



Unit 2 College — the ladder to success?

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The Definition of Humanities

What are the humanities?

Tips

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The humanities are a group of academic disciplines (学科) that study the human condition, using methods that are primarily analytical, critical, or speculative (推理的).

人文学科

Arts & Music

Literature



Academic Disciplines

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Social Sciences

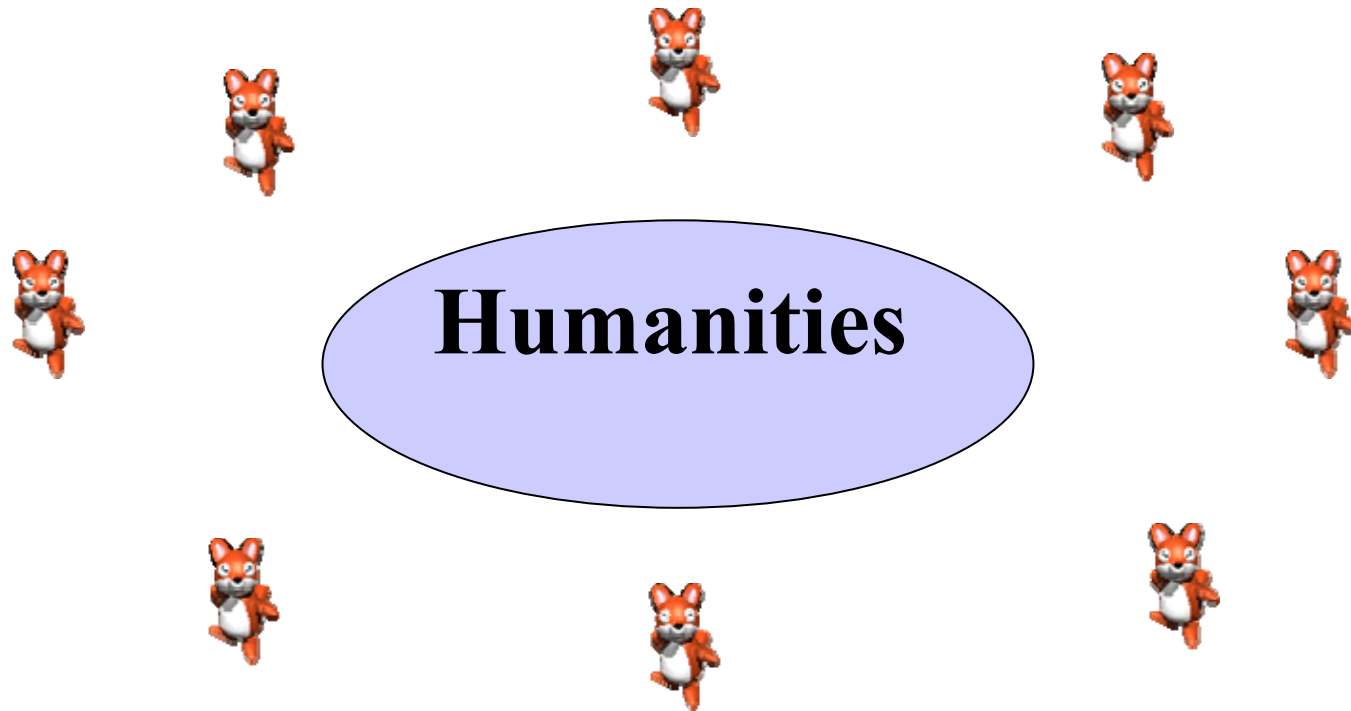
Natural Sciences

Humanities

Liberal Arts

Humanities-related Vocabulary

What majors do the humanities include?



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Tips

The humanities, called social sciences, include history, anthropology (人类学), communication studies, cultural studies, law, language, literature, philosophy, religion, music and theater, etc.



Liberal arts majors

VS.

Science majors

社会保障学
语言文学
新闻学
建筑学
管理学
经济学
心理学
法学

Social Security

Language & literature

Journalism

Architectonics

Administration

Economics

Psychology

Law

分析化学

计算机

植物学

临床医学

动物学

环境科学

林 学

电子学

Analytical Chemistry

Computer Science

Botany

Clinical Medicine

Zoology

environmental Science

Forestry

Electronics

Main idea



Objectives

1

explain why you choose liberal arts major or science major

2

describe the significance of the humanities

3

understand the text and apply the language

4

develop an essay focusing on advantages / disadvantages;

Scenario 情景

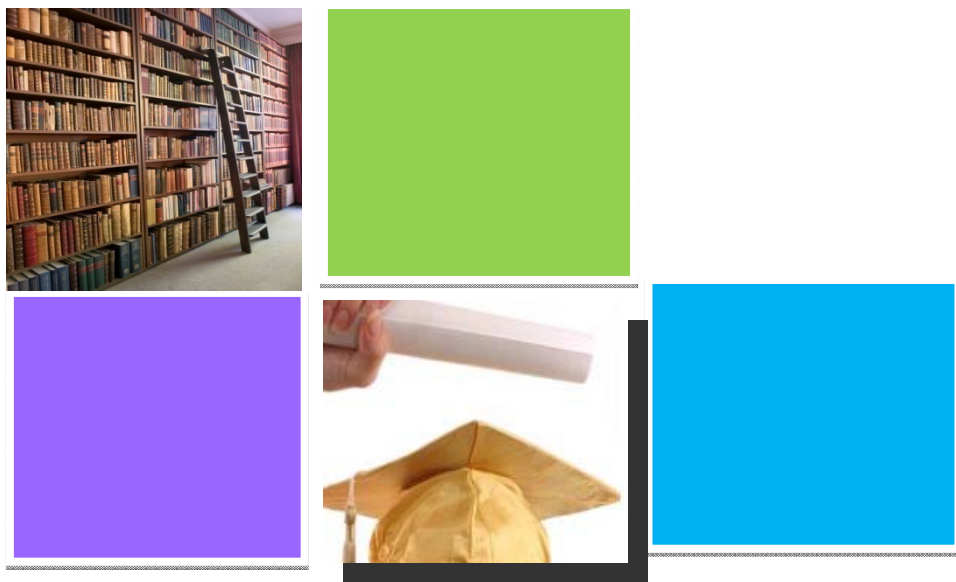
1. Try to explain to your foreign friends why you choose liberal arts major or science major.
2. You are participating in an international debate. The topic is “Should students majoring in science take liberal arts courses?” You, as the representative of your side, states the significance of the humanities to prove science students should take liberal arts courses.

Identify your gaps

Can you fulfill the task now? If not, try preparing yourself for the following gaps:

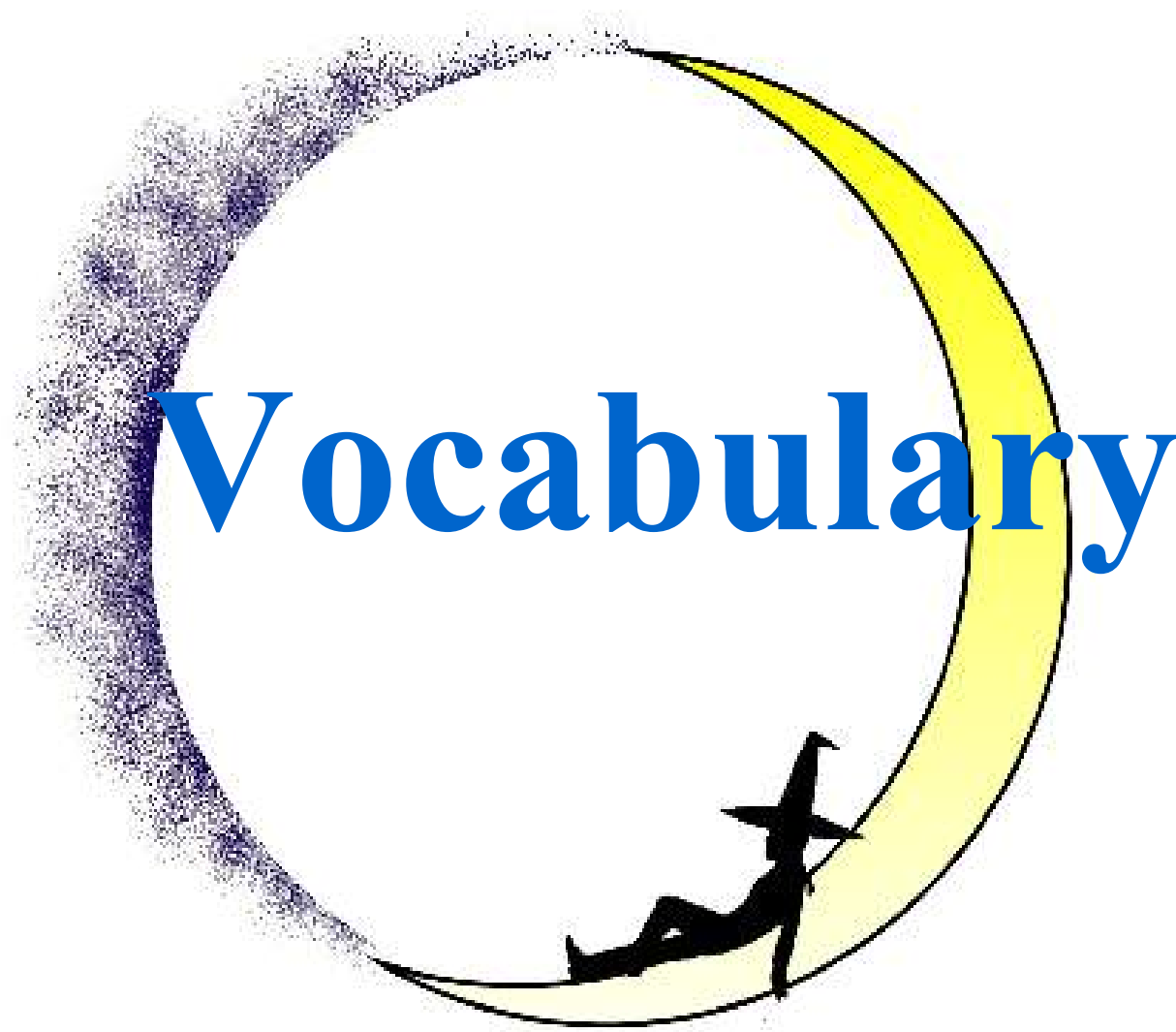
- Content
- Language
- Structure

Identify the gaps Based on the gaps, set a **personal learning goal** for this unit.



Unit 2 Section A

The humanities: Out of date?



Inspiring your thoughts

Enhancing your
skills

Presenting your
project

Project of the
unit

Global
understanding

Inspiring your thoughts

Global understanding

Task 1

Global understanding of the passage

Scan the passage in three minutes and answer the following questions.

1. Is the passage argumentative, descriptive or narrative?

Argumentative.

2. What's the author's purpose of writing this passage?

To emphasize the importance of the humanities, or to draw people's attention to humanities majors.

Inspiring your thoughts

Global understanding

Task 1

Global understanding of the passage

Read the passage in five minutes and divide the passage into three parts according to the outline given below.

Part 1 (Para. 1-5) Background information of the argument.

Part 2 (Para. 6 - 9) The author's argument to stand up for the true value that the humanities bring to people's lives.

Part 3 (Para. 10) Conclusion.