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2022.8.2高三开学考应用文by Kelly 梁向群 （根据本人全国高考I卷习作微调而成）

Dear David,

I’m Li Hua, the chief editor of our school’s English newspaper. It’s such an honor for me, on behalf of our paper and your numerous fans, to invite you to be a distinguished guest of our next interview.

Our paper “ Student Times”, an English learning platform and eye-opener, has been appealing to a large audience on campus for a decade. To cater for students’ needs, an interview on how to efficiently have our listening and speaking skills improved is being arranged for a special feature. The interview is scheduled to be done from 5:30pm to 6:30pm next Friday (June 17th), when students will also be invited to share their experience as well as confusions on this topic. I’m sure your participation with your professional guidance from a foreign teacher’s perspective will be a most beneficial highlight.

No one else can be a better expert interviewee than you, for your name alone will be the best advertisement. Looking forward to your positive reply and further discussion at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance. Best regards.

Yours,

Li Hua

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***As we set the table for dinner, my mom could tell I was stressed out.*** “Is there anything that I can help with?” Mom patted me on the shoulder lovingly. I told her the whole story and complained about the challenge of having to work with the three annoying teammates. Mom calmed me down, saying that there must be a way out. We both agreed that the solution lies in how to make my teammates willing to cooperate, for you can’t make a horse drink if it doesn’t want to. She encouraged me to take it as an opportunity to showcase my ability as a wise team leader, adding that how you say something matters more than what you say. Pondering on Mom’s words, I came to realize perhaps I should change my way of talking to my teammates.

***And at our next group meeting, I tried to bring up my concerns in a friendly way.***I used the pronoun “we” instead of “you” or “I”. I also used questions rather than statements to soften the tone. Besides, I started with the topic they are interested in, such as their travel experience in Hawaii and their preference on swimsuits. This time they were excited and eager to share what they knew and thought. The focus of our heated conversation was gradually and naturally shifted to the project. What a lovely surprise to finally discover that my mischievous teammates actually had very unique insights into various topics! With different tasks, we all worked hard on our share, sometimes turning to each other for discussion. Our project wonderfully done, we were highly thought of by our teacher. Mom is right. It dawned on me that it takes a wise leader to get a group project done and it takes quite an art to be a wise team leader!