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## Topic1 等待特别的事情

### 1. On what occasions do people usually need to wait?

People have to wait when they're lining up for<sup>1</sup> something or waiting for an appointment. Sometimes people have to wait in very long lines<sup>2</sup> at stores, especially if it is a busy time to go shopping. Sometimes people need to wait in traffic. Waiting for a medical or dental appointment can also take a long time.

### 2. Who behaves better when waiting, children or adults?

Usually, adults behave better. Children often don't understand why they have to wait for something. So they get restless very easily<sup>3</sup>, and they usually have more energy than adults. So they don't like waiting for a long time in one spot. Adults are more patient because they have more experience and better self-control<sup>4</sup>.

### 3. Compared to the past, are people less patient now, why?

I think that people are less patient now because it's easier to do things without having to wait at all. People are used to getting what they want right away<sup>5</sup>. You can order packages online that arrive the next day. You can also order food from a restaurant delivered to your home. It's very easy to avoid waiting. So when people do have to wait for something<sup>6</sup>, they get impatient.

### 4. What are the positive and negative effects of waiting on society?

Well, a positive effect is that it can teach people patience. When they have to wait in a line for a long time, they learn how to be polite even when they're impatient. But a negative effect is that it can make people very aggressive<sup>7</sup>. Not everyone can keep calm. Drivers often get mad and act recklessly<sup>8</sup> just to get ahead.

### 5. Is it a good thing to be patient all the time? /Should people be patient all the time?

Yes, I think it's good to be patient all the time. There might be some times where you should act instead of waiting around<sup>9</sup>, like in an emergency. But patience is a good trait to have. You can't control the things that happen around you. And being impatient can just make you feel anxious. So it's good to be patient instead of getting upset.

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<sup>1</sup> lining up for: 排队

<sup>2</sup> wait in very long lines: 排长队等候

<sup>3</sup> get restless very easily: 很容易焦躁不安

<sup>4</sup> better self-control: 更好的自我控制

<sup>5</sup> used to getting what they want right away: 习惯了立刻得到他们想要的东西

<sup>6</sup> do have to wait for something: 需要为了什么等待

<sup>7</sup> aggressive: 好斗; 有戾气

<sup>8</sup> recklessly: 鲁莽地; 不顾后果的

<sup>9</sup> should act instead of waiting around: 应该采取行动而不是等待

## Topic 2 很难但成功完成的事

### 1. What do children usually find difficult to do?

Children usually find it difficult to concentrate. They have a ton of energy. So they'd rather play with their friends than focus on their homework. They might even have trouble listening in class when their friends are around. It's tempting to just talk to them<sup>10</sup> instead of listening to the teacher. It can also be hard for children to master some social skills, like sharing and communicating.

### 2. How do kids solve problems?

Kids often solve problems by asking their parents for advice. If they're stuck on a math problem<sup>11</sup>, they might ask their parents to explain it to them. Or they might even ask the teacher for more guidance in math class. Bigger problems, like issues in their friendships, can sometimes be handled by talking with each other. That helps them develop more independence.

### 3. How can parents guide or help their children to do things that seem difficult?

Parents can help children by encouraging them and showing them how to do certain tasks. If a child is learning to tie their shoes<sup>12</sup>, parents can help them by showing them how to do it, then guiding them to do it on their own. Parents can also help by explaining each step of the process<sup>13</sup> to make the task simpler.

### 4. Should children face difficult problems or challenges all by themselves?

I think it's important for children to face some problems on their own. It helps them develop more confidence. If they fight with their friend, they should try to talk it out<sup>14</sup> so they can learn to be more independent. But if there's a very difficult or confusing problem, they should ask an adult for help. Serious problems like bullying or abuse<sup>15</sup> should always be dealt with by a responsible adult.

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<sup>10</sup> It's tempting to just talk to them: 和他们(同学)交头接耳聊天是很有诱惑力的

<sup>11</sup> stuck on a math problem: 被一个数学问题难住了

<sup>12</sup> tie their shoes: 系鞋带

<sup>13</sup> explaining each step of the process: 解释过程的每一步

<sup>14</sup> talk it out: 谈个明白; 把事情讲透

<sup>15</sup> bullying or abuse: 霸凌和虐待

## 5. Is confidence important?

Yes, confidence is important in every area of life<sup>16</sup>. In order to be successful and to take risks in life, people need to be confident in themselves first. This is true in<sup>17</sup> school, work, or social environments. However, sometimes people can get too confident. It becomes a problem if they start thinking that they can never do anything wrong.

## 6. What jobs require confidence?

I think that every job requires confidence. But some require more confidence than others. For example, you have to have a lot of confidence if you're leading a team of people<sup>18</sup>. You have to convince your team that<sup>19</sup> you are the right person to take control. You also have to be confident if you're a performer. For example, singers and actors need to be comfortable performing in front of other people.

## 7. Is overconfidence good?

Overconfidence is usually a bad thing. People who are overconfident might misjudge their abilities. An overconfident driver is more likely to get into a car accident<sup>20</sup>. An overconfident student might not study as hard as they should for an exam. Overconfidence can lead to arrogance and rudeness<sup>21</sup>. So it's important to be confident, but not too confident.

## 8. On what occasions should children be encouraged? How?

I think children should be encouraged when they're close to giving up. If they're struggling with something<sup>22</sup>, such as learning how to do a new task, then an adult can help them out. Plus, children should be encouraged when they do something good. Parents or teachers can give them praise to encourage them to keep up their good work<sup>23</sup>.

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<sup>16</sup> in every area of life : 在生活的各个领域

<sup>17</sup> This is true in : 在...方面都是如此

<sup>18</sup> leading a team of people: 领导一个团队

<sup>19</sup> convince your team that: 说服你的团队

<sup>20</sup> get into a car accident: 发生车祸

<sup>21</sup> arrogance and rudeness: 傲慢和无礼

<sup>22</sup> struggling with something: 为某事所困; 面对某些事的困难

<sup>23</sup> keep up their good work: 继续保持现在的良好表现

### 9. How do you help children stay focused?

I think you can help children stay focused by being creative and engaging<sup>24</sup>. If you're teaching a kid how to do something, you can make it fun by turning it into a game<sup>25</sup> for them. Every child loves games. So it's fun for them to learn that way. Plus, it helps if children focus on one thing at a time. For example, children shouldn't be interrupted when they're doing homework.

### 10. What challenges do young people face today?

I think young people deal with a lot of social pressure<sup>26</sup>. They want to seem fun and successful to their friends. Social media adds a lot of stress because it makes them compare themselves to others. It's also difficult for young people to find stable jobs<sup>27</sup>. I saw reports saying that college graduates are having a hard time finding jobs because of the pandemic<sup>28</sup>. So it's a big challenge for young people who are unemployed right now.

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<sup>24</sup> **engaging**: 有吸引力的; 此处亦指“能吸引 (学生) 参与的”

<sup>25</sup> **turning it into a game**: (把学习) 变成游戏

<sup>26</sup> **deal with a lot of social pressure**: 应对很多社会压

力

<sup>27</sup> **stable jobs**: 稳定的工作

<sup>28</sup> **pandemic**: 疫情

### Topic 3 未实现的志向

#### 1. Is it important for children to have ambitions?

Yes, I think it's important for children to have ambitions. They should have a goal that they can work towards<sup>29</sup>. It helps keep them motivated through everyday life. In the process of pursuing their dreams, they can also learn how to stick to their goals and not be afraid of challenges. Plus, it gives them a sense of achievement<sup>30</sup> when they accomplish their goals.

#### 2. Are all ambitions good in life?

No, I don't think all ambitions are good in life. Sometimes, ambitions can be too self-centred<sup>31</sup>. For example, some people only want to get rich. They don't care about what it might cost them. I think those kinds of goals are too vain<sup>32</sup>. So there are definitely some ambitions that are toxic<sup>33</sup>.

#### 3. What are the important qualities to achieve our ambitions?

I think you need to be hard-working and patient. For one, you should make a realistic plan and work hard to follow it. You have to put your best effort into<sup>34</sup> making your dreams come true. Besides, you have to be persistent, even if you fail a couple times. If you don't have the dedication<sup>35</sup>, you might quit before you make it.

#### 4. What ambitions do children usually have?

Children usually have big ambitions about<sup>36</sup> what their future will look like. Adults like to ask children, what do you want to be when you grow up? Children always have really exciting answers like astronaut or famous athlete. They also may have ambitions about their personal lives, like when they will get married and have their own families. I think it's a reflection of<sup>37</sup> different kids' personalities.

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<sup>29</sup> work towards: 为...努力

<sup>30</sup> gives them a sense of achievement: 给他们一种成就感

<sup>31</sup> self-centred: 自我中心的

<sup>32</sup> too vain: 太过虚无

<sup>33</sup> toxic: 有毒的

<sup>34</sup> put your best effort into: 尽你最大的努力去...

<sup>35</sup> dedication: 奉献; 全身心的投入

<sup>36</sup> have big ambitions about: 对...有很大的抱负

<sup>37</sup> a reflection of: 反映了...



### 5. Why are some people very ambitious in their work?

I suppose that it's mainly because they want to get promoted<sup>38</sup>. They might start as an intern<sup>39</sup>, but they want to become a manager or CEO. Some people become more ambitious because they're insecure. They are often worried that they aren't good enough and might be laid off<sup>40</sup> some day. It's really normal in China because our society is so competitive.

### 6. Why don't some people have dreams?

Some people don't have dreams because they're unsure of what to do with their lives<sup>41</sup>. They haven't found out what they're passionate about. But others are too afraid to dream something big. They're worried about how much time and effort they'll have to put into pursuing the dream<sup>42</sup>. For example, a lot of people love reading or listening to music. But they don't dream of being professional writers or musicians.

### 7. How do people balance work and life?

Well, I think one strategy is to ensure that your work life and your home life are physically separated<sup>43</sup>. It allows you to be more focused at work and be more productive, so you will have more spare time for your family. Another strategy is to set boundaries with your work<sup>44</sup>. For example, you can set a rule to not check your work email after 7pm everyday so that you can enjoy more family time at night.

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<sup>38</sup> get promoted: 被升职

<sup>39</sup> start as an intern: 从实习生做起

<sup>40</sup> be laid off: 被下岗; 被解雇

<sup>41</sup> they're unsure of what to do with their lives: 他们不知道他们的人生该做些什么

<sup>42</sup> how much time and effort they'll have to put into

pursuing the dream: 要花多少时间和付出多少努力去追求梦想

<sup>43</sup> physically separated: 在物理上分隔开; 指不要在家办公

<sup>44</sup> set boundaries with your work: 给你的工作设定规矩界限



## Topic 4 为家人骄傲

### 1. When would parents feel proud of their children?

Parents are proud of their children after any kind of accomplishment, big or small. Whether they've learned a new word or learned to drive a car, parents would be proud. Major life events<sup>45</sup> such as weddings and graduations also make parents very proud. Overall, parents are proud when their children are living a life that makes them happy.

### 2. Should parents reward children? Why and how?

Yes, I think parents should reward children when they accomplish something. For example, parents can reward children for personal accomplishments like doing something nice for someone else. If parents want their children to have good values<sup>46</sup>, offering rewards can encourage good behaviour. That being said<sup>47</sup>, parents should not give too many rewards; it is better if children do good things because they want to, not because they expect a reward.

### 3. Do Chinese parents reward their children?

Actually, most Chinese parents don't reward their children that often. They don't want them to depend on rewards to do their work<sup>48</sup>. Instead, they want their kids to be more competitive<sup>49</sup>. If you reward a kid every time they do something right, they might just do things to get a reward for it. So Chinese parents don't tend to praise or reward their kids very often.

### 4. Is it good to reward children too often? Why?

No, I don't think parents should reward children too often. Children should want to be successful because it brings them a sense of pride and purpose<sup>50</sup>. They shouldn't depend on getting a reward to do things. However, sometimes children deserve a reward if they have accomplished something major<sup>51</sup>. Parents just need to be careful about how often they give rewards.

### 5. On what occasions would adults be proud of themselves?

Adults might be proud of themselves for lots of reasons. They may take pride in a new accomplishment or promotion at work. They also tend to be proud of themselves for personal milestones<sup>52</sup>, like getting married or getting a new apartment. Finally, many adults take pride in their children<sup>53</sup>, and consider their children's successes as their own.

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<sup>45</sup> Major life events: 重要的生活事件; 生活中的大事

<sup>46</sup> have good values: 有良好的价值观

<sup>47</sup> That being said: 话虽这么说

<sup>48</sup> depend on rewards to do their work: 完成工作 (任务) 是因为有奖励才做

<sup>49</sup> competitive: 有好胜心的, 有竞争意识的

<sup>50</sup> brings them a sense of pride and purpose: 给他们带来自豪感和使命感

<sup>51</sup> have accomplished something major: 取得了重大成就

<sup>52</sup> personal milestones: 人生里程碑

<sup>53</sup> take pride in their children: 为他们的孩子感到骄傲

## Topic 5 准备过的开心活动

### 1. How can you be a well-prepared person?

I think you need to manage your time well. You should be organized so that you don't get overwhelmed by all your tasks. For example, you should make plans or budgets for the tasks beforehand<sup>54</sup>. That way, you can be prepared for anything. You should also be flexible. You have to be able to handle challenges whenever they come up<sup>55</sup>.

### 2. How can parents help children get organized?

I suppose that parents can help children get organized by listing their daily tasks. Then, children can focus on doing one task at a time. Parents can also help children manage their time well. They can divide the day into sections<sup>56</sup> and help their kids plan what to do for each hour.

### 3. On what occasions do people need to be organized?

People need to be organized for important events, like vacations. When you go on a trip, you need to keep track of all the details<sup>57</sup>, like your flight and hotel. Besides, people have to be organized in their day-to-day life, especially at work. For example, many people deal with countless<sup>58</sup> emails, files and calls in the office during the day, so they have to know how to manage their work efficiently.

### 4. Does everything need to be well prepared?

Well, yes, I suppose that everyone can benefit from being more prepared and organized in their lives. When people are well-prepared, they feel more confident. Being organized also helps with time management. If you are well-organized, you can complete more tasks in a day. Also, people in your life will think of you as reliable and trustworthy<sup>59</sup> if you're always prepared.

### 5. Do people need others' help when organizing things?

Well, yes. If some people are bad at time management, or if they are just new in a professional field<sup>60</sup>, then, I think it's really nice to have someone to help them get organized. There are a lot of professions that help people become organized, including accountants, travel agents, and teachers. Family and friends can also help each other become more organized by giving advice when needed.

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<sup>54</sup> beforehand: 事先; 在...之前

<sup>55</sup> handle challenges whenever they come up: 无论什么时候有挑战, 都能应对它们

<sup>56</sup> divide the day into sections: 把一天分成几部分

<sup>57</sup> keep track of all the details: 清楚明了一切细枝末节

的事情

<sup>58</sup> countless: 数不清的

<sup>59</sup> think of you as reliable and trustworthy: 认为你是可靠的和值得信赖的人

<sup>60</sup> they are just new in a professional field: 是一个专业领域的新人

## Topic 6 想要送朋友的礼物

### 1. When do people normally send gifts to others?

People normally send each other gifts on special occasions, like birthdays or holidays. Anniversaries are also a good occasion for gifts<sup>61</sup>. For example, people give their partners gifts on the anniversary of when they got married<sup>62</sup>. Sometimes they give gifts to celebrate special achievements, like someone's graduation.

### 2. Do people give gifts or red packets during traditional festivals?

Yes, a lot of people give both gifts and red packets during traditional festivals<sup>63</sup>. For example, Chinese New Year is a very important celebration. People usually hand out red envelopes to bring happiness and blessings<sup>64</sup>. I think it's a nice tradition. It's also common to give gifts like fruit baskets, tea, and candy or chocolate. It helps the festival feel special.

### 3. Is it hard to choose a gift?

Yes, I think that sometimes it can be stressful. If you don't know the person well, you might not know what they like. It can be difficult finding something that they'll want to have. It can still be hard if you know the person well. You might have a lot of ideas for a gift, but it can be challenging to<sup>65</sup> pick the best one.

### 4. Is clothing a good gift? Is it easy to choose a piece of clothing as a gift?

Well, sometimes clothing can be a good gift. If you know the person's style, it'll probably be easy to find something they'll like. But it can be hard to choose a piece of clothing as a gift. You have to know their size as well as their style. It can be awkward if<sup>66</sup> you get them something too big or too small.

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<sup>61</sup> a good occasion for gifts: 送礼的好时机; 送礼物的好场合

<sup>62</sup> on the anniversary of when they got married: 在他们结婚纪念日那天

<sup>63</sup> give both gifts and red packets during traditional festivals: 在 Part3 聊天的过程中越灵活的回答越好,

比如题目问人们喜欢 A 还是 B, 你也可以回答 AB 都喜欢, 并不是必须只能选择一项。

<sup>64</sup> bring happiness and blessings: 带来幸福和保佑; 这句话是指送红包祝福他人

<sup>65</sup> it can be challenging to: 很难的...; 很有挑战性的...

<sup>66</sup> It can be awkward if: 如果...会很尴尬

### 5. Will people feel happy when receiving an expensive gift?

I think most people feel happy when they get an expensive gift. Gifts are a way of showing someone that you care about them. When that gift is expensive, people feel special because they realize that it cost a lot to give<sup>67</sup>. But not everyone cares about the cost of a gift. Some people might even feel overwhelmed by getting something too expensive, especially if the gift-giver is not very well off<sup>68</sup>.

### 6. What do people usually consider when choosing gifts?

People usually consider price first. I would say most people have a budget<sup>69</sup> when they buy a gift. In most cases, people won't break their budget<sup>70</sup> and buy things that are too expensive. Besides, people will also consider if the gift will be useful or attractive to the person who receives it. After all, people give gifts to make others happy, right?

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<sup>67</sup> it cost a lot to give: 送这个礼物要花很多钱

<sup>68</sup> well off: 有钱的; 富有的

<sup>69</sup> have a budget: 有一个预算

<sup>70</sup> break their budget: 超出预算

## Topic 7 别人给你的衣服

### 1. Have you ever given clothes to others?

Yes, I give my friends and my cousins clothes all the time. We usually exchange clothes if we get tired of wearing them<sup>71</sup>, or if they don't fit anymore. Giving people clothes is much more helpful than just throwing the clothes away<sup>72</sup>. It's very wasteful if you only wear something a couple times.

### 2. Why do people dress casually in everyday life but dress formally at work?

Well, in everyday life, you're just hanging out with friends or family. Or you might even be by yourself. You don't have to impress anyone. But when you're at work, you're doing serious business. You need to look professional. In most cases<sup>73</sup>, it's actually considered rude to wear casual clothes to the workplace. It shows a lack of respect for<sup>74</sup> your coworkers and boss.

### 3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of wearing uniforms at work and school?

One advantage of uniforms is that it makes everyone equal. Especially in school, people can get very focused on appearances. But if everyone has a uniform on, then no one can be judged<sup>75</sup>. Uniforms also make everyone feel like part of the same team. But a disadvantage is that people can't express themselves. You don't get as much individuality<sup>76</sup>.

### 4. Why do people from different countries wear different clothing?

Well, fashion is very connected to culture. It represents different cultural values and is influenced by trends in society<sup>77</sup>. Different countries have different values and traditions, so their fashion is very different as well. Besides, clothing depends on the environment. For example, countries with cold climates wear warmer, heavier clothing. But in tropical countries<sup>78</sup>, it's more common to wear loose, bright clothing.

### 5. Do you think dressing formally makes people look more professional?

Yes, I think that dressing formally makes you look more professional. If you're wearing a T-shirt and jeans, you come across as a more relaxed person. But if you're wearing a fancy dress, or a nice suit, then you look confident and mature. It helps you appear professional to others<sup>79</sup>. Formal clothes make a huge difference when it comes to self-presentation<sup>80</sup>.

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<sup>71</sup> get tired of wearing them: 穿烦了, 不想穿了

<sup>72</sup> throwing the clothes away: 把衣服扔掉

<sup>73</sup> In most cases: 大部分情况下

<sup>74</sup> It shows a lack of respect for: 这会看起来不尊重...

<sup>75</sup> no one can be judged: 没人会被说三道四

<sup>76</sup> You don't get as much individuality: 你就没有那么

多个性化的地方了

<sup>77</sup> trends in society: 社会潮流

<sup>78</sup> tropical countries: 热带国家

<sup>79</sup> It helps you appear professional to others: 会让人看起来你很专业

<sup>80</sup> self-presentation: 自我展示

## Topic 8 特别的蛋糕

### 1. What is the difference between special food in China and foreign countries?

Well, a lot of special foods in China use more unique parts of the animal<sup>81</sup>. It means that every part of the animal can be eaten. For example, rabbit heads and duck necks are so popular in China. In contrast, some foreign countries have special dishes that avoid using meat altogether<sup>82</sup>. They're always known for different kinds of desserts.

### 2. Do people usually cook special food in China?

We usually cook special foods for certain occasions<sup>83</sup>. I mean, special foods like mooncakes or rice dumplings can be bought at grocery stores. But lots of Chinese people still enjoy the process of making them at home. For example, it's a tradition for the whole family to make dumplings together on the Spring Festival Eve. It's an important bonding time<sup>84</sup> for the family every year.

### 3. Should special food be easily available?

I think that if the special food requires an ingredient that's seasonal, it doesn't need to be easily available. It's worth it to only make something when it's in season<sup>85</sup>. For example, hairy crabs<sup>86</sup> are only available in the autumn, which is a special food for Mid-Autumn Day in China. It helps make the dish feel truly special.

### 4. When do people have special food? (like festival food or food for special events)

I think people eat special food when they have something to celebrate. For example, you usually get to eat cake when it's someone's birthday. Many people also like to celebrate a new house or graduation with a fancy feast<sup>87</sup>. Besides, you can cook and enjoy traditional foods during certain festivals.

见下页

<sup>81</sup> unique parts of the animal: 动物的特殊部位

<sup>82</sup> avoid using meat altogether: 完全不使用肉类

<sup>83</sup> for certain occasions: 为某些特定场合

<sup>84</sup> bonding time: 增进感情的时间

<sup>85</sup> It's worth it to only make something when it's in season: 值得去做一些应季的东西 (美食)

<sup>86</sup> hairy crabs: 大闸蟹

<sup>87</sup> a fancy feast: 一顿大餐

### 5. Is there any food in your country that is eaten at special times or on special occasions?

Yes, Chinese people eat lots of specialties<sup>88</sup> during festivals, important events or special days. For example, mooncakes are made and eaten for the mid-autumn day. It's also a tradition in China to eat dumplings on the spring festival eve. And in many regions of China, people love having a bowl of long life noodles<sup>89</sup> on their birthday.

### 6. Why are some people willing to spend a lot of money on meals on special days?

For them, it's worth it to spend a lot of money to celebrate something. It's nice to take your family or significant other<sup>90</sup> to a fancy restaurant to celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries, or even an engagement. It might be really expensive. But the memories and joy from the meal will make it worth it<sup>91</sup>.

### 7. Do you think it's good to communicate when eating with your family?

Yes, communicating during mealtimes with family is very important. Family members might not be able to spend a lot of time together because of work or school. But they can talk and see how everyone is doing over a meal<sup>92</sup>. Actually dinner is really important for me and my family. It's a rare chance for us all to talk<sup>93</sup>.

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<sup>88</sup> specialties: 特色食品

<sup>89</sup> having a bowl of long life noodles: 吃一碗长寿面

<sup>90</sup> significant other: 配偶; 另一半

<sup>91</sup> make it worth it: 让它物有所值

<sup>92</sup> talk and see how everyone is doing over a meal: 吃饭的时候聊天和了解每个人过得怎么样

<sup>93</sup> a rare chance for us all to talk: 对我们来说是一个难得的聊天机会



## Topic 9 度假胜地

### 1. What are some popular attractions that people usually like to visit in your country?

I think many people like visiting museums, shopping malls, and national parks. If you are visiting a new city, you'll want to do a lot of exploring<sup>94</sup>. It is important to research the things you'd enjoy doing<sup>95</sup>. Some people love history and visit lots of museums. Others love the outdoors and prefer to hike through national parks.

### 2. Do old people and young people choose different places to go on vacation? Why?

Yes, I suppose that old people pick more relaxing places. But young people want to have adventures in an exciting setting<sup>96</sup>. Old people enjoy sitting on a beach and relaxing all day. Or they might choose places with a lot of history and just do walking tours<sup>97</sup>. But young people like places where they can explore a lot and do exciting activities like diving. So they might choose exotic locations.

### 3. What do young people and old people think about when making travel plans?

I think old people focus on their personal comfort<sup>98</sup>. They don't want to be exhausted at the end of each day. So they might not put a lot of activities on their itinerary<sup>99</sup>. But young people are more interested in having adventures. So they pick somewhere that'll be exciting. They usually plan to do a lot of challenging activities.

### 4. How do people usually discover a new place to travel?

Most people find new places by talking to other travelers or reading reviews online. You can also start your trip in a major city, then speak to some of the locals there and ask them for recommendations<sup>100</sup>. There are a lot of smaller towns that only locals know about. These places are usually less busy and less expensive than the popular tourist cities. So they can be a great option to explore<sup>101</sup>.

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<sup>94</sup> do a lot of exploring: 想做很多游览探索

<sup>95</sup> research the things you'd enjoy doing: 研究你喜欢做的事情

<sup>96</sup> have adventures in an exciting setting: 在激动人心的环境中冒险; 在令人兴奋的环境中冒险

<sup>97</sup> just do walking tours: 徒步旅行; 步行游览

<sup>98</sup> personal comfort: 个人的舒适

<sup>99</sup> itinerary: 旅程

<sup>100</sup> ask them for recommendations: 让他们做一些推荐

<sup>101</sup> a great option to explore: 是一个很好的游览的选择

## Topic 10 一个去过的地方

### 1. Which do you prefer, living in a city or only visiting it as a tourist?

I prefer living in a city. A lot of people get overwhelmed<sup>102</sup> by how fast-paced<sup>103</sup> cities are. But I really enjoy living in a city because there are so many exciting opportunities there. Whether it's a cool job or something fun to do on the weekend, the city has a lot to offer<sup>104</sup>. Plus, there's always a ton of amazing restaurants.

### 2. How do young children react when they go to school for the first time?

I believe most young children are pretty excited to go to school for the first time. Of course, Some kids are anxious about a new environment. So they may feel nervous on the first day of school. But most kids are curious about school. They're eager to<sup>105</sup> be with their friends and learn about the world. So the first day at school can be really fun for them.

### 3. What might young people feel at their first workplace after they just graduated from college?

I suppose that a lot of young people feel overwhelmed at their first workplace. Getting a job can be a scary process. For example, a lot of young people are worried about not getting along with their boss or coworkers. Others might not think they're ready or qualified to have their job. It's hard to adjust to big life changes<sup>106</sup>.

### 4. How do young and old people react differently to new things?

It seems to me that young people are a lot more open to new things<sup>107</sup>. When they encounter something new, they're curious and willing to try it. Old people, on the other hand, might be too overwhelmed by new things. They might feel hesitant or even suspicious<sup>108</sup> if it's too different from what they're used to.

见下页

<sup>102</sup> get overwhelmed: 精神上压力很大

<sup>103</sup> fast-paced: 快节奏

<sup>104</sup> the city has a lot to offer: 这座城市能提供给人们的东西有很多

<sup>105</sup> They're eager to: 他们渴望去...

<sup>106</sup> adjust to big life changes: 适应生活中的重大变化

<sup>107</sup> a lot more open to new things: 对新事物有更加开放的心态; 对新事物更容易接受

<sup>108</sup> suspicious: 感到可疑

### 5. Why do some people want to go to college far away from home?

I think that some people move far away for college because they want to have brand-new experiences<sup>109</sup>. If you stay in the same area your whole life, you won't get exposed to new things. By going somewhere far away, people get to be a part of a new community and broaden their horizons<sup>110</sup>.

### 6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad or working abroad?

Well, one big advantage is that you get to experience a new place. You can learn about the local culture and try new foods. Plus, you can enjoy the natural scenery and do some sightseeing<sup>111</sup>. However, it can be very lonely if you don't know the language. You might feel isolated<sup>112</sup> because you don't know anyone.

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<sup>109</sup> brand-new experiences: 全新的经历；全新的体验

<sup>110</sup> broaden their horizons: 开阔眼界

<sup>111</sup> do some sightseeing: 观光；观景

<sup>112</sup> feel isolated: 感到孤独；感到孤单

## Topic 11 有趣的城市

### 1. What advantages can tourism bring to a city?

Tourism can help improve a city's economy. Tourists spend lots of money at local restaurants and other businesses. So that helps support the city's finances. Another benefit is that tourism creates more jobs. Local citizens can get jobs as tour guides and work with visitors. Plus, with lots of tourists coming, the city can invest in improving the infrastructure<sup>113</sup>.

### 2. Why do some young people like to live in cities?

I think some young people like living in cities because there are more opportunities. If they're looking for jobs in something like technology or finance, a city has lots of options. Plus, cities offer great food and entertainment. There's always something exciting or cool going on in the city<sup>114</sup>, especially late at night and on the weekends.

### 3. Do most elderly people live in the city or in the countryside?

Well, most elderly people live in the countryside. Cities have a lot of resources for older people, such as good healthcare in major hospitals<sup>115</sup>. But cities are also very fast-paced<sup>116</sup>. They can be overwhelming for the elderly. So I think that as people get older, they tend to move out to the countryside. Things are much more relaxed there.

### 4. Do you think well-developed tourism will have negative effects on local people?

Well, yes. I mean, tourism can bring a lot of great benefits. But there are definitely some drawbacks<sup>117</sup>. Too many tourists might disturb or even damage the natural scenery. That can be a disadvantage for the people who live there and want to enjoy that scenery for themselves. Besides, some tourists might disrespect the local culture<sup>118</sup>. They may annoy the local citizens.

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<sup>113</sup> invest in improving the infrastructure: 为改善基础设施拨款, 也就是政府有钱改善基础设施了

<sup>114</sup> There's always something exciting or cool going on in the city: 城里总是有很多有趣好玩的事情; 城里的生活总是很精彩的

<sup>115</sup> good healthcare in major hospitals: 大医院的良好 的医疗保健服务

<sup>116</sup> fast-paced: 快节奏的

<sup>117</sup> there are definitely some drawbacks: 当然是有缺点 的

<sup>118</sup> disrespect the local culture: 不尊重当地文化

## Topic 12 乡村一隅

### 1. Is there anything special about the villages in your country?

Well, of course I think that the villages in my country are special in their own way<sup>119</sup>. Lots of villages have beautiful and unique scenery. Many people love visiting the farms in spring for the views. Plus, the local communities there usually have unique traditions and customs. For example, many villages have ancestry temples<sup>120</sup> where the local villagers worship their ancestors<sup>121</sup>.

### 2. What do people usually do when going to a village?

Emm...some people like visiting family, and some enjoy travelling to villages. Sometimes villages have unique scenery that you can't find in major cities. So people might be travelling to see an ancient temple<sup>122</sup> or a natural wonder<sup>123</sup> like a waterfall. But it's also common for people to visit family or friends who live in villages.

### 3. Do you think people will live in the village in the future?

Yes, I think more and more people want to live in cities. There are usually more job opportunities there, especially in fields like finance or technology. But villages are more relaxed than cities. So I'm sure some people prefer living in villages. Those who love living a simple and slow life would rather<sup>124</sup> live somewhere more relaxed.

### 4. Do you think everyone likes the countryside?

No, I don't think everyone enjoys the countryside. Some people need to live in a busy environment like a city in order to be happy. So they might hate living in the countryside. They might get bored with the slower pace of life<sup>125</sup>. Plus, the countryside doesn't have many job opportunities. So that might be frustrating as well<sup>126</sup>.

### 5. Why do people want to go to the countryside?

I think people want to go to the countryside so they can relax. In the city, everything is so fast-paced<sup>127</sup>. Plus, it's super crowded. It's very easy to get overwhelmed. But in the countryside, there's much more space. You can enjoy the natural scenery without getting stuck in a crowded area<sup>128</sup>. Life is more relaxed there, which can be a nice change.

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<sup>119</sup> special in their own way: 有自己特别的地方

<sup>120</sup> ancestry temples: 祠堂; 宗祠

<sup>121</sup> the local villagers worship their ancestors: 当地村民祭拜他们祖先

<sup>122</sup> an ancient temple: 一座古庙

<sup>123</sup> natural wonder: 自然景观

<sup>124</sup> would rather: 宁愿; 宁可

<sup>125</sup> the slower pace of life: 慢节奏的生活

<sup>126</sup> as well: 也会

<sup>127</sup> fast-paced: 快节奏的

<sup>128</sup> without getting stuck in a crowded area: 不会被困在拥挤的地方

## Topic 13 远距离步行

### 1. What outdoor activities do people like?

I think people like getting exercise and socializing at the same time. So going for a walk is a great outdoor activity. You can enjoy the scenery<sup>129</sup> and also talk with your friends. Besides, people also like doing something more active like biking. It can be a good bonding experience if you do it with others.

### 2. What are the differences between the outdoor activities children did in the past and now?

I would say that kids were much more active in the past. They liked activities like climbing trees or catching bugs<sup>130</sup> in the nature. But nowadays, kids are addicted to video games. They still do outdoor activities, like riding a scooter or playing with a frisbee<sup>131</sup>. But lots of kids watch cartoons or play games on their phones when they are in a park. It's not good for their health.

### 3. Is leisure time important to everyone? Why?

Yes, leisure time is important to everyone. Even if people like being busy, it's healthy for them to have a break. You can exercise, hang out with friends or family, and enjoy doing whatever you like<sup>132</sup>. That can help you avoid getting too stressed out<sup>133</sup>. You can only be productive at work or study if you get enough rest. It's important to not work all the time.

### 4. Do women have more leisure time than men?

No, I don't think so. Now that men and women are often both in the workforce, society should treat them equally. In fact, women are often busier than men because a lot of them also do more household chores<sup>134</sup> than men. Besides, in some families, the women are still expected to do more of the parenting<sup>135</sup>. For these reasons, I don't believe women can have more leisure time than men.

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<sup>129</sup> enjoy the scenery: 欣赏风景

<sup>130</sup> catching bugs: 抓虫子

<sup>131</sup> playing with a frisbee: 玩飞盘

<sup>132</sup> enjoy doing whatever you like: 做任何你喜欢做的

事

<sup>133</sup> avoid getting too stressed out: 避免压力太大

<sup>134</sup> household chores: 家务

<sup>135</sup> parenting: 育儿方式

**Topic 14 想拥有的自行车/摩托车/汽车旅行****1. Why do more and more people drive private cars?**

I think it's because they're super convenient. Private cars offer more flexibility. You can pack things into them<sup>136</sup> if you're moving or going on a long trip. Or you can fit multiple people in the car at once<sup>137</sup>. You can't do that with a motorcycle or a bike. Also, if you don't own a private car, you may have to rely on public transportation or taxis. Those are unreliable because you have to wait for them to come to you.

**2. Which form of vehicle is more popular in your country, bikes, cars or motorcycles?**

Due to traffic conditions<sup>138</sup>, cycling is the most popular mode of transportation. A lot more Chinese families can afford cars. But a private car is inconvenient because of things like parking, insurance and the risk of accidents. But if you ride, you won't have most of those concerns. So most people still prefer using bikes. Plus, bike sharing<sup>139</sup> is super popular in China. It's easy and cheap to rent a bike for a trip.

**3. Do you think air pollution comes mostly from mobile vehicles?**

No, I don't think that mobile vehicles are the main cause of<sup>140</sup> air pollution. They definitely contribute a lot to the problem<sup>141</sup>. But I think that a lot of air pollution comes from ships, trains, and other forms of transportation. Factories also cause a ton of air pollution. You can see all the dark smoke that comes out of them.

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<sup>136</sup> pack things into them: 把东西打包装进车

<sup>137</sup> fit multiple people in the car at once: 车上一次能容纳很多人

<sup>138</sup> traffic conditions: 交通条件, 交通状况

<sup>139</sup> bike sharing: 共享单车

<sup>140</sup> the main cause of: ...的主要原因

<sup>141</sup> contribute a lot to the problem: 造成现在这个问题与...有很大的关系



#### 4. Do you think people need to change the way of transportation drastically to protect the environment?

No, I don't think people need to change a lot about how they go out. Even if we stopped using any form of transportation that consumes fossil fuels<sup>142</sup>, global warming won't get better. The damage has already been done. It's better to make some minor improvements to reduce carbon dioxide emissions<sup>143</sup>, like carpooling<sup>144</sup> more, taking more public transportation and buying electric cars.

#### 5. How are the transportation systems in urban areas and rural areas different?

Well, urban and rural communities have very different transportation systems. Urban areas are very crowded and have more developed infrastructure<sup>145</sup>. So urban residents have easy access to<sup>146</sup> lots of public transit. But transportation systems are never that good in villages. The residential area of a rural neighborhood can be very small, so people in the countryside normally ride a bike or just walk places.

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<sup>142</sup> consumes fossil fuels: 消耗化石燃料

<sup>143</sup> reduce carbon dioxide emissions: 减少二氧化碳排放

<sup>144</sup> carpooling: 拼车

<sup>145</sup> infrastructure: 基础设施

<sup>146</sup> have easy access to: 更容易利用, 使用

## Topic 15 想共度时光的人

### 1. What kind of people are easy to get along with?

I think people who are easygoing and agreeable<sup>147</sup> are the easiest to get along with. You can trust them to be kind to whoever they meet<sup>148</sup>. Plus, it's also easy to be around optimistic people. They like looking on the bright side of things<sup>149</sup>, so they are always nice to friends and hardly argue with them.

### 2. How do leaders get along with their subordinates?

I suppose that in general, leaders try to connect with their subordinates. Leaders want to get to know<sup>150</sup> the people who work for them. Of course, they still need to be professional and earn their employees' respect<sup>151</sup>. But I think they try to make their employees feel respected and cared for. That way, their workers feel happy and satisfied with their jobs.

### 3. Do people have time for themselves nowadays?

Well, most adults work full-time jobs, and they also need to take care of their families. So it can be very difficult for them to find time to relax. It's hard for them to establish a good work-life balance. Actually I think that as the cost of living continues to increase<sup>152</sup>, it becomes more challenging to find time for themselves.

### 4. Do you like talking with older people? Why?

Yes, I like talking with older people. They can share lots of details about what life used to be like. I always love talking with my grandparents. They usually tell me some fun stories from when they were my age<sup>153</sup>. Plus, older people have more life experience. So they can always give you great advice.

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<sup>147</sup> easygoing and agreeable: 随和的, 和蔼可亲的

<sup>148</sup> You can trust them to be kind to whoever they meet: 你可以相信他们会对遇到的任何一个人友善

<sup>149</sup> looking on the bright side of things: 看事物光明的一面; 看事物积极的一面

<sup>150</sup> get to know: 去了解

<sup>151</sup> earn their employees' respect: 赢得员工的尊重

<sup>152</sup> as the cost of living continues to increase: 随着生活费用的不断增加

<sup>153</sup> fun stories from when they were my age: 他们像我这么大时发生的趣事

## Topic 16 希望养成的习惯

### 1. What habits should children have? How can they have these habits?

I think children should develop the habit of cleaning their rooms and picking up after themselves<sup>154</sup>. They should be aware of whatever mess they create<sup>155</sup>. It teaches them to be responsible. They can develop these habits by doing simple tasks, like making their bed every day. Once they have enough practice, they'll become more cleanly.

### 2. What are the common habits of adults?

Well, some common habits are having a good sleep schedule<sup>156</sup>, eating balanced meals every day, and having good hygiene. Those are pretty important habits to have if you really want to act like an adult. Unlike young people, adults avoid staying out late and partying all the time<sup>157</sup>. Adults also do things like exercising regularly, budgeting<sup>158</sup>, and paying bills.

### 3. What should parents do to teach their children good habits?

I think that parents should demonstrate the good habits themselves<sup>159</sup>. Children learn from observation<sup>160</sup>. If they see their parents doing things like flossing or eating breakfast every day, then they'll be motivated to do those same activities. Parents should also explain the importance of developing good habits to their kids. If children understand why the habits are good to have, they'll want to develop them as well.

### 4. Should adults encourage good habits in children by talking to them or by leading by example?

I think adults should do both. They should explain why having good habits is important. But they should also demonstrate those habits<sup>161</sup>. Children learn from observing other people. So if they see their parents having good habits, they'll want to develop them as well. Children often copy their parents' behaviour, so parents need to be very aware of this.

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<sup>154</sup> picking up after themselves: 收拾自己的东西

<sup>155</sup> be aware of whatever mess they create: 小心留意自己是否把某个地方搞的很脏很乱

<sup>156</sup> having a good sleep schedule: 有一个良好的睡眠时间安排; 有一个良好的睡眠习惯

<sup>157</sup> partying all the time: 总是参加聚会

<sup>158</sup> budgeting: 做生活预算

<sup>159</sup> demonstrate the good habits themselves: 亲自展示好的习惯

<sup>160</sup> learn from observation: 从观察中学习

<sup>161</sup> demonstrate those habits: (向孩子) 示范这些习惯

### 5. What influences do children with bad habits have on other children?

Children are strongly influenced by what their friends do. If they see their friends developing bad habits, like skipping school<sup>162</sup>, they might copy them. Sometimes, children with good habits can be easily influenced by children with bad habits to develop poor behaviour. Plus, if kids with bad habits are seen as cool, children will be even more motivated to copy them. It's definitely a big concern<sup>163</sup>.

### 6. Why do some habits change when people get older? How do people's habits change as they get older?

I think that some people change their habits because they don't work with their lifestyle anymore<sup>164</sup>. For example, young people might stay up late and party a lot because they don't have a lot of responsibilities. But as they get older and have more responsibilities, they'll start going to bed early and staying in on the weekends<sup>165</sup>.

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<sup>162</sup> skipping school: 逃学

<sup>163</sup> It's definitely a big concern: 这绝对会是一个大问题

<sup>164</sup> they don't work with their lifestyle anymore: 它们

(老的生活习惯)不再对他们的生活方式有用了;  
意为“随着生活方式的改变,曾经的生活习惯已经不再合适”

<sup>165</sup> staying in on the weekends: 周末待在家里

## Topic 17 早起的经历

### 1. What time do you usually get up? And do you like getting up early?

I usually get up at 7am so that I can be at work for 8:30. I like getting up early in the spring and summer. The sun usually wakes me up. But in the winter, it's dark in the mornings. So I don't like to get up too early then<sup>166</sup>. Honestly, it's hard to get out of bed on dark and cold mornings.

### 2. Do you know anyone who likes to get up early?

My mom always wakes up early. She's usually awake by 5am<sup>167</sup>. She goes for a morning walk for about an hour. I think that she's able to wake up so early because she also goes to bed early, usually around 9pm. If she went to bed any later<sup>168</sup>, she probably wouldn't be getting enough sleep.

### 3. Why do some people get up early? Why do some people hate getting up early?

Some people get up early because they have to for work or for school<sup>169</sup>. And some others get up early because they enjoy it. These people might like having time to relax in the morning before they begin their day. But some people hate getting up early because they stay up late<sup>170</sup>. So it's hard to wake up in the morning. They may feel tired all day if they get up early.

### 4. Why do some people like to stay up late?

I think some people like staying up late because they're more energetic at night. They just work better at that time. Personally, I like staying up late because it's quieter in my house. Everyone has gone to sleep. Other people like staying up late because of exciting activities that happen at night<sup>171</sup>, like parties and concerts.

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<sup>166</sup> I don't like to get up too early then: 那个时候我是不喜欢起太早的

<sup>167</sup> She's usually awake by 5am: 她一般早上 5 点就起来了。

<sup>168</sup> went to bed any later: 晚一点上床睡觉

<sup>169</sup> have to for work or for school: 为了上班或是上学，不得不（早起）

<sup>170</sup> stay up late: 熬夜

<sup>171</sup> exciting activities that happen at night: 晚上会举办的很多令人激动的活动

### 5. Do you think morning is the best time of day?

Well, I think that evening is the best time of day. It's the end of the work or school day, and you have time to relax. I do like mornings, but<sup>172</sup> they can be really stressful. If you're getting ready for work or school and you're running late<sup>173</sup>, then your morning isn't very enjoyable.

### 6. What kinds of occasions need people to arrive early?

Most people try to arrive early for formal ceremonies like weddings or funerals<sup>174</sup>. Those events require a large amount of organization and planning. It's important that no one arrives late in order to avoid interruptions<sup>175</sup>. People may also arrive early to an airport or train station. Many airlines suggest that passengers arrive three hours early to avoid missing a flight. So arriving early is a good idea for travelers.

### 7. What happens if you arrive early or late?

When you arrive somewhere early, you have time to get settled<sup>176</sup>. For example, you have enough time to find a seat or use the bathroom if you need to. But if you arrive late, it can be super stressful<sup>177</sup>. It really depends on the event. Being late to a party is fine. But being late to a meeting or a class is rude. You should avoid being late if you can.

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<sup>172</sup> I do like mornings, but: 我当然也喜欢早晨，但是...

<sup>173</sup> you're running late: 你要迟到了

<sup>174</sup> funerals: 葬礼

<sup>175</sup> in order to avoid interruptions: 以避免被干扰打断

<sup>176</sup> you have time to get settled: 有时间安顿好（提前适应一下环境）

<sup>177</sup> it can be super stressful: 这有可能会把你搞得压力很大

## Topic 18 不喜欢的规则

### 1. What are the rules students should follow at school?

I think that a good rule is respecting everyone at school. Whether it's their teachers or their peers<sup>178</sup>, students need to be polite. They shouldn't be rude or disrespectful to people. Students should also try to avoid interrupting lessons<sup>179</sup>. It can be very distracting to the other students who are trying to learn.

### 2. Are the rules at school good or bad? Why?

I think that most rules at school are good. They remind students of<sup>180</sup> what behaviour is appropriate. For example, rules that forbid bullying<sup>181</sup> are important because it helps keep students safe and happy. However, some rules can be ridiculous. For example, some schools forbid female students from having long hair. Rules like that can make students frustrated.

### 3. What rules should children follow at home?

I think children should follow some basic rules. For example, they should go to bed on time; and they should only watch TV when their parents allow them to. Generally speaking, parents know what's best for them. The rules at home are there to encourage the children's growth<sup>182</sup>, both mentally and physically. So children need to listen to their parents and follow their rules.

### 4. How are people punished when parking in a wrong spot?

People usually get punished for parking in the wrong spot by getting a ticket. That ticket usually comes with an expensive fine. Most people think parking tickets are ridiculous. But in some cases, it's deserved<sup>183</sup>. If you park in front of a fire hydrant<sup>184</sup>, for instance, you might make it harder for the firefighters in case of an emergency.

### 5. Do people in your country often break rules?

Most people in my country obey the law<sup>185</sup>. But of course, there are always exceptions<sup>186</sup>. I think whenever people break the law regularly, it's usually a traffic law. Lots of drivers speed, especially during the work week. But for serious things like the lockdowns and mandatory testing for Covid-19<sup>187</sup>, Chinese people rarely break the rules.

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<sup>178</sup> peers: 同龄人

<sup>179</sup> avoid interrupting lessons: 避免课堂捣乱; 避免打扰老师上课

<sup>180</sup> remind students of: 提醒学生...

<sup>181</sup> bullying: 霸凌; 欺负人

<sup>182</sup> encourage the children's growth: 促进孩子们的成长

<sup>183</sup> it's deserved: 这是活该的; 这是应当的

<sup>184</sup> a fire hydrant: 一个消防栓

<sup>185</sup> obey the law: 遵守法律法规

<sup>186</sup> of course, there are always exceptions: 当然, 凡事都有例外

<sup>187</sup> the lockdowns and mandatory testing for Covid-19: 封城和强制新冠检测



## Topic 19 咖啡馆

### 1. What kind of people would like to go to a café?

I think young adults like going to a café. When you're a kid or a teenager, cafés are kind of boring. But when you're a young adult, they're a nice place to meet up with your friends<sup>188</sup> after work or on the weekends. Plus, retired people also like going to cafés because the environment there is super relaxed. It's a nice place to chat over coffee or tea<sup>189</sup>.

### 2. Why do young people like studying in a café instead of at home?

Well, young people like studying at a café because it's nice to leave their house sometimes. When you're studying at home, you might get sick of being in the same place all the time<sup>190</sup>. Plus, you can get distracted by your roommates or family members. Cafés offer a nice, quiet atmosphere where you can focus. It also makes studying better because you can enjoy a nice tea or coffee while you work.

### 3. Do Chinese people like to go to a café? If not, what are their social places?

Well, not every Chinese person loves going to a café. But there are more young people who are into coffee culture<sup>191</sup> and enjoy hanging out with their friends at coffee shops. But honestly, older people in China rarely go to a cafe. They're used to having a meal with others<sup>192</sup> at a restaurant to socialize.

### 4. Do older people in China like drinking coffee?

No, I don't think so. Most middle-aged and senior people don't drink coffee. Very few of them like coffee. It's mainly because they didn't grow up with a coffee culture<sup>193</sup>. Instead, they were surrounded by a strong tea culture. Plus, coffee is fairly new<sup>194</sup> in China and just got popular. I bet that 30 or 40 years from now, there will be more regular coffee drinkers than today.

见下页

<sup>188</sup> meet up with your friends: 和朋友们见面

<sup>189</sup> chat over coffee or tea: 边喝（咖啡或者茶）边聊

<sup>190</sup> get sick of being in the same place all the time: 总是呆在同一个地方会感到厌烦

<sup>191</sup> are into coffee culture: 热衷于喝咖啡，喜欢咖啡文化

<sup>192</sup> used to having a meal with others: 习惯和其他人（去饭店）一起吃饭

<sup>193</sup> didn't grow up with a coffee culture: 没有在咖啡文化中长大; 长大的过程中没有咖啡文化

<sup>194</sup> fairly new: 相当的新

### 5. Do young people like to invite their friends to their home? Why?

Yes, I think so. Inviting friends over is a good way to build your friendship outside of school<sup>195</sup>. Sometimes school is too busy to spend a lot of time with your friends. So inviting them to your home is a great option<sup>196</sup>. Plus, many young people also like to show their friends their space<sup>197</sup> and get to know their families.

### 6. What do you usually do when you come to the house?

When I get home, I usually change into comfortable clothes<sup>198</sup> if I don't have to go out again. Then I make a tea. I usually read or watch TV. If I have friends coming over, I clean the house and make a snack or meal for them. I may also study at home or do more work if I didn't get it done during the day<sup>199</sup>.

### 7. What is the difference between a cafe and a restaurant?

Cafés are usually smaller. Besides, they're designed more for casual hangouts<sup>200</sup>, like talking with a friend over a hot drink. But restaurants are usually fancier places<sup>201</sup> where people go to enjoy a nice meal. Sometimes they celebrate special occasions like birthdays or graduations. Plus, restaurants are more expensive since they offer full meals<sup>202</sup> instead of snacks.

### 8. Do people prefer to have parties at cafes or restaurants?

I think people prefer having parties at restaurants. Cafes are better for casual hangouts<sup>203</sup>, like meeting up with a couple friends. But with restaurants, you can make a reservation for<sup>204</sup> a larger group. Sometimes you can even reserve a whole room for your party. I know lots of people who've had birthday parties or graduation parties at a nice restaurant. It can be really fun.

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<sup>195</sup> outside of school: 在校外

<sup>196</sup> a great option: ...是一个不错的选择

<sup>197</sup> show their friends their space: 给他们的朋友展示他们的空间（指私人生活空间）

<sup>198</sup> change into comfortable clothes: 换上舒适的衣服

<sup>199</sup> didn't get it done during the day: 没能在白天完成的（工作或任务）

<sup>200</sup> designed more for casual outings: 专为在外休闲放松而设计的地方

<sup>201</sup> fancier places: 更高档的地方

<sup>202</sup> full meals: 正餐，全餐

<sup>203</sup> casual hangouts: 休闲场所

<sup>204</sup> make a reservation for: 预约，预定

### 9. Do coffee shops in China sell tea? Are coffee shops that different in different countries?

Yes, most coffee shops in China sell tea. In fact, selling tea or milk tea is a lot more profitable than selling coffee. China has a thousand-year tradition of drinking tea, so it's very popular in Chinese coffee shops. Plus, coffee shops in different countries have different features. They have to adapt to the local culture and local people's preferences<sup>205</sup>. It shows respect to customers of the country and provides another source of revenue<sup>206</sup>.

### 10. Do Chinese people like to drink coffee?

It really depends. Younger people like drinking coffee. They often enjoy a cup of coffee while taking a break from studying. Sometimes they get a huge cup of coffee to stay awake for an all-nighter<sup>207</sup>. But older people don't like coffee as much. They prefer tea, which is the more traditional beverage<sup>208</sup> in China.

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<sup>205</sup> local people's preferences: 当地人的喜好偏向

<sup>206</sup> provides another source of revenue: 提供了另一种渠道的收入来源，不只是通过卖咖啡赚钱

<sup>207</sup> stay awake for an all-nighter: 熬夜，通宵

<sup>208</sup> beverage: 饮料，饮品

## Topic 20 机智解决问题的人

### 1. Do you think children are born smart or they learn to become smart?

Well, there's a very interesting debate about<sup>209</sup> nature vs. nurture. The debate basically asks if children are born with their personality and skills, or if they develop those traits in life. Personally, I think that both are true. Some people are naturally very smart. Others have learning disabilities<sup>210</sup> that may affect their intelligence. But any child can become more intelligent with the proper supports and education.

### 2. How do children become smart at school?

I think children usually become smart at school by working hard and being open to learning new things<sup>211</sup>. They have to work hard at a subject in order to master it<sup>212</sup>. But they also have to adapt to new material and ways of learning. For example, their teacher might teach them something using a hands-on method. So they have to learn with that method in order to get smarter.

### 3. Why are some people well-rounded and others only good at one thing?

It depends on their personality, as well as the effort they put into things<sup>213</sup>. Some people find one thing that they are good at. Then they put all of their effort into that one thing and become experts. Others do not have one passion, but rather prefer to<sup>214</sup> develop many different talents. Either way<sup>215</sup>, most people focus on things they are good at.

### 4. Why does modern society need talents of all kinds?

Well, modern society needs talents of all kinds. That's the best way to have a healthy workforce<sup>216</sup>. If everyone was good at science and became doctors, then no one would become an author or a teacher. It's better to have a society where everyone contributes something different. We need just as many artists as we need accountants.

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<sup>209</sup> there's a very interesting debate about: 对于...有一个特别有趣的争论

<sup>210</sup> have learning disabilities: 有学习障碍

<sup>211</sup> being open to learning new things: 乐于学习新东西

<sup>212</sup> in order to master it: 为了要掌握它

<sup>213</sup> the effort they put into things: 他们所付出的努力

<sup>214</sup> but rather prefer to: 而是更喜欢...

<sup>215</sup> Either way: 不管是哪一种情况

<sup>216</sup> have a healthy workforce: 拥有健康的劳动力(这里是指社会的总体劳动力或人力)

### 5. Do you think clever people are bad at some things? What things can clever people be bad at?

I think that everybody has weaknesses. For clever people, it really depends on what they're clever at. Someone who's good at math might be bad at writing essays. Or someone who's very smart and witty might be bad at being empathetic<sup>217</sup>. There are different ways to measure intelligence.

### 6. What role can a good teacher play in a student's learning?

Well, a good teacher is very important to a student's education. If they can teach a lesson effectively, it'll help the student understand the material quickly. As a result, that student can get a good grade<sup>218</sup> and feel confident about learning. A good teacher can also encourage a student whenever they have problems. That helps the student become more motivated<sup>219</sup>.

### 7. Do the people around you have special skills?

Well, I'm friends with people who<sup>220</sup> have studied other subjects. So it seems like they have special skills. My friends who study science know how to solve complex equations<sup>221</sup>. Besides, I have a friend who works in construction, so they're very good with tools in a way that I'm not. It's cool to know people with different specialties. It makes me appreciate everyone's differences.

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<sup>217</sup> be bad at being empathetic: 不善于换位思考; 不太有同理心

<sup>218</sup> get a good grade: 学习上取得好成绩

<sup>219</sup> motivated: 有积极性的, 有上进心的

<sup>220</sup> I'm friends with people who: 我和...是朋友; 我的朋友都是...

<sup>221</sup> equations: 方程式

## Topic 21 对社会有贡献的人

### 1. What jobs are well-paid?

There are lots of jobs that pay well. For example, nowadays coding is a very valuable skill. So programmers can easily find high-paying jobs. That's why lots of college graduates apply at IT companies. Besides, being a lawyer is a profession that pays really well. After all, lawyers have to deal with tons of complicated legal issues<sup>222</sup>.

### 2. What are the changes in working conditions?

It seems to me that in general, working conditions have improved. A lot of jobs are more accommodating for any special needs<sup>223</sup>. For example, more and more companies have started allowing workers to take a nap after lunch. Some of them even provide lounge chairs<sup>224</sup>. I think it's mainly because workers have more rights than they used to.

### 3. What are the impacts of the epidemic on the work environment?

Well, one impact of the epidemic is that lots of people are working from home<sup>225</sup> now. That's great for some people but more challenging for others, like parents with young children at home. In the future, a majority of<sup>226</sup> jobs might move online. So unfortunately, jobs that can't be done remotely might disappear.

### 4. Which jobs in your country have low wages? Why are their wages low?

Unfortunately, a lot of essential jobs<sup>227</sup> have low wages. People who work in the service industry don't get paid a lot. People who do manual labour<sup>228</sup> also have low wages. For example, factory workers and labourers are some of the lowest-paying jobs. I think it's mainly because those jobs don't require much skills and education. So the workers doing these jobs can be easily replaced.

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<sup>222</sup> deal with tons of complicated legal issues: 处理大量复杂的法律问题

<sup>223</sup> more accommodating for any special needs: 更能适应一些特殊需求; 意思是更能满足员工的一些特殊需求

<sup>224</sup> lounge chairs: 躺椅

<sup>225</sup> working from home: 在家工作

<sup>226</sup> a majority of: 大部分

<sup>227</sup> essential jobs: 必不可少的工作

<sup>228</sup> People who do manual labour: 从事体力劳动的人

### 5. What working skills or skills useful for work should be taught to high school students?

I think high school students should have to study accounting. Learning how to do that kind of math is really helpful for lots of jobs in business or finance. High school students should also learn some basic technology skills. They should learn about different software and learn how to use a computer well. Those skills are a must<sup>229</sup> when entering the job market.

### 6. What working skills or skills useful for work should be taught to college students?

Well, college students should learn how to write well. They should learn how to communicate well and make a persuasive argument<sup>230</sup>. It will help them become more successful at work, no matter what field they go into. Besides, it would be helpful for them to learn coding. It might seem weird, but<sup>231</sup> coding is useful in lots of different jobs.

### 7. Do you think younger people should be lower-paid than older people?

In some cases<sup>232</sup>, I think younger people should be paid the same as old people. For example, if they're doing the same job with the same level of experience, they should get equal pay<sup>233</sup>. However, if an older person has been working at a company for longer, they might get paid more because of their experience. That's pretty normal.

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<sup>229</sup> a must: 必不可少的东西

<sup>230</sup> make a persuasive argument: 做出有说服力的论点

<sup>231</sup> It might seem weird, but: 这可能看起来很奇怪，但

是...

<sup>232</sup> In some cases: 在某些情况下

<sup>233</sup> get equal pay: 得到同等的报酬



## Topic 22 别人讲述的故事

### 1. Do young children like the same stories as older children?

No, I don't think they like the same stories. Preschoolers<sup>234</sup> and even older children like stories that have a lot of action. They also love stories with complicated plots<sup>235</sup>. But toddlers like stories that are simple and fun. They like stories that aren't too scary or thrilling. Anything that's light and entertaining<sup>236</sup> is good for them.

### 2. How has technology changed storytelling?

Well, I believe technology has made storytelling more entertaining. Animation is a great example. In the past, animation looked very plain<sup>237</sup> and wasn't very impressive. But now, with new software, animation can look almost as convincing as real life<sup>238</sup>. There are so many different art styles that can be used in animation. So filmmakers can create really interesting and beautiful stories.

### 3. How do people tell stories to children?

I think people usually simplify things<sup>239</sup> when they tell stories to children. It can help children understand the stories easily. Besides, adults don't want to tell their kids about anything too mature. So they tell stories that are just fun and entertaining. Sometimes, they even use silly voices to make the kids laugh<sup>240</sup>.

### 4. Why do children like stories?

Children like stories because they're entertaining. When you listen to a really good story, you get totally immersed in it<sup>241</sup>. Stories can make you laugh, or they can even make you cry. Besides, when children listen to stories, they can learn about the world. Stories help them understand some more serious topics. For example, the story of the rabbit and the turtle helps children understand the meaning of perseverance<sup>242</sup>.

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<sup>234</sup> Preschoolers: 学龄前儿童, 一般两岁半以后的孩子

<sup>235</sup> complicated plots: 复杂的情节

<sup>236</sup> light and entertaining: 轻松有趣

<sup>237</sup> looked very plain: 看起来很平淡; 看起来很一般

<sup>238</sup> look almost as convincing as real life: 看起来以假

乱真; 看起来像真的

<sup>239</sup> simplify things: (把故事内容) 简化

<sup>240</sup> use silly voices to make the kids laugh: 用傻乎乎的声音逗孩子笑

<sup>241</sup> get totally immersed in it: 完全沉浸其中

<sup>242</sup> perseverance: 毅力



### 5. Some children watch TV for a long time; do you think that is good or not?

I think it's a bad thing because children might become addicted to<sup>243</sup> TV and never get any physical exercise or social interaction<sup>244</sup>. Generally speaking, kids need to spend more face to face time with their family and friends. Spending more time outside instead of watching TV is very helpful to their physical development as well.

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<sup>243</sup> become addicted to: 沉迷于...

<sup>244</sup> social interaction: 社交互动

## Topic 23 一见且想再见的人

### 1. What are the ways to make new friends?

People usually make new friends by going to parties or social events. Or they make friends with the people who are around them all the time<sup>245</sup>. For instance, they might become friends with their coworkers. Or if they're at school, they can become friends with their classmates. Some people even make friends online<sup>246</sup>. It sounds funny, but it's very common nowadays.

### 2. What qualities make a good friend?

I think a good friend is someone who is patient and kind. They can stay calm, even when you're in an argument. They should also be reliable. You can depend on them, no matter what<sup>247</sup>. Besides, a good friend should have some common interests. It can be hard to bond<sup>248</sup> if you don't share any interest or hobbies.

### 3. How do you maintain friendships?

Friendships can be very hard to maintain. Nowadays, people get really busy with work or school. They might start to neglect their personal relationships. But in order to maintain a friendship, both people need to make an effort<sup>249</sup>. For example, when your friends are in need of help, you should help them even when you have lots of other things to do. You should also communicate your needs<sup>250</sup>. If you start to feel neglected, you have to express that to the other person.

### 4. On what occasions do people like to make friends?

I think people like making friends when they're in a new environment. For example, when young people go to university, they like making friends in their classes. It's also nice to make friends outside of class<sup>251</sup>. That way, their friends can help them adjust to university life. People also like making friends at their jobs. Getting along with your coworkers makes the job better.

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<sup>245</sup> all the time: 一直; 总是

<sup>246</sup> make friends online: 网上交朋友

<sup>247</sup> no matter what: 无论如何

<sup>248</sup> It can be hard to bond: 很难去增进感情; 很难建立深厚友情

<sup>249</sup> make an effort: 努力去

<sup>250</sup> communicate your needs: 传达你的需求、告诉别人你的需求

<sup>251</sup> make friends outside of class: 交班级外的朋友

### 5. Is it important to have the same hobbies and interests when making friends?

I think having some similar hobbies as your friends is important, but not essential<sup>252</sup>. Many people become friends because they're similar. Then they stay friends for a long time because of those interests. But some people have best friends who are really different from them. People can actually enjoy each other's interests and learn a lot from each other.

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<sup>252</sup> is important, but not essential: 是重要的，但不是

必要的

## Topic 24 和朋友有趣的讨论

### 1. When do children normally form their own views?

I would say that children usually form their own views when they're in elementary school. As they grow up<sup>253</sup> and start learning about the world in class, they begin to form opinions. For example, they might think about how they want to treat people. They may also form opinions on other cultures<sup>254</sup> when they learn about them in school.

### 2. Do children have strong opinions?

Yes, I think children have strong opinions. As kids grow up, they may feel very strongly about their opinions because it's all they know. They just focus on what they're familiar with. So they can be very passionate about what they believe, even if they don't know why they believe it. For example, sometimes you can't talk children down<sup>255</sup> when they want to play on a snowy day, even if you tell them it's unsafe to be in the snow.

### 3. Should parents request their kids to obey them?

Yes, I think parents should ask their kids to listen to them. Sometimes, parents might demand too much. Children might lose their confidence in decision-making<sup>256</sup>. But for the most part<sup>257</sup>, it's good for kids to listen to their parents. Most of the time, parents know what's best. For example, children need to listen to their parents when they're doing something risky, like crossing a street without looking.

### 4. In what industries do you think communication is a necessary skill?

Well, communication is a necessary skill in most industries. Actually I think it's most important in business and other fields where you deal with customers. You know, you need to be a good communicator if you're trying to make transactions with people<sup>258</sup>. Communication is also really important if you work in education. After all, effective learning comes from good communication.

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<sup>253</sup> As they grow up: 随着他们长大

<sup>254</sup> form opinions on other cultures: 形成对其他文化的看法

<sup>255</sup> you can't talk children down: 你无法说服孩子

<sup>256</sup> lose their confidence in decision-making: 失去做决

定的信心

<sup>257</sup> for the most part: 在大多数情况下

<sup>258</sup> make transactions with people: 与人进行交易; 和人做买卖

## 5. How to be a good listener?

Being a good listener is a difficult skill. Many people listen in order to give it advice. Or they might connect it to their own lives in some way<sup>259</sup>. This technique can be helpful, but it doesn't always work<sup>260</sup>. Some people want to be listened to, but they don't want advice. They just want to say how they feel and be supported. So I think you should ask the person if they want your opinion, or if they just want to talk.

## 6. At what age do kids start picking up a hobby or interest?

I think kids usually find a hobby or interest when they're five or six. Around that age, they've developed their personality more. So they know more about what they're interested in. They also have more options. You can't do that many activities<sup>261</sup> when you're super young. But as you get older, you can try out different things, and start finding what suits you.

## 7. What is the importance of listening?

Listening is very important because communication is dependent on it. You can't have good relationships without strong listening skills. If someone feels like they're not being listened to, they might get upset. So, listening is how we show people that we care about their views<sup>262</sup>. Being a good listener can help you in your relationships with others.

## 8. Do children often express and share their views with others?

I don't think every kid does that. It's true that some kids naturally love sharing their thoughts with others. But shy kids often hate talking about their opinions. Plus, strict parenting<sup>263</sup> can cause children to be afraid of expressing their views. Some parents are harsh with<sup>264</sup> their kids whenever they speak. So those kids might not want to express themselves.

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<sup>259</sup> in some way: 以某种方式

<sup>260</sup> it doesn't always work: 并不总是有效

<sup>261</sup> You can't do that many activities: 你不可能做那么多活动; 你做不了那么多多种活动

<sup>262</sup> listening is how we show people that we care about

their views: (认真) 倾听是我们向人们展示我们关心、在意他们看法的方式

<sup>263</sup> strict parenting: 严格的家教

<sup>264</sup> are harsh with: 对...严厉

**Topic 25 小学印象最深的人****1. Why do people always miss their childhood?**

It seems to me that people miss their childhood because it's more stressful to be an adult. When you're older, you have more responsibilities. You have to pay bills, handle a full-time job, and in some cases<sup>265</sup> take care of your own children. So childhood seems like a much better time of life. It's easy for people to be nostalgic<sup>266</sup>.

**2. Are kids happier than adults? Why?**

I suppose that in some ways<sup>267</sup>, kids are happier than adults. When you're a kid, life is simple. You don't have to worry about paying bills or working at a full-time job. Kids are content with<sup>268</sup> simple things, like hanging out with their friends. As an adult, you have more responsibilities and more stress. So it's harder to find happiness.

**3. What do people generally remember about elementary school?**

I think that people usually remember the friends they made in elementary school. They might remember some cool experiences from a class. But the thing that stands out the most is<sup>269</sup> the people that they met. A lot of people remember the good friends they had in elementary school, and keep a lifelong friendship with them<sup>270</sup>.

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<sup>265</sup> in some cases: 在某些情况下；有时候

<sup>266</sup> nostalgic: 怀旧的

<sup>267</sup> in some ways: 在某些方面

<sup>268</sup> are content with: 满足于

<sup>269</sup> the thing that stands out the most is: 印象中最突出的还是

<sup>270</sup> keep a lifelong friendship with them: 和他们保持一生的友谊



#### 4. Why do people still remember many of their friends from primary school?

I think it's because primary school is an important time in people's lives. When you're young, you're learning about the world for the first time. Most people can remember their childhood friends because they went through lots of important first experiences together<sup>271</sup>. It's really sweet how those childhood friendships can last a long time<sup>272</sup>.

#### 5. What kinds of primary school teachers will impress students?

I suppose that students are most impressed by primary school teachers who are engaging<sup>273</sup>, enthusiastic<sup>274</sup>, and caring. Children in primary school are very young, and they can't focus for a long time. So the teacher needs to plan engaging activities to keep students focused. Teachers also need to be kind and caring so that students feel comfortable asking for help if they have a problem.

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<sup>271</sup> went through lots of important first experiences together: 一起经历了很多重要的第一次

<sup>272</sup> last a long time: 持续很长时间

<sup>273</sup> engaging: 敬业的

<sup>274</sup> enthusiastic: 热情的; 狂热的

## Topic 26 印象深刻的一节课

### 1. Which can help you remember things better, words or photos?

It depends on the person. Some people learn better through photos. But others memorize things by reading about them. It also depends on what you're trying to memorize. If you're trying to remember what someone looks like, a photo would be better. But if you're trying to remember a classic poem<sup>275</sup>, you'd have to read it a lot of times.

### 2. Why do some people have better memory? / What may affect people's memory?

I think that in some cases, it can be due to genetics<sup>276</sup>. But a good memory also depends on other factors. For example, you can remember things better when you have a healthy diet and you exercise regularly. Plus, people who try new activities, like learning a language or an instrument, have a better memory because it keeps their brain active<sup>277</sup>.

### 3. Why can some people remember some little things in life?

I believe that some people pay attention to the little things because they matter to them<sup>278</sup>. Little things can be important depending on the person. For example, detectives and police officers are very good at recalling small details of crime scenes<sup>279</sup>. But for some other people, they can remember the little things just because they have a great memory.

### 4. Are young people better at memorizing things than old people? Do young people have a better memory than old people?

No, I don't think so. I actually read in an article that the human brain stays young even as we age<sup>280</sup>. So I don't think that the aging of the brain<sup>281</sup> affects your memory. If someone has a healthy brain when they are old, they will be as good at memorizing things as young people.

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<sup>275</sup> a classic poem: 一首古诗

<sup>276</sup> in some cases, it can be due to genetics: 在某些情况下, 这可能是由于基因的原因

<sup>277</sup> keeps their brain active: 能让他们的大脑保持活跃

<sup>278</sup> they matter to them: 它们(那些小事)对他们很重要

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<sup>279</sup> recalling small details of crime scenes: 回忆犯罪现场的小细节

<sup>280</sup> the human brain stays young even as we age: 在我们变老的时候大脑可以依旧保持年轻

<sup>281</sup> the aging of the brain: 大脑的老化

## 5. Do men and women have differences in memory?

Yes, there are actually some differences in memory when it comes to men and women. I read an article not long ago. It says that in general, women are better at remembering things like names, faces, and conversations. They also have better short-term memory<sup>282</sup> than men. Men are usually better at things like navigation<sup>283</sup>. So they can remember directions to a place even if they only went there once.

## 6. Do people like things with sentimental value?

Yes, people like keeping things that are associated with certain memories<sup>284</sup>. It's very common to keep items from your childhood so you can remember it when you're older. Some people save their favorite toys, while others keep things like sports medals. People also like keeping things from important occasions like graduations and weddings. It helps them preserve special memories<sup>285</sup>.

## 7. Can technology help people remember things better? How?

Yeah, definitely. One good example is photography. In the past, not many people owned a camera because they were really expensive. But nowadays, basically every cell phone has a camera. You can take pictures and videos of a moment instead of only preserving it in your mind. Then, later on, you can look back at those pictures and videos to fully remember the occasion<sup>286</sup>.

## 8. How to forget a bad memory?

Well, people can forget a negative memory<sup>287</sup> in a few different ways. First, it might help to talk to someone about it, like a friend or family member. It's a good way to relieve your pain<sup>288</sup>. It can also help make you less sad or scared. Besides, you can try to think of some good memories instead. For example, if the bad memory happened at your school, think of a good memory from school instead.

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<sup>282</sup> have better short-term memory: 有更好的短期记忆

<sup>283</sup> navigation: 寻路; 导航; 这里是指男的擅长记路

<sup>284</sup> associated with certain memories: 与特定记忆相关的

<sup>285</sup> preserve special memories: 保留住特殊的记忆

<sup>286</sup> fully remember the occasion: 充分记住当时的情景

<sup>287</sup> a negative memory: 一个负面的或消极的记忆

<sup>288</sup> relieve your pain: 减轻你的痛苦

**Topic 27 困难的决定****1. What decisions do people usually make in their daily lives?**

People make lots of decisions throughout the day<sup>289</sup>. For example, they have to choose what to eat every day. Sometimes they might pick between cooking a meal or ordering take-out<sup>290</sup>. People also have to decide how they'll spend their time. There are lots of options for things to do during leisure time. So they have lots of choices to make.

**2. Which is easier, making a decision by yourself or making a decision after group discussion?**

I think that it really depends on the decision<sup>291</sup>. Sometimes it's better to make a decision by yourself. If everyone's giving their opinion, it's hard to figure out what you really want. But in other cases<sup>292</sup>, you might actually want other people's opinions. It's helpful when the decision is something you're unsure about.

**3. Why are many young people unwilling to follow their parents' advice?**

I suppose that young people are unwilling to follow their parents' advice because they want to be independent. Young people grow up having to do everything their parents say<sup>293</sup>. So once they become teenagers or young adults, they don't like following advice. They want to show that they can make their own decisions. They may even try to do things completely different from what their parents suggest.

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<sup>289</sup> throughout the day: 在一天中

<sup>290</sup> ordering take-out: 叫外卖吃

<sup>291</sup> it really depends on the decision: 这完全取决于你的决定

<sup>292</sup> in other cases: 在其他情况下

<sup>293</sup> Young people grow up having to do everything their parents say: 年轻人在成长过程中不得不按照父母说的去做

#### 4. Why would middle-aged people tend to second-guess their own decisions?

Middle-aged people usually have to make more important decisions than younger people. They have a lot of family and work responsibilities. Every decision they make affects other people. So they spend more time doubting themselves<sup>294</sup> than a young person would. Plus, when you're older, you realize that your instinct isn't always right<sup>295</sup>. Middle-aged people know that they should think carefully before making a decision.

#### 5. How do people usually make decisions?

People usually make decisions by thinking about the pros and cons<sup>296</sup>. They'll think about what they might gain from the situation, and then judge if it's worth the potential risks<sup>297</sup>. A lot of people also make decisions by talking to people they trust. They might ask their friends or family for advice before they decide.

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<sup>294</sup> doubting themselves: 怀疑自己

<sup>295</sup> your instinct isn't always right: 你的直觉并不总是正确的

<sup>296</sup> thinking about the pros and cons: 考虑利弊

<sup>297</sup> if it's worth the potential risks: 是否值得冒险

## Topic 28 想要的公寓或房子

### 1. What kinds of apartments are the most popular?

I think that condos<sup>298</sup> are probably the most popular. Those buildings have great views. There are also lots of benefits. For example, most modern condos have a gym or even a pool. They have good security so you don't have to worry about getting robbed. They also have nice common areas<sup>299</sup>. You can usually go on the roof and enjoy a great view of the city.

### 2. What are the differences between houses that young people and old people like?

I think young people like apartments because they have better views. If they pick a house, they'll probably like a house in a more modern style. But many old people prefer living in a single home<sup>300</sup> with a big yard. That way, they can plant flowers and vegetables in the yard. Plus, they don't have to worry about stairs in tall buildings.

### 3. What are the differences between apartments and houses?

Well, apartments can fit multiple families. They are in buildings, either high-rise or low-rise. And most people in cities live in apartments. It's the best way to deal with big populations. Houses, on the other hand, are the most common in the countryside. Families in rural areas have enough space to build their own house. And they are usually designed for one or two families at most<sup>301</sup>.

### 4. Do people usually rent or buy a house? Why?

People usually save up to buy a house. Some people like to rent, especially if they're young. But it's cheaper to buy a house. I mean, you have to make big mortgage payments<sup>302</sup>. But it's worth it to own a property instead of paying rent forever. That being said<sup>303</sup>, it's getting more common to rent. Most people just don't have enough money to buy.

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<sup>298</sup> condos: 独立产权公寓

<sup>299</sup> common areas: 公用区域

<sup>300</sup> a single home: 一个独立的房子; 一个单独的房子

<sup>301</sup> at most: 最多

<sup>302</sup> make big mortgage payments: 支付大笔的房贷

<sup>303</sup> That being said: 虽然这么说; 虽说如此

## Topic 29 搬到新家/学校

### 1. Why do people move to a new home?

People move to a new home for lots of reasons. Most of the time, they need more space. They might have a new addition to the family<sup>304</sup>, like a pet or a child. It can be hard to have multiple kids and pets in a small house. Sometimes, people may also move to a new city for work. Plus, some people who live in a city might move to the country because they want more outdoor space<sup>305</sup>.

### 2. What problems will people face after moving to a new place?

People can face many problems after moving to a new place. They might need to do repairs<sup>306</sup>, or they might have a problem with the new neighbours. What's more, some people might realize that things are more expensive in a new city, especially rent and utilities<sup>307</sup>. People might have to learn to spend their money differently.

### 3. How do people solve these problems?

Well, people can deal with new expenses by rearranging their budget or saving up beforehand<sup>308</sup>. Besides, if people are struggling to adjust to the new neighborhood<sup>309</sup>, they can befriend the people<sup>310</sup> who live close by. It's always helpful to get along with your neighbors. If you're new to the area, your neighbors can help you find the best restaurants and essential places like hospitals and grocery stores.

### 4. Is it good to move to a new place frequently? Why?

I don't think it's a good idea to move to a new place often. Moving is stressful and takes up a lot of time<sup>311</sup>. It requires a lot of research and preparation. Moving is also very expensive. If you're renting, you need to pay at least two months of rent at the start. If you're buying a house you have to provide a down payment<sup>312</sup>. So, it is better to move less often.

### 5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the same place?

If you stay in the same place, you can form good relationships with the people around you. It's hard to connect with people when you move from place to place. But if you stay in one place, you might get bored of your surroundings. Sometimes people feel frustrated if they never live anywhere else. Depending on where you live<sup>313</sup>, it might also get too expensive to cover living costs<sup>314</sup>.

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<sup>304</sup> have a new addition to the family: 有了新的家庭成员

<sup>305</sup> outdoor space: 户外空间

<sup>306</sup> do repairs: 修理

<sup>307</sup> utilities: 水电气费等公共设备或服务的费用

<sup>308</sup> saving up beforehand: 攒钱之前

<sup>309</sup> adjust to the new neighborhood: 适应新环境

<sup>310</sup> befriend the people: 和...人交朋友

<sup>311</sup> takes up a lot of time: 要花很多时间

<sup>312</sup> provide a down payment: 准备首付

<sup>313</sup> Depending on where you live: 取决于你住在哪里; 和你住的地方有关系

<sup>314</sup> too expensive to cover living costs: 生活成本太高, 负担不起生活费用



### Topic 30 常做的浪费时间的活动

#### 1. What are the activities that people must do in their daily lives?

Well, there are the basic activities, like eating and working. You have to choose what kind of food you'll eat, and you usually have to go to work to support yourself. But another activity that people should do every day is exercise. It's important to stay fit through working out.

#### 2. What waste people's time in daily life?

A lot of things can waste people's time in daily life. For example, people could get stuck behind a slow walker<sup>315</sup> or have to wait for a friend who's late. Those kinds of things are really frustrating. Another thing that wastes time is scrolling on a cellphone<sup>316</sup>. People often spend too much time on apps like TikTok, Wechat and Weibo. They could be more productive if they put down their cellphones.

#### 3. How do people balance life and work?

Finding a work-life balance is really difficult. People have to figure out their priorities<sup>317</sup>. If work makes them neglect their family, they should try to handle their responsibilities differently<sup>318</sup> so they can protect their relationships. Once you know what's really important to you, you can base your work-life balance around that<sup>319</sup>.

#### 4. What (time-wasting) things do people feel stressed out about?

People usually feel stressed out about their commutes. If they have to wait in traffic, they'll get frustrated. Waiting in a long line of cars is a huge waste of time. I don't know anyone who doesn't get stressed from being stuck in traffic. Actually, I think people hate waiting in line in general, whether it's on the highway or at a store.

#### 5. Why do some people not follow their own plans?

Some people don't follow their plans because they aren't motivated enough<sup>320</sup>. They might set clear goals for themselves, but when things get hard, they'll give up. In other situations, people might change their plans because they realize it's not the right plan, or that there's a better choice for them.

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<sup>315</sup> get stuck behind a slow walker: 被堵在一个走的很慢的人后面

<sup>316</sup> scrolling on a cellphone: 刷手机

<sup>317</sup> figure out their priorities: 分清轻重缓急

<sup>318</sup> handle their responsibilities differently: 以不同的方式处理他们的（工作）职责；也可以理解为改变

工作方式

<sup>319</sup> base your work-life balance around that: 以此为基准来平衡你的工作和生活

<sup>320</sup> they aren't motivated enough: 他们没有足够的动力

## 6. Will you continue doing something when you are aware that it's a waste of time?

Yes, sometimes I'll waste my time on purpose<sup>321</sup>. Whenever I'm procrastinating<sup>322</sup>, I'll just scroll through social media<sup>323</sup>. I know that it's totally unproductive, but it helps me relax. Plus, social media is designed to be super addictive, so it's fun. Even though it's a waste of time, I like being on my phone and doing something mindless<sup>324</sup>.

## 7. Why do some people refuse to abide by rules?

Some people think the rules don't apply to them<sup>325</sup> because they're smarter or special in some way<sup>326</sup>. For example, you often see news about people who ignore the COVID-19 rules of wearing a mask in public areas. Sometimes, they might not understand the reason for the rule, so they decide not to follow it. I think that it's very selfish.

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<sup>321</sup> waste my time on purpose: 故意浪费自己的时间

<sup>322</sup> procrastinating: 有拖延症的，爱拖延的

<sup>323</sup> scroll through social media: 刷社交媒体

<sup>324</sup> doing something mindless: 做一些机械简单不需

要思考的事情

<sup>325</sup> the rules don't apply to them: 规则不适用于他们

<sup>326</sup> in some way: 在某种程度上

### Topic 31 有创造力的人

#### 1. Do you think you are a creative person?

Yes, I think I'm a creative person. I have lots of new ideas and I like thinking of new ways to do things. It's a good way to keep work interesting. I also really like making art. It's not my job, but it's a really fun hobby. Plus, I like adding new decor and furniture to my apartment to reflect my personality and creativity<sup>327</sup>.

#### 2. Is it good for children to learn arts? / Do drawing and music lessons in school help children develop creativity?

Yes, it's great for children to study the arts. Children can definitely develop their creativity through drawing and music lessons. Both of these activities teach children to express themselves. With drawing, they can use their imagination to create pieces of art. When they take music lessons, they can express themselves by playing a song. Through these activities, children can learn to interact with the world in new ways<sup>328</sup>.

#### 3. Is children's doodling meaningful?

Well, it depends on the child. Some children doodle things that are meaningful to them, while other children just doodle for fun. I think doodling is a great way for children to practice their artistic skills and fine motor skills<sup>329</sup>. They can also practice their handwriting. Doodling is also a good option for hyperactive children<sup>330</sup> because it helps them focus.

#### 4. Do you think music education at school is suitable for all children?

Yes, I think all children could benefit from music education. They should at least have one class. Learning about music or learning to play an instrument is really great for children's development. It gets them to use their brain in a different way. Studying music has also been shown to improve children's math skills<sup>331</sup>.

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<sup>327</sup> reflect my personality and creativity: 以反映我的个性和创造力

<sup>328</sup> to interact with the world in new ways: 用新的方式与世界互动

<sup>329</sup> fine motor skills: 精细运动技能; 小肌肉运动技能

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<sup>330</sup> hyperactive children: 好动的孩子

<sup>331</sup> has also been shown to improve children's math skills: 也能提高孩子的数学能力

## 5. What kinds of jobs require people to be creative?

Many jobs require you to be creative. I think you can be creative no matter what your job is. Some jobs are very obviously creative, like being an artist or a writer. Your success depends on how creative and original you can be. Some other examples are people who work in graphic design<sup>332</sup> or marketing. They have to figure out creative ways to advertise a product.

## 6. Do you think leaders need to have creative ability?

Yes, I would say that leaders need to be creative. They have to consider every single member of their team<sup>333</sup>. Then they have to think of ideas and solutions that work for them. This often requires the leader to be creative to come up with ideas that work for everyone. The more creative a leader can be, the more engaged<sup>334</sup> and happy their team will be.

## 7. What age should children start music lessons at school?

I think children should start music lessons when they're six or seven. If they're any younger<sup>335</sup>, they might not be able to even hold an instrument in the correct position. But when they're around that age, they can understand simple instructions and begin to read music notes<sup>336</sup>. Plus, if they keep at it, they'll be able to become talented in a few years. That can help build their confidence<sup>337</sup>.

## 8. Should teachers be creative?

Yes, definitely. They should be good at problem-solving, which requires creativity. Teachers have to deal with lots of unpredictable situations<sup>338</sup> when they're in the classroom. They also have to accommodate students who have different learning styles. So teachers need to be flexible when it comes to how they teach and help their students.

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<sup>332</sup> graphic design: 平面设计

<sup>333</sup> every single member of their team: 他们团队的每一个成员

<sup>334</sup> engaged: 投入

<sup>335</sup> If they're any younger: 如果他们再年轻一点的话

<sup>336</sup> read music notes: 读乐谱

<sup>337</sup> build their confidence: 建立他们的自信

<sup>338</sup> lots of unpredictable situations: 有很多不可预测的情况

## Topic 32 有趣的外国人

### 1. How do people know foreign friends?

People usually make foreign friends through travel. Sometimes it's easier to start a friendship while on a journey than in everyday life. After all, being in a foreign land<sup>339</sup> means you're more interesting to the people there. Besides, some people may meet new friends from other countries online. When you play an online game that is open to the world, it's easy to get to know gamers<sup>340</sup> from other countries.

### 2. What are the advantages of knowing foreigners?

Well, there are a lot of advantages to knowing foreigners. Firstly, you get to learn about a culture that is different than your own<sup>341</sup>. You might be introduced to new food, music, languages, or traditions. Plus, knowing someone from another country gives you a good excuse to<sup>342</sup> travel and visit that country someday.

### 3. What are the pros and cons of living abroad?

One big pro is that<sup>343</sup> you get to experience a new culture. You might even learn a new language. I think that's a great way to learn more about the world, or even yourself in the process. You can also try new food and meet new people, which is exciting. A con is that<sup>344</sup> it might be hard to learn a new language and fit into a new environment<sup>345</sup>. It can also be very expensive to live abroad.

### 4. Do you have any foreign friends and do you think having foreign friends is a good way to know other countries?

Yes, I have some friends from other countries who I met on the internet. We met each other through an online game called PUBG<sup>346</sup>. It's a trendy online shooting game<sup>347</sup>. Anyway, I know them pretty well after playing dozens of games together. And I've learned a lot about their countries through our chats. One of them is from the Philippines. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't know<sup>348</sup> so many fun facts about the Philippines.

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<sup>339</sup> being in a foreign land: 在异国他乡

<sup>340</sup> gamers: 游戏玩家

<sup>341</sup> different than your own: 不同于你自己的

<sup>342</sup> gives you a good excuse to: 给了你一个很好的借口

<sup>343</sup> One big pro is that: 一个很大的好处是

<sup>344</sup> A con is that: 一个缺点是

<sup>345</sup> fit into a new environment: 适应新环境

<sup>346</sup> PUBG: 绝地求生; 可以按字母读, 也可以读作“pub-gee”

<sup>347</sup> trendy online shooting game: 流行的在线射击游戏

<sup>348</sup> If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't know: 如果不是她, 我不会知道...

### 5. Do you think it's important to know the culture and language before going to another country?

I think you should know a little bit about the country's culture, as well as some important phrases in their language before you visit. Some countries have very different attitudes and customs<sup>349</sup>. So you don't want to offend someone because you don't know the proper attire or customs<sup>350</sup>. Knowing some key phrases in the language is also very helpful. The locals will appreciate your effort to<sup>351</sup> speak their language.

### 6. What do you think of people who work in international companies?

Well, it's really cool for people to work in international companies. I respect them for it because they probably have to deal with lots of challenges. Depending on their position, they might have to go on business trips to different parts of the world. They might also have to learn about other cultures when dealing with people from different countries. So it takes a lot of hard work and determination to succeed at an international company.

### 7. What abilities do people need to have when working in an international company?

I think they need to have good language learning skills. International companies do business in more than one country. So their employees have to communicate with other co-workers from different countries. Employees who are bilingual or trilingual are definitely valuable. Besides, people skills<sup>352</sup> are also essential since communication makes up a big part of their job.

### 8. How can we promote international cultural exchanges?

I think that study abroad programs help promote international cultural exchanges. When students go to another country to learn, they discover a totally new culture and way of life. It gives them lots of knowledge that they can bring back to their own country. Besides, when they have cool experiences abroad, they can have more understanding for people from different places.

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<sup>349</sup> have very different attitudes and customs: (对一些事) 有着不同的看法和习俗

<sup>350</sup> offend someone because you don't know the proper attire or customs: 因为不知道正确的着装或习俗而

冒犯某人

<sup>351</sup> appreciate your effort to: 欣赏你尝试做...的努力

<sup>352</sup> people skills: 人际交往能力

## Topic 33 喜欢的名人

### 1. What kinds of people are famous in your country?

There are a lot of famous singers and actors. People love keeping up with<sup>353</sup> those kinds of celebrities because they feel like they know them. When you listen to a song or watch a movie, you feel like you know the performer personally. So it's really easy to care a lot about their lives. Singers and actors are famous because people get obsessed with them<sup>354</sup> and want to know everything about them.

### 2. Why do people care about the private lives of celebrities?

I think it's because a lot of people are curious. They want to peek into other people's lives<sup>355</sup> and know more about them. It's not cool to invade people's privacy<sup>356</sup> if you know them personally. But some people think it's okay to do with celebrities. After all, there's a whole industry based around celebrity gossip. I don't think it's healthy, but people definitely care. So it's really easy to become invested in the personal lives of celebrities.

### 3. Are international celebrities important to a country?

I think that in some ways<sup>357</sup>, international celebrities are important to a country. They definitely shouldn't be valued more than people who do official work for a country. But they bring attention to their country<sup>358</sup> and they can be representatives for their culture<sup>359</sup>. When people see a celebrity from a different country, they might want to learn more about it.

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<sup>353</sup> keeping up with: 追...的动态

<sup>354</sup> people get obsessed with them: 人们对他们着迷

<sup>355</sup> peek into other people's lives: 窥探别人的生活

<sup>356</sup> invade people's privacy: 侵犯人们的隐私

<sup>357</sup> in some ways: 在某些方面

<sup>358</sup> bring attention to their country: 让人们注意到他们的国家

<sup>359</sup> be representatives for their culture: 成为他们文化的代表



#### 4. Would people in the past become famous for doing good deeds? How about now?

I don't think that people got famous for doing good things in the past. There wasn't a lot of media attention, so not everyone would hear about people doing good deeds. Nowadays, if someone catches a good deed on camera<sup>360</sup>, they can share it on social media and it might get millions of views<sup>361</sup>. People can become famous for simply helping someone out when their good deed is posted online.

#### 5. What kind of person becomes a star? Can you be a star by making videos?

Social media is so easy to use that basically anyone can be famous. You just have to get lucky by posting it at the right time. Lots of average people get famous for a short time by posting a video that goes viral<sup>362</sup>. Sometimes they can stay famous if they keep making similar videos, like people who do crazy stunts<sup>363</sup> and post them online. But it's hard to make fame last<sup>364</sup>.

#### 6. Why do people want to be famous? Do you want to be a celebrity?

I think people want to be famous because they really love attention. When you're a celebrity, everyone is obsessed with you. But it's actually stressful to be constantly observed and talked about<sup>365</sup>. That's why I would never want to be a celebrity. I want to have my privacy<sup>366</sup> and not worry about people taking pictures of me whenever I go out in public.

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<sup>360</sup> catches a good deed on camera: 用相机拍下一件好事

<sup>361</sup> it might get millions of views: 可能会有数百万的观看量（点击量）

<sup>362</sup> goes viral: 火了；走红

<sup>363</sup> do crazy stunts: 疯狂的特技

<sup>364</sup> it's hard to make fame last: 让名声持久很难；一直红下去是很难的

<sup>365</sup> be constantly observed and talked about: 不断的被人观察和谈论

<sup>366</sup> have my privacy: 有自己的隐私

## 7. What are the pros and cons of being a celebrity?

One big pro is that<sup>367</sup> you get access to really cool things. You get treated specially wherever you go. And you can go to exclusive events<sup>368</sup> in designer clothes. You obviously get a lot of money as well, so you can afford whatever you want. But a big downside is that<sup>369</sup> you basically have no privacy. You get photographed wherever you go and people gossip about you<sup>370</sup> all the time.

## 8. What are the disadvantages of being a child star?

Well, being a child star can be really bad for your mental health. When you make the most money in your family, you're under a lot of pressure to support your family. You might also have greedy relatives who try to take advantage of you<sup>371</sup>. Plus, if a kid always gets what they want, they'll probably grow up to be vain and spoiled<sup>372</sup>. If they stop being famous, they might not be able to adjust to a normal life.

注：以下列出的 5 个小题，是该主题在前两季出现过的其他高频考题：

### 旧题 1. What are the differences between famous people today and those in the past?

I think famous people today may have more rights. I've watched a few documentaries about<sup>373</sup> actors and actresses in the past. The industry treated them really badly<sup>374</sup>. Most of them had no rights over<sup>375</sup> their own bodies. If they gained weight they would be fired. Some actresses weren't allowed to have children until their contract was finished<sup>376</sup>. So I think actors have more rights and are treated better than they were in the past.

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<sup>367</sup> One big pro is that: 一个很大的好处是...

<sup>368</sup> exclusive events: 独家活动

<sup>369</sup> a big downside is that: 一个很大的缺点是

<sup>370</sup> gossip about you: 八卦你

<sup>371</sup> take advantage of you: 利用你

<sup>372</sup> be vain and spoiled: 虚荣而骄纵

<sup>373</sup> I've watched a few documentaries about: 我以前

看过关于...的纪录片（在 Part3 回答中可以引入这类话术）

<sup>374</sup> the industry treated actors really badly: （娱乐）行业对他们的待遇很差

<sup>375</sup> had no rights over...: 对...没有权利

<sup>376</sup> until their contract was finished: 直到合同结束

## 旧题 2. Do you think famous people are necessarily good in their fields?

Well, it depends on the person. Some people are extremely talented. But others simply got lucky when they became famous. For example, Tom Cruise isn't a great actor. But he can play a consistent character in his movie franchises<sup>377</sup>. He gets a lot of movie roles because he's famous. But people don't think his acting is good. Some actors are definitely better than others.

## 旧题 3. Do you think media are putting too much attention on famous people?

Yes, I think the media pays too much attention to famous people. Celebrities are just humans like everyone else. They don't need the whole world to know about their lives. New media, especially social media, often has lots of celebrity gossip and scandals<sup>378</sup>. I think it's a bad trend<sup>379</sup>. The media should focus more on real issues in society.

## 旧题 4. Do you think talent is important for fame?

Yes, talent is definitely important. Some people become famous online without any talent, but their fame doesn't usually last long. For someone to have lasting fame<sup>380</sup>, they need to be talented. The singers and actors who stay as household names<sup>381</sup> all keep creating good artworks. Talent ensures that they continue to get offered work, whether that's roles in movies, record deals, or athletic contracts<sup>382</sup>.

## 旧题 5. What do you think about celebrities making so much money?

I think it's weird that celebrities make so much money, but so many people in the world are suffering from poverty and hunger<sup>383</sup>. Some celebrities donate to charities<sup>384</sup>, which is good, but they still shouldn't get paid so much. I don't think they contribute to society more than scientists and doctors do. They have skills, but that doesn't make them better than other people.

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<sup>377</sup> play a consistent character in his movie franchises:  
在他的系列电影中扮演始终如一的角色

<sup>378</sup> celebrity gossip and scandals: 名人绯闻和丑闻

<sup>379</sup> it's a bad trend: 这是一个很不好的趋势

<sup>380</sup> have lasting fame: 名气长盛不衰

<sup>381</sup> household names: 家喻户晓的

<sup>382</sup> record deals, or athletic contracts: 唱片合约或体育合同

育合同

<sup>383</sup> celebrities make so much money, but so many people in the world are suffering from poverty and hunger: 名人都赚的盆满钵满，但世界上很多人却还遭受着贫困和饥饿

<sup>384</sup> donate to charities: 捐钱给慈善机构

## Topic 34 社交媒体上常刷的人

### 1. What can people do on social media?

People use social media for lots of different things. A lot of people use it to post updates from their life<sup>385</sup>. They'll show pictures of their pets, their relationships, and all kinds of personal things. Others just use it to follow their favourite celebrities, so that they can see updates of their favorite singers or actors.

### 2. Do you think older people and younger people will use the same kind of social media software?

No, I don't think they use the same kind of social media sites. Young people usually like using social media apps like Weibo or TikTok. Those apps let you look at lots of posts very quickly. But older people like social media that lets them talk with others more. So they prefer communication-based apps<sup>386</sup> like WeChat and QQ.

### 3. Do older people spend much time on social media?

No, I don't think older people spend a lot of time on social media. For one<sup>387</sup>, social media moves very quickly. There's always a new post to look at. Some older people might think scrolling through posts on social media<sup>388</sup> is just a waste of time and staring at a cellphone screen could make their eyes sore easily<sup>389</sup>. Besides, older people prefer having face-to-face talks and longer conversations with others. So they don't use social media as much.

### 4. Are non-social media like television and newspapers still useful?

Yes, I definitely think that television and newspapers are still useful. It's mainly because they go through a lot more fact-checking<sup>390</sup>. Social media is popular but it's not always reliable when it comes to reporting the truth. For example, if you want to learn about the latest government policies, TV and newspapers are a better bet<sup>391</sup>. There are always lots of false information and rumors on social media.

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<sup>385</sup> post updates from their life: 发一些生活中的新鲜事

<sup>386</sup> communication-based apps: 通讯应用

<sup>387</sup> For one: 首先，一则...

<sup>388</sup> scrolling through posts on social media: 在社交媒体上浏览帖子；刷社媒

<sup>389</sup> make their eyes sore easily: 使他们的眼睛很容易酸痛

<sup>390</sup> go through a lot more fact-checking: 它们会经过更多的事实核查；会做很多事实背景调查

<sup>391</sup> a better bet: 一个更好的选择

## Topic 35 有趣的歌曲

### 1. Why are many music competitions popular in China?

I think it's because it's fun to support people who are really good at singing. Competitions are always interesting because people pick favourites. Music is something that mostly everyone can enjoy. So combining those two elements definitely makes for fun television<sup>392</sup>. Plus, sometimes the next major singer can come out of those competitions<sup>393</sup>.

### 2. What kinds of music do young people like?

In general, young people like fun, upbeat music with a really good beat<sup>394</sup>. They want something they can sing along<sup>395</sup> or dance to. For young people who enjoy going to clubs, they need exciting music. Besides, as far as I know, many young people like pop and rock music. Some of them enjoy hip-hop and rap as well.

### 3. What kinds of people like traditional music?

I would say that older people tend to like traditional music. Some young people listen to it, but I think it's just more enjoyable for the older generations. Most of the classic songs are elegant and slow-tempo<sup>396</sup>. So they're more suitable for the elderly to listen to. But they aren't popular with young people.

### 4. What are the differences between live concerts and online concerts?

I suppose that the energy levels are pretty different<sup>397</sup>. When it's online, you can't interact with any of the other audience members. And the sound and visuals<sup>398</sup> are pretty different too. On the other hand, when you watch an online concert, you save a lot of money on tickets and travel. But if you want to go see live music<sup>399</sup>, it's super expensive.

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<sup>392</sup> combining those two elements definitely makes for fun television: 这两种元素的结合绝对会让电视节目变得有趣

<sup>393</sup> come out of those competitions: 从这些比赛中脱颖而出

<sup>394</sup> upbeat music with a really good beat: 欢快、有节奏感的音乐

<sup>395</sup> sing along: 跟着唱歌

<sup>396</sup> slow-tempo: 慢节奏的

<sup>397</sup> the energy levels are pretty different: 活动的能量水平是非常不同；这里的 energy 指的是活动的热烈气氛

<sup>398</sup> visuals: 视觉效果

<sup>399</sup> go see live music: 去看现场音乐（表演）

## Topic 36 帮助学习语言的工具

### 1. What difficulties do people face when learning a language?

I think the main difficulty in learning a language is memorizing vocabulary. You have to know so many different words. For some languages like Japanese, you have to memorize characters. It's also really hard to get used to a different kind of grammar. Some languages organize sentences in a completely different way<sup>400</sup>. So that's difficult to adjust to.

### 2. Do you think language learning is important? Why?

Yes, it's important to learn other languages. For one, it helps you connect with people from different countries. Learning foreign languages helps you learn about different cultures and expand your worldview<sup>401</sup>. Plus, being bilingual or trilingual<sup>402</sup> makes you more competitive when it comes to job hunting<sup>403</sup>.

### 3. Which is better, to study alone or to study in a group? Why?

It seems to me that the best way to study is to do both. Studying alone is better for memorization and review<sup>404</sup>. But studying in a group is better for understanding new, complex topics because you can learn from each other. Actually, when learning a language, you should definitely have a study group. That way, you can practice speaking the language with other people.

### 4. What's the best way to learn a language?

I suppose that everyone learns better by living in a country where the language is spoken. That way, they can hear it every day and practice speaking it as well. But sometimes you can't do that. So it might be better to listen to the radio in the target language<sup>405</sup>. You can also watch TV and movies in that language.

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<sup>400</sup> organize sentences in a completely different way: 以完全不同的方式组织句子

<sup>401</sup> expand your worldview: 扩展你的世界观; 扩大眼界

<sup>402</sup> being bilingual or trilingual: 会说两种或三种语言的

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<sup>403</sup> job hunting: 找工作; 求职

<sup>404</sup> memorization and review: 记忆和复习

<sup>405</sup> listen to the radio in the target language: 听目标(你要学的)语言的广播

## Topic 37 难学的技能

### 1. What skills do students /young people need to learn?

I suppose that students (young people) need to learn time management and organizational skills. When they're in school, they have to balance lots of assignments and other responsibilities. They need to spend their time wisely<sup>406</sup> so they don't get too overwhelmed. Besides, they should learn how to communicate well with others. Being an effective communicator is one of the best qualities you can have, especially when it comes to the workforce<sup>407</sup>.

### 2. Do you think parents nowadays really care about helping their children learn those skills?

Yes, I think most parents care about helping their children gain those skills. They want their kids to succeed. So parents try to teach their kids how to develop these strengths<sup>408</sup>. Or they at least show them the right resources to get there. It's very important to them that their kids can acquire these important skills.

### 3. Is it hard for students to learn skills?

Well, I don't think it's too hard for students to learn skills. I mean, as a student, you have access to lots of resources and educators who can help you develop various types of skills. A student's job is to learn, and they can do that by being open-minded and putting in the hard work<sup>409</sup>.

### 4. Is it hard for old people to learn new skills?

Yes, it can be hard for old people to learn new skills. Some of them might want to do things the old-fashioned way<sup>410</sup>. For example, some old people don't want to learn any computer skills because the technology is too new to them. But I think that if they're willing to learn, they can pick up new skills and benefit from them.

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<sup>406</sup> spend their time wisely: 合理安排时间; 明智地使用自己的时间

<sup>407</sup> especially when it comes to the workforce: 尤其是涉及到团体工作的时候

<sup>408</sup> develop these strengths: 发展这些优势

<sup>409</sup> being open-minded and willing to put in the hard work: 保持心胸开阔并且愿意付出努力

<sup>410</sup> the old-fashioned way: 用传统的方式



### 5. Is a good teacher very important for students' learning experience? Why?

Yes, definitely. Having a good teacher is very important. Without a good teacher, students will feel confused and overwhelmed<sup>411</sup> by all the things they have to learn. They might think that learning is just a painful and difficult process<sup>412</sup>. A good teacher can guide students and make the learning experience a positive one.

### 6. Which way is faster for people to learn new skills, from books or from life?

I think it's faster to learn a new skill in a real-life situation<sup>413</sup>. Books can be very useful to review a new skill, but real life is the best way to learn. You can read all about sewing<sup>414</sup>, but you can't sew until you actually try. Then, once you have learned a new skill, the best way to become an expert is to practice.

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<sup>411</sup> feel confused and overwhelmed: 感到困惑和不知所措

<sup>412</sup> a painful and difficult process: 一个痛苦和困难的

过程

<sup>413</sup> in a real life situation: 在现实生活中

<sup>414</sup> sewing: 缝纫

## Topic 38 坏掉又修好的东西

### 1. Are IT-related jobs valued more by society?

Well, yes. People working in the IT industry are getting paid more than ever<sup>415</sup>. So that shows how valuable those jobs are. Plus, IT jobs make big contributions to society<sup>416</sup>. We basically can't live without technology. Even all the traditional jobs, like doctors, teachers, and police, depend on IT workers. I believe IT jobs will be even more valuable in the future.

### 2. Is the quality of products worse than before?

Yes, I think the quality of products has declined<sup>417</sup>. Since there are more people than before, the demand for goods is also bigger. To meet the huge demand, most products are mass-produced<sup>418</sup> in factories. So you don't see the same attention to detail<sup>419</sup> as before. But it doesn't mean it's bad for society. In fact, goods manufactured on production lines are usually cheaper.

### 3. What kinds of things do people like to repair by themselves?

I think it depends on the person. Some people are good at repairs. But others aren't. People who are handy<sup>420</sup> can have a lot of fun repairing things, like home appliances, furniture or even the house itself. For those who think repairing something is too hard, they might just glue something together<sup>421</sup> if it breaks. They would rather have bigger and more valuable items repaired by professionals.

### 4. Why do people like to get their mobile phones repaired in specialized stores?

Mobile phones are really hard to repair by yourself. If you try to repair your phone and you make a mistake, that could become an even bigger problem. However, if you go to a phone store, they have trained specialists<sup>422</sup>. They can fix the problem quickly<sup>423</sup>. That is why many people prefer to go to a special store.

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<sup>415</sup> getting paid more than ever: 比以往任何时候的薪水都高

<sup>416</sup> make big contributions to society: 给社会做巨大的贡献

<sup>417</sup> the quality of products has declined: 产品的质量下降了

<sup>418</sup> mass-produced: 大规模生产

<sup>419</sup> attention to detail: 关注细节

<sup>420</sup> handy: 手巧的; 善于维修的

<sup>421</sup> glue something together: 把东西粘起来

<sup>422</sup> trained specialists: 受过训练的专业人士

<sup>423</sup> fix the problem quickly: 快速的解决问题

### Topic 39 向长者学习技能

#### 1. What can children learn from their parents or grandparents? (也可能针对 parents 和 grandparents 分开提问)

Children's parents usually teach them what values they should have<sup>424</sup>. They also teach their kids basic skills, like how to cook a meal or how to do housework. Besides, Children can learn a lot from their grandparents, like their family history. Actually I think children can also learn empathy from their grandparents. They can help them with chores<sup>425</sup>. Helping the elderly can make children kinder and more compassionate<sup>426</sup>.

#### 2. From whom can children learn more, parents or grandparents?

I think that in general, children can learn more from their parents. Grandparents have a lot of important information to share with children. But parents spend the most time with their children. So they can teach them important life skills, like how to manage their time well and how to communicate with others. More importantly, they can teach their kids to have good values<sup>427</sup>.

#### 3. What kind of help do you think older people need?

I would say that older people usually need help adjusting to changes in modern society<sup>428</sup>. For example, older people might need help with new technology. They might not know how to use their phones or social media. So the younger generation can help out with that. As people get old, they also need help with everyday tasks<sup>429</sup>, like eating, dressing and bathing.

#### 4. What skills can young people learn from older people?

I think young people can learn lots of practical skills from older people. For example, a lot of young people don't know how to fix things when they break down<sup>430</sup>. So older people can teach them some technical skills. Actually so many young people don't know how to use a screwdriver<sup>431</sup> or do other household tasks.

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<sup>424</sup> teach them what values they should have: 教导他们应该拥有什么价值观

<sup>425</sup> chores: 家务活

<sup>426</sup> compassionate: 有同情心

<sup>427</sup> have good values: 有良好的价值观

<sup>428</sup> adjusting to changes in modern society: 适应现代社会的变化

<sup>429</sup> everyday tasks: 日常任务

<sup>430</sup> break down: 发生故障

<sup>431</sup> screwdriver: 螺丝刀

**Topic 40 感兴趣想学的东西****1. Do you think learning new things is important?**

Yes, learning new things is really important. If we stop trying to learn, we'll become limited in our knowledge<sup>432</sup>. It's good to learn new things, even if it's something as simple as learning about a different cuisine. I just learned how to kayak<sup>433</sup>. I never thought I'd enjoy it. But it turned out to be a really fun experience.

**2. Who needs to learn new things?**

I suppose that young people usually need to learn new things. Old people usually have a lot of knowledge and experiences. But young people are still discovering the world around them. So they should seek out knowledge from<sup>434</sup> lots of different sources. They should be curious about the world and want to learn more about new things.

**3. Where can old people learn new things?**

Well, old people can learn new things from public places, like libraries or museums. Old people can learn lots of interesting facts about other cultures<sup>435</sup> at museums. Besides, they can borrow books from libraries that will teach them about new subjects. They can also learn everyday things<sup>436</sup> from friends or family. Some old people learn how to use technology by asking their younger relatives.

**4. Should the government spend more money to help people learn new things?**

Yes, the government should definitely invest more money in<sup>437</sup> helping people learn new things. They can set up more trade schools<sup>438</sup> that offer free training programs. It's a good way to create more skilled workers. If a country's population is more educated, it is more productive overall. That means a stronger economy and more tax revenue<sup>439</sup> for the government. Investing more in public education helps improve a country.

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<sup>432</sup> become limited in our knowledge: 我们的知识就会变得有限

<sup>433</sup> kayak: 皮船; 小船

<sup>434</sup> seek out knowledge from: 从...中寻求知识

<sup>435</sup> interesting facts about other cultures: 关于其他文化

化的有趣事情

<sup>436</sup> everyday things: 日常事物

<sup>437</sup> invest more money in: 把更多的钱投入到

<sup>438</sup> set up more trade schools: 开办更多的职业学校

<sup>439</sup> tax revenue: 税收

## 5. Do you think retired people/people over 80 should learn new things?

Yes, I think it's good for people to learn new things, no matter what their age is<sup>440</sup>. People who are retired or over 80 can exercise their brains by<sup>441</sup> picking up new information. They might choose to learn about countries they've never visited, or facts about ancient history. That'll help them spend their time in a fun way.

## 6. Is it difficult for adults to learn new things?

Well, yes, sometimes it can be hard for adults to learn new things. Adults have a lot of responsibilities to deal with. They have full-time jobs and other duties, like taking care of kids and running a household<sup>442</sup>. So it's often hard to find time to learn. Plus, it can also be difficult to focus on learning something new when they're so stressed with other things<sup>443</sup>.

## 7. Is it the government's responsibility to assist people to learn?

I think the government should help people learn. They should at least make education accessible<sup>444</sup>. The government can make public education free to everyone. They should improve the curriculum and make sure teachers have enough resources to create a good learning experience for students<sup>445</sup>. I don't think private companies will help people learn unless it's profitable.

## 8. What are the differences between education in the past and now?

I think that in the past, education was focused more on exams. Getting higher marks on exams<sup>446</sup> was the main purpose of study. I mean, students can learn something by studying for exams. But they're limited in what they learn<sup>447</sup>. And the exam skills are basically useless in real life. But nowadays, there are lots of options for school. Students can study lots of different subjects, even if they're not related to college entrance exams.

## 9. What are the advantages and disadvantages of distance learning?

Distance learning is really convenient. You can learn from home instead of commuting<sup>448</sup>. So you can save a lot of money on transportation. But it can be really distracting as well. It's already hard to<sup>449</sup> focus in class. But at home, you might get distracted by family members or your phone.

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<sup>440</sup> no matter what their age is: 无论他们的年龄是多大岁

<sup>441</sup> exercise their brains by: 通过...来锻炼他们的大脑

<sup>442</sup> running a household: 做家务; 照顾家务

<sup>443</sup> so stressed with other things: 在其他事情上压力太大

<sup>444</sup> make education accessible: 让教育变得更容易; 人们更容易受到教育

<sup>445</sup> create a good learning experience for students: 为学生创造良好的学习体验

<sup>446</sup> Getting higher marks on exams: 考试得高分

<sup>447</sup> they're limited in what they learn: 所能学到的东西是有限的

<sup>448</sup> learn from home instead of commuting: 这里指的是坐在家就能上学, 而不需要为了上学外出

<sup>449</sup> It's already hard to: ...已经是一件很难的事情了

## Topic 41 花费超过预期

### 1. Do you often buy more than you expected?

Yeah, I often buy more things than I was planning for. It usually happens when I'm grocery-shopping. I always make a list before I go shopping, but I get more than I planned for because all the food looks so good. It's hard to have any self-control<sup>450</sup>.

### 2. What do you think young people spend most of their money on?

I think that young people like spending their money on new clothes and new technology. A lot of young people care about what other people think of them. So they want to wear the newest clothes and own the newest devices<sup>451</sup>. Plus, they don't usually have other responsibilities like paying bills<sup>452</sup>. So they can spend their money on luxury items as well.

### 3. Do you think it is important to save money? Why?

Yes, it's definitely important to save money. Anything could happen, and you might find that you need money to pay for a damaged car or laptop. In case of emergencies<sup>453</sup>, you should always have some extra money<sup>454</sup>. So it's good to make plans for your money and try to save it. It's also good to save money for fun things like vacations.

### 4. Why are some rich people reluctant to spend money on others or even themselves?

Well, sometimes, rich people don't want to spend money because they want to keep it all for themselves. I think that the more money you get, the more you want to hold on to it<sup>455</sup> so you can have even more. Plus, some people become rich after being poor or middle-class<sup>456</sup>. So they still feel like they have to save all their money.

### 5. Do people buy things they don't need?

Yes, people definitely buy things they don't need. Even when they go grocery shopping, they might get extra items because they look really appealing. Plus, some people go out and buy things they don't need as a way to relax- this is where the phrase retail therapy comes from<sup>457</sup>.

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<sup>450</sup> It's hard to have any self-control: 很难有自制力; 很难控制住自己

<sup>451</sup> own the newest devices: 拥有最新的(电子)设备

<sup>452</sup> paying bills: 付各种账单

<sup>453</sup> In case of emergencies: 在紧急情况下; 以防万一

<sup>454</sup> have some extra money: 有一些多余的钱

<sup>455</sup> hold on to it: 抓紧(钱)

<sup>456</sup> after being poor or middle-class: (成为富人之前) 很穷或者是中产阶级

<sup>457</sup> this is where the phrase retail therapy comes from: 这就是“购物疗法”这个短语的由来

## Topic 42 生活中不可或缺的东西

### 1. Why do children always bring toys with them wherever they go?

I think it's because toys give children a sense of comfort and security<sup>458</sup>. When they leave the house, it makes them feel safe and secure. Toys also keep children entertained. Children love playing with toys while they're out<sup>459</sup>. I always see kids playing with toys while they wait in line at the store.

### 2. Why do many people have difficulty throwing things away?

Well, some people have really good memories associated with an object, which makes it tough to throw it away. For example, someone may keep something just because it was a gift from their best friend when they were young. It might seem silly to some people, but lots of items hold treasured memories<sup>460</sup>.

### 3. Why are children attracted to new things (such as electronics)?

I would say that it's mainly because they want to be like their friends. As they get older, children feel pressure to be like others around them<sup>461</sup>. They can become very competitive, so they always want to have the newest thing. Children also get bored of things more quickly than adults. So they want new stuff more often.

### 4. What do you think influences people to buy new things?

I think one of the biggest influences is advertising. People see ads everywhere they look<sup>462</sup>, from their phone, to their emails and magazines. As far as I know, a lot of companies will track your purchases on their website<sup>463</sup>, and then send you targeted ads based on what you like to buy. This can make it hard to resist.

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<sup>458</sup> give children a sense of comfort and security: 给孩子们一种舒适感和安全感

<sup>459</sup> while they're out: 当他们外出的时候

<sup>460</sup> lots of items hold treasured memories: 许多物品都珍藏着珍贵的回忆

<sup>461</sup> children feel pressure to be like others around

them: 孩子们会感到压力, 让他们像周围的人一样

<sup>462</sup> see ads everywhere they look: 目光所及之处都是广告

<sup>463</sup> track your purchases on their website: 在他们的网站上跟踪你的购物记录



### 5. Do people have more choices now when they are shopping?

Well, I don't think people have more choices in terms

of what they buy. But they definitely have more choices in terms of how they shop. Thanks to online shopping<sup>464</sup>, people can choose to have their items shipped to them<sup>465</sup>. Or they can order them to be ready for pick up at the store.

### 6. Does social media increase sales?

Yes, social media can increase a company's sales. Many companies have a marketing department that focuses on increasing sales through social media. They can advertise their products directly or work with social media influencers<sup>466</sup>. Plus, you can see new purchases that your friends share on Weibo or WeChat. It might get you interested in<sup>467</sup> buying those things as well.

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<sup>464</sup> Thanks to online shopping: 多亏了网上购物

<sup>465</sup> have their items shipped to them: 把他们买的商品寄给他们

<sup>466</sup> work with social media influencers: 和社媒大 V (网红) 合作

<sup>467</sup> get you interested in: 让你有兴趣



## Topic 43 优质服务

### 1. What do you think of the relationship between companies and customers?

I think that customers feel like they deserve a good relationship with a company. And companies want to make customers feel valued because they want their business. Companies will work hard to show that they care about their customers' business. Sometimes they send personalized cards or emails. In return<sup>468</sup>, customers usually develop loyalty to a certain company. They'll only do business with them because they feel important<sup>469</sup>.

### 2. As a customer, what kinds of services would you expect to receive from a company?

I would expect some personalized things, like having everything addressed to my name<sup>470</sup>, and not just "Dear Customer." When companies add personal touches<sup>471</sup>, it makes me feel like my business matters more to them. I would also expect to get great customer service. If I have a problem, I should be able to get in touch in a quick and efficient manner<sup>472</sup>.

### 3. What kinds of jobs involve coping with the public?

There are lots of jobs in the public sector<sup>473</sup> that involve dealing with the public. If you work in emergency services as a firefighter or a police officer, you have to work with the public a lot. It's the same for people who work at hospitals or in service jobs<sup>474</sup>. Those jobs can be very hard because people can be unpredictable and hard to deal with.

### 4. What traits do people need to have if they need to provide service to the public?

I think patience is the most important trait to have if you provide service to the public. People can be very demanding<sup>475</sup>, which might make you frustrated. But you have to be patient and professional anyways. People can also be unpredictable, so you have to be flexible. You have to be able to adapt to any situation.

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<sup>468</sup> In return: 作为报答

<sup>469</sup> they feel important: 他们感觉到自己被受重视, 感觉到自己的重要性

<sup>470</sup> having everything addressed to my name: 写称呼的时候都写我的名字 (而不是亲爱的顾客)

<sup>471</sup> add personal touches: 增添 (符合不同顾客实际

的) 个人元素

<sup>472</sup> in a quick and efficient manner: 以一种快速而有效的方式

<sup>473</sup> in the public sector: 在公共服务领域

<sup>474</sup> in service jobs: 在服务性行业

<sup>475</sup> demanding: 苛刻的, 高要求的

### 5. Should people receive training before they provide service to the public?

Yes, people should definitely receive training for that kind of job. People usually aren't prepared for how hard it is to work with the public. Providing services to the public requires a lot of patience and flexibility. You need to be able to deal with lots of problems, which training can help you prepare for<sup>476</sup>. Besides that<sup>477</sup>, you might have to learn how to deal with emergency situations.

### 6. What are the common customer service problems that companies often need to deal with?

A major problem is when a customer wants to cancel something they've purchased from a company. For example, a lot of people might want to cancel or change their internet plans. So they have to spend a lot of time talking to the internet company's customer service line<sup>478</sup>. Companies also have to deal with complaints about their products or services. That's often frustrating for customer service workers to handle<sup>479</sup>.

### 7. Why should companies react quickly when customers have difficulties?

I think the main reason is that it helps improve their brand<sup>480</sup>. If they're known for being fast and reliable, customers will probably stay with them. Customer loyalty<sup>481</sup> is super valuable to companies. So they want to make sure that they keep customers' business. If they're slow and unhelpful, customers will probably move on to another company.

### 8. Why do some companies respond to customers so slowly when they need to solve problems for customers?

I think that it depends on the situation. Sometimes a company wants to make sure that the customer gets the best service. So they'll work extra hard to solve the problem<sup>482</sup>. However, the customer might have to wait for a long time for the issue to get resolved. Other times<sup>483</sup>, the company might not be prepared for a certain issue. So it'll get fixed very slowly. They also might not have enough employees to deal with the problem.

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<sup>476</sup> which training can help you prepare for: 而这些通过培训是可以帮你准备到的

<sup>477</sup> Besides that: 除此之外

<sup>478</sup> talking to the internet company's customer service line: 与互联网公司客服热线通话

<sup>479</sup> handle: 处理, 应对

<sup>480</sup> improve their brand: 提高他们的品牌影响力

<sup>481</sup> Customer loyalty: 客户忠诚度

<sup>482</sup> work extra hard to solve the problem: 更加努力的、更用心的解决问题

<sup>483</sup> Other times: 其他情况下, 其他时候

## Topic 44 免费物品

### 1. Do you think people should pay for higher education? Why?

No, I don't think people should pay for higher education. Most jobs require a degree in higher education. But young people from poor families might not be able to get a college education, and it might cause them to miss out on<sup>484</sup> jobs and have a hard life. So universities should be sponsored by the government<sup>485</sup>. There should still be requirements to get in. But money should not be an issue<sup>486</sup>.

### 2. Is it good or bad for people to have free education in the future?

I think free education would be good because it can help people get out of poverty<sup>487</sup>. The people who can't get higher education are usually from poor families. Then, without higher education, they can't get a high paying job. So it becomes a cycle<sup>488</sup>. Free education would make things more equal for everyone. Then, more people can get the careers they want.

### 3. What free gifts do companies usually give to their customers?

A lot of companies give their customers gifts to encourage them to buy more products or services. They might send a holiday gift to their regular customers, or a discount code<sup>489</sup> that they can use on a purchase. These gifts are great for marketing<sup>490</sup>. They're also a good way to encourage customers to recommend the company to their friends. So many large companies give gifts regularly.

### 4. Why do customers like to receive free gifts from companies?

Well, everyone likes free stuff. When a company gives out free samples or trials<sup>491</sup>, you can try their products without paying money. Besides, some companies like giving out free coupons<sup>492</sup> at events. It helps you spend less on their products. So, all customers like all kinds of free gifts from companies.

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<sup>484</sup> miss out on: 错过...

<sup>485</sup> be sponsored by the government: 由政府财政支持

<sup>486</sup> money should not be an issue: 钱不应该是被争论的问题

<sup>487</sup> get out of poverty: 脱贫

<sup>488</sup> it becomes a cycle: 变成一种循环

<sup>489</sup> a discount code: 一个折扣码

<sup>490</sup> These gifts are great for marketing: 这些礼物对市场营销很有帮助

<sup>491</sup> trials: 免费试用

<sup>492</sup> giving out free coupons: 发放免费优惠券

## Topic 45 给他人建议

### 1. Should people prepare before giving advice?

I think that it depends. Sometimes people will ask you for advice without any warning<sup>493</sup>. So you won't have time to prepare an answer. Other times<sup>494</sup>, you might be able to prepare. This is especially true if giving advice is part of your job, such as if you are a teacher, mentor, or therapist<sup>495</sup>. In those cases, you have to prepare because your advice might have a huge impact on people's lives.

### 2. Is it good to ask advice from strangers online?

I don't think it's good to ask advice from strangers online. Children or teenagers should especially be cautious about<sup>496</sup> seeking advice online. They can't tell whether the strangers are helping them or harming them. Plus, people can lie about their identities online<sup>497</sup>. It can be very dangerous to share a lot of personal information online with someone you don't know. So I would advise not contacting strangers online for anything.

### 3. What are the personalities of people whose job is to give advice to others?

I think these people are very understanding and patient. They can relate to a problem that their clients are facing<sup>498</sup> and give good advice. They can imagine how their clients feel and understand their situation as much as possible. That way, they can give the best advice based on each individual situation. Plus, they need to be patient because sometimes people might be upset when they ask for advice.

### 4. What are the problems if you ask too many people for advice?

If you get too much advice, you might get confused. I mean, if you ask for advice from more than two people and they have different opinions, that can be very frustrating and not helpful. It's normal that everyone has their own perspective. They might give you opposite advice but all make sense<sup>499</sup>. In that case, you might not be able to decide what to do next. So it might be better to ask just one trusted friend.

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<sup>493</sup> without any warning: 毫无任何预兆的

<sup>494</sup> Other times: 其他时候, 其他情况下

<sup>495</sup> therapist: 心理治疗师

<sup>496</sup> be cautious about: 对...小心谨慎

<sup>497</sup> lie about their identities online: 在网上隐瞒自己的

真实身份

<sup>498</sup> They can relate to a problem that their clients are facing: 意思是他们能理解客户正在遇到的问题

<sup>499</sup> give you opposite advice but all make sense: 给的意见相反但却都是有道理的

## 5. What kinds of advice do parents give to their children?

Parents want their children to succeed and be happy. So they give them advice that will help with that. For instance, if children are facing a problem, parents will encourage them to not give up. Or they might tell their children to be optimistic instead of complaining<sup>500</sup>. Everyone wants their kid to do well, so they give them the best advice they can.

## 6. What advice do parents often give to teenagers about making friends?

Usually, parents encourage teenagers to be active when it comes to making friends. It's easier to befriend someone<sup>501</sup> when you start the conversation first. A lot of parents also tell teenagers not to give into peer pressure<sup>502</sup>. Sometimes when you make friends, you might be tempted to<sup>503</sup> follow what they are doing. But it's best to stick to your guns<sup>504</sup> and avoid doing anything stupid.

## 7. Should parents get involved in their children's friendships?

I don't think parents should take actions with their children's friendships, even if they fight with their friends<sup>505</sup>. If parents help too much, they might make the situation even worse. They can just teach their children what qualities a good friend should have. They can let them choose who to be friends with.

## 8. How do experts give advice to others? (e.g. a doctor gives advice to his patients); What personal qualities should experts have?

Well, experts are very calm and helpful when they give advice. They try to give us all the right information. And if needed, they can explain it more than once so we can fully understand. So to be an expert in something<sup>506</sup>, you should be patient and hardworking. You can't just give up when things get hard. Otherwise, you won't do very well in your field.

## 9. Whose advice is more helpful? Parents' or friends'?

I think parents' advice is more helpful. Your friends might know you even better than your parents do. But your parents have more experience. They've been alive longer<sup>507</sup> than you or your friends. So it's best to listen to their advice. Your friends might give you bad advice even if they don't mean to<sup>508</sup>. I always listen to my parents before my friends.

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<sup>500</sup> be optimistic instead of complaining: 乐观一些, 不要只是抱怨

<sup>501</sup> befriend someone: 和某人成为朋友

<sup>502</sup> give into peer pressure: 屈服于同伴的压力

<sup>503</sup> be tempted to: 受到诱惑

<sup>504</sup> stick to your guns: 坚持自己的立场

<sup>505</sup> fight with their friends: 和朋友争吵打架

<sup>506</sup> to be an expert in something: 成为某方面的专家

<sup>507</sup> They've been alive longer: 他们比你活的久, 比你走的路要多

<sup>508</sup> even if they don't mean to: 即使他们不是故意的

## Topic 46 善待不喜欢的人

### 1. Why are people friendly with people they don't like?

Some people are friendly with people they don't like because they have to keep a polite relationship with them<sup>509</sup>. There's always something more important to do, so you can't just avoid people you dislike<sup>510</sup>. For example, if a husband and wife get divorced, they will likely continue to be friendly towards each other because of their children. If two employees fight, they will continue to be polite since they work together.

### 2. What kinds of people are usually friendly?

Friendly people usually work in jobs where they have to deal with people every day. For example, teachers and nurses work with people of all ages every day. They need to be very friendly in order to make people feel welcomed and relaxed. Plus, some people are more naturally friendly<sup>511</sup> than others if they are outgoing. They really enjoy being around people<sup>512</sup>.

### 3. What are the differences between being friendly and being polite?

I think the main difference between being friendly and being polite is enthusiasm. People who are being polite might have a nice conversation, but they won't discuss their personal lives or get too excited. If someone is being friendly, they'll probably share personal details<sup>513</sup> and speak with enthusiasm and emotion<sup>514</sup>. Being friendly means that you are more comfortable with whoever you're talking to.

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<sup>509</sup> have to keep a polite relationship with them: 不得和他们保持礼貌的关系

<sup>510</sup> avoid people you dislike: 避开（不见到）你不喜欢的人

<sup>511</sup> naturally friendly: 天生的与人友好

<sup>512</sup> enjoy being around people: 喜欢和别人在一起

<sup>513</sup> share personal details: 分享个人生活细节（私事）

<sup>514</sup> speak with enthusiasm and emotion: 说话时充满热情和激情

#### 4. What do you think of the people who are always straightforward?

I like people who are always straightforward because I appreciate their honesty and efficiency<sup>515</sup>. They always tell you the truth and share their honest opinion. Sometimes straightforward people might seem rude. But I think that's a misunderstanding. They aren't trying to be rude<sup>516</sup>. They just want to be honest.

#### 5. What do you think of a person who seems so nice and friendly no matter what happens?

People who can be nice and friendly, no matter what<sup>517</sup>, are very respectable. Sometimes I wonder if they're actually that nice, or if they're just being polite. But I think it takes a lot of strength to be like that<sup>518</sup>, especially when you're dealing with rude people. So I really respect people who are always nice to everyone.

#### 6. When would you be friendly to someone you don't like?

I think I would have to be friendly to someone I dislike if I was working. When you're at your job, you have to be nice to the people you interact with, no matter what. It's definitely not professional to get mad at someone and be rude to them while you're at work. I'd also be nice to someone I didn't like if I was trying to make a good impression on the other people around us<sup>519</sup>.

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<sup>515</sup> I appreciate their honesty and efficiency: 我很欣赏他们的诚实和有效率

<sup>516</sup> aren't trying to be rude: 并不是要故意表现的无礼

<sup>517</sup> no matter what: 无论怎样，无论发生什么

<sup>518</sup> it takes a lot of strength to be like that: 要一直那样（保持友好）是需要很大的毅力的

<sup>519</sup> make a good impression on the other people around us: 给周围其他的人留下好印象



## Topic 47 令人激动的书

### 1. What kinds of books do Chinese people like reading?

Well, it really depends on the individual because everyone has different tastes in<sup>520</sup> books and movies. Generally speaking, Chinese literature has a long history of folklore and legends<sup>521</sup>, so many Chinese people like reading these traditional stories. Plus, children may prefer fiction books, while adults may prefer nonfiction books like biographies and history books.

### 2. Do boys and girls like the same kinds of books?

Well, it depends. Some girls love romantic comedies while others love horror novels. The same is true for boys<sup>522</sup>. Honestly, boys are taught to avoid romantic or dramatic books. Instead they're encouraged to read nonfiction or action books. This really limits the kind of things that they read<sup>523</sup>. I think that both boys and girls should read a variety of literary genres<sup>524</sup>.

### 3. Do you think it is very important to read the book before watching the movie version of it?

No, I don't think so. Personally, I like reading the book before seeing the movie. But it's fine to just watch the movie by itself<sup>525</sup>. Sometimes it's better to watch a movie without knowing anything about the story. You can be disappointed if you watch the movie version because it might be worse than the book.

### 4. Do you prefer books or movies?

I prefer books. Movies are fun to watch, but books are more interesting to me. When I'm reading a book, I can also picture everything for myself<sup>526</sup>. It takes a lot of imagination, which makes reading really fun. I think books are also a more relaxing way to spend time. Movies can be too loud and intense.

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<sup>520</sup> everyone has different tastes in...: 每个人在...方面的品味都不同

<sup>521</sup> has a long history of folklore and legends: 有历史悠久的民间传说和神话

<sup>522</sup> The same is true for boys: 男孩也是如此

<sup>523</sup> limits the kind of things that they read: 这确实限制了

了他们阅读的内容

<sup>524</sup> literary genres: 文学体裁; 文学类型

<sup>525</sup> watch the movie by itself: 只看电影本身

<sup>526</sup> picture everything for myself: 自己在脑海中想象一切

### 5. Did you read more magazines or books when you were a child?

I definitely read more magazines than books in my childhood. Honestly, I didn't like books until I grew up. They were just too complicated and boring for me. But reading magazines was a lot of fun when I was a student. I really loved sci-fi magazines back then<sup>527</sup>. I even subscribed to a magazine called The Sci-Fi World. I was really fascinated by it and could spend all day reading the issues<sup>528</sup>.

### 6. Do you think e-books will eventually replace paper books?

E-books are popular, but I don't think they'll completely replace paper books. People who love reading generally prefer paper books. Reading on paper is easier on your eyes<sup>529</sup>. It's also great for students because they can highlight, underline, or write notes in the margin<sup>530</sup>. Plus, paper books are great to give as gifts!

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<sup>527</sup> back then: 那时候

<sup>528</sup> reading the issues: 阅读这些期刊; 此处 issue 意为杂志的一期

<sup>529</sup> easier on your eyes: 对你的眼睛更舒服

<sup>530</sup> highlight, underline, or write notes in the margin: 划上高光、下划线或在页边空白处作笔记

## Topic 48 运动员

### 1. What kinds of exercises do Chinese people like?

I think lots of Chinese people like to run or bike together. Others do tai-chi or go for a walk in public parks. It lets you stay fit<sup>531</sup> while also chatting with friends or even family. When it comes to sports, I think many Chinese people enjoy football. You get to run in a really large field and have fun playing against the other team<sup>532</sup>.

### 2. What's the difference between the sports liked by young people and those liked by the old?

I think young people like more intense sports, like basketball or soccer. They like activities where they have to constantly stay moving. Those kinds of sports require fast reflexes<sup>533</sup> and lots of endurance<sup>534</sup>. But old people tend to like sports that are more relaxed. So they might play something like golf.

### 3. Why do some people like to work out at a gym?

Some people enjoy working out at a gym because there's professional equipment that they don't have at home. For example, not everybody can afford to get a treadmill<sup>535</sup>. But if they get a gym membership, they can use a treadmill and other types of workout equipment. Other people like going to the gym because they can work with personal trainers, especially if they want to learn a new exercise.

### 4. What characteristics do you think an athlete should have?

I think an athlete should be hard-working, patient, and confident. It takes a lot of dedication to<sup>536</sup> train and keep improving their skills as an athlete. They also need to be patient and not give up, even if it takes a long time to achieve their goals. Most importantly, they have to believe in themselves. They have to know that they're capable of working hard and doing well.

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<sup>531</sup> stay fit: 保持健康

<sup>532</sup> playing against the other team: 和其他队（另一个队）比赛

<sup>533</sup> fast reflexes: 快速反应能力

<sup>534</sup> endurance: 耐力

<sup>535</sup> treadmill: 跑步机

<sup>536</sup> takes a lot of dedication to: 需要付出很大的努力

### 5. Why are there so few top athletes?

I think it's because sports are extremely competitive. Lots of people want to be athletes just because they're decent at a sport<sup>537</sup>. But it takes a lot of dedication and hard work to<sup>538</sup> make it as a professional athlete. Only one team or one athlete can be the champion. So even among professional athletes, there are only a few who can be the best.

### 6. What's the best way to become a top athlete?

I think the best way to become a top athlete is to keep training and setting new goals. You should always try to improve and advance through the different levels. Plus, you should definitely get a coach. You need someone to guide you as an athlete and help you stay focused.

### 7. Do people often do exercises or sports nowadays?

Yeah, nowadays, people pay more attention to their health. So a lot of people really like exercising, whether it's at the gym or through playing a sport. Young people in particular<sup>539</sup> like being active. They're always looking for new ways to get fit. A lot of older people enjoy sports as well, though they may pick more relaxed activities like golf.

### 8. What can the government do to encourage people to do exercise?

I think the government could invest more money in<sup>540</sup> sports facilities and gyms. It would be great if they could support gyms and help make memberships less expensive. The government can also support natural spaces like public parks so people can exercise in nature. There's nothing nicer than<sup>541</sup> doing yoga or tai-chi in the park.

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<sup>537</sup> decent at a sport: 擅长一项运动

<sup>538</sup> it takes a lot of dedication and hard work to: 需要积极投入，努力付出才可以...

<sup>539</sup> in particular: 尤其，特别；年轻人尤其喜欢...

<sup>540</sup> invest more money in: 投更多的钱在...方面

<sup>541</sup> There's nothing nicer than: 没有比这更好的了

## Topic 49 小时候喜欢的玩具

### 1. What are the differences when choosing toys for boys and girls? Do boys and girls like the same toys?

I think boys usually like toys that they can be more active with. For example, they might like kites because they can run around with them<sup>542</sup>. Girls, on the other hand, like toys that they can pretend to talk to. For example, girls like dolls because they can dress them up and use their imagination to play with them<sup>543</sup>.

### 2. What's the difference between the toys kids play with now and those they played with in the past?

Well, in the past, toys were a lot simpler. Kids played with things like blocks or puzzles. Some kids had dolls, but they weren't fancy. Nowadays, dolls are super customizable<sup>544</sup> and come with lots of outfits and accessories<sup>545</sup>. Kids also have more advanced toys, like remote cars, electronic toys and even smart toys that can connect to smartphones<sup>546</sup>.

### 3. What's your opinion when choosing a gift for kids?

When you get a gift for a kid, you should think about their interests. For example, if a kid really likes dinosaurs, a robotic dinosaur toy would be a thoughtful gift<sup>547</sup>. Besides, you don't want to get them anything too complicated or expensive. They might break it, or get frustrated with it<sup>548</sup> and not enjoy it.

### 4. What do parents usually buy for their children to make them happy?

I think parents like to buy toys for their kids to make them happy. Actually a lot of parents give their kids toys that they know they'll enjoy. Their kids feel happy because they know their parents care about their interests<sup>549</sup>. For example, active kids are definitely happier to get a skateboard from their parents than something else like a plush toy<sup>550</sup>.

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<sup>542</sup> run around with them: 带着它们(风筝)到处跑

<sup>543</sup> use their imagination to play with them: 用她们的想象力和它们(娃娃)玩

<sup>544</sup> customizable: 可定制的

<sup>545</sup> come with lots of outfits and accessories: 搭配很多服饰和配饰

<sup>546</sup> smart toys that can connect to smartphones: 可以连接智能手机的智能玩具

<sup>547</sup> a thoughtful gift: 一个贴心的礼物

<sup>548</sup> get frustrated with it: 对礼物感到沮丧

<sup>549</sup> care about their interests: 关心他们的兴趣

<sup>550</sup> a plush toy: 毛绒玩具

### 5. Can girls play with toys that boys like to play with?

Yes, absolutely. Nowadays, most toys can be enjoyed by both girls and boys. But when it comes to toys that are specifically designed for boys, there's nothing wrong with<sup>551</sup> girls enjoying them as well. If girls find those toys fun, then they should be able to play with them.

### 6. Do you think parents should buy more toys for their kids or spend more time with them?

It seems to me that parents should spend more time with their kids. Buying toys for their kids is nice. But quality time is more valuable. I think the best solution is playing with them. They get to bond and build up their relationship with their kids. Nothing is more valuable than<sup>552</sup> spending time with your family.

### 7. Should advertising aimed at kids be prohibited?

I don't think it should be prohibited, but it should definitely be limited. There are some good examples of kids' advertising. For example, museums might have advertisements that show kids how fun educational content can be. But advertising for toys and other things can make kids too obsessed with having things. So that should be limited to some extent<sup>553</sup>.

### 8. How do advertisements influence children?

Advertisements can appeal to kids very effectively. They make the kids think that they need whatever product is being advertised. They might even influence kids to ask their parents for a certain toy<sup>554</sup>. It can make kids greedy and obsessed with having the newest thing<sup>555</sup>. Kids can be affected by advertisements very easily since they're so young.

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<sup>551</sup> there's nothing wrong with: ...没有什么错

<sup>552</sup> Nothing is more valuable than: 没有什么比...更有价值

<sup>553</sup> to some extent: 在某种程度上来说

<sup>554</sup> for a certain toy: (要) 某个特定的玩具

<sup>555</sup> greedy and obsessed with having the newest thing: 贪婪和痴迷于拥有最新款(玩具)

## Topic 50 敬佩的商人

### 1. What kinds of qualities do people need to run their own business?

People need to be smart, hard-working, and enthusiastic in order to run their own business<sup>556</sup>. They have to know what their target market<sup>557</sup> is and design a business suitable for their customers. Plus, they need to be hard-working because running a business can be difficult. Finally, people need to be enthusiastic in order to inspire their employees and come up with unique ideas<sup>558</sup>.

### 2. What fields do young people like to engage in when they start a business and why?

I think young people like the art and technology sectors<sup>559</sup> when it comes to starting a business. A lot of young people are really creative and want to sell the things they make. If they have a unique style, it's easy for them to succeed. Technology is also a good area to start a business in<sup>560</sup>, especially as people come up with more new apps.

### 3. Is it better to start a business alone or start as a team?

I suppose that it would be better to start a business as a team. You can have twice as many ideas and resources<sup>561</sup> to make your business a success. On your own<sup>562</sup>, you have no one to talk to for advice. So it can be really hard to make decisions and take risks. Having a partner or a team also means that you can divide up the workload<sup>563</sup>.

### 4. What do you think are the key factors that contribute to the success of a business?

It seems to me that creativity, determination, and flexibility make a business successful. There are a lot of businesses out there. So you have to be creative enough to stand out<sup>564</sup>. Businesses also need to be led by people who are hard-working and determined to meet their goals. Plus, a business owner should be able to adapt to different situations and needs.

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<sup>556</sup> run their own business: 经营自己的企业

<sup>557</sup> target market: 目标市场

<sup>558</sup> come up with unique ideas: 想出独特的想法

<sup>559</sup> the art and technology sectors: 艺术和科技领域

<sup>560</sup> to start a business in: 来创业; 一个创业的(好领域)

<sup>561</sup> have twice as many ideas and resources: 拥有更多的点子和资源

<sup>562</sup> On your own: 你一个人的话

<sup>563</sup> divide up the workload: 分配工作; 把工作量分开

<sup>564</sup> stand out: 脱颖而出



**5. If you had the opportunity to have your own business, what business would it be? Why?**

I would love to open a small shop that sells books. It would include a café so that people can sit and enjoy a coffee and a snack. I love to read so I think I would understand my target market very well. I also think people always want more cafes, so I would have a lot of customers.

**6. What do you think is the retirement age for men and women?**

I would say that anyone between the ages of 60 to 75 can choose to retire. Around that time, people are ready to settle down<sup>565</sup>. They usually have enough money to retire and live comfortably. I don't think it changes too much if it's a man or a woman retiring. We've made a lot of progress when it comes to gender equality<sup>566</sup>. So it's normal for either a man or a woman to work until they're older.

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<sup>565</sup> ready to settle down: 可以准备安定下来; 指过安逸稳定的生活

<sup>566</sup> gender equality: 性别平等