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 Describe an ambition you haven't yet achieved

 You should say:

 What your ambition is;

 How long you have had this ambition;

 How you plan to achieve it (or what you have done);

 And explain why you haven't achieved it yet.

1.未实现的志向

I'm going to talk about a **biking marathon** that I've been hoping to do someday. If memory serves correctly, I first heard about this event **a year** ago. Some of my friends are really into **biking**, but it's just **not** my cup of tea. Last year, they all signed up to do a biking **marathon** together. It sounded like a **drag** to me¹, but they all said it was a total **blast**². They trained together for **months** ahead of time. They said it was a really good **bonding** experience. Honestly, I hate missing **out** on³ things like that. So I decided that I would give it a **try**.

I've wanted to do this for **a year** now, but I don't think I'm **ready** to do it yet. For **one** thing, I'm not a very **experienced** biker. Unlike my friends, I get **tired** after two or three kilometers. Their endurance is **way** better than mine. So I still have to do more **training**. But it's **fun** to at least do some training with them. They're really **encouraging**.

So I might **not** be ready to do the event until next year, but I think I have a **good** plan in place⁴. I'm going to try to set up an **exercise** plan so that I can get into better shape⁵. I'm also going to invest in a **professional bike** so that I have the best equipment possible. Plus, I'll keep **training** with my friends. I think that'll keep me **motivated** enough to achieve this goal.

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⁵ get into better shape: 保持好体型

¹ It sounded like a drag to me: 这对我来说听起来很 无聊,很无趣

² a total blast: 很愉快的体验

³ missing out on: 错过...的机会

⁴I have a good plan in place: 有了确定的详尽的计划

Describe a happy event you organized. You should say: What the event was; Where you had it; Who helped you to organized it; And explain how you feel about it. 2. 准备过的开心活动

The **first** thing that comes to mind is a **surprise** party for my sister. If memory serves correctly, this event happened **two** years ago. It was my sister's **30th** birthday. As an old **Chinese** saying goes⁶, a person stands **firmly** at the age of **thirty**⁷, which means a thirty-year-old person has made some **progress** in their career. So she knew that she wanted to do something **special** for the birthday party, but she **didn't** have any ideas. Plus, she was working at a **new** job, which was really **overwhelming** for her. So she **didn't** even have time to plan something for herself.

I decided that I should make the day **special** by throwing her a surprise birthday. So I called up some of her closest **friends** and they helped me put it together⁸. We picked one of her **favourite** restaurants to host the party at. We rented out a **whole** room so that we could enjoy a great meal in a more **private** setting⁹. Plus, everyone made sure to keep the details under **wraps**¹⁰ so that she would be **truly** surprised.

When the day of the **party** came around, I was **practically bouncing** off the walls with **excitement**. I told her friend that I wanted to meet her at the restaurant for **dinner**, just the **two** of us, and she agreed. When I took her to the **reserved** room and she saw everyone, she was **completely** blown away. She even **teared up**¹¹ because she was so touched. I was **thrilled** that the party went off without a hitch¹². I'm glad we could make her feel **appreciated**.

⁶As an old Chinese saying goes: 中国有句古话...

⁷ stands firmly at the age of thirty: 三十而立

⁸ put it together: 把它(派对)办起来; put it together

有"把某事办成;把某事物建立起来"的意思

¹⁰ keep the details under wraps: 对细节保密,不说出 去

¹¹ teared up: 流泪了

¹² went off without a hitch: 一切都进展的很顺利

⁹ in a more private setting: 在更私密的环境里

Describe a long walk you had. You should say: When this happened; Where you walked; Who you were with; And explain how you felt about this long walk.

3. 远距离步行

I'm going to talk about the time I went for a long hike with my friend. If memory serves correctly, this happened a few years ago. My friend and I decided to go to a ski chalet¹³ with some of our other friends. The only problem was that most of them were really experienced skiers. My friend and I have **never** even touched a pair of skis. So while the **rest** of them went skiing, we had to find a way to **occupy** ourselves¹⁴. So we thought we'd check out some **hiking trails** by that area.

Honestly, I'm not a very athletic person. But my friend goes for long runs and hikes all the time. That meant that about **ten** minutes into our walk¹⁵, I was already **really** tired. But he had lots of stamina. He kept encouraging me to keep going. I felt pretty silly for being so out of shape¹⁶. But he didn't judge me. In fact, he kept me engaged by telling me funny stories and making the walk entertaining.

I think we hiked for about **ten kilometers** in total. We got to enjoy a **beautiful** view of the ski hill once we made it to the **top** of the trail. Going back downhill was definitely a lot **easier** as well. So I think that even though it made me sweat a ton¹⁷, it was really worth it. It was great to **bond** with my friend while getting some much-needed¹⁸ exercise. I really enjoyed it.

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¹⁶ being so out of shape: 身材走样; 这里也是一种形 容方式指自己体力很差

¹⁷ it made me sweat a ton: 让我汗流浃背

¹⁸ much-needed: 非常需要的



¹³ a ski chalet: 一个滑雪屋; 这里是指滑雪场度假村 那种木屋

¹⁴ find a way to occupy ourselves: 找到能打发时间的 东西

¹⁵ about ten minutes into our walk: 大约走了十分钟

Describe a story someone told you and you remember.You should say:What the story was about;Who told you this story;Why you remember it;And explain how you feel about it.

4. 别人讲述的故事

I'm going to talk about a story that my **cousin** shared with me. It was about the moment he realized he wanted to be a **paramedic**¹⁹. If memory serves correctly, he told me about this event a few **months** ago.

He told me that **a year** ago, he was **skiing** with his friends when he noticed someone take a bad $tumble^{20}$. It was a young kid, only ten or eleven years old. The kid started **crying** and said his leg felt like it was broken. **Everyone** was standing around with **no** idea what to do²¹. But my cousin **stepped up**²² and helped the kid lie down so he **wouldn't** damage his leg any further. He kept the kid calm and instructed the people around him to call for **help**. Even though it was a really **stressful** situation, my cousin kept a level head²³ and did what he **needed** to do to help the kid until the ambulance arrived.

He said that in **that** moment, he knew he wanted to **help** others in need. He figured that being a paramedic would help him use his **natural talents** to help in emergencies. I was really **amazed** by this story. Not only was it **dramatic**, but it was also a very **cool** example of finding your passion. That's why his story **stands out** to me²⁴ and I can remember it **so** well. It's so **rare** to have such a **clear** sense of what you want to do in life. I'm happy he **found** his purpose.

¹⁹ paramedic: 急救人员

²⁰ take a bad tumble: 摔倒了

²¹ standing around with no idea what to do: 手足无措

²² stepped up: 挺身而出

²³ kept a level head: 保持冷静,保持镇定

²⁴ his story stands out to me: 他的故事给我的印象很 深刻

Describe an interesting discussion you had with your friend (as part of your work or studies).You should say:What the discussion was about;What opinions you and your friend had;What was the result of the discussion;And why you think the discussion was interesting.5. 有趣的讨论

I'm going to talk about an **interesting** conversation I had with my friend during **class**. If memory serves **correctly**, we were taking a **philosophy** course. In one of the **first** weeks of class, the professor told us to get into **pairs**²⁵ and discuss whether we thought people were inherently **good** or **evil**. It was a very **intense** question. Luckily, my friend and I were able to pair up²⁶ so we could tackle this topic **together**.

I thought that my friend was going to be on the **same** side as me²⁷. But to my **surprise**, she said she thought people were **evil** at heart. I was **pretty** shocked. She's such an **optimistic** person. I totally would've assumed that she thought people were **good**. But she said that people aren't **naturally** good. Instead, they have to be **taught** how to be that way.

I shared my opinion that people are **born** with the capability of being **good**. I **don't** think they're bad right off the bat²⁸. I **couldn't** quite argue why, though. I just think that people have a natural tendency to want to **care** for each other. It's a good thing that it wasn't a **debate**, or else I **totally** would've lost.

It was just **interesting** to hear her perspective and to **think deeply** about human nature. We only had **fifteen** minutes to talk about it, but we decided in the end that humans **aren't** born good or bad. Instead, they're more like **blank** slates²⁹, and how they **behave** depends on the **circumstances** around them.

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²⁶ pair up: 组成一对, 配成一对

²⁷ be on the same side as me: 和我站同一边, 同意我

的看法 ²⁸ right off the bat:从一开始,最开始 ²⁹ blank slates:白板

²⁵ get into pairs:两人一组

Describe a gift you would like to buy for your friend.You should say:What gift you would like to buy;Who you would like to give it to;Why you would like to buy a gift for him/her;And explain why you choose that gift.

6. 想要送朋友的礼物

I'd really like to get my best friend a **Nintendo Switch**. I've had this idea for a few **months**. The **main** obstacle is that it's really **expensive**. But I think that if I **save up** enough money over time³⁰, it won't be **too** bad. The Switch is a really **popular** gaming system. It lets you play by **yourself**, or with **friends**. The possibilities are pretty much **endless**³¹ when it comes to what kind of game you can **play** on it. My friend really **loves** Nintendo games, and I know that his **girlfriend** has a Switch that she loves playing with. I think it would be **great** for him to have his own.

Honestly, I **wouldn't** buy this kind of gift for anyone else. But my friend and I have been **close** for almost **ten** years now. He's one of the most **important** people in my life. And I can't think of a **better** way to show him how much I love and appreciate him. Plus, I know he's been stressed out with **school**³². So I think that this would honestly help him **destress**. It's good for him **mental** health to kick back and relax by playing some games.

Again, the **one** issue is the **price**. After all, technology like that costs a **pretty** penny³³. Actually I've been thinking of asking his **girlfriend** if she wants to **split** the cost with me^{34} . That way, the gift could be from **both** of us. I think that's a good **compromise**³⁵.

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³⁴ split the cost with me: 和我分摊费用

³⁵ that's a good compromise: 这是一个很好的折衷办



³⁰ over time: 逐渐的,随着时间的推移

³¹ The possibilities are pretty much endless: 有太多的 可能性,可能性是无穷无尽的

³² been stressed out with school: 学校的压力很大

³³ technology like that costs a pretty penny: 这种高科

技产品要花很多钱

Describe a piece of clothing you have that was given by so	omeone.
You should say:	14
What it was;	雅思
Who gave it to you;	过过过
When you got that;	淘宝店铺
And whether you liked it or not.	

7. 别人送你的衣服

I'm going to talk about a **jacket** that my aunt gave me. If memory serves correctly, she gave me the jacket a few years ago as a **birthday** present. Honestly, it's one of the most **unique** fashion items that I've ever seen.

My aunt said she got the jacket from a **thrift** store³⁶. It's vintage³⁷, probably **fifteen** or **twenty** years old. But it's still in **great** shape³⁸. The reason that the jacket is so unique is that there's **handstitched embroidery** on the front. There are some **stripes** that go down the side of the jacket³⁹. You can **tell** it's hand-stitched because the stitches **aren't** perfect, but I think that adds to the **charm**. The stripes are so **bright** and vibrant. Some guys might not like something that **colourful**, but I think it looks really **sleek** and **stylish**⁴⁰.

My aunt has **always** been the most **stylish** one in the family, so it's **no** surprise that she was able to pick out such a **cool** gift. Honestly, I had **no** idea you could find such **unique** pieces of clothing from thrift stores. In the past, I **avoided** thrift stores because I assumed the clothes were just **basic** or **boring**. But **thanks** to this gift, I've developed an **interest** in thrifting. Sometimes, my aunt and I even go thrift shopping **together**.

So it's **safe** to say that⁴¹ this is one of the **best** gifts I've ever received. I really **love** this jacket. I hope I never **outgrow** it.

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³⁹ There are some stripes that go down the side of the jacket: 夹克的边沿处有一些条纹
 ⁴⁰ sleek and stylish: 时髦有格调的

³⁶ a thrift store: 二手商店

³⁷ vintage: 老式经典款

³⁸ it's still in great shape: 依然保持的很好(看不出 很老很旧的感觉)

⁴¹ it's safe to say that: 可以很肯定的说

 Describe a special cake you received from others.

 You should say:

 When it happened;

 Where it happened;

 Who you got the cake from;

 And explain why it's a special cake.

8. 特别的蛋糕

I'm going to talk about a **special** cake I got for my **birthday** a few years ago. If memory serves correctly, I had just started getting into **basketball**. I played it casually with my friends for **years**, but when I was in my second year of **university**, I decided that I wanted to join the **school team**. So I worked really **hard** and did my **best** during the try-outs⁴². To my **surprise**, I made the team⁴³. I was really **excited** about it. I got along with my teammates **really** well, which helped make **everything** more fun.

When it came time for my **birthday**, my friends surprised me with a **personalized cake**. When I opened the box, I was **shocked** by what I found. It was a **round** birthday cake that was decorated to look like a **basketball**. It had **orange** icing with black **piping**⁴⁴. It was so **accurate** that I almost thought the bakery had put a **real** basketball in the box. I remember being **blown** away by the level of **detail**⁴⁵.

My friends told me that they wanted to make the cake **extra** special as a way of showing me how **proud** they were that I made the team. I was so **touched** by this thoughtful gesture⁴⁶. It was so **memorable**. I made sure to take lots of **pictures** of the cake before we **dug in**⁴⁷. I still have those **photos** to this day. I think it's the **best** cake I've ever had.

⁴² try-outs: 选拔; 选拔赛

⁴³ I made the team: 我成功加入了这个队

⁴⁴ orange icing with black piping: 橙色的糖霜搭配黑 色条纹花饰

⁴⁵ being blown away by the level of detail: 我被细节 所震撼

⁴⁶ thoughtful gesture: 贴心的举动

⁴⁷ dug in: (急切、兴奋地)开吃

Describe a rule that you don't like You should say: What it is; Why you don't like it; How others feel about the rule; And explain whether you've followed the rule.

9. 不喜欢的规则

The **first** thing that **comes to mind** is a rule about not **taking photos** at an **art** museum in my city. If memory serves correctly, I **first** went to this museum a few **months** ago. One of my **friends** is really into art. In fact, she's **studying** to be an art historian. So she **invited** me to a new exhibition.

I **don't** know that much about art. So I don't think I can **fully** appreciate⁴⁸ it. But when we **went together**, I was **blown** away by the paintings. I wanted to take a **photo** of them so I could remember. But when I took out my phone and **snapped** a photo⁴⁹, a security guard⁵⁰ **interrupted** me and said that **no** photos were allowed. I felt pretty **embarrassed** for not knowing about this rule. I **apologized** and put my phone away.

But honestly, I **don't** like this rule. I think that art should be **shared** with as many people as possible. So having and sharing photos of it **isn't** a bad thing. Art can be very **hard** to access, especially if you **can't** afford tickets to a museum. I **don't** get why taking a photo is so harmful.

I mean, I guess that if photos are **shared**, people might not be as **motivated**⁵¹ to go to museums. But in my **opinion**, a photo **never** has the same effect as a painting anyways. So I **don't** think that people would stop going to museums just because they might have seen a **photo** of the paintings on $\frac{display^{52}}{display^{52}}$.



⁴⁸ fully appreciate: 充分理解、完全领悟

⁴⁹ snapped a photo: 拍了一张照片

⁵⁰ security guard: 保安

⁵¹ might not be as motivated:可能不会有太大的动力 去... ⁵² on display:展示

Describe a lesson you remember

You should say:

What the lesson was about;

Where you had it;

Why you remember it;

And explain how you feel about the lesson.

10. 印象深刻的一节课

I'm going to talk about the time my **dad** taught me to **fish**. Honestly, this is one of my most **treasured** memories. When I was a little **kid**, my dad decided to take me out on a **boat** and teach me to **fish** just like he did. I was really **excited** to go fishing with him. Of course, I **wasn't** a big fan of getting up at the **crack** of dawn⁵³. Anyway, my dad had a friend with a **boat**, so we met up with him at the **dock**. His friend took us to the **middle** of the lake and we got our **fishing rods** set up⁵⁴.

My dad showed me how to add the **lure** to the hook⁵⁵ so that I could get the fishes' attention. We didn't use **live bait**⁵⁶ because I was too **freaked** out by the idea of putting a worm on the hook. Then, once the hook was **ready**, my dad showed me how to **cast** the line⁵⁷. It was so **tricky** to learn. It took me **lots** of tries. But my dad was **patient** with me and **didn't** give up until I got the **hang** of it⁵⁸. I really **appreciate** how helpful he was.

To my **surprise**, I managed to catch a **fish** an hour later. I had to get my dad to help me **reel** it in⁵⁹. We were both **over** the moon⁶⁰. I remember feeling like I was on **top** of the world⁶¹. My dad said he was really **proud** of me. I still think of that day very **fondly**.



⁵³ wasn't a big fan of getting up at the crack of dawn: 我不喜欢天还没亮就起床

⁵⁴ got our fishing rods set up: 把我们的鱼竿架好

⁵⁵ add the lure to the hook: 把鱼饵放到鱼钩上

⁵⁶ live bait: 活的钓饵

⁵⁷ cast the line: 把钓鱼线抛出去

⁵⁸ got the hang of it: 掌握了窍门

⁵⁹ help me reel it in: 帮我把鱼捞起来,帮我收线

⁶⁰ over the moon: 超级开心

⁶¹ feeling like I was on top of the world:感觉就像是 站在了世界之巅(形容非常骄傲,非常开心)

Describe an interesting song. You should say: What the song is; What story the song tells; Whether the song is popular; And explain why you think it is interesting.

I'm going to talk about a song called "<u>Papaoutai</u>." The title is in **French**, and it translates to "**Dad**, where are you?" Once you learn more about the story of the song, it's actually quite sad.

I first found this song a few **years** ago, back when I was trying to **learn** French. I wanted to listen to some French **music**, which is how I **found** this song. It's by a **Belgian** musician who goes by the name⁶² Stromae. The song is really **upbeat**⁶³, and if you **didn't** know the words, you'd think it was **fun** and **happy**.

But when I looked up the **lyrics** and **translated** them, I realized it's actually pretty **depressing**. The song tells the story of a **boy** who lives with his **mother**. The boy realizes something is wrong because he doesn't see his **father** anymore. The mother tries to keep the boy from **finding** out where his dad is because he's **left** the family.

In the **chorus**⁶⁴, the narrator keeps asking, "**Where** are you Dad, where are you?" Then, the narrator thinks about what **life** will be like when he's a **dad**. He worries about if **his kids** will like him or not, or if he'll be able to do a **good** job as a father⁶⁵.

The song is **pretty** well-known, as far as **foreign** music $goes^{66}$. I think it's **interesting** because it addresses a **tough** subject⁶⁷ but with a **catchy** hook⁶⁸ that makes people think **twice**⁶⁹ when they realize what the lyrics are saying.

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- ⁶⁶ as far as foreign music goes: 就外国歌曲来说
- ⁶⁷ addresses a tough subject: 对一个复杂的主题表达

了观点;探讨了一个复杂的主题

- ⁶⁸ a catchy hook: 朗朗上口(旋律吸引人)
- ⁶⁹ makes people think twice: 让人们三思而后行

⁶² goes by the name: 他的名字叫...

⁶³ upbeat: 欢快的

⁶⁴ chorus: 副歌

⁶⁵ do a good job as a father: 做一个好父亲,做好父 亲应尽的责任

Describe something that helped you learn a language. You should say: What it is; What language you learned; How it helped you learn the language; And how you felt about it.

12. 帮助学习语言的工具

A few years ago, I was trying to learn Spanish. I've always wanted to visit Spanish, and I thought it would be **cool** if I could learn the language before I went. Of course, it's **tough** when you don't have time to take a Spanish course. I used some language-learning apps, but it wasn't really getting through to me⁷⁰. Then I had the idea of listening to **music** in Spanish, which really helped a ton⁷¹.

While I was looking for Spanish music to listen to, I came across a Puerto Rican musician who goes by the name **Daddy Yankee**. I'd never heard of him before, but his name intrigued me, so I decided to **check out** some of his songs. He makes really **catchy** hip-hop and pop songs. I took a **liking** to⁷² his music right away.

As I started listening to his songs, I found that the Spanish phrases started to sound less foreign to me⁷³. Of course, listening to music isn't a **perfect** replacement for having a tutor or taking a class. But it really does help you memorize some phrases and understand the pronunciation of certain words better. Plus, studies have shown that listening to music in your target language can make the learning process easier.

I think it's **cool** that I could pick up some **basic** sounds and words in Spanish just by listening to **catchy** music. Not only did I start learning Spanish **better**, but I also discovered a very **talented** artist whose music I really enjoy. It definitely feels like a win-win⁷⁴.

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⁷² took a liking to: 喜欢上了...

⁷³ sound less foreign to me: 对我来说听起来不再那 么陌生

⁷⁴ feels like a win-win: 感觉是一种双赢



⁷⁰ it wasn't really getting through to me: 对我来说不 太能行得通(不太管用)

⁷¹ helped a ton:帮助很大

Describe something in your home that you broke and then repaired.	
You should say:	M.
What it is;	雅思
How you broke it;	过过过
How you repaired it;	淘宝店铺
And how you felt about it.	

13. 坏掉又修好的东西

The **first** thing that **comes to mind** is the time I accidentally broke my **desk chair**. If memory serves correctly, this happened a few **months** ago. I was **cooking** at home when the smoke from the stove made the **fire alarm** go off⁷⁵. I freaked out and grabbed my **chair** from my room so that I could **reach** the smoke detector and turn it **off**. But when I stood on the chair, one of the legs **cracked**⁷⁶. When I looked **closer** at it and tried to put some **weight** on it, the leg just **snapped** in half⁷⁷.

I was totally shocked. I didn't think my chair was that weak. But luckily, my uncle specializes in carpentry⁷⁸. So I asked him to show me how to fix it. He gave me instructions so that I could do it by myself. It was a fairly complicated process. I had to use wood glue and a clamp to hold the broken pieces together⁷⁹. But after lots of patience and hard work, the chair was as good as new. Honestly, I was so surprised that I could actually pull the repair off⁸⁰. I'm really grateful that my uncle could guide me through the process.

It definitely made me feel **accomplished**. Fixing the chair was **difficult**, but I'm glad that I didn't have to buy a **new** one. It would've made my old chair feel like a **waste** of money⁸¹. So this was a **cool** experience overall.

⁷⁵ made the fire alarm go off: 火警报警器响了

⁷⁶ cracked: 裂开了

⁷⁷ the leg just snapped in half: 椅子腿断成了两半

⁷⁸ specializes in carpentry: 专门从事木工工作

⁷⁹ use wood glue and a clamp to hold the broken pieces

together: 用木工胶和木工夹具把碎片粘在一起 ⁸⁰ pull...off: 做成某件事

⁸¹ It would've made my old chair feel like a waste of money: (如果买了新椅子)会让我觉得(扔掉现在的)旧椅子是在浪费钱

 Describe a skill that you learned from older people.

 You should say:

 What it is;

 Who you learned it from;

 How you learned it;

 And how you feel about it.

14. 向长者学习技能

I'm going to talk about **fishing**. If memory serves **correctly**, I first learned this skill from my **uncle** when I was a little kid. My uncle has a **boat** that he likes to use for **fishing** in his spare time. When I was young, I was **fascinated** by fishing and really wanted to give it a **try**. So one day, he took me **out** and taught me how to fish. He showed me how to attach a **lure** to the hook⁸², how to **cast** the line, and how to **reel** in a fish.

Fishing is one of those skills that seems a lot **easier** than it actually is. It took me **years** to become a more **proficient** fisherman. Even though it seems **simple**, there's actually a **lot** of skill and technique that goes into it. It takes a lot of **practice** and **patience**. You have to be very **precise** with your movements⁸³ so that you don't get the line **tangled**⁸⁴ or **miss** your target in the water.

At first, I got really **frustrated** and **felt like a failure⁸⁵**. But my uncle was very **patient** with me. He gave me lots of **tips** so that I could improve my technique. He also **demonstrated** some different ways to cast a line. Whenever I **messed up**⁸⁶, he **encouraged** me to try again. I'm glad that I could learn from someone as **skilled** and **kind** as him. I would've been really **overwhelmed**⁸⁷ if I had to learn from a **stranger**. So I'm **thankful** I learned how to fish in **this** way.

⁸² attach a lure to the hook: 把鱼饵系在鱼钩上

⁸³ be very precise with your movements:动作必须得 非常精确

⁸⁵ felt like a failure: 感觉自己很失败

⁸⁶ messed up: 陷入困境, 搞砸了

⁸⁷ overwhelmed: (因为觉得难而)不知所措

⁸⁴ don't get the line tangled:不会把线弄乱

Describe the thing that you cannot live without (except phone and internet) You should say: What it is; Why you can't manage without it; How long you have had it for; And explain how you felt when you were without it.

15. 生活中不可或缺的东西

When it comes to something that I can't live without, the first thing that comes to mind is my **coffeemaker**. Honestly, it's pretty **common** for people to be **addicted** to coffee. But I really can't imagine starting my day without a cup of joe⁸⁸. I first got hooked on⁸⁹ coffee when I was in university, and I haven't been able to go a day without it ever since.

I bought a coffeemaker a few **years** ago because I was spending **too much** money buying my coffee every day. Once I got this **coffeemaker**, I knew there was **no** turning back⁹⁰. It's one of those fancy machines that has lots of **different** settings⁹¹. It can also make different drink sizes, so whether you want a small cup of espresso or a big mug of coffee, you can find the right setting. It always makes the coffee taste just right, which I really appreciate.

Plus, as someone who's usually pretty **busy** in the mornings, I like that the machine does **most** of the work for me. All I have to do is put in the **coffee grounds**⁹², then **five** minutes later I have a **steaming** cup of⁹³ coffee ready to go.

I need a **burst** of caffeine to be productive, otherwise I'll be **tired** all day. So I really need my coffeemaker to get that **energy** in the morning. On the **rare** occasions⁹⁴ when my coffeemaker **didn't** work, I had a **miserable** day⁹⁵ because I was so **tired** from not having coffee. So it's safe to say I'm pretty dependent on it.

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- ⁹⁰ there was no turning back: 没有回头路了(实在太 爱了)
- ⁹¹ has lots of different settings: 有很多不同的程序设 置模式
- 92 All I have to do is put in the coffee grounds: 我要做

的就是把磨好的咖啡倒进去(注意此处 all I have to do is do...的语法结构是正确的;如有疑问请问微信 私信 Penny 老师)

⁹³ a steaming cup of: 一杯热气腾腾的...

⁹⁴ On the rare occasions: 在极少数情况下

95 had a miserable day: 难受的、很不舒服的一天



⁸⁸ a cup of joe: 一杯咖啡

⁸⁹ got hooked on: 对…上瘾

 Describe something that you received for free.

 You should say:

 What it was;

 Who you received it from;

 Where you received it;

 And explain how you felt about it.

 16. 免费物品

I'm going to talk about the time I got an **e-reader** for free. If memory serves **correctly**, this happened back in **high school**. The library was having a **contest** for students. If you read a **certain** number of books and submitted **book reports** for all of them, you would be entered to win an **e-reader**. I thought this was a pretty **cool** opportunity. Plus, I was a very **avid** reader⁹⁶ in high school. So reading came **naturally** to me⁹⁷.

The challenge was writing **all** the reports, but I found it was a **fun** way to document what I had been reading. At the **end** of the month, I had **passed** the reading goal and submitted **all** the reports on time. A week later, the **principal** announced over the intercom⁹⁸ that I had **won** the prize. I was **over** the moon. I practically **sprinted** to⁹⁹ the library to collect the **e-reader**.

My friends thought it was kind of **dorky¹⁰⁰** that I basically won a reading contest. But I thought it was a pretty **good** deal. I got to do something I **enjoyed**, and I got a pretty **fancy** e-reader **without** spending a penny¹⁰¹. Under **normal** circumstances, something like that would've cost me an **arm** and a **leg**¹⁰². So getting it for **free** was really exciting.

I told my **parents** about it and they were really **proud** of me. I ended up using that e-reader almost **every day**. I was really **happy** that I got it.

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99 sprinted to: 冲到...

¹⁰¹ without spending a penny: 不花一分钱

⁹⁶ avid reader:书迷

⁹⁷ reading came naturally to me: 阅读对我来说是件 很自然很轻松的事

⁹⁸ announced over the intercom:通过(学校)内部 通话系统通知

¹⁰⁰ dorky: 傻,愚蠢

¹⁰² cost me an arm and a leg: 花一大笔钱

 Describe a special toy you had in your childhood.

 You should say:

 What it was;

 Who gave it to you;

 How often (How) you played with it;

 And explain why it was special for you

17. 小时候喜欢的玩具

Ever since I can **remember**¹⁰³, I've had lots of **dolls**¹⁰⁴ at home. The one I loved the most was a set of **Barbie dolls**¹⁰⁵, which was also the **most** memorable toy in my childhood.

My parents bought the Barbie dolls as a **gift** for my fifth **birthday**. I was **over** the moon¹⁰⁶ at the time because it was a gift I'd been eager to ¹⁰⁷ have for a **long** time. Actually, Barbie princess dolls were **all** the rage¹⁰⁸; literally **every** little girl had them. Unlike **normal** dolls, the Barbies usually came with tons of beautiful **clothes** and **accessories**. Every doll was a **different** character; there was a **queen**, an **office** girl and even a **policeman**.

Anyways, back then¹⁰⁹, I was obsessed with¹¹⁰ them and always loved changing the dolls' outfits or brushing their hair. And sometimes I invited the neighborhood kids to play with the dolls together. We often imagined different Barbies in different roles and spent hours dreaming up¹¹¹ elaborate Barbie worlds¹¹².

As the **only** child in my family, my parents bought me **lots** of toys. But I feel I had a **close bond** with the Barbies because I was **never** tired of playing with them. Sometimes I felt they were my **friends**, not just toys. Now, I see that dolls **aren't** just toys for children to **kill time** with. They can also get kids motivated to **create** something and develop their **story-telling** skills.

- ¹⁰³ ever since I can remember: 从我记事起
- ¹⁰⁴ dolls: 娃娃; 玩偶
- ¹⁰⁵ Barbie dolls: 芭比娃娃
- ¹⁰⁶ over the moon: 很开心
- ¹⁰⁷ eager to: 期待

- ¹⁰⁸ all the rage:风行一时,特别火
- ¹⁰⁹ back then: 那个时候
- ¹¹⁰ was obsessed with: 对....着迷
- ¹¹¹ dreaming up:设计、创造、构思出
- ¹¹² elaborate Barbie worlds: 精致的芭比世界



Describe a time you visited a new place. You should say: Where it is; When you went there; Why you went there; And explain how you feel about the place. 18. 一个去过的新地方

I'm going to talk about my friend's **hometown**. It's a very **small** town located in the middle of **nowhere**¹¹³. If memory serves correctly, I went to visit my friend **a year** ago. He wanted me to see **where** he grew up, and since we're pretty **close**, I thought it would be **cool** to learn more about his life in this way.

I had to take a **train** to get there. When I arrived, he **showed** me the town, which was pretty **easy** since there were only **a few** main streets. I think we actually drove through all of it in **five** minutes¹¹⁴. The **rest** of the area was just **trees** and **fields** as far as the eye can see¹¹⁵. I was shocked by how **unpopulated** it was¹¹⁶. But the scenery there was **fantastic**. My friend actually lives right next to a **beautiful forest**. While I was visiting, he showed me a **trail** that went **all** the way through it¹¹⁷. We went for a **super** long hike that ended in a **gorgeous** view of the trees. I was **amazed** by this kind of scenery.

I'm really **glad** that he showed me his hometown. Honestly, I **missed** the hustle and bustle of the city¹¹⁸. It was **weird** seeing so few houses. And I think I would've felt **claustrophobic**¹¹⁹ if I'd grown up in such a **small** place. But it was **nice** to get away from the city for a **while** and see some **cool** views in the countryside.

- ¹¹⁷ a **trail** that went all the way through it: 一条穿过整 个森林的小路
- ¹¹⁸ missed the hustle and bustle of the city: 想念城市 繁华喧嚣的热闹场景



¹¹³ in the middle of nowhere: 在偏僻的地方

¹¹⁴ drove through all of it in five minutes: 五分钟就开 车把所有的地方都经过了

¹¹⁵ as far as the eye can see: 放眼望去, 目之所及

¹¹⁶ was shocked by how unpopulated it was: 我很惊讶 这里人口这么少

¹¹⁹ claustrophobic: 患上幽闭恐惧症的

Describe a city that you think is interesting You should say: Where it is; What the city is famous for; How you knew this city; And explain why you think it is very interesting.

I'm going to talk about **Toronto**. It's one of the most **well-known** cities in Canada. To be more specific, it's located in **Ontario**, which is the most **populous** province in the country. If memory serves correctly, I **first** visited this city a few years ago when I travelled to **Canada** to visit my **uncle** and his family. I was **really** taken in by¹²⁰ the **charming** environment.

The city is probably most famous for its **architecture**, **diversity**, and **sports** teams. Like a lot of other **major** cities, it has a famous **landmark**. The <u>CN Tower¹²¹</u> draws in tons of tourists. There are lots of **other** cool spots downtown, like <u>Union Station and Ripley's Aquarium¹²²</u>. Toronto also has a gorgeous waterfront skyline¹²³. It's really nice to take a walk by the **harbourfront**¹²⁴ in the summer. There are lots of **cool** activities that take place there all year round. Besides, there are tons of **bars** and **clubs** you can check out. And it's well-known for the Toronto **Blue Jays**, which is its world-famous **baseball** team.

When I visited, it was only for a few days, but I had a great time checking out the sights¹²⁵. I think it's interesting how many different cultures there are in Toronto. When you go downtown, you can find food from all over the world. It all tastes amazing. It's awesome that people from all walks of life can find a place in Toronto¹²⁶. So I think this is a really cool city with a lot to offer.



¹²⁰ was really taken in by: 被...吸引

¹²¹ CN Tower: 加拿大国家电视塔

¹²² <u>Union Station and Ripley's Aquarium: 联合车站</u> <u>和 Ripley 水族馆</u>

¹²³ waterfront skyline: 湖滨天际线

¹²⁴ take a walk by the harbourfront:沿着湖滨散步

¹²⁵ checking out the sights: 欣赏美景

¹²⁶ people from all walks of life can find a place in Toronto: 所有种族和社会经济阶层的人都能在多伦 多找到一席之地; 指多伦多对各个种族和阶层的人 都是宜居的

 Describe a place in a countryside that you visited

 You should say:

 Where it is;

 When you visited this place;

 What you did there;

 And how you feel about this place.

20. 乡村一隅

I'm going to talk about a **cottage**¹²⁷ in a small **village** that I stayed at for a weekend. If memory serves correctly, my friends and I decided to go on a **short** vacation a few **months** ago. I have a **car**, so I offered to drive us out to the **countryside** for a couple days. And one person among us **highly** recommended renting a cottage for a few days.

That was the **first** time I experienced living in a **cottage**. The journey was really **refreshing** as we got to see tons of **green fields** in the rural areas. After we **arrived** at the cottage, we found it was in the **woods** surrounded by nature. There weren't any **houses** or **stores** for miles around¹²⁸. So it was pretty **isolated**, which was honestly a really **nice** change of pace¹²⁹.

We were only there for a **couple** days, so we mostly killed time by **hanging out** and enjoying the **rural views**. I have to say, the scenery near the cottage is **breathtaking** compared to the landscape of cities. We went for some **long walks** together and even spotted¹³⁰ some **deer** drinking water from a creek nearby. The **best** thing was that at night, we could see tons of **stars** while we were standing in the cottage's **backyard**. Without **light** pollution¹³¹, we could point out **lots** of constellations¹³². It was **amazing** to star-gaze¹³³ together.

Overall, I think this was a really **charming** place in the countryside. It was so **nice** to get away from the **hustle** and **bustle** of the city for a while¹³⁴.

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¹²⁹ a really nice change of pace: 是一次很好的改变生

¹³⁰ spotted:看见,注意到

- ¹³¹ light pollution: 光污染
- ¹³² constellations: 星座
- ¹³³ star-gaze: 仰望星空, 眺望星辰
- ¹³⁴ get away from the hustle and bustle of the city for a while: 从喧嚣的城市生活中逃离一段时间

¹²⁷ cottage: 小木屋; 度假屋

¹²⁸ for miles around: 方圆数公里以内

活节奏的体验

Describe a house or an apartment you would like to live in You should say: What it is like; Where it would be: Why you would like to live in this house/apartment; And how you feel about this house/apartment

21. 想要的公寓或房子

Honestly, I would love to live in a high-rise apartment. It's not the most practical¹³⁵, especially for a penny-pinching¹³⁶ student like me, but I think it would be so **cool** to live in. While I'm **dreaming**, I would love for it to be **downtown**, in the **heart** of the city. That way, everything is more **accessible**¹³⁷, and I could have a **cool** view.

I think it would be **perfect** if it was a **medium-sized** apartment¹³⁸. I don't need it to be **really** big. But I don't want it to be **too** crowded if I have a couple people over¹³⁹. Plus, I believe I will have a wife and kids, so I need a place that can fit at least 4 people.

It would be really **nice** if the apartment was **modern**. You know, that's the most **stylish** look for a place. I would want it to be decorated with all the nicest furniture. I also love paintings, so I think I could make it **unique** by putting up my **own** art. That would make me feel **right** at home¹⁴⁰.

As for **why** I want to live in a high-rise apartment, well, it seems to me that the view would be greater if you lived on a higher floor. And honestly, I believe the higher you live, the better the air quality is. So I guess it would be the **perfect** place for me.

- ¹³⁸ medium-sized apartment: 户型适中的公寓 ¹³⁹ have a couple people over: 邀请几个人来玩
- ¹⁴⁰ feel right at home: 让我感到舒服自在

¹³⁵ not the most practical:不是很实际可行的想法

¹³⁶ penny-pinching: 省吃俭用的

¹³⁷ accessible: (很多设施等都是)可接近的,可使 用的

Describe someone you really like to spend time with You should say: Who this person is; How you knew him/her; What you usually do together; And explain why you like to spend time with him/her.

22. 想共度时光的人

When it comes to someone I like **spending** time with, the first person that **comes to mind** is my best friend, **Joe**. If memory serves **correctly**, Joe and I first met when we were in **high** school. He had just **moved** to the city so he was the **new** kid in school. Instead of being **shy**, he was super **social** and introduced himself to **everyone**, including me. We hung out the **first** day of class, and we've been **close** ever since¹⁴¹. He's one of my **favourite** people in the whole world.

We live pretty **close** to each other, so we'll usually spend the **weekend** together. He's a really **active** person, so he'll often invite me to go for a **walk** or a **bike** ride with him. I really **love** biking, so that's usually my **activity** of choice¹⁴² when we hang out. If we **aren't** doing something active, we'll usually just hang out at either **his** place or **mine**. We like kicking back and **relaxing** together. Sometimes, we'll just watch a **movie** or play some **video games** together. I always feel way more **relaxed** after we hang out. It's always **nice** to catch up with him¹⁴³.

I **like** hanging out with Joe because he's such a **good** friend. We got along with each other right off the bat and have **never** had a falling-out. Plus, he's **super** funny and helps **lighten** the mood if I ever get stressed¹⁴⁴. He's a **great** person to spend time with and talk to.



¹⁴¹ we've been close ever since:从那以后我们就关系 很亲密

¹⁴² my activity of choice: 我选择做的活动

¹⁴³ catch up with him: 和他聊天(互相能了解到新的

¹⁴⁴ helps lighten the mood if I ever get stressed: 在我 觉得压力大的时候,他会帮我放松心情

Describe a person whose work/job is useful to society. You should say: Who this person is; How you knew him/her; What type of work he/she does; And explain why you think his/her work is useful to the society.

23. 对社会有贡献的人

The first person who comes to mind is my older sister. She's a science teacher. She's a few years older than me, so I always grew up looking up to her. One of my fondest memories¹⁴⁵ with her is when she showed me how to do some basic science experiments. I remember being so amazed at making a volcano out of baking soda and vinegar. As far as I was concerned, I had the coolest big sister in the world.

Nowadays, she works at a high school teaching **biology**. She's **passionate** about teaching this subject. She knows **so much** about the human body. Honestly, her mind is a **steel trap**¹⁴⁶. She can memorize **thousands** of facts and **come up with answers** to your questions in a matter of **seconds**¹⁴⁷. I know that she's really **popular** with students at her school. All the students **love** her because she makes learning so **fun** and **engaging**. Even students who **don't** enjoy science manage to have **fun** in her classes.

You know, we **wouldn't** get very far in life if we **didn't** have teachers to guide us¹⁴⁸. It doesn't even matter what subject they **teach**. Teachers have a **huge** influence on children. Not only do they give them **important** knowledge about the world, but they can also **encourage** kids to pursue their **dreams** and improve themselves. So I think that my sister's work is very **useful** to society. She's playing a **huge** part in helping the next generation **thrive**¹⁴⁹.

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¹⁴⁶ her mind is a steel trap: 形容某人学东西学的很快

¹⁴⁸ we wouldn't get very far in life if we didn't have

¹⁴⁹ helping the next generation thrive: 帮助下一代茁 壮成长

¹⁴⁵ fondest memories:最美好的回忆

¹⁴⁷ in a matter of seconds: 在几秒钟内

teachers to guide us: 如果没有老师的指导,我们不可能走的很远

 Describe a person you only met once and want to know more about

 You should say:

 Who he/she is

 When you met him/her

 Why you want to know more about him/her

 And explain how you feel about him/her

24. 一见且想再见的人

I'm going to talk about someone that I met at a friend's **party**. If memory serves correctly, I was celebrating my friend's **graduation** at her house a few **months** ago. She'd invited a **ton** of people over, including some friends that I had **never** met before. While my friend was **mingling**¹⁵⁰, I ended up talking to a guy named **Joe**. He had a very **interesting** backstory.

He was very **friendly** and told me all about his life. He said that he had just **finished** his college degree, but instead of finding a **job**, he wanted to **backpack** across the country¹⁵¹. I was **surprised** to hear that he **didn't** have a plan for his trip. Instead, he was just going to **wing** it¹⁵². He said that he wanted to be more **spontaneous**¹⁵³, since he'd **never** really taken any risks before. Honestly, I **couldn't** imagine doing something that risky.

But John **caught** my interest because he thinks so **differently** from me. He said that he wanted to go with the **flow**¹⁵⁴ and just **enjoy** his time before he had to **settle down** with a job¹⁵⁵. I thought that was an **interesting** idea. Sadly, he had to leave the party **early**, so I didn't get to talk to him as **much** as I would've liked.

I think he's a very **fascinating** person. I would love to know **how** his trip goes. It seems to me that he'd be a **great** person to hang out with more. I hope we can have a **meet-up** again so I can hear **more** of his perspective¹⁵⁶.

¹⁵⁰ mingling: 和别的人聊天、交谈

¹⁵¹ backpack across the country: 做背包客,环游全国

¹⁵² going to wing it: 没有准备的、即兴的做某事

¹⁵³ spontaneous: 自然的(不做准备的)

¹⁵⁴ go with the flow: 顺其自然

¹⁵⁵ settle down with a job: 找个工作稳定下来

¹⁵⁶ hear more of his perspective: 多听听他的想法 (看待事物的观点)

You should say:

Who he/she is;

How you knew him/her;

What he/she posts on social media;

Describe a person who you follow on social media.

And explain why you follow him/her on social media

25. 社交媒体上常刷的人

I'm going to talk about a dog named **Dengdeng**, who I follow on **Weibo**. I mean, obviously the dog **doesn't** run the account¹⁵⁷. But all the posts are from **his** perspective, which is really **cute**. If memory serves **correctly**, I found this account a few **months** ago. I was just scrolling through **Weibo**¹⁵⁸ when my friend sent me a **video** of an adorable fluffy dog. I was **intrigued**¹⁵⁹, so I checked out the account and saw **tons** of photos and videos of this dog. It had such **cute** eyes and a **happy**-looking face. Plus, its big **paws** were just so cute. I decided to **follow** the account so I could keep seeing **updates** about this dog.

As far as I know, a **girl**, who is probably the owner, **runs** the account. Sometimes, you can see her in the **pictures**. But most of the posts are just about the **dog's** day-to-day life. Granted¹⁶⁰, the girl seems to be a very **active** person. So she brings Dengdeng to **all** these scenic locations. One of my **favourite** posts is the dog **running** through a field. He just looks so **happy** and **carefree**¹⁶¹. I sent that video to **lots** of people, and they all got a **kick** out of it¹⁶².

Honestly, it's kind of **silly** to pay so much attention to a **dog** on Weibo. But I get so **stressed** out with work, and it brings a lot **joy** into my day¹⁶³. Watching a video of **Dengdeng** helps me feel **less** stressed out. So I think that's a **big** reason why I follow this account.

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¹⁵⁸ scrolling through Weibo: 刷微博

¹⁵⁹ intrigued: 感兴趣的

¹⁶² got a kick out of it: 非常喜欢这个视频
¹⁶³ brings a lot joy into my day: 给我的生活带来了很

多快乐



¹⁵⁷ the dog doesn't run the account: 小狗本身不经营

社交账号

¹⁶⁰ Granted: 的确; 诚然; 确实

¹⁶¹ carefree:无忧无虑的