

Geography (地理)

1. How do you like geography?

① I'm fascinated by geography! Actually, geography was one of my favourite subjects at school. I enjoy learning about other countries, including everything from politics to natural phenomena (任何有关政治地理到自然现象的知识). It's fascinating (迷人的) stuff! (原因)

② No, not really. I don't know a whole lot about (知道很多) geography.

I hated/strongly disliked geography class when I was in high school; often times I spaced out (发呆, 走神) during class. That's why I didn't do well in the subject. I have such a terrible memory (我的记性很不好) that I can't remember the names of cities or places. (原因, 时间分层)

2. Have you ever studied geography at school?

① Yeh, geography was a mandatory/compulsory subject (必修课) at school, from primary school through high school. Like I mentioned earlier, it was my favorite subject at that time. I can still vividly recall sitting in class, enjoying the lessons, and often getting lost in daydreams (陷入白日梦) of someday exploring the countries and cities we studied in our textbooks.

② Yeh, geography was a mandatory/compulsory subject (必修课) at school, from primary school through high school. Like I mentioned earlier, it was my least favorite subject during that time. I remember myself finding it difficult to connect with the subject. I was struggling to stay engaged with the lessons (想要在课堂上保持状态都很挣扎). It just wasn't my thing (不是我的菜).

3. Do you think geography is useful?

① **Absolutely 100%! Geography is incredibly useful in the sense that (从某个角度而言) it helps us understand the world around us, appreciate different cultures, and learn about diverse landscapes. Without knowing geography, we wouldn't know how to live and thrive (生存并且绽放) in this natural world. (原因, 反向假设)**

还可以举个例子:

For example, when you are traveling, understanding the geography, including the location of major cities, highways and natural landmarks helps you plan the trip better. And also during the trip, knowing the geographical region you'll be passing through helps you prepare for different climates. You will need to pack your clothes (打包衣服) appropriately (符合时宜地) according to the local climate.

② **Yeh, I think it's important, I know that. That's why I feel terrible for not knowing a whole lot about geography. But fortunately, most of the geographical information can be easily accessed through technology nowadays. That really helps a lot. (转折)**

4. Do you want to be a geography teacher?

① **Well, if I'm just daydreaming (白日做梦) without considering my current major and my future career path (不是考虑我目前的专业和未来的职业路线), I would love to become a geography teacher. I have always been fascinated by different cultures and landscapes, and being able to share that passion with students would be incredibly fulfilling (非常令人感到充实的). Plus, I'm a very patient person and I love helping people fulfill their potential (实现潜力). So yeh, it's a good fit for me (挺适合我). (罗列原因)**

② **Not really, I do not want to be a geography teacher. While I appreciate the importance of geography, personally I don't have a passion for teaching (没有教学的激情). I'm a terrible teacher (很不擅长教学). I never know how to explain things to people in an easy and understandable way**

(我从来不知道如何用简单明了的方式把事情解释清楚) . I just make things even more complicated (越解释越糟) . On top of that, being a teacher requires a lot of patience and dedication (耐心与奉献精神) , which I do not possess.
(罗列原因)

之前季度有考过 **geography** , 以下为当时的其他题目和答案 (有时间可以看一下)

1. Are you good at reading maps?

① I'd say so! It's as if (就好像是) I've got a GPS (or a mental map) in my head. I'm good at navigating directions and I know how to get from one place to another (or from A to B) easily. I rarely get lost or have to ask for directions. (原因, 细节)

② I'm hopeless at reading maps (没有希望能读懂地图) ! Thank goodness for Google Maps. I don't know how people can do without it. With a paper map, I either walk around in circles or have to go back to my original starting point (起点) . (原因, 细节)

③ Sometimes I get the concept of using a compass (指南针) , and I can sometimes figure out where I am on a map and where I have to go. Other times, I get disoriented and don't know which way is north, south, east or west! (分情况)

2. Would you visit a country because of its geographical location?

① Sure, I would! In fact, I do. I get bored if I stay in the same spot for too long. I live a nomadic lifestyle (过着游牧民族的生活方式) . And as a geography lover, I find new places with different landscapes (景观) , sceneries (景色) and formations (地质风貌) exciting. I'm novelty seeking (喜欢新鲜事物的) . I'm drawn to new experiences and new places (我被新鲜的经历和地点吸引) . (原因+细节)

② I'm an avid traveller (积极的旅行者). I try to go on one big trip every year. I'm into nature and hiking is one of my passions. I take any chance I can to visit rugged mountain roads (崎岖不平的山路). It's on my bucket list (最大心愿) to visit all the national parks (国家公园) in the world. (原因, 细节)

③ Travelling doesn't excite me that much. I'm more of a homebody (宅家的人) and I'm very close to my family and hometown. I would feel homesick (想家) if I left for very long. (原因, 假设)

知识点:

- have a mental map in your head 脑海中有地图 (活地图)
- map reading skills 识别地图的能力
- navigation app 导航软件
- paper map 纸质地图
- walk around in circles 走路打圈圈
- ask for directions 问路
- get/ feel lost 迷路
- get disoriented 找不到东西南北
- don't know which way is north, south, east or west 同上
- have a good sense of direction 很有方向感
- have no/0 sense of direction 没有方向感, 0 方向感
- be good/bad at navigating directions 擅长/不擅长导航方向
- orient oneself 寻找自己的位置, 定位