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其实外国人在生活中有一些常用的口头上的表达，看起来很奇怪但实际并没有错的，国内老师也不会懂这些。所以呀！如果你觉得素材有错，我们是非常欢迎您来询问我们滴！千万不要觉得不好意思哦！

下面举两个例子：

“Anna is two years my elder.” 安娜比我大两岁。“She is four months my younger” 她比我小四个月。

这是一种比较现代的说法，当然我们平时都会讲 “Anna is two years older than me” 和 “She is four months younger than me.” 但其实外国人都会用前者多一些的。

“the majority of the girls were content discussing about how handsome or how affluent their boyfriends were.” 女孩子们都在热烈地讨论他们的男朋友有多帅。

这是现代英语的另一个特征，就是外国人在口头上都常常会省略掉介词。这里就把 were content with discussing 的 with 去掉了。这在口语上是完全没问题的，但大家在写作中就尽量要避免哦。

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## 1: 喜欢穿的衣服（新题）

What things will the people in your country save money for?

Luxury items and big investments are the sorts of things that people in my country will put away money for. Certain luxury items, such as the latest phone, designer clothes, or jewelry normally cost a lot of money and so the average citizen in my country must save up for such purchases if they want to be financially responsible. Some people are happy to live without luxury items like these, but they still must save up for important investments such as buying a car or a house. Most people will save up for many years to buy these things.

Under what circumstances will people in your country wear formal clothes?

There are a few different instances in which it is appropriate to wear formal clothes in China. There are the big celebrations, important milestones, and formal occasions such as a person's graduation, a couple's wedding, or attending a funeral. In these instances, it is conventional to wear formal attire to show your respect and to mark a substantial occasion. There are also more common reasons to wear formal clothes. People may wear formal clothes when they attend business meetings, if they are going on a romantic date, and even for some people's birthday parties.

What is the difference between the dress of the elderly and the young in China?

There are quite some differences between how the youth and the elderly dress in China, but it varies from place to place. There are changes in fashion all the time, but in some places, it is more extreme. For example, in rural parts of China the youth may wear a slightly different style of clothing to the elderly, but it won't be drastically different. In contrast to this, in the big cities a lot of youth fashion culture is heavily influenced by streetwear, high fashion brands, and hyper-modern styles. This is a totally new way of dressing which you never see in the elderly who still wear more traditional clothing.

When do people in your country wear traditional clothes?

## 2: 童年游戏（新题）

What games do kids like to play now?

The most popular style of game that children play nowadays are probably competitive mobile games. Mobile games are a specific branch of video games that are played on smartphone or tablet devices. These are becoming incredibly popular because, while not everyone has a gaming computer or a video games console, most kids now have a smartphone. So, there is a huge userbase when it comes to mobile games which makes it a profitable and well invested market of games. It is also a very versatile genre with a wide array of games to choose from.

Why do people like to play different games now?

Games have become far more complex and better developed in recent years which is why people prefer to play them than older and traditional games. We are always developing new games and new technology to help us play games. As these develop, games become more intricate, interesting, and fun. In contrast to these complicated and advanced games, traditional games can seem boring and basic. People no longer find them as fun as they once were and so they stop playing them. There are exceptions to the rule of course, and games, such as certain sports like soccer, have been played for hundreds of years and are still popular. But in general, new games are always competing with old games for attention.

Is winning important in games?

For most games and sports winning is an important part of it. For sure, lots of people like to say that winning isn't important, and it is participating and having fun that matters in games. But to be honest, we are all trying to win when we play a game, that is the point. It is still important to be a good winner and not a bad loser, but we must admit that winning is important, and it is what we are all aiming to achieve when we play games. Otherwise, what would be the point of playing games? The primary objective of almost all games and sports is winning.

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

Personally, I think team-based games are far more interesting, exciting, and fun than individual games. Playing a game or sport as a team makes things far more fascinating. With teams there are more elements to a game such as collaboration, teamwork, the mixing of strengths and weaknesses, and the variety of play styles and character types. When watching or playing team sports, every team has a unique dynamic, so the games never get boring! In contrast, individual games often seem repetitive and a little bit lonely. This is why I think team-based games are better than individual games.

### 3: 令你失望的电影（新题）

Do you believe movie reviews?

I tend to find that most movie reviews are trustworthy. I often read movie reviews to decide on whether I want to invest time and money into watching a particular film. A lot of movie reviews are written by people in the film industry, people who have studied film, or just enthusiasts with a lot of film knowledge. This makes their opinions and ideas reliable and well informed. However, it is important to take everything with a grain of salt. It is always possible that you may personally find a film pretty bad even though it has great reviews. Everyone's opinions are subjective.

What are the different types of films in your country?

There are all sorts of different genres and film styles in my country. China has a blossoming film industry that produces brilliant works of drama, comedy, historical fiction and even horror. There is an independent film scene as well as some big production companies. Also, there is the international film market which brings in major hits from the USA and Hollywood. So, there are also all the big blockbusters such as Star Wars and the Marvel franchise. In short, there is pretty much every type of film in my country.

Are historical films popular in your country? Why?

Historical films are a very popular genre of movie in China because China has such a rich and interesting history. There are a lot of filmmakers and production companies that make historical films depicting many different epochs of Chinese history. I think this is because there are so many different interesting dynasties and historical eras. China has the longest continuous history of any country in the world with 3,500 years of written history. So, there are a lot of stories to tell. This rich history is why I think historical films are very popular in my country.

Do you think films with famous actors or actresses would be more popular?

I think it is without question that movies that contain celebrity actors and actresses are normally much more popular than indie films with unknown actors. Famous actors become famous because they are incredibly talented or have captivating personalities. Because of this, they often act as a sign of quality. If a really famous actor is in a certain movie, you can trust it will be a high level of quality. Plus, many people have their favourite or preferred actors and will be more likely to see a film if they are in it. A lot of indie films are very good, but most of the time they are not as popular.

## 4: 有用的发明（新题）

Are there inventions that have changed the world?

There are a countless number of inventions that have had huge and irreversible impacts upon the world. Throughout history, advances in technology have vastly altered what life was for humans on this planet. From the earliest inventions of the wheel, agricultural tools, and cooking devices to more recent advances such as the steam engine, the internal combustion engine, and the internet. All these advances transformed the day to day lives of most people. In our time, the advent and rise of the smartphone has completely changed the world in ways few of us could have predicted.

Do all inventions bring benefits to our world?

There are unquestionably some inventions that have brought greater harm to the world than benefit. There are inventions which are directly harmful such as inventions for the military industry. From guns, to tanks, to atomic bombs, there is an argument to be made that all of these bring more negatives than benefits to society. There are also less directly harmful inventions that still may not bring a lot of benefits. Some people argue nowadays that the development of social media has decreased quality of life for a lot of people. In that case, the invention of social media did not bring benefits to the world.

Do you think people who have not been educated in school can invent things?

Some inventions require more creativity than they do formal education, therefore, I think it is very possible for people who have not been educated in school to invent things. Of course, someone who has gone to university and studied engineering or product design will be more likely to invent things than the average person. However, anyone can come up with a good idea and a new invention. The most important thing is a creative mind. All it takes is for someone to notice a gap in the market and to figure out an item that is useful but does not yet exist.

Who should support and sponsor inventors, governments or private companies?

Personally, I think it is more suitable for the government to fund and support inventors rather than private companies. The problem with private companies is that their motivations and decisions are influenced primarily by increasing profits to shareholders. This limits innovation and invention to products that are marketable and in line with current economic trends. Government-funded inventions open the door to the creation of many very needed and important products that would otherwise be ignored. A good example of this is a lot of healthcare and accessibility inventions which are not profitable but are incredibly important to sick and disabled people.

## 5: 印象深刻的汽车旅行（新题）

What benefits does public transport bring to the world?

The use of public transport is a very effective way of reducing carbon emissions and improving general quality of life. On the one hand, public transport is almost always the most energy efficient method of transport. With the constant danger of climate change, it is hugely beneficial to use and support public transport over private transport. On the other hand, public transport means less people use private cars. This keeps the roads clearer, prevents traffic, and reduces smog in the air. All these things vastly improve quality of life.

Is it too late for people to get their driver's licence at the age of 18?

No, 18 years old is definitely not too late for people to get their driver's licence. There are some places like the USA that have a younger legal driving age, but I am not sure that is a good idea. Driving can be very dangerous, and it is easy for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians to lose lives due to driving accidents. In the USA 16-year-olds can drive and I think this is very dangerous. Even at 18, your brain is still developing and you're still learning proper risk assessment. Driving any younger than this is very irresponsible in my mind.

What qualities does a driver need to have?

It is important for a driver to have excellent concentration and reaction speeds. Concentration is important for a driver because they must always remain focused, and driving can sometimes be monotonous. Spending hours driving down the motorway can be pretty tedious and without good concentration a driver can lose focus and end up in a very high-speed crash. Reaction speeds are also important because you never know what may happen on the road. A driver must be ready to respond to any sudden changes or emergencies. Often this is literally a matter of life and death.

Do you think the government should make it a rule for people to use public transport?

I do not think there should be an explicit rule forcing people to use public transport, but there should be better policy to encourage the use of public transport. A good example of effective policy is the enforcement of 'car free zones' in city centres. If a city bans private cars from its city centres then it greatly reduces traffic and pollution while encouraging its citizens to walk or use public transport. I think this is effective governance without explicitly forcing people to give up their cars and take public transport instead.



## 6: 新开的商店（新题）

What kinds of shops are popular in your city?

Well, in my city, there are all kinds of popular shops. Clothing stores, especially those with trendy and unique styles, always seem to be a hit among young people. Beauty and skincare shops are also very popular, with many people looking for high-quality products to maintain their appearance. Food and beverage shops like cafes and restaurants are always in demand, as people love trying new foods and experiencing different cuisines. Electronics and gadget stores, as well as home decor shops, are also quite popular. Overall, there's a diverse range of shops in my city that cater to various interests and needs, and there's always something new and exciting to discover.

Why do young people enjoy going to some boutiques?

Young people enjoy going to boutiques for a variety of reasons. Boutiques offer a unique shopping experience that is often more personalized and intimate than larger retail stores. They often carry a curated selection of items that appeal to younger shoppers, including trendy clothing, accessories, and beauty products. Young people are also drawn to the ambiance and aesthetic of boutiques, which can be more visually appealing and social-media-worthy than other shopping destinations. Boutiques may also offer exclusivity and limited-edition items that appeal to the desire for individuality among young consumers. Overall, boutiques provide young people with a sense of excitement that cannot always be found in larger, more generic retail environments.

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

In my opinion, while location is an important factor in attracting customers, it's not the only factor that matters. A prime location can definitely help to increase visibility and accessibility, but it's the quality of the products or services, pricing, branding, and customer experience that ultimately determines whether customers will return or not. A business can be in the perfect location, but if it doesn't offer a positive experience or high-quality products, customers are likely to go elsewhere. So, while location can be a significant factor, it's not the key factor in attracting and retaining customers.

What can shops do to attract customers?

Offering unique and trendy products, having competitive prices, and providing excellent customer service are some ways shops can catch people's attention. Creating a visually appealing store layout and promoting the business on social media can also be effective. Hosting events or collaborating with other businesses in the area can help to bring in more foot traffic. Ultimately, it's about creating a welcoming and engaging atmosphere that encourages people to come back and recommend the shop to others. There are all sorts of things shops can do to attract customers.

## 7: 印象深刻的儿时经历（新题）

Why do you think some people have better memory than others?

Some people just have a better memory than others because of their genetics or natural brain chemistry. Others might have developed good memory skills through practice, like using mnemonic devices or repetition. I think lifestyle factors like diet, exercise, and sleep can also affect memory retention. It could also be related to one's level of interest in a topic or how much attention they pay to details. At the end of the day, I think having a good memory can be helpful in many areas of life, but it's not everything. After all, intelligence and success come in many different forms.

What kinds of things do people prefer to remember nowadays?

Nowadays people seem to prefer to remember things that are relevant to their daily lives and activities. That could be anything from work-related information and appointments to social plans and personal goals. People also tend to remember things that are important to them emotionally, like special moments with loved ones or significant life events. In terms of entertainment, people might remember details about their favorite TV shows, movies, or books. However, with so much information available at our fingertips through technology, I think people also rely on devices and apps to remember things for them. Ultimately, I think what people prefer to remember depends on their individual priorities and interests.

What can children do to improve their memory?

As far as I know, there are many things that children can do to improve their memory. One simple method is to practice repeating information aloud, like reciting multiplication tables or vocabulary words. Another approach is to use mnemonic devices, like making up a song or acronym to remember a list of items. Playing memory games and doing puzzles can also help to exercise the brain and improve memory skills. Getting enough sleep, staying hydrated, and eating a healthy diet can also support optimal brain function. Overall, I think children can improve their memory with practice, creativity, and a healthy lifestyle.

Is it important for people to remember the past?

I think it's important for people to remember the past to some extent. After all, history has a way of repeating itself, so it's helpful to learn from past mistakes and successes. Remembering significant events and milestones can also help to foster a sense of cultural or national identity. However, I don't think people need to dwell on the past excessively or hold onto grudges and negative experiences. It's important to strike a balance between remembering and moving forward, so that we can focus on creating a better future.

## 8: 最近搬家的人（新题）

Is it positive for young people to live by themselves?

It can potentially be positive for young people to live by themselves, but it depends on the individual's circumstances and personality. On one hand, living independently can promote self-sufficiency, responsibility, and personal growth. It can also offer more privacy and flexibility in terms of lifestyle choices. However, living alone can also be challenging and lonely, especially if one lacks a supportive community or struggles with mental health issues. It's important for young people to weigh the pros and cons and consider their own needs and preferences before deciding whether to live alone or with others.

Besides cooking, are there any other skills that people need to learn if they live on their own?

Living on your own requires a whole bunch of skills beyond just cooking. For starters, basic cleaning and maintenance skills are important to keep your living space clean and functional. Learning how to budget and manage finances is also crucial to avoid getting into debt or financial trouble. Additionally, basic home repair skills like fixing a leaky faucet or changing a light bulb can save you money and hassle. Time management and organization skills can also come in handy to balance work or school with other responsibilities. Overall, there are lots of life skills that can be helpful to learn if you're living on your own, and it can be a great opportunity to grow and become more self-sufficient.

What kinds of people tend to live by themselves?

Living alone is an attractive option to a lot of different people. Some may prefer the independence and privacy that comes with living alone, while others may simply enjoy the peace and quiet. Young adults who are starting out on their own, or older adults who have recently become empty nesters, may also choose to live alone. Additionally, people who value their alone time and introspection may opt for living alone as a way to recharge and reflect. Ultimately, I think anyone can live by themselves if they feel comfortable and fulfilled doing so.

What can schools do to help young people to be independent?

I think schools can play a crucial role in helping young people to develop independence and self-sufficiency. One approach is to encourage student involvement in decision-making processes, such as allowing them to choose their own electives or extracurricular activities. This can foster a sense of responsibility and autonomy. Another approach is to provide resources and guidance on important life skills like budgeting, time management, and problem-solving. Encouraging students to take on leadership roles in school clubs and activities can also help to build confidence and self-esteem. Overall, I think schools can help young people to be independent by promoting self-awareness, providing resources and support, and encouraging them to take initiative and be proactive.



## 9: 多次阅读的书籍（新题）

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

Children like to read all sorts of books, but I think the most popular ones are those that spark their imagination and transport them to new worlds. Books with colorful illustrations and engaging characters are often a hit, as they can capture a child's attention and make reading more fun. Children also tend to enjoy stories that are relatable and touch on themes like friendship, adventure, and self-discovery. As they grow older, they may also develop an interest in specific genres like mystery, fantasy, or science fiction. Overall, I think children like books that are both entertaining and relatable to their interests.

What can kids learn from books?

There is a lot that books can teach children! Not only can books improve their reading and language skills, but they can also teach valuable life lessons and expand their horizons. Books can expose children to new ideas, cultures, and perspectives, helping them to develop empathy and understanding of the world around them. They can also inspire creativity and imagination, and encourage a love of learning. Additionally, books can help children to build vocabulary, improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and even enhance their memory and concentration. Overall, reading books can be a fun and enriching experience that helps children to learn and grow in many different ways.

Do people prefer to read e-books or print books in your country?

It really depends on the person! Some people in China prefer the convenience of e-books, as they can be easily accessed on smartphones or tablets and take up less physical space. Others prefer the tactile experience of reading a print book, with the feeling of turning pages and the smell of ink and paper, and the act of browsing in a bookstore. Plus, in some cases, print books may be more accessible or affordable than e-books. Overall, I think it's a matter of personal preference and what each individual finds more enjoyable or practical.

Do people love reading now more than in the past?

In my opinion, people loved reading more in the past than now because there were fewer distractions and forms of entertainment available. Before the internet, social media, and smartphones, books were one of the primary ways to escape from daily life and explore new ideas. Nowadays, people have access to a plethora of multimedia content and may not prioritize reading as much. Most people spend their free time watching the latest TV series or scrolling through social media. There isn't much interest in books these days.

## 10: 公开发言（新题）

What benefits does the internet bring to communication?

The internet has completely revolutionized the way we communicate. It has made communication faster, more convenient, and more accessible than ever before. With the click of a button, we can connect with people from all over the world through various platforms like email, social media, video chat, and messaging apps. This has made it easier to maintain long-distance relationships, collaborate with colleagues, and meet new people. Additionally, the internet has given a platform for voices that may have been marginalized in the past, allowing for more diverse perspectives to be shared and heard.

Which one is better, being a communicator or a listener?

In my opinion, it is better to be a communicator than a listener. While listening skills are important, communication skills are essential in order to express yourself effectively and achieve your goals. As a communicator, you can share your thoughts, ideas, and emotions with others, and influence the world around you. By being able to communicate clearly, you can build stronger relationships, negotiate better deals, and lead more effectively. While listening is important to understand others, being able to communicate effectively is essential for success in almost every aspect of life.

What qualities does a person need to have to be a communicator?

To be a good communicator, you need to have several key qualities. First and foremost, you need to be able to speak clearly and confidently, so that others can understand you. You also need to be a good listener, in order to understand the needs and concerns of those around you. Additionally, it's important to be empathetic and understanding, so that you can relate to others and build stronger connections. Finally, being able to adapt your communication style to different situations and audiences can also be a valuable skill. By having these qualities, you can become a more effective communicator and make a positive impact on those around you.

Why do some people dislike using the internet to communicate?

Well, I think some people don't like using the internet to communicate because it feels less personal. When you're talking to someone online, you don't get to see their body language or hear the tone of their voice, and that can make it hard to really connect with them. Plus, there's always the risk of being misunderstood or misinterpreting what someone else is saying. Some people also find it overwhelming to keep up with all the different messaging apps and social media platforms. And then there are those who simply prefer more traditional methods of communication, like talking on the phone or meeting up in person.

## 11: 喜欢的传统庆祝活动（新题）

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

Yes, I think it's important for children to learn about traditional festivals at school. Traditional festivals are an integral part of Chinese culture, and learning about them helps children to understand their roots and heritage. Festivals like the Spring Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival, and Dragon Boat Festival are not just about having fun and eating traditional foods, but they also carry important cultural and historical significance. By learning about these festivals, children can develop a sense of pride and appreciation for their cultural identity. It also helps to promote cultural diversity and understanding among different ethnic groups in China.

Do children like to learn about traditional festivals?

Yes, I believe that children generally enjoy learning about traditional festivals. Traditional festivals are an important part of our cultural heritage, and they provide an opportunity for children to learn about our history, customs, and values. Children often enjoy participating in festival activities such as making lanterns or decorating dumplings, and they also enjoy learning about the stories and legends behind the festivals. Additionally, learning about traditional festivals can help children develop a sense of identity and belonging to their community, which is important for their overall growth and development.

Why do people hold events to celebrate?

People hold events to celebrate because it's a way to mark important moments and achievements in life. Celebrations also bring people together, strengthen relationships, and create memories. In Chinese culture, many events are celebrated with family and friends, such as weddings, birthdays, and the Lunar New Year. Celebrations are also a way to express gratitude, show respect, and honor cultural traditions. Holding events allows people to take a break from their daily routines and have fun. It's a way to spread positivity and happiness, which can have a positive impact on one's mental health and well-being.

Are traditional festivals disappearing?

I think traditional festivals are still widely celebrated in China, but their importance may have decreased somewhat with the modernization of society. Some younger people may not be as interested in participating in traditional festival activities, and there is a growing trend towards more Western-style celebrations. However, there are still many who value and appreciate the cultural significance of these festivals and strive to preserve them. In recent years, the government has also placed more emphasis on promoting traditional culture, so it's possible that we may see a resurgence in the popularity of traditional festivals in the future.

## 12: 爱看的体育运动（新题）

Which sport do you think most people like to watch?

I believe that the most popular sport to watch is soccer. Many people are passionate about soccer and follow their favorite teams and players closely. Basketball and badminton are also quite popular, but I think that soccer has the largest fan base. The Chinese national soccer team has not been very successful in recent years, but people still enjoy watching international soccer games and following top leagues such as the English Premier League and the Spanish La Liga. Overall, sports play an important role in culture, and many people enjoy watching and playing them.

Do children need exercise?

It's important for children to get exercise for their health and well-being. Nowadays, many kids spend too much time sitting and using technology, which can lead to various health issues. Exercise helps children to build strong muscles and bones, improve coordination and balance, and boost their immune system. Regular physical activity can also help children to maintain a healthy weight, reduce their risk of chronic diseases, and improve their mood and self-esteem. Moreover, exercise provides a fun and social outlet for children, allowing them to connect with others and develop important life skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership.

What are the benefits of exercise?

Exercise has many benefits, both physical and mental. It can help people maintain a healthy weight, improve their cardiovascular health, and increase their strength and flexibility. Exercise can also reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and improve mood and cognitive function. Additionally, regular exercise can help people build confidence and self-esteem. Overall, exercise is an important aspect of a healthy lifestyle, and everyone, regardless of age, should try to incorporate some form of exercise into their daily routine.

Why do some people dislike watching sports programs?

Some people find watching sports programs boring because they're not interested in sports or they find it hard to follow the game. They might also feel like they don't understand the rules or have a favorite team, so they don't have a reason to watch. Others might find it a waste of time since they'd rather spend their time doing something else. And for some people, they just don't like the competitive nature of sports and find it too intense. At the end of the day, for a lot of people sports programs are just not their cup of tea.

## 13: 理想之家（新题）

What are the most common architectural styles in Chinese cities?

There are many architectural styles that can be seen in Chinese cities, but some of the most common are traditional Chinese style, Western style, and modern style. Traditional Chinese style architecture can be seen in many old buildings, such as temples and palaces, while Western-style architecture was introduced during colonial times and can be seen in many historic buildings, such as government offices and churches. In recent years, many new buildings in Chinese cities have adopted modern architecture, with innovative designs and high-tech features. Overall, Chinese cities have a diverse range of architectural styles that reflect the country's rich history and its modernization.

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

Well, to put it simply, an apartment is like living in a beehive, all crammed together, while a house is like living in a castle, with plenty of space and privacy. In other words, an apartment is more confined and limited in space compared to a house. Apartments are usually located in tall buildings and offer less privacy, but they can be more convenient in terms of location and maintenance. Houses, on the other hand, offer more freedom and privacy but require more maintenance and are usually located in less central areas.

What are the advantages of the facilities of an apartment and the facilities of a house?

Comparing the facilities of an apartment and a house is like comparing apples and oranges. They both have their own unique advantages and disadvantages. The advantages of apartment facilities are that they are often included in the rent, such as gyms, pools, and security services. These can be convenient for those who don't want to pay extra for these amenities. The advantages of house facilities are that you can customize and renovate your own space to your liking, such as adding a backyard or installing a hot tub. Additionally, houses tend to offer more privacy and quiet than apartments, which can be important for some people.

What difficulties do people have living in the city?

I think the most common difficulties people face living in the city are traffic congestion, noise pollution, and high living expenses. With so many people and cars packed into a small space, traffic jams can be a daily headache. Noise pollution from cars, construction, and neighbors can also make it difficult to find peace and quiet. And the lack of space can limit opportunities for outdoor activities and leisure. Additionally, high living expenses such as rent, groceries, and other basic necessities can put a lot of financial pressure on individuals and families. Despite these challenges, many people still prefer the convenience and opportunities that city living offers.



## 14: 得到错误信息的时刻（新题）

Why some people are good at giving information to others?

Some people are just natural communicators, they have a way with words and can easily explain things in a clear and concise manner. They just have the gift of the gab! Others have had practice and have developed their skills over time. They know how to read the room and tailor their message to their audience. Additionally, having confidence in what you're saying and being able to connect with your audience can also make a big difference. Ultimately, it comes down to a combination of natural talent, experience, and personal traits like confidence and charisma.

Why do people not trust online information?

People do not trust online information because there is so much of it available, and it is often difficult to determine what is reliable and what is not. Anyone can post anything on the internet, so there is a lot of misinformation and fake news out there. Additionally, some people feel that they are being manipulated or targeted by certain websites or social media platforms. Finally, the fast-paced nature of online information means that it can be difficult to keep up with the latest news and developments, leading some people to feel overwhelmed and skeptical of what they are reading.

What kinds of job need to give information to others?

In my opinion, almost all kinds of jobs need to give information to others to some extent. Some jobs, such as teachers, doctors, and lawyers, require a lot of communication with others and providing information in their respective fields. Other jobs, like salespeople, customer service representatives, and marketers, also need to give information about their products or services. Even in jobs that may not seem to require much communication, such as factory workers or accountants, there is still a need to share information and communicate with colleagues and supervisors. So, in short, almost all jobs require some form of giving information to others.

How can people identify the information is correct or not?

## 15: 想尝试的冒险（新题）

Do people prefer adventure novels or adventure movies?

In my opinion, most people prefer adventure movies over adventure novels. Movies offer a visual and immersive experience that can be more exciting than reading a book. They also have the advantage of sound effects, music, and action scenes that can enhance the viewing experience. Additionally, movies can be watched with friends or family, making it a social event. In contrast, reading a book can be a solitary activity, which may not appeal to everyone. While some people may prefer the more in-depth character development and storylines of novels, movies provide a faster and more accessible way to experience adventure.

Why do people like to read adventure books rather than take an adventure?

People like to read adventure books because it provides a way to escape into a world of excitement and thrill without actually putting themselves in danger. It is a way to experience the rush of adrenaline and the exhilaration of new experiences, without actually having to leave the comfort of their own home. Additionally, reading adventure books can be a way to explore different cultures and parts of the world that they might not have the chance to visit in person. Overall, reading adventure books provides a safe and enjoyable way to explore the unknown and satisfy their thirst for excitement.

Who doesn't like to take adventures?

There are people who don't like to take adventures for various reasons. Some people are risk-averse and prefer to stay in their comfort zone. These people would rather "play it safe" than venture into the unknown. Others may have physical limitations that make it difficult for them to take part in adventurous activities. Additionally, some individuals may simply not enjoy the thrill and excitement of an adventure and prefer to engage in more relaxed activities. But in the end it's each their own, we can't all be adrenaline junkies.

What kind of personality should people have in order to experience a lot of adventure?

People who are open-minded, spontaneous, and thrill-seekers are more likely to experience a lot of adventure. To experience a lot of adventure, people should have a "go-getter" attitude. They must be willing to take risks and step outside of their comfort zone. These people have a "seize the day" mentality and are not afraid to try new things, and they have a natural curiosity about the world. They enjoy challenges and the feeling of accomplishment that comes from pushing themselves to their limits. They also have a positive attitude and are resilient in the face of setbacks or failures. This sort of person has a lot of adventure.

## 16: 感兴趣的工作（新题）

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

One of the most popular is working in the technology industry, such as software engineering or data analysis. Another popular job is working in finance or accounting. Many young people also aspire to become entrepreneurs and start their own businesses. With the growth of the economy and the expansion of the middle class, there are also many opportunities in fields like healthcare, education, and tourism. However, the job market is highly competitive, and young people often face challenges finding work that aligns with their interests and goals.

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

In my country, the difference between high-income and low-income jobs is huge. High-income jobs, such as doctors, lawyers, and business executives, can earn much more than low-income jobs, such as cleaners, waiters, and factory workers. The gap between the rich and the poor is also widening, making it difficult for low-income workers to make ends meet. It seems like a lot of people are trying to get high-income jobs, but it's not easy. Many young people are under pressure to study hard and get into top universities in order to have a chance at these jobs.

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

In China, young people are expected to start planning for their future careers as early as possible. However, the "right time" for making serious plans can vary depending on the individual's circumstances. Some young people might start exploring their interests and options as early as high school, while others might take a gap year or two before making a decision. Ultimately, the most important thing is to find a career that is fulfilling and aligns with one's interests and values. It's never too early or too late to start exploring and planning for the future.

Is it common for people to do a same job all their lives?

It used to be more common for people to stay in the same job for their entire career, but nowadays, I think it's becoming less common. With new opportunities arising all the time, people are often looking to try out new jobs and see what else is out there. As the saying goes, "change is the spice of life," and many people believe that taking on new challenges and learning new skills can lead to a more fulfilling life. Plus, the job market is always changing, so people may find that the skills they have aren't as in-demand as they used to be. So, I think it's becoming more and more common for people to switch jobs multiple times throughout their career.



## 17: 乐于助人的人（新题）

How can children help their parents at home?

Children can help their parents at home in many ways, such as doing household chores, running errands, or taking care of younger siblings. By doing so, children can ease the burden on their parents and learn important life skills. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Additionally, children can show their appreciation for their parents by simply being respectful and obedient, and by expressing gratitude for everything their parents do for them. By working together and showing appreciation, the family can create a harmonious and happy home environment.

Should children be taught to help others?

Yes, of course! In my culture, helping others is always encouraged and considered a virtue. Teaching children to help others not only instills important values like compassion and kindness, but also helps them to develop important life skills like communication and problem-solving. By helping others, children learn to appreciate the value of teamwork and gain a sense of accomplishment, which can boost their confidence and self-esteem. Furthermore, helping others can create a positive impact on society, and this can motivate children to become responsible citizens who contribute to the greater good.

Should students do community service? Why?

In my opinion, students should do community service because it not only helps to improve the community but also develops their character and skills. By engaging in community service, students can learn to be more empathetic and responsible towards others, as well as develop important skills such as teamwork, leadership, and communication. Furthermore, it can help students to develop a sense of gratitude and appreciation for what they have, and to become more aware of social issues and challenges faced by others. There is a saying in my culture, "A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man perfected without trials." So, doing community service can help students to polish their characters and become better individuals.

Do students in your country do volunteer work?

Yes, students in China do volunteer work. In recent years, there has been an increasing emphasis on the importance of community service and social responsibility. Many schools encourage their students to participate in volunteer work, and some even require it as part of their curriculum. Students can volunteer in various fields, such as education, health care, environmental protection, and disaster relief. By doing volunteer work, students can not only contribute to society but also learn valuable skills and gain practical experience. It is a great way for students to develop their character and become well-rounded individuals.

## 18: 昂贵的礼物（新题）

What do young people like to save money for?

In my opinion, young people these days are quite pragmatic and thrifty. Some like to save up for big-ticket items like a new car or a down payment on a house. Others save for travel, education, or starting a business. Some may even save money for a rainy day. As the saying goes, a penny saved is a penny earned. It's essential to have some financial cushion for unexpected expenses or emergencies. Young people realize the value of hard-earned money and want to make the most of it.

Is it easy for people to save money to buy something expensive?

It's not easy for most people to save money for expensive items. Young people face a lot of pressure to keep up with the latest trends and buy expensive things, but many don't have the financial means to do so. Even those who have a stable income may find it difficult to save up for big purchases due to high living costs and other expenses. It's not easy to resist the temptation of spending money on other things, especially when you see your friends buying new gadgets or going on vacation. However, if one is disciplined and patient with their spending, it is possible to save up enough money over time to purchase something expensive.

Should children have pocket money? Why?

In my opinion, children should have pocket money. It can teach them the value of money and help them develop financial responsibility. With pocket money, children can learn how to budget and save for things they want. However, parents should also guide their children on how to use their pocket money wisely and not spoil them with too much. It is important for children to understand that money is not something that comes easily and should be spent wisely. There is a saying, "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." In this case, giving children pocket money teaches them how to fish, so to speak, and prepares them for financial independence in the future.

Should children learn how to use money at school or from their parents?

I think it is the parents' responsibility to teach their children how to use money. Parents have a better understanding of their child's financial situation and can guide them accordingly. Schools can provide general financial education, but it is up to the parents to impart practical lessons and values about money management. Children need to learn about the value of hard work, saving, and avoiding overspending. These are the lessons that parents can provide in everyday life. Parents are the first teachers of their children, and they should guide them in all aspects of life, including financial matters.

## 19: 重要的决定（新题）

### 1. Do you think children ever have to make important decisions?

Children can indeed often themselves faced with important decisions, despite their young age. While adults typically assume the role of decision-makers in a child's life, there are situations where children must make choices that significantly impact their lives. Additionally, children may be required to make decisions concerning their personal interests and hobbies. They may have to decide which sport to pursue, which musical instrument to learn, or which art form to explore. These choices help them discover their passions and develop valuable skills. Furthermore, children may encounter circumstances where they need to make decisions related to their health or well-being. This could involve choosing between healthy and unhealthy food options, deciding to speak up against bullying, or making choices regarding their personal safety. In conclusion, while children may not be faced with the same magnitude of decisions as adults, they do encounter important choices that can significantly impact their lives, shaping their character, aspirations, and overall development.

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

After graduation in China, teenagers face significant decisions that shape their future. One crucial choice is selecting the university or college they will attend, considering factors such as reputation, location, and career prospects. Another vital decision is choosing a major that aligns with their interests and offers promising job opportunities. Chinese teenagers must also determine their career path, deciding whether to seek immediate employment, pursue further education, or start their own business. Some opt for postgraduate studies to gain specialized knowledge, while others embark on job searches, considering industries, locations, and salary expectations. Additionally, an increasing number of graduates in China are exploring entrepreneurship, making the bold decision to establish their own ventures. These choices are influenced by cultural expectations, parental pressures, and the competitive job market, making them critical steps towards a fulfilling and successful future for Chinese teenagers after graduation.

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

When children find themselves in need of guidance during decision-making, there are several sources they can turn to for help. First and foremost, parents play a vital role in providing support and advice. They possess intimate knowledge of their child's strengths, weaknesses, and values, allowing them to offer valuable insights. Additionally, teachers can be trusted allies, especially when decisions relate to academic pursuits or school-related matters. Siblings and close friends can also provide a listening ear and share their own perspectives, helping children consider different viewpoints. Sometimes, seeking counsel from a mentor or a trusted adult outside the immediate family circle can offer fresh perspectives and wisdom. Furthermore, professionals in specific fields, such as career counsellors or coaches, can guide children when facing choices related to their future paths. Ultimately, children can turn to a combination of these sources to gather information, seek advice, and gain the confidence necessary to make well-informed decisions.

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

Advertisements undeniably hold a significant influence over our shopping decisions. Through clever marketing techniques, advertisements have the power to shape our preferences, create desires, and influence our purchase choices. The persuasive tactics employed in advertisements, such as appealing visuals, emotional storytelling, and endorsements from celebrities or influencers, can sway our perceptions and impact our decision-making process. Advertisements often highlight the benefits, unique features, or perceived value of a product, aiming to create a sense of need or urgency. Moreover, repetition and exposure to advertisements can gradually build familiarity and

trust, making us more inclined to choose certain brands or products over others. While personal preferences and rational considerations still play a role, it is important to recognize that advertisements hold a considerable sway in shaping our consumer behaviour and influencing the decisions we make when shopping.

中文翻译：

#### 1. 你认为孩子们需要做重要的决定吗？

孩子们确实经常自己面对重要的决定，尽管他们年纪还很小。虽然成年人通常在孩子的生活中扮演决策者的角色，但在某些情况下，孩子需要做出对他们的生活产生重大影响的选择。此外，孩子们可能需要就他们的个人兴趣和爱好做出决定。他们可能得决定进行哪种运动，学习哪种乐器，或者探索哪种艺术形式。这些选择帮助他们发现自己的兴趣，培养有用的技能。此外，儿童可能遇到需要做出与他们的健康或未来有关的决定的情况。这可能包括在健康和 unhealthy 的食物选择之间做出选择，反对霸凌，或者对他们的人身安全做出选择。总之，虽然孩子们可能不会像成年人那样面临同样重大的决定，但他们确实会遇到重要的选择，这些选择会对他们的生活产生重大影响，例如塑造他们的性格、理想和整体发展。

#### 2. 毕业后青少年需要做哪些重要的决定？

在中国，青少年毕业后面临着决定他们未来的关键决定。一个关键的选择是选择他们将要就读的大学，考虑诸如声誉、地理位置和职业前景等因素。另一个重要的决定是选择一个符合自己兴趣的专业，并提供有前途的工作机会。中国青少年还必须确定自己的职业道路，决定是立即就业，继续深造，还是自主创业。一些人选择读研以获得专业知识，而另一些人则考虑行业、地点和薪资期望，开始找工作。此外，越来越多的中国毕业生正在探索创业，做出了建立自己企业的大胆决定。这些选择受到文化期望、父母压力和竞争激烈的就业市场的影响，使它们成为中国青少年毕业后走向充实和成功未来的关键一步。

#### 3. 孩子们在做决定时可以向谁寻求帮助？

当孩子们发现自己在决策过程中需要指导时，他们可以求助于几个来源。首先，父母在提供支持和建议方面起着至关重要的作用。他们对孩子的优点、缺点和价值观有着深入的了解，这使他们能够提供有价值的见解。此外，老师可以是值得信赖的盟友，特别是当决定涉及学术追求或学校相关事务时。兄弟姐妹和亲密的朋友也可以倾听并分享他们自己的观点，帮助孩子考虑不同的观点。有时，向导师或直系亲属圈子以外值得信赖的成年人寻求建议，可以提供新的视角和想法。此外，特定领域的专业人士，如职业顾问或教练，可以在孩子面临与未来道路相关的选择时给予指导。最终，孩子们可以求助于以上所有来收集信息，寻求建议，并获得做出明智决定所必需的信心。

#### 4. 你认为广告会影响我们购物的决定吗？

不可否认，广告对我们的购物决定有很大的影响。通过巧妙的营销技巧，广告有能力塑造我们的偏好，创造欲望，影响我们的购买选择。广告中使用的有说服力的策略，比如吸引人的视觉效果、动人的故事讲述、名人或有影响力的人的代言，可以影响我们的看法，影响我们的决策过程。广告通常强调产品的好处、独特功能或感知价值，旨在创造一种需求感或紧迫感。此外，重复接触广告可以逐渐建立熟悉和信任，使我们更倾向于选择某些品牌或产品。虽然个人偏好和理性考虑仍然起着作用，但重要的是要认识到，广告在塑造我们的消费行为和影响我们购物时的决定方面具有相当大的影响力。



## 20: 想尝试的水上活动（新题）

### 1. What is the most popular water sport in your country?

China offers a wide range of popular water sports that cater to different interests and preferences. Among them, swimming stands out as one of the most widely practiced water sports, with numerous public and private swimming pools across the country. Water polo, known for its fast-paced action and teamwork, has also gained popularity. Windsurfing and kiteboarding have attracted enthusiasts to China's coastal regions, where favourable wind conditions provide ideal settings for these adrenaline-fueled activities. Surfing has been growing in popularity as well, particularly in Hainan Island and other coastal areas with suitable waves. Additionally, scuba diving and snorkelling have gained traction among adventure seekers, with stunning dive sites scattered along the coastlines. Lastly, sailing and yacht racing have developed a following among those seeking a combination of leisure and competition. Whether it's swimming, water polo, windsurfing, surfing, diving, or sailing.

### 2. What are the advantages of water transport compared to other modes of transport?

Water transport offers several advantages over other modes of transportation. One of the key advantages is its ability to carry large quantities of goods and materials. Ships and barges have significant carrying capacities, making water transport ideal for transporting bulky and heavy items such as raw materials, machinery, and construction materials. This makes it a cost-effective option for businesses involved in industries like mining, agriculture, and manufacturing. Additionally, water transport is relatively energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. Ships have lower fuel consumption and emit fewer greenhouse gases per ton of cargo compared to road or air transport. This contributes to reducing carbon footprints and mitigating the impact of transportation on the environment. Moreover, waterways, such as rivers and canals, offer access to inland areas and serve as crucial transportation routes, enhancing connectivity and trade opportunities. Overall, water transport provides a cost-effective, sustainable, and efficient solution for the movement of goods over long distances, making it a valuable mode of transportation.

### 3. Is water travel more important now than in the past?

While other modes of transportation, such as air travel and road transport, have gained prominence, water travel maintains its importance for various reasons. Firstly, maritime shipping remains a crucial component of global trade, facilitating the movement of goods on a massive scale. With the rise of globalization, the demand for international shipping has increased, making water travel indispensable for the global economy. Additionally, water travel plays a vital role in tourism and leisure activities, offering opportunities for cruises, recreational boating, and coastal exploration. Furthermore, water transport remains essential for connecting remote areas and island nations, ensuring accessibility and supporting economic development. Lastly, water travel serves critical roles in disaster response and humanitarian efforts, providing swift transportation of supplies and personnel to affected regions. While the relative importance of water travel may have shifted in some contexts, its enduring significance in trade, tourism, connectivity, and emergency situations makes it an essential mode of transportation in the present day.

### 4. What are the characteristics of goods transported by water?

Firstly, water transport is well-suited for transporting bulky and heavy goods. Ships and barges have ample carrying capacities, allowing for the movement of large volumes of cargo, including commodities like ores, grains, and fuels. Secondly, water transport is commonly used for the transportation of non-perishable goods. Unlike air or road transport, water travel typically involves longer transit times, making it less suitable for time-sensitive or perishable items. Thirdly, water transport is particularly advantageous for goods with low value-to-weight ratios. Since water transport is generally more cost-effective for long-distance transportation, goods that are relatively inexpensive but require large quantities to be moved can benefit from this mode. Additionally, water transport often handles goods

that are not time-critical but have consistent demand, such as bulk commodities or materials for construction and manufacturing. Lastly, water transport is instrumental in international trade, facilitating the movement of goods between countries and continents, including imports and exports of various commodities.

中文翻译:

#### 1. 你们国家最流行的水上运动是什么?

中国有非常多的常见的水上运动,以满足不同的兴趣和喜好。其中,游泳是最广泛的水上运动之一,全国有许多公共和私人游泳池。水球以其快节奏的动作和团队合作而闻名,也越来越受欢迎。风帆冲浪和风筝板运动吸引了中国沿海地区的爱好者,那里有利的风力条件为这些刺激肾上腺素的活动提供了理想的环境。冲浪也越来越受欢迎,特别是在海南岛和其他有合适海浪的沿海地区。此外,水肺潜水和浮潜在冒险者中也很受欢迎,海岸线上散布着令人惊叹的潜水点。最后,帆船和游艇比赛在那些寻求休闲和比赛结合的人群中发展了一批追随者。无论是游泳、水球、风帆冲浪、冲浪、跳水还是帆船。

#### 2. 与其他运输方式相比,水运有什么优势?

与其他运输方式相比,水运有几个优点。其中一个关键的优势是它能够运输大量的货物和材料。船舶和驳船具有很大的运载能力,使水上运输成为运输笨重物品的理想选择,如原材料、机械和建筑材料。这使得它成为采矿业、农业和制造业等行业的一个经济高效的选择。此外,水运相对节能和环保。与公路或航空运输相比,船舶的燃料消耗更低,每吨货物排放的温室气体也更少。这有助于减少碳足迹,减轻交通对环境的影响。此外,河流和运河等水道为内陆地区提供了通道,是重要的交通通道,增强了互联互通和贸易机会。总的来说,水运为长距离货物运输提供了一种经济、可持续和高效的解决方案,使其成为一种有价值的运输方式。

#### 3. 现在水上旅行比过去更重要了吗?

虽然其他运输方式,如航空旅行和公路运输,有非常重要地位,水上旅行还是非常重要的。首先,海运仍然是全球贸易的重要组成部分,促进了大规模的货物流动。随着全球化的兴起,对国际航运的需求增加,使水上旅行成为全球经济不可或缺的一部分。此外,水上旅行在旅游和休闲活动中起着至关重要的作用,为游船、休闲划船和沿海探险提供了机会。此外,水运对于连接偏远地区和岛屿国家、确保可达性和支持经济发展仍然至关重要。最后,水路运输在救灾和人道主义工作中发挥着关键作用,为受灾地区提供物资和人员的快速运输。虽然水上旅行的相对重要性在某些情况下可能发生了变化,但它在贸易、旅游、连通性和紧急情况方面的持久意义使其成为当今必不可少的交通方式。

#### 4. 水路运输的货物有什么特点?

首先,水运非常适合运输笨重的货物。船舶和驳船有足够的运载能力,可以运输大量货物,包括矿石、谷物和燃料等大宗商品。其次,水运通常用于不易腐烂的货物的运输。与空运或公路运输不同,水路运输通常需要更长的过境时间,因此不太适合运送时间敏感或易腐烂的物品。第三,水路运输对价值重量比低的货物特别有利。由于水运在长途运输中通常更具成本效益,因此相对便宜但需要大量运输的货物可以从这种方式中受益。此外,水运通常处理的货物不是时间紧迫,但有持续的需求,如大宗商品或建筑和制造业的材料。最后,水运在国际贸易中起着重要作用,促进了各国和各大洲之间货物的流动,包括各种商品的进出口。

## 21: 人山人海之地 (新题)

### 1. Do people like to go to crowded places? Why?

People's preferences for crowded places can vary based on individual personalities, preferences, and the specific context. Some people enjoy the lively atmosphere, social stimulation, and sense of excitement that crowded places offer. The energy generated by many people can create a vibrant ambiance, and crowded locations like city centres, festivals, or concerts provide opportunities for social interaction, meeting new people, and experiencing a sense of community. Crowded places also tend to offer a wide range of activities, amenities, and entertainment options, catering to diverse interests and providing variety and excitement. Additionally, being surrounded by a crowd can foster a sense of belonging and connectedness for those who thrive in social settings. However, it's important to note that not everyone enjoys crowded places, as some individuals may find them overwhelming or prefer quieter environments that allow for solitude or a calmer atmosphere. Personal preferences play a significant role in whether people are drawn to or avoid crowded places.

### 2. How can the problems of traffic congestion be solved?

One effective solution could be to invest in and improve public transportation systems. By providing efficient and reliable alternatives to private vehicles, such as buses, trains, and light rail systems, people are encouraged to choose public transport, reducing the number of cars on the road. Additionally, implementing and promoting carpooling and ridesharing programs can help maximize the capacity of vehicles and reduce the overall number of cars on the road. Another approach is to invest in infrastructure development, including the construction of new roads, highways, and bridges, as well as implementing intelligent transportation systems that can optimize traffic flow and reduce congestion. Furthermore, promoting and incentivizing non-motorized modes of transport, such as walking, cycling, and scooters, can help alleviate congestion, improve air quality, and enhance public health. Lastly, adopting flexible working hours and encouraging remote work options can help spread out traffic patterns and reduce congestion during peak hours. Solving traffic congestion requires a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach that combines improvements to public transportation, infrastructure, and promoting alternative modes of transport.

### 3. Why do people still like to live in big cities even though there are severe traffic jams?

Despite traffic congestion, many people are drawn to living in big cities for a variety of reasons. Firstly, big cities offer a plethora of opportunities in terms of career prospects, educational institutions, cultural experiences, and entertainment options. The concentration of businesses, industries, and organizations in cities provides a diverse range of job opportunities and the potential for professional growth. Secondly, cities are often hubs of cultural and artistic activities, hosting museums, theatres, art galleries, and music venues, which attract individuals with a passion for arts and culture. The availability of top-notch educational institutions and research facilities in cities also attracts students and academics. Moreover, big cities tend to offer a vibrant social scene with diverse communities, allowing people to connect with others who share their interests and perspectives. Additionally, the accessibility of amenities, services, and conveniences in cities, such as shopping centres, restaurants, and healthcare facilities, can contribute to a higher quality of life. Despite traffic congestion being a challenge, the advantages and opportunities that big cities provide continue to draw people who are willing to navigate the urban landscape for the benefits and excitement they offer.

### 4. What public facilities does your city have?

Like most Chinese cities nowadays, my city has a range of common public facilities. Parks are common, providing green spaces for relaxation and recreation. Public transportation systems, including buses, subways, and light rail networks, offer convenient and efficient mobility within the cities. Libraries are important cultural institutions that



provide access to books, educational resources, and study areas. There are also some museums and cultural centres, showcasing the country's rich history, art, and cultural heritage. Sports facilities, such as stadiums, gyms, and swimming pools, cater to athletic activities and events. Educational institutions, including schools, colleges, and universities, ensure access to quality education. Healthcare facilities, such as hospitals and clinics, are widespread to meet the medical needs of residents. Additionally, community centres serve as gathering places for social activities, events, and programs that encourage community get togethers.

中文翻译:

#### 1. 人们喜欢去人多的地方吗?为什么?

人们对拥挤场所的喜恶可能会因个人性格、偏好和特定环境而有所不同。有些人喜欢热闹的气氛、社交活动和拥挤的地方提供的兴奋感。许多人产生的激情可以创造一个充满活力的氛围,像市中心、节日或音乐会这样拥挤的地方提供了人与人之间的互动、结识新朋友和增强社区意识的机会。拥挤的地方也倾向于提供各种各样的活动、便利设施和娱乐选择,迎合不同的兴趣,提供多样化和刺激。然而,需要注意的是,并非每个人都喜欢拥挤场所,因为有些人可能觉得这些场所令人不适或更喜欢安静的环境,以便享受独处或更平静的氛围。个人偏好在人们是被拥挤场所所吸引还是避免其的选择中起着重要作用。

#### 2. 怎样才能解决交通拥挤的问题?

一个很好的解决方案可能是投资和改善公共交通系统。通过提供高效可靠的工具替代私人车辆,如公共汽车、火车和轻轨系统,鼓励人们选择公共交通工具,减少道路上的汽车数量。此外,实施和推广拼车可以帮助最大限度地提高车辆的容量,减少道路上的汽车总数。另一种方法是投资基础设施发展,包括建设新的道路、高速公路和桥梁,以及实施可以优化交通流量和减少拥堵的智能交通系统。此外,促进和鼓励非机动车交通方式,如步行、骑自行车和踏板车,可以帮助缓解拥堵,改善空气质量,加强公共卫生。最后,采用弹性工作制度和鼓励远程工作,有助分散交通模式,减少高峰时段的挤塞。解决交通拥堵需要一个全面和多方面的方法,将改善公共交通、基础设施和推广其他交通方式结合起来。

#### 3. 为什么即使有严重的交通堵塞,人们仍然喜欢住在大城市?

尽管交通拥挤,许多人还是因为各种原因被吸引到大城市生活。首先,大城市在职业前景、教育机构、文化体验和娱乐选择方面提供了大量的机会。企业、工业和组织在城市的集中提供了各种各样的工作机会和专业发展的潜力。其次,城市往往是文化和艺术活动的中心,拥有博物馆、剧院、艺术画廊和音乐场所,吸引着对艺术和文化充满热情的个人。城市中一流的教育机构和研究设施的可用性也吸引了学生和学者。此外,大城市往往提供一个充满活力的社会场景,有不同的社区,让人们与分享他们的兴趣和观点的人联系在一起。此外,城市中便利设施、服务和便利设施(如购物中心、餐馆和医疗设施)的可达性有助于提高生活质量。尽管交通拥堵是一个挑战,但大城市提供的优势和机会继续吸引着那些愿意在城市景观中穿行的人,因为它们提供的好处和刺激。

#### 4. 你们城市有什么公共设施?

像现在大多数中国城市一样,我的城市有一系列的公共设施。公园是很多的,为放松和娱乐提供了绿色空间。公共交通系统,包括公共汽车、地铁和轻轨网络,在城市内提供方便和高效的交通。图书馆是重要的文化机构,提供获取书籍、教育资源和学习领域的途径。还有一些博物馆和文化中心,展示了这个国家丰富的历史、艺术和文化遗产。体育设施,如体育场,健身房和游泳池,迎合体育活动和事件。教育机构,包括学校、学院和大学,确保获得优质教育。医院和诊所等保健设施广泛分布,以满足居民的医疗需求。此外,社区中心作为社会活动、事件和项目的聚集地,鼓励社区聚集在一起。



## 22: 有趣的邻居（新题）

1. How well do people usually know their neighbors in.../your country?

China is a country that has a strong sense of local community, because of this people living near each other are often on very friendly terms. I would say that in my country, neighbours know each other really well and, in some cases, interact with each other on a daily basis. Especially in the older generation, neighbours will often share meals together and play games with each other in the evenings to pass the time. This is less common in younger generations, but traditions still hold up and generally young people are still polite and civil with their neighbours. I would say there is a good community culture in my country.

2. Is it harder for neighbors to get to know each other in big cities?

Big cities are sprawling places that feel very disconnected and are filled with so many people that it is hard to develop a sense of community. Due to this, I would say that it is difficult for people living near each other to become familiar and acquainted with each other. There is a general culture in most big cities that you do not interact with strangers other than for basic requests such as for directions or for asking the time, unfortunately this means that often people in big cities treat their neighbours in a similar way.

3. What are the advantages of living in a place where neighbors know each other well?

When a place has a strong sense of community there are many benefits to the individual person. The main advantage of living in a place where neighbours know each other well is that there is a well-connected group of people an individual can turn to when they are in need. If someone is ever in need of something, like a missing ingredient in a recipe, being able to turn to those that live around you for support is very important. Having a strong social network and connection with one's neighbours brings an untold number of advantages.

4. What are things that people can do to make their neighborhood a good place to live?

The most important aspects that impact the desirability of a place to live are public spaces and a sense of community. I think if people want to improve the desirability of their neighbourhood the first thing they need to do is contact their local government and petition for the improvement of public places such as parks, libraries, and public gyms. These amenities make a neighbourhood a far better place to live! After that, I think building a strong sense of local community has a huge effect. People can organize local festivals and local events to build a stronger sense of community and make their neighbourhood a more desirable place to live.

中文翻译：

1. 在你的国家，人们通常有多了解他们的邻居？

中国是一个有强烈社区意识的国家，因为住在附近的人们经常关系很友好。我想说，在我的国家，邻居彼此非常了解，在某些情况下，每天都相互交流。特别是在老一辈，邻居们经常一起吃饭，晚上一起玩游戏来打发时间。这在年轻一代中不太常见，但传统仍然保持着，一般来说，年轻人仍然对他们的邻居彬彬有礼。我想说，我的国家有很好的社区文化。

2. 在大城市里，邻居之间互相了解会更难吗？

大城市是杂乱无章的地方，让人感觉非常孤独，而且人口众多，很难形成一种社区意识。因此，我想说，住在一起的人很难彼此熟悉。在大多数大城市有一种普遍的文化，就是你不与陌生人互动，除了基本的请求，如问路或询问时间。不幸的是，这意味着在大城市里，人们通常以对待陌生人的方式来对待他们的邻居。

3. 住在一个邻居彼此都很了解的地方有什么好处？

当一个地方有强烈的社区意识时，对个人有很多好处。住在邻里相互熟悉的地方的主要好处是，当一个人有需要时，可以向一群关系良好的人求助。如果有人需要什么东西，不管是像食谱中少了一种配料这样的小事，还是像丧亲之痛后的情感支持这样的大事情，能够向生活在你周围的人寻求支持是非常重要的。拥有一个强大的社会网络和与邻居的联系会带来无数的优势。

4. 人们可以做些什么来让他们的社区成为一个适宜居住的地方？

影响居住场所理想性的最重要方面是公共空间和社区意识。我认为，如果人们想要提高他们社区的吸引力，他们需要做的第一件事是联系当地政府，并为改善公共场所，如公园、图书馆和公共体育馆请愿。这些便利设施使社区成为更好的居住场所！在那之后，我认为建立一个强烈的地方社区意识会产生巨大的影响。人们可以组织当地的节日和活动，以建立更强的社区意识，使他们的社区成为更理想的居住场所。

## 23: 和小孩相处的时刻（新题）

1. Who do you think spends more time looking after their children, mothers or fathers?

In many countries around the world, more and more fathers are staying at home to look after their children while their wife goes out to work. Though this is becoming accepted in developed western nations, Chinese people have more traditional views about the role of men and women in a relationship. Typically speaking, men are expected to work, leaving women to spend time at home cooking, cleaning and looking after the children. Men who opt to stay at home while their other half goes to work are often seen as lazy or unambitious and will be looked down on by many people in their community. Although attitudes towards males and females are gradually changing, mothers still spend way more time looking after their kids compared to most fathers.

2. What difficulties will parents encounter when taking care of young children?

In some ways, being a parent of a young child is harder today than in the past. Although there is a range of products that has been invented to make parents' lives more convenient, there are still many challenges for parents to face, especially for those whose children are not old enough to explain what they want. Some examples of these difficulties include trying to make sure that your child gets enough sleep, making sure your child is eating a balanced, healthy diet, worrying about the cost of healthcare when your child is sick and teaching your child how to deal with problems they face once they start to school. In short, being a parent is exhausting and couples should carefully consider all the challenges they need to face before deciding to have a baby!

3. Is it the main responsibility for parents to teach their children to respect others?

Parents have many responsibilities when it comes to their children. Though teaching children to respect other people is very valuable, I don't think it is the main responsibility. I would argue that a parent's main duty to their child is to protect them from harm. After all, it is no good teaching a kid to show respect if you can't even provide a safe, secure place for them to live in. There are also many other duties that I think are more important than teaching them to be respectful. These include ensuring they have a balanced diet, teaching them important life skills like using chopsticks and getting dressed, and helping them to learn to read, write and count so that they feel happy to go to school.

4. Where do young children play nowadays? How about young children in the past?

In the past, there were very few options for children to play. Most kids played outside in their neighbourhood, in a nearby park or in another public area close to their home. During the winter, most kids would just stay with their parents or grandparents at home, playing games or watching TV with their family. Nowadays, kids have much more choices. As China has developed, people have become richer and now most families have more money to spend on their children. Traditionally, money spent on children went on essential items like clothes, schoolbooks or tuition classes, while today parents spend money on all kinds of toys and activities for their children to enjoy. Children play at theme parks, fun fairs, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, swimming pools, sports arenas, shopping centres, adventure playgrounds and many more places designed just for them.

中文翻译：

### 1. 你认为谁花更多的时间照顾孩子，母亲还是父亲？

在世界上许多国家，越来越多的父亲留在家里照顾他们的孩子，而他们的妻子外出工作。尽管这在西方发达国家逐渐被接受，但中国人对男女在婚姻中的角色有着更传统的看法。一般来说，男性被期望去工作，而女性则负责在家做饭、打扫卫生和照顾孩子。选择呆在家里而另一半去工作的男人通常被视为懒惰或没有野心，并且会被他们地区的人看不起。尽管对男性和女性的态度正在逐渐改变，但与大多数父亲相比，母亲仍然花更多的时间照顾孩子。

### 2. 父母在照顾年幼的孩子时会遇到哪些困难？

在某些方面，现在做一个小孩子的父母比过去更难。尽管有一系列的产品已经被发明出来，使父母的更方便，但父母仍然面临许多挑战，特别是对于那些孩子还不够大，不能解释他们想要什么的父母。这些困难的一些例子包括努力确保你的孩子有足够的睡眠，确保你的孩子饮食平衡和健康，担心你的孩子生病时的医疗费用，教你的孩子如何处理他们上学后所面临的问题。简而言之，为人父母是很累的，夫妇们在决定要孩子之前应该仔细考虑他们需要面对的所有挑战！

### 3. 教育孩子尊重他人是父母的主要责任吗？

当涉及到孩子时，父母有很多责任。虽然教育孩子尊重他人非常重要，但我认为这不是主要责任。我认为父母对孩子的主要责任是保护他们不受伤害。毕竟，如果你甚至不能给孩子提供一个安全可靠的居住环境，教他们尊重是没有用的。我认为还有许多其他的责任比教他们尊重别人更重要。这些措施包括确保他们有均衡的饮食，教他们使用筷子和穿衣服等重要的生活技能，帮助他们学习阅读、写作和计数，让他们在上学时感到快乐。

### 4. 现在小孩子在哪里玩？过去的小孩呢？

在过去，孩子们很少有玩耍的选择。大多数孩子都在附近的公园或离家近的其他公共场所玩耍。在冬天，大多数孩子会和他们的父母或祖父母呆在家里，和家人一起玩游戏或看电视。现在，孩子们有更多的选择。随着中国的发展，人们变得更加富有，现在大多数家庭有更多的钱花在孩子身上。传统上，花在孩子身上的钱都花在衣服、课本或学费等必需品上，而今天父母把钱花在各种各样的玩具和活动上，让孩子们享受。孩子们在主题公园、游乐场、游乐场、保龄球馆、游泳池、运动场、购物中心、冒险游乐场和许多专为他们设计的地方玩耍。



## 24: 迷路（新题）

### 1. Is it easy for strangers to get lost where you live?

I don't think it's easy for strangers to get lost where I live, even if they have a terrible sense of direction. In fact, unless you are visiting a remote, undeveloped area in the west of the country, it's almost impossible to get lost these days. With the invention of map apps, if you do ever get lost, you can just open the app and check your location instantly. If your mobile phone doesn't have any power or the signal is weak, you can ask a local person for directions. Most people in my hometown are friendly and approachable. They are happy to help strangers find their way, and if they don't know how to help, they'll ask somebody else in the neighbouring area.

### 2. How will people feel when they lose their way?

In the past, I imagine that getting lost was extremely common, especially for tourists visiting new places far from their hometown. In fact, I don't even know how tourists could find their way around most places without mobile phones and GPS tracking. Getting lost was presumably very stressful and finding your way back to where you wanted to go must have taken a seriously long time! These days, however, I don't think getting lost is anywhere near as scary as it used to be. If you lose your way, you can relax in the knowledge that you can just use your phone to check your location. Even if you lose your phone, you can still stay calm knowing that nearly all pedestrians have their own phones that you could ask to use.

### 3. Why are some people better at finding their way around a new place than others?

Some people seem to have a better sense of direction than others. I'm not too sure whether this is because of their genes or because of their past experiences, but it's obvious with many people. Some people have a very good memory, which can help them to remember landmarks, street names and other important places. Some people are excellent at observing their surroundings, which might help them to realise that they are going in a circle long before people who don't notice what's around them. Some people are extrovert. They are not afraid to ask strangers for directions or advice on how to get somewhere, whereas introverts are too shy to seek help and spend much longer getting to their destination. In short, there are many personality traits and skills that some people possess that help them to find their way around a new place.

### 4. Are younger people more likely than older people to use technology to find their way?

I don't have too much experience with old people using technology to find their way, but I know that my grandparents would not use modern devices to help them if they got lost. My grandfather is a bit of a technophobe so he would probably just ask somebody nearby for directions or use a traditional map made of paper to figure out where he is. He struggles to even make and receive calls by himself so there's no way he would know how to find his location. Young people, however, are far more likely to use technology compared to old people. Young people today can't even remember a time when the internet didn't exist, because they weren't even born! Opening a map app on a phone is second nature and it is probably one of the first things a young person would do if they couldn't find their way.

中文翻译：

### 1. 在你住的地方陌生人容易迷路吗？

我认为即使陌生人的方向感很差，他们在我住的地方不容易迷路。事实上，除非你是去一个偏远的、未开发的西部地区，否则你几乎不可能迷路。随着地图 APP 的发明，如果你迷路了，你可以打开应用程序，立即查看你的位置。如果你的手机没电或者信号很弱，你可以向当地人问路。我家乡的大多数人都很友好，平易近人。他们很乐意帮助陌生人找到路，如果他们不知道如何帮助，他们会问附近的其他人。

### 2. 当人们迷路时，他们会有什么感觉？

在过去，我认为迷路是非常常见的，特别是对于那些远离家乡的游客来说。事实上，我甚至不知道在没有手机和 GPS 的情况下，游客是如何在找路的。迷路是很有压力的，找到正确的路必须要花费很长时间！然而，这些天来，我认为迷路已经不像以前那么可怕了。如果你迷路了，你可以放心，因为你可以用手机发现你的位置。即使你丢了手机也不怕，因为几乎所有的人都有手机，你可以让他们帮忙！

### 3. 为什么有些人比其他人更擅长在一个新地方找路？

有些人似乎比别人有更好的方向感。我不太确定这是因为他们是天生的，还是因为他们以往的经历，但这对很多人来说是显而易见的。有些人有很好的记忆力，这可以帮助他们记住地标，街道名称和其他重要的地方。有些人善于观察周围的环境，这可能会帮助他们比其他人更早意识到他们在原地转圈。有些人性格外向。他们不害怕向陌生人问路，而内向的人则羞于寻求帮助，并且要花更长的时间才能到达目的地。简而言之，有些人拥有的许多性格特征和技能可以帮助他们在一个新地方找路。

### 4. 年轻人是否比老年人更有可能使用科技来找到自己的路？

我对老年人使用科技来寻路没有太多的经验，但我知道，如果我的祖父母迷路了，他们不会使用现代设备。我的祖父有点技术恐惧症，所以他可能会向附近的人问路，或者用传统的纸质地图来找出他在哪里。他甚至连自己打电话和接电话都很困难，所以他不知道如何找到自己的位置。然而，与老年人相比，年轻人更有可能使用科技产品。今天的年轻人甚至没活在没有网的世界里，因为那时候他们还没有出生！打开手机上的地图应用程序是后天学习的，这可能是年轻人在迷路时首先要做的事情之一。

## 25: 受欢迎的人（新题）

### 1. Why are some kids more popular at school than others?

There are several reasons that some students are more popular than others at school. At kindergarten and primary school, most children are naturally attracted to those who are kind, generous and humorous, so having any of these character traits will probably endear children to their classmates. As children get older and their minds develop, other factors also become important. Though kind or humorous will probably still be well-liked, these may not be the most important characteristics. Some children may gravitate towards classmates from rich or powerful families, those who are academically gifted or those with other talents such as sport or music. Some might even try to become friends with kids who wear fashionable clothes, own the latest mobile phone or have the most followers on social media.

### 2. Is it necessary for a good teacher to be popular with students?

In my opinion, it's not necessary for a good teacher to be popular with students, however it probably does have some effect on how quickly they can get their methods across to the students. Some of the best teachers that I have had have been quite strict. Because of the discipline that they demand in their classes, some students find them unsympathetic or intimidating, at first. It can take time for students to accept their teaching style, and some may lose interest in the subject being taught. Once they realise that they are learning a lot and doing better in exams, most students begin to look past how strict the teacher is and focus on the positives. In China, students are put under a lot of pressure to achieve strong academic results, so most students will be happy to learn from a teacher who helps them to get good grades, even if they don't enjoy the classes.

### 3. What are the reasons people become famous today?

With the invention of live streaming and social media, anyone can become famous for any reason. In the past, becoming famous relied on having some sort of special talent, working harder than others in the same industry or having connections with the right people. These days, it is much easier for people to become famous than in previous generations. For example, recently a primary school teacher became very famous after posting a video of herself singing a nursery rhyme to her students. Even though she wasn't a great singer, people liked her style and her cute expressions, and she quickly gained millions of followers online. Though it's much easier to become famous in the modern world, famous people are quickly forgotten when someone more attractive or more interesting comes along!

### 4. Why do some celebrities stay famous longer than others?

It's hard to say why some celebrities stay famous for longer than others. Perhaps one reason is that some celebrities are better at adapting to change. As music tastes change, for example, singers who can change their style are more likely to remain popular. Moreover, famous people who have multiple talents have a better chance of having long successful careers than celebrities who only have one main skill. Unfortunately, it's not always the most talented people who stay famous, but the people who have the best agents, publicists or stylists. Having a good public image is more important than being talented. Some of the most famous singers are definitely not the most talented, but their image is managed better than others.

中文翻译：

### 1. 为什么有些孩子在学校比其他孩子更受欢迎？

有些学生在学校比其他人更受欢迎有几个原因。在幼儿园和小学，大多数孩子自然会被那些心地善良、大方慷慨和幽默的人所吸引，所以拥有这些性格特征中的任何一个都可能让他们的同学喜欢跟他们玩。随着孩子年龄的增长和心智的发展，其他因素也变得重要起来。虽然善良或幽默可能仍然会很受欢迎，但这些可能不是最重要的特征。有些孩子可能会被来自家境富裕或者高知家庭的同学所吸引，这些同学在学业上有天赋，或者在体育或音乐等其他方面有天赋。有些人甚至会试图和那些穿着时髦、拥有最新款手机或在社交媒体上拥有最多粉丝的孩子交朋友。

### 2. 好老师有必要受学生欢迎吗？

在我看来，一个好老师不一定要受学生欢迎，但是这可能对他们的教学能力有关系。我遇到过的一些最好的老师都很严格。由于他们在课堂上要求纪律严明，一些学生一开始觉得他们缺乏同情心或令人敬畏。学生需要时间来接受他们的教学方式，有些人可能会对他所教的科目失去兴趣。一旦他们意识到他们学到了很多，成绩更好，大多数学生就会忘记老师的严格，并发现他们的好。在中国，为了取得优异的学习成绩，学生们承受着很大的压力，所以大多数学生会很乐意向教学能力出众的老师学习，即使他们不喜欢上课。

### 3. 现在人们出名的原因是什么？

随着直播和社交媒体的发展，人们可以因为各种原因成名。在过去，成名依赖于某种特殊的才能或者比其他人更努力工作。现在，人们比前几代人更容易成名。这跟行业或与具体的人有关。例如，最近一位小学老师在上传了一段她给学生唱儿歌的视频后就爆火了。尽管她不是一个出色的歌手，但人们喜欢她的风格和她可爱的表情，她很快在网上获得了数百万的粉丝。虽然在现代社会成名要容易得多，但当有更有吸引力或更有趣的人出现时，以前的名人很快就会被遗忘！

### 4. 为什么有些名人比其他人更出名？

很难说为什么有些明星比其他人更出名。也许其中一个原因是一些明星更善于顺应时代变化。例如，随着音乐品味的变化，能够改变风格的歌手更有可能保持热度。此外，拥有多种才艺的明星比只有一项才艺的明星更有可能拥有长期成功的艺人生涯。不幸的是，最有才华的人不一定能保持名气，那些拥有最好的经纪人、公关人员或造型师的人更有可能持续走红。拥有良好的公众形象比有才能更重要。一些最著名的歌手不一定不是最有才华的，但他们的形象管理得比别人好。



## 26: 想去的遥远之地（新题）

### 1. What are the most popular vacation spots in your country?

As China is such a massive, diverse country, there are so many vacation spots that are popular with both domestic and international tourists. Some places are popular for their natural beauty, such as Jiuzhaigou National Park in Sichuan province, which is renowned for its canyons, forests, lakes and snowy mountains. Other places are popular because of the wide range of activities you can do there. Cities such as Shanghai are very popular because they offer world famous restaurants, luxury shopping stores, historical buildings like the Oriental Pearl Tower and many other attractions like Disneyland and The Bund. No matter what your hobbies or interests, you will be able to find something to do in a city like Shanghai or Beijing. Even though some people don't really like being outdoors in the sun for too long, many coastal towns and cities are also popular. In Sanya in Hainan province, people can enjoy beautiful sandy beaches and crystal-clear water. Also, people can indulge in activities they wouldn't usually get to try, such as surfing, snorkeling or island hopping.

### 2. Why can it be enjoyable to spend holidays at home?

Some people work very long hours, six or even seven days a week. This is a normal part of Chinese culture, especially for people who are trying to provide the best possible life for their family. Because they work so hard, many people don't get to spend much time at home with their family. There are millions of migrant workers, for example, who spend most of their time working in cities far away from their hometown. They may only be able to return home once a year, usually at Chinese New Year. For these people, spending their holidays at home is the best choice. They probably have little interest in visiting famous landmarks or eating different cuisine because all they want to do is spend time at home with their loved ones without worrying about work.

### 3. Would most people in your country like to have longer holidays?

I think most, if not all people in all countries would like to have longer holidays! I doubt you could find anybody in the world complaining that there are too many holidays, even in countries like Malaysia, Singapore or Indonesia which have the most public holidays of all. I heard that people in these countries value their time above everything else, even money, although I'm not sure if this is true or just a stereotype. In China, on the other hand, I think most people would choose to get a higher salary than longer holidays. Many people that my family knows are obsessed with making money and they would probably choose to never have a day off work, if they were guaranteed to make more money!

### 4. Is it important for young people to be well prepared before travelling?

In my opinion, it is quite important for young people to be well prepared before travelling because it can make a big difference to how much they enjoy their holiday. Making sure that you have the correct visas and other travel documents, for example, can ensure that your journey is smooth, while booking hotels a few months in advance can save you a lot of money. Reading about the dangers of a particular city or country could prevent you being robbed or getting lost. On the other hand, it's important not to plan every aspect of a trip because being too strict with a travel schedule can easily become annoying, especially if you are travelling with a group of friends who have different personalities and interests. I think having a positive travel experience is about finding a balance between being well-prepared and being ready to compromise your plans to keep everybody in your group happy.

中文翻译：

### 1. 你们国家最受欢迎的度假胜地有哪些？

由于中国是一个与疆域辽阔、文化众多的国家，有许多被国内外游客尊崇的旅游景点。有些地方因其自然风光而受欢迎，如四川省的九寨沟，以其峡谷、森林、湖泊和雪山而闻名。还有其他一些地方也很受欢迎，因为你可以在那里做各种各样的活动。像上海这样的一线大都市也很受欢迎，因为它们有世界著名的餐馆、奢侈品商店、还有像东方明珠这样的历史建筑和许多其他景点，如迪斯尼和外滩。无论你的爱好或兴趣是什么，你都能在上海或北京这样的城市找到值得一去的地方。尽管有些人真的不喜欢在户外晒太阳太久，但许多沿海城市也很受欢迎。在海南省的三亚，人们可以享受美丽的沙滩和清澈的海水。此外，人们可以专注于他们平时不会尝试的活动，如冲浪、浮潜或跳岛游。

### 2. 为什么在家度假会很愉快呢？

有些人工作时间很长，一周上班 6 天或者 7 天。这是中国文化中非常常见的，尤其是对于那些试图为家人提供更好的生活的人来说。因为他们工作太辛苦了，他们往往没有时间和家人呆在一起。例如，我国有数百万的农民工，他们大部分时间都在远离家乡的城市工作。他们可能一年只能在春节回家一次。对于这些人来说，在家过节是最好的选择。他们可能对参观著名的地标或吃不同的美食没什么兴趣，因为他们想做的就是和亲人呆在家里，而不用担心工作。

### 3. 你们国家的大多数人愿意有更长的假期吗？

我想大多数人，甚至所有国家的人都想有更长的假期！我不相信你会找到有人抱怨假期太多，即使在马来西亚、新加坡或印度尼西亚这样的公共假期也是最多的国家。我听说这些国家的人把时间看得比什么都重要，甚至比钱还重要，尽管我不确定这是真的还是一种刻板印象。另一方面，在中国，我想大多数人会选择更高的薪水而不是更长的假期。我家人认识的许多人都痴迷于赚钱，如果他们能保证赚更多的钱，他们可能会选择永远不休息！

### 4. 年轻人在旅行前做好充分准备很重要吗？

在我看来，年轻人在旅行前做好充分的准备是很重要的，因为这对他们假期的快乐程度有很大的影响。例如，正确的签证和其他旅行证件，可以确保你的旅行是否顺利，而提前几个月预订酒店可以节省一大笔钱。了解某个城市或国家的危险信息可以降低你被抢劫或迷路的概率。另一方面，重要的是避免计划旅行中的每一个方面，因为过于严格的旅行计划很容易让人讨厌，特别是如果你和一群性格和兴趣不同的朋友一起旅行。我认为有一个积极的旅行体验是要在做好充分准备和妥协之间找到平衡，让你的团队中的每个人都开心。

## 27: 不寻常的一餐

### 1. What is the traditional food of your country?

There is a wide array of traditional foods in China, which varies greatly depending on the region. In the northeast, the winters are extremely cold, so people like to eat hearty foods like steamed buns, dumplings and soup. Hot pot, which is usually a variety of meat, seafood and vegetables cooked in different types of broth, is also popular here, and also in Sichuan Province, which is renowned for its spicy cuisine containing lots of powerful chili peppers. In the south, especially in Guangdong province, dim sum, which is similar in style to Spanish tapas is traditionally eaten for breakfast or lunch. In Xin Jiang and the other northwestern provinces, people love to eat flat noodles and bread as well as barbecued lamb. No matter which part of China you are in, you can always find the most popular Chinese staple: rice.

### 2. How popular is fast food in your country?

Although most people realize that it isn't very healthy, fast food has become very popular in China, especially for young people who are not so familiar with more traditional dishes and cooking styles. American fast-food chains such as KFC and McDonalds are available in every Chinese city and even though the food quality is low, eating at these restaurants is thought to be fashionable and modern. As western culture has become more popular, coffee shops and cafes like Starbucks have also become common in urban areas, although some people go there for the comfortable sofas and free Wi-Fi, even if they don't really enjoy drinking coffee or eating cakes, pastries or sandwiches.

### 3. Are the types of food that people eat in their homes changing?

I think that Chinese eating habits have changed a lot compared to 20 or 30 years ago, mainly for economic reasons. In the past, China was not an affluent country, so most people had to survive on very basic food like rice, noodles and vegetables like corn and cabbage. Even meat like pork and chicken was quite scarce for the majority, and seafood was expensive and difficult to find, particularly for people who didn't live near the coast. Nowadays, people live much more prosperous lives, so many can afford to eat a much greater variety of foods than before. Supermarkets in major cities stock all kinds of imported foods that never used to be available, including cheese, bacon, tropical fruit, and herbs and spices, and this has encouraged people to cook dishes that they wouldn't have been able to make in the past.

### 4. What are some reasons why some people enjoy eating in restaurants?

Cooking a meal, especially if you have a big family, can be extremely tiring and time consuming. There is also a lot of pressure on the chef to produce food that everybody likes. Moreover, after a home-cooked meal, somebody has to clear away all the plates, glasses and cutlery and wash all the dishes. Therefore, many people love eating at restaurants. They can go to a restaurant and relax without having to worry about what to cook to keep their family and friends happy. There are no plates to wash or tables to clean afterwards and everybody can order something that they want to eat. Another reason is that professional chefs have the knowledge and skill to cook dishes that most people don't know how to make themselves. This can give people the chance to sample exotic dishes that they would never attempt to create at home.

中文翻译：

### 1. 你们国家的传统食物是什么？

中国的传统食物种类非常多，而且不同的地区有不同的菜式。东北的冬天非常寒冷，所以那里的人们喜欢吃能顶肚子的食物，比如馒头、饺子和汤。火锅在东北也很受欢迎，火锅就是用高汤煮不同的肉类，海鲜和菜。火锅在四川也很受欢迎，四川以其辛辣的菜肴而闻名，其中含有辣死人的辣椒。在南方，尤其是广东省，点心的风格类似于西班牙小吃，传统上是早餐或午餐吃的。在新疆和其他西北省份，人们喜欢吃面条和面包，还有烤羊肉。无论你在中国的哪个地方，你总能找到最受欢迎的中国主食：大米。

### 2. 快餐在你们国家有多受欢迎？

尽管大多数人意识到快餐不健康，但快餐在中国已经变得很受欢迎，尤其是对那些不太熟悉传统菜肴和烹饪方式的年轻人更是如此。像肯德基和麦当劳这样的美国快餐连锁店在中国的每个城市都有，尽管食物品质一般，但在这些餐厅吃饭被认为是时尚和现代的。随着西方文化越来越流行，像星巴克这样的咖啡店在城市地区也变得很常见，尽管有些人去那里是为了舒适的沙发和免费的 Wi-Fi，而且他们并不喜欢喝咖啡或吃蛋糕、糕点或三明治。

### 3. 人们在家里吃的食物种类在改变吗？

我认为与二三十年前相比，中国人的饮食习惯发生了很大的变化，主要是由于经济原因。在过去，中国并不是一个富裕的国家，所以大多数人不得不靠最基本的食物生存，比如大米、面条和玉米、卷心菜等蔬菜。甚至像猪肉和鸡肉这样的肉类对大多数人来说都很稀缺，海鲜又贵又难找，尤其是对那些不住在海岸附近的人来说。如今，人们的生活更加富裕，所以许多人能吃得比以前更丰富的食物。大城市的超市里存放着各种以前没见过的进口食品，包括奶酪、培根、热带水果、香草和香料，这鼓励人们做一些新菜式。

### 4. 有些人喜欢在餐馆吃饭的原因是什么？

做一顿饭，特别是如果你有一个大家庭，是非常累的和需要花大量时间的。要做出人人都喜欢的食物，厨师也有很大的压力。而且，吃完一顿家常菜后，必须有人把所有的盘子、杯子和餐具都清理掉，还要洗碗。因此，许多人喜欢在餐馆吃饭。他们可以去餐厅放松，而不必担心做什么菜才能让家人和朋友开心。餐后不用洗盘子，也不用清理桌子，每个人都可以点自己想吃的东西。另一个原因是，专业厨师有知识和技能来烹饪大多数人做不出来的菜肴。这可以让人们有机会品尝到他们在家永远不可能尝试做的外国菜。



## 28: 迟到

### 1. What are some common reasons why people are late for things?

I think the main reason that some people are often late is due to poor time management. Many people that I know are quite disorganized and never make a note of important things that they have to do. Additionally, I think that many people spend so much time watching videos and playing games online that they lose track of time. Some of my friends are so addicted to social media that they regularly stay up until 2 or 3 in the morning. With so little sleep, they often sleep through their morning alarm or just can't get out of bed on time. As a result, they are over tired in the mornings, forget appointments and arrive late for college or work.

### 2. How important it is for people to be on time in your country?

I know that in countries such as Japan and Germany, being punctual is a very important Characteristic and people who are often late will be looked down upon. In some respects, this is the same in China. For example, being late for a class in school or a job interview is very disrespectful and can cause people a lot of problems. Regarding social occasions, however, Chinese culture has a much more relaxed attitude. When I attended my cousin's wedding recently, only a small number of people arrived on time, and many people were over an hour late, but nobody, including my cousin, seemed to notice! Also, if you have a government job, you can probably be late without getting punished. My uncle often has 3-hour lunch breaks, and his boss never says anything about it!

### 3. What problems can happen when a person is late for something?

If a student is late for class, they may receive detention or a stern warning from their teacher. If they are often late, they may be treated differently by their teachers, be looked down upon by their classmates or even expelled from school. Workers who are late may get a bad reputation among their colleagues. If it happens too many times, they may be disciplined or even fired by their boss, or they might get overlooked for a promotion. People who are always late for social gatherings may be regarded as unreliable by their friends. In some cases, their friends may get tired of always having to wait around and stop inviting them in future.

### 4. What can people do to help manage their time?

I think one of the most effective ways of managing your time is to write a list of all the things you have to do each day, starting with the most important and ending with the least important. Then, as you complete each task you can cross the items off the list. Not only does this help you to prioritize the things you need to do first, having everything written down can make sure you don't forget anything important. Writing the list doesn't even need to be done at work. Instead of listening to music or watching a video on your way to work, you can spend this time thinking about your list, so when you arrive at work you already know your main objectives for the day.



中文翻译：

### 1. 人们迟到的一些常见原因是什么？

我认为一些人经常迟到的主要原因是时间管理不善。我认识的很多人都很没有条理，从来没有把他们必须做的重要事情记下来。此外，我认为许多人花太多时间在网上看视频和玩游戏，以至于他们忘记了时间。我的一些朋友沉迷于社交媒体，他们经常熬夜到凌晨 2 点或 3 点。由于睡眠时间很少，他们经常睡过了早上的闹钟，或者就是不能按时起床。结果，他们在早上过度疲劳，忘记约会，上大学或上班迟到。

### 2. 在你们国家，守时对人们有多重要？

我知道在日本和德国这样的国家，守时是非常重要的，经常迟到的人会被看不起。在某些方面，中国也是如此。例如，上课迟到或工作面试迟到是非常不尊重人的，会给人们带来很多问题。然而，在社交场合，中国文化的态度要开放得多。最近我参加表姐的婚礼，只有一小部分人准时到场，很多人迟到了一个多小时，但似乎没有人注意到，包括表姐！此外，如果你在政府部门工作，你可能迟到也不会受到惩罚。我叔叔经常有 3 个小时的午休时间，他的领导从来没有因此批评他！

### 3. 当一个人迟到时，会发生什么问题？

如果学生上课迟到，他们可能会受到老师的留校或严厉警告。如果他们经常迟到，他们可能会被老师区别对待，被同学看不起，甚至被学校开除。迟到的员工可能会在同事中留下坏名声。如果这种情况频繁发生，他们可能会受到纪律处分，甚至被老板解雇，或者他们可能会在升职时被忽视。社交聚会总是迟到的人可能会被朋友认为不可靠。在某些情况下，他们的朋友可能厌倦了总是等待，以后不再邀请他们。

### 4. 人们可以做些什么来管理自己的时间呢？

我认为管理时间最有效的方法之一就是把你每天要做的事情列一张清单，从最重要的事情开始，从最不重要的事情结束。然后，当你完成每一项任务时，你可以把这些项目从清单上划掉。这不仅能帮你划分优先级，还能确保你不会忘记任何重要的事情。写清单甚至不需要在工作中完成。不要在上班的路上听音乐或看视频，你可以把这段时间花在想想你的工作清单上，这样当你到达公司的时候，你就已经知道当天的主要目标了。

## 29: 第一天上学

### 1. What can parents do to help children get ready for their first day at school?

The first day of school is very important, especially for teenagers, so there are many things that parents can do to help their children prepare. In China, school days are much longer than in some other countries. It's very important for children to have enough energy to concentrate all day, so parents can prepare a healthy, nutritious breakfast for their child. Many children can be quite forgetful, especially when they have just woken up, so parents can help to make sure they don't forget something important, like a text book or sports kit by reminding them in the morning before they leave. To reduce stress, parents can make sure their child wakes up early so that they don't have to rush or worry about being late, and they could also give some advice about how to make friends in the car on the way to school.

### 2. How do children benefit from starting school?

Everybody knows that going to school is essential for children to learn the knowledge they need to pass their exams and have successful careers when they become adults. Another important thing that starting school can help with is social interaction. Many children may only have limited experience dealing with other children before they go to school, but learning how to behave in a group, how to resolve conflict, how to communicate effectively and how to make friends are extremely important life skills that everybody needs to learn. Having strong interpersonal skills is one of the most crucial traits for leaders and it is something that starts at school.

### 3. Why is starting school difficult for some children?

Starting school can be extremely difficult for some children for many different reasons. As the saying goes, children can be cruel, especially to somebody who is different from everybody else. For example, children who have a disability or look physically different may be treated differently by their classmates or even their teachers. Kids who speak with a different accent or perform badly in exams might get laughed at or even bullied. Some children might be very shy or have a learning disorder and this might make it difficult for them to make friends or follow what the teacher is saying. Some children may not enjoy studying at all and this can make going to school very tiresome or challenging.

### 4. What are the advantages and disadvantages for workers who often change their job?

According to a study I read, people who change jobs regularly actually make more money than people who stay at the same job for a long time. This is because when they receive a job offer, they can negotiate their salary, so if they start many new jobs, they can try to negotiate a higher salary every time. Another advantage is that people who do a variety of different jobs can learn more skills than those who stay in the same job. This can give them a competitive advantage when they go for a promotion or apply for higher positions in the future. On the other hand, people who often change jobs don't have enough time to build strong relationships with their colleagues. Having a positive relationship with your workmates can make work more enjoyable and motivating, but people who jump from company to company every few months may never experience this job satisfaction.

中文翻译：

### 1. 父母能做些什么来帮助孩子们为开学第一天做好准备呢？

开学的第一天是非常重要的，尤其是对青少年来说，所以父母可以做很多事情来帮助他们的孩子做好准备。在中国，上学时间比其他一些国家长得多。对孩子来说，保持每天精力充沛是非常重要的，所以父母可以为孩子准备一顿健康的，有营养的早餐帮助他们。很多孩子都很健忘，尤其是刚起床的时候，所以父母可以在孩子早上离开前提醒他们，确保他们不会忘记重要的东西，比如课本或体育用品。为了减轻压力，父母可以让他们的孩子早点起床，这样他们就不必着急或担心迟到，他们也可以给一些关于如何在上学的路上交朋友的建议。

### 2. 孩子们如何从上学中受益？

每个人都知道上学对孩子们学习知识是至关重要的，他们需要通过考试，以便他们成年后可以成就一番事业。另一件重要的事情是上学可以参与社交。许多孩子在上学前可能只有有限的与其他孩子相处的经验，但是学习如何在群体中表现，如何解决冲突，如何有效地沟通以及如何交朋友是每个人都需要学习的极其重要的生活技能。拥有强大的人际交往能力是领导者最重要的特质之一，这是从学校开始的。

### 3. 为什么对一些孩子来说上学很难？

由于许多不同的原因，对一些孩子来说，上学是极其困难的。俗话说，孩子可能会做出令人伤心的行为，尤其是对那些和其他人不同的人。例如，有残疾或外貌不同的孩子可能会受到同学甚至老师的不一样对待。说话口音不同或考试表现不佳的孩子可能会被嘲笑甚至被欺负。有些孩子可能非常内向或有学习障碍，这可能会使他们很难交朋友或跟上老师的讲课速度。有些孩子可能根本不喜欢学习，这可能会使上学变得非常无聊或困难。

### 4. 经常换工作的人有哪些优点和缺点？

根据我读过的一项研究，经常换工作的人实际上比长期做同一份工作的人赚得更多。这是因为当他们收到工作邀请时，他们可以协商工资，所以如果他们开始很多新工作，他们每次都可以试着协商更高的工资。另一个好处是，做各种不同工作的人比那些只做同一份工作的人能学到更多的技能。这可以给他们一个竞争优势，当他们去晋升或申请更高的职位在未来。另一方面，经常换工作的人没有足够的时间与同事建立牢固的关系。与同事保持积极的关系可以让工作更愉快、更有动力，但那些每隔几个月就从一家公司换到另一家公司的人可能永远体会不到这种工作满足感。

## 30: 常用网站

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

In China, two of the most popular apps are WeChat and Taobao. These days, it's almost impossible to live a normal life if you don't have a smartphone with the WeChat app. We use it for all kinds of things in our daily lives, such as sending messages, making payments, installing other apps, sharing photos and videos and playing mobile games. Everybody I know uses it and our lives would be much more inconvenient without it. Taobao, which is an online marketplace, is also hugely popular across China, especially since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. With so many shops being shut for long periods, online shopping has been one of the only ways for people to buy things such as clothes, electronics and many other consumer products. There are many apps in China that are not at all popular, even though they are widely used in most other countries around the world. Social media apps like Facebook and Instagram are not available to Chinese netizens unless they have a VPN, nor are most apps made by Google such as YouTube. Many popular online gaming apps are also banned, including Fortnite and Pokemon Go.

### 2. What's the difference between the Internet and television?

Although television and the internet can both be used as a source of entertainment and information, they are very different types of media. On normal television in China, there is a fixed schedule, so if you want to watch the news or your favourite drama, you have to wait for the right time. If you are late getting home, you will miss the show with no way of watching it later on. The internet, on the other hand, is much more flexible and there are no fixed schedules for watching most things. You can open an app such as Tencent video and search for what you want to watch at any time, day or night. In addition, when you watch something on the internet, you can pause it whenever you need to, whereas this is not possible when watching regular television.

### 3. Why do people like to read the news on the internet instead of on TV?

In my opinion, reading the news on the internet is much more convenient than watching news on television. In China, the news is on TV at fixed times every day, so you have to wait until those times to find out what's happening in the world. Furthermore, the news in China is usually censored so we often only hear limited information about many interesting topics. Online, in contrast, there is a wide choice of news organizations to choose from. If we don't like the style of news on one website or app, we can find news from another one. Additionally, news on the internet is available 24 hours a day. We can access the news whenever we want and because it's available on our phones, we don't even need to be at home to read it.

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

If you go to any library in China, you will see many people of all ages reading and studying. It is hard to say exactly what kinds of people usually go to the library to study, but most of them share either a love of books or a desire to do well in school or university. Some of the people you can see in libraries are there because their hobby is reading, while some others go just to keep warm in the winter or to escape the hordes of people and traffic in the outside world. Most people in libraries are quite quiet and polite, so it's a great place to study before an important exam. Not only is it quiet and peaceful, but many libraries also have tables and chairs for the public to use and some even have free internet access. Besides, there is a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books to read, some of which are impossible to find in bookshops or anywhere else.



中文翻译：

### 1. 在中国最受欢迎和最不受欢迎的应用程序是什么？

在中国，最受欢迎的两款应用是微信和淘宝。如今，如果你的智能手机上没有微信，你几乎不可能过上正常的生活。我们在日常生活中使用它来做各种事情，比如发信息、支付、安装其他应用程序、分享照片和视频以及玩手机游戏。我认识的每个人都在用它，没有它我们的生活将会更不方便。淘宝是一个购物 APP，在中国也非常受欢迎，特别是自新冠以来。由于许多商店长期关闭，网上购物已经成为人们购买衣服、电子产品和许多其他消费品的唯一途径。在中国，有许多应用程序根本不受欢迎，尽管它们在世界上大多数其他国家被广泛使用。中国网民如果没有 VPN，就无法使用 Facebook 和 Instagram 等社交媒体应用程序，谷歌开发的 YouTube 等大多数应用程序也无法使用。许多流行的在线游戏应用也被禁止，包括《堡垒之夜》和《精灵宝可梦》。

### 2. 互联网和电视的区别是什么？

虽然电视和互联网都可以作为娱乐和信息的来源，但它们是完全不同类型的媒体。在中国，一般的电视节目都是安排好的，所以如果你想看新闻或你最喜欢的电视剧，你必须等待合适的时间。如果你回家晚了，你就会错过那场演出，以后也没办法看了。另一方面，互联网要灵活得多，观看大多数节目没有固定的时间表。你可以打开腾讯视频等应用程序，在任何时间搜索你想看的节目，无论白天还是晚上。此外，当你在互联网上看一些东西时，你可以在需要的时候暂停，而这在看普通电视时是不可能的。

### 3. 为什么人们喜欢在网上而不是在电视上看新闻？

在我看来，在网上看新闻比在电视上看新闻要方便得多。在中国，新闻每天在固定的时间在电视上播出，所以你必须等到那个时间才能知道世界上发生了什么事。此外，中国的新闻通常是经过审查的，所以我们经常只能听到许多有趣话题的有限信息。相比之下，在网上有很多新闻机构可供选择。如果我们不喜欢一个网站或应用程序上的新闻风格，我们可以从另一个网站或应用程序上找到新闻。此外，互联网上的新闻是一天 24 小时可用的。我们可以随时查看新闻，因为我们的手机上就有，我们甚至不需要呆在家里就能看。

### 4. 什么样的人还会去图书馆读书和学习？

如果你去中国的任何一个图书馆，你会看到很多不同年龄的人在阅读和学习。很难确切地说出什么样的人通常去图书馆学习，但他们中的大多数人要么热爱书籍，要么渴望在学校或大学取得好成绩。你在图书馆里看到的一些人是因为他们的爱好是阅读，而另一些人去图书馆只是为了在冬天保暖或逃避外面世界的人群和交通。图书馆里的大多数人都很安静和有礼貌，所以在重要考试之前，这是一个学习的好地方。它不仅是安静和和平的，但许多图书馆也有桌椅供公众使用，有些甚至有免费的 WiFi。此外，还有各种各样的小说和非小说类书籍可供阅读，其中一些在书店或其他地方是不可能找到的。



## 31: 教朋友或亲戚的时刻

### 1. What practical skills can young people teach old people?

Teenagers today were born in the age of the internet, so for most young people, using technology is something we are very comfortable with. We have no memory of a time without smartphones, social media and the internet so using these things is second nature. In contrast, many old people were born before this technology had been invented. They aren't familiar with using messaging apps, shopping online, using video apps or searching for information. Therefore, I think one of the practical skills that young people can teach old people is how to use smartphones, laptops and tablets. This can make their lives much easier and help them to stay in touch with their children and grandchildren, especially if they live in a different city or country.

### 2. What skills can young people teach old people besides technology?

Besides technology, I don't think there are too many skills that young people can teach old people. For example, my grandfather knows how to do many things that most people my age don't know how to do, including fixing broken electronic devices and building simple furniture and household objects. My grandmother is an amazing cook, while she can also make her own clothes, grow plants and keep our house very clean and tidy. In my opinion, many old people have more practical skills than young people. Nowadays, most teenagers spend a lot of time studying academic subjects to pass school exams but not much time learning important life skills like cooking and DIY.

### 3. How can young people teach old people skills?

I think that everybody learns differently, so I don't think there is a right or wrong way to teach old people new skills because it depends on their personality. Some people can learn by watching things on TV, some learn by listening and some learn by trying to do it themselves. However, an old person learns best, I think it's important for us to be patient when teaching them something. We often forget that that they might not be familiar with some of the things that we know how to use, so we should try not to get annoyed or lose our temper if they can't follow our instructions clearly. We should try to use simple language, especially when showing them how to use modern gadgets so that they don't get too confused or frustrated.

### 4. How can we know what to do when we want to learn something new?

These days, if I want to learn something new, the first thing I usually do is find some information online. This can give me all the key details that I need before I decide if the skill I want to learn is worth pursuing or not. Most young people in China are quite internet savvy and can find the information they need if they spend a bit of time doing research. We can even find video tutorials showing us how to do many things step by step, including how to become good at drawing, how to swim or how to repair a smartphone. If we can't anything helpful online, we can ask our family members or friends to help us. Even if they don't know how to do the skill we want to learn, they may be able to recommend a good teacher or other method of learning.

中文翻译：

### 1. 年轻人可以教给老年人什么实用技能？

当代的青少年出生在互联网时代，所以对大多数年轻人来说，使用科技对我们来说很方便。我们完全不了解没有智能手机、社交媒体和互联网的时代，所以使用这些东西是后天养成的习惯。相比之下，许多老人是在这项技术发明之前出生的。他们不熟悉使用即时通讯应用、网上购物、视频应用或搜索信息。因此，我认为年轻人可以教给老年人的实用技能之一就是如何使用智能手机、笔记本电脑和平板电脑。这可以使他们的生活更容易，并帮助他们与他们的孩子和孙子们保持联系，特别是如果他们住在不同的城市或国家。

### 2. 除了技术，年轻人还能教给老年人什么技能？

除了技术，我不认为年轻人可以教老年人其他技能。例如，我的祖父会做很多我这个年龄的人不会做的事情，包括修理坏掉的电子设备和制作简单的家具和家居用品。我的祖母很擅长做饭，同时她也会自己做衣服，种植植物和打扫房间。在我看来，许多老年人比年轻人有更多的实际技能。如今，大多数青少年花大量时间学习，以通过学校考试，却很少花时间学习像烹饪和 DIY 这样的重要生活技能。

### 3. 年轻人如何教老年人技能？

我认为每个人的学习方式都不一样，所以我认为教老人新技能没有完全正确或者错误的方式，因为这取决于他们的性格。有些人可以通过看电视来学习，有些人通过听来学习，有些人通过自己尝试来学习。然而，当我们叫他们东西时保持着良好的耐心时，老年人学得最好。他们可能不熟悉一些我们知道如何使用的东西，所以当它们理解不了我们的话时，我们应该尽量不要生气或发脾气。特别是在向他们展示如何使用现代小工具时，我们应该尽量使用简单的语言。这样他们就不会太困惑或沮丧。

### 4. 当我们想学习新东西的时候，我们怎么知道该怎么做呢？

这些天，如果我想学习新东西，我通常做的第一件事就是在网上找一些信息。在我决定我想学习的技能是否值得学习之前，这可以给我所有我需要的关键细节。中国的大多数年轻人都精通网络，只要花点时间做些研究，就能找到他们需要的信息。我们甚至可以找到视频教程，告诉我们如何一步一步地做很多事情，包括如何绘画、如何游泳或如何修理智能手机。如果我们在网上找不到有用的东西，我们可以向家人或朋友求助。即使他们不知道如何学习我们想要学习的技能，他们也可以推荐一位好老师或其他学习方法。

## 32: 喜欢的演员

### 1. Is it interesting to be an actor or actress?

For many people in my country, becoming a famous actor or actress is their ultimate ambition. However, I don't think most people want to become actors because they think the job is interesting. In fact, I think the main reason is that famous actors make high salaries and live an extravagant lifestyle that most people can only dream of. That being said, if you can reach the top of the acting profession, you may have a chance to meet a lot of interesting, unique people, travel all over the world and become friends with some of your idols. I'm sure that for some people whose passion is drama, acting is a fascinating occupation, but for most of us, including me, it's just another job like being an accountant, teacher or engineer.

### 2. What can children learn from acting?

I think that doing drama can benefit children in a number of ways. Firstly, it can encourage them to express a whole range of different emotions and give them a chance to act out their fantasies. Maybe for some kids, acting could be a way of escaping the boredom of their daily lives and of making their lives more interesting. It can also be very helpful for developing communication skills and confidence. Many people struggle to express their feelings clearly because they are too shy or they aren't used to using a variety of expressions and gestures, but this is something that actors train to do. Most actors that I see in interviews are very good at expressing their ideas and their experience performing gives them much more confidence than most people have.

### 3. Why do children like special costumes?

Most children seem to love dressing up in special costumes. Many girls like pretending to be Disney princesses or their favourite cartoon characters while boys love to dress as famous superheroes like Batman or Superman. I'm not exactly sure why kids love costumes so much but I think it's because they admire the characters and want to be more like them. Who wouldn't want to drive a car like Batman, fly like Superman or live in a beautiful palace like Elsa in Frozen? The characters we see on TV or in movies live in interesting places, go on dangerous adventures and can do things that normal people can only dream of, so it's natural that innocent children want to follow in their footsteps.

### 4. What are the differences between actors/actresses who earn much and those who earn little?

If you compare very famous actors who make millions of dollars with those who only earn a modest amount of money, I don't often think there is much difference. In my opinion, many unknown actresses are more talented than those who make a fortune. Some famous actors are only famous because of their good looks and not because they are brilliant at acting. Moreover, in China, many famous actors are the children of rich or powerful people. Because of this, they often get more opportunities than people from normal families and some only get chosen to be in TV shows or movies because their parents are friends with the director or the people who own the film company.

中文翻译：

### 1. 当演员有趣吗？

对于我国许多人来说，成为一名演员是他们的终极抱负。然而，我不认为大多数人因为有趣而想成为一名演员。事实上，我认为想成为演员的主要原因是著名演员的能拿到高薪和过上奢侈的生活方式，而这都是大多数人只能梦想做的事。也就是说，如果你能达到演艺事业的顶峰，你可能有机会遇到很多有趣的、独特的人，周游世界，和你的一些偶像成为朋友。我敢肯定，对于那些热爱戏剧的人来说，表演是一份迷人的职业，但对我们大多数人来说，包括我在内，这只是一份像会计师、教师或工程师一样的工作。

### 2. 孩子们能从表演中学到什么？

我认为做戏剧可以在很多方面让孩子们受益。首先，它可以鼓励他们表达一系列不同的情绪，并给他们一个机会来实现他们的幻想。也许对一些孩子来说，表演可以让他们摆脱日常生活的无聊，让他们的生活更有趣。这对培养沟通技巧和自信也很有帮助。许多人因为太害羞或不习惯使用各种表情和手势而难以清楚地表达自己的感情，但这是演员训练的内容。我在采访中看到的大多数演员都非常善于表达他们的想法，他们的表演经验让他们比大多数人更有信心。

### 3. 为什么孩子们喜欢特殊的服装？

大多数孩子似乎都喜欢穿特殊的服装。许多女孩喜欢装扮成迪士尼公主或他们最喜欢的卡通人物，而男孩则喜欢打扮成蝙蝠侠或超人等著名的超级英雄。我不太确定为什么孩子们这么喜欢服装，但我想这是因为他们欣赏角色，想变得更像他们。谁不想像蝙蝠侠一样开车，像超人一样飞行，或者像冰雪奇缘中的艾尔莎一样住在美丽的宫殿里呢？我们在电视或电影中看到的人物生活在有趣的地方，进行危险的冒险，可以做正常人只能梦想的事情，所以天真的孩子想要追随他们的脚步是很正常的。

### 4. 挣得多的演员和挣得少的演员有什么不同？

如果你比较那些赚数百万美元的非常有名的演员和那些只赚很少钱的演员，我通常认为没有太大的区别。在我看来，许多不知名的女演员比那些赚大钱的女演员更有才华。一些著名的演员只是因为他们的美貌而出名，而不是因为他们出色的演技。此外，在中国，许多著名演员都是有钱有势的人的孩子。正因为如此，他们通常比来自正常家庭的人得到更多的机会，一些人只是因为他们的父母是导演或电影公司老板的朋友才被选中出演电视节目或电影。



## 33: 家里舒服的某处地方

### 1. Why is it difficult for some people to relax?

In the modern society, nearly everybody has something to worry about. School students are under a lot of pressure to get good grades in their school exams so that they can get into prestigious universities and find high-paying jobs. They have so much homework that they have little time to relax and enjoy themselves. Working people have to provide for their families. If they don't work hard, they could lose their job and not have enough money to buy a house or even provide enough food to eat. Being responsible for your whole family can be very stressful and for people in low paying jobs, it must be very hard to relax while thinking about how to earn more money. Even old people these days may struggle to relax due to worries about the cost of healthcare and the increasing price of food and other essential products. I think only the very rich people are in a position to truly relax, but even they worry about their relationships, careers and their public image.

### 2. What are the benefits of doing exercise?

As most people know very well these days, doing regular exercise, along with having a balanced diet, is one of the most important things for living a long, healthy life. Scientific studies show that exercising regularly can prevent a whole range of diseases including heart disease, diabetes and even dementia. People who exercise during middle age are generally much more mobile when they get old and can live happier, more active lives. Apart from the health benefits, doing exercise can also improve our social lives. Many people who join gyms or sports clubs can meet like-minded people and develop long-lasting friendships. This can be very important, especially for people whose families live in other places or for single people who may often feel lonely.

### 3. Do people in your country exercise after work?

Many people in my country like to exercise in the evening, just before the sun goes down. If you go to a public park during the summer, you will see many people of all ages exercising. Kids playing badminton, teenagers playing basketball and older people dancing, doing tai chi or just enjoying a relaxing walk. During the winter months, however, the weather is too cold to do exercise outdoors after work. The temperatures can drop well below zero and it gets dark very early, so most people prefer to go straight home and watch TV or chat with their friends online. Some people may do some exercise at home, like yoga or aerobics, but I think most people don't really enjoy this very much.

### 4. What is the place where people spend most of their time in their home?

I'm not too sure where all families spend most of their time at home, but my family spends the majority of our time in the living room. My parents love watching TV in the evenings and our only TV is in the living room, so it's natural to spend our time in this room. Also, our internet router is connected in our living room, so the signal is much stronger than in my bedroom. If I want to watch a movie online, it's much better to do it in the living room because the connection is more stable than in other rooms. Even if I just want to send a message to my friend in my kitchen, it sometimes doesn't work so I usually spend the evenings in the living room, unless I need to sleep or finish my homework, which I usually do in my bedroom because it's quiet and I can concentrate more easily.



中文翻译：

### 1. 为什么有些人很难放松？

在现代社会，几乎每个人都有担心的事情。学生在学校考试中取得好成绩的压力很大，因为只有这样他们才可以进入名牌大学，找到高薪的工作。他们有这么多的作业，他们几乎没有时间放松和享受自己。普通百姓必须养家糊口。如果他们不努力工作，他们可能会失去工作，没有足够的钱买房子，甚至没有足够的食物吃。养家糊口是非常有压力的，对于低收入工作的人来说，在考虑如何赚更多钱的同时，一定很难放松下来。如今，即使是老年人也可能难以放松，因为他们担心医疗费用以及食品和其他必需品价格的上涨。我认为只有非常富有的人才能真正放松，但即使是他们也会担心自己的人际关系、事业和公众形象。

### 2. 做运动有什么好处？

现在大多数人都很清楚，要想健康长寿，就需要规律的锻炼加上均衡的饮食。科学研究表明，定期锻炼可以预防一系列疾病，包括心脏病、糖尿病甚至痴呆症。在中年时期锻炼身体的人在年老时通常更灵活，生活更快乐、更积极。除了对健康有益外，锻炼还能改善我们的社交生活。许多人参加健身房或体育俱乐部可以遇到志同道合的人，并建立持久的友谊。这是非常重要的，尤其是对于那些家人住在异地的人，或者那些经常感到孤独的单身人士。

### 3. 你们国家的人下班后锻炼吗？

在我们国家，许多人喜欢傍晚锻炼。如果你在夏天去公园，你会看到许多不同年龄的人在锻炼。孩子们打羽毛球，青少年打篮球，老年人跳舞，打太极，或者只是放松地散步。然而，在冬季的几个月中，天气太冷了，下班后不能在户外锻炼。气温会降到零度以下，天黑得很早，所以大多数人喜欢直接回家看电视或和朋友在网上聊天。有些人可能会在家做一些运动，比如瑜伽或有氧运动，但我认为大多数人都不太喜欢这样做。

### 4. 人们在家里花最多时间的地方是什么？

我不太确定所有家庭在家里的大部分时间都在哪里度过，但我的家人大部分时间都在客厅度过。我父母喜欢晚上看电视，而我们家唯一的电视就在客厅里，所以我们基本上在这个房间打发时间。而且，我们的网络路由器是在客厅里连接的，所以信号比在卧室里强得多。如果我想在网上看电影，最好在客厅里看，因为那里的网络比在其他房间更稳定。即使我只是想给厨房里的朋友发个信息，有时也不管用，所以我通常晚上都在客厅里，除非我需要睡觉或完成作业，我通常在卧室里做作业，因为卧室很安静，我更容易集中注意力。

## 34: 别人的好消息

### 1. Is it good to share something on social media?

In my opinion, people should think carefully before posting anything on social media. There have been many examples of people posting things online that have caused them serious problems, both in China and abroad. For example, a teenager in America posted about a party at their house and even gave their address. A few hours later, thousands of people arrived at the party and caused a lot of damage. In the end, the police had to come in order to persuade everybody to leave. In China, many wealthy people have posted photos and videos of their luxurious bags, cars, holidays, houses and clothes, only to be criticised by netizens across the country. This can cause harm to their public image and put a strain on their personal life. Some people even admit to breaking the law in their social media which has caused some to be arrested or even put into prison!

### 2. Should the media only publish good news?

I think that the media has a responsibility to report everything that is going on in our country and around the world, even if most of it is bad news. Unfortunately, most of the things that are happening nowadays seem to be quite negative, but that's normal in every society. If we only ever hear good news, we may feel more positive about the world we live in and we may even have happier lives, but this would be living a lie. The only way our country can really improve is if people are aware of the problems that exist. If this information isn't available in the media, however, people won't be aware of the problems. If enough people are dissatisfied with some laws, for example, maybe this can make the government create new laws or at least change existing laws to make them better. I think we need to find balance between reporting good news and bad news that reflects both sides of our society.

### 3. How does the social media help people access information?

In the past, the only way to get information about what world events was from the media like newspapers, radio or television. Normal people who were involved in news events could only tell their friends and family what they had seen but they had no way of making this information available to the public. Since the invention of social media, however, that has changed dramatically. Nowadays anybody who has a smartphone can upload videos, photographs or messages about things that are going on in their communities. Within a few minutes, these posts can be shared and reposted so that thousands or even millions of people know about it. This allows much more information to be accessed by many people that they would never have known about before the age of the internet.

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

Most normal people in China prefer to talk about their children. Parents love to share good news about their children's achievements, such as when they get promoted at work, get married to somebody from a respected family, have a baby, get impressive grades in their College entrance exam, get accepted into a famous university or even when they buy a new house or car. Even though it is quite normal for people to talk about these things, some people use their children's achievements to make themselves feel superior to their siblings, friends or neighbours, which I don't think is a good reason to share good news.

中文翻译：

### 1. 在社交媒体上分享东西好吗？

在我看来，人们在社交媒体上发布任何东西之前都应该仔细考虑。在中国和国外，有很多人在网上发布的东西给他们带来了严重的问题。例如，美国的一名青少年发布了他们家的派对，甚至还提供了他们的地址。几个小时后，成千上万的人来到了派对，造成了很大的破坏。最后，警察不得不来劝大家离开。在中国，许多富人都晒出了他们奢华的包、车、度假、房子和衣服的照片和视频，结果却遭到了全国网民的批评。这可能会损害他们的公众形象，并给他们的个人生活带来压力。一些人甚至在社交媒体上承认自己触犯了法律，这导致一些人被捕，甚至被关进监狱！

### 2. 媒体应该只发布好消息吗？

我认为媒体有责任报道我们国家和世界各地正在发生的一切，即使大部分是坏消息。不幸的是，现在发生的大多数事情似乎都是消极的，但这在每个社会都是正常的。如果我们只听到好消息，我们可能会对我们生活的世界感到更积极，我们甚至可能会有更快乐的生活，但这将是生活在谎言中。能真正促进国家进步的唯一途径是人们意识到这些问题，如果报纸、互联网或电视上读到的新闻中不播的话我们就压根不知道这些事。例如，如果有足够多的人对某些法律不满意，也许这可以让政府制定新的法律，或者至少改变现有的法律，使其更好。我认为我们需要在报道反映社会两面的好消息和坏消息之间找到平衡。

### 3. 社交媒体如何帮助人们获取信息？

在过去，获取世界事件信息的唯一途径是通过报纸、广播或电视等媒体。参与新闻事件的普通人只能告诉他们的朋友和家人他们所看到的，但他们没有办法让公众获得这些信息。然而，自从社交媒体发明以来，情况发生了巨大变化。如今，任何拥有智能手机的人都可以上传他们社区中正在发生的事情的视频、照片或信息。在几分钟内，这些帖子就可以被分享和转发，让成千上万甚至数百万人知道它。这使得许多人可以访问更多的信息，这些信息在互联网时代之前是他们永远不会知道的。

### 4. 人们经常在社区里分享什么样的好消息？

在中国，大多数普通人更喜欢谈论他们的孩子。父母喜欢分享关于孩子成就的好消息，比如当他们在工作上升职了，和一个受人尊敬的家庭的人结婚了，有了孩子，在大学入学考试中取得了令人印象深刻的成绩，被一所著名大学录取，甚至当他们买了一所新房子或新汽车。尽管人们谈论这些事情是很正常的，但有些人会用孩子的成就来让自己比兄弟姐妹、朋友或邻居更优越，我不认为这是一个分享好消息的好理由。

## 35: 完成的骄傲事情

### 1. Which is more important, personal goals or work goals?

Both personal goals and work goals are important. Which goals are more important probably depends on what type of person you are. Some people that I know are very ambitious and their careers take precedence over their personal lives. They often decline invitations and miss social events because of their jobs and even take work calls on their days off when they are hanging out with their friends. For these people, work goals are clearly more important than personal goals. Other people, however, don't worry so much about their jobs and are more interested in living happy or interesting lives. They focus on enjoying time their family, friends or hobbies far more than work. Their goals might be based around having children, mastering a new hobby or travelling around the world.

### 2. Does everyone set goals for themselves?

I don't think that everyone sets clear long-term goals for themselves. When I ask some of my friends what they would like to be doing 10 years in the future, some of them are not really sure and can't answer clearly. People like this live in the moment and don't worry too much about the future. That being said, I think everybody sets shorter-term goals for themselves. These goals might include things like trying to lose a specific amount of weight, learning a new language, taking up a new hobby, getting better exam results, finding a boyfriend or girlfriend, getting fit, or buying a new car.

### 3. Do you think material rewards are more important than other rewards at work?

Practically speaking, material rewards are more important than other types of rewards at work. After all, the main reason everybody gets a job is for money, which is a material reward. If companies asked people to volunteer and not get paid, I doubt they would find anybody to take the positions. Despite this fact, I think that there are also other types of rewards that can motivate staff to work hard and do the best job possible. For example, offering extra days off could be just as important as a financial reward for somebody who doesn't have much time to spend with their children. Even receiving praise or positive feedback from your boss could be important for people who are inexperienced or lack confidence.

### 4. What makes people feel proud of themselves?

In my opinion, people should only feel proud of things that they achieve, not things that they cannot control. For example, many people I know often mention that they are proud to be Chinese. While I understand this idea, it is not a choice or an achievement, so I don't think your nationality is something to be proud of. Most people are proud of personal achievements, especially connected to their studies, which is very important for most people in China. Getting high grades in your college entrance exam, getting accepted into a prestigious university or finding a high-paying or respected job are three of the most common. Other common achievements that people like to boast about include getting married to somebody rich, winning a talent competition or sporting match, or even posting content that goes viral online.



中文翻译：

### 1. 个人目标和工作目标哪个更重要？

个人目标和工作目标都很重要。哪个目标更重要可能取决于你是哪种类型的人。我认识的一些人野心勃勃，他们把事业看得比个人生活更重要。他们经常因为工作原因拒绝邀请，错过社交活动，甚至在休息日和朋友出去玩的时候也会接工作电话。对于这些人来说，工作目标显然比个人目标更重要。然而，另一些人不太担心他们的工作，他们更感兴趣的是过快乐或有趣的生活。他们关注的是家庭、朋友和爱好，而不是工作。他们的目标可能是生孩子、培养新爱好或环游世界。

### 2. 每个人都为自己设定目标吗？

我不认为每个人都为自己设定了明确的长期目标。当我问我的一些朋友，10年后他们想做什么，他们中的一些人不是很确定，不能回答清楚。这样的人活在当下，不太担心未来。话虽如此，我认为每个人都为自己设定短期目标。这些目标可能包括试着减掉一定的体重，学习一门新语言，培养一种新的爱好，在考试中取得更好的成绩，找到男朋友或女朋友，健身，或者买一辆新车。

### 3. 你认为在工作中物质奖励比其他奖励更重要吗？

实际上，物质奖励在工作中比其他类型的奖励更重要。毕竟，每个人找工作的主要原因都是为了钱，这是一种物质奖励。如果公司要求人们做志愿者，但没有报酬，我怀疑他们会找不到人来担任这些职位。尽管如此，我认为还有其他类型的奖励可以激励员工努力工作，尽可能把工作做到最好。例如，对于那些没有太多时间陪伴孩子的人来说，提供额外的假期可能和经济奖励一样重要。对于缺乏经验或缺乏自信的人来说，即使是从老板那里得到表扬或积极的反馈也很重要。

### 4. 什么会让人们为自己感到骄傲？

在我看来，人们应该只为他们取得的成就感到骄傲，而不是他们无法控制的事情。例如，我认识的许多人经常提到他们为自己是中国人而自豪。虽然我理解这种想法，但这不是一种选择或成就，所以我不认为你的国籍是一件值得骄傲的事情。大多数人都为自己的成就感到自豪，尤其是与学业有关的成就，这对大多数中国人来说是非常重要的。在高考中取得高分，被名牌大学录取，找到一份高薪或受人尊敬的工作是最常见的三种。人们喜欢炫耀的其他成就包括嫁给有钱人、赢得才艺比赛或体育比赛，甚至是在网上发布走红的内容。



## 36: 住所附近的变化

### 1. Is public transportation popular in China?

For many people in China, public transport is absolutely essential, especially for migrant workers who need to return to their hometown at Chinese New Year. Without trains and buses, they wouldn't be able to visit their family and would be stuck far from home. For the middle class in China, however, public transport is not popular. In many people's eyes, taking a bus or a train is a sign that you are not very successful. People who can afford it prefer to drive their own private cars, which is a sign of wealth. Many people also choose not to use public transport because it's often overcrowded, uncomfortable, unreliable and much slower than travelling by car or motorbike.

### 2. What can be improved in public transport services?

The public transport in China has improved a lot in recent years, especially the train network, which is one of the best in the world. The fast trains connect most major cities in the country, and we are building more and more train lines every year. Unfortunately, the cost of train tickets is higher. I think the government should put more tax on private car owners so that they can make train tickets cheaper for migrant workers and other poor people. In some countries, public buses are free for people to use, which encourages people not to use their cars everyday and I think that this is a good idea for China too. Although people here don't like to take the bus, people also love to get things for free, so this could help reduce traffic congestion in busy cities.

### 3. What leisure facilities can be used by people of all ages?

I don't think we should focus so much on people's age because I don't think your age should determine what you can and can't do. In reality, I think that people of all ages can do most leisure activities. Children, teenagers, adults and even senior citizens can all enjoy using a wide range of leisure facilities such as public libraries, swimming pools, running tracks, basketball courts, cinemas, restaurants and parks. Of course, there are some facilities that are only suitable for adults, like bars, KTV and nightclubs and children should never be allowed into these places.

### 4. Do young people in your country like to go to the cinema?

Many young people in China love to go to the cinema with their friends. Not only can they enjoy the latest blockbuster movies on a huge screen with amazing-quality sound, they can also buy a range of delicious snacks like hot dogs, candy and popcorn to eat during the movie to increase their enjoyment. On the other hand, the older generations don't enjoy going to the cinema as much as their children. They think that the price of the tickets and the snack food is unreasonable, especially as they can usually find the same movies online and watch them at home for free. Moreover, watching a movie in the cinema is a bit inconvenient. If you need to go to the bathroom, you might miss an important of the movie and the air conditioning in cinemas is a bit too cold for some people.

中文翻译：

### 1. 公共交通在中国流行吗？

对于许多中国人来说，公共交通是绝对必要的，尤其是对于那些春节需要返乡的农民工来说。如果没有火车和公共汽车，他们将无法探亲，也将被困在离家很远的地方。然而，对于中国的中产阶级来说，公共交通并不受欢迎。在许多人眼里，坐公共汽车或火车是一个不太成功的标志。买得起车的人更喜欢开自己的私家车，这是财富的象征。许多人也选择不使用公共交通工具，因为它往往过于拥挤、不舒服、不可靠，而且比开车或骑摩托车慢得多。

### 2. 公共交通服务可以改善哪些方面？

近年来，中国的公共交通有了很大的改善，尤其是铁路网络，这是世界上最好的之一。高铁连接全国大多数主要城市，而且我们每年都在修建越来越多的铁路。不幸的是，火车票的价格比以往任何时候都要高。我认为政府应该对私人车主征收更多的税，这样他们就可以为农民工和其他穷人提供更便宜的火车票。在一些国家，公共汽车是免费供人们使用的，这鼓励人们不要每天使用他们的汽车，我认为这对中国也是一个好主意。虽然这里的人不喜欢坐公共汽车，但他们也喜欢免费得到东西，所以这有助于减少繁忙城市的交通拥堵。

### 3. 什么样的休闲设施适合各个年龄段的人使用？

我认为我们不应该太关注人们的年龄，因为我认为年龄不应该决定你能做什么，不能做什么。在现实中，我认为所有年龄的人都可以做大多数休闲活动。儿童、青少年、成人甚至老年人都可以享受各种各样的休闲设施，如公共图书馆、游泳池、跑道、篮球场、电影院、餐厅和公园。当然，有些设施只适合成年人，比如酒吧、KTV 和夜总会，孩子永远不应该进入这些地方。

### 4. 你们国家的年轻人喜欢看电影吗？

在中国，许多年轻人喜欢和朋友一起去看电影。他们不仅可以在大屏幕上欣赏到超高音质的最新大片，还可以买到热狗、糖果和爆米花等一系列美味零食，在观影过程中吃来增加自己的乐趣。另一方面，老一辈人不像他们的孩子那样喜欢去电影院。他们认为电影票和零食的价格是不合理的，尤其是他们通常可以在网上找到同样的电影，在家免费观看。此外，在电影院看电影有点不方便。如果你需要去洗手间，你可能会错过一个重要的电影，而且电影院的空调对一些人来说有点太冷了。

## 37: 喜欢一起工作/学习的人

### 1. Why should children be kind to their classmates?

In China, having connections with people when you are adults is essential. Society is quite corrupt so sometimes people need close friends to help them get what they need. For example, if you have a serious health problem you might need to find a reliable doctor or get hold of some unusual medicine that is difficult to find. Knowing somebody who works for a pharmaceutical company or in a prestigious hospital can be the only way to achieve this aim or at least help you to achieve your aim more cheaply or more quickly. This is a practical reason to be kind to your classmates. It is human nature to help your friends and being kind will ensure you are popular and have many school friends.

### 2. What matters most about a colleague's personality?

There are many qualities that are important in a colleague. In my opinion, the most important traits are trustworthiness and positivity. Many people spend more time with their work colleagues than they do with their family members and they become good friends, so it is important that you can trust your colleagues. If you make a serious mistake at work, you don't want your colleagues to immediately tell your boss what you have done wrong. Also, if you have a family emergency you might need a colleague to help you finish your work or cover for you. It's also important to be around positive people, because these kinds of people help to create an enjoyable work atmosphere where everybody is motivated to work hard and feeling optimistic about the future.

### 3. Are good colleagues important at work?

Having good colleagues is an extremely important aspect of any job. Many people spend more time with their work colleagues than they do with their family members, so having colleagues that you get on well with can make a huge difference in how happy you are in your job. Furthermore, companies that have a positive atmosphere are more likely to be successful than those where colleagues don't get on with each other. If you work in a team where all the staff have a strong relationship, you will have a more optimistic outlook and enjoy spending time in your office every day. This will result in working harder and being more productive, which is good for you and the company that employs you.

### 4. Are knowledgeable people popular at work?

Some knowledgeable people are very popular within a company whereas others are unpopular. In my opinion, being knowledgeable is not necessarily a positive quality because it depends on how people use their knowledge. Knowledgeable people who use their wisdom to help inexperienced colleagues and teach others to become better at their job will naturally become very popular. Unfortunately, not all knowledgeable people use their knowledge to help and encourage those around them. Some constantly want to show their boss that they are smarter than their colleagues and use their knowledge to make their colleagues appear uneducated or foolish. These types of people will never become well-liked, despite their intelligence.

中文翻译：

### 1. 孩子们为什么要善待他们的同学？

在中国，当你是成年人时，与他人建立联系是必不可少的。社会是畸形的，所以有时人们需要亲密的朋友来帮助他们得到他们需要的东西。例如，如果你有严重的健康问题，你可能需要找一个可靠的医生，或者得到一些很难找到的不寻常的药物。认识在制药公司或著名医院工作的人可能是实现这一目标的唯一途径，或者至少可以帮助你更便宜或更快地实现目标。这是善待同学的一个现实理由。帮助朋友是人类的本性，善良会让你受欢迎，交到更多的同学朋友。

### 2. 同事性格中最重要的是什么？

同事身上有很多重要的品质。在我看来，最重要的品质是值得信赖和积极向上。许多人花更多的时间和同事在一起，而不是和家人在一起，他们会成为好朋友，所以你可以信任你的同事，这很重要。如果你在工作中犯了严重的错误，你不希望你的同事立即告诉你的老板你做错了什么。此外，如果你有家庭紧急情况，你可能需要一个同事帮你完成工作或为你打掩护。和积极的人在一起也很重要，因为这样的人有助于创造一个每个人都有努力工作，对未来感到乐观的愉快的工作氛围。

### 3. 好同事在工作中重要吗？

拥有好同事对任何工作来说都是极其重要的。很多人花在同事身上的时间比花在家人身上的时间要多，所以有一个和你相处融洽的同事会对你在工作中的快乐程度产生巨大的影响。此外，拥有积极氛围的公司比同事间相处不好的公司更有可能取得成功。如果你在一个所有员工都关系很好的团队中工作，你会有一个更乐观的前景，享受每天在办公室度过的时光。这会让你工作更努力，更有成效，这对你和雇佣你的公司都有好处。

### 4. 有知识的人在工作中受欢迎吗？

一些知识渊博的人在公司里很受欢迎，而有些则不受欢迎。在我看来，知识渊博不一定是一种积极的品质，因为它取决于人们如何运用他们的知识。有知识的人用自己的智慧帮助没有经验的同事，教别人在工作上做得更好，自然会很受欢迎。不幸的是，并不是所有知识渊博的人都用他们的知识去帮助和鼓励周围的人。有些人总是想让老板觉得他们比同事聪明，用他们的知识让他们的同事显得没文化或愚蠢。这种类型的人永远不会受欢迎，尽管他们很聪明。



## 38: 年轻时的空闲活动

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

Having regular breaks during work or study is very important for our health. Having a short break every hour or two refreshes our brain and our body, which can increase our energy level, productivity and ability to focus. That being said, I think it is important to consider what to do during a work or study break. Some people take a break and immediately pick up their cell phones in order to watch videos or browse social media. I don't think this is an effective way to use breaks. Instead, people should go for a walk, take a short nap, do some deep breathing exercises, do some stretching or eat a healthy snack.

### 2. What sports do young people like to do now?

More and more new and interesting sports are becoming popular in China, especially for young people, including skateboarding, snowboarding and surfing. Doing these sports, however, relies on living in the right place or having the right facilities near to where you live, so for most people this is still not possible. The most popular sports are football and basketball. The NBA and the English Premier League are both very popular among young people in China. For many children who enjoy sport, becoming a professional athlete is the ultimate dream and one day joining an elite sports team could make them rich and famous. Additionally, these sports are cheap and easy to do. Most towns and cities have a football pitch and basketball court, while all you need to play is a ball and some friends.

### 3. What activities do children and adults do nowadays?

There are many activities that are popular among children and adults in China. These include singing, shopping, dancing and playing sports and musical instruments. Many children play musical instruments. Even though a lot of them don't enjoy playing the piano or violin, they are usually pushed into it by their parents. Singing is also popular for people of all ages. Adults often get together with their friends at KTV and young people like to enter talent competitions in the hope of becoming famous. Some traditional games like Mahjong are still popular, especially in rural areas that don't have many leisure facilities and people of all ages enjoy playing sports like football, basketball and table tennis. One of the most popular activities is shopping online. People spend hours searching for good deals on the latest electronics and fashion on TaoBao.

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

Children don't have enough time to do leisure activities nowadays. Most children have a lot of pressure to get good grades from their parents and spend most of their time studying. Even when they finish school they typically have a lot of homework to complete by the following day. They have little time to exercise, play games or hang out with their friends. Some parents even arrange extra tuition classes in the evenings and at weekends to help their children achieve better exam results. For most adults, the situation is similar. They are under pressure to make enough money to support their family and work long hours and many even take a second job in order to achieve their dream of buying a new house and car. Adults with more money, however, have plenty of time for recreational activities. Successful businessmen may work hard but also spend a lot of time playing golf, going on foreign holidays or eating out at 5-star hotel restaurants.

中文翻译：

### 1. 在工作或学习期间休息很重要吗？

在工作或学习期间有规律的休息对我们的健康非常重要。每隔一小时休息一下，我们的大脑和身体都能得到恢复，这可以提高我们的精神状态、生产力和专注力。话虽如此，我认为考虑在工作或学习间隙做什么才是更重要的。有些人休息一下，就立刻拿起手机看视频或浏览社交媒体。我不认为这是一种有效的休息方式。相反，人们应该去散步，小睡一会儿，做一些深呼吸练习，做一些伸展运动或吃一份健康的零食。

### 2. 现在的年轻人喜欢做什么运动？

滑板、滑雪板和冲浪等越来越多新奇有趣的运动在中国流行起来，尤其受到年轻人的欢迎。然而，做这些运动依赖于住在合适的地方或附近有合适的设施，所以对大多数人来说这仍然是不可能的。最受欢迎的运动是足球和篮球。NBA 和英超在中国年轻人中都很受欢迎。对于许多喜欢运动的孩子来说，成为一名职业运动员是他们的终极梦想，有一天加入一支精英运动队可以让他们名利双收。此外，这些运动既便宜又容易做。大多数城镇和城市都有足球场和篮球场，而你所需要的只是一个球和一些朋友。

### 3. 现在儿童和成人都做什么活动？

在中国，有许多深受儿童和成人欢迎的活动。这些活动包括唱歌、购物、跳舞、运动和演奏乐器。许多孩子演奏乐器。尽管他们中的许多人不喜欢弹钢琴或拉小提琴，但他们通常是被父母逼着学的。唱歌也受到各个年龄段的人的欢迎。成年人经常和他们的朋友聚在 KTV，年轻人喜欢参加才艺比赛，希望出名。麻将等一些传统游戏仍然很受欢迎，尤其是在没有很多休闲设施的农村地区，各个年龄段的人都喜欢踢足球、打篮球和乒乓球等运动。最受欢迎的活动之一是网上购物。人们花费数小时在淘宝上搜索最新的电子产品和时尚产品。

### 4. 现在大人和小孩有足够的时间做休闲活动吗？

现在的孩子没有足够的时间做休闲活动。大多数孩子都有很大的压力，要从父母那里得到好成绩，把大部分时间都花在学习上。即使他们放学了，第二天通常也有很多家庭作业要完成。他们几乎没有时间锻炼、玩游戏或和朋友出去玩。一些家长甚至在晚上和周末安排额外的补习班，以帮助孩子在考试中取得更好的成绩。对于大多数成年人来说，情况是类似的。他们承受着赚钱养家的压力，不得不长时间工作，为了实现买房买车的梦想，许多人甚至要做第二份工作。然而，有钱的成年人有足够的时间进行娱乐活动。成功的商人可能工作很努力，但也会花很多时间打高尔夫球、去国外度假或在五星级酒店吃饭。

## 39: 难用的科技产品

### 1. What technology do people currently use?

The most common technology that people use these days is computers and smartphones. Everybody wants to be connected to the internet, either for work or for recreation, so having a device that can do this is essential. Other smart technology is becoming more and more widespread in China too. Companies like Mi produce a wide range of smart products that make our lives easier and more convenient, from home lighting systems that can be activated by voice commands to smart refrigerators that actually tell us when we need to buy more rice or eggs. Many people talk about AI as the next big technology that will change the world and although it is used in more and more industries, it hasn't been adopted by the general public yet.

### 2. Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?

The main goal of all companies is to make money and big companies are no different. One of the main reasons that they release so many new products so frequently is to make as much profit as possible. There is also fierce competition for customers between large companies. Whenever one company releases a new product with new technology, their competitors will often design something very similar and release it as quickly as possible in an effort not to lose their customers. This is why electronics companies like Apple, Samsung and Huawei release new smartphone models every year.

### 3. Why are people so keen on buying iPhones even though they haven't changed much from one to the next?

For most people, having the latest phone model is not really about having the best screen quality, fastest processor or most stylish design. After all, most of the functions of smartphones don't change very much from year to year. Although there are usually a number of upgrades, this doesn't justify buying a new phone one year after your last one. The main reason people buy new iPhones every year is because iPhones are a kind of status symbol that shows other people that you are both rich and fashionable. Unfortunately, many people like to judge others by material possessions. They think that people with the latest smartphones must be very successful and admirable.

### 4. Why do some people find it difficult to use the latest technology?

I recently read that there are more than 5 billion people using the internet, compared to only about 500 million 20 years ago. This statistic shows how quickly the world is changing, which is one reason that many people struggle to use the latest technology. Just when you learn how to use a new type of device or some new software, it quickly becomes out of date and is replaced by something different. It's very hard to keep up with the speed of the changes, even for tech savvy young people, so it must be almost impossible for some of the older generations to keep up. Not only does technology advance faster than ever before, but the way we learn about it is different to the way we learn about most other subjects. One of the best ways to learn about new technology is by researching it online, but there are still people who don't enjoy spending time online who don't have the chance to find out most of this information.

中文翻译：

### 1. 人们目前使用什么技术？

现在人们最常用的技术是电脑和智能手机。无论是工作还是娱乐，每个人都需要上网，所以有一个可以做到这一点的设备是必须的。其他智能技术在中国也变得越来越普遍。小米这样的公司生产了各种各样的智能产品，让我们的生活更轻松、更方便，从可以通过语音命令激活的家庭照明系统，到真正告诉我们何时需要购买更多大米或鸡蛋的智能冰箱。许多人都在谈论人工智能是下一个将改变世界的重大技术，尽管它被越来越多的行业使用，但它还没有被公众所接受。

### 2. 为什么大公司会频繁推出新产品？

所有公司的主要目标都是赚钱，大公司也不例外。他们如此频繁地发布如此多的新产品的的主要原因之一是尽可能多地赚取利润。大企业之间争夺客户的竞争也很激烈。每当一家公司用新技术发布一款新产品时，他们的竞争对手往往会设计出非常相似的产品，并尽快发布，以免失去客户。这就是为什么苹果、三星和华为等电子公司每年都会发布新款智能手机。

### 3. 为什么人们如此热衷于购买 iPhone，尽管新旧 iPhone 之间并没有太大的变化？

对于大多数人来说，拥有最新款手机并不意味着拥有最好的屏幕质量、最快的处理器或最时尚的设计。毕竟，智能手机的大部分功能每年都不会有太大变化。虽然通常会有一些升级，但这并不意味着你应该在上一部手机一年后再买一部新手机。人们每年买新 iPhone 的主要原因是 iPhone 是一种身份的象征，可以向别人展示你既有钱又时髦。不幸的是，许多人喜欢以物质财富来评价别人。他们认为拥有最新智能手机的人一定非常成功和令人钦佩。

### 4. 为什么有些人觉得很难使用最新的技术？

我最近读到，现在有超过 50 亿人使用互联网，而 20 年前只有大约 5 亿人。这一数据显示了世界变化的速度有多快，这也是许多人难以使用最新技术的原因之一。当你刚学会如何使用一种新设备或新软件时，它很快就过时了，被不同的东西所取代。即使是精通技术的年轻人，也很难跟上变化的速度，所以对一些老一辈人来说，跟上变化的速度几乎是不可能的。不仅技术的发展比以往任何时候都要快，而且我们学习技术的方式也不同于我们学习大多数其他学科的方式。了解新技术的最好方法之一是在网上研究它，但仍然有一些人不喜欢花时间在網上，他们没有机会找到大部分的信息。



## 40: 想短暂停留的城市

### 1. Why do people sometimes go to other cities?

There are many reasons why people sometimes go to other cities, such as to find a job, to visit friends or family members or for tourism. Big cities like Beijing and Shanghai have much more job opportunities than smaller provincial cities and typically offer higher salaries and better career advancement opportunities. These days, it is much more common for Chinese people to move away from their hometown than it used to be. It is now quite common for family members to live far away from each other, so it is quite natural for people to travel to other cities to visit their loved ones. Many people also love visiting other cities to visit historical landmarks, enjoy the natural scenery, to buy luxury goods or enjoy the leisure facilities. For example, people go to Hangzhou for the beauty of West Lake, to Xian to see the terracotta warriors, to Beijing to walk around the Forbidden City and to Shanghai for designer shopping and to visit Disneyland.

### 2. Why are historical cities popular?

People in China are very patriotic and proud of their heritage. We spend a lot of time at school learning about the history of our nation, so it is only natural for us to want to visit the places that we learn about when we are young. China has one of the richest histories of any country so there are many cities to visit with extremely interesting histories. You can choose to visit the ancient terracotta warriors in Xian, the Forbidden City and the Imperial Palace in Beijing, the Bund and the French Concessions in Shanghai as well as the mausoleum of Sun Zhong Shan in Nanjing. All of these places played an important part in our country's history and I hope they will remain popular for people to visit in the future because a big part of our cultural identity comes from our past.

### 3. Do you think tourists may come across bad things in other cities?

It's possible for tourists to come across bad things in other cities, especially if they don't do enough research before their trip. Most big cities, especially in countries with high crime rates, have good areas and bad areas. If you visit a big city, you may accidentally enter an unsafe neighbourhood without even realizing it, unless you have read about it beforehand. If you do end up in one of these areas, it's possible to see people getting mugged, people selling illegal drugs or businesses being robbed. If tourists don't take care to follow tourist advice, they could even become the victim of crimes themselves.

### 4. Is it necessary to make a plan before visiting a city?

I don't think it's necessary for people to make a plan before visiting a new city but for most people, it can help them to make the most of their time there. If you don't make a plan, you won't know which restaurants have the most delicious local foods, which shops offer the best prices for local products or which places have the most interesting sites or beautiful scenery. Furthermore, you may end up spending hours doing research when you are already there which is a waste of your time. Some people, however, don't like to make too many plans when they go on holiday. They prefer to spend their time relaxing without the burden of following a plan. This allows them to do things whenever they feel like it or go to places on the spur of the moment. I don't think either way is necessarily better, it just depends on the people's personality.

中文翻译：

### 1. 为什么人们有时会去其他城市？

人们有时去其他城市的原因有很多，比如找工作，探亲访友或旅游。像北京和上海这样的大城市比小城市有更多的工作机会，通常会提供更高的薪水和更好的职业发展机会。如今，中国人离开家乡的现象比过去普遍得多。现在，家庭成员彼此住得很远是很常见的，所以人们去其他城市探望亲人是很自然的。许多人也喜欢去其他城市参观历史地标，欣赏自然风景，购买奢侈品或享受休闲设施。例如，人们去杭州看美丽的西湖，去西安看兵马俑，去北京逛故宫，去上海买名牌，去迪斯尼乐园。

### 2. 为什么历史名城如此受欢迎？

中国人非常爱国，为自己的传统感到自豪。我们在学校花了很多时间学习我们国家的历史，所以我们想去参观我们年轻时学习过的地方是很自然的。中国是历史最丰富的国家之一，所以有许多历史非常有趣的城市可以参观。你可以选择参观西安的古代兵马俑，北京的紫禁城和故宫，上海的外滩和法租界，以及南京的孙钟山陵墓。所有这些都在我们国家的历史上发挥了重要作用，我希望它们在未来仍然受到人们的欢迎，因为我们的文化身份有很大一部分来自我们的过去。

### 3. 你认为游客在其他城市会遇到不好的事情吗？

游客在其他城市可能会遇到不好的事情，尤其是如果他们在旅行前没有做足够的功课的话。大多数大城市，尤其是在犯罪率高的国家，有安全的和不安全的区域。如果你去一个大城市，你可能会不小心进入一个不安全的社区，甚至没有意识到，除非你事先看到它的相关新闻。如果你真的去了这些地方，你可能会看到有人被抢劫，有人出售非法毒品或公司被洗劫。如果游客不注意遵循旅游建议，他们自己甚至可能成为犯罪的受害者。

### 4. 在参观一个城市之前有必要做一个计划吗？

我认为人们在参观一个新城市之前没有必要制定计划，但对大多数人来说，这可以帮助他们充分利用在那里的时间。如果你不做一个计划，你就不知道哪些餐馆有最美味的当地食物，哪些商店提供最好的价格的当地产品，或者哪些地方有最有趣的景点或美丽的风景。此外，当你已经在那里的时候，你可能会花几个小时做研究，这是浪费你的时间。然而，有些人不喜欢在度假时做太多计划。他们更喜欢把时间花在放松上，而不需要按照计划行事。这让他们可以在任何时候做他们想做的事情，或者一时冲动去某个地方。我不认为任何一种方式都是更好的，这只是取决于人们的性格。

## 41: 想了解更多的历史

### 1. Should everyone know history?

I have always felt that it is important for everyone to have a good sense of their history. History is important, that is simply a fact. The history of a city, a nation, a continent, and even the entire world has shaped everything that we see and experience today. Therefore, for people to truly understand the world around them and their place in it, they need to know history. Moreover, history is full of fascinating stories, important lessons, and mysterious secrets. So, there is a lot that can be gained from studying history. This is why I think everyone should know history.

### 2. In what ways can children learn history?

There are many different ways that children can learn history, now so more than ever! There are traditional methods for children to learn history such as by being taught history orally by teachers and parents or by reading about history in history books. There are also many new modern methods that make learning history more engaging for children. There are historical TV shows and historical videos online that children can watch and learn from in an entertaining way. There are also historical videogames and historical quiz apps that let children play while learning history. Honestly, there are countless ways children can learn history nowadays.

### 3. What are the differences between learning history from books and from videos?

I think there are many contrasting aspects to the experience of teaching yourself history with books and teaching yourself history with videos. For one, there is often far more information in history books than there is in history videos. Moreover, this information is usually more detailed, can be more accurate, and often directly shows its source materials. In contrast, history videos often skim over topics, offering only the most interesting and exciting information. However, this is not necessarily always a negative thing as it offers people an easy and accessible way to learn about history. Big history textbooks can often be quite daunting and off-putting to some people.

### 4. Is it difficult to protect and preserve historic buildings?

It goes without saying, that the job of caring for and restoring historic buildings is a monumental task. Firstly, there are many people who do not want to preserve historic buildings. Land developers and property developers are always looking for locations to build new buildings, and the preservation of historic buildings gets in their way. So, often heritage trusts and charities must fight the interests of businesses such as these. Secondly, preserving historic buildings is a complicated and demanding job. Some of these buildings are thousands of years old and the resources and knowledge needed to preserve them are very rare and costly. This means that protecting and preserving historic buildings is a monumental task.

中文翻译：

### 1. 每个人都应该了解历史吗？

我一直认为，对每个人来说，对自己国家的历史有一个良好的认识是很重要的。事实上历史就是很重要。一座城市、一个国家、一个大陆甚至世界的历史，塑造了我们今天所看到和经历的一切。因此，要想真正了解周围的世界以及自己在其中的位置，人们就需要了解历史。此外，历史充满了精彩的故事、重要的教训和不为人知的秘密。所以，从学习历史中可以获得很多东西。这就是为什么我认为每个人都应该了解历史。

### 2. 孩子们可以用什么方法学习历史？

孩子们学习历史有许多不同的方法，现在比以往任何时候都要多！孩子们学习历史有传统的方法，如由老师和父母口头学习历史，或通过历史书阅读历史。还有许多新的现代方法，使学习历史对孩子们更有吸引力。网上有历史电视节目和历史视频，孩子们可以以一种娱乐的方式观看和学习。还有一些历史视频游戏和历史测试应用程序，让孩子们一边玩一边学习历史。老实说，现在孩子们学习历史的方法数不胜数。

### 3. 通过书本和视频学习历史有什么不同？

从书本上学习历史和从视频中学习历史有一些显著的区别。首先，历史书中的信息通常比历史视频中的信息多得多。而且，这种信息通常更详细，可以更准确，而且往往直接显示其来源材料。相比之下，历史视频往往略过主题，只提供最有趣、最令人兴奋的信息。然而，这并不一定总是一件坏事，因为它为人们提供了一种简单易行的方式来了解历史。对一些人来说，分量沉重的历史教科书往往令人害怕。

### 4. 保护和保存历史建筑困难吗？

保护和保存历史建筑是极其困难的。首先，有很多人不想保护历史建筑。土地开发商和房地产开发商总是在寻找建造新建筑的地点，而历史建筑的保护成为了他们的障碍。因此，遗产信托和慈善机构通常必须与这些企业的利益作斗争。其次，保护历史建筑是一项复杂而艰巨的工作。其中一些建筑有几千年的历史，保护它们所需的资源和知识非常稀缺和昂贵。这意味着保护和保存历史建筑是一项艰巨的任务。



## 42: 收到急需品的时刻

### 1. What kinds of things do young people like to spend money on in your country

In my country young people like to spend money on things that are fun and things that are fashionable. This can be anything from clothes in the latest style, tickets to the hottest new music group, or trying out the latest food fad. A good example of this is boba tea. When I walk down the high street there are always massive queues outside of every store selling boba tea. It is a very trendy food fad at the moment and young people love to spend their money on boba tea. Similarly, young people spend their money at exciting new restaurants, cool bars, and in designer fashion stores. It is important to stay trendy.

### 2. Why do people often buy things they don't really need

There are those who frequently purchase unnecessary items because we live in a consumerist society. Everywhere you go there are adverts telling you that you need the latest phone, the newest fashion, expensive jewelry, novel gadgets and so on. It is hard to go anywhere without advertising affecting you. Furthermore, it is easier than ever to spend money. I just take out my phone, go onto Alibaba, order what I want, and it is sent to my door. Therefore, not only are people encouraged to buy things they don't need due to rampant advertising, but it is also so easy for them to do so.

### 3. Is it necessary to advertise in today's economy

It's hard to put an argument against the need to advertise in today's economy. We live in a globalized society with a globalized economy. What this means is that the entire world is in a competitive economy with every nation trying to generate as much wealth as possible. The best way to generate wealth is by selling products and services. And the best way to sell products and services is by using advertising. Therefore, any successful product, business, or service needs to advertise in today's economy if they are to stay competitive and relevant.

### 4. What's the reason why owning materials possessions is important to people

There are those who place much significance on owning luxury and commodity items because they are a sign of wealth and they can also bring people a lot of comfort and joy. On the one hand, some people like to own things because the items show off their success and wealth. This is why people buy mansions, expensive designer clothes, and flashy cars. On the other hand, some people like to own things because they improve their quality of life. This comes from items such as a nice TV, good kitchen appliances, or even something as simple as a warm jacket. These aspects of owning material possessions are what makes it important to people.

中文翻译：

### 1. 你们国家的年轻人喜欢把钱花在哪些方面

在我们国家，年轻人喜欢把钱花在有趣和时尚的东西上。这可以是任何东西，从最新款式的衣服，最热门的新音乐团体的门票，或尝试最新的网红食物。一个很好的例子就是奶茶。当我走在大街上时，每个卖珍珠奶茶的商店外面总是排着长队。这是当下非常流行的一种饮食时尚，年轻人喜欢把钱花在奶茶上。同样，年轻人把钱花在新奇的餐馆、酒吧和潮牌商店。保持潮流很重要。

### 2. 为什么人们经常买他们并不真正需要的东西

人们经常会买他们并不真正需要的东西，因为我们生活在一个消费主义社会。无论你走到哪里，都有广告告诉你，你需要最新的手机，最新的时装，昂贵的珠宝，新颖的小玩意等等。无论走到哪里，广告都很难不影响你。此外，现在比以往任何时候都更容易花钱。我只需拿出手机，登陆阿里巴巴，订购我想要的东西，然后它就会送到我家门口。因此，由于泛滥的广告，人们不仅被鼓励去买他们不需要的东西，而且他们这么做也很容易。

### 3. 在今天的经济形势下，做广告有必要吗

在当今的经济形势下，广告的必要性还是有的。我们生活在一个全球化的社会，一个全球化的经济。这意味着整个世界处于一个竞争经济中，每个国家都试图创造尽可能多的财富。创造财富的最好方式是销售产品和服务。销售产品和服务的最好方法就是打广告。因此，任何成功的产品、企业或服务都需要在今天的经济中做广告，如果他们想保持竞争力和相关性的话。

### 4. 为什么拥有物质财产对人们来说很重要

拥有物质财富对人们来说很重要，因为它们财富的象征，也能给人们带来很多舒适和快乐。一方面，有些人喜欢拥有东西，因为这些东西能显示他们的成功和财富。这就是为什么人们会买豪宅、昂贵的设计师服装和华丽的汽车。另一方面，有些人喜欢拥有东西，因为它们可以提高他们的生活质量。比如一台漂亮的电视，好的厨房电器，甚至像一件暖和的夹克这样简单的东西。拥有物质财富对人们很重要。

## 43: 见过的有趣老人

### 1. Do you think old people and young people can share interests?

Yes, not only do I hold the opinion that the elderly and the youth can share hobbies, pursuits, and fascinations, I believe it is quite the common occurrence. People often overemphasize the differences between old people and young people. In truth, we share many interests. Old and young people can be interested in the same types of food, the same types of music, the same types of films and TV shows, the same types of sports, the same types of art, and the list goes on and on. It may be true that there are some aspects of culture more preferred by young people or more preferred by old people but that does not stop them from sharing interests.

### 2. What can old people teach young people?

There is no end to the life lessons that old people can teach young people. The elderly have lived long lives and learned many lessons along the way. That experience is very valuable. If you talk to any old person you will discover there is something they are very skilled and experienced in. Some old people can teach you everything there is to know about cooking, while others can teach you about politics, and others about romance. Old people can teach young people the life lessons they have learned over the years.

### 3. Are there benefits when one person is interested in another person?

When two people find each other engaging and fascinating there are many advantages. Interest in someone is the basis for many things such as respect, admiration, and friendship. Therefore, interest in someone can improve many relationships. Students will learn from teachers better if they are interested in the teacher. Children will listen to their parents more carefully if they are interested in them. And strangers can become friends if they are interested in each other. Being interested in someone can bring many benefits to a person.

### 4. Do you think many people today are too self-centred?

I have started to believe that there has been a rampant rise of selfishness in our society and it is quite the shame. Nowadays, a lot of people are only interested in their own popularity, appearance, and success. I think the main reasons for this is that we live in a very competitive culture and social media forces us to think about our appearance all of the time. This leads to people being self-centred and always putting themselves first. This is a very bad character trait and leads to an unhappy and unequal society. Therefore, I think it is important for us all to try and be as generous and empathetic as possible.

中文翻译：

1. 你认为老年人和年轻人能分享兴趣吗？

是的，我不仅相信老年人和年轻人可以分享兴趣，而且我相信这是很常见的事情。人们常常过分强调老年人和年轻人之间的区别。事实上，我们有很多共同的兴趣。老年人和年轻人可能对同一类型的食物感兴趣，对同一类型的音乐感兴趣，对同一类型的电影和电视节目感兴趣，对同一类型的运动感兴趣，对同一类型的艺术感兴趣，还有很多很多。不得不承认的是，年轻人和老年人对于不同文化的喜好的确有不同，但这并不妨碍他们分享兴趣。

2. 老人能教给年轻人什么？

老年人能教给年轻人的人生道理有很多。老年人年纪都很大，人生中得到了不少的教训。这些经历非常宝贵。如果你和任何一位老人交谈，你会发现他们在某些方面非常熟练和有经验。有些老人可以教你烹饪，有些老人可以教你政治，还有一些老人可以教你浪漫。老年人可以把他们多年来学到的人生经验教给年轻人。

3. 当一个人对另一个人产生好奇或者感兴趣会带来什么好处？

对其他人感兴趣有很多好处。对某人的兴趣是尊重、钦佩和友谊等许多事情的基础。因此，对某人感兴趣可以改善许多关系。如果学生对老师感兴趣，他们会更虚心更专心地向老师学习。如果孩子对父母感兴趣，他们会更仔细地听父母的话。如果陌生人对彼此感兴趣，他们也可以成为朋友。对某人感兴趣可以给一个人带来很多好处。

4. 你认为现在很多人太以自我为中心了吗？

我认为现在有很多人太以自我为中心了，这很令人遗憾。现在，很多人只对自己的知名度、外表和成功感兴趣。我认为主要原因是我们生活在一个竞争激烈的文化中，社交媒体迫使我们时时刻刻都在考虑自己的外在形象。这导致人们以自我为中心，总是把自己放在第一位。这是一个非常坏的性格特征，会形成一个不快乐和不平等的社会。因此，我认为对我们所有人来说，尽可能地慷慨和善解人意是很重要的。



## 44: 去过的一个空气不好的地方

### 1. Is there more pollution now than in the past?

There is without a doubt more pollution now than in the past. On a global scale greenhouse gas emissions have been on the rise consistently year after year. It may be true that pollution was very bad when we were burning coal before the discovery of oil, but now the population of the world is so high and everybody wants energy. And that is only greenhouse gases, there is also the litter we create as a society, the plastic pollution that goes into the oceans, and the light and noise pollution generated by our cities. It is an undeniable fact that we produce more pollution now than we ever have before.

### 2. In what ways can air pollution be reduced effectively?

If we as a society wish to curtail the rampant rise of pollutants in our air we must prevent activities that create a lot of greenhouse gases and smog. For example, taking public transport rather than every person driving a personal car significantly reduces the amount of air pollution produced. Moreover, scientists are currently working on new methods to remove air pollution from the air. These are called carbon capture programs and billions of dollars are invested into them every year. However, one of the simplest ways to reduce air pollution is to prevent deforestation and to ensure there are enough trees to keep producing oxygen out of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### 3. Do you think the city is cleaner or dirtier than the countryside? Why?

The city is dirtier than the countryside because the city is a concentrated mass of hundreds and thousands of people while the countryside is vast swathes of uninhabited land. It is undeniable that humans produce a lot of waste. In the cities, where there is a concentrated mass of people, the streets are often littered with trash, there is smog in the air and the walls are discoloured with grime, and in poorer areas there are dilapidated buildings full of broken glass. In contrast to this, the countryside is full of fields, streams, forests, and mountains that are completely uninhabited with crystal clear water and clean air.

### 4. What can factories and power plants do to reduce pollutant?

There is a lot that needs to be done by factories and power plants to reduce the emission of pollutants. The first and most crucial thing factories and power plants need to do is to convert to renewable energy. By converting to a renewable energy such as solar, wind, or hydroelectric these sites can run on power that is clean and does not produce pollutants. It is also important for these companies to invest into carbon capture programs to attempt to offset the thousands of tons of pollutants they have released into the atmosphere. In short, factories and powerplants need to do a lot to reduce pollutants.

中文翻译：

1. 现在的污染比过去更严重吗？

毫无疑问，当代的污染比过去更严重。在全球范围内，温室气体排放量一直在逐年上升。虽说在发现石油之前，当我们还在烧煤的时候，污染可能是更严重的，但现在世界人口如此之多，每个人都需要能源。这还只是温室气体，还有我们社会制造的垃圾，进入海洋的塑料污染，以及我们城市产生的光和噪音污染。我们现在产生的污染比以往任何时候都多，这是一个不可否认的事实。

2. 怎样才能有效地减少空气污染？

减少空气污染最有效的方法是防止产生大量温室气体和烟雾的活动。例如，通过乘坐公共交通代替私家车出行，这样可以显著降低空气污染。此外，科学家们目前正在研究清除空气污染的新方法。这些被称为碳捕获项目，每年有数十亿美元投入其中。然而，减少空气污染最简单的方法之一是防止森林砍伐，并确保有足够的树木来从二氧化碳中产生氧气。

3. 你认为城市比农村更干净还是更脏？为什么？

城市比农村更脏，因为城市是成千上万人的集中地，而农村是大片无人居住的土地。不可否认，人类产生了大量的废物。在人口集中的城市里，街道上经常散落着垃圾，空气中弥漫着烟雾，墙壁因污垢而褪色，在较贫穷的地区，破旧的建筑里满是碎玻璃。与此相反，乡村到处都是田野、溪流、森林和山脉，完全无人居住，有清澈的水和干净的空气。

4. 工厂和发电厂可以做些什么来减少污染？

工厂和发电厂需要做很多事情来减少污染物的排放。工厂和发电厂需要做的第一件也是最关键的事情是改用可再生能源。通过使用可再生能源，如太阳能、风能或水力发电，这些站点避免产生污染。对这些公司来说，投资碳捕获项目以抵消他们向大气中排放的数千吨污染物也很重要。简而言之，要减少污染，工厂和发电厂需要做很多工作。

## 45: 去过的一个嘈杂地方

### 1. Do you think it is good for children to make noise?

I think it is rather distasteful and irritating when children are loud and rambunctious. There are many children nowadays who are very unruly and cause great commotion in the community. This is a great annoyance and upsets many people. When children are noisy and spend their time shouting and screaming in the streets, they disturb many people. They distract those who are trying to work, they disturb those who are trying to sleep, and generally cause the community a lot of stress. So, I would have to say that in general it is not good for children to make noise.

### 2. Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

I do not think it is fair to say that children should be expected to be quiet or silent at all times. There are many instances in which it is appropriate or even encouraged that children make noise. For example, if a child has hurt themselves or is in danger it is appropriate for them to make noise to try and get help. In another situation, a child may be in a place where noise is encouraged such as if they are supporting the local football team in the stadium and everyone is cheering for the team. There are definitely certain circumstances in which children are allowed to make noise.

### 3. What kinds of noises are there in our life?

There is a whole plethora of noises that the average person will encounter in their life. There are the noises we hear from other people when they speak, shout, laugh, cry, sing, or make any sound that humans make on a daily basis. Beyond that, there are the noises made by society such as the sound of traffic, the sound of the metro in the city, the sound of glass breaking, or machinery whirring, or pipes gushing with water. There are also the noises of the natural world like the wind rushing through trees, the sound of the ocean, or even the rumbling of thunder. There are noises that come from every aspect of the world.

### 4. Which is exposed to more noise, the city or the countryside?

I think it is evidently the case that the city is inundated with various forms of noise pollution and clamour while by contrast the countryside is rather quiet. It is true that there are noises unique to the countryside such as a variety of bird calls and the chirping of crickets. However, none of that compares to the absolute din of the roaring of traffic, the shouting of a thousand voices in the street, music blasting out of cars and night clubs, the sound of ceaseless construction work and all the other hundreds of noises city folk have to deal with on a daily basis. The city is exposed to far more noise than the countryside.

中文翻译：

1. 你认为孩子们制造噪音对他们有好处吗？

我认为孩子们制造噪音是不好的。现在有许多孩子很不守规矩，在社区里引起很大的骚动。这是一个很大的烦恼，让许多人心烦意乱。当孩子们吵闹，在街上大喊大叫时，他们打扰了很多。它们分散了那些试图工作的人的注意力，打扰了那些试图睡觉的人，通常会给社区带来很大的压力。所以，我不得不说，总的来说，孩子们制造噪音是不好的。

2. 在任何情况下都不允许孩子们制造噪音吗？

我认为说在任何情况下都不允许孩子们制造噪音是不公平的。在许多情况下，孩子们制造噪音是适当的，甚至是被鼓励的。例如，如果一个孩子伤害了自己或处于危险之中，他们可以发出声音来寻求帮助。在另一种情况下，一个孩子可能在一个鼓励噪音的地方，比如他们在体育场支持当地的足球队，每个人都在为球队加油。在某些特定的情况下，孩子们是被允许制造噪音的。

3. 在我们的生活中有哪些噪音？

普通人在生活中会遇到很多的噪音。别人说话、喊叫、大笑、哭泣、唱歌或人们日常发出的声音都是我们能接收到的噪音。除此之外，还有社会制造的噪音，如交通的声音，城市地铁的声音，玻璃破碎的声音，或机械的嗡嗡声，或管道喷出的水。也有自然世界的噪音，如风吹过树木，海洋的声音，甚至雷声隆隆。噪音来自世界的各个方面。

4. 城市和乡村，哪个更容易受到噪音的影响？

我认为很明显，城市比乡村受到更多的噪音的影响。的确，乡村有独特的噪音，如各种各样的鸟叫声和蟋蟀的唧唧声。然而，这些都比不上交通的轰鸣声、街上成千上万人的喊叫、汽车和夜总会里传出的音乐、没完没了的建筑工程的声音，以及城市居民每天不得不面对的数百种其他噪音。城市受到的噪音比乡村大得多。



## 46: 一个享受的生活习惯

### 1. What kinds of routines do people follow at home?

Most people have some form of daily structure and order that they adhere to while at home, I think the most common are cleaning routines, eating routines, and working routines. For instance, most people will have a routine to the cleaning they do around the house, whether they clean their kitchen and bathroom every week or simply do a deep clean of the whole home once a month. Another example of a routine people follow at home is a person's meal schedule. Many people will have planned breakfast, lunch, and dinner times, with some people even planning what specific food they will have well in advance. Finally, with many people working from home nowadays, there are also those with tight work routines they follow at home.

### 2. Do having routines at home make everyday life easier?

I am of the opinion that following a schedule at home greatly simplifies day to day life. Without routines at home, it is easy to become overwhelmed by the sheer amount of decisions a person has to make on a day to day basis. When you have a preset routine, these decisions are already made for you, and you can focus on the important things. With a routine you do not have to think about when to shower, what to eat for lunch, at what time to take some exercise, the list could go on. This makes life far easier, as the mundane tasks are all decided, and a person can focus on their life goals and development.

### 3. What's the advantages for young children to have a daily routine at school

I think there is a wealth of benefits that arise from young children adhering to the repeated structure of a school day. The main advantage is that it prepares children for the expectations of the adult world. Society runs like clockwork and being able to follow a daily routine is an essential life skill. Moreover, it teaches children discipline, time management, and planning skills. These are all skills that will be immensely advantageous to them throughout their lives. Furthermore, young children are not always the best at making decisions for themselves, so having a daily routine set by the school will keep them on the right track.

### 4. Is it useful for older children to decide their own study routines

Personally, I think it can be beneficial for older children to determine their own study schedules. There comes a point in a person's life where they have to start taking responsibility for themselves and to start making their own decisions. If older children do not learn to decide for themselves their own study routines then they will be a mess when they get to university and they are on their own. It is important for older children to learn this independence while they still have their family around to support them, rather than being forced to learn it too late after leaving home.

中文翻译：

### 1. 人们在家里遵循什么样的日常生活？

大多数人在家里都有某种形式的日常，我认为最常见的是日常清洁，饮食和工作。例如，大多数人都会有一个日常的清洁工作，无论是每周打扫厨房和浴室，还是每月对整个家进行一次深度清洁。人们在家里遵循的另一个日常的例子是一个人的用餐时间表。许多人会计划好早餐、午餐和晚餐的时间，有些人甚至提前计划好他们吃什么特定的食物。最后，现在有很多人在家工作，他们在家也许也有严格的工作日程。

### 2. 有规律的家庭安排会让日常生活更轻松吗？

我的观点是，在家里有规律的安排会使日常生活容易得多。如果没有日常生活，一个人很容易被每天必须做出的大量决定所压垮。当你有一个预设的日程时，这些决定已经是确定了的，你可以专注于重要的事情。有了日常生活，你就不必考虑什么时候洗澡，午餐吃什么，什么时候锻炼，这样的事情可以不胜枚举。这让生活变得轻松多了，因为琐碎的任务都确定下来了，一个人可以专注于自己的人生目标和发展。

### 3. 孩子们在学校有规律的日常生活有什么好处呢

小孩子在学校有规律的日常生活是有很多好处的。主要的好处是它让孩子们为成人世界做好准备。社会就像钟表一样运转，能够遵循日常生活是一项基本的生活技能。此外，它还教会孩子纪律、时间管理和计划技能。这些技能都将对他们的一生大有裨益。此外，年幼的孩子并不总是善于自己做决定，所以有一个由学校设定的日常日程会让他们走上正确的轨道。

### 4. 大一点的孩子自己决定学习日程有用吗

就我个人而言，我认为让大一点的孩子自己决定学习日程是有用的。在一个人的生命中，总有一个时刻，他们必须开始对自己负责，开始自己做决定。如果大一点的孩子不学会自己决定自己的学习日程，那么当他们上大学时，他们就会一团糟，他们只能靠自己了。对于大一点的孩子来说，在他们还有家人在身边支持他们的时候就学会独立是很重要的，而不是在离家后才被迫学会。

## 47: 跟别人一起做事的经历

### 1. What do young children learn from being with others in class?

The most essential thing young children learn from being with others in class are social skills and empathy. It has been proven that children who grow up isolated and without other children to learn from often have interpersonal problems and complexes such as narcissism. Therefore, it is obvious that the most important thing young children learn from each other is how to interact, be polite, communicate, and treat each other with respect. A big part of this is learning to practice empathy. I think young children start to learn to empathize while they are in class and empathizing with their fellow classmates. Empathy is a crucial skill and essential to the development of a healthy, non-narcissistic, outlook on life.

### 2. Is it important for school children to like their classmates?

I would argue that it is not essential or crucial for schoolkids to be fond of their peers, but it is important to have some friends and people you can count on. Let's be honest, sometimes children don't get on and dislike each other. That is normal and it is completely fine for a child to dislike some of their classmates. But, if a child dislikes all their classmates, then they are most likely the problem. Having some classmates who are on your side is pretty important. So, it is important for school children to like at least some of their classmates.

### 3. What makes someone a good colleague?

I think the skills that determine a decent coworker are good listening skills, a can-do attitude, and empathy. Being a good colleague is all about knowing the people around you, what they need, and how you can help them. Therefore, listening to the needs of your colleagues and being able to empathize with their problems are crucial skills. Then if you top this off with a can-do attitude and try your hardest to help those around you, you are pretty much the best colleague a person can be!

### 4. Is it the most important to have good colleagues in a job?

It is so important to have good colleagues in a job. The worst thing at work is when your colleagues are a hindrance rather than a help. Bad colleagues lead to people being overworked, stressed, and unhappy in the workplace. This can lead to many issues. Good colleagues ensure that the job is done well, and everyone is happy while doing it! So good colleagues are imperative to good working conditions and a happy work environment.

中文翻译：

#### 1. 小孩子在课堂上和其他人一起能学到什么？

孩子们在课堂上学到的最重要的东西是社交技能和同理心。事实证明，在孤独中长大、没有其他孩子可以学习的孩子往往有人际关系问题和情结，比如自恋。因此，很明显，孩子们互相学习的最重要的事情是如何互动、礼貌、交流和尊重彼此。其中很大一部分是学习练习同理心。我认为小孩子在上课的时候就开始学会同情他们的同学。同理心是一项至关重要的技能，对于建立健康、不自恋的人生观至关重要。

#### 2. 学生喜不喜欢他们的同学很重要吗？

对孩子来说，喜欢他们的同学并不是最重要的，但有一些可以依靠的朋友和人是重要的。老实说，有时候孩子们相处不好，互相不喜欢。这是正常的，孩子不喜欢他们的一些同学是完全正常的。但是，如果一个孩子不喜欢他所有的同学，那么他很可能就是问题所在。有一些跟你合得来的同学是非常重要的。因此，对于学校的孩子来说，至少喜欢一些同学是很重要的。

#### 3. 怎样才能成为好同事？

我认为成为好同事的关键在于良好的倾听能力、积极进取的态度和同理心。做一个好同事就是要了解你周围的人，他们需要什么，以及你能如何帮助他们。因此，倾听同事的需求，并能感同身受地理解他们的的问题是至关重要的技能。然后，如果你以一种“我能做”的态度，尽你最大的努力去帮助周围的人，你几乎就是最好的同事了！

#### 4. 工作中有好同事最重要吗？

在工作中有好同事是非常重要的。没有什么比你在做一项困难的工作更糟糕的了，而那些本应该帮助你的人只会让你的工作变得更糟。糟糕的同事会导致人们在工作场所过度劳累、压力大、不开心。这会导致很多问题。好的同事会确保工作开展顺利，每个人都很开心！所以好同事对于良好和快乐的工作环境是必不可少的。



## 48: 派对里交谈甚欢的人

### 1. On what occasions would people be willing to get to know new people?

I can think of a plethora of circumstances in which individuals are eager to introduce themselves to new people, in fact I think most people are always willing to meet somebody new. We meet new people all the time throughout our life. We meet new people when we go to school and later when we go to university. We meet new people at any new job we start and sometimes if you are promoted to a new role. Occasionally we will meet new people less formally at parties and festivals. The world is full of new people and many occasions during which people would be willing to get to know them.

### 2. Where would people get to know new people?

There are a few different places where people get to know new people in the modern world. Outside of meeting people through work or school, some people like to meet new people by attending events. This can be anything from a music concert, a film screening, to a reading group. These are all social events that are full of new people where strangers can get to know each other. Nowadays, some people even get to know new people online talking to strangers on social media or other websites and eventually becoming friends!

### 3. How do people start a conversation?

There are a few different ways people start a conversation dependent on the context. In formal situations such as meeting a superior at work or meeting your partner's parents, most people start a conversation with a formal introduction. But there are less formal scenarios such as meeting people at a concert or bar in which people start conversations in a more casual way. Often people begin a conversation with an 'icebreaker' which is a silly joke or anecdote that 'breaks the ice' and starts the conversation. There are many ways to start a conversation, but it is important you do so in an appropriate way for the situation.

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

It can sometimes be tricky for Chinese people to convey proper meaning with foreigners who speak different languages. Unfortunately, outside of China there are not that many people who speak Mandarin, so to communicate we must speak in their native tongue or a shared language. However, even when speaking to someone in say the shared language of English, sometimes it is hard to communicate due to cultural differences. Often different cultures have different manners, customs, and a different sense of humour. These differences can make communication tricky.

中文翻译：

### 1. 人们愿意在什么场合结识新朋友？

人们愿意认识新朋友的场合有很多，事实上我认为大多数人总是愿意认识新朋友的。在我们的一生中，我们总是会遇到新的人。我们在上学的时候认识新朋友，后来在上大学的时候认识新朋友。我们在任何一份新工作中都会认识新朋友，有时如果你被提升到一个新的职位。偶尔我们会在聚会和节日上结识不那么正式的新朋友。世界上到处都是新人，也有很多场合，人们愿意去认识他们。

### 2. 人们从哪里认识新朋友呢？

在现代社会，人们可以在一些不同的地方认识新朋友。除了通过工作或学校认识人之外，有些人喜欢通过参加活动认识新朋友。这可以是音乐会、电影放映或读书会。这些都是充满新人的社交活动，陌生人可以在那里互相认识。如今，有些人甚至在社交媒体或其他网站上与陌生人聊天，在网上认识了新朋友，最终成为了朋友！

### 3. 人们如何开始谈话？

根据上下文，人们有几种不同的方式开始对话。在正式场合，比如在工作上见上司或见伴侣的父母，大多数人都会用正式自我介绍来开始对话。但也有一些不太正式的场合，比如在音乐会或酒吧见面，人们会以更随意的方式开始交谈。人们通常会用一个“破冰话术”来开始对话，一般来说就是一个愚蠢的笑话或轶事，可以“打破僵局”并开始对话。开始对话的方式有很多，但重要的是你要选择适合当时情况的方式。

### 4. 中国人和其他国家的人交流困难吗？

中国人与其他国家的人交流有时会很困难。不幸的是，在中国以外讲普通话的人并不多，所以我们必须用他们的母语或共同的语言进行交流。然而，即使是用我们共同的语言英语与人交谈，有时由于文化差异也很难交流。不同的文化通常有不同的礼仪、习俗和不同的幽默感。这些差异会让沟通变得棘手。

## 49: 不喜欢的广告

### 1. What types of products are often advertised in your country

In my country the most common type of products advertised are the products of big brands and international companies, I think this is probably true for most countries. In China the most common advertisements aren't from small local businesses. Instead, the types of products often advertised in my country are soft drinks such as Coca Cola, snacks and fast food like Oreos and McDonalds, as well as fashion brands and designers such as Levi's and Louis Vuitton. Advertising costs a lot of money, therefore I do not think it is surprising that the most common adverts come from the huge international brands that can afford it.

### 2. Is it a good idea to use famous people in advertisement

From the perspective of the companies trying to advertise, it is beneficial to the company to employ celebrities in their advertising. Advertisements are designed to get us to buy products, to trust brands, and to use services which maybe we don't even need. Therefore, the most crucial aspect of good advertising is to be convincing and to gain the consumer's trust. Most consumers will have their favourite celebrities and will respect the opinions of famous people. Therefore, if a famous person is advertising a product or a service more people are going to be convinced to buy or use it. This means it is clearly a good idea to use famous people in advertisements.

### 3. Which one is more effective, print advertising or online advertising?

Online advertising is far more effective than print advertising. In all honestly, print media is a dying industry. Less and less people are reading magazines and newspapers each year. While in contrast, there are millions and millions of people on all the different social media apps and websites. Social media advertising targets countless people and sends the adverts straight to their phones. This is a very effective form of advertising and old-fashioned print advertising hardly even compares to it. Therefore, it is obvious that online advertising is much more effective than print advertising.

### 4. Is it important to educate young people about the dangers of advertising

I think it is increasingly essential to inform the youth about the hazards and tricks of marketing and commercials. A few decades ago, advertising was far less insidious, it was something you could avoid. It used to be easy to avoid advertising, you could just turn off the radio or the TV when they started playing, or turn the page in the newspaper. Nowadays, advertising is everywhere and most dangerously it is on our phones and social media. There is no way to avoid it and advertising can be very manipulative and at times psychologically damaging. So young people must be educated about the dangers of advertising.

中文翻译：

### 1. 在你们国家经常做广告的产品类型是什么

在我的国家，广告中最常见的产品是大品牌和国际公司的产品，我认为大多数国家都是这样的。在中国，最常见的广告并非来自当地的小企业。相反，在我国经常做广告的产品类型是可口可乐这样的软饮料，奥利奥和麦当劳这样的零食和快餐，以及李维斯和路易威登这样的时尚品牌和设计师。广告花费很多钱，因此我认为最常见的广告是来自于能够负担得起的大型国际品牌。

### 2. 用名人做广告是个好主意吗

从试图做广告的公司角度来看，在广告中使用名人是一个好主意。广告的设计是为了让我们购买产品，信任品牌，使用我们甚至可能不需要的服务。因此，好的广告最关键的方面是要有说服力，并获得消费者的信任。大多数消费者都会有自己喜欢的名人，也会尊重名人的意见。因此，如果一个名人为一种产品或服务做广告，更多的人会被说服购买或使用它。这意味着在广告中使用名人显然是个好主意。

### 3. 平面广告和网络广告哪个更有效？

网络广告比平面广告更有效。老实说，纸媒是一个垂死的行业。每年读杂志和报纸的人越来越少了。相比之下，在所有不同的社交媒体应用程序和网站上有成千上万的人。社交媒体广告针对无数人，并将广告发送到他们的手机上。这是一种非常有效的广告形式，传统的平面广告几乎无法与之相比。因此，很明显，网络广告比平面广告更有效。

### 4. 教育年轻人了解广告的危害重要吗

我认为教育年轻人广告的危害越来越重要。几十年前，广告远没有那么阴险，它是你可以避免的东西。过去，避开广告很容易，你只要在广播或电视开始播放时关掉它们，或者在报纸上翻一页就可以了。如今，广告无处不在，最危险的是在我们的手机和社交媒体上。这是无法避免的，而且广告可能非常具有操控性，有时会对心理造成伤害。所以必须教育年轻人广告的危害。



## 50: 以后想学习的事情

### 1. What subjects are popular with young adults today?

I believe that nowadays the subjects that are most popular with young adults are STEM subjects or similar subjects such as economics, politics, and law. These are the subjects that can offer people the most powerful positions and the most lucrative jobs. STEM, or science, technology, engineering, and maths, is the largest recruiter of students in most major nations. Therefore, it is a very attractive subject area for most young adults due to the job security. Economics, politics, and law also can lead young adults into secure jobs and jobs with high social standing, so these are also popular subjects.

### 2. What's best age for young people to make decision about their future studies?

I think the optimal stage of life for the youth to determine the course of their future studies is between 16 and 18. It is important that the decision is not made too young, as people's brains are still growing as teenagers and their minds are developing. In other words, it is too important of a decision to let a 14 year old make. On the other hand, it is important not to leave it too late so that a young person has time to prepare and plan for their future studies. This is why I think the best age for young people to make a decision about their future studies is between 16 and 18.

### 3. Why do some people prefer to study alone rather than in a group?

I believe that there are those who would rather revise on their own than with company because they are easily distracted by others. There are many people who find it hard to focus and keep their attention on one thing. For people like this, being in a group is a big distraction. Instead of studying, it is too easy to chat, laugh, and joke with the people around you. This can lead to a far less efficient study session and in the long term can hinder a person's grades. Therefore, some people make the executive decision to always study alone and never to study in a group.

### 4. What are the ways people can learn practical subjects, such as cooking?

Nowadays, there is a great variety of mediums through which individuals can educate themselves on practical subjects such as DIY and repair. For example, often there are places such as community colleges or learning centers that will put on day and evening classes to teach people practical skills such as cooking, woodworking, gardening, and even things as specific as bike repair. This is a very effective and 'tried and tested' form of learning practical subjects. However, it is becoming more and more common for people nowadays to learn practical subjects from videos on the internet. This has the advantages of being easily accessible and often free! So, there are different ways for a person to learn practical subjects.

中文翻译：

### 1. 现在年轻人最喜欢什么科目？

我认为，如今最受年轻人欢迎的学科是 **STEM** 学科或类似的学科，如经济、政治和法律。这些学科可以为人们提供最有权力的职位和最赚钱的工作。**STEM**，即科学、技术、工程和数学，是大多数主要国家招收学生最多的学科。因此，由于工作稳定，这对大多数年轻人来说是一个非常具有吸引力的学科领域。经济、政治和法律也可以让年轻人找到稳定的工作和社会地位高的工作，所以这些也是受欢迎的学科。

### 2. 年轻人最好几岁做未来学业的决定？

我认为年轻人做出未来学习计划的最佳年龄是 16 岁到 18 岁。重要的是，不要在太年轻的时候做出决定，因为人们的大脑还在成长，他们的思想还在发育。换句话说，这个决定太重要了，不能让一个 14 岁的孩子做。另一方面，重要在于不要太晚，这样年轻人就有时间为未来的学习做准备和计划。这就是为什么我认为年轻人做出未来学习决定的最佳年龄是 16 到 18 岁。

### 3. 为什么有些人喜欢独自学习而不喜欢集体学习？

我相信有些人更喜欢独自学习而不是在一个小组中学习，因为他们很容易被其他人分心。有很多人发现很难集中注意力在一件事情上。对于这样的人来说，在一个群体中是一种很大的分心。与其学习，不如和周围的人聊天、大笑、开玩笑。这会导致学习效率低得多，从长远来看会影响一个人的成绩。因此，有些人决定总是独自学习，从不在小组学习。

### 4. 人们有什么方法可以学习实用科目，比如烹饪？

人们可以通过许多不同的方式学习实用学科，比如烹饪。例如，经常有一些地方，如社区大学或培训中心，会开设白班和夜班，教人们实用技能，如烹饪、木工、园艺，甚至像自行车修理这样具体的事情。这是学习实用学科的一种非常有效的、“久经考验”的方式。然而，现在人们通过互联网上的视频学习实用科目变得越来越普遍。它的优点是很容易获得，而且通常是免费的！所以，一个人学习实用科目有不同的方法。

## 51: 投诉

### 1. What do people often make complaints about in your country?

In Chinese culture, it is very common for people compare themselves with others, and this is the source of many complaints. Parents are well-known for comparing their children to the children of their family members, friends and colleagues and will often complain about their children if they think they don't work as hard, don't perform as well in school exams, don't earn as much money or have a bigger house. On the other hand, students always complain about the amount of homework they get and how much pressure their parents put on them to achieve high academic grades. Many people, particularly the older generations like to complain about the government, especially because the cost of living is getting higher and higher every year, while educated young people complain about not having as much freedom as people from other countries.

### 2. Do you think it's better to make a complaint in person or in writing?

In China, I think it's probably better to make a complaint in person compared to writing your complaint. If you write a complaint and send it to a company, you may not get a reply. You may not even know for sure whether somebody has even read it or not. The only way writing a complaint might be effective is if you write it on social media where the public can all read it. Doing this might make a company act because they don't want people to think that they don't treat their customers well. If you make a complaint in person, it is hard for people to ignore you. Even if you don't get what you want, at least you will know for sure that they know why you are dissatisfied.

### 3. Do young people complain more or less than older people?

In my experience, both old and young people complain quite a lot, but I think overall young people complain more. I think that this is probably because the older generations were alive during a very difficult time in China, where most people didn't have a high standard of living, a lot of money or much food to eat. Because of these economic problems, they realize how much better their lives are now, compared to the past. Most young people have never experienced these kind of problems and don't understand how easy their lives are compared to their parents and grandparents, so naturally complain about things they don't like. Many kids nowadays are quite spoiled and throw a tantrum if their parents refuse to buy them the latest electronic device or fashionable sneakers.

### 4. Why it is important for companies to respond well to customers complaints?

With the rise of social media in China, having a positive reputation is extremely important for companies. Unlike the past where companies could cover up any negative publicity, news spreads so quickly online nowadays and this can have a disastrous impact. Restaurants who don't respond well to complaints can quickly lose all their customers and shut down and if people hear negative information about a particular brand, they will just choose a different brand with similar products. Moreover, if a company responds professionally to a customer complaint, this can actually improve their business, even if the complaint was genuine.

中文翻译：

### 1. 在你们国家人们经常抱怨什么？

在中国人的文化中，人们经常拿自己和别人比较，这也是许多抱怨的来源。众所周知，父母喜欢拿自己的孩子和家人、朋友和同事的孩子做比较，如果他们认为自己的孩子没有其他人努力，在学校考试中表现没有他们好，挣的钱没有他们多，房子也没有他们大，他们就会经常抱怨。另一方面，学生总是抱怨他们的家庭作业实在太多了，他们的父母给了他们非常大的压力，让他们取得更好的学习成绩。许多人，尤其是老一辈人喜欢抱怨政府，尤其是因为生活的成本每年水涨船高，而受过教育的年轻人则抱怨其他国家的人那么自由。

### 2. 你认为当面投诉好还是书面投诉好？

在中国，我认为面对面投诉比书面投诉更有用。如果你写了一份投诉信并寄给某家公司，你很可能会得不到回复。你甚至不知道是否有人看过。唯一有效的投诉方式就是把它写在公众都能看到的社交媒体上。这样做可能会让公司行动起来，因为他们不希望人们认为他们对客户不好。如果你亲自当面抱怨，那他们则很难不理你。即使你没有得到你想要的，至少你会确定他们知道你为什么不满意。

### 3. 年轻人的抱怨比老年人多还是少？

根据我的经验，老年人和年轻人都很爱抱怨，但我认为总体上年轻人抱怨的更多。我想这可能是因为老一辈人生活在中国非常困难的时期，当时大多数人的生活水平都不高，穷得很，也吃不饱。因为这些经济问题，他们会意识到他们现在的生活比过去好了很多。大多数年轻人从未经历过这类问题，也不明白与他们的父母和祖父母相比，他们的生活是多么轻松，所以很自然地抱怨他们不喜欢的事情。现在很多孩子都被宠坏了，如果父母不给他们买最新的电子设备或最潮的运动鞋，他们就会发脾气。

### 4. 为什么公司对客户的投诉做出合理的回应是很重要的？

随着社交媒体在中国的兴起，拥有良好的声誉对公司来说极其重要。不像过去，公司可以掩盖任何负面宣传，现在的新闻在网上传播得太快了，这很可能会造成巨大的社会影响。如果餐馆不理睬顾客的投诉，他们很快就会失去所有的顾客，甚至关门大吉。如果人们听到关于某个品牌的负面信息，他们就会选择另一个拥有类似产品的品牌。此外，如果一家公司得体地回应客户的投诉，这肯定可以改善他们的形象，即使投诉是真实的。



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