

Part2

人

1. 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
How you met this person
What you talked about
And explain why you enjoyed talking with him/her

This reminds me of this person I met at an English-learner party. His name is CongMingXueZhang, which can be loosely translated as Mr. Smart. He is an influencer on DouYin, the Chinese version of TikTok. He creates videos about his studying methods and experience.

At that party, he gave a little talk. The talk, I still remember, was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once.

After the talk, I took all my guts to talk to him. He was surprisingly friendly and talkative. He shared his studying experiences, studying methods, and even life lessons. From his words, you can totally tell that he is so smart, it's like everything in studying is a piece of cake to him, he is almost, how to put it, omniscient, I guess. The most impressive part he talked about was how he managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, he did it! He shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

This is him, a superman in the academic field. I guess I enjoyed talking with him not only because he is smart, but also because deep deep down, he resonates with me, I want to become smart, become brilliant, and become omniscient as well. And I believe his videos are going to go viral on DouYin very soon.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

take guts to do sth: 鼓起勇气做某事

2. 有趣的老人

Describe an interesting old person you met

You should say:

Who this person is

When/where you met this person

What you did

And explain why you think this person is interesting

His name is CongMingLaoren, which can be loosely translated as Grandpa Smart. He used to be my university English teacher, and now he is an influencer on DouYin, the Chinese version of TikTok. He creates videos about his studying methods and experience.

How I knew him? Actually, I found out about him by accident. My friend was browsing videos on DouYin the other day, and shared his videos with me. The video, I still remember, was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once, and I started following him since then.

Basically, he shares videos about his studying experiences, studying methods, and even life lessons, sometimes, and he would add some really funny jokes to his video to spice things up. From his video, you can totally tell that he is so smart, it's like everything in studying is a piece of cake to him, he is almost, how to put it, omniscient, I guess. The most impressive video was how he managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task, plus, he is already 60 years old. But, he did it! He shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various

ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

This is him, a superman in the academic field. I guess I followed him not only because he is smart, but also because deep deep down, he resonates with me, I want to become smart, become brilliant, and become omniscient as well, and most importantly, still energetic and funny at such an age.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

spice up: 让 XX 更有趣、更有料

plus: 另外 (=in addition)

3. 想要一起工作学习的人

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

This reminds me of one of my university alumni, I want to work with him so much.

His name is CongMingXueZhang, which can be loosely translated as Mr. Smart. He is an influencer on DouYin, the Chinese version of TikTok. He creates videos about his studying methods and experience.

I wanted to work with him since I saw his first video, like six months ago. The video, I still remember, was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once, and I started following him since then. And I kept wondering, what if I could work with him, and create videos like this? That would be so cool, and a lot of people can learn from our videos.

Basically, he shares videos about his studying experiences, studying methods, and even life

lessons, sometimes. From his video, you can totally tell that he is so smart, it's like everything in studying is just a piece of cake to him, he is almost, how to put it, omniscient, I guess. He will be a great colleague, and a charismatic leader, I think. His most impressive video was how he managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, he did it! He shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned. Right after I saw that video, I called him, to see whether it's possible to work with him in the future, I said I could start from being a little assistant. And he said yes, that's so cool, so great, that's awesome!

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

alumni：校友（单数形式是：alumnus）

colleague：同事

charismatic：富有人格魅力的

right after+句子：就在发生了 XXX 事情之后（right 在这里强调后面的 after，可以理解为加深程度，而不是“右边”或者“正确的”）

a little assistant：小助理

awesome：极好的（是 good 的程度加深版的口语说法）

4. 常用网站

Describe a website you often visit

You should say:

How you found it

What it is about

How often you visit it

And explain why you often visit it

This reminds me of the website I frequently use for my English studying. The website's name is CongMingXueXi, which can be loosely translated as Smart Learning. The website shares studying methods and experience.

How I knew it? Actually, I found out about it by accident. My friend was browsing videos on it the other day, and shared one of the videos with me. The video, I still remember, was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once, and I started following the website since then.

Basically, the website shares videos about studying experiences, studying methods, and even life lessons, sometimes. From the video, you can totally tell that it's so smart, it's like everything in studying is a piece of cake to it, it is almost, how to put it, omniscient, I guess. The most impressive video was how to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, I followed the video, and I did it! The website shared how to divide these words into different groups, and how to adopt various ways to memorize them, and even how to take advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

This is it, a super cool website for English learning. And I believe the website is going to go viral very soon.

地

1. 愿意短暂停留的城市

Describe another city you would like to stay for a short time

You should say:

Where the city is

Whom you will go there with

What you will do there

And explain why you will stay there just for a short time

Well, I have always been very attached to a modern city like Chengdu. My grandparents live there and I went there last summer. It is just so modern and fashionable, or you may say, it is **cosmopolitan**. It makes everything special, and you want to stay there for at least a week once you go there, especially because of the great food.

I go to Chengdu every summer. It is easier for me to feel the beauty of food when I am there. You can always **feed your soul** there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In Chengdu, you don't need someone else to tell you dinner is ready. Instead, you get to see the various food and drinks along the streets. I mean, you can feel your **saliva** dropping. Everything can be so yummy, so delicious, and so **palatable**. It's definitely a great place if you want to go there with your friends.

Last summer, when I was in Chengdu, I found something even more meaningful: the bonds between people. I mean, people living in other big cities are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. They are separated by endless traffic jams, by all the tall, fancy but boring buildings. But when I was in Chengdu, things were totally different. The community there is small but close-knit. People know each other, care about each other, and sympathize each other. It's good to know there is always a place for you.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

cosmopolitan：大都市的

feed your soul: 喂养你的灵魂

saliva: 唾液

palatable: 玉盘珍馐式的

2. 家里的放松的地方

Describe your favorite place in your house where you can 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

Actually, I can't really relax at my current house in the city, because it's such a small place. I even feel suffocated there.

But I can relax in my grandparent's house, they've got a big cottage and yard. Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. My grandparents live there and I went there last summer. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

I go to the countryside every summer. It is easier for me to feel the beauty and relaxation of nature when I am there. You can always find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In the yard, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible. And of course, it's so relaxing.

Last summer, when I was in the countryside, I found something even more meaningful and soothing: the bonds between people. I mean, people living in the city are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. We are separated by endless traffic jams, by all the tall, fancy but boring buildings. But when I was in the cottage, in the yard, things were totally different. The community there is small but close-knit. People know each other, care about each other, and

sympathize with each other. It's good to know there is always a place for you.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

suffocated: 窒息的

've got: 有 (=have)

cottage: (乡间) 小别墅

yard: 院子

soothing: 让人觉得放松的

3. 居住地的新发展

Describe a new development in the area where you live
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

There was actually an amazing development in the **community** where I live. It's a chatting garden, a beautiful garden where people can sit down and chat.

The thing I hate about living in the city is that it's far from nature. Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

So I am very glad we have this new big garden, with all the big trees and **various** flowers. Now it is easier for me to feel the beauty of nature when I am there. You can always find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In the **garden**, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural,

so real, and so tangible. It took 2 years to **construct** the garden, but now it seems it's totally worth it.

Another benefit of this garden is that it **reinforces** the bonds between people. I mean, people living in the city are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. We are separated by endless traffic jams, by all the tall, fancy but boring buildings. But now, things are totally different, with the garden, people, including me, my parents, my grandparents, and all the neighbors, can all sit down and chat. The community is small but close-knit now. People know each other, care about each other, and sympathize with each other. It's good to know there is always a place like this in the big city.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

community: 社区

various: 多样的

construct: 建造

reinforces: 加强

4. 吵闹的地方

Describe a noisy place you have been to
You should say:
What it is
When you went there
What you did there
And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

This reminds me of my last visit to my hometown, a little village in the countryside. It was a nightmare.

Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. My grandparents live there and I went there last summer. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

But last month, when I went back there, the quiet atmosphere was **devastated**/totally ruined. All the cars **whistling** on the road, and the **trucks rumbling** outside the new factories. It drove me crazy. Later I found out this was all because of the new **local development project**.

The countryside used to be my **paradise**: it is easier for me to feel the beauty of nature when I am there. You can always find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In the countryside, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible.

Now all the good feelings are gone; all I heard was the **screaming** of modern machines. Perhaps it's a good thing for the village's future development, but it's really noisy and I can't stand it.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

nightmare: 噩梦

devastate: 毁灭

whistle: (车辆) 鸣笛

truck: 货车, 卡车

rumble: 轰隆隆响

local development project: 当地的开发项目

paradise: 天堂

screaming: 尖叫

5. 空气糟糕的地方

Describe a place you visited where the air was polluted

You should say:

Where the place is

When you visited there

Why the air was not good

And explain how you felt about the place

This reminds me of my last visit to my hometown, a little village in the countryside. It was a nightmare.

Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. My grandparents live there and I went there last summer. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city. And most of all, the air there is really fresh and refreshing.

But last month, when I went back there, the clean air was devastated/totally ruined. All the cars whistling on the road, and the trucks rumbling outside the new factories, and worst of all, the fumes from the cars, the trucks and the factories. It drove me crazy. Later I found out this was all because of the new local development project.

The countryside used to be my paradise: it is easier for me to feel the beauty of nature when I am there. You can always find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In the countryside, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible.

Now all the good feelings are gone; all I saw was the cloudy air. Perhaps it's a good thing for the village's future development, but it's really choking and I can't stand it.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

nightmare: 噩梦

fresh: 空气清新的

refreshing: 让人精神为之一爽的

devastate: 毁灭

whistle: (车辆) 鸣笛

truck: 货车, 卡车

rumble: 轰隆隆响

fumes: 烟尘

local development project: 当地的开发项目

paradise: 天堂

cloudy air: 浑浊的空气

choking: 让人窒息的

6. 难用的科技产品

Describe a piece of technology that you feel 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

I have to say it's the VR technology. VR is short for...I guess...virtual reality, maybe? I am not sure about the term, but I am quite certain it is superficially appealing, but actually hard to use.

With a pair of VR glasses, people say you can go anywhere you like. For example, I have always been very attached to the countryside. My grandparents live there and I went there every summer. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything

down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

Basically, I can go there once a year, but with the help of the VR glasses, the expert says I can go there, and anywhere I like. It's true, at least for the first five minutes: with the glasses on, it is easy for me to feel the beauty of nature, as if I were there. I can see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible.

But, after five minutes, I will have a headache. I will feel faint and start to lose direction as well. If I keep using it, I may fall down.

I know people living in the city are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. And they invented the VR glasses to escape from the city. It's a good thing, but only if user experience is good. Now I don't think the technology is good enough, and I bought the glasses two years ago and used it only twice.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

VR (Virtual Reality)：增强现实

term: 术语

superficially appealing：表面上吸引人

faint：晕眩的

user experience：用户体验

物

1. 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

This reminds me of a cake made by my best friend. I think it was my 19th birthday meal. My best friend was being mysterious all day. She told me she had a big surprise for me. We met at a nice little restaurant as planned. She carefully placed a beautiful cake on the table. It was a handmade mousse cake, my favorite flavor! She told me, she spent the whole day making it. I felt so excited, so happy, so, how to say, exhilarated to receive such a present.

She was not a professional chef. But this is a unique present. One of a kind! Think about it, she had to search for the recipe, collect all the ingredients, and all the mixing and stirring! After all, she could just buy one, right? But she did not. That made the cake so special and so precious.

And I still remember the end of that meal, we talked a lot, from the cake to other stuff, it seems that there used to be a line, I mean, a boundary, between us, but because of the meal, the boundary was gone. We became much closer, and that's great.

When you think about friendship, or any other interpersonal relationships, it is always about loving and caring for each other. I mean, no one is an island. Sending a handmade gift and have a special meal is the best way to say: we are bonding. When someone receives something so kind, so personal, so genuine, they will be touched.

2. 收到心心念念之物

Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted.

You should say:

Who this person was

What he/she gave you

Why you wanted this thing

And explain how you felt when you got this thing.

This reminds me of a cake made by my best friend. I think it was my 19th birthday. My best friend was being mysterious all day. She told me she had a big surprise for me. We met at a nice little restaurant as planned. She carefully placed a beautiful cake on the table. It was a handmade mousse cake, my favorite flavor! She told me, she spent the whole day making it. I felt so excited, so happy, so, how to say, exhilarated to receive such a present.

She was not a professional chef. But this is a unique present. One of a kind! Think about it, she had to search for the recipe, collect all the ingredients, and all the mixing and stirring! After all, she could just buy one, right? But she did not. That made the cake so special and so precious. I had always wanted to receive a DIY-gift like this.

And I still remember the end of that day, we talked a lot, from the cake to other stuff, it seems that there used to be a line, I mean, a boundary, between us, but because of the cake, the boundary was gone. We became much closer, and that's great.

When you think about friendship, or any other interpersonal relationships, it is always about loving and caring for each other. I mean, no one is an island. Sending a handmade gift is the best way to say: we are bonding. When someone receives something so kind, so personal, so genuine, they will be touched.

3. 不喜欢的广告

Describe an advertisement you have seen that you did not like.

You should say:

Where and when you saw this advertisement

What the advertisement was for

What you could see in the advertisement

And explain why you did not like this advertisement.

This reminds me of an advertisement for a cake-DIY **workshop**; it **promotes** a workshop that teaches people to make their own cake. I receive a message and a video on my phone almost every day.

The advertisement shows a little story about a couple: they met at a nice little restaurant as planned. The man **carefully placed a beautiful cake on the table**. It was a handmade mousse cake, the woman's favorite flavor! He told her, he spent the whole day making it. She felt so excited, so happy, so, how to say, exhilarated to receive such a present.

Then there was a **flashback**, telling us that he was not a professional chef. But this is a unique present. One of a kind! He had to search for the recipe, collect all the ingredients, and all the mixing and stirring! After all, he could just buy one, right? But he did not. That made the cake so special and so precious.

Actually I am ok with all of those parts, but the advertisement continues to **give us a lecture**, very boring and **arrogant**, and I don't like it: the basic meaning is—when you think about friendship, or any other interpersonal relationships, it is always about loving and caring for each other. No one is an island. Sending a handmade gift is the best way to say: we are bonding.

I mean, this lecturing part totally ruined the romance in the advertisement (if there is any), and now the least thing I want to do is to make a cake at that workshop.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

workshop: 工作室；研习班

promote: 宣传

flashback: 倒叙; 影视剧中的闪回镜头

give sb a lecture: 给某人上课 (教育某人的意思)

arrogant: 自大的

4. 电影角色

Describe a character from a film
You should say:
What character it is
Who acted the character
When you saw the film
And explain whether you like this character

Last year, I watched a short film on the Internet. It was about a couple who broke up, but promised to meet once a year; the film documents their meetings over ten years. I love the heroine's acting, even though the actress is not famous at all.

I still remember one of the meetings. It was the 9th meeting. The heroine was being mysterious all day. She told the hero she had a big surprise for him. They met at a nice little restaurant as planned. She carefully placed a beautiful cake on the table. It was a handmade mousse cake, his favorite flavor! She told him, she spent the whole day making it. He felt so excited, so happy, so, how to say, exhilarated to receive such a present.

At the end of that day, they talked a lot, from the cake to other stuff, it seems that there used to be a line, I mean, a boundary, between them, but because of the cake, the boundary was gone. They became much closer, and that's great.

And the most interesting and shocking part was: the heroine was actually an AI robot, an identical version of the human being heroine. The human being heroine made it just to make

sure the hero would not be very lonely after her death.

The actress **delivered** an impressive performance as a human being and a robot as well; she really conquered me.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

document：记录（作为动词）

identical version：完全一样的版本

heroine：女主角

hero：男主角

deliver：呈现（表演）

事

1. 和别人共事的经历

Describe something that you did with someone or 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

Last semester, several classmates and I prepared a meeting for the students in my department. We invited an academic influencer to give a speech for us. His name is CongMingXueZhang, which can be loosely translated as Mr. Smart. He is an influencer on DouYin, the Chinese version of TikTok. He creates videos about his studying methods and experience.

We split the work; my classmate was responsible for inviting him and the audience students, someone else prepared the food, and I was in charge of his introduction at the meeting. I browsed his videos on DouYin and found what I needed. The video, I still remember, was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once, and I decided to use that as the introduction material and invited him to share his studying experiences, studying methods, and some life lessons.

At last, he totally blew our minds. You can totally tell that he is so smart, it's like everything in studying is a piece of cake to him, he is almost, how to put it, omniscient, I guess. At the climax of the meeting, my classmates asked him to share how he managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, he did it! He shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. Everyone was surprised to know this, no, we were more than surprised, we were stunned. The students were eating snacks while learning something useful, it was great.

Actually, we had been preparing for the meeting for three weeks, but the meeting was just one hour. I couldn't have done it myself, it was team work that generated such a good

meeting.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

department: 系

split: 分割

blow one's mind: 让某人大开眼界

climax: 高潮

generate: 产生

2. 一个享受的生活习惯

Describe a routine you have in your life that you enjoy.

You should say:

What the routine is

When and why you started following this routine

How easy it is to follow

And explain why you enjoy having this routine in your daily life.

Actually I don't have a lot of routines in my life because I like the feeling of trying something new, but I do keep doing one thing for ten years; that is, **annually** visiting the countryside.

Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. My grandparents live there and I went there last summer. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

I started this routine ten years ago, and at that time, I went to the countryside just to see my **grandparents**. But now, I go to the countryside every summer. It is easier for me to feel the beauty of nature when I am there. You can always find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In the countryside, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible. It's really something you can easily **stick to** for ten years.

Last summer, when I was in the countryside, I found something even more meaningful: the bonds between people. I mean, people living in the city are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. We are separated by endless traffic jams, by all the tall, fancy but boring buildings. But when I was in the countryside, things were totally different. The community there is small but close-knit. People know each other, care about each other, and sympathize with each other. It's good to know there is always a place for you. And I think my routine of visiting the countryside is going to persist for another ten years.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

annually: 一年地

stick to: 坚持

persist: 继续存在

3. 年轻时喜欢做的事

Describe an activity you enjoyed doing in your free time when you were younger.
You should say:
What free-time activity you did
Where you did this activity
Who you did it with
And explain why you enjoyed doing this activity in your free time when you were younger.

Back to five years ago, I really liked to take a brisk walk, especially in the countryside.

Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. My grandparents live there. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

I used to go to the countryside every summer. It is easier for me to feel the beauty of nature when I was taking a brisk walk there. You can always find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really feel so. I do. In the countryside, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible. And you have to do it yourself, or you will be distracted.

Five or six years ago, when I was in the countryside, I found something even more meaningful: the bonds between people. I mean, people living in the city are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. We are separated by endless traffic jams, by all the tall, fancy but boring buildings. But when I was in the countryside, things were totally different. The community there is small but close-knit. People know each other, care about each other, and sympathize with each other. It's good to know there is always a place for you. But it's a shame that I don't have much time for this activity now, I wish I could go there again sometime.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

take a brisk walk: 轻快地散步

it's a shame that...: XXX 很遗憾

4. 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 you felt about it

This reminds me of last month, when my best friend told me he finally made a move in his relationship with the girl he liked, and she became his girlfriend.

It was her 19th birthday. My best friend was being mysterious all day. He told the girl that he had a big surprise for her. They met at a nice little restaurant as planned. He carefully placed a beautiful cake on the table. It was a handmade mousse cake, her favorite flavor! He told me, he spent the whole day making it. The girl felt so excited, so happy, so, how to say, exhilarated to receive such a present. I still remember my friend's face when he told me all of these, it was a shining face.

My friend was not a professional chef. But this is a unique present. One of a kind! Think about it, he had to search for the recipe, collect all the ingredients, and all the mixing and stirring! After all, he could just buy one, right? But he did not. That made the cake so special and so

precious.

And at the end of that day, they talked a lot, from the cake to other stuff, my friend told me it seems that there used to be a line, I mean, a boundary, between them, but because of the cake, the boundary was gone. They became much closer, and that's great. I still remember my friend's face was radiant when he told me this.

When you think about friendship, or any other interpersonal relationships, it is always about loving and caring for each other. I mean, no one is an island. Sending a handmade gift is the best way to say: we are bonding. When someone receives something so kind, so personal, so genuine, they will be touched.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

make a move: 主动采取行动

shining: 发光的

radiant: 容光焕发的

5. 开学第一天

Describe the first day you went to school that you remember
You should say:
When it happened
How you felt about the experience
Where the school is
And explain why you still remember the experience

Actually, this reminds me of a special training I received at a Chinese culture school last spring. It teaches people, especially the people from the city, to relax and balance the Yin and Yang of their spirit.

On the first day, all the students took a bus to the school; it was in the countryside. Well, I have always been very attached to the countryside. It is just so peaceful and quiet, or you may say, it is tranquil. It slows everything down, and blocks out all the hustle and bustle of the city.

And I thought there would be a lecture that day, or at least a textbook, but I was wrong. All the students were assigned to a separate area and were asked to feel the beauty of nature when they were there, and for four hours. Amazingly, you could really find peace there. It's not a cliché, I really felt so. I did. In the isolated area, you didn't need someone else to tell you spring was here. Instead, you got to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you could see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible. This was the first time that I hadn't talked to anyone for four hours and without feeling lonely.

This was the first day. And the next two weeks were excellent too. When I got back, I lost five pounds and felt refreshed, physically and mentally.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

assign：分配；指定

isolated：与世隔绝的

refreshed：被唤醒的

physically and mentally：身体上和心灵上

6. 教别人做事

Describe a time when you taught a friend/relative something

You should say:

Who you taught

What you taught

How the result was

And explain how you felt about the experience

The last time I helped a relative, I guess, was when I had a tutor job, teaching my 10-year-old cousin English. But we were in different cities, so I mainly taught him online and made some videos for him sometimes.

The first video I made for him, I still remember, was about how to memorize difficult

vocabulary in English. It was just 10 words, but he told me it was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated him at once.

Since then, I began to share more videos about my studying experiences, studying methods, and even life lessons, sometimes. I have made, let me see, over 20 videos for him. The most impressive video -- can I say my video is impressive? -- was how I managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, for a child, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, he did it! He divided these words into different groups, and he adopted various ways to memorize them, and he even took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. When he nailed those words, I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

This is how I helped my cousin, or can I say, how I imparted my wisdom? I guess he liked me not only because of the methods I shared, but also because deep deep down, we resonate with each other, that's very important for our communication.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

nail：搞定

impart wisdom：传授智慧

7. 想了解更多的历史时期

Describe a historical period you would like to know more

You should say:

When it was

What you are interested in

What you have known

And why you would like to know more

I don't know much about Chinese history, but I do like to know about WeiJinNanBeiChao, that dates back to more than 1000 years before.

I'm interested in it firstly because the interpersonal relationship of that period was said to be

the best throughout history. There was something really meaningful: the bonds between people. I mean, people nowadays are always so busy. They are always buzzing around, never willing to spare a second to say hi. You can feel the distance between people. But in that period, things were totally different. The community there was small but close-knit. Farmers, fishermen, all the people knew each other, cared about each other, and sympathized with each other.

The second reason why I am interested in that period has something to do with the natural environment back then. It's said to be the most beautiful period and the kings all cared about nature protection. Back then, you don't need someone else to tell you spring is here. Instead, you get to see the little buds and the sprouting flowers. I mean, you can see the change of seasons, and it's with your own eyes. Everything can be so natural, so real, and so tangible. Experts say there were some special kinds of flowers during that time, and I really would like to know more about this. Because we are now separated by endless traffic jams, by all the tall, fancy but boring buildings, and we should really look for some peace in the nature.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

date back to: 追溯到

have something to do with: 和 XX 有关

8. 让你骄傲的事

Describe something you did that made you feel proud

You should say:

What it was

How you did it

How difficult it was

And explain why you felt proud of it

In the past year, I guess the most difficult thing was preparing for the IELTS examination. And every time I had some tiny progress, I would be extremely happy and proud. I can still remember how proud I was when I nailed all the essential words in my IELTS studying.

Actually, I don't like memorizing words at all, and I think words hate me as well, so, at the very beginning, I had big trouble memorizing all the words. One day, when I was browsing videos on DouYin and found out about an influencer's video. It was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once, and I started following him since then.

From then on, I found memorizing English words not that difficult. I followed his guidance in the video and was able to memorize more and more words. The most impressive video was how he managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, he did it! He shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

At last, I managed to memorize over 2000 words with the help of his video. I feel sincerely grateful to him and really proud of myself.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

nail：搞定（是一个很口语的说法）

essential words：核心单词

guidance：指导

grateful：感恩的

9. 以后想要学习的事情

Describe something you would like to study in the future.

You should say:

What you would like to study

Where you would like to study

How easy or difficult it would be to study this

And explain why you would like to study this in the future.

The thing I would like to study, in my opinion, is very useful: it is about memorizing difficult

English vocabulary. I want to study this because I had great difficulty memorizing all the words in my IELTS studying.

I want to learn it online. Actually, I have found a perfect teacher. His name is CongMingXueZhang, which can be loosely translated as Mr. Smart. He is an influencer on DouYin, the Chinese version of TikTok. He creates videos about his studying methods and experience.

Actually, I still remember the first video I saw about him, it was about how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated me at once, and I started following him since then. At that time I began to think: memorizing words can be so easy and interesting!

Actually, I plan to begin this studying enterprise tomorrow, following his most impressive video. It was how he managed to remember 1000 words in three days. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. But, he did it! He shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

I plan to finish this in a week, and hope it can benefit my future study.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

enterprise：事业（这里是比喻的说法，把我的“单词背诵”称之为是“事业”）

benefit：有利于

10. 迟到

Describe a time when you missed or were late for a meeting

You should say:

When it happened

What happened

Why you missed/were late for it

And explain how you felt about this experience

(注意这里的 meeting 可以理解为 1) 会议; 2) 见面。我给大家编的答案属于 2, 更具有普世性)

This reminds me of my 19th birthday. My best friend was being mysterious all day. She told me she had a big surprise for me. We made an appointment to meet at a nice little restaurant.

However, I was really busy during the day and totally forgot the appointment. And 30 minutes after the meeting time, I got a call from her. She totally flipped out/got angry and asked where I was. Then I grabbed a taxi and rushed to the restaurant.

On my way there, she kept nagging on the phone. She said she made a cake for me. And since she was not a professional chef, she had to search for the recipe, collect all the ingredients, and all the mixing and stirring. After all, she could just buy one, right? But she did not. That made the cake so special and so precious. And I totally agreed.

After I arrived, she carefully placed a beautiful cake on the table. It was a handmade mousse cake, my favorite flavor! She told me, she spent the whole day making it. I felt so excited, so happy, so, how to say, exhilarated to receive such a present. But she was still mad, and gave me the whole lecture about "When you think about friendship, or any other interpersonal relationships, it is always about loving and caring for each other." I was really glad that I was late for my own birthday, not hers, or it would be a nightmare.

主题词汇和亮眼表达:

grab: 抓

rush to somewhere: 冲向某处

flip out: 生气

nag: 抱怨

give sb the whole lecture about sth: 给某人狠狠上了关于 XX 的一课

nightmare: 噩梦

11. 投诉并取得满意结果

Describe a time you made a complaint about something and were pleased with the result.
You should say:
Who you complained to
What you complained about
How easy it was to complain
And explain why you were pleased with the result of the complaint.

This reminds me of last year's English course: the students, including me, had a little **conflict** with the **teaching assistant**, we made a complaint and were pleased with the result.

The English course was about English **studying experiences and studying methods**. The teacher was really **enlightening** and often taught us **how to memorize difficult vocabulary in English**. It was so interesting, so intriguing, and it captivated us.

But when the mid-term project came, here arrived the conflict. The teaching assistant gave us a task of **remembering 1000 words in three days**. I mean, come on, that's more than difficult, it's very difficult, it's a daunting task. The assistant gave no tips and just forced us to do that, so we had to complain about this to the teacher. We actually didn't say anything bad about the assistant, but just asked for more tips on vocabulary memorizing. The teacher totally **sympathized with us** and gave us detailed information about that: **he shared how he divided these words into different groups, and how he adopted various ways to memorize them, and even how he took advantage of different locations to consolidate the memories**. I was surprised to see this, no, I was more than surprised, I was stunned.

I was happy that the conflict ended in peace, and we also learned a lot from the course.

主题词汇和亮眼表达：

conflict：争执

teaching assistant：助教

enlightening：具有启发性的

sympathize with：和 XXX 有共鸣；同情 XXX