

录播课第二节

必考题逐一攻克（工作或学习、住宅、家乡）

***工作或学习（最高频）每一题控制在 25s 以内。**

问题：- Do you work or do you study/ are you a student?

关于学生背景准备：

1. 万能格式：

I'm a ① student, (currently) studying/ majoring in ②, at ③.

①: **university** （在大学上学的学生，可以是任何年纪）；

undergraduate （本科生）；

graduate （研究生）；

PHD （博士生）；

high school （高中生）

年级 + 以上内容（不是一定要说明年级的，可以很宽泛回答 **student**）：

-I'm a **year 12 / 12th grade** high school student.

-I'm a **first/ second/ third/ final-year** university student.

-I'm in my **first year of study** at XXX university.

Freshman, sophomore, junior and senior?? 美国教育体系里的表达。

②: **studying**: Computer Science; English Literature; Education...

Or study for/ pursue a xxxx degree.

-I'm studying for/ pursuing a **bachelor's degree/ undergraduate degree**

in Computer Science; English Literature; Education...

-I'm studying for/pursuing an MA/Msc in English Literature/ Computer Science , ...

Or 到了博士阶段 (PhD)

I'm doing/working on a PHD in XXX, XXX...

③: XXX University; XXXX High School;...

整合在一起:

- I'm now a university student, studying Computer Science at Wuhan University. I'm in my final year, I'll graduate in June (this year).

- I'm now a second-year university student, majoring in Computer Science at Wuhan University.

2. 其他常见表达形式 (活学活用):

(1) I'm studying Mathematics at Cambridge, one of the world's renowned universities. (前提是一定要是最知名的学校)

(2) I'm a student at Wuhan University, where I'm majoring in Biology.

(3) I'm currently enrolled in a Math program at Wuhan University.

(4) I'm a biology student at Wuhan University, focusing on Applied Biology.

(5) I'm studying English as an undergraduate at Wuhan University.

(6) I'm currently in my second year of studying English at Wuhan University.

(7) I'm studying at Cambridge University, with a focus on mathematical

analysis.

(8) I'm an English major at Wuhan University. This is my second year.

3. 如果你毕业之后准备上研究生的状态:

-apply to graduate school/ graduate programs abroad/ in a foreign country.

-pursue further(adj.) education in XXX

-pursue a Master's degree.

-continue my education/studies in XXX (at graduate level)

-further(adv.) specialize(v.) in my field of study.

-further(v.) my studies.

- I finished my undergraduate studies last year and earned/got a (bachelor's) degree in English Literature. /I completed my undergraduate degree last year. And now I am planning to apply to graduate programs abroad in order to further specialize in my field of study, and gain international academic experience.

- I have been researching graduate schools outside of my home country/ China, and I'm preparing my applications to pursue a master's degree in a foreign country.

- I'm considering pursuing further education in the UK in order to broaden my horizons, immerse myself in a different academic and cultural environment, and gain a global perspective in my field of study.

- I'm excited about the idea to continue my education at the graduate level in a foreign country. Right now, I'm in the process of exploring various options, and meanwhile gathering all kinds of information on application requirements and scholarships.

-I've decided to pursue a PhD program abroad to further my research interests. It would be great if I could expand my academic network and

meanwhile explore a different country with a different culture.

4. 如果你毕业后正在 gap year 中:

- I just graduated, and I'm currently taking a gap year before deciding on my next step.
- I just graduated, and I'm currently taking a gap year to explore my options/ gain some real-world experience.
- I've graduated and am currently on a gap year to take some time off, take a break from the academic world, and gain some practical experience before furthering my studies or entering the workforce. Besides, I studied so hard in the past, now I want to focus on my personal growth more, live a little, travel more, just to enjoy my life more in general.

5. 如果你毕业后正在实习中或找工作中:

- I'm in the transition period between graduating and starting my career, so I'm doing an internship right now.
- I just completed my bachelor's degree and now I'm gaining practical experience through an internship.
- I'm currently interning after graduating from my undergraduate studies.
- I'm now in the process of job hunting/ Currently I'm trying to find a job. I graduated last year and got my bachelor's degree in XXXX.

问题: - What major/ subject are you studying?

针对还在上学的学生。

Major 是大学专业的意思, 在 **British English** 里 **subject** 也表示专业。

- I'm studying Chemistry as my subject at the University of Oxford.

问题: - Are you happy that you decided to study this major/ subject? (why or why not)

- Why did you choose this major?

1. YES:

- Yeh, I absolutely love it! It's been a great fit for me and I'm passionate about it.

- OH yeh for sure. I'm a big fan of my field of study. I'm learning so much and having so much fun.

- The faculty is great, the department is amazing, very accommodating and flexible (善于变通且很灵活的). My teachers really care about me and listen to what I need. And the learning atmosphere is very positive. I'm loving it!

- I love this major and this field. It's a constantly evolving field (不断在变化的领域) with endless opportunities for creativity and learning. And it has a lot of career/job prospects (行业、工作前景).

- This major truly sparks/triggers/kindles my curiosity and fuels my passion for art/music/technology/ English/ education.

2. NO:

- Not really. I find it really challenging to balance the demands of my major.

- Not really, I mean, the major is quite intensive sometimes. The workload is overwhelming and it's been difficult to manage/juggle everything.

- No, actually. It's been a real struggle to juggle everything in my major.

- No. I'm actually regretting now. I chose this major without fully knowing what it was about. And now, I find it less interesting than I initially

imagined.

-No. I used to think that I liked XXX, but now I realized that my interest lies/is elsewhere (兴趣在别处) . I don't know what I like yet, but I know that my current major doesn't align with it (不匹配) .

-No. I don't think this major is the perfect fit for me. For example, it involves a lot of math, and I'm not good with numbers at all. I'm the kind of person who's great with people (很擅长和人打交道) , definitely a people person. So, I would be better off studying Human Resources, or something like that.

3. Yes and NO.

- Hmmm, yes and no. I mean, I enjoy my major for the most part. There are some aspects I really like, but there are also some challenges. For example... (见 2 里面的具体原因)

-I have mixed feelings about my major. There are things I enjoy, but there are also times when it can be overwhelming. (见 2 里面的具体原因)

-It's a love-hate relationship. I find some parts of my major really interesting, but there are also things that I struggle with. (见 2 里面的具体原因)

-Well, I'm still figuring out if my major is the right fit for me. Sometimes I enjoy it, but there are also moments when I question my choice. (见 2 里面的具体原因)

不同专业选择的具体原因 (列出常见的几种, 学生们可以自己往大方向上靠, 微调都可以, 考官也不知道你学什么专业):

1. Computer Science (电脑科学) :

-I absolutely love this major. It perfectly combines my passion for technology and problem-solving (解决问题的能力). I enjoy programming, designing software applications, and creating solutions to **real-world challenges** (来自真实世界的挑战). And plus, when I see my code **come to life** (被实现), I feel incredibly **rewarded**.

2. English Literature (英语文学):

-I'm deeply passionate about English Literature as **it allows me to explore** human emotions, experiences and cultures **through the lens of literature**. I'm **fascinated by** the power of words and the beauty of language. Studying English Literature really can **give me insights into** the complexity of the world. I feel so incredibly fortunate/lucky to be able to **immerse myself in the world of literature**.

3. Translation and Interpreting (翻译学):

-I love this major so much because **it allows me to bridge** (搭建桥梁) language barriers, as well as **facilitate communication** (促进沟通) between people from different countries. I enjoy the challenges and rewards of **delivering messages** from one language to another. When I can **convey ideas** (传达想法) accurately and help people, it brings me a **strong sense of accomplishment**.

4. Mathematics (数学):

-I love studying Mathematics because it's a fascinating world of **patterns, logic, and problem-solving** (规律、逻辑和解决问题). I **find so much joy in** solving complex mathematical problems. **And additionally, the way I see it, math is a universal language** (世界通用语言) that helps us understand the fundamental rules in our world. It's the foundation of everything. I'm constantly **amazed by the beauty and elegance of math** (被数学世界的美

丽和优雅打动) . I feel absolutely lucky to be in this field.

5. Biology (生物学) :

-I'm having so much fun studying Biology because it allows me to explore the wonders of life. I love all living things (活着的东西, 也就是生物), from the tiniest cells to animals and plants. I love how Biology can offer me a window into the diversity and beauty of the natural world.

6. Medicine (医学) :

-I enjoy studying Medicine a lot as my dream is to become a doctor one day. Studying this major allows me to make a meaningful impact on people's lives by providing care and treatment. I feel that, Medicine is a field that combines medical knowledge and empathy towards patients. That's why it's so challenging and fulfilling/ rewarding at the same time.

7. Education (教育学) :

-Being a teacher has always been my dream, and that's why I'm living my dream now (我在完成我的梦想). Nothing excites me more than (没有什么比.....更让我激动了) being able to help my students and shape their future (塑造他们的未来) through teaching and guiding. I love sharing my knowledge and skills with my students, facilitating learning, helping students develop their potential, and making a positive impact on their lives. Education is such a meaningful and beautiful field that I feel so passionate about.

8. Economics and Finance (经济和金融学) :

-I love it! I mean, I've always been fascinated by how economy works and how to manage money. In the future, I want to become a financial specialist, and help people manage their wealth, and help companies create investment strategies, and perform risk assessment. It's a highly promising field with a lot of job opportunities.

9. Psychology (心理学)

-This is my dream field of study as I **have a high/huge interest in** human behavior. Like, why humans think, feel or act in certain ways, and what're the psychological reasons behind it. And I'm **highly motivated** to help people who're **struggling with mental health** (有心理疾病的人). It's a challenging major but it's also super rewarding. My goal after graduation is to become a psychologist and **provide therapy and counseling services** to people.

问题: - What will you do when you finish studying?

-Well, I'm studying to become a _____. So, after finishing my studies, I will try to find a job in this field, and start working. That's my goal.

(结合以上的关于学习专业的介绍, 有很多细节可以重复使用)

Gap year: I'm planning to **take a gap year** before **deciding on my next step**. Meanwhile, I'd like to travel a little bit more, and get to know different cultures and people.

如果计划去实习, 可以结合之前的语料。

拓展内容 (如果考官问你对 **gap year** 的看法) :

-I like the idea of **taking a year off**, traveling to different places, meeting different people; meanwhile trying to **make some money**, and **pushing myself to become more independent**. And also, taking a gap year can allow me to **live a little** (享受生活). I mean, I've been studying so hard **since forever**.

问题: - How much time do you spend on your study every week?

nerd/geek

-I would say, a lot of time/a big amount of time / a great deal of time.
Right now, it's the busiest time of the year, I'm preparing for my school assignments, final exams, and also, IELTS. I study from the morning till the evening, and sometimes even till midnight, so, 50-60hours? Maybe.

问题: - What do you do to help you study better?

-The first thing is, I will always study in public places, like the library or a café. Studying in a public place makes me more disciplined. I don't know why, maybe when I'm surrounded by people who're also studying or working, I feel more motivated to stay focused or feel embarrassed when slacking off (偷懒)? Maybe. And secondly, I will always make sure that I put my phone aside and put it on mute/silent so that I won't get distracted easily. That really helps me stay focused. I think I'm a little addicted to my phone.

I will reward myself from time to time.

Listen to the music while studying.

Keep changing/switching locations for studying every now and then.

问题: - Do you feel tired when studying? What do you do to relax?

-Sometimes yes. I mean, it's so important to keep the balance between life and school. I make sure that I don't overstudy and get burned out (透支) eventually. There're several things I do to unwind. A, going to nature. Like, go to the woods (去小树林里), take a walk along the beach, hike up a mountain (在山里徒步), things like that. It takes my mind off things and

helps me wind down. **B**, I always make sure that I spend quality time with my family and friends. I'm a people person (喜欢和人打交道的人), socializing with people definitely cheers me up and makes me forget about my worries at school.

(付费直播课上关于放松休闲的表达很多，可以大胆借鉴)

问题： - Do you prefer to study in the morning or in the afternoon?

-Well, I'm not a morning person, so I usually study in the afternoon, unless I have classes in the morning. Normally I go to the school library with my roommates to study. It's a really nice place to get focused and get things done. (WH)

-Well, I'm a morning person. Studying in the morning is the best. I feel like my mind is clearer and sharper/snappier during that time. Normally I'll go to the school library/little garden behind my dorm, and study for a couple of hours there, without having breakfast. I'm the most efficient in that way. (WH)

问题： - Are you looking forward to working?

-I am, I want to start working and making money, become more independent, and be able to feel like a grown-up. But my mind is also conflicted/ in conflict/ I feel torn, because I'm scared of growing up and starting my career without winter and summer holidays.

On one hand,.....on the other hand,...

-No, I enjoy being a student, and have nothing much to worry about. All I need to do is (to) focus on my studies/academic performance. And, the best part is having summer and winter holidays.

关于工作背景准备：

问题： - Do you study or do you work/ What work do you do?

1. 万能格式

I work as a 工作名称 at 具体的公司或机构 .

I'm currently employed as 工作名称 at 具体的公司或机构 .

I'm a 工作名称 , and I work at 具体的公司或机构 .

整合示范：

- I work as a software engineer at a tech company called XYZ Tech, developing software applications for various industries.
- I work as a registered nurse at a local hospital, providing medical care and support to patients.
- I work as a high school teacher at a local high school, teaching, educating and guiding students.
- I work as a sales representative at a clothing store. I've been working there for almost 5 years.
- I'm an accountant, and I work for a financial company, managing financial records and providing advice to businesses.
- I work as a customer service representative, assisting customers with their inquiries and issues.
- Currently I work as a marketing specialist at a company called ABC Marketing, creating and implementing marketing strategies to promote products.
- I work as an administrative assistant at a local university.
- I'm self-employed/ I work for myself, and I'm running a small business

right now, and it focuses on...

-I'm a project engineer, and right now I'm working for an engineering company, taking charge of projects.

- I'm a stay-at-home mom, a homemaker (置家的人), so to speak, taking care of my two young children/babies and my house.

- Actually, I just quit my job, and now I'm full-time preparing for IELTS test and applying to schools abroad. I used to be a...

- Oh, I do a bit of both! I work as an electrician (电工), but I'm also studying Computer Science on the side.

- I'm currently employed as a high school teacher and I'm also studying Psychology part-time.

问题: - What do you like about your job?

- Why did you choose to do that type of work?

-I really enjoy my job. It's a typical and stable 9-to-5 job with a very good salary. I never need to work overtime. I have plenty of time for myself. For me, being able to keep the work-life balance and enjoy my personal life is vital. That's why I feel grateful for this job.

The pay is good; this job pays well; the salary is great, makes me satisfied; It provides me with the stability I need.

It provides me with the financial security I need.

I'm really content with my job.

I'm happy with my job.

It allows me to maintain a good work-life balance and feel financially secure.

It's a decent/ glamorous job. 很体面/ 光鲜的工作

- I love this job. I find so much happiness in my job when I feel that my work is meaningful and aligns with my values and passions, and also, when I can make a positive impact on my clients. Nothing excites me more when my clients come to me saying how much they appreciate my work or my boss gives me recognition and rewards. That gives me a feeling/ sense of achievement/ fulfillment.

- The best part/thing about my job is that I can/get to travel a lot and discover about places all around the country/world. I really enjoy the feeling of building deep connections with different people and culture. This job really gives me a lot of insights into different cultures.

- I'd always wanted to become a teacher since I was very little. I really enjoy teaching and spending time with my students. We get along really well, they make me feel very happy and valuable.

关于学生党那里的选择专业的回答里，有很多表达可以借鉴。

问题：- What do you do to work better?

可以做的几件事儿，选一两个说就好：

1. Set clear goals: When I work, I always define specific goals and priorities for my work tasks. This will help me stay focused, efficient and organized.

2. Manage time effectively: I always use time management skills, such as making a to-do list, prioritizing tasks, and scheduling my work time, to ensure that I'm using my time efficiently.

3. Avoid multitasking: Believe it or not (信不信由你), multitasking can actually reduce productivity. That's why I always try to focus on one task at a time to deliver better outcomes.

4. Communicate effectively: For me, communication is such a big thing. Promoting good communication is essential for effective teamwork and collaboration. I always try as much as I can to clearly communicate my expectations, concerns, and ideas to my colleagues and my boss, and I listen to others carefully and actively to avoid misunderstandings.

5. Taking short breaks: Taking short breaks throughout the day, even for just a few minutes, can help recharge my energy and improve productivity. I normally use these breaks to stretch my legs, take a walk, or do something fun to clear my mind.

6. Using productivity tools: There are numerous software apps available that can help me stay organized and efficient. For example, I use...for...

问题: - What happened on your first day at work?

Well, the first day at work? (Let me think)...uhmmm, nothing much, basically, it was a mix of meeting new coworkers, attending meetings, and participating in training programs. There was a lot of information to take in (吸收消化), and I was trying to familiarize myself with the work environment. It was a little bit overwhelming, I have to say, and my memory of the day is a little blurry (模糊) as it was 5 years ago, but overall, it was an exciting and busy day getting acclimated to (适应新环境) my new job.

问题: -What are the things that can be improved at work?

- **Lack of communication:** I feel that there is a lack of clear communication from upper management in my company. It can be frustrating at times when important information is not communicated in a timely manner (以一种及时的方式), which can lead to confusions, misunderstandings and delays in our work.

- **Heavy workload**: Many people, including myself, are complaining about the heavy workload at my workplace. Sometimes we need to work until midnight, which is crazy and overwhelming. I really think that the upper management should try harder promoting a healthier work-life balance and reducing employees' stress levels.

- **Limited opportunities**: To be honest, I feel that there are very limited opportunities for personal growth. And I'm worried that it might lead to stagnation in my career development. I want to participate in more training programs and career development plans so that I can enhance my skills and advance my career.

- **(不痛不痒型)** Nothing big that I can think of. I wish we could have a bigger room with bigger windows, and more natural light. Sometimes, especially during the winter time, the office could be a little dark and it feels cold. So, yeh, that's the only thing that I can think of.

问题: - Have you thought about changing your current job?

1. (YES): Yes, I have been giving some thought to changing my job. I feel like I have gained enough experience in my current role/position, and I am ready for new challenges and opportunities for growth. And like I said, there're things that I'm not happy with at my workplace, so, I think it's time to switch my job. It's about time (到时候了) .

2. (No): No, not really, I haven't seriously considered changing my job at this point. I am content with my current job. Like I said, it pays well, and it's a good fit for me. And plus, I feel like I am making a meaningful contribution. I am satisfied with the work-life balance that my current job offers. So, that's why.

***关于住房 (次高频)**

这一部分主要是属于个人最基本的情况，所以作答方式，主要还是：如实交代+解释原因。但是解释原因的形式可以灵活一些，我们下面来做几题。

- Tell me about the house or the apartment you live in.
- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- Can you describe the place where you live? What kinds of housing do you live in?

思路：

什么性质的建筑 (**apartment or house**)，大小、采光，位于哪里，周围环境，交通情况，是否便利，等。

小洋房：house, (independent house, detached house, single house, semi-detached house, town house, two-story house)

公寓：(X-bedroom) apartment, flat, penthouse (顶楼公寓)，duplex apartment (复式公寓)，studio apartment, one-bedroom apartment. **{Bachelor pad}**

学生宿舍：dormitory, dorm, school dorm, student residence, residence hall

I'm now living in the student residence **on** campus.

食堂：cafeteria, dining hall, refectory

教学楼：academic building/ teaching building

Location: In the suburbs of my city, in the central area of my city, in the centre of the city, in the heart of the city, on the outskirts of the city/town, in the west (part) of my city, in the east (part) of my city, not far from city

center, right next to the school, on campus, right next to the subway, in a great location, conveniently located, the location couldn't be better

The neighbourhood: safe; quiet; clean; well-kept; conveniently located; family friendly; close to public transport/ transportation; The area has easy access to public transport; There are lots of shops/ grocery/convenience stores in the area; There are a lot of lively bars and restaurants in the neighbourhood; All the hot spots in the city are within walking distance; right next to the subway/ university/ hospital/ shopping center, XXX is just around the corner, just a stone's throw away from XXX

想象画面来回答

回答: -I live in a beautiful house in the suburbs of my city. The house is very big/ spacious, I have a beautiful back yard where I could plant some flowers. And the neighbourhood is very safe and quiet, and... (思考时间) very convenient as well, I mean, my house is really close to the grocery store/convenience store, so I like it a lot.

-I live in a spacious four-bedroom apartment in the heart of downtown Beijing. It's a big apartment, big windows, great natural light, lots of storage. ...And... (思考时间) it's just a stone's throw away from the city's cultural district. And plus, we have easy access to public transport, which is really convenient. It's a nice place to live.

-I'm now living in a studio apartment. It definitely has a bachelor pad's vibe, like, exposed brick walls, exposed ceiling with pipes and everything, all black industrial style kitchen, big floor-to-ceiling windows (落地窗) that overlook the bustling street. Definitely a cool place.

-I live in a three-bedroom apartment located in the north of my city. It's a corner unit (转角公寓), which means the apartment gets light from two directions. Therefore, my home is filled with natural light all year round, which I LOVE. It's conveniently located. Everything is within walking distance. The grocery store is just around the corner, the gym is just a stone's throw away, and it only takes me 2 mins to walk to the subway. The location couldn't be better, and I feel so happy to live there.

-I live in a beautiful townhouse located in a quiet residential area on the outskirts of the city. It's a very safe, tranquil and family-friendly neighbourhood. It's a three-story home with a big backyard and a garage. It's a perfect place for my growing family.

-I'm now living in the school dormitory with three roommates. It's not very spacious/the biggest, but it's/it feels cozy (温馨) / comfortable/ warm/ homely. And plus, it's in a great location. It only takes me 2 mins to walk to the academic building, and it's super close to the cafeteria and all the other essential facilities. I'm overall quite content with this place, it's very affordable and convenient, and it has everything I need. So, it's an ideal place for me to live.

问题: - Who do you live with?

(如果之前没有提到和谁住, 才有可能问这一题)

-I live with my parents and my dog. I see my dog as my little brother/ sister. I really enjoy living with my family, it's super convenient, and at the same time, we can enjoy each other's company. I love seeing and petting my dog every day.

-I'm living by myself. It's really cool to live on my own, I enjoy the freedom and the sense of independence. I was under the control of my parents for so many years, now it's really fun to live just myself.

-I'm now sharing this apartment with two other roommates. They are really nice, easygoing and cool. We get along well, I mean, they really give me a sense of home. I enjoy their company.

A sense of home/ belonging/ independence/ achievement/ community/ security/ nostalgia ...

Have a good sense of humor/ direction/ fashion...

问题： - Which room in your house/flat do you like most? (住宿舍的宝宝应该不会被问到)

My/the sun room (阳光房), the bedroom (卧室), the living room (客厅), the kitchen (厨房, 如果你享受做饭), the study (书房), the home theatre (家庭影院), the gym (健身房), even the bathroom.

- my own space/ kingdom/ world/ little paradise 我自己的空间
- man cave 专门属于男人的那种拿来玩儿游戏、健身、抽烟喝酒的空间，“男人的洞穴”。在欧美国家，一家人住在 house 里，往往地下室会被做成 man cave。家里的男主人会呆在这个空间里，自娱自乐，自由自在
- girl cave/ lady cave/ woman cave 这几年新出来的词，对应 man cave
- This room suits my needs. 这个房间满足我的需求

- **This room is dedicated to my own pursuits.** 这个房间专门的作用就是满足我的追求
- **time alone** 独自的时间

I really enjoy my time alone in this room.

- **take some “me” time** 花点时间陪自己
- **This room is filled with essence of thing I enjoy, from movies and books, to music and art.** 这间房间充满了我喜欢的事物的精髓
- **light-filled/ bright** 阳光明亮的
- **cozy/ comfortable** 温馨舒适的
- **welcoming/ inviting** 舒适亲切的

The room feels welcoming and inviting. 这个房间很舒适亲切

- **multifunctional/ versatile** 多功能的房间
- **a retreat corner** 一个让精神得到疗愈的角落
- **my sanctuary** 我的圣殿，心灵的避难所
- **calming/ therapeutic** 令人平静的、有疗愈效果的
- **tranquil/ soothing** 同上，令人平静的、安抚人心的

-I love my bedroom. It's like my little kingdom/man cave/my retreat room where I could enjoy my time being alone and disconnect with the world. I have a big and comfy bed next to the windows. Most of the time I will just lie in my bed, play some games or read magazines, just unwind.

-I love the sunroom in the house. It's my heaven, especially during winter time. When it's snowy outside, my sun room always feels warm, cozy and

light-filled. Additionally, I have a reading corner/nook in the room with a beautiful yellow fabric armchair. I spend a lot of time snuggling up (蜷缩) with a good book in that chair, reading and enjoying my time alone.

-I definitely love my living room. I have a giant and comfy couch in the living room. It's an L-shape couch (转角沙发), big enough for me to lie in it and binge watch (刷剧) TV shows or movies. My couch is so comfy that it's turning me into a couch potato (沙发土豆, 表示躺在沙发上的懒人。我的沙发太舒服了, 把我逼成一个葛优瘫的懒人). It's a place where I spend most of my time when I'm at home. I've had so many parties and get-togethers (小型聚会) in this room. It holds so many beautiful memories. It's my cozy retreat where I can just put my feet up and unplug.

问题: -What's the difference between where you're living now and where you have lived in the past?

-Mostly just the size difference. I mean, the living space I have now is much bigger than before. Before I moved to where I live now/ my current apartment, I was living with my parents, and I only had a very small bedroom. But now, I have my own apartment, I have a big living room, and a big bedroom, and I even have a dressing room/walk-in closet for myself.

-Nothing much, it's just the people I share my space with are different. I was living with my parents, and now I'm living with my roommates.

-Everything is different! I'm now sharing the dorm room with my roommates. I don't even have a bedroom now. And I used to have plenty of storage, whereas now, I almost have none.

问题: - How long have you lived there?

-For about two years, not for too long.

-Oh I was born in that apartment, so, XXX years.

-I moved to that place 5 years ago, and I absolutely love living there. I can totally see myself spending many more years there.

问题: -Do you plan to live there for a long time?

-不打算, why: Not really. I mean, it's kind of small, and it's jammed with furniture. I need bigger space to do stuff/ things (做事情), right now the space is too tight for me. I've been thinking about moving to somewhere bigger.

-No, actually I'm planning to move. I'm not a big/massive fan of that place, to be honest. It's just too remote, too far. Even ordering a taxi will take me forever. It's in the middle of nowhere.

- 打算, why: Oh yeah, absolutely. I love that place. I can't imagine any other place that suits me better. It's in a great location/ perfectly located. And it's so spacious and cozy. The windows are huge, so the whole place is filled with natural light. And the rent is totally affordable. I can totally see myself spending many more years there.

关于area you live in

问题: - Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

-Absolutely! The transport facilities to my home are excellent/super good. Everything is within walking distance, including the subway station and the bus station, making it incredibly convenient to commute every day and get around in the city.

-No, it's really bad actually. There're very limited options when it comes to public transport. I have to either ride my own bike or walk to get around, since I don't have a car. And that's why I really want to move.

问题: - Do you like the area you live in?

-Absolutely, I do. I think it's the perfect area to live in. It's not right at the city centre, but it's close enough. There I have subway stations and bus stations to get around in the city. And at the same time, it's not that busy and noisy. I like it.

-I don't like it very much, to be honest. It's just too remote, too far. Even ordering a taxi will take me forever. It's in the middle of nowhere.
It takes forever to do sth.

问题: - What do you like the most about the area you live in?

-I would say that I truly appreciate the beautiful environment in my neighbourhood. Lush greenery, scenic views, and clean and well-kept streets. The neighbourhood is tidy-looking, peaceful and safe. It's a delightful area to live in.

-I love the people there. My neighbours are so thoughtful, educated and friendly. They always say hi to me, and offer a helping hand to me whenever I need them. And they don't do parties very often as they're

respectful people. It's just a very very nice and family-friendly area to live in.

***关于家乡**

问题： - **What's (the name of) your hometown?**

讲城市名字，简单提尺寸和位置：

- small, tiny, quaint, compact
- medium-sized, average-sized
- big, major, metropolitan
- huge, massive, cosmopolitan

-Nanjing is my hometown which's a densely populated city located/ situated in the Southeast of China/ my country. It's the capital of Jiangsu Province.

-Beijing is my hometown. The capital of China. I've been living there for XXX years.

-My hometown is called Sanya, a coastal city on the South end of Hainan Province, in China.

问题： - **Is it a big city or a small place?**

-Actually, it is a quite big city with about XX million people, a typical international/ metropolitan/ cosmopolitan city, a concrete jungle, I would say. Very busy and bustling.

-No, It's not big at all, it's a small town/ it's a quaint little town, about 100,000 people. (And it's scenic and peaceful. Not like those big cities

with tons of tourists, busy and congested all the time. I love my town.)

问题： - Can you describe your hometown a little?

简单，30-40 秒， 接地气，自然，带有真情实感。不要傻乎乎地说：welcome to my hometown. 或者 you should definitely come to my hometown, and my people will welcome you with their open arms.

重庆：

山城，hilly city, lots of hills, lots of ups and downs,

美食： 辣味

It's a big city located in the southwest of china. It's a beautiful, gorgeous city. It's in a very hilly area, lots of hills in the city, lots of ups and downs. That's why we hate driving or riding a bike in the city, instead, we walk a lot. Maybe that's why we are all in great shape. Almost all of us have really nice and beautiful legs. One thing I really love about my hometown is the local cuisine. Chongqing is famous for its local delicacies, especially spicy food. I can't live my life without spicy food. So, it's like the heaven for spicy-food lovers.

呼和浩特：

My hometown is Huhehaote. It's located in inner Mongolia. And the name, Huhehaote, actually is Mongolian, which means "green city". I guess, it's because we have many endless grasslands, the whole city is beautiful and green. There are two ethnic groups in here, Mongolian and Han. Han culture means the modern Chinese culture. So, the city is a mixture of both cultural heritages. It's really interesting to see the two cultures growing, blending and thriving together.

-XXX is famous for many things,...its landmarks and food.

-We have.... beautiful/ stunning sea views; natural sceneries; mountains and lakes; gorgeous views of nature...

-People there are... **pretty laidback, friendly, hospitable, welcoming.** They know how to enjoy their life/lives.

-Food is amazing in my city,..

Food is everything in my hometown.

-One thing I love about my city is that...

-It's a very livable city/ place.

来学学形容 **city** 的说法:

1. **ancient/historic/old:** a place that has a long history.

Rome is an ancient city, which was established thousands of years ago.

对应现代化的就是 **modern city**

2. **dull/boring/sleepy** 无趣无聊的

My hometown is boring/ sleepy. As a young person, I always feel that there's nothing much to do.

3. **bustling:** a crowded and busy place 热闹的

It's a busy and bustling city.

Hustle and bustle (noun phrase) 小心

~~It's a hustle and bustle city.~~

还可以说 **fast-paced/ lively**

Shanghai is a busy and bustling city, one of its nicknames is "The City that Never Sleeps".

4. **compact/small:** 小小的、很拥挤的

Santorini is a very compact town. You don't need transport to get around (转悠) .

5. **expensive** 生活成本高的(**costly**)/ **inexpensive** 生活成本不高的 (**cheap, not costly**)

6. **picturesque**: 独特美的, 如画的; 也可以说 **scenic, quaint, charming**,

7. **touristy/ tourist city**: 游客颇多的 **a shopping paradise** 购物天堂

Lijiang is beautiful and scenic, but it's just TOO touristy for my taste.

8. There's always something going on in the city.

It's a city that never sleeps.

9. **vibrant**: 充满活力的/**exciting/ lively**

10. it's got such a rich culture.

11. It's a real 24-hour city, and you can meet people from all over the world.

12. It's such a small place that you can get to know your neighbors and easily have a sense of community.

13. The cost of living is really high. You have to think about how to make (both) ends meet.

14. Air quality is an issue there.

15. There's nothing much going on/ not much night life.

16. It's a little isolated. It feels a bit cut off from the wider world.

打卡作业第一次 (不限时间, 准备好就来):

1. 工作或学习。

统一回答: ① **Do you study or do you work?**

*工作者, 介绍自己的工作性质, 并回答问题:

What do you like about your job?

*大学生党,

Do you like your major?

*高中生, 简单介绍一下自己的年纪和状态就好了。

*辞职的人, 简单介绍一下自己的现状和计划。

2. 住宅: Can you describe the place you live?

Which room is your favorite?

如果住宿舍: **What's the difference between where you're living now and where you have lived in the past?**

3. 家乡: What's the name of your hometown? Please describe your hometown a little.