

Describe a water sport you would like to try in the future (想要尝试的水上运动)

You should say:

What it is

Where you would like to try it

Whether it's difficult

And explain why you would like to try it

素材一:

I really want to learn surfing some day. It's now a popular sport everywhere around the world. I've been seeing many friends go surfing, and it looks so fun.

In terms of where I'll learn this skill, well, I think I want to learn it in Sanya, in Hainan Province. It's the closest and the most affordable place in China to learn surfing. I know there're some surfing schools there with great teachers. Actually, I know several friends who learned surfing in Sanya.

Regarding how difficult it is going to be, ...

(版本一, 水性好的人) Well, I'm pretty confident to say that it'll be a piece of cake (小菜一碟) / easy peasy (同上) / like a walk in the park (像在公园里散步一样, 这是一句俚语, 表示“小菜一碟”) as I love being in water. I'm a good swimmer, and I love snorkeling. So, I don't have any fears for water or waves. I just need to learn to stand on the surfboard properly (站在冲浪板上) first, and practice paddling around in the sea (在海里划水). After I learn to catch a wave (捕捉一个大浪). I can learn to ride the wave (骑在浪上). I'm pretty fit and have a sense of good balance (平衡力好), so I don't see how surfing can be a difficult thing for me. Maybe it'll be a little challenging at first, but very soon I can get the hang of it (上手).

(版本二, 水性不好的人) Well, to be honest, I guess, it won't be a piece of cake/like a walk in the park/ easy peasy for me, it'll be the opposite of being easy, as I'm a terrible swimmer, and I have a little bit "sea phobia".

I'm not very good at sports either. So, I can imagine how clumsy (笨拙) I will be between the waves. But I just want to learn it. It looks so cool to be standing on the board, riding the waves, even walking down the beach holding the board looks pretty cool, haha.

Anyway, that's the water sport I want to learn. It's been on my bucket list (心愿清单) for quite some time. Thank you!

-surfing: surfboard 冲浪板; wetsuit 冲浪服;

Practice on the ground first (现在陆地上练习) ; then practice getting up; learn to stand on the board properly; paddle around and get comfortable in the water (下水试试划水, 先适应一下水中的感觉) ; find a spot (找到一个地点) ; catch a wave (等浪来!) ; ride the wave (冲浪)

素材二:

Well, I really want to learn scuba diving (深海潜水) .

Scuba diving is very popular now in China. Many of my friends have tried this activity, and they all told me that it was an amazing experience. I could totally imagine how fantastic it would be to be able to swim under the sea, like a fish, and see all the other fish and all kinds of marine creatures in the blue water. I remember one of my friends told me that she felt like a little mermaid (小美人鱼) each time when she was diving in the ocean. I saw some of her videos, gosh, they were amazing. And that's why I want to learn to scuba dive.

In terms of where I'll learn this skill, well, I think I want to learn it in Sanya, in Hainan Province. It's the closest and the most affordable place in China to learn scuba diving. I know there're some scuba diving schools there with great teachers. Actually, I know several friends who learned there. And they all say it's an expensive hobby as you need to buy all the gear (所有的装备) . The tank (水箱) , the scuba regulator (潜水调节器) , the wetsuit (潜水衣) , and fins (脚蹼) . You can end up spending a lot of money on gear. But I guess it'll be worth it. My friends told me, the better the gear, the better the experience.

Regarding how difficult it is going be, ...

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(版本二，水性不好的人) Well, to be honest, I guess, it won't be a piece of cake/like a walk in the park/ easy peasy for me, it'll be the opposite of being easy, as I'm a terrible swimmer, and I have a little bit "sea phobia". I'm not very good at sports either. So, I can imagine how clumsy (笨拙) I will be deep in the sea. So, if I want to learn this skill, I need to combat my fear for the sea.

But I just want to experience it. It looks like such an amazing experience and I have "FOMO" (fear of missing out). I can't wait to see all the creatures in the sea.

So, yeh, that's the waster sport I want to learn. Thank you!

Part3:

1. What are the advantages of water transportation?

The biggest pro (最大优点) of water transportation is the price. It is the cheapest way to transport goods, especially for bulky cargo (超大货物). You can transport bulky cargo in large quantities in one trip. And at the same time, those cargo ships (大货船) typically are more fuel-effective (省汽油的) than airplanes and trucks. And also, I read somewhere that (我在哪里读到过) water transportation is more environmentally friendly (环境友好). It emits less greenhouse gases (释放更少的温室气体) compared with other forms like railway, road, or air transportation. (罗列)

2. Why do people like to live near water?

Some people live near water because they enjoy the beautiful water view. Imagine, living next to the water, every morning you open the curtain, the first thing you see is the beautiful sea, lake, or river. It's the best way to start your day. And some people love all kinds of water sports, water activities, such as, surfing, snorkeling, scuba diving, swimming in the water or sea. Some people love the ambiance (氛围) living right next to the water. More people, more things going on, it feels more vibrant. So, for people who love crowds (人群) and are socially active (社交很积极的), living next to the water is the best option. (分群体讨论)

3. What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?

There are so many water sports that are trendy (流行的) today in China. Like I just mentioned, surfing is very on trend (流行的). And then scuba diving and snorkeling are also very popular. I guess people just want to get into the water, see all the marine creatures and get closer to nature. Fishing, believe it or not (不管你信不信), has been growing into popularity (越来越受青睐) in recent years. I think it's a great way to enjoy a slow-paced lifestyle, unwind and bond with your friends, meanwhile waiting for the fish to bite (等鱼上钩). (罗列)

4. Do you think it's good to teach swimming in schools?

I would say it's a great idea. First of all, it is such a necessary survival skill/ life skill (生存技能) that everybody should know, and it's easier to learn it at an early age. And then, it is also a great way to let off the steam and have a good time with their peers. It is a really fun and enjoyable activity, and at the same time, it's very challenging. It challenges kids' physical limits (挑战生理极限), helps them build muscles (增加肌肉) and increase their physical endurance (增加耐力). Overall, it's a super good idea! (罗列)

5. What do you think of the people who waste water?

I think people who waste water are very selfish and irresponsible. I feel really irritated (恼怒的) because we really need water to survive and to

sustain this planet, and let's face it, we are not doing a good job saving the water (咱们老实讲, 我们在省水这件事上做的并不好) . And the fact that some people just think about themselves instead of the greater good of the whole society (社会全局利益) just makes me furious (怒火中烧) . (原因)

6. What are the characteristics of goods transported by water? 水路运输的货品都有什么特质?

Well, like I mentioned, water transportation is perfect for transporting bulky goods (大宗货物) such as big machinery (大型机器) , steel (钢铁) , or construction equipment (建筑设备) . And also, those non-perishable (不易腐烂的, 这个词还蛮常用的) goods such as dry food (米、面、谷物) , clothes, electronics (电子产品) , goods that can go through the test of time (经得起时间的考验) are also idea things to be transported by water. (罗列, 举例子)