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⁹ I would be better off: 我会过的更好

5. What do you need to study better?(高频)

Version A: I could certainly benefit from reviewing my notes after every class while the information is still fresh in my mind. I know that taking 10 or 15 minutes to go over everything would save me a lot of time studying in the future. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: Getting enough sleep the night before my morning classes would help me a lot. Sometimes I have to work late, and paying attention in class the next day is a major struggle. Fortunately, caffeine is always there to help me make it through.

6. How much time do you spend studying every week?(高频)

Version A: When I have a test or exam, I normally spend up to 30-40 hours studying per week. Most of the time however, just doing my homework and a quick review of my notes after class is sufficient.

Version B: I don't need to spend a lot of time studying because I have a very good memory. I find that if I concentrate attentively during classes, I can effortlessly recall the material during exams. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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Topic 2 Work

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1. Where do you work? / What's your job? /What do you do? / Do you work or study? / /What work do you do? (高频)

I'm currently working fulltime as a programmer at Baidu; I've been working there for 5 years.

2. Is it(company) a good place to work? (高频)

Version A: Yeah, I think my company is a good place to work. It's really supportive of its employees. If you need time off because of mental health, you can take that time for yourself without worrying about getting demoted or any other consequences¹⁰. Plus, there are great benefits and a good salary.

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Version B: No, my company isn't the best place to work. I find the atmosphere is very competitive. I always feel like I have to overwork myself in order to keep up with everyone else¹¹. Plus, it's really hard to take days off, even if you're going through a lot. I hope to leave this job soon.

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3. Would you like the place where you work to make any changes? (高频)

Version A: Yeah, there are some changes that I'd like to see at my work. For one, it's really hard to get vacation days. It's based on seniority¹², which means that as a newbie¹³, you barely get any time off. I'm hoping they can change that policy and base it off of merit or something¹⁴.

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Version B: No, there aren't really any changes that I think my work should make. I'm pretty happy with the way things are. It's easy for me to get vacation time and I really appreciate the benefits. I guess if anything¹⁵, I'd change the actual building I work at. It's not very pretty.

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4.What do you like about your work?(高频)

Version A: The best part about my work is my coworkers. I really missed being together in person every day during COVID. Now that we're back in the office, I always look forward to seeing my colleagues every morning.

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Version B: Besides the paycheck, the best part about my job is the benefits package. I feel so lucky to have full medical and dental coverage. In addition, my employer offers a great pension, plus employer matching retirement contributions. It's a great company to work for.

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¹⁰ without worrying about getting demoted or any other consequences: 不用担心被降职或任何其他后果

¹¹ I have to overwork myself in order to keep up with everyone else: 为了赶上其他人的节奏(不在工作中掉队),我不得不过度工作

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¹² based on seniority: 基于资历

¹³ newbie: 新人

¹⁴ base it off of merit or something: 基于你的功绩之类的

¹⁵ I guess if anything: 我想如果有的话

5. What do you need to do your work better?(高频)

Version A: To improve my work I would need more flexibility. I wish I could work from home or work remotely so that I could travel more. Plus, I know I would be more productive from elsewhere, while having the freedom to do things on my own terms.

Version B: One major problem at my workplace is all of the long, pointless meetings. The management wants to involve everyone in every meeting, and it's a total waste of time for 90% of us. I usually just end up zoning out when I could be getting my work done.

6. How much time do you spend working every week?(高频)

Version A: I work a typical nine-to-five schedule, five days a week, which adds up to about forty to fifty hours per week. However, when the company has heavy workloads, I sometimes have to put in extra hours and work overtime. So it's not uncommon to work sixty hours per week.

Version B: I'm self-employed, so that means I can work as much or as little as I want. I have a few different side-hustles, so sometimes there's lots of work to do, and sometimes there's not much! I love the flexibility and freedom that comes with being self-employed.

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1. Where are you living at the moment? / Please describe the place where you live. (高频)

I live in the quieter part of a big city. Meaning¹⁶ I can take transit downtown very easily but all the hustle and bustle isn't part of my normal day to day¹⁷. There are lots of grade schools and bakeries in my neighborhood. And a lot of families live here too. 雅認錯過過詢主店舖...原创

2. Do you like the area that you live in?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I do. It's a great neighborhood to live in. I can't even imagine moving to other places. There're so many perks of the area, like awesome restaurants and all kinds of shops nearby. Besides I love the beautiful park within walking distance. I'm glad I get to live there.

Version B: No, I don't really like the neighborhood where I live. The noise of the streets nearby is almost constant. And in the evening, there are often many old people square dancing next to our building with loud and cheesy music. I really want to move sometimes.

3. Have you lived in your area for a long time?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I've been living there my whole life. I grew up in the neighborhood. So, I'm used to everything about this residential area and I also know a lot of neighbors. Even though the neighborhood is a little outdated, I can't imagine moving out to other places. へソ認過呂過旬寶店舖源創

Version B: Well, it's been quite a while since I'm a university student living on campus. Come to think of it, I've been living in the student residence for almost 4 years. So I've become very familiar with the surroundings of my school. ♦雅認過過昌甸宝店鋪像創♦

4. Would you like to see any changes in the area you live?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I would. I think the neighborhood committee should step up and take some measures to limit the noise at night. Some old people love square dancing at night with very loud music. It's very irritating and should be the top priority for neighborhood changes.

Version B: Oh, sorry I can't really think of anything in the neighborhood that should be changed. It's a really cozy and convenient place to live. If I had to change something, I think some dog owners should be better at picking up their dogs' poop. That's it. ござね、この近所では変えたいものはないかな。でも、結構居心地いいし便利なところだ。もし何か変えたいとしたら、犬の飼い主さんが犬の糞をちゃんと拾ってほしいかな。それです。

5. Do you know any famous people in your area? (高频)

Version A: Yes, I think I know one. A young girl in the high-rise next to mine is a professional TikToker. I often see her shooting dance videos at the recreational space nearby. She has over a hundred thousand followers on TikTok. So I think she can be considered an internet celebrity.

Version B: No, I don't know any famous people who live near me. It would be so cool to live near a celebrity. But as far as I know, there aren't any famous people around me. I'll have to keep an eye out though. I would definitely love to hang out with a celebrity.

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¹⁶ Meaning: 也就是说

¹⁷ all the hustle and bustle isn't part of my normal day to day: 我的日常生活中不存在熙熙攘攘的喧闹

Topic 4 Hometown (含 the city you live in)

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1. What's the name of your hometown? / Where are you from? / Where is your hometown? / Which city are you living in? (高频)

My hometown is Jinan, which is a city in Shandong province. I really love it because there're tons of amazing attractions in the inner-city¹⁸, and people living in Jinan are very warm and friendly.

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2. Is that a big city or a small place? (高频)

Version A: I come from a small town. I'm not sure how many people live there, but you can pretty much drive through the entire place in just over two hours. Although it's not a big town, it has rich tourism resources, making it a worthwhile destination to visit.

Version B: My hometown isn't a major city in China but it's not small either. As far as I know, it has a population of 5 million people. So the urban area is always crowded with people. It's also the largest city of the province by land area.

3. How long have you lived there?(高频)

Version A: I've been living in my hometown since I was born. I've never thought about leaving my hometown because my entire social circle is there and the cost of living is pretty low. However, I also want to work in a different city for a few years to broaden my horizons.

Version B: I've been living in this city since I started college. So, it's been almost four years now, and I'm just about to graduate. Can't believe how time flies!

4. Will you move home in the near future? / Will you move away from this city? (高频)

Version A: Well, it's hard to tell. Right now I live here because I'm studying in this city. But after I'm done with school, I might find a job that's far away. If that happens, I would move without a second thought. But I do like this city, so it might be a tough choice.

Version B: I don't think I'll be moving anywhere else. I mean, my job and my family are all right here. I truly cherish the steady and fulfilling life I have with my loved ones and friends in this city. So I just can't imagine leaving them behind.

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¹⁸ inner-city: 市中心区域

5. Do you like your hometown? / Do you like this city? (高频)

Version A: Yes, I do. I'm from Harbin, which is a city in the northeast of China. It's famous for the Ice & Snow Festival there, which is a really cool annual event in my hometown. Tons of visitors come to my city to see it every year. I love being a tour guide and showing my friends from other cities this tourist attraction.

Version B: I'm not a big fan of the city I'm currently living in. The cost of living here is through the roof! It's got me seriously considering a move to a more affordable city. The financial pressure would ease up and I could enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle.

6. Do people of all ages live in your area/in your city? (高频)

Version A: Yes, definitely. It's a good mix of people. There are lots of elderly people, but there are also lots of young people and everyone in-between. I think having a variety of people helps the area feel diverse and full of rich experiences.

Version B: No, there aren't really people of all ages living in my area. It's mostly young people. I live in the downtown area of my city, so I guess that makes sense. Older people don't enjoy how busy and crowded it is here. It's more suited for young people who want to enjoy the nightlife and atmosphere.

7. Is the area/the city where you live a friendly place? (高频)

Version A: Yes, the city I'm in is famous for being open and friendly. Many people from other cities and even other countries choose to come here to work and live. People here treat each other with respect and kindness, and it warms my heart to see news stories of strangers helping each other. It's really uplifting.

Version B: Honestly, I don't think this city is very friendly. Life here is fast-paced, and everyone seems caught up in their own work or studies. They lack the energy to forge connections with strangers, which creates a sense of distance and indifference among people.

8. Are there big changes in this city?

Version A: The biggest thing that's happened around here in the past few years is the new subway line they added. Now, when I wanna check out those gorgeous lavender fields out in the suburbs, I can just hop on the subway and get there in a flash.

Version B: The city I'm in isn't exactly a bustling metropolis. Honestly, it feels like the only thing that's been happening in the past few years is non-stop road repairs. Other than that, I can't say I've noticed any major changes going down.

9. Is this city your permanent residence?

Version A: I really hope I can stay here for a good while. This place has everything I need, you know—top-notch education resources, plenty of job opportunities, and a ton of entertainment options. It's like this city has become my second home, a place that just feels perfect to me.

Version B: I don't think so. While I'm here for school/work right now, I'm actually the only child in my family. So, I'll need to go back to my hometown to take care of my parents. It means I won't be sticking around here for the long run.

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Topic 5 Wild animals

1. Are there many wild animals in your country? (高频)

Version A: Yeah, there are a ton of wild animals in my country. I haven't seen many myself. But I know that there are a lot of different species, including common animals like deer and rabbits, as well as larger predator species. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: Honestly...I don't know. I mean I don't think there are that many wild animals in my country. It's pretty developed, meaning there are lots of big cities and very populated areas. So it's difficult to see any wildlife, you know. It's very rare to see big animals.

2. Have you ever been to a zoo or a safari park? (高频)

Version A: Yes, I've been to the zoo in my hometown a lot of times! I really like seeing the animals. I mean, I feel like I always learn something new. I like reading the signs at their exhibits and discovering more about them. They're so cool.

Version B: I've only been to the zoo once. I liked looking at the animals, but I also felt bad for them. I don't think any animal deserves to live in a cage all its life. It just makes me sad to see them.

3. What is the animal you would like to see in the wild? (高频)

Version A: Ever since I was a kid, I've dreamed of going on an African safari. I'd be most excited to see some elephants, as they're the most interesting of the African animals. I love them because they are gentle giants, and very intelligent. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: I'm a scuba diver, and I've always wanted to dive with whale sharks. Once, I did a diving trip in Cebu in the Philippines. It's known for whale sharks, but unfortunately, I wasn't lucky enough to spot any.

4. Are there TV programs about wild animals in your country? (高频)

Version A: Yes, there are plenty of TV programs in my country that focus on wild animals. Specifically, there are various documentary series that showcase wildlife from all around the world. These programs provide great insights into the habits and habitats of these creatures, which I find incredibly fascinating. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: Well, I only know of a few. Honestly, I don't think this genre is very popular. That's why we can only see a few documentaries available to learn about animals and their habitats. However, those who have a passion for wildlife can still gain valuable knowledge from them.

5. Have you ever seen wild animals?

Version A: Yes, when I was a child, I often saw deer at my grandparents' rural home. Even to this day, those memories have stayed with me vividly. It was especially sweet to see baby deer because they were so cute. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: No, I've never seen any wild animals. I live downtown, so there isn't much wildlife. If you want to see a wild animal, you have to go to a quieter part of town. Honestly, I prefer being in the heart of the city. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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Topic 7 Bags

1. Do you usually carry a bag?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I often carry my handbag as it's convenient for carrying all my essential items. I can fit my phone, wallet, keys, and anything else I might need while I'm out for the day. * , 雅認過過過句 賣店舖

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Version B: No, I don't usually carry a bag. I find it more convenient to fit everything I need in my pockets, such as my phone and keys. I don't have any additional items that require me to carry a bag, so it's not necessary for me.

2. What kinds of bags do you like to carry?(高频)

Version A: I usually like to have a handbag or a crossbody purse with me. Actually, I have different types of purses depending on what I'm doing. If I'm going to a party, I'll just bring a small clutch. But if I'm shopping, I'll bring a bigger purse.

Version B: I usually just bring a backpack if I need anything. I can usually fit what I need into my pockets. But if I'm going somewhere and need a few important things, I'll bring my backpack so I don't have my hands full. へ雅認過過過句 賣店舖源創

3. Do you change your bags often?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I like changing my bags pretty often. I love having bags that are good for different seasons and occasions. I also have bags in different colors so they can coordinate with my outfits.

Version B: No, I don't change my bags very often. I'm the type of person who gets one item and uses it for as long as they can. I don't see the point in getting multiples of the same product. I'm happy with only a few things. ち雅認過過過句 賣店舖源創

4. When you were young, did you have a school bag?/ Did you use a backpack when you were a child?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I was a big Pokémon fan, and I remember I got a Pikachu backpack for my birthday one year. It was a like giant, soft plush toy with straps that zipped open. I really loved that bag.

Version B: Yes, as a kid I had a long walk to school, so a backpack to carry my things in was necessary. Then, when I went to high school, everyone was wearing cross-body messenger bags, so I followed the trend and got one too.

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5. Is a bag an ideal gift?/ Would you like it if a friend gave you a bag as a gift?

Version A: Yes, I love purses and handbags. Especially designer bags like Louis Vuittons. However, these can cost thousands of dollars, so I would never expect one as a gift, although I'd be over the moon if I ever received one. へ雅總寸寸總寸寸甸々店舖原創

Version B: I don't think buying bags is a good gift since I've never understood the hype around bags and purses. Besides, style is very personal, and it's challenging to select accessories such as bags for someone else. So I avoid buying or accepting bags as gifts.

6. What kind of bags would you use when travelling?

Version A: Whenever I go traveling, I always make sure to bring a waist bag with me. It's my go-to accessory where I can stash my phone and wallet. This way, I can keep my hands free and have peace of mind knowing that my belongings are safe from potential theft.

Version B: I typically go for a backpack when I'm out and about. It's got plenty of space to fit all my stuff, and it just feels more chill and easygoing than carrying a shoulder bag or a purse.

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Topic 9 Friends

1. How important are friends to you?(高频)

Version A: Friends are super important to me. Since I live far away from my parents, I often spend holidays with my friends. And they are my go-to people when facing difficulties. So their significance in my life can sometimes even surpass that of family.

Version B: Friends are definitely important to me, but not as much as my family or my significant other. I mean, friends may drift apart due to work or life changes, and sometimes even betray you for their own interests. But family will never do that. So it's not wise to put them above everything else in your life.
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2. Do you often go out with your friends?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I go out with my friends pretty often. Luckily, our schedules are more or less the same. We always have weekends free, so we like to go for dinner or have drinks at least once every weekend.

Version B: No, unfortunately I don't go out with my friends that often. We're all very busy with work, and we tend to have opposing schedules. It's pretty difficult to find a day that works for all of us.

3. Where do you often meet each other? (高频)

4. What do you usually do with your friends?(高频)

合并答案 **Version A:** I love going out for food and drinks with my friends. My city has a great food scene, so we usually pick a new restaurant to try every weekend. We like ordering a lot of dishes and sharing them all.
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合并答案 **Version B:** My friends and I take turns hosting dinner parties. These days, we prefer staying in, especially since some of us have young kids. It seems like the older we get, the less we are able to go out together.

5. Is it easy for you to find time to see your friends?

Version A: Yes, it's easy for me to prioritize friendships. Since I'm single and my family lives far away, I don't have anyone else I regularly spend my time with. I usually spend every weekend and some weekday evenings with my friends.
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Version B: Well, the older I get, the harder it seems to make time for friends. I wish I could see them more, but I have other commitments like work and family. I miss the days when we could hang out every week.

6. Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?

Version A: Yes, I have a friend that I've known since elementary school. It's been almost 20 years of friendship! We make it a tradition to gather every year during the Lunar New Year. Honestly, it's like we've never skipped a beat. We're still as tight as ever.

Version B: It's kind of a bummer, but every time I graduate, like from elementary or high school, I gradually drift apart from some of the people I used to know. So, to be honest, I haven't been able to keep up long-term friendships with any of them so far.

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5. Is there anything that you do every day?

Version A: Yes, I take my dog for a walk every day. He's a very energetic dog, which means he needs tons of exercise. So taking him for a walk three or even four times a day is an absolute must. On the plus side, it helps me exercise as well. ツ雅認過過寸詢賣店舖贏創 36

Version B: I have a pretty busy schedule that changes day to day. So I don't have that many daily routines. But I like to write in my journal every day, even if it's just a brief note about my day. I think it's a great way to help me stay mindful.

6. What do you usually do on weekends?

Version A: During the weekends, I typically go out with my friends to do some shopping or hit up a karaoke bar. It's a rare chance to unwind, so I love having a blast with my friends and having a good time.

Version B: On weekends, I enjoy sleeping in and lounging around at home, watching my favorite movies or playing video games. After a long and exhausting week of work, I'm not really keen on going out. I prefer the comfort of my own space.

7. Are weekdays and weekends the same for you?

Version A: It's completely different! On weekdays, I'm swamped with a bunch of tasks to tackle. But the weekends are entirely my own time. I can kick back and unwind without a care in the world about studying or work.

Version B: Honestly, weekdays and weekends are pretty much the same for me. I have a ton of things on my plate, and even on weekends, I often find myself putting in extra hours. It can be quite overwhelming at times.

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Topic 13 language

1. What languages can you speak?(高频)

Version A: I can speak Mandarin, Cantonese, and English fluently. My proficiency in Cantonese is thanks to my grandparents, who taught me the language during my childhood. And I have been learning English since primary school, continuing to improve to this day.

Version B: Apart from Chinese, I'm also proficient in English and have a good grasp of French. I pursued French as my major in college and I'm confident in my proficiency in the language.

2. What languages would you like to learn in the future?(高频)

Version A: Well, I have a plan to learn a new language, and I'm considering learning Spanish as my first option. I'm attracted to Spanish culture and landscapes, and if I ever plan to live there for a while, it's essential for me to learn their language.

Version B: To be honest, it takes years to learn and perfect a language, and I just don't see myself having the time or energy in the near future. However, if I ever moved to a new country, I'm sure I would find the motivation. Afterall, I would need it to get by. © 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. When did you first learn English at school?(高频)

Version A: At my school we started learning English at 6 years old. They say the earlier you start learning a language, the easier it is to acquire it, so I believe it helped me a lot to start learning English at a young age.

Version B: I started learning English in high school. I remember being very excited to learn it because I knew it would come in handy when I traveled. I also really wanted to be able to watch English Hollywood movies without subtitles.

4. Do you like to learn a second language?(高频)

Version A: I really enjoy learning new languages. It's a fantastic way to gain insight into the culture of different regions and countries. Besides, mastering a second language can open up better job opportunities, so why not give it a try?

Version B: Honestly, I don't like learning a second language. It can be quite a challenge for me and I don't seem to have a natural talent for it. I always have to put in more effort than others to understand basic grammar structures.

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5. what sports help people stay healthy?

Version A: I think all types of exercise can help people stay healthy, but the key is finding the right kind of exercise for yourself. For example, if you don't have enough endurance, it's better to start with activities like biking or walking instead of diving into long-distance running right away.

Version B: I think aerobic exercises like jogging or swimming are really good for maintaining good health. They're not too hard on your body, but still do wonders for your heart and lungs. Plus, they're great for burning calories and keeping you in shape. That's why they're super helpful for staying healthy.

6. Is it easy for people to exercise in your country?

Version A: Absolutely! In our country, every city is loaded with gyms and public fitness spots. It's not an exaggeration to say that if you're looking to get a good workout, you can easily find a place within a 500-meter radius of your home.

Version B: Yes, keeping fit is a piece of cake in our country. We've got a ton of awesome places where you can get your workout on, like badminton courts, swimming pools, ice rinks, and even golf courses. No matter what sport you're into, you can easily find a spot that caters to your interests.

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Topic 15 Fixing things

1.Can you fix things? What things can you fix?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I'm pretty handy when it comes to fixing things. I've managed to fix creaky door hinges and some common household appliances. Honestly, I prefer fixing something myself rather than hiring someone. I always get a great feeling of accomplishment when I fix something.

Version B: No, I'm not good at fixing things. I've tried my hand at it before, but I honestly don't know how to handle a screwdriver or anything like that. Whenever something is broken around the house, I just ask my parents to help. Or I'll even hire someone if I don't want to bother them.

2.Did anybody teach you to fix things when you were a child?(高频)

Version A: Yes, my uncle taught me to fix things when I was a kid. He's a professional handyman. Whenever my parents asked him to fix something around the house, he always asked me to help him out and be his little assistant. I learned a lot that way.

Version B: Well, yes, I asked my mom to teach me to sew by hand and using a machine when I was 12-years-old. This has come in pretty handy over the years whenever I needed to repair or alter my clothing.

3.Do you think it is necessary for people to learn to fix things?(高频)

Version A: Yeah, I think so. Nowadays, people are too comfortable with just hiring someone else to fix things that break. But they should learn how to be more self-sufficient. It's important to pick up some DIY skills as it can save you money in the long run.

Version B: No, I don't think it's necessary. Nowadays, it's very easy to hire someone to handle repairs if something breaks down. Granted, it does cost a lot of money. But not everyone has the time to learn that knowledge. So I think it's fine to delegate the task to a professional.

4.What do you do when a thing is broken and can't be fixed?(高频)

Version A: When something is broken and can't be fixed, I try to repurpose it as much as I can. For example, if a piece of machinery breaks, I take it apart and use its spare parts for something else. I think it's important to try to reduce waste as much as we can.

Version B: If something can't be fixed, I usually just throw it out. I know that it's a little wasteful. But honestly, you can't really repurpose stuff that easily. So for me, it's better to just throw it out and buy something new. I don't like having broken things lying around in my house.

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Topic 16 Day off

1. When was the last time you had a few days off?(高频)

Version A: I took a week off work(work 可替换为 study/from studying) at the beginning of May to go on a family vacation. We went on a self-drive trip to a nearby coastal city and had an amazing time filled with fun activities and memorable experiences. 过过过雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: The last time that I had time off was in April. I took almost a month off to train and compete in a dance competition. Luckily, I work very flexible hours, so I'm able to focus on my hobbies when I feel like it.

2. What do you usually do when you have days off?(高频)

Version A: I normally try to spend as much time as possible outdoors on my days off. Working and studying indoors can get really depressing, especially in the summer. Getting out in the sun never fails to rejuvenate me.

Version B: I like spending my time off playing video games or watching films and series. Working 40 hours a week really drains my energy, so I need to relax when I get the chance. I also enjoy sleeping in when I don't have to work.

3. Do you usually spend your days off with your parents or with your friends?(高频)

Version A: My parents live in a city miles away from me, so I don't get the chance to see them very often. Instead, I'm more likely to spend time with my partner or with my best friend who lives across the street from me. 过过过雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: I always prioritize spending time with family. Not just my parents, but my brother and sister and their families too. If you ask me, there's nothing more valuable than family. Besides, our parents won't be around forever, so spending time with them is important.

4. What would you like to do if you had a day off tomorrow?(高频)

Version A: If I had a day off tomorrow, I would probably treat myself to a day at the mall. Shopping for clothes and beauty products is something I truly enjoy, but with my busy work schedule, I hardly ever get the chance to do it. 过过过雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: If I had a day off, I would probably sleep in and not wake up before 10 am. With my busy schedule of studying tasks, getting some proper rest would be essential to recharge my batteries and boost my energy levels.

5. Do you get many days off each week?

Version A: I'm a student(或 teacher), so I get weekends and all national holidays off. On top of that, I'm lucky to have a one-month break in winter and a two-month break in summer. People say students get too much vacation, but we really need these breaks to recharge and regain our energy!

Version B: As an accountant, I get weekends off. My company also offers everyone four weeks of vacation per year, which is more than the standard. While it's fair, I wouldn't say no to having more time off.

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Topic 17 Rain

1. Do you like rainy days?(高频)

Version A: Yes, I love rainy days. For me, it's the perfect opportunity to curl up with a book and be cozy inside. Plus, it's nice to have an excuse not to go anywhere. Sometimes you just want to stay in and have a relaxing time. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: No, I hate rainy days. I'm a big outdoors person. So whenever it rains, I'm always bummed that I have to stay inside. I'd much rather go for a walk or do something outside. Plus, I've found that the rain always manages to ruin your plans. It's such a downer.

2. Does it rain much in your city?(高频)

Version A: Yes, it rains a ton in my city. It's not an exaggeration to say that we have rain for at least half of the year. This makes it challenging to get a glimpse of the sun, and the air remains constantly humid as well. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: No, it hardly ever rains in my city. Even in the supposed rainy season of July and August, there are only a few isolated showers. So the air in our city is often very dry, and to be honest, I don't enjoy this type of weather.

3. Would you like to live in a place that is dry or wet?(高频)

Version A: I'd love to live in a place with a wet climate because I enjoy the rain and the refreshing feeling it brings. Besides, I once experienced nosebleeds in a northern city because of low humidity. So, I don't enjoy excessively dry climates. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

Version B: I like places with less moisture because they tend to have more sunny days. Besides, if you're constantly stuck in a cold and damp place, it can really bring you down and limit your chances to enjoy outdoor activities.

4. Have rain ever disrupted your travel plans? / Do you enjoy going out in the rain? / Would you change your plan if it rained (高频)

Version A: Yes, once my friend and I had planned to have a meal together, but we had to cancel due to a sudden heavy rain. To be honest, I'm not a fan of going out on rainy days since the rain always soaks my clothes and shoes, and the traffic tends to be a nightmare.

Version B: Well, I've never had an important event that got rained on. Actually, I don't think it's a bad thing to go out in the rain. The sound of raindrops pattering against my umbrella is quite pleasing, and rainy days always make me feel more relaxed. So I enjoy going out in the rain. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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Topic 18 Riding a bike (新增主题, 考频不高)

1. Did you have a bike when you were a young?

Version A: Yeah, back when I was in elementary school, my dad got me a bike and showed me how to ride it. That bike is still chilling at my home.

Version B: No, when I was little, I only rode those kiddie tricycles. But once I started going to primary school, my dad would always pick me up and drop me off, so I never thought about learning how to ride a bike. That's why I've never had my own bicycle.

2. Did you ride a bike when you were little?

Version A: Yeah, I used to enjoy going to the park with my friends to ride bikes. We would have friendly competitions to see who could pedal the fastest, and more often than not, I came out on top.

Version B: When I was a kid, I never really got the hang of riding a bike. Maybe it was because I wasn't very athletic, but the fear of losing my balance and taking a tumble always held me back. So, I never really gave it a shot.

3. Did you ride a bike to school?

Version A: Yeah, when I was in high school, my parents got me a bike because my house was pretty far from the school. So, every day, I would join my friends and ride our bikes together to school and back.

Version B: No, I didn't ride a bike to school. In primary school, my dad used to give me rides in his car, and when I moved on to high school, I actually went to a boarding school. So, I never had to think about commuting or riding a bike to get to school.

4. Do you ride a bike when you go out now?

Version A: Well, yes, sometimes, if the destination isn't too far, I choose to ride a shared bicycle. It's super affordable and eco-friendly.

Version B: Unfortunately, I haven't learned how to ride a bike yet, even to this day. So, when I go out, I usually rely on public transportation or take a taxi. I've never had the chance to experience the joy of cycling.

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Topic 19 Staying up late

1. Do you sometimes go to bed very late?/Do you often stay up late? (高频)

A: Yes, sometimes I go to bed pretty late. The evenings are when I finally have some time to myself after a long day of work/school¹⁹. So I'd rather scroll on social media²⁰ or play some games on my phone instead of sleeping. Sometimes I don't go to sleep until midnight or even later. 6 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

B: No, I don't like going to bed late. I have good self-discipline²¹, so I always go to bed at a decent time²². Usually, I'm asleep before 11pm. I find that if I stay up too late, I feel really tired and grumpy²³ in the morning. That's not fun for anyone, so it's better that I go to bed early. 6 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

2. Did you stay up late when you were a child? (高频)

A: Yeah, I liked to stay up as a kid. My parents would always check on me to see if I was sleeping. But I would often just pretend to be asleep. I'd hide under my covers and read comics with a flashlight²⁴. I had a pretty rebellious spirit²⁵ from an early age. 8 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

B: No, I always went to bed on time. My parents were really strict about my bedtime. They said that I wouldn't be as smart if I didn't get enough sleep²⁶. I didn't want to fall behind, so I made sure to go to bed when they told me to. 8 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

3. What do you like to do when you stay up late? (高频)

A: When I stay up late, I like to watch movies or TV shows. Most of the time, I'll scroll on social media while I watch something. I also like texting my friends. We're all a bunch of night owls²⁷, so it's easy for us to chat into the wee hours of the night²⁸. 8 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

B: I've stayed up late studying quite a few times. When I was getting ready for exams, I would stay up until two or three in the morning prepping my notes²⁹. I was so tired, but I wanted to make sure that I was prepared. I mean,³⁰ I almost fell asleep waiting for the exam to start, but I did okay³¹. 6 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

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¹⁹ The evenings are when I finally have some time to myself after a long day of work/school: 结束了一天的工作/学习, 终于有点完全属于自己的时间了

²⁰ scroll on social media: 刷手机(看社交媒体, 刷微信微博)

²¹ I have good self-discipline: 我比较自律

²² at a decent time: 在一个合适的时间

²³ grumpy: 脾气坏的

²⁴ I'd hide under my covers and read comics with a flashlight: 躲在被子里打着手电筒看漫画书

²⁵ had a pretty rebellious spirit: (那时候)很叛逆

²⁶ I wouldn't be as smart if I didn't get enough sleep: 睡得不够就傻了

²⁷ We're all a bunch of night owls: 我们都是一群夜猫子

²⁸ chat into the wee hours of the night: 一直聊到深夜凌晨; wee hours 指午夜 12 点后和日出之间那段时间

²⁹ prepping my notes: 准备笔记(备考)

³⁰ I mean: 注意此处 I mean 是一个 filler word 的用法, 并无针对语境的实际语义, 就如同 you know, well 一样。主要目的在于放慢句子节奏, 提供思考的时间

³¹ but I did okay: 不过我考的还行
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4. After a late night, how do you feel the next morning? / How do you feel when you have stayed up late the night before? (高频)

A: I'm usually pretty slow to get going in the morning³². I tend to sleep in until ten or eleven³³, which is pretty late for me. On most occasions, I don't get out of bed until noon. So I end up skipping breakfast, which throws me off my routine³⁴. I always feel guilty for being so lazy. 5° 雅認鏈寸鏈綯寔店鋪——

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B: I'm so tired in the morning. I have to get up early for work/school, so I can't afford to sleep in³⁵. I end up being really tired throughout the day³⁶. You know, it's hard for me to focus. I always have to take a nap when I get home. Then I make sure to go to bed early. 一雅德丹過過甸店鋪♡原创

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³² I'm usually pretty slow to get going in the morning: 早上我通常都起得很晚, 拖拖拉拉

³³ sleep in until ten or eleven: (睡懒觉) 睡到 10 点 11 点才起来

³⁴ throws me off my routine: 打乱常规

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³⁵ I can't afford to sleep in: 无法睡懒觉

³⁶ throughout the day: 一整天

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Topic 21 Small businesses

1. Are there many small businesses where you live? (高频)

A: Yeah, there are lots of small business where I live. For example, there are a bunch of family-run diners⁵⁵ where you can enjoy a nice, simple breakfast. There are also fun shops to get something sweet at, like milk tea shops. Plus, there are many street vendors to check out. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: Well, I live on campus at my university, so there aren't too many small businesses near the dorms. There's only the school cafeteria, plus some supermarkets for students to grocery shop at⁵⁶. But, it takes about ten minutes to get to the shops and restaurants off campus⁵⁷. Once you leave the university, there's lots to check out. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. Do you prefer to buy things from a large company or small business? (高频)

A: I prefer buying things from a small business. Usually, the product is cheaper and it's more convenient. Plus, in general, small businesses are really dedicated to their customers, which means they go above and beyond what a corporation would do⁵⁸. I like supporting small businesses whenever I can. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: I prefer buying things from large companies. They have brand-name products⁵⁹ that you just can't find at a small business. Plus, their products are usually high-quality. They're also pretty flexible with returns⁶⁰. They just feel more reliable to me. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Have you ever worked for a small business? (高频)

A: Yes, I've worked for a small business before. I got a summer job⁶¹ at a flower shop last year. It was owned by a family in the community. It was really interesting to work with the owner and handle sales of bouquets and other tasks. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I've never worked for a small business before. I've had summer jobs, but they were mostly with chains⁶². I often wished that I had a job at one of the family-owned businesses in our city. I think it would've been a totally new experience. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

4. Would you like to start your own small business one day? (高频)

A: Yes, that's my dream! I think I've always had an independent and entrepreneurial spirit. So having my own business would let me be creative. I would also be able to build my career according to my schedule and no one else's⁶³. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I don't have any interest in starting my own small business. Owning a business takes a lot of time and effort. I don't think I have the right amount of discipline and self-regulation to⁶⁴ handle something like that. I would prefer to build my career at a business that's already established. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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⁵⁵ a bunch of family-run diners: 许多家庭经营的小餐馆

⁵⁶ to grocery shop at: 去在...购物; 注意此处是名词活用为动词的用法, 如有不明之处或需更多语法例子借鉴, 请在雅思过过过淘宝店铺售后微信私信 Penny 老师

⁵⁷ off campus: 校外

⁵⁸ go above and beyond what a corporation would do: 比一个普通公司会做的要更出色, 更出类拔萃

⁵⁹ brand-name products: 品牌产品

⁶⁰ pretty flexible with returns: 在退货方面很灵活

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⁶¹ got a summer job: 打暑期工

⁶² they were mostly with chains: 连锁企业

⁶³ build my career according to my schedule and no one else's; 我也可以根据我自己的时间表而不是其他人的时间表来发展我的事业; 意指自己对工作的安排和时间说了算

⁶⁴ the right amount of discipline and self-regulation to: 足够的自律和自律来...

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Topic 22 Jewelry

1. How often do you wear jewelry? /Do you often wear jewelry? (高频)

A: I wear jewelry pretty often. I find that it makes me feel more confident when I have some nice accessories on⁶⁵. I especially like cute earrings. I have a pair that look like zippers, and another pair that are tiny fish. They're really fun and I always get compliments when I wear them.

B: I never wear jewelry. I find it unnecessary. Honestly, it's kind of a burden. I would always be worried about losing it, and that would stress me out. So for me, wearing jewelry just isn't worth it. If I got married, I wouldn't even want to wear a wedding ring.

2. What type of jewelry do you like to buy? (高频)

I really like buying earrings. There are so many pretty designs. But I also think it's fun to get silly ones. I have a pair of earrings that look like goldfish in little plastic bags. I also have some in the shape of a rainbow. I get lots of compliments when I wear them.

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3. Have you ever bought jewelry for someone else? / Do you usually buy jewelry? (高频)

A: Yes, I have. One time, I got my friend a beautiful gold bracelet for her birthday. She was really touched by the gesture⁶⁶. I think that in general, jewelry makes for a very thoughtful gift. It shows that you care about the person and want them to have something nice that also lasts long. 二雅總之寸過總淘寶店舖

B: No, I've never bought jewelry for someone else. That seems too personal to me. Jewelry can be interpreted as a big gesture⁶⁷. After all, you don't get someone a gold bracelet or a fancy necklace as a casual gift. So I think I'll save that kind of gift for someone very special.

4. Why do you think some people keep a piece of jewelry for a long time? (高频)

I think some people hang onto⁶⁸ jewelry for a long time for sentimental reasons⁶⁹ or because it's important to them. For example, many people will keep family heirlooms⁷⁰ for ages. Besides, married people wear their wedding rings for their whole lives because the rings symbolized their loves.

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⁶⁵ have some nice accessories on: 戴点漂亮的饰品在身上

⁶⁶ She was really touched by the gesture: 她真的被我(友情)的表示感动了

⁶⁷ be interpreted as a big gesture: 被看做一个非同凡响的姿态(或表示)

⁶⁸ hang onto: 保留; 保存

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⁶⁹ for sentimental reasons: 出于情感因素

⁷⁰ family heirlooms: 传家宝

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Topic 23 Chocolate

1. How often do you eat chocolate? /Do you like eating chocolate? Why or why not? (高频)

A: I eat chocolate pretty often. It's one of my favourite sweets. You know, I could always go for a good chocolate bar. I also really love brownies and chocolate chip cookies. I have such a sweet tooth⁷¹. I know it's not the best for me, but I usually have some chocolate every couple days.

B: I rarely eat chocolate. It's a great treat, but it's not very healthy. So I try to avoid it on a regular basis. I only eat chocolate on special occasions. I think it's nice to treat yourself sometimes. But you shouldn't make a habit out of it⁷², especially if you're trying to stay in shape.

2. Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts to others? (高频)

A: Yeah, I think that in general it's a good call⁷³ to get chocolate as a gift for someone. It's a pretty popular treat. I don't know anyone who would pass up⁷⁴ a nice chocolate bar. So I think that if you want to get someone something nice but low-key⁷⁵, some good chocolates would be a great gift. oo0 雅總

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B: No, I don't think chocolate makes a good gift for people. I mean, not everyone likes to eat chocolate. Even if it is a popular dessert, it is unhealthy and usually contains milk, which a lot of people have difficulty digesting⁷⁶. I think it's good to put a little more effort into the gift⁷⁷.

3. Did you like chocolate when you were a child? (高频)

A: Yes, I ate chocolate pretty often when I was a kid. Sometimes, after dinner, my parents would let me have a bowl of chocolate ice cream. Other times, I would get a chocolate bar as a treat⁷⁸. It always made me happy because I loved how sweet chocolate was. I still love it to this day.

B: No, I didn't eat chocolate that often when I was a kid. My parents really wanted me to eat healthy food. So having sweets of any kind was very rare. Of course, it made it all the more special when⁷⁹ I finally got to have some chocolate. On my birthday, my parents always gave me a chocolate cake. It was amazing. oo0----- 雅認過過過淘寶店舖原创+

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⁷¹ have such a sweet tooth: 爱吃甜食

⁷² make a habit out of it: 养成习惯

⁷³ it's a good call: 是个不错的选择

⁷⁴ pass up: 放弃; 拒绝

⁷⁵ low-key: 低调的

⁷⁶ have difficulty digesting: 对(有些人来说)不好消化

⁷⁷ put a little more effort into the gift: 在选择礼物上多花点心思

⁷⁸ get a chocolate bar as a treat: 吃块巧克力犒劳一下自己

⁷⁹ it made it all the more special when: 让一切都变得更加特别

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4. Why do you think chocolate is so popular in many parts of the world? (高频)

I think chocolate is popular around the world because it has such a nice, rich, sweet taste to it⁸⁰. Unless it's dark chocolate, which is pretty bitter. But in general, chocolate is appealing to people with all kinds of taste preferences. Plus, you can use it in so many ways, like in ice cream and baked goods.

5. What's your favorite flavour?

My favourite flavour has to be white chocolate with caramel⁸¹, however, I have a 'sweet tooth' so I enjoy all flavours! I also really enjoy dark, mint and toffee flavoured chocolate⁸². Actually when I was younger, I didn't like many of these flavours, so maybe my taste has matured⁸³!

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⁸⁰ it has such a nice, rich, sweet taste to it: 它有一种非常浓郁甜美的味道

⁸¹ white chocolate with caramel: 白巧克力加焦糖

⁸² dark, mint and toffee flavoured chocolate: 纯黑, 薄荷和太妃糖口味的巧克力

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⁸³ my taste has matured: 我喜欢的口味已经成熟了很多语法或表达方面有疑问欢迎微信联系 Penny 老师解答_雅思过过过淘宝店铺 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 雅思过过过淘宝店铺

4. Do you want to go into outer space in the future? (高频)

A: Yes, it's a bucket list activity for me for sure⁹³! I think it would be a beautiful experience to see Earth from space. It's also a secret wish of mine to come face to face with an alien 😊. Plus, if I could visit another planet, it would be such an eye-opening⁹⁴ and unforgettable experience. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

B: No, outer space really freaks me out! You know, there's a lot of risk involved⁹⁵. Something could go wrong very easily. Plus, outer space is unpredictable and there's so much we don't know about it. I mean, what if there's something out there that could get me? 😨 I'll leave space travel to the astronauts⁹⁶... 雅思过过过淘宝店铺 原创

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⁹³ it's a bucket list activity for me for sure: 这肯定是我的愿望清单上的活动

⁹⁴ eye-opening: 令人瞠目; 大开眼界
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⁹⁵ there's a lot of risk involved: 会有很多相关的危险

⁹⁶ I'll leave space travel to the astronauts: 太空旅行 (这么伟大的事业) 还是留给宇航员去做吧...

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Topic 25 Library

1. How often do you visit a library? / Do you often go to the library?/What do you usually do in the library? (高频)

A: I'm a huge bookworm⁹⁷, so I go to the library pretty often. It's the cheapest way to read new books, so the library is basically my second home at this point. I love checking out a new book, then curling up with it in the reading area and burning through it⁹⁸. It's pretty nerdy, but I love to read. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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B: Unfortunately, I'm not much of a reader⁹⁹. My parents are always getting on my case about¹⁰⁰ trying to read more books. I get their point, but I just don't have the time for books. So I rarely go to the library. I'm pretty sure the last time I went to the library was to use the bathroom there...o00 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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2. Would you ever like to work in a library? (高频)

A: Yes, I'd love to work in a library. I think it would be really cool to help people find and check out books. Plus, you could run some fun programs and activities for patrons of all ages¹⁰¹. Libraries are really important for communities. So it'd be great to work at one.

B: No, I don't think I'd want to work in a library. In my opinion, libraries are very boring. They're also supposed to be very quiet, so it's not like it's the most engaging environment. I think I would get bored if I had to work behind a desk just helping people get their books.

3. Did you use a library more when you were younger? / Did you go to the library when you were a kid? (高频)

A: Yes, I went to the library a lot when I was a kid. My mom and dad wanted me to be an avid reader¹⁰². So they would take me there pretty often. We checked out books¹⁰³ together, then when we got home, we would each read our own book while sitting together. It was really nice. | 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I didn't go to the library when I was a kid. I was a pretty loud, disruptive¹⁰⁴ kid. Honestly, I must've been a pain for my parents to deal with¹⁰⁵. But in any case¹⁰⁶, they didn't want to take me to the library because they were worried I'd be too noisy. 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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⁹⁷ I'm a huge bookworm: 我是个超级书虫; 意指我是个非常爱读书的人

⁹⁸ curling up with it in the reading area and burning through it: 蜷缩在阅读区, 把它读完; curl up 可以指“以舒适的弯曲姿势坐着或躺着”, 这里也是一种修饰性的描述

⁹⁹ I'm not much of a reader: 我不怎么喜欢看书

¹⁰⁰ getting on my case about: 不停的唠叨我, 批评我

¹⁰¹ patrons of all ages: 各个年龄段的顾客

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¹⁰² an avid reader: 热衷读书的人

¹⁰³ checked out books: 借书

¹⁰⁴ disruptive: 爱捣乱的

¹⁰⁵ I must've been a pain for my parents to deal with: 我一定让我父母很头疼

¹⁰⁶ But in any case: 但是无论如何

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4. How common is it for children to visit libraries in your country? / Do Chinese kids often go to the library? (高频)

A: It's pretty common for children to visit libraries in China. There are lots of educational activities and programs at libraries for them to enjoy. Plus, a lot of parents encourage their kids to be avid readers¹⁰⁷. So they bring their kids to check out books and read in the designated reading areas¹⁰⁸.

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B: It's not too common for kids to visit libraries in my country. Even though the libraries host lots of activities and programs aimed at children, I think there are other things that capture their attention¹⁰⁹ better. For example, kids prefer playing outside or playing video games.

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¹⁰⁷ avid readers: 热衷阅读的人

¹⁰⁸ read in the designated reading areas: 去指定的阅读区
(比如儿童区) 阅读

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¹⁰⁹ capture their attention: 吸引他们的注意力

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4. What do you think will bring you happiness in the future? (高频)

A: I think I'll feel happy when I have a stable job and a good income¹¹⁸. It might sound a bit shallow¹¹⁹, but making more money would really help me feel more settled in life¹²⁰. They say that money can't buy happiness, but I think it can make you comfortable enough to pursue the things that do make you happy.

B: I think that in the future, I'll be happy when I can do what I love. Being able to pursue my passions will keep me content¹²¹. I don't need to have the flashiest car or the highest-paying job. I just want to be able to do things that make me happy, like making artworks or doing Yoga. (注意参考这段素材时, 可以加入自己实际的一些喜好, 会让内容听起来更个人化、更真实)

5. Is there anything that makes you feel happy lately?

I graduated from university with top honours¹²² just a few months ago. It was the result of years of hard work. I was really proud of myself for making it through my degree¹²³. But even better, it made my friends and family so happy. They were so glad to see me succeed.

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¹¹⁸ have a stable job and a good income: 有一份稳定的工作和一份不错的收入时

¹¹⁹ sound a bit shallow: 听起来可能有点肤浅

¹²⁰ feel more settled in life: 让我觉得生活更安定

¹²¹ keep me content: 让我感到满足

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¹²² graduated from university with top honours: 以优异的成绩毕业

¹²³ making it through my degree: 成功取得学位

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Topic 27 Keys

1. Do you usually carry a lot of keys with you? (高频)

A: Yes, I always have lots of keys on hand. I have one for my mailbox, for my apartment's door and my car¹²⁴. Some people find a lot of keys to be annoying and unmanageable. But I love getting fun keychains to put my keys on. It makes it easy to keep track of them¹²⁵. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I don't really need keys. Modern technology has totally replaced them. For example, I have an electronic keypad¹²⁶ for my apartment's door. Plus, my car has a keyless entry feature¹²⁷. So I don't need to carry around house keys or car keys. It makes life a breeze¹²⁸. I never have to worry about losing my keys. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. Do you often forget to take keys with you when you go out? (高频)

A: Yes, I'm super forgetful when it comes to my keys. I've tried putting them on a keychain and hanging it by the door¹²⁹ so I take it with me when I leave. But that still doesn't work. I'm just so absentminded¹³⁰ sometimes. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I'm pretty good at remembering to take my keys with me when I go out. I hang them on a hook by my door so I always remember to grab them on my way out¹³¹. It's such an inconvenience to forget your keys. So I try to keep things organized so that never happens to me. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Have you ever lost any keys? When? (高频)

A: Yes, I've definitely lost my keys before. Just a few weeks ago, I set down my car keys¹³² while I was shopping. I put them on a shelf, and then I walked away without them. When I got to my car, I panicked because I couldn't find them anywhere. Thankfully they were at the mall's lost and found area. (*车钥匙只是例子,可以换成其他任何你拥有的钥匙)

B: Nope, I've never lost my keys before. I'm a pretty organized person. I like to keep track of where I put all my belongings, even when I'm out and about¹³³. Plus, I have key rings to keep my keys on. That way, they're not just floating around in my pockets or bags¹³⁴. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

4. Do you think it's a good idea to leave a key to your home with a neighbor? (高频)

A: Yes, I think it's a great idea. If you ever lock yourself out, then you don't have to go through the trouble of calling a locksmith¹³⁵. Not only is that inconvenient, but it's also pretty expensive. So it's much better to have a backup plan¹³⁶. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I don't think it's a good idea. For one, your neighbor might lose the key so you'll end up having to go to a locksmith anyways. For another, you never know if they'll abuse their privilege¹³⁷ and go into your home someday without your permission. ●雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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¹²⁴也可以改成 bike lock, 说自行车锁的钥匙

¹²⁵ keep track of them: 跟踪它们; 知道它们在哪里

¹²⁶ an electronic keypad: 电子按键; 电子密码锁的按键

¹²⁷ has a keyless entry feature: 有无钥匙进入的功能

¹²⁸ It makes life a breeze: 它使生活变得轻松

¹²⁹ hanging it by the door: 把它挂在门上

¹³⁰ absentminded: 健忘

¹³¹ grab them on my way out: 出门的时候拿上它们

¹³² set down my car keys: 把车钥匙放下了

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¹³³ even when I'm out and about: 即使在我外出的时候

¹³⁴ floating around in my pockets or bags: 在我的口袋或包里到处跑

¹³⁵ locksmith: 锁匠

¹³⁶ have a backup plan: 有一个后备计划

¹³⁷ abuse their privilege: 滥用他们的特权

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Topic 29 Weekends

1. Is the weekend your favourite part of the week? / Do you like weekends? (高频)

Yes, I really like weekends. It's the only time I have during the week where I have absolutely no commitments¹⁴⁷. I can just kick back and relax. You know, when you work a full-time job, your weekends become very precious to you. There's nothing I love more than just chilling for two days straight¹⁴⁸. ◆ 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

2. What did you do last weekend? (高频)

Last weekend, um... I remember I went to a street market with my friend. We had a great time looking at all of the stalls¹⁴⁹. We also had some great street food. It was just chicken skewers¹⁵⁰, nothing too exciting. But they really hit the spot¹⁵¹. 000 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

3. Do you prefer to plan how to spend your weekends? (高频)

A: Yes, I'm definitely the type of person who loves to plan my life down to the minute¹⁵². Weekends are the only time I don't have any responsibilities. So I try to make the most of them. I like to schedule hangouts with friends and family. I also enjoy trying new restaurants and going to new places in the city. † 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: No, I like to play things by ear¹⁵³. I never know what the weekend will hold¹⁵⁴. Sometimes I'll get an invite to hang out from a friend. Then we'll spend the evening either getting dinner at a restaurant or doing a fun activity like karaoke. Other times, I don't have any plans so I'll just relax at home.

4. Do you ever work or study on the weekends? (高频)

A: Yes, sometimes I have to study on the weekends. When I'm racing to finish an assignment on time, I can't afford to take the weekends off¹⁵⁵. That's giving up precious time to revise and finish my homework. I also study on the weekends when I'm preparing for an exam. It's helpful to have that extra time. — 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

B: Yeah, sometimes I have to work on the weekends. I have the kind of job that involves a lot of complicated projects with tight deadlines¹⁵⁶. So I have to take the extra time to finish them. Sometimes that means working overtime and doing tasks on the weekend. It's worth it to keep up with the fast pace at my job. 000 雅思过过过淘宝店铺原创

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¹⁴⁷ have absolutely no commitments: 唯一没有任何承诺(负责任)的时间;指这两天什么任务都没有。

¹⁴⁸ two days straight: 连续两天

¹⁴⁹ stalls: 摊位

¹⁵⁰ chicken skewers: 鸡肉串

¹⁵¹ hit the spot: 恰到好处

¹⁵² plan my life down to the minute: 把我的生活计划的精确到每一分钟

¹⁵³ play things by ear: 随机应变

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¹⁵⁴ I never know what the weekend will hold: 我不知道周末会有什么事

¹⁵⁵ When I'm racing to finish an assignment on time, I can't afford to take the weekends off: 当我赶着按时完成一项任务时,我就不能在周末休息了

¹⁵⁶ involves a lot of complicated projects with tight deadlines: 涉及很多复杂的项目,而且期限很紧
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4. Were any of your school friends very good at sports? / Do you know any people who are good at sports? (高频)

Yes: Yes, a lot of my school friends were really good at sports. I was actually the odd one out¹⁷³. Some of my best friends were the school's top athletes. I remember they were always busy competing in tournaments. I liked going to their games and cheering them on from the sidelines¹⁷⁴.

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No: No, my school friends weren't very good at sports. That was fine by me¹⁷⁵ since I wasn't exactly the most athletic child. But even though we didn't play sports, we always liked watching our classmates compete in tournaments. We would cheer them on from the sidelines and be supportive whether they won or lost.

5. Which sports do you enjoy watching or playing?/ What sports do you like?

I really like basketball and badminton. Those sports require you to be quick on your feet. It's a lot of back and forth¹⁷⁶, especially badminton, but I think that makes it entertaining. There's such a small space to play in. You have to make every move count¹⁷⁷. I love how fast-paced both of those sports are.

6. Where did you learn how to do it?

It was actually my uncle who got me into sports¹⁷⁸. I would go over to his house and we would play basketball on his driveway. He taught me lots of techniques. Then I joined a basketball team when I was in elementary school. It was lots of fun. I still remember it fondly.

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¹⁷³ I was actually the odd one out: 实际上我是那个与众不同的人

¹⁷⁴ cheering them on from the sidelines: 在场边为他们加油

¹⁷⁵ That was fine by me: 这对我来说没什么

¹⁷⁶ It's a lot of back and forth: 打的来来回回; 意思是有很多回合

¹⁷⁷ There's such a small space to play in. You have to make every move count: 打羽毛球的场地很小。你必须让每一招一步都有所意义; 此处是指羽毛球场

地很小, 所以你不能无头苍蝇一样乱打

¹⁷⁸ got me into sports: 让我喜欢上运动

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1. How often do you check the weather forecast?/Do you get in the habit of checking the weather forecast? When/How often?

Since I go outdoors a lot, I try to check the weather every few hours or so. I check it at the start of the day, then I look again to see if the weather's changed. It might be sunny in the morning, but raining later in the afternoon. So it's good to stay up to date.

2. Do you generally prefer hot weather or cold weather?

Hot: I definitely prefer hot weather. I hate being chilly. When the sun's out, you can enjoy some fresh air and exercise outside. It's nice to go for a walk or a run. Then you can cool off by going swimming. Warm weather makes me feel more active and energetic.

Cold: I definitely prefer cold weather. I hate being sweaty, so hot weather is not my cup of tea. Cold weather is nicer because you can stay cozy inside. Or you can enjoy a nice brisk walk in the cold air. I think it's a lot more refreshing than hot weather.

3. Has the weather changed much in recent years in your country?

No, I don't think the weather has changed too much in recent years. My country has pretty average weather patterns. If anything, I would say that the summers have gotten hotter and they last longer than they used to. That's definitely due to climate change, which is a worldwide phenomenon.

4. Would you like to live in/visit a place that has a very different climate from your country?

Yes, I think that could be interesting. My country doesn't have very exciting weather. It has four main seasons, but it could be fun to live somewhere where the weather doesn't change as often. For example, in some countries in Europe, they pretty much have summer all year round. I love the heat, so I might enjoy that.

5. What's the weather like where you live? Do you like the weather where you live?

Dry: The weather is pretty dry where I live. We hardly get any rain. Instead, we mostly have warm and sunny days. Sometimes the heat can get overwhelming, especially since it's so constant. But I don't mind it. I like spending lots of time outside soaking up the sun. It's relaxing for me.

Wet: The weather is pretty damp and rainy where I live. Some people get sick of it, but I really like it. It's so fun to sit inside and watch the rain. I especially love it when we get big thunderstorms. It makes me feel cozy to watch it from my bedroom.

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6. What do you think are the effects of climate change in recent years?

There have been plenty of effects of climate change. For one, the heat has gotten worse in the summer. There have been heat waves all over the world, which has caused power outages and all kinds of problems. There have also been more natural disasters, such as hurricanes and tsunamis.

7. Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

Wet: I prefer a humid place over a dry one. Even though that weather can really get under your skin, it's way better than a totally dry area. I'm the type that loves rainy days, so I like living in a place where they come more often than once in a blue moon.

Dry: I prefer a dry place over a humid one. Even though low humidity can really be annoying sometimes, it's way better than a totally humid area. The humid weather always makes me sweat and feel like I'm sticky, while dry days are more comfortable for me.

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