

Describe a party that you enjoyed (享受的聚会)

You should say:

When and where the party was held

Who went to the party

What kind of party it was

And explain why you enjoyed the party

素材一：给父母开惊喜派对

So, I want to share with you the time when I hosted a surprise birthday party for my mom. And I really enjoyed that party.

It was on my mom's 50th birthday. I wanted to do something special for her. Not just a gift, but also something meaningful that can help her build a beautiful memory.

So, on her birthday, I found a way to distract her and keep her away from home so that I could prepare everything.

My dad and I cleaned up our home, and then we decorated the whole place. We bought some flowers, we blew up some balloons, and put on the birthday banner (生日横幅). I prepared some snacks and drinks, and put them nicely on the table.

We invited all the family members and some of my mom's close friends. And I specifically made sure that I invited my Uncle Chen and Aunt Li, as they have always been the life and soul of parties (派对灵魂人物). They are like social butterflies. They can talk to anybody, and glue everybody together (把所有人粘合起来).

When my mom came back home, she was so surprised and thrilled. She was freaking out (吓坏了, 激动得). She screamed probably for 10 mins, got super excited/pumped (激动). It was definitely a very successful

party. Everybody had a whale of a time/ a blast (玩儿得很尽兴), including me.

I really loved every second it, and on top of that, I felt incredibly proud of myself as I finally had an opportunity to give back to my mom (回报我的妈妈) and telling her how much I love her. She's the best mom in the world.

So yeh, that was the party. Thank you!

素材二：暖房派对

So, not long ago, I went to my best friend's house warming party (暖房派对), and we celebrated this special moment together.

My best friend Jessica recently has moved out from her parents' place, and moved into an apartment. I'm so happy for her, as that's definitely a new chapter in life (生命力新的一个章节). She could finally spread her wings (展开翅膀) and live an independent life like a real grown-up (大人). And that's why we needed to celebrate!

Jessica threw a little house warming party (随意地办了一个暖房派对) in her new place. She invited all her close friends over. We were all together, about 5-6 people? Something like that. Not a very big crowd. I mean, A, the apartment is very small. It can't fit too many people at the same time; and B, Jessica is a very low key, very private person (很注重隐私的人), so she didn't want everybody to know about this.

At the party, I had a whale of a time (玩儿得很尽兴)! We had some drinks, ate some pizza, played some party games, and later we danced a little. Jessica's new place is tiny but it has everything, and it's super cozy (超级温馨). That's why I felt like home, very relaxed.

(以下这一段不一定都说，内容很多) I felt happy for my best friend. Maybe a little jealous (有点小嫉妒) as I'm still living with my parents, but jealous in

a good way (是一种好的嫉妒) . And to be honest, the idea of moving out had never crossed my mind (没来没想过) before I saw her apartment and how she was living there. I have always been a very spoiled kid (被溺爱的孩子) and I like being taken care of. But when I saw how free she was in her place, and how mature she was handling everything (处理应付一切), I felt jealous, I want to experience that sense of independence (独立感) as well!

So yeh, that was the house warming party I went to and enjoyed. Thank you!

Part3:

1. Why do people like parties?

In social settings (在社交场合中) , like a party, a gathering or a get-together, people can connect with family and friends and even new people (结识新人) . Is a chance to bond with people (增进纽带) and build relationships. People need people. Most of us feel happy when we are in a bigger group. And then, parties are fun! At a party you can have food and drinks, games and music. People dance, laugh and talk. There's a lot going on (有很多事情发生) . It's entertaining and relaxing. (罗列原因)

2. Why do some people not like going to parties?

Some people are party people at all. They are more of “a loner” or prefer to hang out one-on-one (一对一见面) with people. For them, talking to a lot of people at the same time, reading the room (察言观色) , trying to please the crowd (讨好人群) is mentally draining. Some of them even feel mentally and physically wiped out (累爆了) after a party. Therefore, they prefer to stay at home and enjoy solitude (享受独处) ; or see a couple of friends at a time (一次见一两个朋友) . (原因)

3. Do you think those who tend to stay at home are less healthy than those who often attend parties?

Generally speaking, no. I think, whether you choose to stay at home and be a true homebody (宅男宅女), or go to parties all the time and be a party animal (派对狂人), it's up to you (取决于你). It's completely your personal choice. But I would say there's moderation in all things/ balance is key in all things (凡事要适度). You can't stay at home and be alone forever, just like you can't go to the party every day and never stop for a second to spend time alone nurturing your soul (从不停下来一秒钟去滋养你的灵魂). (主流情况, 特殊情况补充)

4. Do you think music and dancing are a must at a party?

If it's a party, yes, I would say so. Music and dancing are a must (一定要有的东西), and drinks too. I love dancing, drinking and talking while listening to the music at a party. It really lightens up the mood (点亮情绪). But if it's just a peaceful and tranquil small get-together (小型聚会), I don't necessarily have to dance. I'll just have a nice conversation with my friends. BUT I would still say, I need my music! Otherwise, what's the difference between a party and a meeting? Right?! (分情况讨论, 反向假设)

5. What would you do if you were disturbed by a neighbor's party?

Firstly, I will always try to communicate nicely with my neighbor, asking them to dial down (状态下来一点, 下调一点) a little bit. But if they ignore me and continue the craziness (继续他们的疯狂), I might get crazy myself and call the police (报警) eventually. (罗列)

6. What are the differences between holding a party at home and in a public place?

Well based on my experience, I would say hosting a party at home and in the public place both have their pros and cons (优缺点). Number one, in terms of privacy, parties at home are often more private and it feels more

intimate (感觉更私密) . Whereas when hosting a party in a public place, you can invite more guests, some people might even bring their friends, so you end up seeing a lot of people even strangers. And then, in terms of cost, renting a public venue (租一个场地) for sure is more expensive than doing it at home. Home parties are more budget-friendly (预算友好型) . And then, space is another difference. Public places offer more space for larger gatherings, while homes normally have more limited space. One thing I would say is that, hosting a party in a public place is more carefree (不惜要操心的) . You can have someone who decorate the whole place for you, provide catering service (提供餐饮服务) and later clean up for you, and you don't need to worry about people wrecking things (打碎东西 O; whereas at home you have to do a lot of things by yourself, not to mention, you will be worrying about people breaking your stuff. For example, I had a big party at home a while ago, and I was all the time worrying about my guests breaking my furniture and home appliances when they got tipsy (微醺了) and started playing football in my living room. Haha! That was a terrifying experience. (分角度讨论)

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