

**Describe an occasion when you waited a long time for a nice thing** (花时间等待美好事情发生)

**You should say:**

**When it happened**

**What the nice thing was**

**How long you waited**

**Why you waited for a long time**

**And explain how you felt about that experience**

思路：这道题可以和上季度“存钱买贵重礼物”进行合并。存钱+等待，给好朋友一个旅行的惊喜。

**素材修改：**

So, last year, I waited long enough (等待很长时间) to give my best friend Jing a very special gift. It was not something tangible (可以摸得着的东西), it was more of an experience. I treated her to a trip (请她旅行), a trip with me, and I paid for everything. It was a very beautiful experience.

My best friend Jing is such a good friend. She's super supportive and trusting. Two years ago, I went through a really bad breakup (很糟糕的分手). I was in a very dark place/spot (在黑暗里), and bawling/pouring my eyes out (把眼睛哭出来) every day. And, she was there for me (支持我) the whole time, comforting me and cheering me up (安慰我、给我打气). She was the person who helped me pull myself together (振作精神) eventually and went back on track (回到正轨). I really wanted to express my appreciation and gratitude (表达感恩和爱) of having her in my life (生命中有她). That's how I came up with idea (我想到这个点子). (以上可以挑局部内容来说)

We both love traveling, but unfortunately, neither of us had enough money to support our hobby. So, I found a part-time job as a barista at a local café. I got paid by hour. It wasn't a lot of money, but slowly I was getting there (慢慢实现目标), little by little (一点一点积累). I worked there for almost 6 months until I saved up enough money. And then, I took her to Yunnan province since we both love that province. We spent 2 weeks there enjoying the nice weather and the local food. We also made some really good local friends. And we told them that for sure we would go back.

This trip was a celebration of love and friendship (对爱和友谊的庆祝). I'm very glad that I was patient enough to wait and save up the money. All the waiting (一切的等待) made this trip even more unforgettable and precious.

So, yeh, that was the nice thing I did for my friend. Thank you!

### Part3:

#### 1. On what occasions do people have to wait for a long time?

Off the top of my head, doctor's appointments. You always see people waiting at a hospital, a clinic or any kind of medical facilities. And then, when people travel, they need to wait at the airport, the train station, the bus station, etc. And next, sometimes customers might need to queue up (排队) for hours for a table at a super popular Instagram-famous restaurant (超极受欢迎的网红店). And what's more, during rush hours (高峰小时), people might get stuck in traffic jams and then end up waiting in the car for a long time. (并列罗列)

#### 2. What do people do while waiting?

Most people will just use their phones (用手机), scrolling through social media (刷社交媒体), reading news, playing mobile games, checking their emails, or calling a friend or family. Some people have the habit of reading books or eBooks while waiting. Some people, like me, love listening to the

radio or podcasts. Some people just space out (发呆), watching people walk by, daydreaming (做白日梦), letting their mind wander (让思想神游), or not thinking about anything. Some people even meditate (冥想) while waiting. (并列罗列)

### 3. Are most people patient while waiting?

No, I don't think so. I think most people feel restless, impatient, irritated and fussy (不安的、不耐烦的、易怒的和焦躁的) while waiting as they often see it as a waste of time and energy. They're not accomplishing anything productive or meaningful during the wait. Perhaps only a few people can manage to control their grumpiness (管理自己的暴躁脾气) as they see it as opportunity to foster patience (培养耐心) and tackle some simple tasks and chores (处理一些简单琐事). (主流情况, 特殊情况补充)

### 4. Do you like to wait for a long time? Why?

可以结合以上回答, 总结自己的具体情况, 主流或非主流。

### 5. Why do most children have difficulties waiting for a long time?

Kids are the worst when it comes to patience (最没有耐心). They are super energetic, impulsive and curious (高能量的、冲动的、好奇的). They feel bored easily (很容易感到无聊). For them, waiting is like a nightmare (一场噩梦). I watched this video once about some kids' experiment. It was really funny. In the video, a mom gives her two young kids some candies, telling them that they can't eat those candies until she comes back. And if they wait long enough until she comes back, they can get more candies. And as you can imagine, once the mom leaves, it takes those two kids probably 3 seconds to start eating the candy. That's how bad they are at controlling themselves. Kids don't have the concept of self-discipline or patience (自律或耐心). (原因, 举例子)

### 6. Do people queue consciously while waiting for the subway train?

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I would say, generally speaking, people have the awareness and decency (意识和素质) to line up (排队) at the platform while waiting for the subway train to come. Some platforms are with clearly marked lines (清晰的标记线) to help ensure the order (帮助维持秩序). However, in some very crowded situations, especially during rush hours, people can be less organized sometimes. (主流情况, 特殊情况补充)

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