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## Topic 1 忙碌的经历

### 1. Are you often busy?

Yes, I'm usually pretty busy. I work full-time, so I'm very busy during the work-day<sup>1</sup>. When I get home, I try to hang out with my friends or do something active. I also like to visit my family and spend time with them on the weekends. Plus, I have a dog that keeps me busy as well.

### 2. What are the advantages and disadvantages when people keep busy?

One big advantage is that people can be more active. They can work out, hang out with friends, and do other things that make them happy. But people can get too busy and forget to relax. They might get overly stressed<sup>2</sup> and suffer from bad physical or mental health<sup>3</sup>.

### 3. Do you think children should learn through playing games or under pressure?

I think that children should learn by playing games. They can learn new things without feeling overly stressed. Plus, they can have fun through the game itself. But if they're under pressure<sup>4</sup>, they'll feel anxious. They might have a really bad experience. Then they might not want to learn things anymore.

### 4. What kind of pressure people may experience at work?

At work, people might feel the pressure to do better than their coworkers. Some companies make you feel like you have to compete against others in order to stand out<sup>5</sup>. Depending on the job, people might also feel pressure to perform a certain way<sup>6</sup>. For example, salespeople often have to sell a certain number of products per day.

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<sup>1</sup> during the work-day: 在工作日期间

<sup>2</sup> get overly stressed: 会压力过大

<sup>3</sup> suffer from bad physical or mental health: 受糟糕的身体健康或精神健康的之苦

<sup>4</sup> if they're under pressure: 如果他们面临压力

<sup>5</sup> compete against others in order to stand out: 要和别人竞争才能脱颖而出

<sup>6</sup> feel pressure to perform a certain way: 对做某种特定任务感到有压力

## Topic 2 庆祝过的活动

### 1. Do you like to celebrate important events? Why?

Yes, I love to celebrate important events. It helps people feel close to each other. Sometimes, it can be hard to make time for your friends<sup>7</sup>. If there is an important event to celebrate, then everyone can see each other and have fun together.

### 2. What kinds of events do people usually celebrate?

People usually celebrate events like weddings, graduations, and birthdays. Birthday and anniversary celebrations happen every year, but weddings and graduations happen less often. So they usually involve a bigger party. Anyway, I think people usually celebrate big successes in life to encourage each other. It makes people feel proud of their accomplishments<sup>8</sup>.

### 3. Do people often celebrate events with a large group of people or just a few people?

I think it depends on the type of event. Larger events like weddings usually have a lot of people at them<sup>9</sup>. The bride and groom want to invite all of their family and friends. Smaller events like birthdays might not have as many people<sup>10</sup>. Sometimes people want to celebrate with their closest friends rather than everyone they know.

### 4. Do people often celebrate festivals with families?

Yes, I think that some people really enjoy celebrating festivals with families. In my country the biggest festivals are spring festival and Mid-Autumn festival. It's common to celebrate these occasions with your family. After all, these festivals are about being grateful<sup>11</sup> and celebrating your love for other people. You can also celebrate festivals with friends as well as with family.

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<sup>7</sup> it can be hard to make time for your friends: 很难腾出时间和朋友在一起

<sup>8</sup> It makes people feel proud of their accomplishments: 这会使人们为自己的成就感到自豪

<sup>9</sup> have a lot of people at them: 会有很多人参加它们 (庆祝活动)

<sup>10</sup> might not have as many people: 可能不会有这么多人

<sup>11</sup> being grateful: 感恩

### Topic 3 让你惊喜的事情

#### 1. How do people express happiness in your culture?

I would say that people usually express happiness by celebrating together<sup>12</sup>. For example, a lot of people will go to a nice restaurant or do something more fun like karaoke. When people are happy, they tend to be very friendly and generous as well. They might smile at strangers and leave extra big tips at restaurants<sup>13</sup>.

#### 2. Do you think happiness has any effect on people? How?

Yes, it seems to me that happiness has a huge effect on people. When you're in a good mood, you tend to have a good appetite, be more active and even sleep better. I believe happiness has a positive impact on people's health. Happiness also makes people more open-minded. If someone's happy, they're more likely to try new activities.

#### 3. How can people be happy?

I think people can be happy in lots of ways. One of the biggest ways is<sup>14</sup> by spending quality time with their loved ones. Spending time with friends and family can help us feel content<sup>15</sup>. People can also be happy by accomplishing their goals<sup>16</sup>. For example, people are happy when they do well at work or improve their health.

#### 4. Is it good for people to be unhappy? Why?

I don't think it's good for people to be unhappy. Sometimes it might motivate people to change things in their life so they'll be happier. But it's not usually good to be unhappy. Being unhappy can make you have a very negative attitude<sup>17</sup>. It might even cause you to treat others poorly<sup>18</sup> because you don't feel good about yourself.

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<sup>12</sup> express happiness by celebrating together: 通过一起庆祝来表达快乐

<sup>13</sup> leave extra big tips at restaurants: 在餐馆给额外的小费

<sup>14</sup> One of the biggest ways is: 其中一个最好的方法就是

<sup>15</sup> feel content: 感到充实满足

<sup>16</sup> accomplishing their goals: 实现他们的目标

<sup>17</sup> have a very negative attitude: 有一种非常消极的态度

<sup>18</sup> treat others poorly: 对别人不好

## Topic 4 困难但有好结果的决定

### 1. What decisions do people usually make in their daily lives?

People make lots of decisions in their daily lives. For example, they have to choose what to eat every day. Sometimes they might have to choose between cooking a meal or ordering food. People also have to decide how they'll spend their free time. There are lots of options to choose from.

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

It depends. Sometimes it's better to make a decision by yourself. If everyone's giving their opinion, it might be harder to figure out<sup>19</sup> what you really want. But in other cases, you might actually want other people's advice. That's helpful when the decision is something you're unsure about.

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

I think that young people are unwilling to follow their parents' advice because they want to make their own choices. Young people grow up having to do everything their parents say<sup>20</sup>. Once they become teenagers or young adults, they want to be independent. They want to show that they can make their own decisions about their life.

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

Middle-aged people usually have to make more important decisions than younger people. They have a lot of family and work responsibilities. This means that any decision they make will affect other people. So they spend more time doubting themselves<sup>21</sup> than a young person would. Plus, when you're older, you realize that your instinct isn't always right<sup>22</sup>. So middle-aged people have to think carefully before making a decision.

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<sup>19</sup> figure out: 弄清楚

<sup>20</sup> Young people grow up having to do everything their parents say: 年轻人在成长过程中, 父母怎么说他们就怎么做; 意指人小的时候, 要完全听父母的话

<sup>21</sup> doubting themselves: 怀疑自己

<sup>22</sup> your instinct isn't always right: 你的直觉并不总是正确的



## Topic 5 别人向你寻求意见

### 1. Do children like to change their opinion?

I don't think children like to change their opinion. Children like to do things in their own ways<sup>23</sup> and sometimes it's hard to persuade them to change opinion. For example, some children hate taking baths. They won't want to change their opinion because they don't enjoy it. So you might have to explain why baths are helpful in order for them to like them.

### 2. What kinds of jobs require people to frequently give opinions?

If you work in advertising or marketing, you have to give your opinion a lot. That type of work is very subjective<sup>24</sup> and depends on creative ideas. You have to share your ideas about how to make the campaign successful. Or if you work in management, you have to give your opinion on the campaign and suggest changes<sup>25</sup>.

### 3. What reasons might people have for not wanting to give their opinions?

People might be worried that they'll be judged for their opinions<sup>26</sup>. If everyone around you likes a movie, but you didn't enjoy it, you might feel excluded<sup>27</sup>. Plus, you don't want to make people feel bad for their opinions. Besides, sometimes people don't like giving their opinions because they don't want others to know about their thoughts.

### 4. Do you think it would be a good idea for schools to ask students their opinions about lessons?

It could be helpful if schools asked students for their opinions about lessons. For one<sup>28</sup>, it would make the students feel important. That can make them feel better about learning. For another<sup>29</sup>, schools could use this information to improve the learning experience. This could make students more satisfied, which means they'll do better in school.

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<sup>23</sup> in their own ways: 按他们自己的方式

<sup>24</sup> subjective: 主观的

<sup>25</sup> suggest changes: 提出改变的建议

<sup>26</sup> be judged for their opinions: 因为他们的观点而被

指摘

<sup>27</sup> excluded: 被排斥

<sup>28</sup> For one: 一方面

<sup>29</sup> For another: 此外; 另外一方面



## Topic 6 积极改变

### 1. Is it easier for young people to change?

Yes, I think that it's easier for young people to change because they're more flexible than older people. Older people get used to doing things a certain way<sup>30</sup>. So it is harder for them to change. Young people are still figuring out who they are and what their values are. So change comes much easier to them.

### 2. Is it easy for old people to change?

I suppose that old people have a much harder time changing than young people. They're used to a certain way of doing things. They can sometimes have trouble changing their ways or trying new things. Old people may even get upset if they are asked to change. That's why some old people are called stubborn<sup>31</sup>.

### 3. What are the disadvantages when people keep making changes?

When people keep making changes, they might find it hard to establish a regular routine<sup>32</sup>. For example, if you change jobs a lot, it's hard to have a routine because your hours might change. Or you might have a different commute each time. Plus, it's hard to form good relationships with neighbours and coworkers if you move around a lot.

### 4. How can people change their daily routine if they want to?

I think that people can change their daily routine in lots of little ways. They could try biking to work instead of driving or taking public transportation. Or they could start the day by exercising. They can also change how and what they eat. It's surprising how much cooking versus picking up breakfast can change your routine<sup>33</sup>.

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<sup>30</sup> get used to doing things a certain way: 习惯于以某种方式做事

<sup>31</sup> stubborn: 固执的

<sup>32</sup> find it hard to establish a regular routine: 很难建立

一个固定的生活规律

<sup>33</sup> It's surprising how much cooking versus picking up breakfast can change your routine: 令人惊讶的是，自己做饭比买早餐更能改变你的生活规律

## Topic 7 想参加的比赛

### 1. What are the contests commonly seen on TV programs?

There are definitely lots of singing contests on TV. People love to watch talented singers compete against each other<sup>34</sup>. Most of us also like contests where people have to do intense physical challenges<sup>35</sup>. It can be very entertaining to watch. Sometimes, they even have to do things like eating unusual foods.

### 2. Why are competition shows popular?

I think competition shows are popular because people love the drama that comes from it. It's really entertaining to watch. People choose favourites and even bet on who they think will win<sup>36</sup>. Plus, depending on the contest, you might get to see really cool things. You can watch amazing dancers or see people do tough physical challenges.

### 3. What kinds of industries need competition? Why?

I suppose that competition is important in almost every industry. It encourages people to be their best<sup>37</sup>. Competing with other people in your industry can make you be more creative and develop new ideas. In my opinion, the food service industry, the fashion industry and the acting industry<sup>38</sup> are probably the most competitive.

### 4. Do you think it is necessary to encourage people to compete with others in companies?

I don't think it's necessary, but sometimes it can help. If people know they're competing against others, it can motivate them to try harder. But if people get too competitive, it might create a toxic work environment<sup>39</sup>. They might just see their coworkers as obstacles they need to overcome<sup>40</sup>.

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<sup>34</sup> compete against each other: 互相竞争

<sup>35</sup> do intense physical challenges: 进行激烈的身体挑战

<sup>36</sup> bet on who they think will win: 打赌他们认为谁会赢; 打赌押注他们认为会赢的人

<sup>37</sup> It encourages people to be their best: 它鼓励人们做

到最好

<sup>38</sup> the acting industry: 演艺行业

<sup>39</sup> create a toxic work environment: 创造一个有害的工作环境

<sup>40</sup> see their coworkers as obstacles they need to overcome: 把他们的同事看做需要克服的障碍

## Topic 8 外出花费甚少的一天

### 1. Do people like to spend their leisure time out in your country?

Yes, I think people like to go out during their free time. It's very common to go to a nice restaurant with friends. There are lots of other fun activities people love to do, like going out to bars or doing karaoke<sup>41</sup>. It's important to make sure you have enough time to relax. Otherwise, you can get too stressed out<sup>42</sup>.

### 2. How do people spend their leisure time in your country?

There are lots of activities that people can do during their leisure time in my country. Some people like going to parks, hiking trails<sup>43</sup>, or outdoor sporting events<sup>44</sup>. Others prefer to stay indoors, so they might go to cinemas or shopping malls. Also, there're lots of great leisure activities for people who enjoy art, like painting classes.

### 3. How does technology affect the way people spend their leisure time?

I would say that technology can limit the way people spend their leisure time<sup>45</sup>. Nowadays, many people just look at their phones instead of doing anything active. That being said<sup>46</sup>, technology can sometimes help people bond. For example, if you can't hang out with your friends in person, you can do a video call<sup>47</sup> and spend time that way.

### 4. Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

Well, I suppose that old people probably have the most time for leisure. They are usually retired, so they can do whatever they want. But they're definitely not the only ones who have time for leisure<sup>48</sup>.

If young people have a good work-life balance<sup>49</sup>, they can find time to relax.

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<sup>41</sup> doing karaoke: 唱卡拉 OK

<sup>42</sup> too stressed out: 压力太大

<sup>43</sup> hiking trails: 徒步旅行的路线

<sup>44</sup> outdoor sporting events: 户外体育活动

<sup>45</sup> limit the way people spend their leisure time: 会限制人们休闲的方式

<sup>46</sup> That being said: 话虽这么说

<sup>47</sup> do a video call: 进行视频通话

<sup>48</sup> not the only ones who have time for leisure: 绝对不是唯一有闲暇时间的人

<sup>49</sup> have a good work-life balance: 有良好的工作与生活平衡

## Topic 9 丢失东西

### 1. What kinds of things do people usually lose?

Well, people often lose small objects, like their phones, wallets, or keys. These things are easy to lose because they can easily fall out of people's pockets<sup>50</sup>. Plus, since we use them so often, we don't always pay much attention to them. So sometimes we can't remember where we left them.

### 2. What do people often do when losing things?

People can try to go back to places they visited throughout the day. If that doesn't work<sup>51</sup>, people can call friends to help them look. Plus, if they lose something like keys or wallets, they can use mobile trackers that attach to their keys or wallets<sup>52</sup>. That way, they can find them through a GPS system.

### 3. Is it an effective way to use rewards to find lost things?

Yes, I think offering rewards can be a good way to find lost things. For example, many people will put up signs offering a cash reward<sup>53</sup> if they have lost a pet. This motivates people to look for the lost pet and return it to its proper owner. I don't think people should return things they found for money, but it's true that rewards increase the chances of getting things back.

### 4. What kinds of people may lose things often?

I would say that distracted people<sup>54</sup> are most likely to lose things often. It's hard for them to stay organized. So they may be more likely to lose things. Older people with memory issues<sup>55</sup> are also more likely to lose things. They often forget where they left them.

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<sup>50</sup> fall out of people's pockets: 掉出人们的口袋

<sup>51</sup> If that doesn't work: 如果这不管用 (如果这样还是没找到)

<sup>52</sup> mobile trackers that attach to their keys or wallets: 安装在钥匙或钱包上的移动追踪器

<sup>53</sup> offering a cash reward: 提供现金奖励

<sup>54</sup> distracted people: 不容易集中注意力的人, 容易分心的人

<sup>55</sup> Older people with memory issues: 记忆力退化的老年人

## Topic 10 堵车的经历

### 1. How can we solve the traffic jam problem?

One way to improve traffic is to make changes to the roads. For example, more lanes could be added to major highways<sup>56</sup>. There could also be more alternative routes<sup>57</sup> so that the highways don't get too busy. Besides, motivating people to find other ways of commuting can help reduce traffic on major roads and highways.

### 2. Do you think developing public transport can solve traffic jam problems?

Yes, I think developing public transportation is a great way to solve traffic jam problems. If there are less people driving on the roads, there will be less traffic. So it could help to expand bus and subway systems<sup>58</sup>. It's also good to make fare less expensive<sup>59</sup>. Then people will want to commute instead of driving their own car.

### 3. Do you think the highways will help reduce traffic jams?

I suppose that highways can help reduce traffic jams a little bit. When there are highways with lots of lanes, there are less cars in each lane. That helps prevent traffic jams. However, highways can also encourage traffic jams<sup>60</sup>. Everyone will take the highway instead of other routes. So highways can't reduce traffic jams on their own<sup>61</sup>.

### 4. What are good ways to manage traffic?

Improving public transportation helps manage traffic. People are motivated to commute<sup>62</sup> instead of driving their own cars. That reduces the number of cars on the road, which prevents more traffic jams. Spacing out intersections<sup>63</sup> is also helpful, since it prevents too many cars from being in one place.

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<sup>56</sup> more lanes could be added to major highways: 在高速公路增加更多的车道

<sup>57</sup> alternative routes: 替代路线

<sup>58</sup> expand bus and subway systems: 扩建公共汽车和地铁系统

<sup>59</sup> make fare less expensive: 把票价降低

<sup>60</sup> encourage traffic jams: 促使交通堵塞

<sup>61</sup> highways can't reduce traffic jams on their own: 高速公路本身并不能减少交通堵塞

<sup>62</sup> People are motivated to commute: 人们会被激励去

(乘坐公共交通工具) 通勤

<sup>63</sup> Spacing out intersections: 把十字路口分隔开; 指在一个区域内, 不要只有一个十字路口, 而是有多个十字路口, 形成一个交通网络, 这样避免在一个主要路口有大量的车辆堆积等待

## Topic 11 用手机做重要的事

### 1. What are the differences between young people and old people when using a cellphone?

I would say that young people depend more on their cellphones. They use their phones for everything. Lots of them are anxious when they're away from their cellphones. However, old people don't trust cellphones as much. They tend to just use them to make phone calls or send texts.

### 2. Which one is more important, using a cellphone to make phone calls or to read messages?

I suppose that using a cellphone to read messages is more important. Even though making phone calls is the most basic function of cellphones, people don't use their phones to call as much<sup>64</sup>. They usually prefer texting because it gives them more time to respond. It's less stressful than making phone calls. So from people's cellphone habits, I can see that<sup>65</sup> texting is more important than making phone calls.

### 3. Do you think there should be a law to stop people from making phone calls in public?

No, I think that would be a very restrictive law<sup>66</sup>. I mean, most of us have been annoyed by someone talking loudly on the phone in a public space. It's especially uncomfortable when it's in a closed space like a bus or a subway. However, making those calls shouldn't be illegal. It doesn't actively harm other people<sup>67</sup>. So I don't think it's necessary to make such a law.

### 4. What are the functions of mobile phones? / What do you usually do with a cellphone?

Mobile phones have lots of different functions. One of the main functions is communication. You can use mobile phones to call, text, and email others. Another function is entertainment. People can watch videos, check social media<sup>68</sup>, and play games on their phones. Mobile phones can also take photos. Most phones have good cameras to take good photos with.

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<sup>64</sup> don't use their phones to call as much: 很少用手机打电话

<sup>65</sup> from people's cellphone habits, I can see that: 所以从人们的手机习惯来看，我可以看出...

<sup>66</sup> I think that would be a very restrictive law: 我认为

那会是一个非常严苛的法律

<sup>67</sup> It doesn't actively harm other people: 它（打电话）不会对其他人有损害

<sup>68</sup> check social media: 看社交媒体

### 5. Why can't we live without mobile phones?

I would say that it's because mobile phones help us do lots of different tasks. We use our phones to talk to our loved ones, take pictures of important moments, and even handle our bank accounts<sup>69</sup>. We've become dependent on mobile phones<sup>70</sup> because they make our lives convenient. Without them, we wouldn't know how to do our daily tasks.

### 6. Is it rude to make a phone call late at night?

I think it depends. If it's a friend that you know well, it's probably safe to call them late at night. They won't mind if it's important<sup>71</sup>. But if it's someone you don't know very well, you might rudely wake them up<sup>72</sup>. So you'd better wait until the next day.

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<sup>69</sup> handle our bank accounts: 操作我们的银行账户

<sup>70</sup> dependent on mobile phones: 依赖手机

<sup>71</sup> They won't mind if it's important: 如果是很重要的

(电话), 他们不会介意

<sup>72</sup> rudely wake them up: 无礼的吵醒他们



## Topic 12 帮助小孩

### 1. Do you often help kids? How?

I try to help kids when possible. I have some younger cousins who often ask me for advice. I try to give them helpful suggestions when they need them. For example, my younger cousin asked me how to make friends. She's in elementary school and she's very shy. I gladly gave her some advice and encouragement<sup>73</sup>.

### 2. Why is it necessary to do volunteer service?

I think it's necessary to volunteer because it teaches you to be a better citizen. If you never help others, it makes you less kind and sympathetic<sup>74</sup>. Plus, volunteer service teaches you about the needs of others in your community. That helps you understand and care more about the people that you meet.

### 3. What can schools do to develop students' awareness of volunteering?

I suppose that schools can help develop students' awareness by giving them opportunities to volunteer. For example, schools could create a program where students volunteer within the local community<sup>75</sup>. They could volunteer wherever help is needed most<sup>76</sup>. This could show them the importance of serving others.

### 4. Who benefits more from the volunteer services, the volunteers or the people helped?

I think that the people who are being helped benefit more from volunteering. They get what they need from people who are there to help them<sup>77</sup>. However, I do think that volunteers also benefit a lot from volunteering. It definitely makes you feel better when you help others.

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<sup>73</sup> I gladly gave her some advice and encouragement:  
我很高兴地给了她一些建议和鼓励

<sup>74</sup> sympathetic: 富有同情心

<sup>75</sup> volunteer within the local community: 在当地社区做志愿者

<sup>76</sup> wherever help is needed most: 在最需要帮助的地方

<sup>77</sup> They get what they need from people who are there to help them: 他们（可以）从帮助他们的人那里得到他们需要的东西

## Topic 13 工作/学习中收到的正面评价

### 1. When should parents encourage their children?

I think parents should encourage their children when they're having a hard time. If their children are having difficulty in school, parents should give them support<sup>78</sup>. Children should also be encouraged when they're doing things well. If they've been succeeding, parents should congratulate them and tell them to keep going<sup>79</sup>.

### 2. Should parents always encourage their children?

Yes, I suppose that parents should always encourage their children. I don't really see what the problem with constant encouragement is<sup>80</sup>. It helps children be more confident. It makes them feel loved by their parents. Life can be tough. Encouragement from loved ones can help them get through challenges<sup>81</sup>.

### 3. Do you think negative feedback is more important than positive feedback? Why?

No, I don't think negative feedback is more important than positive feedback. Focusing too much on negative feedback can be very discouraging<sup>82</sup>. It might make you want to give up. So it's better to have a balance<sup>83</sup>. Positive feedback is equally important because it can encourage people and improve their performance.

### 4. Why is negative feedback as important as positive feedback at work?

Well, people need to know how they can improve. If you only get positive feedback, you won't know how to do things better. So people need to listen to negative feedback as well. However, it's important to present negative feedback in a helpful way<sup>84</sup>. It shouldn't make people feel too bad about themselves<sup>85</sup>.

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<sup>78</sup> give them support: 给他们支持

<sup>79</sup> keep going: 继续努力

<sup>80</sup> I don't really see what the problem with constant encouragement is: 我不明白鼓励会有什么问题

<sup>81</sup> get through challenges: 客服挑战

<sup>82</sup> discouraging: 令人沮丧

<sup>83</sup> it's better to have a balance: 最好保持平衡

<sup>84</sup> present negative feedback in a helpful way: 以一种有益的方式呈现负面反馈

<sup>85</sup> feel too bad about themselves: 对自己感觉太糟糕

## Topic 14 分歧/争论

### 1. What would you do if you disagree with someone?

Well, if I disagreed with someone, I would try to stay calm. I would explain my point of view without yelling<sup>86</sup>. Sometimes, disagreements can turn into fights, which is when things get difficult<sup>87</sup>. You have to remember to respect the other person. It doesn't matter if their opinion is different from yours.

### 2. How can we stop an argument from escalating into a fight?

I think you have to try to keep calm. So you shouldn't yell or say anything mean<sup>88</sup>. You can't get too upset, even if the other person is really frustrating you. Sometimes it can be helpful to walk away. If it's turning into a long disagreement, you should take a break. Then you can revisit the topic<sup>89</sup> later when everyone is calm.

### 3. Who do you think should teach children to respect their teacher?

I suppose that parents should teach their children to respect their teachers. Parents spend the most time with their children, and they are the first role models for children. So they have the most influence over them<sup>90</sup>. Because of this, parents have to teach their children good lessons. They should tell children that other people, especially teachers, need to be respected.

### 4. What disagreements do parents and children usually have?

I think that parents and children usually disagree over responsibilities and schedules<sup>91</sup>. For example, a parent might give their children chores every week. Their child may not like having to do chores. So they'll fight about it. Or a parent might not let their child stay out past a certain time<sup>92</sup>. Children like to be independent, but parents still have control.

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<sup>86</sup> explain my point of view without yelling: 用不叫嚷的方式解释我的观点

<sup>87</sup> which is when things get difficult: 这就是事情变得难搞的时候

<sup>88</sup> say anything mean: 说任何刻薄的话

<sup>89</sup> revisit the topic: 重新讨论这个话题

<sup>90</sup> have the most influence over them: 对他们的影响最大

<sup>91</sup> disagree over responsibilities and schedules: 责任和日程安排上有分歧

<sup>92</sup> stay out past a certain time: 在外面呆过一定的时间

**Topic 15 一节喜欢的英语课****1. Why do people learn foreign languages? What are the benefits?**

There are lots of benefits to learning a foreign language, and even more benefits to learning multiple foreign languages. Being multilingual<sup>93</sup> is useful for work and travel. You can find more ways to communicate. It also improves your intelligence and your memory skills.

**2. What skills should foreign language teachers have?**

Foreign language teachers should be encouraging and patient. Learning a language can be frustrating, so they need to help when students become discouraged<sup>94</sup>. Besides, they should be patient because it takes a very long time to master a foreign language. What's more, I think they should also have a good vocabulary in both languages so that they can explain complex ideas well.

**3. Do you think grammar is important when learning foreign languages?**

Yes, I suppose that grammar is very important when learning a foreign language. Using the wrong grammar can change the entire meaning of your sentence. For example, verb tense is very important in English. If you get it wrong, your sentence won't make sense<sup>95</sup>. Grammatical rules are hard to learn. But they're important to properly understand a language.

**4. Is it interesting to be a foreign language teacher? Why?**

Yes, being a foreign language teacher can be a very interesting job. I think the teacher learns as much from their students as the students learn from the teacher<sup>96</sup>. When you interact with a student in their own language, you can also learn some new words and phrases. Besides, it's exciting to see students learn to become fluent in a new language.

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<sup>93</sup> Being multilingual: 懂得多种语言

<sup>94</sup> discouraged: 气馁

<sup>95</sup> If you get it wrong, your sentence won't make sense: 如果你写错了, 你的句子就会讲不通

<sup>96</sup> the teacher learns as much from their students as the students learn from the teacher: 老师从学生身上学到的东西和学生从老师身上学到的一样多

## Topic 16 信息搜索

### 1. How can people search for information now?

Nowadays, people can search for information in lots of ways. The most common way is using the internet. People can use their phones or their laptops to quickly google something<sup>97</sup>. If they need to do more serious research, they can try going to a library. Librarians<sup>98</sup> can direct them to the right resources and answer any questions they might have.

### 2. What information can people get from television?

People can get lots of information from television. For example, they can watch documentaries that teach them about different places in the world. Or they can watch the history channel to learn about other time periods. Plus, people can learn about other cultures by watching TV shows from other countries. It's amazing how much people can learn from TV<sup>99</sup>.

### 3. With the development of the Internet, is the library still important?

Yes, I think the library is still important. There are still resources that are unique to libraries. For example, libraries can have special databases<sup>100</sup> that you can't find on Baidu or other online search engines. Libraries also have special editions of books<sup>101</sup> that can't be found online.

### 4. Does the development of the Internet have any impact on some disadvantaged people?

I suppose that the development of the internet has had a positive impact on some disadvantaged people. People who can't afford to go to school can enrol in online education programs. That's much cheaper. Or if they struggle to find other resources, they can look for them online. For example, they can find job postings and even freelance jobs<sup>102</sup> on the internet.

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<sup>97</sup> quickly google something: 快速的搜索东西

<sup>98</sup> Librarians: 图书管理员

<sup>99</sup> It's amazing how much people can learn from TV: 人们能从电视中学到的东西多得惊人

<sup>100</sup> have special databases: 有特殊的数据库

<sup>101</sup> special editions of books: 特殊版本的书籍。

<sup>102</sup> freelance jobs: 自由职业

## Topic 17 校外学到的重要东西

### 1. What can children learn from parents?

Children can learn lots of things from their parents. They often learn life skills from their parents. For example, some parents give their children an allowance and teach them how to save their money. Besides, parents usually teach their children how to be polite and other basic skills like that.

### 2. Do you think some children are well-behaved because they are influenced by their parents?

Yes, I absolutely think some children are well-behaved because their parents have raised them well. Parents have a huge influence on<sup>103</sup> their children. They're in charge of<sup>104</sup> teaching their children how to act and how to treat others. So if a child is especially kind and polite, it's probably because of how they were raised by their parents.

### 3. Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?

Yes, it is. Learning new things is important because it pushes adults to<sup>105</sup> keep improving and discover different perspectives. It can also become a fun social activity for adults to learn new skills. If they never learn new things, they might get too bored in life. That leads to dissatisfaction.

### 4. How can people learn new things?

People can learn new things in a variety of ways. They can take a class, talk to other people with more expertise<sup>106</sup>, or do research on their own. Plus, many people find tutorials<sup>107</sup> or explanations online to help them learn a new skill.

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<sup>103</sup> have a huge influence on: 有很大的影响

<sup>104</sup> in charge of: 负责

<sup>105</sup> pushes adults to: 促使成年人去

<sup>106</sup> talk to other people with more expertise: 与更专业的人交谈

<sup>107</sup> tutorials: 教程

## Topic 18 克服困难终成功

### 1. Should people set goals for themselves?

Yes, I think people should set goals for themselves. A lot of people complain that they're behind in life<sup>108</sup>. But they can usually change that by setting some goals and working hard to achieve them. Having goals for yourself can give your life structure and purpose<sup>109</sup>. Plus, when you achieve your goals, you can enjoy a great sense of satisfaction.

### 2. How do you define success?

I would define success at<sup>110</sup> being happy with what you have. For some people, that means having an amazing career. Every major choice they make is connected to this one goal<sup>111</sup>. For other people, their success might come from getting married or raising children. I think that being happy in life is the greatest success that anyone could dream of.

### 3. How do we judge whether young people are successful?

I think that we can judge whether or not young people are successful based on how their life choices are impacting them. If they're constantly stressed about<sup>112</sup> their job, they may not be the most successful. They might have made the wrong choice. But if they're excited and happy about what they're doing, then I think they're pretty successful.

### 4. Are successful people lonely?

I think it depends on how you define success. Most people think of success as being really rich or doing really well at your job. Some people who achieve those things can be very lonely. When you sacrifice a lot for your career<sup>113</sup>, you might not have many meaningful relationships in your life. That definitely makes you lonely.

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<sup>108</sup> they're behind in life: 他们在生活中落后了；指他们在生活中不如意

<sup>109</sup> give your life structure and purpose: 给你的生活带来结构性和目标；如果对这里 structure 表达的语义不明白，请微信问 Penny 老师

<sup>110</sup> define success at: 将成功定义为

<sup>111</sup> Every major choice they make is connected to this one goal: 他们所做的每一个重大选择都与这个目标有关

<sup>112</sup> constantly stressed about: 总是对...感到压力

<sup>113</sup> sacrifice a lot for your career: 为你的事业牺牲很多的时候



## Topic 19 决意等待

### 1. Do people in your country like to take public transportation?

Yes, most people in my country like to take public transportation. It's super convenient. It's usually cheaper than buying and driving a car. In most major cities<sup>114</sup>, the public transportation is pretty fast and reliable. A lot of people just commute to work or school<sup>115</sup> instead of travelling by car.

### 2. Why do some people like a slow-paced life?

I think some people just want to take things slow. They aren't obsessed with advancing their career super quickly<sup>116</sup>. For some people, life is meant to be enjoyed at a slower pace. That way, they don't get stressed out. I think these kinds of people are overwhelmed by things moving fast. They don't want to deal with too much.

### 3. Is being patient good for people? Why?

Yes, I definitely think being patient is good for people. You can't always get what you want. Everyone has to wait for certain things. So you should deal with it in a healthy way<sup>117</sup>. Patience is also important when it comes to relationships. Sometimes people might disappoint you or frustrate you. Having patience helps you get through difficult times<sup>118</sup>.

### 4. Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?

Yes, people are less patient than people in the past. Nowadays, we're used to getting everything we want, whenever we want. So whenever we have to wait, we lose our patience quickly as well. People in the past didn't have technology to make things fast<sup>119</sup>. So they had to learn how to be patient more than we did.

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<sup>114</sup> In most major cities: 在大多数大城市

<sup>115</sup> commute to work or school: 通勤上班或上学

<sup>116</sup> advancing their career super quickly: 快速提升自己的职业生涯

<sup>117</sup> deal with it in a healthy way: 用一种健康的方式

来处理它

<sup>118</sup> get through difficult times: 度过困难时期

<sup>119</sup> didn't have technology to make things fast: 没有科技让事情变得更快

## Topic 20 塑料垃圾

### 1. What are some types of common plastic waste?/ What kinds of plastic waste are often seen in your country?

Some types of common plastic waste are food wrappers<sup>120</sup>, plastic bottle caps, and plastic grocery bags. Plastic waste is very common, and very bad for the environment. It has become a bigger problem in recent years with the rise of companies like Taobao and Amazon<sup>121</sup>. It's sad to see so much plastic waste in nature.

### 2. Do you think we should use plastic products?

I think that it's okay to use plastic products. Plastic can be very helpful and convenient, especially for reusable items<sup>122</sup> like food packaging. Plastic also makes lots of great products like bike helmets and child safety seats. So we can use plastic products, but we should try not to use too much. We should reuse when we can.

### 3. How can we reduce our use of plastic?

We can help reduce our use of plastic by avoiding drinking straws<sup>123</sup> or plastic cutlery<sup>124</sup>, which you use once and then throw away. We can also avoid using plastic bags, since those get discarded as well. Instead, we should use reusable cutlery made out of sustainable materials<sup>125</sup>. We can also buy canvas grocery bags<sup>126</sup> that can be used multiple times.

### 4. Why do people like to use plastic products?(可以使用第二题的素材)

I think people like to use plastic products because they are very convenient and inexpensive. Plastic is a very cheap material. So it makes sense that<sup>127</sup> we use a lot of plastic. Plastic products also last a long time and are easy to clean. Unfortunately, people don't usually consider the environmental impact of plastic. Most people value convenience over the environment<sup>128</sup>.

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<sup>120</sup> food wrappers: 食品包装袋

<sup>121</sup> with the rise of companies like Taobao and Amazon: 随着淘宝和亚马逊等公司的崛起

<sup>122</sup> reusable items: 可重复使用的物品

<sup>123</sup> drinking straws: 吸管

<sup>124</sup> plastic cutlery: 塑料餐具

<sup>125</sup> sustainable materials: 可持续性的材料

<sup>126</sup> canvas grocery bags: 帆布购物袋

<sup>127</sup> it makes sense that: 是有道理的

<sup>128</sup> value convenience over the environment: 看重便利胜过环境

## Topic 21 失约

### 1. How do people who are busy remember things they need to do?

Most people make lists of tasks in order to remember them. A lot of people also use a calendar app. Honestly, the calendar app is very helpful. You can set reminders and your phone will alert you when the task is due<sup>129</sup>. Besides, some people even have their own assistants to remind them of what they need to do.

### 2. Do you think people should remember family history?

Yes, I think people should remember family history. Learning our family history helps honour our ancestors<sup>130</sup>. Remembering our family history can also give us a better appreciation for our culture and community. I also think that remembering our past will impact the choices we make in the present.

### 3. If someone doesn't really like the person that they are going to meet, they may deliberately forget their appointment; is that true? Why?

Well, it may be true for some people. Everyone deals with uncomfortable feelings differently. If you don't like a person and you want to avoid them, you may purposefully miss<sup>131</sup> an appointment with them. But I don't think that helps the problem. In other cases, the person might actually forget and it's just a coincidence<sup>132</sup> that they also dislike the person.

### 4. Which is more important, a work-related appointment or an appointment with a friend? Why?

It seems to me that work-related appointments are usually more important. With a friend, you can cancel or miss it because your friend will probably understand. But if you skip a work meeting<sup>133</sup>, you could be seen as unprofessional. However, I think that we should make time for friends. It's so important to have good personal connections<sup>134</sup>.

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<sup>129</sup> set reminders and your phone will alert you when the task is due: 设置提醒，这样当任务到期时，你的手机会提醒你

<sup>130</sup> honour our ancestors: 纪念我们的祖先

<sup>131</sup> purposefully miss: 故意错过

<sup>132</sup> coincidence: 巧合

<sup>133</sup> skip a work meeting: 避开一个工作会议；不参加工作会议

<sup>134</sup> have good personal connections: 拥有良好的人际关系

## Topic 22 收到钱作为礼物

### 1. Why do people rarely use cash now?

I suppose that people rarely use cash because it's more convenient to pay by card. If you use the wallet app<sup>135</sup> on your phone, you don't even have to carry credit cards. You can just pay for things using your phone. That's great for people who don't like carrying a lot of things around with them.

### 2. When do children begin to comprehend the value of money?

I think children begin to understand the value of money when they start asking their parents for things. For example, they might want the newest toy. But it may be too expensive. That can lead to a conversation about money. Then they can understand that money has value<sup>136</sup> and that it means something when you spend it<sup>137</sup>.

### 3. Should parents reward children with money?

I don't think parents should reward children with money. Getting an allowance can teach them to value money. But I don't think children need to be rewarded with money. It may make them too focused on getting money. That can lead to some greedy habits<sup>138</sup>. I think parents should reward their children with different privileges<sup>139</sup>, or even just some kind words.

### 4. Is it good and necessary to teach children to save money?

Yes, it is. Learning this skill from a young age helps children develop good saving habits. This can help children become financial independent<sup>140</sup>. So if parents give children an allowance, they should teach them to save some of it. That way, children can have money in the future instead of just spending it all at once.

### 5. Do people often use credit cards? Are there issues with using credit cards?

Yes, people use credit cards very often. Instead of having to pay right away, you can put it on a credit card and pay for it later<sup>141</sup>. But there can definitely be issues with using credit cards. The most common issue is identity theft and fraud<sup>142</sup>. For example, if criminals record the information of your credit card, they can use it to make purchases.

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<sup>135</sup> the wallet app: 钱包应用

<sup>136</sup> money has value: 钱是有价值的

<sup>137</sup> it means something when you spend it: 当你花它的时候，它就有了意义

<sup>138</sup> greedy habits: 贪婪的习惯

<sup>139</sup> different privileges: 不同的特殊权利（或待遇）

<sup>140</sup> financial independent: 在经济上独立

<sup>141</sup> put it on a credit card and pay for it later: 你可以先把账用信用卡付了，以后再（实际）支付

<sup>142</sup> identity theft and fraud: 身份盗窃和欺诈

## Topic 23 糟糕的购物体验

### 1. What kind of customer service do you think is good?

I think that customer service should be friendly. You should be able to discuss your issue with them comfortably. Customer service should also put in a lot of effort<sup>143</sup>. If you've had a problem with a product, it's nice to offer you a discount on your next purchase or something like that.

### 2. What are the differences between shopping online and in stores?

Shopping online gives you more options. Sometimes there are even sales that are just online. So you can end up saving money. You also save time since you don't have to go to the store. But when you shop in stores, like for clothing, you can try things on<sup>144</sup>. Shopping in stores shows you what the product really looks like.

### 3. What problems do customers often have while shopping?

Customers often have problems with stores running out of products<sup>145</sup>. A customer might find the perfect item for them, but the store won't have any left. That's especially a problem when shopping for clothes. Sometimes customers might have problems using coupons<sup>146</sup>. Some people try to use coupons after they've expired. Of course, the cashiers wouldn't accept those coupons. They would probably be mad about it.

### 4. What do you think customers should do when there are problems with the products they bought online?

I think customers should try to return the product and get a refund for it<sup>147</sup>. Sometimes you can buy bad products online. But basically all online shopping platforms provide a return and refund service<sup>148</sup> to their customers. So online buyers should get their money back when they have issues with online purchases.

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<sup>143</sup> Customer service should also put in a lot of effort:

客服也应该多努力一些（去帮助顾客）

<sup>144</sup> try things on: 试穿（衣服）

<sup>145</sup> running out of products: 产品卖完了

<sup>146</sup> coupons: 优惠券

<sup>147</sup> get a refund for it: 得到这个东西的退款

<sup>148</sup> provide a return and refund service: 提供退换货服务

## Topic 24 不得不与他人分享

### 1. Do you think kids like to share? Why?

No, I don't think kids like to share. Kids are protective of their things<sup>149</sup>. They might not like to share their toy because they're afraid they won't get it back. Kids can also be very selfish. They only think about themselves. They usually want to play with their toy by themselves.

### 2. How can parents teach their children to share?

Parents can teach their children to share by demonstrating it for them<sup>150</sup>. For example, if one parent shares something and shows that it's a positive experience, the child can then learn that sharing is good. Parents can also explain to children that it's good to not be selfish. They should tell kids that it's kind to share<sup>151</sup>.

### 3. What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?

I think sharing teaches children to be kind and generous. They can learn to consider other people's feelings. They can share because they know the other person will enjoy sharing that item or that experience. So they learn to be more selfless and understanding. Then, as adults, they become considerate individuals<sup>152</sup>.

### 4. Is there anything that parents should persuade children to share with others?

I suppose that parents should persuade children to share the playground with others. For example, on a playground, lots of kids love going on the swings. A child might want to swing by themselves. So they won't let other kids use the swing. But parents should remind their children that it's a public playground, so they need to let the other kids enjoy it.

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<sup>149</sup> protective of their things: 对他们的东西有保护欲; 会保护自己的东西

<sup>150</sup> demonstrating it for them: 为孩子示范

<sup>151</sup> it's kind to share: 分享是体现善良的行为

<sup>152</sup> considerate individuals: 分享是一种善良的行为



## Topic 25 保持健康的方法

### 1. How do children and old people keep fit and healthy?

I think both children and old people like to do physical activities to keep fit and healthy. Children like fast-paced<sup>153</sup> games and sports, such as tag<sup>154</sup> or playing baseball or soccer. But old people like to do more relaxing activities, such as yoga or tai-chi.

### 2. What do people normally do to keep fit and healthy in your country?

In my country, people can do lots of activities to keep fit and healthy. People can either walk or run every day, work out at a gym<sup>155</sup>, or join a fitness class. Many people also like to do their physical activity outdoors. They can go on hikes or go swimming. It's also good to eat healthy foods.

### 3. How can parents help and guide their kids to keep healthy?

Parents can help keep their kids healthy by encouraging them to eat healthy foods and get lots of exercise. Parents should be good role models for<sup>156</sup> their kids by making healthy meals at home. They should also get their kids involved in<sup>157</sup> some kind of sport or fitness activity.

### 4. Do you think it is a good way for governments to use the power of idol to help people build health awareness?

I think that it can be somewhat effective<sup>158</sup> if the government uses celebrities to help people learn more about their health. It can be especially effective with young people, since they listen to celebrities more than others. If their favorite celebrity encourages them to do more exercise and be aware of what they eat<sup>159</sup>, they might change their habits.

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<sup>153</sup> fast-paced: 快节奏的

<sup>154</sup> tag: 抓人游戏

<sup>155</sup> work out at a gym: 在健身房锻炼

<sup>156</sup> be good role models for: 做一个好的榜样

<sup>157</sup> get their kids involved in: 让孩子参加...

<sup>158</sup> somewhat effective: 会有些效果

<sup>159</sup> be aware of what they eat: 注意、关注他们的饮食



## Topic 26 帮助提高专注力的东西

### 1. Why is it more difficult for children to concentrate nowadays than in the past?

I think it's harder for children to concentrate nowadays because there are more distractions. In the past, children didn't have access to digital devices<sup>160</sup>. But nowadays, lots of children have tablets or mobile phones. I've seen tons of children who like to scroll on their cellphones from time to time<sup>161</sup> when they study. It makes it hard for them to focus.

### 2. Do you think technology will harm children's ability to concentrate?

Yes, I definitely think technology has a negative effect on<sup>162</sup> children's ability to concentrate. Nowadays, children like to play games on their tablets or cellphones instead of focusing on conversation. So it's hard for them to focus on the person in front of them for a long time. Plus, a lot of children have grown a bad habit of scrolling on their cellphones while studying or doing homework.

### 3. What kinds of jobs require high concentration at work?

I suppose any job that affects other people requires a lot of concentration. For example, any job in the medical field<sup>163</sup> requires you to be very focused. You can't get distracted while you're operating on someone<sup>164</sup>. You also need a lot of concentration if you work in construction. If you get distracted while operating heavy machinery, you might hurt someone.

### 4. Can exercise help people improve concentration?

Yes, I think exercise can help improve concentration. Take yoga as an example<sup>165</sup>, when you have to slow down and focus on your breathing, it helps you become more focused in general. Swimming is also a good sport to help people focus on what they are doing. After all, when you are swimming, there is nothing else you can do at the same time.

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<sup>160</sup> didn't have access to digital devices: 没有数字设备

<sup>161</sup> scroll on their cellphones from time to time: 时不时的玩手机

<sup>162</sup> has a negative effect on: 对...有负面影响

<sup>163</sup> in the medical field: 在医疗领域

<sup>164</sup> operating on someone: 给某人做手术

<sup>165</sup> Take yoga as an example: 以瑜伽为例

## Topic 27 让生活变得更好的发明

### 1. What is the most helpful innovation at home(kitchen)?

I think the most helpful innovation at home is the microwave. Honestly, I use it all the time. I love using the microwave to make quick, easy meals<sup>166</sup>. It's not always the healthiest, but it saves a lot of time. Plus, it's great for heating leftover food<sup>167</sup>.

### 2. What household appliances make us lazy?

The first one I can think of is automatic can openers<sup>168</sup>. It doesn't take a lot of energy to open a can with a manual opener<sup>169</sup>. The battery-powered ones can make you lazy if you rely on them all the time. Another one I can think of is robot vacuums<sup>170</sup>. They help people clean the floors automatically. Lots of people who bought the robot vacuums don't sweep floors anymore.

### 3. What kind of invention can be used at school?

There are lots of modern inventions that can be used at school. One of the most obvious ones is a handheld calculator<sup>171</sup>. Obviously, it's good for students to learn how to do simple calculations without a calculator. But for harder types of math<sup>172</sup>, a calculator is very helpful.

### 4. Do you think AI will replace human teachers? Why?

No, I don't think so. Being a teacher involves building relationships with students. Teachers are an essential part of their students' childhood. With their guidance and support, kids can grow up into happy, independent adults. AI can teach concepts, but it can't teach life skills or empathy. So I don't think that AI will replace human teachers.

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<sup>166</sup> make quick, easy meals: 做简单快捷的饭菜

<sup>167</sup> leftover food: 剩菜; 剩饭

<sup>168</sup> automatic can openers: 自动开罐器

<sup>169</sup> a manual opener: 手动开瓶器

<sup>170</sup> robot vacuums: 扫地机器人

<sup>171</sup> a handheld calculator: 一个手持计算器

<sup>172</sup> for harder types of math: 对于更难的数学计算

## Topic 28 传统产品

### 1. Why are traditional products important?

Well, traditional products are important because they preserve history and culture. If you get rid of traditional products, a country might start to lose its identity<sup>173</sup>. Traditional products hold a lot of cultural knowledge<sup>174</sup> that would otherwise be lost. Plus, they can attract people from other countries who want to learn more about certain traditions.

### 2. Do you think tradition is important for a country? (问题 1 和 2 答案可以关联起来)

Yes, I think tradition is really important for a country. Tradition is linked to a country's history and culture. If tradition is completely cast away<sup>175</sup>, a country might start to lose its identity. It might not be easily distinguishable<sup>176</sup> from other countries. That results in less diversity<sup>177</sup> in the world.

### 3. What are the traditional Chinese products?

Well, China is known for many things. One big example is its traditional clothing. One of the most famous pieces of traditional clothing is the qipao. It's a formal dress that has a distinct and beautiful style. China is also known for craft items<sup>178</sup> like bamboo furniture, lanterns, and kites.

### 4. Why is it important for children to learn about traditional products?

It's important for children to learn about traditional products because it helps them appreciate their country's history and culture. Without knowing about traditional products, children may feel that there's nothing special or unique about their country. As a result, they may lose interest in<sup>179</sup> their culture.

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<sup>173</sup> lose its identity: 失去 (文化上的) 身份认同

<sup>174</sup> hold a lot of cultural knowledge: 包含着很多文化方面的知识信息

<sup>175</sup> cast away: 抛弃; 扔掉

<sup>176</sup> distinguishable: 区别得开的

<sup>177</sup> less diversity: 更少的 (文化) 多样性

<sup>178</sup> craft items: 工艺品

<sup>179</sup> lose interest in: 失去对...的兴趣

## Topic 29 节约时间的方法

### 1. What can people do to save time?

I think people can make lots of little changes to save time. Instead of taking a bus or subway to work, they could try biking instead. That can make their commute shorter. If they want to save time on getting food<sup>180</sup>, they can use an app to order their meals. Then they can pick up their food when it's ready<sup>181</sup>.

### 2. Does technology help people save time? How and why?

Yes, I suppose that technology often helps people save time. For example, food-delivery apps help people save a lot of time. You can just place an order on the app<sup>182</sup> and wait for the food to be shipped to your door. Technology also helps people quickly talk to others. Instead of calling someone and having to wait if they're on the phone with someone else, you can text them.

### 3. Do you think parents should be responsible for teaching students to save time?

Well, parents can help teach their kids how to save time. But I don't think they have to be responsible for that. Students can learn how to be efficient in school as well. For example, teachers will often show students how to quickly do things like memorization and calculations<sup>183</sup>. So I think teachers and parents share the responsibility<sup>184</sup>.

### 4. Do people who can manage time well become successful more easily?

Yes, I definitely think that people who are good at time management can become successful more easily. They know how to organize their time well. So they can stay focused on their tasks. That helps them to work harder and smarter. Because of this, they can easily get promotions and do well at work.

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<sup>180</sup> save time on getting food: 节省点餐的时间

<sup>181</sup> pick up their food when it's ready: 在食物准备好时去取了; 意指在食物送到了, 可以取的时候去取餐

<sup>182</sup> place an order on the app: 在应用程序上下单

<sup>183</sup> how to quickly do things like memorization and calculations: 如何去做一些例如快速记忆和计算的这种事

<sup>184</sup> share the responsibility: 分担责任

## Topic 30 喜欢看的节目

### 1. What programs do people like to watch in your country?

People really like watching reality programs<sup>185</sup> in my country. There are so many different kinds of competitions and documentaries. I think the competition format<sup>186</sup> is probably the most popular. Whether it's singing, dancing, or even dating, it's always fun to watch people compete. Besides, food documentaries are popular in China now. It's cool to learn about different foods from TV programs.

### 2. Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?

Yes, a lot of people in my country like to watch foreign TV programs. It's amazing how much you can learn about other places just by watching their TV shows. Plus, it's cool to see how much diversity there is in the world<sup>187</sup>. You can see that by watching shows from different countries.

### 3. What's the benefit of letting kids watch animal videos rather than visiting zoos?

I think kids can learn more about animals by watching videos instead of visiting zoos. It's not natural<sup>188</sup> for wild animals to be in cages. When kids watch animal videos, they can see how the animal acts in real life instead of in a cage. Plus, there's no risk of danger to the child<sup>189</sup>. But accidents can happen at zoos where children get injured.

### 4. Do teachers play videos in class in your country?

Yes, sometimes teachers play videos in class in my country. Videos can be a very helpful educational aid<sup>190</sup>. Sometimes videos show things that textbooks can't explain as well. For example, seeing a chemical reaction<sup>191</sup> in a video is more impactful than a science textbook. But you have to make sure the video is actually educational and not just for entertainment.

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<sup>185</sup> reality programs: 真人秀节目

<sup>186</sup> competition format: 比赛形式

<sup>187</sup> it's cool to see how much diversity there is in the world: 看到世界有那么多姿多彩也很酷的一件事

<sup>188</sup> It's not natural: 是不自然的; 是不符合自然规律的

<sup>189</sup> there's no risk of danger to the child: 孩子也不会有危险

<sup>190</sup> a very helpful educational aid: 非常有用的教育辅助工具

<sup>191</sup> chemical reaction: 化学反应

## Topic 31 漂亮物品

### 1. Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?

Yes, there are more beautiful things now than in the past. Technology has created lots of possibilities to create<sup>192</sup>. In the past, people couldn't create art using software like Photoshop and Illustrator<sup>193</sup>. But now, people can use their tablets to create drawings that look incredible. People have found new ways make beautiful things, which is really exciting.

### 2. What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?

There's a lot of beautiful scenery in my country. Some of them are world-famous, like Zhangjiajie National Park, the Yellow Mountain, and the Snow Mountains in Tibet. I love travelling and have visited many beautiful places. There are always some cool hiking trails there. Even in my hometown, there are several beautiful places that are worth a day trip.

### 3. Where do you think people usually come into contact with beautiful things?

I think people usually find beautiful things in nature. For example, a lot of people love being by the water. They might go to a lake and enjoy watching the sunset. Or if they can, they might even walk along the ocean and admire the waves<sup>194</sup>. People also love mountains and forests. They're so huge and amazing.

### 4. Why do you think people create beautiful things?

It seems to me that people create beautiful things because it improves their lives. Humans love to appreciate beauty. When we can make beautiful things, it gives us a sense of satisfaction<sup>195</sup>. It can also help us express ourselves. It's great to make something beautiful from your imagination or your deepest feelings<sup>196</sup>.

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<sup>192</sup> Technology has created lots of possibilities to create: 科技造就了很多（帮人们）创新的可能性

<sup>193</sup> Illustrator: 此处指设计软件 Illustrator

<sup>194</sup> admire the waves: 欣赏海浪

<sup>195</sup> it gives us a sense of satisfaction: 它给我们一种满足感

<sup>196</sup> deepest feelings: 内心深处的感受



## Topic 32 引以为傲的照片

### 1. Many people edit and Photoshop their photos, what do you think of it? /What do you think of beautified selfies?

I suppose that editing photos is a good way to make them more attractive. Many people use Photoshop to make their photos look nicer, especially for things like wedding photos. But some people use technology to edit every single photo of themselves. This might reduce their confidence in their natural looks. So I think people need to avoid editing every photo.

### 2. Why do some people like to record important things with photos?

People like to record important things with photos because photos last forever. You can look at them whenever you want. They help you remember important moments. Many people even hire professional photographers for special events. As people get older, it's nice to be able to look back on their lives through photos<sup>197</sup>.

### 3. Is taking photos the best way to remember something?

Yes, I think that taking photos or even videos is a great way to remember something. You can save photos forever<sup>198</sup>. So you can always look back on them and remember a special time in your life. Photos aren't the only way to remember something. But they're probably the most efficient way. After all, almost everyone has a mobile phone, it's very easy for people to take photos.

### 4. Which is better, taking photos or keeping a diary?

I suppose that keeping a diary is better. Taking photos helps you remember what something looked like. But when you keep a diary, you can write down all the important details that a photo can't capture<sup>199</sup>. You might not always remember how something looked. But you can remember how it felt if you write it down.

### 5. What can people learn from historical photographs?

People can learn so much from historical photographs. They can learn about the fashion of a certain time period by looking at the outfits that people are wearing. Besides, historical photographs of people's ancestors can help them feel closer to their past<sup>200</sup>. Seeing photographs of people from centuries ago can make them feel real and alive again.

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<sup>197</sup> look back on their lives through photos: 通过照片来回顾他们曾经的生活

<sup>198</sup> save photos forever: 永远的保存照片

<sup>199</sup> write down all the important details that a photo

can't capture: 写下照片无法捕捉到的所有重要细节

<sup>200</sup> feel closer to their past: 感觉更接近他们的过去(的时代); 指更能体会到以前那个年代的样子



## Topic 33 户外活动

### 1. What outdoor activities are popular in China?

Some popular outdoor activities are hiking, cycling, and doing tai-chi. A lot of young people really love hiking and cycling. They're always looking for new trails. But some people aren't that active. They prefer more relaxed activities like tai-chi. Tai-chi is a low-impact exercise<sup>201</sup>. It is especially popular among old people.

### 2. Are those people who like dangerous activities more likely to be successful?

No, I don't think so. Taking risks in your career can sometimes lead to promotions<sup>202</sup>. So this may be correct in some cases. However, I think that people who like dangerous activities can also be very impulsive<sup>203</sup>. So that's not always great when it comes to being successful.

### 3. Do you think it's better for people to change jobs when there are new opportunities?

No, I don't think so. Some people really enjoy their jobs. They have developed a healthy routine and work-life balance<sup>204</sup> around the job. So they shouldn't give up on that just because a new job is available. But I think job-hopping is better for someone who are unhappy in their current job.

### 4. Should young people try as many new activities as possible?

Yes, definitely. Young people are energetic. It means that they can try many new things without getting tired. Plus, it's exciting to try new activities because you might find a new passion and form a lifelong hobby<sup>205</sup>. You can also meet people through new activities. That's a great way to build good friendships.

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<sup>201</sup> a low-impact exercise: 低强度的运动

<sup>202</sup> lead to promotions: 给你带来升职; 让你升职

<sup>203</sup> impulsive: 冲动

<sup>204</sup> developed a healthy routine and work-life balance: 养成了健康的生活习惯, 工作与生活也得到了平衡

<sup>205</sup> form a lifelong hobby: 终生的爱好

## Topic 34 喜欢并想再看一次的电影

### 1. Where do people like watching films?

People like watching films in many different places, like a theatre, their home, or a drive-in movie theatre<sup>206</sup>. Movie theatres are great for lots of film-lovers. People can get snacks and enjoy the gigantic screens<sup>207</sup>. But some people prefer watching movies at home. And drive-in theatres are nice in the summer. You can sit outside and enjoy the weather while watching.

### 2. Are actors or actresses important to movies? Why?

Yes, I think that actors and actresses are important to movies. Without good actors and actresses, a movie has to rely on the plot to be successful. Even then, people probably won't want to watch the movie if the acting is bad. Good acting makes the story more believable<sup>208</sup>.

### 3. Why are there fewer people going to the cinema to watch movies?

Well, one reason is that there's a bigger chance of getting a disease like COVID-19. Some people are scared of getting sick. So they prefer to stay home to watch movies. Another reason is the price of going to the theatre. It can be expensive to go to the cinema, especially if you buy snacks as well.

### 4. Do people change their tastes in movies over time? Do people like watching different types of movies over time?

Yes, I think that your taste in movies can change over time. For example, some people hate horror movies when they are children. But then they grow up and enjoy them as adults. Plus, even though many children like watching animation movies, they might stop liking them when they grow up.

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<sup>206</sup> a drive-in movie theatre: 一个汽车影院

<sup>207</sup> enjoy the gigantic screens: 享受大屏幕

<sup>208</sup> Good acting makes the story more believable: 好的表演使故事更可信

## Topic 35 有趣的小小说/故事

### 1. How does technology help people tell stories?

Technology lets people tell stories in new ways. In the past, people had to rely on oral storytelling<sup>209</sup> or different types of art. But with technology, there are way more options. People can use illustration software<sup>210</sup> to enhance their storytelling. They can even create a VR story<sup>211</sup>. It's amazing what technology can do.

### 2. Do you prefer to read e-books or paper books?

I definitely prefer reading paper books. It's much cheaper and more convenient to use e-readers. However, I think the reading experience is much better with a paper book. It's nice to actually turn a page in real life instead of tapping your screen<sup>212</sup>. Besides, I'm more focused when I read a physical book. And I'm often distracted when I read e-books.

### 3. Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?

I think it's because they're very unpredictable. The mystery is intriguing and the reader can feel involved in the story<sup>213</sup>. They're often trying to figure out the mystery before the characters do. So reading a mystery novel is a really exciting experience. That's why they're so trendy right now.

### 4. What kinds of novels are suitable for film adaptation?

It seems to me that lots of different novels can be suitable for film adaptation. But the most popular ones are probably the ones that have a lot of action in them. People love to see a thriller or mystery novel<sup>214</sup> turn into an action-packed movie<sup>215</sup>. Besides, a lot of romance novels make good movies. Everybody likes a good love story.

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<sup>209</sup> oral storytelling: 口头讲故事

<sup>210</sup> illustration software: 图画软件; 插图软件

<sup>211</sup> create a VR story: 创建一个用虚拟现实设备 (来讲述的) 故事

<sup>212</sup> tapping your screen: 敲屏幕

<sup>213</sup> feel involved in the story: 感觉融入到故事中去了

<sup>214</sup> a thriller or mystery novel: 惊悚小说或推理小说

<sup>215</sup> an action-packed movie: 动作片

## Topic 36 喜欢的歌曲（疑似新题）

### 1. What music is popular in your country?

The most popular types of music in my country are pop and hip-hop. Pop music, by definition<sup>216</sup>, is always popular. There are a lot of young new artists who are doing a lot of exciting things in that genre. Plus, hip-hop is always a trendy genre<sup>217</sup>. My country has many famous hip-hop stars.

### 2. What kind of music do people listen to at a club?

When you're at a club, you want to dance and have a good time. So I think people listen to a lot of pop and hip-hop. Those songs usually have strong beats<sup>218</sup> that you can dance to. They're also fast-paced and have catchy lyrics<sup>219</sup> you can sing along with. You wouldn't want to go to a club and hear some slow-paced songs.

### 3. What kind of music do young people like? Why?（也可以使用第一题的素材）

I suppose that young people like catchy, upbeat music<sup>220</sup>. They might listen to a lot of pop songs. Those songs usually have strong beats and a good rhythm to dance to. Besides, some young people like older music, like classic rock. I think sometimes it depends on what music their parents like. That can influence their preferences.

### 4. What are the differences between the music preferred by girls and boys?

It seems to me that girls like pop music more while boys like hip-hop and rap. Pop music usually involves songs with catchy melodies and interesting lyrics. Girls might enjoy singing along to those songs. But boys are usually interested in songs that have strong beats and lots of bass<sup>221</sup>. Those elements are more popular in rap and hip-hop.

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<sup>216</sup> by definition: 按照定义来说

<sup>217</sup> a trendy genre: 一种时髦的流派

<sup>218</sup> have strong beats: 有强劲的节奏

<sup>219</sup> catchy lyrics: 歌词朗朗上口

<sup>220</sup> upbeat music: 欢快（充满活力）的音乐（歌曲）

<sup>221</sup> lots of bass: 大量低音

## Topic 37 推荐他人居住的地方

### 1. What kinds of places do people like to live in?

Some people like living in exciting, busy places. So they like to live in big cities. Others like a more relaxed environment, so they stay in the countryside. But I think that in general, people like places where they can be part of a good community<sup>222</sup>. Everyone wants to feel safe and comfortable in their home.

### 2. Why do some people prefer to move to other cities?

I think some people prefer moving to other cities because they can't find a sense of community<sup>223</sup> in the city they're currently in. Or they might not be happy with the types of jobs available in that city<sup>224</sup>. They also might prefer a city with different scenery or weather.

### 3. What do people need to do before moving to a new place?

Before moving, people should make sure that the new place can meet their needs. They should know about the weather in all different seasons. If they hate the cold, they shouldn't move to a place with long winters<sup>225</sup>. They should also know what they can and can't afford<sup>226</sup> in the new place.

### 4. Why do some people live close to work?

I suppose the main reason that some people live close to work is convenience. If you can walk or bike to work, it saves you a lot of time in the mornings. Others live close to work because their job is their main focus<sup>227</sup>. They want to be able to work long hours without having a long commute<sup>228</sup>.

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<sup>222</sup> people like places where they can be part of a good community: 人们喜欢他们可以成为一个很好的社区一员的地方；这句话意指人们喜欢对他们来说有社区归属感的地方

<sup>223</sup> can't find a sense of community: 找不到社区归属感

<sup>224</sup> not be happy with the types of jobs available in that city: 不喜欢那个城市里可以找到的工作的类型

<sup>225</sup> long winters: 很长的冬天

<sup>226</sup> what they can and can't afford: 他们能负担什么，不能负担什么

<sup>227</sup> their job is their main focus: 工作是他们的主要关注点；意指工作是对他们来说最重要的事

<sup>228</sup> without having a long commute: 不用通勤很长时间

## Topic 38 安静的地方

### 1. Is it easy to find quiet places in your country?

Well, my country has a pretty big population<sup>229</sup>. So our major cities are usually very crowded. It's not impossible to find quiet places, but it can be a challenge<sup>230</sup>. There are still some rural areas where it's not too crowded. So they're nice to visit when life in the city gets too busy.

### 2. Why do old people prefer to live in quiet places?

I suppose that old people prefer living somewhere quiet because it's less overwhelming<sup>231</sup>. When you're in a crowded city, it's always noisy. Old people can feel overstimulated<sup>232</sup> because they're very sensitive to noise. So it can get tiring for them when it's always loud outside. Living in quiet places can help them feel more relaxed.

### 3. Why are there more noises made at home now than in the past?

I think that's due to the rise of technology. For example, in the past, not every house had a TV. But nowadays, it's very common for families to have multiple TVs, plus other devices<sup>233</sup>. So when you have people watching TV or watching videos on their phone, it can easily get really noisy.

### 4. Which place is quieter, the city or the countryside?

The countryside is definitely quieter. In cities, there's always a lot going on<sup>234</sup>. You can hear noise from cars, public transportation, and crowds of people. In the countryside, there are less people so there's automatically less noise<sup>235</sup>. You probably don't have a lot of traffic or other noisy things. So life in the countryside is very peaceful.

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<sup>229</sup> has a pretty big population: 人口众多

<sup>230</sup> it can be a challenge: ...是很难的

<sup>231</sup> less overwhelming: 给人感觉压力小一些

<sup>232</sup> overstimulated: 过度刺激的

<sup>233</sup> have multiple TVs, plus other devices: 有很多电视以及其他各种电子设备

<sup>234</sup> there's always a lot going on: 总是有很多事情在发生; 意指城市中总是有很多人和正在发生的事, 是非常喧闹的

<sup>235</sup> there's automatically less noise: 自然而然就少了噪音

## Topic 39 重要河流/湖泊

### 1. How can rivers/lakes benefit local people?

I think rivers and lakes offer locals a lot of benefits. People can spend their leisure time swimming in the water or just relaxing on the shore. Plus, rivers and lakes bring in tourists<sup>236</sup>. This can help to boost the local economy<sup>237</sup>.

### 2. Do you think rivers/lakes attract tourists?

Yes, rivers and lakes definitely attract tourists. When a river or lake is particularly beautiful, people will come to take photos and enjoy the scenery<sup>238</sup>. Besides, there are lots of activities people can do on or around the water, such as fishing and sailing. I think that's what lots of tourists go there for.

### 3. How do rivers/lakes affect local tourism?

Well, firstly, people will drive for hours just to enjoy some natural beauty. Plus, local businesses can cater to tourists<sup>239</sup> through different activities and events. So tourists will come for those activities, then they'll spend money at local restaurants and businesses. Because of this, lots of industries can benefit from having more tourists.

### 4. Are rivers/lakes good for transport? Why?

I suppose that rivers and lakes can be good for transport. Firstly, rivers mark boundaries in a city<sup>240</sup>. Highways and other roads can be built along the rivers in a pattern<sup>241</sup>. Besides, lakes can make transportation easier by having a ferry or a boat that crosses the lake a few times a day. Overall, lakes and rivers can be very useful in terms of transport.

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<sup>236</sup> bring in tourists: 带来了游客;吸引游客

<sup>237</sup> boost the local economy: 促进当地经济的发展

<sup>238</sup> enjoy the scenery: 欣赏风景

<sup>239</sup> cater to tourists: 迎合、满足游客

<sup>240</sup> mark boundaries in a city: 在城市中标出边界

<sup>241</sup> built along the rivers in a pattern: 按一定模式沿河而建



## Topic 40 熟人的家

### 1. What are the differences between houses or buildings in the city and in the countryside?

Cities are very crowded, so residential buildings can't take up too much room<sup>242</sup>. They tend to be high-rises instead of bungalows<sup>243</sup> and houses. That way, you can fit more of them in a smaller space. On the other hand, houses in the countryside are a lot bigger. There's more room in rural areas.

### 2. Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?

I prefer living in the city. There isn't a lot to do in the countryside, especially as a young person. There aren't many job opportunities. But cities are very exciting. There's always something to do. The nightlife is usually incredible and has lots of options<sup>244</sup>.

### 3. What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?

I think fires are a big safety risk<sup>245</sup> for residential buildings in cities. In high-rise apartments, fires can spread very easily. Unlike a house, apartment units are very connected. When one of them is burning, the others might catch fire too. Plus, elevators can be dangerous as well. I saw some news articles about falling elevators that caused injuries and deaths.

### 4. Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?

Yes, it's pretty expensive to decorate an apartment where I live. I live in the downtown area of a major city<sup>246</sup>. So the department stores around me aren't cheap. Wall art can be pretty expensive. Furniture costs a lot as well. Plus, you usually have to have those items delivered, which adds an extra charge<sup>247</sup>.

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<sup>242</sup> can't take up too much room: 不能占用太多的空间

<sup>243</sup> bungalows: 平房

<sup>244</sup> The nightlife is usually incredible and has lots of options: (城市的)夜生活总是很棒，也有很多选择

<sup>245</sup> a big safety risk: 一个很大的安全风险

<sup>246</sup> the downtown area of a major city: 大城市的市中心

<sup>247</sup> adds an extra charge: 增加了额外的费用

## Topic 41 推荐旅游的地方

### 1. Is it important to take photos while traveling?

Well, it really depends. On the one hand, it's great to take photos while travelling so that you can look back at them later<sup>248</sup>. On the other hand, sometimes taking photos can stop you from fully enjoying the experience<sup>249</sup>. So I think taking photos is nice, but not the most important thing.

### 2. Can you trust other people's travel journals on the Internet?

I think that you can mostly trust other people's travel journal. Some of the information might not be accurate. After all, anyone can lie on personal blogs<sup>250</sup>. But in general, people write honestly about their experiences. So you can usually learn a lot of valuable lessons about different places to travel to.

### 3. What factors affect how people feel about travel?

I suppose that cost is a major factor that affects how people feel about travel. Some tourists really enjoy a trip when it's cheaper than expected. However, people might feel anxious when the trip is too expensive. Besides, the place you stay influences your feelings about a trip. A hotel can either make your trip amazing or ruin it completely<sup>251</sup>.

### 4. Will you go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?

Yes, I'd love to travel to a foreign country because of the landscape. I've always wanted to go to Iceland. It is well-known for its black-sand beaches<sup>252</sup>, which sound stunning. There are also ice caps and volcanic craters<sup>253</sup>, which would be incredible to witness. I'm hoping to go someday and visit them.

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<sup>248</sup> look back at them later: 以后可以回头看

<sup>249</sup> stop you from fully enjoying the experience: 阻止  
(妨碍) 你充分享受(旅行中的)体验

<sup>250</sup> lie on personal blogs: 在个人博客上撒谎

<sup>251</sup> ruin it completely: 彻底毁掉它

<sup>252</sup> black-sand beaches: 黑色的沙滩

<sup>253</sup> ice caps and volcanic craters: 冰盖、火山口

**Topic 42 运动场所****1. Do young people like to do sports?**

Yes, I think that most young people like to do sports. Some young people might not like sports if they're not physically active<sup>254</sup>. But most people start doing sports from a young age. Sports are a great way to get exercise. They can be great for some fun competition between peers<sup>255</sup>.

**2. What are the benefits of sports for children?**

Sports can be very beneficial for children. Firstly, they are a great way for kids to be more active. Secondly, being a part of a sports team is a way to encourage kids to be more social and make new friends. Finally, sports make kids feel proud of their hard work. Overall, sports are very important for children's development.

**3. Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?**

Yes, it seems to me that having public sports spaces is very important in every community. There are sports clubs and gyms that cost money to join. But not everyone can afford to pay the membership. This is why having free, public spaces for sports is so important. Everyone should be able to enjoy sports without paying money.

**4. What do you think of companies donating sports venues for poor children?**

I suppose that companies should donate sports venues to children if they can. This is especially important in neighbourhoods where there isn't enough money to build a public space for sports. Plus, I think companies should donate to lower income communities because it also provides good advertising. After all, they can name the place after themselves<sup>256</sup>.

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<sup>254</sup> not physically active: 不爱运动; 不爱锻炼

<sup>255</sup> between peers: 同龄人之间

<sup>256</sup> name the place after themselves: 用自己的名字来命名这个地方

## Topic 43 想共事的家人

### 1. What kinds of family businesses are common in your country?

There are lots of family businesses in my country, including grocery stores, coffee shops, restaurants, movie theaters, and other recreational businesses<sup>257</sup>. Family businesses are usually much smaller than bigger chain businesses<sup>258</sup>. So they have a very welcoming atmosphere. In my town growing up<sup>259</sup>, several of the smaller grocery stores were run by families. People liked to shop at those businesses in order to support the families.

### 2. Why do people want to have a family business?

I think people like the idea of a family business because it's nice to work with the people you're closest to. You get to work as a team and feel closer to each other. Plus, you can pass down the business to the next generation<sup>260</sup>.

### 3. Is it good to work with family members? Why?

I think that it can be good to work with family members. Your family are the people that you love and trust the most in the world. So it's very comfortable to work with them. However, sometimes it can add more stress<sup>261</sup> when you work with your family. People can take business decisions very personally<sup>262</sup>.

### 4. What benefits are there when working for big companies?

Working for big companies can provide many benefits. Most big companies are very well established<sup>263</sup>, so you probably won't lose your job. It's nice to have job security<sup>264</sup>. Plus, since big companies earn a lot of money, they can afford to give their employees things like health and dental insurance.

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<sup>257</sup> recreational businesses: 娱乐企业

<sup>258</sup> chain businesses: 连锁企业

<sup>259</sup> In my town growing up: 在我长大的地方

<sup>260</sup> pass down the business to the next generation: 把生意传给下一代

<sup>261</sup> it can add more stress: 会增加更多的压力

<sup>262</sup> take business decisions very personally: 指在做商业决策时加入很多个人情感，不够客观理性

<sup>263</sup> well established: 建设的很成熟

<sup>264</sup> have job security: 有工作保障

## Topic 44 有趣的邻居

### 1. Do you think people are familiar with their neighbors?

I suppose that people are usually familiar with their neighbors. Most people at least know their neighbors. It's hard not to interact with your neighbors when you literally live side by side<sup>265</sup>. I think it's important to try to have a good relationship with your neighbors. That way, there's always someone close by<sup>266</sup> if you need help or need to borrow something.

### 2. How can people improve the relationship with neighbors in a community?

Whenever possible<sup>267</sup>, people should try to help them out. For example, if they need to borrow an ingredient<sup>268</sup> or something, it's important to be generous. That can help improve your relationship with them. Plus, you should be friendly whenever you see your neighbours. You can ask them how they're doing.

### 3. How do children build relationships with others in a community?

Well, firstly, parents can host events so kids in the community can get to know each other. Besides, I think children are very social. They love to play with other kids, even if they don't know them very well. So, even if they're just playing a simple game like hide-and-seek<sup>269</sup>, that can bring them together as a group<sup>270</sup>.

### 4. Is it beneficial to get along well with neighbors?

Yes, it's really beneficial to get along well with neighbors. In case of an emergency<sup>271</sup>, neighbors can help you out. You know, a good neighbor is better than a brother who lives far away<sup>272</sup>. Plus, making friends with neighbors can make you like the place more. Overall, getting along with your neighbors definitely has more benefits than drawbacks.

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<sup>265</sup> live side by side: 挨着住

<sup>266</sup> close by: 在附近

<sup>267</sup> Whenever possible: 只要有可能

<sup>268</sup> borrow an ingredient: 借一个食材或调味料

<sup>269</sup> hide-and-seek: 捉迷藏

<sup>270</sup> bring them together as a group: 把他们结合成一个团体

<sup>271</sup> In case of an emergency: 在紧急情况下

<sup>272</sup> a good neighbor is better than a brother who lives far away: 远亲不如近邻

## Topic 45 喜欢一起聊天的朋友 (享受的聊天对象)

### 1. Where do young people like to meet?

I would say that young people like to meet in places with a fun, energetic atmosphere. For example, they might like meeting in a popular café or restaurant. They might even go to the mall to walk around. Some young people may like to meet in more private places. But I think that in general they go to fun places.

### 2. What do young people talk about when they meet up?

Well, young people are usually very interested in each other's personal lives. So they like to talk about who they're dating and who they're friends with. As a young person, life can be very overwhelming. So it's very helpful to talk to people experiencing similar things<sup>273</sup>. They can talk about any friendship or relationship issues with each other.

### 3. Do you think people should be honest when talking with friends?

Yes, I suppose that it's important to be honest when talking with friends. You should feel comfortable sharing how you really feel with them<sup>274</sup>. Of course, you should try not to be mean. If your honest opinion will hurt their feelings, you need to be gentle when sharing it. But I still don't think you should lie to your friends.

### 4. On what occasions do people talk with strangers?

I think people talk with strangers when they're having a shared experience. For example, it's very common to talk to a stranger when you're both waiting in line. You might also chat with a stranger if you're on a bus that's stuck in traffic<sup>275</sup>. It definitely helps to pass the time.

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<sup>273</sup> talk to people experiencing similar things: 和经历过类似事情的人交谈

<sup>274</sup> feel comfortable sharing how you really feel with

them: 和他们分享你的真实感受时要感到自在

<sup>275</sup> a bus that's stuck in traffic: 一辆堵在路上的公交车

## Topic 46 (国家/家乡) 有名的人

### 1. What kinds of people are popular at work?

I think people who take charge and get things done<sup>276</sup> are popular at work. People are drawn to<sup>277</sup> them because of their confidence. Some people who have a good sense of humour<sup>278</sup> are also popular at work. When they make jokes that make you feel less stressed, it makes you appreciate them.

### 2. Are bosses more popular than employees at work?

No, I don't think bosses are more popular than employees at work. Nobody wants to get too close with the boss. They don't want to risk getting on their boss's bad side<sup>279</sup>, so they tend to avoid them. It's easier to bond with employees because they're all equals<sup>280</sup>. So there are usually more friendships among employees.

### 3. Which one is more important, keeping a good relationship with colleagues or doing well at work?

Obviously, it's good to do well at your job. But I think it's more important to have good relationships with your coworkers because you spend a lot of time with them. But if you don't get along with your coworkers, you might hate going to work and become less satisfied with<sup>281</sup> your job.

### 4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being popular in school?

One main advantage is that you'll have a lot of friends if you're popular. School can be very hard to get through without friends. But a disadvantage is that being popular might make you treat others with less care and respect. If you're really popular, you might start looking down on people who aren't<sup>282</sup>.

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<sup>276</sup> take charge and get things done: 负起责, 把事情干好; 意指“踏实负责”的人

<sup>277</sup> are drawn to: 被...所吸引

<sup>278</sup> have a good sense of humour: 有幽默感

<sup>279</sup> They don't want to risk getting on their boss's bad side: 他们不想冒得罪老板的风险

<sup>280</sup> It's easier to bond with employees because they're all equals: 与员工建立联系更容易, 因为他们都是平等的

<sup>281</sup> less satisfied with: 对...不太满意

<sup>282</sup> looking down on people who aren't: 瞧不起不受欢迎的人



## Topic 47 认识的不同文化的人

### 1. Where and how can we get to know people of different cultures better?

I think it helps to make friends with people from different cultures. For example, if there's someone from another culture at your work, you could have coffee together. Having good conversations and being interested in their culture will help you get to know them better. Besides, you can travel the world in order to really get to know other cultures.

### 2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?

One advantage of cultural diversity is that you learn about new perspectives. People from different cultures usually have very interesting ideas. Cultural diversity helps us appreciate others' differences instead of being afraid of them. On the other hand, sometimes cultural diversity can lead to people not appreciating their own culture enough<sup>283</sup>.

### 3. How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?

Different cultures can coexist when people help each other improve their understanding<sup>284</sup>. If someone doesn't understand another culture, there might be conflicts due to fear and misunderstandings. However, if people from different cultures communicate well with each other, then they can not only coexist, but also thrive. I think that sharing cultures can be a beautiful way to appreciate cultural diversity.

### 4. Which Chinese traditions are disappearing?

I think kowtowing to the elders<sup>285</sup> during the spring festival is vanishing. Kowtowing means kneeling and touching the forehead to the ground<sup>286</sup>. It's how Chinese people show their deepest respect to others. Chinese people, especially children, would kowtow to the elders during the spring festival. It's sad that it's disappearing now.

### 5. What is the relationship between cultural diversity and linguistic diversity?

I suppose that language and culture are very connected. Language can contain certain elements of a culture. So a culture is often defined by its language, or even multiple languages<sup>287</sup>. Without linguistic diversity, you risk losing cultural diversity as well.

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<sup>283</sup> lead to people not appreciating their own culture enough: 导致人们不够欣赏自己的文化

<sup>284</sup> help each other improve their understanding: 人们互相帮助增进理解认识

<sup>285</sup> kowtowing to the elders: 给长辈磕头

<sup>286</sup> kneeling and touching the forehead to the ground:

跪在地上并额头触地

<sup>287</sup> a culture is often defined by its language, or even multiple languages: 一种文化通常是由它的语言，甚至多种语言来定义的

## Topic 48 时尚人士

### 1. Do you think online shopping will replace in-store shopping in the future? Why?

I don't think that online shopping will completely replace in-store shopping. Online shopping can be convenient for some things. But sometimes you need to actually go to a store to look at a product before you buy it. Online shopping is also not accessible to everyone<sup>288</sup>. Some people don't have internet access. So I think that in-store shopping will stay around<sup>289</sup>.

### 2. Why is fashion very important to some people?

Some people really care about how they look. They want to use fashion to show their personality. Besides, some people use fashion to show off their wealth. The more expensive clothes you buy, the wealthier you appear. Plus, fashion helps you fit in with others<sup>290</sup> by keeping up to date with<sup>291</sup> current fashion trends.

### 3. Are older people as fashionable as young people? Why?

I suppose that overall, young people are more fashionable than older people. Older people don't change their fashion at all as trends change. But young people like to follow trends. Younger people also care more about their looks than older people do. It seems to me that older people are more focused on comfort than fashion<sup>292</sup>.

### 4. Are women more fashionable than men? Why?

No, I don't think so. I think it depends on the person. Some men are as fashionable as women. I know a lot of people believe that women are more fashion-forward<sup>293</sup> than men. But that's not always true. Some women never buy new clothes and don't care about following fashion trends. And some men love to be stylish and on trend<sup>294</sup>.

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<sup>288</sup> not accessible to everyone: 不是人人都方便用的

<sup>289</sup> stay around: 留下来

<sup>290</sup> fit in with others: 融入周围的人

<sup>291</sup> keeping up to date with: 跟上最新的 (时尚潮流)

<sup>292</sup> focused on comfort than fashion: 更关注舒适度而不是时尚

<sup>293</sup> fashion-forward: 超时尚; 时尚前卫

<sup>294</sup> on trend: 潮流; 形容一个人够潮

## Topic 49 喜欢种植物的人

### 1. Are there many people growing their own vegetables now?

Yeah, a lot of people have started to grow their own vegetables. It helps people save money since they don't have to buy food at the grocery store. Plus, I think it's a fun hobby that makes people appreciate their food more<sup>295</sup>. I hope that more people decide to grow their own vegetables.

### 2. Do you think it's good to let kids learn how to plant?

Yes, it's great to let kids learn how to plant. It teaches them to have a good relationship with nature<sup>296</sup>. Learning about how plants grow can make them appreciate nature more. That will help them care about the environment. Learning to plant also gives kids responsibility. It's good for them to have that discipline<sup>297</sup>.

### 3. What do you think of the occupation of farmer?

I suppose that being a farmer is a really interesting job. There can be lots of challenges. For example, you have to deal with unpredictable weather<sup>298</sup>. You also have a lot of responsibilities. But I think it's worth it because you get to work on the land and spend a lot of time outdoors. Plus, you can be very independent.

### 4. What are the differences between traditional and modern agriculture?

Traditional agriculture seemed a lot simpler. It was more about working the land. Farming was a very humble occupation. But modern agriculture is about efficiency. It's more about harvesting vegetables or fruits to be turned into products. I think that it's a lot more effective. Agricultural machines are way more productive than traditional ways of farming.

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<sup>295</sup> makes people appreciate their food more: 让人们更珍惜他们的食物

<sup>296</sup> have a good relationship with nature: 与自然有一个良好（和谐）的关系

<sup>297</sup> have that discipline: 有自律

<sup>298</sup> deal with unpredictable weather: 应对不可预测的天气

## Topic 50 激励你做有趣事情的人

### 1. What qualities make a role model?

It seems to me that a role model should be honest and hardworking. They should also be very kind. Personally, I think it's just as important to be kind as it is to be powerful. Role models should also have good morals. They should stick to their beliefs<sup>299</sup>, even when it's hard.

### 2. Do people need to be encouraged when facing difficulties?

Yes, definitely. Encouragement from a close friend or a family member can help the person keep going. It can give them extra comfort and strength<sup>300</sup>. I can't imagine not having the encouragement of my loved ones. Having their love and support has helped me keep going.

### 3. What kind of things can inspire people?

People can be inspired by lots of different things. I think one common source of inspiration is family. Some people struggle with their jobs. But then they remember that they're providing for their family<sup>301</sup>. That inspires them to keep going even though they're having a hard time. Others are inspired by people who have overcome similar difficulties, or even harder obstacles.

### 4. What kinds of jobs need inspiration?

I suppose that difficult jobs require inspiration<sup>302</sup>. For example, if you work in a high-stress position like a doctor, you might need extra inspiration. Doctors have to make important decisions that affect people's lives. So when they face difficulties in their career, they need to stay inspired in order to continue to do that hard work.

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<sup>299</sup> stick to their beliefs: 坚持自己的信仰

<sup>300</sup> give them extra comfort and strength: 给他们更多的慰藉和力量

<sup>301</sup> they're providing for their family: 他们在养家糊口

<sup>302</sup> inspiration: inspiration 不只是灵感的意思, 也指鼓舞、激励、动力

## Topic 51 童年玩伴

### 1. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood? Why or why not?

Yes, I keep in touch with some of my friends from childhood. I've always gotten along with my childhood friends. We still have a lot of shared interests. Even though we've grown up and moved to different cities, we still talk a lot. It's really nice to have those close friendships that last for years.

### 2. What do you think of social media?

I think social media is great, but it has some drawbacks. On the one hand, social media helps us stay connected. We can constantly talk and share important moments from our lives. However, social media can make us too focused on getting likes<sup>303</sup>. It can make us shallow and self-centred<sup>304</sup>.

### 3. Do you think social media will replace face-to-face communication?

No, I don't think social media will replace face-to-face communication. I think people will always prefer in-person interactions<sup>305</sup> over chatting via social media. Seeing a loved one face-to-face is way better than texting them. So I don't think that social media could ever come close to replacing that<sup>306</sup>.

### 4. How important is childhood friendship to children?

I think childhood friendship is super important to children. The communication skills they learn in early friendships can be applied to their adult friendships. Plus, children need companionship. Having close friends helps them enjoy each day and overcome personal challenges<sup>307</sup>. Without friends, children would be lonely and sad.

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<sup>303</sup> make us too focused on getting likes: 让我们太过于在意收到的点赞数了

<sup>304</sup> shallow and self-centred: 浅薄和自我中心

<sup>305</sup> in-person interactions: 面对面的互动

<sup>306</sup> could ever come close to replacing that: (我不认为社交媒体) 可能有接近于取代它的机会

<sup>307</sup> overcome personal challenges: 克服个人挑战