** loved it and hope **it goes to a good home someday**¹⁰⁴.

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⁹⁴ a handblown glass swan: 手工吹制的玻璃天鹅

⁹⁵ a few hours from our city: 离我们住的地方有几小时车程

⁹⁶ knickknacks: 小摆设, 小饰品

⁹⁷ caught my eye: 吸引了我的目光

⁹⁸ lifelike: 栩栩如生的

⁹⁹ signature long neck: 标志性的长脖颈

¹⁰⁰ beak: 嘴 (鸟)

¹⁰¹ glassblower: 吹玻璃的师傅

¹⁰² the end result was stunning: 最终的结果令人惊叹

¹⁰³ blown away: 被震惊到

¹⁰⁴ it goes to a good home someday: (希望) 有一天它能寻到一个好归宿

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Describe a photo you took that you are proud of.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who or what was in your photo;

When you took the photo;

Why you took it;

And explain why you are proud of this photo you took.



14. 引以为傲的照片

I'm going to talk about a beautiful photo of a **sunset** that I took not too long ago. **If memory serves correctly**, I took this picture a few **months** ago. It was during **summer**, so the weather was **really** nice. My friends and I decided to **take a day trip to** a nearby **beach**. We spent most of the day **swimming** and **relaxing** on the shore. Then, as the sun was **setting**, I got my phone **out** and took a few pictures. I had to **crouch low to get the right angle**¹⁰⁵, but I thought it was **worth** it for the chance to take a **good** photo.

I wasn't expecting the photos to turn out **very** well. After all, **pictures rarely do these kinds of sights justice**¹⁰⁶. But when I looked at them the **next** day, I was pleasantly **surprised** to find that they were **breathtaking**. One of them in particular **caught the light just right**¹⁰⁷. **The sky literally looked like it was on fire**¹⁰⁸. It was **so** amazing.

I quickly **shared** the photo with my friends. They all agreed that it was a **great** photo. They encouraged me to post it on **social media**, which I did. **It got a ton of likes and comments**¹⁰⁹. I felt really **good** about it.

I'm **proud** of the photo because the **composition**¹¹⁰ and the **lighting** look really great. It's clear that I took it at just the **right** angle, which makes me **feel accomplished**¹¹¹. I'm so glad I could capture such a **beautiful** sight.

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¹⁰⁵ crouch low to get the right angle: 蹲下来找更好的拍摄角度

¹⁰⁶ pictures rarely do these kinds of sights justice: 照片很少能很好的展现这些景象

¹⁰⁷ caught the light just right: 捕捉到的光线恰到好处; 雅思过过过淘宝店铺; 原创

¹⁰⁸ The sky literally looked like it was on fire: 天空就像着火了一样

¹⁰⁹ It got a ton of likes and comments: 我收到了很多点赞和评论

¹¹⁰ composition: 构图

¹¹¹ feel accomplished: 感到很有成就感

Describe a place you went to do an outdoor activity.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Where you went and when;

What outdoor activity you did at this place;

Why you did this outdoor activity;

And explain how you felt about doing the outdoor activity at this place.



15. 户外活动

I'm going to talk about a **hike** that I went on not too long ago. **If memory serves correctly**, it was just **last** month. I moved to a **new** city at the start of the **summer**, and I wanted to **familiarize myself with my surroundings**¹¹². I made a couple **new friends**, and one week they asked if I wanted to join them for a **hike**. I was touched that they wanted to **include me**¹¹³ on this fun adventure. I said **yes**, even though I **wasn't too keen on doing something so physically demanding**¹¹⁴.

Before I went hiking, I asked for their **advice** on what kind of **shoes** to get. **I'd never gone on a serious hike before**¹¹⁵, and they seemed like hiking **enthusiasts**. They sent me a **list** of different brands to consider. I went to a shoe store and found a **great** pair that were on sale. I was so **excited** to get started!

We decided to go hiking early in the **morning** so it wouldn't be **too hot**. **I wasn't too thrilled about the early start to the day**¹¹⁶, but it turned out to be **totally** worth it. Although the hike was **physically challenging**¹¹⁷, I got to enjoy an **amazing** view. We hiked to the top of a **tall** hill and got to see the **whole city spread out below us**¹¹⁸. I was **totally blown away**.

My attitude about outdoor exercise **definitely** changed. It was still **hard** work, but I enjoyed it **way more** than I thought I would.

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¹¹² familiarize myself with my surroundings: (让自己) 想熟悉一下周围的环境

¹¹³ include me: 让我参加; 把我算在内

¹¹⁴ wasn't too keen on doing something so physically demanding: 不太喜欢做这种费体力的事情

¹¹⁵ I'd never gone on a serious hike before: 我从来没有正经徒步过

¹¹⁶ I wasn't too thrilled about the early start to the day: 我不是很喜欢一大早就开始

¹¹⁷ physically challenging: 身体(体力上)非常有考验性的

¹¹⁸ spread out below us: 在我们(脚下)延伸开来; 指站在高处, 看着城市在下面延绵展开的景色

Describe a film/movie you enjoyed and would like to see again.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

What the film/movie was;

When and where you see the film/movie;

What the film/movie was about;

And explain why you would like to see this film/movie again.



16. 喜欢并想再看一次的电影

The film that I **absolutely** love to watch again is an older film called **Inception**¹¹⁹. It's quite **famous** and stars **Leonardo di Caprio**. It's a **sci-fi**, **futuristic**¹²⁰ film that involves travelling into **dreams**. It's so **cool**!

The **plot** is a little bit **difficult** to explain, but it's so **good**! The movie **keeps you on your toes**¹²¹ **all** the way till the end, and even **after** that. I think the **best** part of the film is its **ending**. It's so **ambiguous**¹²² and **confusing** that everyone has **struggled** to interpret it. I mean, there are **internet wars**¹²³ still happening even **ten** years later about what the ending **meant**! That's the main reason I want to see it again. Plus, the **music** of this movie just **swept everyone off their feet**¹²⁴. And the **computer animation**¹²⁵ and **plot** were just so **well done** that viewers **get totally lost in** the movie. I **have yet to meet someone** who **doesn't** at least appreciate the film.

I **first** watched the film with my **dad**, who's **a big film buff**¹²⁶, and an even **bigger** sci-fi buff. He **got me hooked on** *The Matrix* first, and this was the **second** film that I fell in love with. I actually think that this movie **tops**¹²⁷ *The Matrix*.

Anyway, It's a classic movie that deserves to be watched over and over. It's just so **philosophical** and has so many **layers** that **you can't help but try to unravel** it¹²⁸. I'm looking forward to rewatching it with my family when we have some spare time

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¹¹⁹ Inception: 电影《盗梦空间》

¹²⁰ futuristic: 未来派的，未来主义的

¹²¹ keeps you on your toes: 让你一直保持警觉

¹²² ambiguous: 模糊不清的

¹²³ internet wars: 网络论战，网络辩论

¹²⁴ swept everyone off their feet: 非常喜欢，瞬间

为之倾倒

¹²⁵ computer animation: 电脑动画

¹²⁶ a big film buff: 电影发烧友

¹²⁷ tops: 动词，超过...

¹²⁸ you can't help but try to unravel it: 情不自禁的想要揭开（真相）

Describe a novel or a story that you thought was particularly interesting.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Why you read the novel story;

What the novel/story was about;

How long it took you to read it;

And explain why you thought this novel/story was so interesting.



17. 有趣的小说/故事

I'm going to talk about *The Great Gatsby*. It's a **world-class**¹²⁹ famous novel written by an **American** author. I had read its **Chinese version** which I borrowed from a **library**, but I loved it so much that I **bought myself a copy**. I just **reread**¹³⁰ it a few weeks ago.

If memory serves **correctly**¹³¹, it's about a **millionaire**¹³² named **Jay Gatsby** who's in love with a girl named **Daisy**. The story is **told from the perspective of**¹³³ Daisy's **cousin**, whose name is **Nick**. He meets Gatsby and together they try to help him **reunite with**¹³⁴ Daisy. **Unfortunately**, they find out that Daisy is **married**. She and Gatsby **still** try to **get together**¹³⁵, but **it doesn't work out very well**¹³⁶. In the end, Gatsby ends up getting **killed** for a murder he didn't commit. It's a very **romantic** story, but the ending is kind of a **bummer**¹³⁷, **if you ask me**¹³⁸.

Still, I think it's a **great** book. It looks like a **romance** story but it's actually all about the **American Dream** and how people can **be stuck**¹³⁹ in the past. It's said that it's a **classic** when it comes to **American literature**. I think **everyone** should read *The Great Gatsby* at least **once** in their lifetime. It inspires people to think about whether we should **pursuit our dreams** even if it's **unrealistic**, which I believe is **a deep question** about life.

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¹²⁹ world-class: 世界级的

¹³⁰ reread: 重新读

¹³¹ If memory serves correctly: 如果我没记错的话

¹³² millionaire: 百万富翁

¹³³ told from the perspective of: 从...的角度讲

¹³⁴ reunite with: 和...重归于好

¹³⁵ get together: 重聚

¹³⁶ it doesn't work out very well: 形容事情进行的并不顺利，计划并没有很好的实施下去

¹³⁷ bummer: 令人失望

¹³⁸ if you ask me: 在我看来，依我说

¹³⁹ be stuck: 被困其中



Describe a part of your country that you would recommend to visitors.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Which part of your country you would recommend;

How you know about this part of your country;

Whether many visitors go there;

And explain why you would recommend this part of your country to visitors.



19. 推荐旅游的地方

When it comes to somewhere I'd **recommend** visiting, **the first place that comes to mind** is **Harbin**, which is **the most northern big city**¹⁴⁸ in China. **If memory serves correctly**, last winter vacation, I took a **plane** to Harbin with my parents. **It was really a blast**¹⁴⁹ travelling there.

Actually, **I'd been dying to**¹⁵⁰ visit Harbin for a **long** time. **Every** winter, the city builds a **theme park** called **the ice and snow world**¹⁵¹. I'd only seen it on **TV** before I actually went there. So when my family and I were on **vacation** for the spring festival holiday last year, we decided to go to **Harbin** for a trip and see the **ice sculptures**¹⁵².

Anyway, it's a very **exotic**¹⁵³ city. The scenery there was also **stunning**¹⁵⁴. Since it's very close to **Russia**, tons of Russian used to **live** there. Many buildings there were built **in Russian styles**¹⁵⁵, making the place look like a **western** city. Plus, **as you know**, we went there in winter because it has a **spectacular**¹⁵⁶ Ice Sculpture Festival. So we saw **lots** of beautiful **giant** ice sculptures there, and there was even a **gigantic castle**¹⁵⁷ made of ice! It really **blew us away**¹⁵⁸.

So I think Harbin is such an **interesting** city! I have to say the city itself is quite **unique** compared to other places in China. After all, it has the most **bitterly cold**¹⁵⁹ winters in China. Besides, there are also a **ton** of great winter **activities** there. So Harbin is **definitely** **worth a visit**¹⁶⁰.

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¹⁴⁸ the most northern big city: 最北边的一个大城市

¹⁴⁹ It was really a blast: 玩的很开心

¹⁵⁰ I'd been dying to: 我很想要做的一件事

¹⁵¹ the ice and snow world: 冰雪大世界

¹⁵² ice sculptures: 冰雕

¹⁵³ exotic: 有异国情调的

¹⁵⁴ stunning: 极好的，漂亮的

¹⁵⁵ in Russian styles: 俄罗斯风格

¹⁵⁶ spectacular: 很壮观的

¹⁵⁷ gigantic castle: 巨大的城堡

¹⁵⁸ blew us away: 惊到我們了

¹⁵⁹ bitterly cold: 刺骨的寒冷

¹⁶⁰ worth a visit: 值得一看

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Describe someone from another culture(e.g. a friend, a teacher) who you enjoy spending time with.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who this person is;

What his/her cultural background is;

When and where you met this person;

And explain why you enjoy spending time with this person from another culture.



21. 认识的不同文化的人

When it comes to¹⁶⁸ someone from **another** culture, the **first** person that comes to mind¹⁶⁹ is my friend **David**. He was an exchange student from **Holland**, also known as the Netherlands. I first met him in **university**. We had a few **classes** together, so we got to know each other **pretty** well. One of the **first** things I learned about David is that he's **Dutch**. He's a **huge fan of** soccer¹⁷⁰ and he loves to **cheer** on the Netherlands when they play in the **world cup**.

He really enjoyed **teaching** me about his culture. He said that the Dutch are a very **friendly and welcoming people**¹⁷¹. They can make friends **anywhere** they go. He said he thinks it's **important** to be kind to everyone you meet, whether they're **friendly** to you or not.

To be honest, I was **surprised** that David was so **open** with me right away. On the **first** day we met, he told me all about his **family** and what was going on in his **personal life**. I'm not quite **sure if that's a Dutch thing or just a David thing**¹⁷², to be honest. But I found it very **refreshing**¹⁷³.

Plus, David is a really **kind** and **considerate** person. His **upbringing**¹⁷⁴ has made him a very welcoming person. If he's in a group and notices that someone is **quiet**, he'll make sure to **include them** in the conversation¹⁷⁵. I think he's a really **great** guy. He definitely does a **good** job of **representing** Holland.

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¹⁶⁸ When it comes to: 当提到...

¹⁶⁹ comes to mind: 想到

¹⁷⁰ a huge fan of soccer: 一个超级球迷

¹⁷¹ are a very friendly and welcoming people: 是非常友好热情的民族；注意此处有 a 并不是一个语法错误。如需进一步讲解请微信联系 Penny

¹⁷² I'm not quite sure if that's a Dutch thing or just a

David thing: 我不确定这是荷兰人的习惯还是大卫自己的习惯

¹⁷³ refreshing: 耳目一新；新鲜

¹⁷⁴ upbringing: 教养

¹⁷⁵ include them in the conversation: 让他们参与到对话中

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Describe a person you know who enjoys dressing well.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the person is;

What job/studies he person does;

What sort of clothes the person wears;

And explain why you think this person enjoys dressing well.



22. 喜欢打扮的人

Well, the **first** person that **comes to mind** is an **internet celebrity**¹⁷⁶ who is an **elderly** lady. She's in her **sixties**, but **she's into** all kinds of fashions. So she is always stylish.

When she was **younger**, she was actually an **actress**. **It makes sense that**¹⁷⁷ she was really **involved in the world of fashion**¹⁷⁸. Even though she has **retired** from the film industry, she **runs a TikTok account**¹⁷⁹ that shows off her **style** from day to day. I've **never** seen any elderly person who is **so** stylish. So I **followed** her account right away.

Anyway, she always dresses very **creatively**. She can turn **anything** into a **striking**¹⁸⁰ outfit, like matching a simple **blouse** with **a pair of glittery pants**¹⁸¹, or wearing a **slim** suit in **bright yellow**. I also saw a video of her showing herself off in a real fur **pink** coat and green **baggy pants**¹⁸², which made her look like a **hip-hop** singer.

I think some people might be especially **surprised** to see an **older** woman dressing in such **unique** styles. Usually it's just **young** people who have really **weird** outfits. But she's still **gorgeous** and she knows how to **make herself stand out**. Her clothes are a little too **funky**¹⁸³ for me to wear, but I really **admire** her style. I'm **a big fan of** her **personality** as well. Life is too **short** to dress in a way you **don't** like. I hope I can still be **myself** the way she does **when I'm at her age**.

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¹⁷⁶ internet celebrity: 网红

¹⁷⁷ It makes sense that: ...是说得通的

¹⁷⁸ involved in the world of fashion: 涉足时尚界

¹⁷⁹ runs a TikTok account: 运营着一个抖音账户

¹⁸⁰ striking: 引人注目的

¹⁸¹ a pair of glittery pants: 一条闪闪发光的裤子

¹⁸² baggy pants: 布袋裤

¹⁸³ funky: 时髦独特的

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Describe a person you know who enjoys growing plants (e.g. flowers, vegetables, fruit trees)

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

How you know this person;

What plants this person enjoys growing;

Where this person grows plants;

And explain why you think this person enjoys growing these plants.



23. 喜欢种植物的人

I'm going to talk about my friend **Sarah**. She **has such a green thumb**¹⁸⁴. She loves to take care of **plants** and watch them **grow**. **If memory serves correctly**, I first met Sarah in **university**. She quickly told me all about her **love** of plants. She even showed me **pictures** of all the plants she owned. She must have shown me at least **a dozen pictures of plants of all shapes and sizes**. I was pretty **impressed** by **her knack for** growing plants.

She really likes to grow **herbs**¹⁸⁵ that she can use in cooking. For example, she has a planter full of **basil, rosemary, and thyme**¹⁸⁶. She uses them to make all kinds of **dishes**. I've **tried** some of her cooking, and I can say that the **fresh, homegrown** ingredients **make a world of difference**¹⁸⁷.

She only has a **small** apartment, but **it's filled to the brim with plants**¹⁸⁸. She has a few **tall** plants by the window, and then even more on her **balcony**.

I think Sarah's love of plants is really **admirable**. A lot of people **dislike** plants because they take a lot of **patience** and **diligence** to take care of. You have to care for them **every day**. And you don't get to see the **results** right away. Some people get **bored** and **throw out**¹⁸⁹ their plants before they've even **bloomed**¹⁹⁰. But Sarah is very **patient** and takes **great** care of her plants. I really **respect** that about her.

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¹⁸⁴ green thumb: 园艺高手

¹⁸⁵ herbs: 这里指的是可以做饭用的香草调料

¹⁸⁶ basil, rosemary, and thyme: 罗勒、迷迭香和百里香

¹⁸⁷ make a world of difference: (让食物味道) 有很大的不同

¹⁸⁸ it's filled to the brim with plants: (房子里) 摆满了植物

¹⁸⁹ throw out: 扔掉

¹⁹⁰ bloomed: 盛开

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Describe a person who inspired you to do something interesting

You should say: (注: 四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索, 不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the person is;

What interesting thing you did;

How this person inspired you to do this thing;

And explain how you felt after this person inspired you to do something interesting.



24. 激励你做有趣事情的人

I'm going to talk about my friend **David**. He **talked me into**¹⁹¹ trying **indoor rock-climbing**¹⁹², which was truly an **interesting** and **life-changing**¹⁹³ experience for me. **If memory serves correctly**, I met David in our **first** year of university. We had a **couple** classes together and became **friends** pretty quickly. David is a really **friendly** and **outgoing** person. He always **pushed me outside my comfort zone**¹⁹⁴.

Recently, David **got into**¹⁹⁵ indoor **rock-climbing**. He said it was an **amazing** activity and that **everyone** should try it at least **once** in their lives. However, **I'm terrified of heights**. So I told him that rock-climbing **didn't sound like my cup of tea**¹⁹⁶. But David **wouldn't** give up. He told me that he used to be afraid of heights **too**, but **he didn't want his fear to stop him from trying new things**. He said that sometimes, we need to **overcome** our fear because it helps us **grow**.

What he said really **stuck with me**¹⁹⁷. I was especially **surprised** to know that David was afraid of heights, since he seems so **fearless**. With his **inspiring** words in my mind, I decided to **try** it out. I went with him to a **rock-climbing centre** and we each climbed up **a steep wall**¹⁹⁸. It **freaked** me out at first, but once I made it to the **top**, **I was amazed at myself**¹⁹⁹.

I feel really **grateful** to David for **pushing** me to try something new. The experience was definitely **worth** it, and I feel more **confident** in myself now.

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¹⁹¹ talked me into: 说服我去...

¹⁹² indoor rock-climbing: 室内攀岩

¹⁹³ life-changing: 改变人生的

¹⁹⁴ pushed me outside my comfort zone: 把我推出舒适区

¹⁹⁵ got into: 喜欢上了

¹⁹⁶ didn't sound like my cup of tea: 听起来不像是我喜欢的

¹⁹⁷ stuck with me: 让我印象深刻

¹⁹⁸ a steep wall: 一堵陡峭的墙

¹⁹⁹ I was amazed at myself: 对自己感到惊讶

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Describe a friend from childhood who you remember very well.

You should say: (注：四小问的作用是提供可参考的线索，不是让考生必须回答四小问)

Who the friend is;

How you met him/her;

What you used to do together;

And explain why you remember this childhood friend so well.



25. 童年玩伴

Well, I don't have **too many** childhood friends that I **remember** well, but **off the top of my head, the first one I can think of is Penny**. It feels like she's someone I've known **for my whole life**.

Penny and I have been **close** friends ever since we were **young**. I **first** met her when she **moved into** the apartment building that I lived in. In fact, she was living in the apartment right **across from**²⁰⁰ mine. **If memory serves correctly**, I was about **six or seven** at the time. At my **parents'** suggestion, I **invited her over to** our apartment so that she could get to **know** us and **feel more at home**²⁰¹ in her new neighborhood. We **hit it off**²⁰² **right away**, since our personalities were pretty **similar**. They²⁰³ **still** are, believe it or not. Our parents used to say **we were like two peas in a pod**²⁰⁴.

Since both Penny and I really loved **biking**, we would often go for **bike rides** around the neighborhood. I remember when we got **older**, we often rode our bikes home **together** after school. Right now, she's studying accounting at a famous **university**, but during holidays we still **have a get-together**²⁰⁵ and chat **a lot** with each other. Actually I have so many **amazing** memories with Penny; she **had my back**²⁰⁶ through all the **ups and downs of life**²⁰⁷. She's **definitely made her mark on**²⁰⁸ me.

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²⁰⁰ across from: 在...对面

²⁰¹ feel more at home: 感到舒服自在

²⁰² hit it off: 一拍即合

²⁰³ They: 注意这里的 they 指的是性格

²⁰⁴ we were like two peas in a pod: 像一个豆荚里的两个豌豆一样，形容很像。

²⁰⁵ have a get-together: 小聚

²⁰⁶ had my back: 支持我，是我的后盾

²⁰⁷ ups and downs of life: 人生的起起伏伏

²⁰⁸ made her mark on: (会让我) 记忆深刻