

2022 年 5-8 月雅思口语 Part2 考题参考资料 (第一版故事 B 难度·初版)

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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(一直想要当律师, 但是还没有考过通过率很低的国家司法考试。本题与“忙碌的经历”、“准备过的开心活动”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I've always dreamed of being a **lawyer**. I started having this idea **three** years ago. At the time, a **friend** of mine had just become a professional lawyer. She told me **tons** of benefits of being a lawyer. You get paid **well** and people **respect** you. So **I made it my goal to be a lawyer¹**.

But it **isn't** easy. First of all, you have to pass **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. Plus, the exam covers **many** different laws in China. You have to read and study **lots** of law books. It's **so** stressful.

I actually took the exam **last year**. I took lots of **online classes** and studied law for hours **every day**. I literally **dreamed** about **legal cases** several times 😊. **To be honest**, I didn't know I could work **that hard** before I started preparing.

But **sadly**, I **didn't** pass the exam. My friend **comforted** me and said that **not many people pass it the first time²**. So I'm **still** working on it. I have to work **hard** and take the exam until I **pass**, or I **wouldn't** have a job in the **legal** industry. It's a lot of **pressure**. But **it's worth it to be a cool lawyer³**.

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¹ I made it my goal to be a lawyer: 我的目标是成为一名律师

² not many people pass it the first time: 没有多少人能第一次通过它

³ it's worth it to be a cool lawyer: 做个酷酷的律师是值得的

Describe a time when you were very busy.

You should say:

When it was;

What you had to do during that time;

How you managed it;

And explain how you felt about being much busy.



2. 忙碌的经历（忙于准备一场重要考试的经历。本题与“未实现的志向”、“准备过的开心活动”等题有故事内容重叠）

Last year, I was **busy** preparing for an **important** exam called **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. Plus, the exam covers **many** different laws in China. You have to read and study **lots** of law books. It's **so** stressful.

I was really busy getting **ready** for the exam. I spent about **half** a year preparing for it. During those six months, I **didn't socialize at all**⁴. I took lots of **online classes** and studied law for hours **every day**. I literally **dreamed** about **legal cases** several times 😊. **To be honest**, I didn't know I could work **that hard** before I started preparing.

Anyway, I waited about **two** months to get the result. I'd never been so **anxious** and **stressed** before. Fortunately, **I passed the exam by a lot!** I was so excited. I was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer! You know, there're **tons** of benefits of being a lawyer. You get paid **well** and people **respect** you. It's **always** been my goal to be a lawyer. So, even though I had to work **super** hard for half a year, I think **it was worth it**. I was glad that **all my efforts paid off**.

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⁴ didn't socialize at all: 完全没有任何社交活动

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.



3. 准备过的开心活动 (妹妹努力准备通过率很低的国家司法考试, 并高分通过, 我代表全家安排了庆祝派对。本题与“想要送朋友的礼物”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, a few **months** ago, I prepared an event for my **family**. It was a **celebration** party for my **sister**.

She passed **the National Judicial examination** about **two** months ago. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. But my sister **wasn't** afraid of the challenge. She spent about **half** a year preparing for it. Then she waited about **two** months to get the result. That was the most **anxious** and **stressful** time of her life. Fortunately, **she passed the exam by a lot!**

Since she was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer, my father asked me to **throw a party**⁵ for the whole family as a celebration. There were a **lot** of things I needed to take care of, like booking a **restaurant** and choosing the **menu**. I also **picked karaoke for after dinner**⁶. It's our family's **favourite** activity to do together. It took me some time to do **all** the tasks, but **it was totally worth it**⁷.

We had a **great** time that day. I gave my sister a **great** gift to celebrate. She was **so grateful for what I did**⁸. Well, I was glad that **all her efforts paid off**. So preparing a **celebration party** for her and my family **was definitely my pleasure**⁹.

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⁵ throw a party: 办个派对

⁶ picked karaoke for after dinner: 选了晚饭后去的 KTV

⁷ it was totally worth it: 太值了; 是非常值得的

⁸ so grateful for what I did: 非常感激我做的一切

⁹ was definitely my pleasure: 绝对是我的荣幸; 绝对是我乐意之至的事

Describe an important event you celebrated.

You should say:

What the event was;

When it happened;

Who attended the event;

And explain how you feel about the event.



4. 庆祝过的活动 (因通过了重要的考试, 而邀请好友们一起庆祝。本题与“准备过的开心活动”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, a few **months** ago, I held a party to celebrate my **success** in an important exam. At the time, I had just passed **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. I worked **hard** to prepare for the exam. I spent about **half** a year preparing for it. Then I waited about **two** months to get the result. That was the most **anxious** and **stressful** time of my life. Fortunately, I **passed the exam by a lot!**

Passing this exam means that I was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer. So, to **celebrate**, I decided to **throw a party** with my best **friends**. I booked a **restaurant** that we all like and chose a good **menu**. I also **picked karaoke for after dinner**. It's our **favourite** fun activity to do together. It took me some time to do **all** the tasks, but **it was totally worth it**.

We had a **great** time that day. Everyone **congratulated** me. They even gave me a great **gift** to celebrate **my big occasion**¹⁰. I'm **so grateful for what they did**. Actually, I have planned to have a party **every time** I reach a goal. After all, you should definitely **reward yourself**¹¹ for **hard** work.

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¹⁰ my big occasion: 我的大日子; 形容重要的场合

¹¹ reward yourself: 奖励自己

Describe something that surprised you

You should say:

What it is;

How you found out about it;

What you did;

And explain whether it made you happy.



5. 让你惊讶的事情（好友们为庆祝我通过一个重要的考试，悄悄给我准备了惊喜派对。本题与“庆祝过的活动”，“别人送的衣服”等题有故事内容重叠。）

A few **months** ago, my friends **threw a surprise party**¹² to celebrate my success in an **important** exam. At the time, I had just passed **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. I worked **hard** to prepare for the exam. That was the most **anxious** and **stressful** time of my life. Fortunately, I **passed the exam by a lot!**

Passing this exam means that I was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer. So I was **really** happy. I shared this **great** news with my **best** friends through **WeChat** right away. But it was **weird** that **no one responded**¹³.

I started to get really **upset**. Then one of them **called** me to meet **them**¹⁴ for **dinner** at a restaurant. When I got there, I was **surprised** to see **all** my friends. They **congratulated** me and even gave me a **dress** as a gift to celebrate **my big occasion**. They hope the dress can **bring me good luck** and help me become a lawyer at a **big** law firm.

Later I **learned** that they **had actually prepared** this party a few days before. They believed that I would **pass** the exam. You know, I was **so** grateful to have such **good** friends. I'll **always** remember this **surprise** party.

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¹² threw a surprise party: 举办一个惊喜派对

¹³ no one responded: 没有人回复

¹⁴ them: 注意这里指的不是“他们”。当所指的人不区分男或女时，统一用“they/them”

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 (为了庆祝女朋友高分通过司法考试, 我打算送给她一件迪奥的连衣裙作为礼物。本题与“准备过的开心活动”, “别人给的衣服”等题有故事串联)

I was actually **planning on**¹⁵ giving a gift to my girlfriend¹⁶.

About **two** months ago, my girlfriend passed **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. But my girlfriend **wasn't** afraid of the challenge. She spent about **half** a year preparing for it. Then she waited **two** months to get the result. That was the most **anxious** and **stressful** time of her life. Fortunately, **she passed the exam by a lot!**

Since she was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer, I promised to give her **a fancy gift**¹⁷. After months of **searching**, I decided to buy her a **Dior dress** as her first **professional** outfit. It's a **black and white one-piece dress**¹⁸. The top part is very **slim**, and the lower part is a **big** skirt. It also has a **belt** and buttons with Dior's **logo**. Honestly it looks so **elegant**¹⁹. I think it'll be a **perfect** outfit for the office.

I hope this gift can **bring her good luck**²⁰ and help her become a lawyer at a **big** law firm. Plus, Dior is her **favorite fashion brand**²¹. I think she'll **love** it. It's **very** expensive, but I'm really **happy** for my girlfriend. So I'm **glad** that I'm **able** to get a good gift for her.

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¹⁵ **planning on**: 打算;计划

¹⁶ **girlfriend**: 注意根据每个人不同的情况来选择送礼物的对象~

¹⁷ **a fancy gift**: 一个高级礼物

¹⁸ **one-piece dress**: 连衣裙

¹⁹ **elegant**: 优雅的

²⁰ **bring her good luck**: 给她带来好运

²¹ **fashion brand**: 时尚品牌

Describe a piece of clothing you have that was given by someone.

You should say:

What it was;

Who gave it to you;

When you got that;

And whether you liked it or not.



7. 别人送你的衣服

♀女生版: (为了庆祝我高分通过司法考试, 我的男朋友送给我一件迪奥的连衣裙作为礼物。

本题与“想要送朋友的礼物”有故事串联)

Recently, I got **a piece of clothing**²² from my **boyfriend**. It was a gift to **congratulate** me for passing an **important exam**.

About **two** months ago, I passed **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. I spent about **half** a year preparing for it. Then I waited **two** months to get the result. Fortunately, **I passed the exam by a lot!**

Since I was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer, my boyfriend promised to give me **a fancy gift**. I was **amazed** when I opened the gift box because he gave me **a Dior dress**. He said it could be my first **professional** outfit. It's **a black and white one-piece dress**. The top part is very **slim**, and the lower part is a **big** skirt. It also has a **belt** and buttons with Dior's **logo**. Honestly it looks so **elegant**. Plus, Dior is my **favorite fashion brand** so I'm **really** happy with the dress.

Anyway, my boyfriend hopes the dress can **bring me good luck** and help me become a lawyer at a **big** law firm. I'm so **grateful** to him for being so **thoughtful**. And I've planned to wear it for my **first** job interview. I believe it will be my “**lucky** outfit”.

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²² a piece of clothing: 一件衣服

Describe a piece of clothing you have that was given by someone.

You should say:

What it was;

Who gave it to you;

When you got that;

And whether you liked it or not.



7. 别人送你的衣服

♂**男生版:** (为了庆祝我高分通过司法考试, 我妈妈送了我人生中第一套西服作为礼物。本题与“想要送朋友的礼物”有故事串联)

Recently, I got **a piece of clothing**²³ from my **mom**. It was a gift to **congratulate** me for passing an **important exam**.

About **two** months ago, I passed **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. I spent about **half** a year preparing for it. Then I waited **two** months to get the result. Fortunately, **I passed the exam by a lot!**

Since I was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer, my mom promised to give me **a fancy gift**. Then **a month** later, I received the **first suit** in my life. My mom said it could be my first **professional** outfit. It's a **double-breasted suit**²⁴ with **grey stripes**²⁵, which **is made of 100% wool**²⁶. Honestly it looks so **classic**. Plus, I usually dress in **casual** styles and I don't have any outfits suited for an **office**. So I was really **excited** when I saw this suit. It's **exactly** what I needed.

Anyway, my mom hopes the suit can **bring me good luck** and help me become a lawyer at a **big** law firm. I'm so **grateful** to her for being so **thoughtful**. And I've planned to wear it for my **first** job interview. I believe it will be my **“lucky outfit”**.

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²³ a piece of clothing: 一件衣服

²⁴ double-breasted suit: 双排扣西装

²⁵ grey stripes: 灰条纹

²⁶ is made of 100% wool: 100%毛呢料子的; 纯羊毛的

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 (为了庆祝我顺利考过司法考试, 朋友们为我准备了一个律师服的翻糖蛋糕表示庆贺。本题与“准备的开心活动”, “别人送你的衣服”等题有故事串联)

I'd like to talk about a **special** cake I got from my friends. They bought it to **congratulate** me for passing an **important** exam.

Well, I passed **the National Judicial examination** about **two** months ago. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China. The **pass rate** is only about **10%** every year. I spent about **half** a year preparing for it. Then I waited **two** months to get the result. Fortunately, **I passed the exam by a lot!**

Since I was finally **qualified** to be a lawyer, my friends organized a **party** for me. They ordered **a rectangular cake²⁷**, not a **round** one. When they opened the box, I thought it was **a folded black robe for a lawyer²⁸**. But it was a **fondant cake²⁹** that they **customized into a suit shape³⁰**. There was even a red **tie** on it. I was so **amazed**. The cakemakers did such a **great** job.

Besides, it **was** the first time I tried a cake with **black** cream. I was a little **hesitant** to eat it at first. But it tasted **delicious**. I liked it **so much!** My friends said they hoped the cake can **bring me good luck** and help me become a lawyer at a **big** law firm. I'm so **grateful** to them for being so **thoughtful**.

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²⁷ a rectangular cake: 一个长方形的蛋糕

²⁸ a folded black robe for a lawyer: 一个叠起来的律师袍

²⁹ fondant cake: 翻糖蛋糕

³⁰ customized into a suit shape: 定制成西装形状

Describe a difficult decision that you once made but had a good result.

You should say:

- What the decision was;
- When you made your decision;
- How long it took to make the decision;
- And explain why it was difficult to make.



9. 困难但有好结果的决定(在准备一场重要考试时生病, 因而做出艰难的决定放弃考试。本题与“别人向你寻求意见”、“积极改变”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Last year, because of a **health** issue, I made a **tough** decision **not to write an important exam**³¹. It was **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult** **qualification exams** in China.

I spent about **half** a year preparing for it. But later, I had to see a **doctor** for some serious **back pain**. **It was caused by me not being very active**. The doctor said I had to rest for **a few** months. I shared this news with my best friend **Penny**. She told me that I should **stop** preparing for the exam. She also said I should start **cycling** with her in our spare time. She said that work and study are just a **part** of our lives. **We work to live rather than live to work**.

So, I decided to **quit** the exam and take care of my **health** first. Since then, I've **cycled** every week with Penny. We usually go biking about **two** or **three** times a week. After biking weekly for **three** months, my back pain has **gone** away.

Now, **I'm back for the exam**³². But I **still** cycle every week. It's made me more **productive** and **organized**. So, although I **didn't** take the exam, I think I made the **right** choice. It taught me that **health** always comes first³³, and I should **make a good work-life balance**³⁴.

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³¹ not to write an important exam: 不去参加一个重要考试

³² I'm back for the exam: 我回来考试了

³³ health always comes first: 健康永远是第一位的

³⁴ make a good work-life balance: 保持工作和生活的平衡

Describe a time when you were asked to give your opinion.

You should say:

- when it was;
- why you were asked to give your opinion;
- what opinion you gave
- and explain how you felt about giving your opinion.



10. 别人向你寻求意见 (朋友生病后, 向我寻求意见, 决定是否要放弃正在准备中的重要的考试。本题与“困难但有好结果的决定”等题有故事内容重叠)

Well, once I gave an opinion to my **best** friend, **Penny**. She **was hesitant about**³⁵ giving up on writing an **important** exam. It was **the National Judicial examination**. It's one of the most **difficult qualification exams** in China.

She spent about **half** a year preparing for it. But later, she had to see a **doctor** for some serious **back pain**. **It was caused by her not being very active**. The doctor said she had to rest for **a few** months. She **shared** this news with me, and asked for **my** opinion. I suggested that she **stop** preparing for the exam. I also said she should start **cycling** with me in our spare time. I think work and study are just a **part** of our lives. **It's not worth it to put an exam above your health**³⁶.

Penny eventually **agreed** with me. Since then, we've cycled together **every week**. We usually go biking about **two** or **three** times a week. After biking weekly for **three** months, her back pain has **gone** away.

Now, she's **ready** for the exam. But **she's kept up the habit of**³⁷ cycling every week. She told me that she was very **grateful** to me. I helped her realize that **health always comes first**. I was very **happy** that I could help my friend.

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³⁵ was hesitant about: 犹豫于

³⁶ It's not worth it to put an exam above your health: 把考试看得比健康更重要是不值得的

³⁷ she's kept up the habit of: 她一直保持着...的习惯

Describe a positive change in your life

You should say:

What the change was about;

When it happened;

Who helped you;

And explain how it affected you later in life.



11. 积极改变 (和朋友一起骑行锻炼身体, 改变了我久坐的不健康的生活方式, 还让我的工作/学习效率更高了。本题与“困难但有好结果的决定”、“保持健康的方法”等题有故事内容重复。)

About **half** a year ago, I started **cycling**³⁸ every week. It was a **great** change I made in my life.

If I remember right, last **October**, I had to see a doctor for my **back pain**³⁹. **It was caused by me not being very active**⁴⁰. At the time, my best friend, **Penny**, told me I should start **cycling** with her in our spare time. She said that I spent **so much** time working. But work and study are just a **part** of our lives. **We work to live rather than live to work**⁴¹. Her words truly made me want to **change** my lifestyle.

So, **since then**⁴², I've **cycled** every week with Penny. We often go biking at a **park** near our **apartment**. It has a really **good** location because it's right next to a beautiful **lake** in our city. We usually go biking there about **two** or **three** times a week. When we get **tired**, we can **sit on the lawn nearby** and **enjoy** the sunlight. It's **so** relaxing!

Anyway, after biking weekly for **three** months, my back pain has **gone** away. Plus, **working out regularly**⁴³ **doesn't** affect my performance at work/school at all. Instead, it makes me more **productive** and **organized**. So, I'm very **grateful** to Penny. **She was the one who**⁴⁴ **encouraged** me to make such a good change. She's definitely made me **better**!

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³⁸ cycling: 骑自行车

³⁹ back pain: 背痛

⁴⁰ It was caused by me not being very active: 由于我活动太少造成的

⁴¹ We work to live rather than live to work: 我们工作是为了生活, 而不是为了工作而生活

⁴² since then: 从那时以来

⁴³ working out regularly: 定期锻炼

⁴⁴ She was the one who: 她是那个...的人

Describe something you do to keep fit and healthy/Describe an activity you do to stay healthy

You should say:

- what it is
- how often you do it
- how you do it (or, how easy or difficult it is to do)
- and explain how it helps to keep you fit.



12. 保持健康的方法（与朋友保持每周几次的骑行来帮助缓解腰背痛的毛病。本题与“积极改变”等题有故事内容的重叠。）

Well, about **half** a year ago, I started **cycling** every week. It really helps me stay healthy.

I **didn't** work out very often before that. I always worried that exercising **a lot** would **distract me from study/work**⁴⁵. But several **months** ago, I had to see a doctor for my **back pain**. **It was caused by me not being very active**. Because of this, my best friend, **Penny**, told me I should start **cycling** with her in our spare time. She said **we work to live rather than live to work**. Her words truly made me want to change.

So, since then, I've **cycled** every week with Penny. We usually go biking at a **park** near our **apartment**. It has a really **good** location because it's right next to a beautiful **lake** in our city. We usually go biking there about **two** or **three** times a week. We also like to **ride somewhere far**⁴⁶ on weekends and **challenge ourselves on more difficult routes**⁴⁷. It makes cycling really **fun**. We **never** get bored doing this exercise.

Anyway, after biking weekly for **three** months, my back pain has **gone** away. Now I'm feeling more **energetic**, both mentally and physically. I've also become more **productive** with work. **Apparently**⁴⁸, cycling is a **great** form of fitness for me. I believe I will **stick to it**⁴⁹ in the future.

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⁴⁵ distract me from study/work: 让我从工作/学习中分心

⁴⁶ ride somewhere far: 骑车去很远的地方

⁴⁷ challenge ourselves on more difficult routes: 在更困难的路线上挑战我们自己

⁴⁸ Apparently: 显然

⁴⁹ stick to it: 坚持下去

Describe a contest/competition you would like to participate in

You should say:

- What the contest/competition is about;
- Where the contest/competition will take place;
- When it will be held;
- And explain why you would like to participate in it.



13. 想参加的比赛 (一直坚持骑行锻炼的我, 很期待参加市区举办的自行车比赛。本题与“保持健康的方法”、“积极改变”、“有趣的邻居”等题有故事内容重叠)

Well, there's going to be a **road bicycle race** in our city. Anyone who's over **18** can **sign up for the race**⁵⁰. I **really** want to join this contest.

Actually, about **half** a year ago, I started **cycling** every week. At the time, I had to see a **doctor** for my **back pain**. **It was caused by me not being very active**. Because of this, my best friend, **Penny**, told me I should start **cycling** with her in our spare time. So, since then, I've **cycled** every week with Penny. We usually go biking at a **park** near our **apartment**. The **starting stage** of the race⁵¹ is actually at **that** park. I believe it could **give me an advantage**⁵² because I know the route there **very** well.

There are also some **challenging** parts of bike races, like **obstacles** and **hill** climbing. But I believe that I can do **well**. Penny and I usually **ride somewhere far** on weekends and **challenge ourselves on more difficult routes**. So I think those practices might **help** me win the race.

Anyway, since I started **cycling**, I feel a lot more **energetic**. So I really want to **test my cycling skills**⁵³ through this competition. I'm sure I'll **enjoy** the challenge. Maybe I'll even make more **cycling friends**⁵⁴ as well.

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⁵⁰ sign up for the race: 报名参加比赛

⁵¹ starting stage of the race: 比赛的初始段

⁵² give me an advantage: 给了我一个优势

⁵³ test my cycling skills: 测试我的骑行技术

⁵⁴ cycling friends: (交到)喜欢骑行的朋友

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.



14. 一个去过的地方 (去年国庆假期去了威海旅行。本题与“有趣的城市”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I'm going to talk about **Weihai**. It's located **in the easternmost part of Shandong province**. That area is close to the **sea**, so **lots** of people **like it there**.

I have a **friend** who moved to the city last year. So I **visited** her as well as **toured** the city during the last **National Day** holiday. It has a really **good** location because it's **surrounded by the sea on three sides**. Plus, there are many **great attractions** in the city. For example, *Weihai International Beach* is considered one of the best beaches in Asia. I also tried **deep-fried yellow croaker** there. It was **so** delicious (ㄟ ㄨ ㄟ).

Anyway, if you **go** there, you should experience **cycling** around the sea. My **favorite** part of the city is a long **bike path** next to the sea. We rented **bicycles** to **ride along the coast**. You can feel **the soft sea breeze** and enjoy the **sun** on the water while riding, which is fantastic. When we got **tired**, we **laid** on a nearby beach and **enjoyed** the sunshine. It definitely made us really **happy**.

As someone who had never been to⁵⁵ the sea before, I **love** Weihai. It has **breathtaking** views and **fresh** air. And it's easy to find a place to **relax**. It's **definitely** worth visiting.

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⁵⁵ As someone who had never been to: 作为一个从来没有去过...的人

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.



15. 有趣的城市 (可以环海骑行的沿海城市威海。本题与“一个去过的新地方”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, I'd like to talk about **Weihai**. It's located **in the easternmost part of Shandong province**. That area is close to the **sea**, so **lots of people like it there**.

I have a **friend** who moved to the city last year. So I **visited** her as well as **toured** the city during the last **National Day** holiday. It has a really **good** location because it's **surrounded by the sea on three sides**. Plus, there are many **great attractions** in the city. For example, *Weihai International Beach* is considered one of the best *beaches* in Asia. I also tried **deep-fried yellow croaker** there. It was **so** delicious (￣▽￣).

Anyway, if you **go** there, you should experience **cycling** around the sea. My **favorite** part of the city is a long **bike path** next to the sea. We rented **bicycles** to **ride along the coast**. You can feel **the soft sea breeze** and enjoy the **sun** on the water while riding, which is fantastic. When we got **tired**, we **laid** on a nearby beach and **enjoyed** the sunshine. It definitely made us really **happy**.

As someone who had never been to the sea before, I **love** Weihai. It has **breathtaking** views and **fresh** air. And it's easy to find a place to **relax**. It's **definitely** worth visiting.

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Describe a place (not your hometown) where you would like to recommend living in.

You should say:

Where it is;

How you know there;

What people can do there;

And explain why you would like to recommend the place.



16. 推荐他人居住的地方（海边城市威海空气清新风景秀美，非常适合居住和养老。本题与“有趣的城市”等题有故事内容重叠。）

I would **highly** recommend living in **Weihai**. It's located **in the easternmost part of Shandong** province. I think it's one of the most **beautiful** and **attractive** cities in China.

I have a **friend** who moved to the city last year. So I **visited** her as well as **toured** the city during the last **National Day** holiday. It has a really **good** location because it's **surrounded by the sea on three sides**. Plus, there are many **great attractions** in the city. For example, *Weihai International Beach* is considered one of the **best beaches** in Asia. I also tried **deep-fried yellow croaker** there. It was **so** delicious (ㄟ ㄟ).

What's more, you can go **cycling** around the sea. I think it's one of the **best** parts of the city. There's a long **bike path** next to the sea. My friend and I rented **bicycles** to **ride along the coast**. It was **fantastic**. When we got **tired**, we **laid** on a nearby beach and **enjoyed** the warm sun. It felt **amazing**.

As someone who had **never been to** the sea before, I think that Weihai is definitely a **heavenly place**⁵⁶. It has **breathtaking** views and **fresh** air. And it's easy to find a place to **relax**. So, it's definitely a **good** place to live for a **long** time or even **retire** in.

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⁵⁶ a heavenly place: 一个天堂一样的地方；形容此处很美

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.



17. 乡村一隅 (去年国庆假期去了广东石板沙村旅行, 这里有可以环岛骑行的自行车道, 对我来说是很特别的一次体验。本题与“有趣的城市”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I'd like to talk about a **village** in **Guangdong** province. It's called **ShiBanSha** Village. I really like the **cycling trail**⁵⁷ there. In recent years, this village has become very **popular** for tourists.

I have a **friend** who moved to **Guangdong** last year. So I **visited** her as well as **toured** the village during the last **National Day** holiday. It's a **small** island **surrounded by water**. There are lots of **great attractions**. For example, you can see many beautiful **street art paintings**⁵⁸ in the village. Plus, I tried the local **clams**⁵⁹, which are a **famous** dish there. They were delicious (ㄟ ㄨ ㄟ).

Anyway, my **favorite** part of the village is a long **bike path** next to the sea. We rented **bicycles** to ride around the **island**. You can feel **the soft breeze** and even enjoy the **sun** on the water while riding, which is **fantastic**. You can also see some **villagers** fishing on the water in their small boats, which seems **fun**. It was so **calm** there. It definitely helped us feel **more relaxed**.

Actually it was my **first** time riding around an **island**, so the **coastal road**⁶⁰ was very **cool**. We especially loved the **breathtaking** views and **fresh** air. Most **importantly**, I got to **take a break from city life**⁶¹. It was a **great** experience for sure.

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⁵⁷ cycling trail: 骑行道; 自行车道

⁵⁸ street art paintings: 街头艺术画; 街头艺术涂鸦

⁵⁹ clams: 蛤蜊

⁶⁰ coastal road: 沿岸公路

⁶¹ take a break from city life: 逃离城市的喧嚣

Describe a long walk you ever had.

You should say:

When this happened;

Where you walked;

Who you were with;

And explain how you felt about this long walk.



18. 远距离步行（去年国庆假期去了广东石板沙村旅行，这里有可以环岛步行游览的步道。本题与“乡村一隅”等题有故事内容重叠。）

One time I went **hiking** at a **tourist attraction**⁶² called **ShiBanSha** Village. It's a small village in **Guangdong** Province. In recent years, this village has become very **popular** for tourists.

I have a **friend** who moved to **Guangdong** last year. So I **visited** her as well as **toured** the village during the last **National Day** holiday.

It's a **small** island **surrounded by water**. My **favorite** part of the village is **a long walking path**⁶³. You can **walk around the island along that path**⁶⁴ while enjoying the **beautiful** views of the village. When you walk on the **path**, you can **feel the soft breeze** and even enjoy the **sun** on the water. Sometimes, you can also see some **villagers** fishing on the water in their small boats, which seems **fun**. It was so **calm** there. It definitely helped us feel **more relaxed**.

Actually, it's a really **long** path. It took us almost **an hour** to finish. I was so **tired** that I had to **take a few breaks**⁶⁵. But **overall**, I **loved** this hiking experience. It was my **first** time walking around an **island**. The **coastal road** was very **cool**. I loved the **breathtaking** views and **fresh** air. Most **importantly**, I got to **take a break from city life**. It was a **great** experience for sure.

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⁶² tourist attraction: 旅游胜地；旅游景点

⁶³ a long walking path: 一个很长的步道

⁶⁴ walk around the island along that path: 沿着那条小路环岛步行

⁶⁵ take a few breaks: 休息几次

Describe a quiet place

You should say:

Where it is;

How you knew it;

What you do there;

And explain how you feel about the place.



19. 安静的地方 (去年到一个村子旅行, 这里没有嘈杂的交通噪音, 人们生活简单安逸, 是我见过最安静的地方。本题与“乡村一隅”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, speaking of a **quiet** place, the first one I can think of is a **village** I've been to. It's called **ShiBanSha** Village. I live in a **city**, so this village is great because it's **really** quiet.

I have a **friend** who lives here, so I **visited** her as well as **toured** the village during the last **National Day** holiday. It's a **small** island **surrounded by water**. There are lots of **great attractions**. But there **aren't** many vehicles there. Instead, the villagers prefer to **cycle around**. So you **hardly** hear any noise of **engines and horns**⁶⁶.

My **favorite** part of the village is a long **bike path** next to the sea. My friend and I rented **bicycles** to ride around the **island**. I felt **the soft breeze** and enjoyed the sun on the water while riding, which is **fantastic**. I also saw some **villagers** fishing on the water in their small boats, which seems **fun**. That day, I **didn't hear anything loud other than**⁶⁷ the **seagulls**⁶⁸. The locals there have a very **simple** lifestyle. It makes the village seem very **relaxing** and **peaceful**.

Anyway, it was my **first** time experiencing life in the **countryside**. I got to **take a break from city life**. It helped me feel **very** calm. So I'm really **fond** of this place.

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⁶⁶ engines and horns: 引擎和喇叭

⁶⁸ seagulls: 海鸥

⁶⁷ didn't hear anything loud other than: 除了...没听到什么大的声音

Describe a special day that you went out but didn't spend much money

You should say:

What day it was;

Where you went;

What you did;

And explain how you felt about it.



20. 外出花费甚少的一天 (去乡下一日游, 花费非常少。本题与“乡村一隅”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, speaking of a day I **didn't** spend much, the first one I can think of is a **one-day** trip I had. The destination was a **village** in **Guangdong** province. I have a **friend** who lives there. So I **visited** her as well as **toured** the village during the last **National Day** holiday.

It's a **small** island **surrounded by water**. And there are lots of **great attractions** to visit for **free**. For example, **you don't have to pay to**⁶⁹ see many beautiful **street art paintings** in the village. Plus, I tried **lots** of different foods at a street market, but I **only** spent **a couple dozen yuan**⁷⁰.

There's also a long **bike path** next to the sea. My friend and I rented **bicycles** to ride around the island. Luckily, the bike rental was **really** cheap. We cycled **two** hours but were only charged **10** Yuan(💎~💎). It was such a **nice** ride. We felt **the soft breeze** and enjoyed the sun on the water while riding, which was **fantastic**.

Anyway, I only spent about **100** Yuan during the **whole** trip. It was **literally**⁷¹ the **cheapest** trip I've ever had. But it was still an **amazing** experience. It was my **first** time riding around an **island**. And I loved the **breathtaking** views and **fresh** air. Most **importantly**, I got to **take a break from city life**. It was a **great** experience for sure.

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⁶⁹ you don't have to pay to: 你不需要花钱去...

⁷⁰ a couple dozen yuan: 几十块

⁷¹ literally: 不夸张的说

Describe an important river/lake in your country

You should say:

Where it is located;

How big/long it is;

What it looks like;

And explain why it is important.



21. 重要河流/湖泊 (去年到一个被西江环绕的一个小岛旅行。在这里对我国南方重要河流—西江有了更深入的了解。本题与“乡村一隅”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I'd like to talk about **Xijiang River**⁷². It's in the **south** of China. I learned about it **last year** when I visited a village in **Guangdong** province. It's called **ShiBanSha** Village. I have a **friend** who lives here, so I **visited** her as well as **toured** the village during the last **National Day** holiday. It's a **small** island just in the middle of **Xijiang** River.

My friend told me a **lot** about the river. I can still remember some **important** facts. It's the **longest** river in **south China**. It's also an **important** water source for multiple cities⁷³. There are lots of **harbors**⁷⁴ along the shores and countless **ships** on the river. So it's also an important **transportation link**⁷⁵ for many cities.

Plus, the river helps with **coastal tourism**⁷⁶. Take **Shibansha** Village as an example. My **favorite** part of the village is a long **bike path** next to the river. My friend and I rented **bicycles** to ride around there. You can feel **the soft breeze** and even enjoy the **sun** on the water while riding, which is **fantastic**. Many tourists like the **cycling trail** there. Nowadays, **lots** of people have enjoyed coming to this village. So that definitely **boosts the local economy**⁷⁷.

Anyway, because of **all** these reasons, I think we have to **protect** the river from pollution. It's really **important** and **it connects everyone's lives there**⁷⁸.

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⁷² Xijiang River: 西江 (可以换成你所了解的大部分河流, 其中关于河流重要性的素材基本都可以用到)

⁷³ important water source for multiple cities: 是多个城市的重要水源

⁷⁴ harbors: 码头, 船港

⁷⁵ transportation link: 交通枢纽

⁷⁶ coastal tourism: 滨海旅游; 河边的也可以称为 coastal

⁷⁷ boosts the local economy: 促进当地经济发展

⁷⁸ it connects everyone's lives there: 和每个人的生活息息相关

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.



22. 不喜欢的规则 (家附近的新公园不允许自行车进入。本题与“一个去过的新地方”等题有故事重叠。)

The **first** rule I can think of is the rule of a **park** that **doesn't allow bicycles**⁷⁹. It sounds **terrible**, right?

I **love** cycling. About **half** a year ago, some of my **friends** decided to cycle at a **park** together. The park was built near my **home** last year. It has a really **good** location because it's right next to a beautiful **lake** in our city. And there's **a long viewing trail**⁸⁰ next to the lake. So we planned to meet up at the park at **six** in the morning when it **wasn't** too crowded.

When we arrived there with our **bikes**, the **security guards**⁸¹ at the gate **stopped** us and said the park **doesn't allow bikes in it**. We were **surprised** because it was the **first** time we heard about this kind of rule. A park **is supposed to be**⁸² a place where people **relax** and **play**. So it's **strange** that people **can't** bring their bikes into the park.

We **ended up leaving the park**⁸³ but we were really **annoyed**. After all, cycling along the **lakeshore** could be a very **nice** experience. You could **breathe in fresh air** and enjoy the sun on the water while riding. It's **too** bad this park **has such a rule**⁸⁴. I hope they can **remove it**⁸⁵ one day.

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⁷⁹ doesn't allow bicycles: 不允许自行车 (进入)

⁸⁰ a long viewing trail: 一个很长的观景道

⁸¹ security guards: 保安

⁸² is supposed to be: 本应该是

⁸³ ended up leaving the park: 最后离开了公园

⁸⁴ has such a rule: 有这样一个规定

⁸⁵ remove it: 去掉它; 除掉它

Describe something that can help you concentrate on work/study.

You should say:

What it is;

How does it help you;

What do you think about it;

And explain why you think it is helpful



23. 帮助提高专注力的东西 (买过的蓝牙主动降噪耳机能很好的帮助屏蔽背景噪音, 有效提升专注力。本题与“丢失东西”等题有故事内容重叠)

Something that helps me **focus** is a pair of **Bluetooth noise cancelling earbuds**⁸⁶. They're a pair of **JBL** brand earbuds and cost me **1000** Yuan. They were **really** expensive, but I think they were definitely **worth** it.

I bought them as a **birthday gift** for myself. At the time, I was busy preparing for **lots** of difficult exams. So I was **really** stressed. I often got **distracted** by noise around me, especially **people talking**⁸⁷. I tried to **ignore** it by wearing earphones and listening to some **music**. But it **didn't** work. So I **bought** this pair of earbuds. They were supposed to be the **best** noise cancelling earbuds.

Unlike **normal** earbuds, they have **a noise cancelling mode**⁸⁸. Whenever I'm **annoyed** by noise and **can't** focus on my work, I **switch on**⁸⁹ the noise cancelling mode. Then the earbuds **block out**⁹⁰ all the background noise. So I can stay **focused** on what I'm doing.

I think this is really a **great** product to help me focus. I've become **way more productive**⁹¹ with study/work. And I **don't** get distracted as often. I'm really grateful to **modern** technology for creating **such an awesome gadget**⁹². I even bought **a security chain**⁹³ for these earbuds **in case**⁹⁴ I lose them. After all, they mean a **lot** to me.

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⁸⁶ Bluetooth noise cancelling earbuds: 蓝牙降噪耳机

⁸⁷ people talking: 人们的谈话 (声音)

⁸⁸ a noise cancelling mode: 一个降噪模式

⁸⁹ switch on: 打开

⁹⁰ block out: 屏蔽; 隔绝

⁹¹ way more productive: 更有效率

⁹² such an awesome gadget: 这么棒的小工具

⁹³ a security chain: 一个安全链, 防丢链

⁹⁴ in case: 以防...

Describe an occasion that you lost something in a public place.

You should say:

What you lost;

When and where you lost it;

What you did to find it;

And explain how you felt about it.



24. 丢失东西 (在大巴车上不小心丢掉了蓝牙耳机, 对亏清洁工打扫时找到才得以失而复得。本题与“帮助提升专注力的东西”等题有故事内容重叠。)

One time, I lost a pair of **Bluetooth noise cancelling earbuds**. They're a pair of **JBL** brand earbuds and cost me **1000** Yuan. They were **really** expensive. So I was very **upset** when I lost them.

It happened **last year** when I was on a trip to **Weihai**. I have a friend who **moved** to the city last year, so I was taking a **bus** to visit her. **There was a lot of traffic on the highway⁹⁵**. I was **annoyed** by the **horns⁹⁶** and noise from other **passengers**. So I put on my earbuds and they **blocked out** all the background noise right away.

But when I got to my friend's **home**, I **couldn't** find one of the earbuds. I tried to **recall⁹⁷** where I put it but I had **no** idea. Finally, I had to call the **bus company**. Honestly, I thought it was **impossible** to find such a small item in a **public** place. But the company said their **bus cleaner** found one. I was so **relieved⁹⁸**. I went back and **got** it right away. I **thanked** them **a lot!**

Anyway, the accident **taught me a lesson⁹⁹** as well. After I found it, I bought a **security chain** for these earbuds **in case** I **lose** them again. After all, they mean **a lot** to me.

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⁹⁵ There was a lot of traffic on the highway: 高速公路
上车辆很多

⁹⁶ horns: 喇叭声

⁹⁷ recall: 回忆

⁹⁸ relieved: 放心了

⁹⁹ taught me a lesson: 给我上了一课; 给了我一个教训

Describe an invention that has changed the world in a positive way.

You should say:

- What it is;
- What benefits it has brought;
- How it influences people of different ages;
- And explain how it changed people's lives.



25.让生活变得更好的发明 (降噪耳机的发明给人们的日常生活带来了极大便利。本题与“提高专注力的东西”等题有故事内容重叠)

The first thing I can think of is **noise cancelling headphones**. They're **very** convenient.

As far as I know, it was **an MIT professor**¹⁰⁰ who first came up with the **idea** for noise-canceling headphones. One time when he was working during a **flight**, he found himself **distracted** by all the noise on the plane. He tried to **ignore** the noise by wearing earphones and listening to some **music**. But it **didn't** work. So he **drafted a design of headphones**¹⁰¹ that could help **reduce** background noises.

By now, there have been **lots** of different **types** of noise-canceling headphones. Unlike **normal** headphones, they have **a noise cancelling mode**. Whenever you're **annoyed** by noise, you can **switch on** the noise cancelling mode. Then the headphones **block out** all the background noise. So you can stay **focused** on what you're doing.

Actually people can use noise-canceling headphones **in many different settings**¹⁰². For example, when your **baby** gets on a plane, the noise can **freak** them out. Wearing noise-canceling headphones is **a very smart solution**¹⁰³. For students and workers, these headphones help them **focus** when they study/work. Plus, they might even help you **sleep** better. So it's definitely a **useful** invention. I'm really grateful to modern technology for creating **such an awesome gadget**.

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¹⁰⁰ an MIT professor: 一个麻省理工大学的教授

¹⁰¹ drafted a design of headphones: 做了一个耳机的草稿设计图

¹⁰² in many different settings: 在不同的情况下

¹⁰³ a very smart solution: 一个聪明的解决方案

Describe a time when you had to wait in a traffic jam.

You should say:

When and where it happened

How long you were stuck due to bad traffic

What you did while waiting

And explain how you felt when you were stuck in that traffic jam.



26. 堵车的经历（在高速路上遇到道路施工导致堵车, 却让我有机会第一次与陌生人交谈甚欢。本题与“丢失东西”以及“用手机做重要的事”等题有故事内容重叠。本题素材也可以完全使用“用手机做重要的事”的故事内容。）

I'm going to talk about the time I took a **bus** for a trip. It happened **last year** when I was on a trip to **Weihai**. I have a friend who **moved** to the city last year, so I was taking a **bus** to visit her. On the **highway**, the bus was **stuck in traffic** for a **long** time because of **road construction**¹⁰⁴.

I was **annoyed** by the **horns** and noise from other **passengers**. So I put on my earbuds, which are a pair of **Bluetooth noise cancelling earbuds**. Then I listened to some **music**. The earbuds **blocked out** all the background noise right away. It made me feel a lot **better**. But the traffic **barely**¹⁰⁵ moved in an hour. The young lady next to me seemed **bored** as well, so I **chatted** with her. Then I learned that she's actually a **business owner**. She has a lot of knowledge about **marketing**. Honestly, I learned a **lot** about business from her during the trip.

Anyway, it took me **two extra hours**¹⁰⁶ to arrive at my **destination** that day. But I had a **great** trip because of my **conversation** with the lady. It was the **first** time I had such a **good** talk with a **stranger** on public transportation. So I can **still** remember that traffic jam very **clearly**.

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¹⁰⁴ road construction: 道路建设

¹⁰⁵ barely: 几乎不

¹⁰⁶ two extra hours: 多了两个小时

Describe a time you used your cellphone to do something important.

You should say:

What happened;

When it's happened;

How important the cellphone was;

And explain how you felt about the experience.



27.用手机做重要的事（由于堵车回不了家，只好在车上用手机流量上在线网课。本题与“堵车的经历”有故事内容重叠。）

Well, cellphones are very **important** in our lives. Once I used my cellphone to go to an **online** class when I **was stuck in traffic**.

It happened **last year** when I was on the **highway**. Unfortunately, the bus I took was **stuck in traffic** for a **long** time because of **road construction**.

The slow traffic was making me so **nervous**. I had an **online** class in **two** hours and I was supposed to be **ready** for it at home. It was a very **important** class about **the National Judicial examination** that I was preparing for. Even though there was only **half** an hour left before class started, I was **still** in the traffic jam. Just when I was getting **desperate**, I had a **great** idea. I could use my **cellphone** to watch the online class. So I **downloaded** the video app I needed. The network was **way better** than I thought. Finally, I **managed** to watch the lecture on the bus.

Anyway, it took me **two extra hours** to arrive at my **destination** that day. You know, **without** my cellphone, I would have missed my class. So my cellphone really **helped me out**¹⁰⁷. Honestly, I think smartphones nowadays are **literally powerful mini computers**¹⁰⁸. We can use smartphones for basically **everything**.

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¹⁰⁷ helped me out: 帮了我

¹⁰⁸ powerful mini computers: 一个强大的迷你电脑

Describe a family member who you want to work with in the future.

You should say:

Who he/she is;

What kind of person he/she is;

What kind of work you would like to do with him/her;

And explain how you felt about this family member.



28. 想共事的家人（比我有想法，有市场营销经验的姐姐，是我最想要一起工作的人。本题与“有趣的邻居”等题有故事内容重叠。）

The **first** person I can think of is my **older** cousin. She's **three** years older than me. We really like **hanging out with each other**¹⁰⁹. So I know her **pretty** well.

We're very **similar**. But she's more **creative** than I am. For example, she loves **Harry Potter** like me. But she **has a lot of interesting ideas about the characters**¹¹⁰ in the book. It's **always** interesting to hear **her opinions**. Besides, we both like **cycling**. But she likes going on **more unusual cycling trails**¹¹¹. She always persuades me to **ride somewhere far** and **challenge ourselves on more difficult routes**. It makes cycling **really** fun.

What's more¹¹², she's great at **business**. She started working with **small** businesses when she was a **freshman** in college. She also has a lot of knowledge about **marketing**¹¹³. Honestly, I learned more about business from **her** than from books.

So, because of **all** these reasons, I think she would be an **amazing business partner**¹¹⁴. I'm good at **making ideas work**¹¹⁵. **Meanwhile**¹¹⁶, she's **experienced** and very **creative**. So maybe one day we can start a business **together**. I think we could be very **successful**. Honestly, I have **no** idea what we can do together. But I could ask **her** for help. She definitely has **more** unique ideas😊.

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¹⁰⁹ hanging out with each other: 我俩很喜欢在一起待着（不一定是外出）

¹¹⁰ has a lot of interesting ideas about the characters: 她对（书中的）角色总有很多有趣的看法

¹¹¹ more unusual cycling trails: 更多非常规的骑行道路

¹¹² What's more: 而且

¹¹³ marketing: 营销

¹¹⁴ business partner: 商业合伙人

¹¹⁵ making ideas work: 实现点子；把想法实现

¹¹⁶ Meanwhile: 另一方面

Describe an interesting neighbor.

You should say:

Who he/she is;

How you knew him/her;

What you do together;

And explain why he/she is interesting.



29. 有趣的邻居 (搬家新认识的邻居是个很有想法的人, 每次和她聊天我都受益良多。本题与“想共事的家人”、“想共度时光的人”等题有故事内容重叠)

I'd like to talk about my new neighbor, **Penny**. I just moved to a **new** apartment not long ago. And I got to **meet** her. She is **three** years older than me. Since **we're almost the same age**¹¹⁷, we became friends **right away**.

We often go to each other's houses for **dinner**. So I know her well. We're very **similar**. But she's more **creative** than I am. For example, we both love **Harry Potter**. But she **has a lot of interesting ideas about the characters**¹¹⁸ in the books. It's **always** interesting to hear **her opinions**. Besides, we both like **cycling**. But she likes going on **more unusual cycling trails**¹¹⁹. She always persuades me to **ride somewhere far** and **challenge ourselves on more difficult routes**. It makes cycling **really** fun.

What's more, she's great at **business**. She said she started working with **small** businesses when she was a **freshman** in college. She also has a lot of knowledge about **marketing**. Honestly, I learned more about business from **her** than from books.

So, because of **all** these reasons, I think she's really **cool**. I **always** listen to everything she has to say. I **really** like spending time with her. She's the **first** neighbor I've gotten along with **so** well. I hope we can **be good friends for life**.

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¹¹⁷ we're almost the same age: 我们几乎同龄

¹¹⁸ has a lot of interesting ideas about the characters:
她对(书中的)角色总有很多有趣的看法

¹¹⁹ more unusual cycling trails: 更多非常规的骑行道路

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.



30. 想共度时光的人 (新认识的朋友与我有许多共同的爱好, 而且和她聊天我可以学到很多。本题与“有趣的邻居”、“享受的聊天对象”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I'd like to talk about a new **friend** I made. I just moved to a **new** apartment not long ago. And I got to meet my current neighbor, **Penny**. She's **three** years older than me. Since **we're almost the same age**, we became friends **right away**.

We're very **similar**. We basically talk about **everything** with each other. Plus, Penny is more **creative** than I am. So I always have **fun** hanging out with her. For example, we both love **Harry Potter**. But she **has a lot of interesting ideas about the characters** in the books. It's **always** interesting to hear **her opinions**. Besides, we both like **cycling**. We like to share **bikes and equipment** with each other. Penny likes finding **unusual cycling trails**. It's also **fun** to listen to her stories about **trying out difficult routes**¹²⁰.

What's more, she's great at **business**. She said she started working with **small** businesses when she was a **freshman** in college. She also has a lot of knowledge about **marketing**. Honestly, I learned more about business from **her** than from books.

So, because of **all** these reasons, I think she's really **cool**. I **always** listen to everything she has to say. I **definitely** enjoy talking with her. I hope we can **be good friends for life**. I **really** like spending time with her.

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¹²⁰ trying out difficult routes: 尝试困难的骑行路线

Describe a friend you like to talk with

You should say:

Who he/she is;

What you like to talk about;

Why you like to talk with him/her;

And explain how you feel about him/her.



31. 喜欢一起聊天的朋友/享受的聊天对象(新认识的朋友与我有很多共同的爱好, 而且和她聊天我可以学到很多。本题与“有趣的邻居”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I'd like to talk about a new **friend** I made. I just moved to a **new** apartment not long ago. And I got to meet my current neighbor, **Penny**. She's **three** years older than me. Since **we're almost the same age**, we became friends **right away**.

We're very **similar**. We basically talk about **everything** with each other. Plus, Penny is more **creative** than I am. So I always have **fun** talking to her. For example, we both love **Harry Potter**. But she **has a lot of interesting ideas about the characters** in the books. It's **always** interesting to hear **her opinions**. Besides, we both like **cycling**. We like to share **bikes** and **equipment** with each other. Penny likes finding **unusual cycling trails**. It's also **fun** to listen to her stories about **trying out difficult routes**¹²¹.

What's more, she's great at **business**. She said she started working with **small** businesses when she was a **freshman** in college. She also has a lot of knowledge about **marketing**. Honestly, I learned more about business from **her** than from books.

So, because of **all** these reasons, I think she's really **cool**. I **always** listen to everything she has to say. I **definitely** enjoy talking with her. I hope we can **be good friends for life**. I **really** like spending time with her.

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¹²¹ trying out difficult routes: 尝试困难的骑行路线

Describe a person whose work/job is useful to the 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.



32. 对社会有贡献的人 (一名剪纸艺术工作者, 很巧妙地利用现代自媒体, 让年轻人开始关注逐渐消失的剪纸文化。本题与“别人讲述的故事”等题有故事内容重叠。)

The **first** person I can think of is a **60**-year-old lady. I first saw her on **social media**. She's **a folk artist who specializes in paper-cutting**¹²². Even though she's in her **sixties**, I still think she's made a **great** contribution to our society.

I watched a video of a **reporter** interviewing the lady. She said she's **loved** paper-cutting since she was a kid. She even **teaches** a paper-cutting course at a college. But as she got **older**, she noticed that **less and less** young people are interested in this **art form**.

In order to **change** the situation, she decided to **promote the folk art on social media**. She **cuts paper into comics** that tell **traditional Chinese stories** and creates **videos** of them. Her story and artwork **have been covered by foreign** media. Now she's an **internet celebrity** in China. Since her videos got **popular**, lots of young people have become **interested** in the art of paper-cutting.

You know, paper-cutting is a **unique** folk art in China. It would be **really** sad if it **disappeared**. So as an **artist** in that field, this old lady **has done a great job of protecting this traditional art**¹²³. What she does is **absolutely valuable**¹²⁴ to our society.

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¹²² a folk artist who specializes in paper-cutting: 一个专做剪纸的民间艺术家

¹²³ has done a great job of protecting this traditional art: 在保护传统艺术方面已经做得非常好

¹²⁴ absolutely valuable: 绝对有价值的

Describe someone who is well known/popular in your town, area or country.

You should say:

What s/he does;

How you know him/her;

Why this person is well known/popular;

And explain whether you like this person or not, and why.



33. (国家/家乡) 有名的人 (在我的家乡有一名剪纸艺术工作者, 利用现代自媒体, 让年轻人开始关注逐渐消失的剪纸文化。本题与“对社会有贡献的人”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, speaking of a **celebrity** in my hometown, the **first** person I can think of is a **60-year-old** lady. I first saw her on **social media**. She's **a folk artist who specializes in paper-cutting**.

I watched a video of a reporter **interviewing** the lady. She said she's from **Shenzhen**, which was **interesting** to me because I'm from the **same** city. Anyway, the old lady said she's **loved** paper-cutting since she was a kid. But as she got **older**, she noticed that **less and less** young people are interested in this **art form**.

In order to **change** the situation, she decided to **promote the folk art on social media**. She **cuts paper into comics** that tell **traditional Chinese stories** and creates **videos** of them. **After lots of attempts¹²⁵**, she **made it work¹²⁶**! Her story and artwork have been promoted in lots of local media. Now she's an **internet celebrity**. Since her videos got **popular**, lots of young people have become **interested** in the art of paper-cutting.

You know, I was amazed by how **creative** she is for her age. It's why I **like** her a lot. She is such a **great role model** to young people like me. I'm so **proud** to have such a great and famous person in **my hometown**.

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¹²⁵ After lots of attempts: 经过多次尝试

¹²⁶ made it work: 成功了

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.



34. 别人讲述的故事 (在传统文化展览会上遇到一名剪纸艺术工作者, 她讲述了自己利用现代媒体宣传保护剪纸文化的故事。本题与“对社会有贡献的人”等题有故事内容重叠。)

Well, I met a **60-year-old** lady at a **traditional culture exhibition**¹²⁷ several weeks ago. She's a **folk artist who specializes in paper-cutting**. She told me a **story** about **her life**. It was really **memorable**.

I met her at an **event** where she was **demonstrating**¹²⁸ how to **make** paper cuttings. I remember she took just **a few** minutes to cut two **butterflies**. She's **pretty skilled in**¹²⁹ paper-cutting. I was so **amazed**. Then she noticed me and started **talking** to me.

She told me a **lot** about herself. She said she **teaches** a paper-cutting course at a college. But as she got **older**, she noticed that **less and less** young people are interested in this **art form**. In order to **change** the situation, she decided to **promote this folk art on social media**. With her **grandchildren's** help, she began to **cut paper into comics that tell traditional Chinese stories** and created **videos** of them. Now, her story and artwork **have been covered by** lots of **local** media.

I felt so **lucky** that I got to know and talk to this lady. I was amazed by how **creative** she is for her age. It's why her story **impressed** me so much. She is such a **great role model** to young people like me.

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¹²⁷ traditional culture exhibition: 传统文化展

¹²⁸ demonstrating: 展示; 演示

¹²⁹ pretty skilled in: 非常擅长...

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



35. 一见且想再见的人 (在某传统文化展览会上, 遇到一位剪纸手艺人, 她非常关注正逐渐消失的剪纸文化。本题与“别人讲述的故事”有故事内容重叠。)

I'd love to know **more** about a **60-year-old** lady I saw at a **traditional culture exhibition** several weeks ago. She's **a folk artist who specializes in paper-cutting**.

I met her at an **event** where she was **demonstrating** how to **make** paper cuttings. I remember she took just **a few** minutes to cut two **butterflies**. She's **pretty skilled in** paper-cutting. I was so **amazed**. Then she noticed me and started **talking** to me.

She said she **teaches** a paper-cutting course in a college. I admire how **energetic** she is at her age. She also cares a **lot** about the **development** of our traditional culture. She found that **less and less** young people are interested in this art form. So she's trying to **promote this folk art on social media**. She planned to **cut papers into comics that tell traditional Chinese stories** and create **videos** of them.

You know, it's definitely a **great** idea. I was amazed by how **creative** she is for her age. It's too **bad** that I didn't get to talk **longer** with her. I **haven't seen her since**¹³⁰. I really want to know **how it's going with her videos**¹³¹. I hope everything goes **well**. It would be **nice** to help her too. Anyway, she's such a **great role model** to young people like me.

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¹³⁰ haven't seen her since: 从...以后没再见过她

¹³¹ how it's going with her videos: 她的视频怎么样了

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.



36. 有趣的讨论（历史老师让小组讨论保护传统剪纸文化的方法。本题与“别人讲述的故事”等题有故事内容重叠。）

I'd like to share a time when I talked with my **friends** about **a class assignment**¹³². I have two friends, **Lisa** and **Sarah**. Several **months** ago, in our **history** class, the teacher asked us to **do a group discussion**. The three of us **formed a group right away**¹³³.

It was a topic about a **traditional culture** in China. Specifically, we had to talk about **the folk art of paper-cutting**. **Less and less** young people are interested in it. So we're starting to lose the culture of the **art form**. Our teacher asked us to think of some **creative** ways to change the situation.

We worked hard to think of some ideas. I said holding some **traditional culture exhibitions** might work. But they **didn't** think it was creative enough. Sarah suggested **promoting the folk art on social media**. But it would be **hard** to make the videos popular. Then Lisa suggested that we **cut paper into comics that tell traditional Chinese stories**. I think it's a **great** idea. So we all agreed that we could tell **stories** through paper cuttings, create **videos** of them, and then **post them online**¹³⁴.

The discussion went **really** well. The teacher **liked** our group's idea a lot. She even **gave us a compliment in class**¹³⁵. We felt really **accomplished**. So it was a really **interesting** discussion that I remember **well**.

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¹³² a class assignment: 作业

¹³³ formed a group right away: （我们三个）立马组成了一个小组

¹³⁴ post them online: 把它们发到网上

¹³⁵ gave us a compliment in class: 在课堂上表扬了我们

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.



37. 印象深刻的一节课 (小学美术课上老师教我剪纸。)

I always enjoyed **art class** the most. So I'd like to talk about an **art lesson** I had in **primary school**.

My art teacher, **Mrs. Li**, taught us a **lot** about different art techniques, like drawing **stick figures**, making **paper lanterns**, and even making **paper cuttings**. One day, she taught us to make **paper cuts**. That was a very **memorable** lesson.

Mrs. Li was **pretty skilled in** paper-cutting. She took just a few minutes to cut two **butterflies**. She asked us to make our **own** paper cuts. But I was **too** slow. My fingers were **clumsy** and I could **never** cut the papers well. But Mrs. Li **didn't** make me feel bad. She came to **my** side and **helped me** fold a piece of paper in half **several** times. Then she asked me to draw an **image** on it and cut it **along the lines**. When I **unfolded** the paper, it really looked like a **butterfly**. I was so **excited** and thanked her a **lot**.

After **so many** years, **my memory of primary school isn't** that good. But I've **never** forgotten that lesson. I think I remember the paper-cutting techniques so **clearly** because my teacher taught me **so** well. Actually, I often make **paper-cut crafts**¹³⁶ and **stick them on windows**¹³⁷ during Chinese New Year. I'm really **glad** that I learned such a **useful** lesson.

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¹³⁶ paper-cut crafts: 剪纸手工

¹³⁷ stick them on windows: 把它们贴在窗户上

Describe a time when you helped a child

You should say:

When it was;

How you helped him/her;

Why you helped him/her;

And how you felt about it.



38. 帮助小孩（帮助小侄子完成学校布置的剪纸手工作业。本题与“印象深刻的一节课”有故事内容重叠）

I'd like to talk about a time I helped my little **nephew** with his **homework**. He has just started **elementary** school. **What he learned was pretty interesting¹³⁸**. For example, his **art** teacher taught the class a **lot** about different art techniques, like drawing **stick figures** and making **paper lanterns**. Once their teacher taught them to make **paper cuts**. So their homework was to make a **paper cutting craft**.

My little cousin **wasn't** good at it, so he asked me for **help**. I thought it was **super** easy. It took me just a few minutes to cut two **butterflies**. But he **didn't** know how to do it. Then I realized I needed to teach him **differently**. So I showed him how to **fold** a piece of paper in half **several times**. Then I asked him to draw an **image** on it and cut it **along the lines**. When he **unfolded** the paper, it really looked like a **butterfly**. He was so **excited** and thanked me a **lot**.

Later, we also made some other beautiful paper-cut **crafts** and **stuck them on windows**. I was so **glad** that I could help a **seven-year-old** boy learn some paper cutting skills. It also taught me that **education** for young children can be **challenging**. You have to be very **patient** with them. Kids usually **do things their own way¹³⁹**.

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¹³⁸ What he learned was pretty interesting: 他学的东西很有趣

¹³⁹ do things their own way: 按自己的方式来做事情

Describe a traditional product in your country

You should say:

What it is;

When you tried this product for the first time;

What it is made of;

And explain how you feel about it.



39. 传统产品（我国传统的剪纸艺术品。本题与“对社会有贡献的人”以及“印象深刻的一节课”等题有故事内容重叠）

I'd like to talk about **paper cuttings**. It's a traditional **handicraft** in our country. In our culture, it's a tradition to buy or even make **paper-cut crafts** and **stick them on windows** during Chinese New Year.

Anyway, I learned more about paper cutting from **art** classes in primary school. My art teacher taught us to make **paper cuts**. She told us that **the art of paper cutting began when paper was invented in China¹⁴⁰**. It's been a tradition for **thousands** of years.

Nowadays, people often buy beautiful paper-cut artworks for **decoration**. Some people are very **creative** with their paper-cuts. I recently saw a **60-year-old** lady on social media. She's a **folk artist who specializes in paper-cutting**. She **cuts paper into comics** that tell **traditional** Chinese stories. Then she **publishes** them. I was **amazed** by how **creative** she is for her age.

But actually **less and less** young people are interested in **traditional** art products. In fact, we might start **losing the culture of paper-cutting¹⁴¹**. You know, paper-cutting is a **unique folk art¹⁴²** in China. It would be **really** sad if it **disappeared**. So I think we should **make people more aware of¹⁴³** protecting traditional arts and crafts by **buying** those products. It will be **absolutely valuable** to our society.

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¹⁴⁰ the art of paper cutting began when paper was invented in China: 剪纸艺术打从纸在中国发明起就开始了

¹⁴¹ losing the culture of paper-cutting: 丢失剪纸文化

¹⁴² folk art: 民间艺术

¹⁴³ make people more aware of: 让人们更加意识到

Describe a person who you follow on social media.

You should say:

Who he/she is;

How you knew him/her;

What he/she posts on social media;

And explain why you follow him/her on social media



40. 社交媒体上常刷的人 (我很喜欢一个中国歌手邓紫棋, 她是一个既有才华又有着有趣灵魂的人, 我是她的微博铁粉。本题与“有趣的歌曲”等题有故事内容重叠。)

I follow lots of **celebrities** on social media. One of them is a Chinese **singer-songwriter**. Her English name is **Gloria Deng**. I followed her on **Weibo**, the Chinese version of **Twitter**.

About **three** or **four** years ago, one of my friends sang a **song** at a **New Year's** party held in my **class**. It's called **Bubble**. I really **liked** the song and searched it **online**. Then I found **the original singer** of it, Gloria. She **has a Weibo account**¹⁴⁴ so I **followed** her right away.

Gloria **releases her new songs on Weibo**¹⁴⁵ and shares lots of **funny** moments from her life. She's a **talented** young lady. Her music is **very** diverse. Plus, I like her **personality**. Her character is very **different** from the way she acts on **stage**. She's so **hilarious**. You won't find other celebs who **post selfies** of their **big nostrils** on social media 🤪. But Gloria likes to post photos of herself being **silly**. It makes me **laugh** every time!

So I feel like she's very **humble**. She seems very **nice** and **approachable** when she interacts with her fans. I really like **that** about her. So now I'm a **big** fan of hers. I often **look at her new posts**¹⁴⁶ in my spare time and **like all her latest songs**¹⁴⁷. I believe that with her **talent** and interesting **personality**, she'll do **very** well.

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¹⁴⁴ has a Weibo account: 有一个微博账号

¹⁴⁵ releases her new songs on Weibo: 在微博上发布她的新歌

¹⁴⁶ look at her new posts: 看看她的新微博帖子

¹⁴⁷ like all her latest songs: 给她的新歌点赞

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.



41. 有趣的歌曲 (美国创作歌手 Bea Miller 唱了一首谈及“歧视”的歌, 我认为歌曲的创作角度很独特。本题与“社交媒体上常刷的人”、“帮助学习语言的工具”有故事内容重叠。)

Well, I love **singing**. And I've always preferred songs with **beautiful** and **touching** lyrics. An interesting song I'd like to share with you is an **inspirational** song by an American **singer-songwriter**, **Bea Miller**.

If I remember right, **in my sophomore year of high school**¹⁴⁸, one of my friends sang a **song** at a **New Year's** party held in my **class**. It's called **Brand New Eyes**. I really **liked** the song and searched it **online**. Then I found **the original singer** of it, **Bea Miller**. Her voice in that song is so full of **energy**.

The song **wasn't** very popular at the time. But once I **found** it, I listened to it **all** the time. The song is **catchy**¹⁴⁹ and the lyrics are **very** inspirational. It tells the story of a kid who **gets bullied**¹⁵⁰, but they stay **confident** and **strong**. The songwriter encourages people to believe **everyone is unique in their own way**¹⁵¹.

I love the **story** of the song. So I memorized all the **lyrics**. I also learned how to **sing** it. Unlike most songs about **romance**, this song talks about a **social issue**. Honestly, it's the **first** song about **discrimination**¹⁵² that I'd listened to at the time. So I think it's a **powerful** and **interesting** song. I hope to listen to **more** songs like this that **explore the deeper things in life**¹⁵³.

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¹⁴⁸ in my sophomore year of high school: 在我高中二年级的时候

¹⁴⁹ catchy: 悦耳的; 朗朗上口的

¹⁵⁰ gets bullied: 被霸凌; 被欺负

¹⁵¹ everyone is unique in their own way: 每个人都有自己独特的地方; 每个人都是独一无二的

¹⁵² discrimination: 歧视

¹⁵³ explore the deeper things in life: 探索生活中更有深度的东西

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.



42. 帮助学习语言的工具（听英文歌是帮助提升英语的很有效的方法。本题与“有趣的歌曲”有故事内容重叠。）

Well, I love **singing**, and I found **music is a very effective tool for**¹⁵⁴ learning English.

I realized it works **well** when I was **in sophomore year of high school**. At the time, one of my friends sang a **song** at a **New Year's** party held in my **class**. It's called **Brand New Eyes**. I really **liked** the song and searched it **online**. The song is **catchy** and the lyrics are **very** inspirational. It tells the story of a kid who **gets bullied**, but they stay **confident** and **strong**. The songwriter encourages people to believe **everyone is unique in their own way**.

I love the **story** of the song. So I memorized all the **lyrics**. I also learned how to **sing** it. Then I found there's a lot about **grammar** that you can learn from the song. For example, the lyrics helped me understand different **verb tenses**¹⁵⁵. And when I **sang along with the song**¹⁵⁶, I also improved my English **pronunciation**.

Since then¹⁵⁷, I've really **enjoyed** listening to songs in English to understand **more** about the language. Actually I think that **no matter what language you're learning**¹⁵⁸, listening to music in a **foreign** language can help develop language skills like **listening**, **vocabulary**, and **grammar**. Different music also teaches you about **cultures** in different countries. So it's definitely **beneficial** for language learning.

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¹⁵⁴ music is a very effective tool for: 音乐是...非常有效的工具

¹⁵⁵ verb tenses: 动词时态

¹⁵⁶ sang along with the song: 跟着歌一起唱

¹⁵⁷ Since then: 从那以后

¹⁵⁸ no matter what language you're learning: 不管你是在学什么语言

Describe something in your home that you broke and then repaired.

You should say:

What it is;

How you broke it;

How you repaired it;

And how you felt about it.



43. 坏掉又修好的东西（家里电脑突然黑屏，精通电脑的叔叔帮助我修好了电脑。本题与“向长者学习技能”有故事内容重叠。）

I repaired a **computer** before. **To be specific¹⁵⁹**, my **uncle** helped me.

My computer **had a blackout** about a year ago. I **couldn't** start the computer again. So I had to go to my **uncle** for help. He's really **good** with technology. After he checked out the computer **thoroughly**, he found that **most** parts of my computer were **old**. Some of them had **burned out**, which caused the **blackout**. He told me he could **fix** it with me. I'd **never** tried that before. So I decided to be his **helper** and learn from him.

So, my uncle asked me to buy **lots of parts**. Then we started to **fix** the computer together. He told me how to **remove** the broken parts and **replace** them with the new ones. I tried to **install** them one by one. But it was more **complicated** than I thought. There were lots of **lines and cables** that I **didn't** know where to connect. Eventually I managed to fix it with my uncle's **guidance**. It **gave me great sense of achievement**.

I'm **grateful** to my uncle. **Without** his help, I **would have spent¹⁶⁰** at least **four** or **five** thousand yuan on a new computer. Plus, I'm **happy** I learned a computer **repairing** skill. I think it'll be **useful** in the future.

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¹⁵⁹ To be specific: 具体来说；准确来说

¹⁶⁰ would have spent: 会已经花了...；此处是虚拟语气的用法

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.



44.向长者学习技能 (精通电脑的叔叔教我学会了组装电脑。本题与“坏掉又修好的东西”有故事内容重叠。)

I once learned **computer assembly** from my **uncle**. My computer **had a blackout** about a year ago. I **couldn't** start the computer again. So I had to go to my **uncle** for help. He's about **50** years old. But he's really **good** with technology. After he checked out the computer **thoroughly**, he found that **most** parts of my computer were **old**, which caused the **blackout**. He said he would help me **build my new computer**. I'd **never** thought of doing it **ourselves**, so my uncle decided to **teach** me this cool skill.

He asked me to buy **lots of parts**. Then I started to build the **new** model following his **instructions**. It was more **complicated** than I thought. There were lots of **lines and cables** that I **didn't** know where to connect. I **would've made lots of mistakes**¹⁶¹ if he **wasn't** there. Eventually I assembled the computer **successfully** with his guidance. It **gave me a great sense of achievement**.

Having this skill means that you can **build the computer however you want**. So I think it's a very **practical** skill, and I'm **happy** I learned it. I'm really **grateful** to my uncle for teaching me this skill. Although he's much **older** than me, he knows technology **better** than I do. I really **admire** him for it.

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¹⁶¹ would've made lots of mistakes: 可能已经犯了很多错误

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



45. 想要的公寓或房子 (想要买市中心的湖景房)

I've always wanted to buy an **apartment** in a **high-rise building**¹⁶². Hopefully it can be close to the **twentieth** floor.

I hope it's located **downtown**. That would make it a **valuable** piece of real estate¹⁶³. In fact, there's an apartment that I've been **looking at**. It's in a **great** spot next to a beautiful **lake** in our city. Plus, it's in a **commercial zone**. So if I could find a **job** in that area, my home might be **within walking distance of** the office.

As for its **size**, I hope it can have **four** bedrooms, a **spacious** living room and a **big** kitchen with a **dining** area. I think it would be **big** enough for my whole family. I also want a good balcony facing **south** so we can get **lots** of light. I'll put some **lounge chairs**¹⁶⁴ on the balcony so I can sit there, **breathe in fresh air** and enjoy the **sun** on the lake while drinking coffee, which would be **great**. Besides, I could have some **fun** **biking along the lakeshore** after work. It would be **amazing** to live in a place like that.

Anyway, buying an apartment is a **big step**¹⁶⁵. **No matter what**¹⁶⁶, it's a **dream** of mine, and I will work **hard** to make it come true.

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¹⁶² a high-rise building: 一幢高层建筑

¹⁶³ a valuable piece of real estate: 一块有价值的地产

¹⁶⁴ lounge chairs: 躺椅

¹⁶⁵ a big step: (人生的) 一大步

¹⁶⁶ No matter what: 无论如何; 不管怎样

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.



46. 生活中不可或缺的东西（唱歌是我最爱的休闲娱乐活动，所以家庭 KTV 设备对我来说是不可或缺的。该题也可以使用故事线 3，讲“降噪耳机”）

Emm... **I don't really have a hobby except for¹⁶⁷ music.** So speaking of something I **can't live without**, the **first** thing I can think of is a home **karaoke** machine. I bought it about **three** years ago.

At the time, I was watching **a livestream show hosted by a famous livestreamer**. He was selling a **karaoke machine** in the **livestream**. I thought it'd be **great** to sing karaoke at **home**. So I decided to **buy** one.

It was about **a thousand** yuan, which was **so** expensive. But I think **it was totally worth it**. It is a very **useful** device for those who love **singing**. It can connect to your TV through an **HDMI cable** or even WIFI. What's **better**, it even has a **colorful LED lighting** system, which is **perfect** for a cool karaoke room.

Just think about it, you can **do karaoke¹⁶⁸** at home **anytime** you want to. Actually, since I **bought** it, having a karaoke party has become the **most** popular fun event in my family. So it's very **important** to me and my family. I enjoy singing **alone** as well. I often **pick a new song¹⁶⁹** by my **favorite** singers and sing it on the karaoke machine. It really helps me **relax**. So I can't imagine **how boring my life would be without it¹⁷⁰**.

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¹⁶⁷ I don't really have a hobby except for: 除了..., 我没有什么爱好

¹⁶⁸ do karaoke: 唱 K, 唱卡拉 OK

¹⁶⁹ pick a new song: 挑一首新歌

¹⁷⁰ how boring my life would be without it: 如果没有这个, 我的生活会多么无聊

Describe something 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.



47. 免费物品 (在健身房获得了免费体验的服务)

I'm going to talk about a **free trial**¹⁷¹ I got at a **gym**. It happened about **half** a year ago. At the time, I was **upset** about **failing** to lose weight again! So I decided to **pay for a membership at a gym**.

It's a gym that my **friends** recommended to me. When I went there the **first** time, the gym **had a special promotion**¹⁷². If I **posted their advertisement** on my social media¹⁷³ account and **got 30 likes**¹⁷⁴, they would give me a **trial** card so that I could use the gym **5** times. Of course, I **accepted** it. I **love** free stuff!

At first I thought the gym only provided **work-out equipment**. But their service was **amazing**. They assigned an **instructor** to me to provide **advice** and **guidance**. The instructor said if **no one** supervises you, the pain and stress might make you want to **quit**. So when I was **tired** or **hungry**, the instructor encouraged me. He even **texted** and **reminded** me not to eat **snacks** at night 😊.

They impressed me by giving me **way better**¹⁷⁵ service than I expected. The **high-quality** experience made me **subscribe** to their membership. I've even **recommended** this gym to others who want to keep fit. **Their service is totally worth it.**

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¹⁷¹ free trial: 免费试用

¹⁷² had a special promotion: 有一个特别促销

¹⁷³ posted their advertisement on my social media: 把他们的广告发到我的社交账号上

¹⁷⁴ got 30 likes: 拿到 30 个赞

¹⁷⁵ way better: 好很多的

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



48. 小时候喜欢的玩具（小时候很喜欢玩在当时风靡一时的电子宠物）

I'm going to talk about a **digital pet**¹⁷⁶ that I had **as a kid**¹⁷⁷. My **parents** gave it to me when I was **ten**. I was so **excited** because toys like that were very **popular**. It was a toy that **most** of the kids in my class had.

Basically, the toy was a **little pod**¹⁷⁸ with a **screen** that showed the digital pet. When you first get it, a little **egg** shows up. Then your pet **hatches from it**¹⁷⁹. I was so **happy** that I had something so **special**. You could **feed** the pet, **play** with it, and do other tasks to keep it **happy** and **healthy**. I remember **showing** it to all my friends. They were so **excited** for me.

I played with it **all** the time. It was a **great** way to learn about **responsibility** as a kid. I had to **take care of it as if it was a real pet**¹⁸⁰. If I **neglected** it, the pet would get **sick**. **I did my best to take care of it**¹⁸¹.

As for why¹⁸² it was so special, I think it's because it was a **gift** that I **had wanted for a long time**¹⁸³. It was such a **cool** toy. I felt so **grateful** that my parents got me such a **thoughtful** gift.

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¹⁷⁶ a digital pet: 一个电子宠物

¹⁷⁷ as a kid: 当我还是一个孩子的时候

¹⁷⁸ little pod: 小（豆荚状的）球体

¹⁷⁹ hatches from it: 从中孵化出来

¹⁸⁰ take care of it as if it was a real pet: 就像它是一只真的宠物那样照顾它

¹⁸¹ I did my best to take care of it: 我尽了我最大的努力去照顾它

¹⁸² As for why: 至于为什么

¹⁸³ had wanted for a long time: 已经想要很久了

Describe an occasion when someone gave you positive advice or suggestion about your work/study

You should say:

Who the person is

What he/she said

How the advice/suggestion affected you

And explain how you felt about the advice/suggestions



49. 工作/学习中的积极建议 (实习期间对自己是否能胜任工作没有信心, 当时所在公司的老板告诉我永远不要自我否定, 直到现在我依然记得她教育我的话。)

I'm going to talk about the time my **boss** gave me some advice. It was during my **internship**¹⁸⁴ at a **marketing** firm. I **wasn't** exactly sure what I was doing. So the **first** couple weeks were **challenging**. My boss was very **helpful** though.

My boss **wasn't** too much older than me, actually. She had been working in marketing ever since graduating from **college**. So she had a **lot** of experience in marketing. She could answer **all** of my questions **without** any problems.

One day, I told her that I was feeling **overwhelmed**¹⁸⁵. I said that I felt like I **didn't** have enough experience. **I didn't think I deserved the internship**¹⁸⁶. My boss gave me some **great** advice. She told me that you should **never self-reject**¹⁸⁷. In **other** words, you need to **believe** in yourself. You shouldn't **avoid** pursuing opportunities **even if you don't think you're one hundred percent qualified**¹⁸⁸.

Her words **had a big impact on me**¹⁸⁹. She **inspired** me to have more **confidence** in myself. That helped me to do a **better** job at work. With **her** help, I felt **way better**¹⁹⁰ about my capabilities. Now, I'm **pursuing** a job in this field full-time. To be **honest**, I **wouldn't have had the confidence**¹⁹¹ to pursue this career **without her words of wisdom**¹⁹².

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¹⁸⁴ internship: 实习

¹⁸⁵ overwhelmed: 压力大

¹⁸⁶ I didn't think I deserved the internship: 我觉得自己不配得到这次实习

¹⁸⁷ never self-reject: 永远不要自暴自弃

¹⁸⁸ even if you don't think you're one hundred percent qualified: 即使你认为自己不是百分之百合格

¹⁸⁹ had a big impact on me: 对我有很大的影响

¹⁹⁰ way better: 更好了

¹⁹¹ wouldn't have had the confidence: 我就不会有信心; 注意此句是对过去的假设, 是虚拟语气的用法

¹⁹² without her words of wisdom: 没有她的至理名言

Describe a way/change that helps you save a lot of time

You should say:

What it is;

How you implement it;

How it helps you save time;

And explain how you feel about the way (about your change)



50. 节约时间的方法 (坐公交上班/上学总是会遇到堵车导致浪费时间。因此我改成了每天骑自行车上班/上学, 反而省出了很多时间。)

I recently decided to **change my commute**. I had the idea to make this change a few **months** ago. **I was tired of the buses always being late** on my way to work/school. It made me late **lots** of times. It was very **stressful** and **frustrating**. Then I realized that I could actually **bike** there instead. Of course, it would require me to **buy** a bike. But it seemed like a **good** idea.

Instead of **going straight to biking** every day, I decided to **get used to biking daily first**. I got a **nice** bike and started **going on short rides around the neighbourhood**. I wanted to make sure that I **enjoyed** biking and could carry **all my work/school stuff** in my backpack. It was **hard** to adjust to at first. But I **slowly** got used to biking **longer** distances. Finally, I felt **confident** that I could manage the **thirty-minute** bike ride to work/school.

Now that I **bike** to work/school, I save about **twenty minutes** every morning. Even though the buses are **faster**, there's **so much** traffic in the mornings that they **end up taking a long time**. Plus, I get to **exercise**, which helps me **stay healthy**. There are definitely **lots** of benefits. **Overall**, I feel very **positively** about this change. I think it's been **great** for me.

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