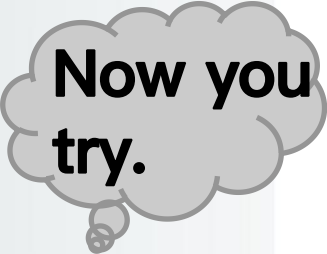


Speaking Part 1

Hometown



Hometown



Now you
try.

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1. Where do you com from?
OR Where **did** you grow up?



1. Where did you grow up?



☐ Wuhan

☐ Other city

Describe a location:

- ... is located/situated ...
- In



1. Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in _____, which ...

A [big/medium-sized/small], [coastal/inland] city/town located in/situated in ...

It takes me __ hours to get there by **bullet train**/plane/car from _____ (a well-known city, such as Shanghai).

It's a _____ place.

It's **renowned** for/has a **reputation** for ...

I'm a local/native here.





**2. What's the best thing
about your hometown?**



If you were to introduce your hometown to a foreigner...



Food



Landscape



Infrastructure



**Local
Residents**



2. What's the best thing about your hometown? – Food

Well, I'd say the local food is definitely my favourite part of my hometown, simply/mainly **because**

A great variety of **unique/mouthwatering/delectable** dishes and snacks/street food, **including** .../**ranging** from ... to ... , **which** is the city's **signature dish**/the locals' favourite/**a must try** for visitors.

For me/Personally, I just can't resist the temptation of **f/can't have enough of** ...



2. What's the best thing about your hometown? – Landscape

Well, I'd say the city landscape is definitely my favourite part of my hometown, simply/mainly **because/for the reason that**



Landscape:

- tourist attractions— e.g. Yellow Crane Tower
- scenic spots — e.g. East Lake
- national parks

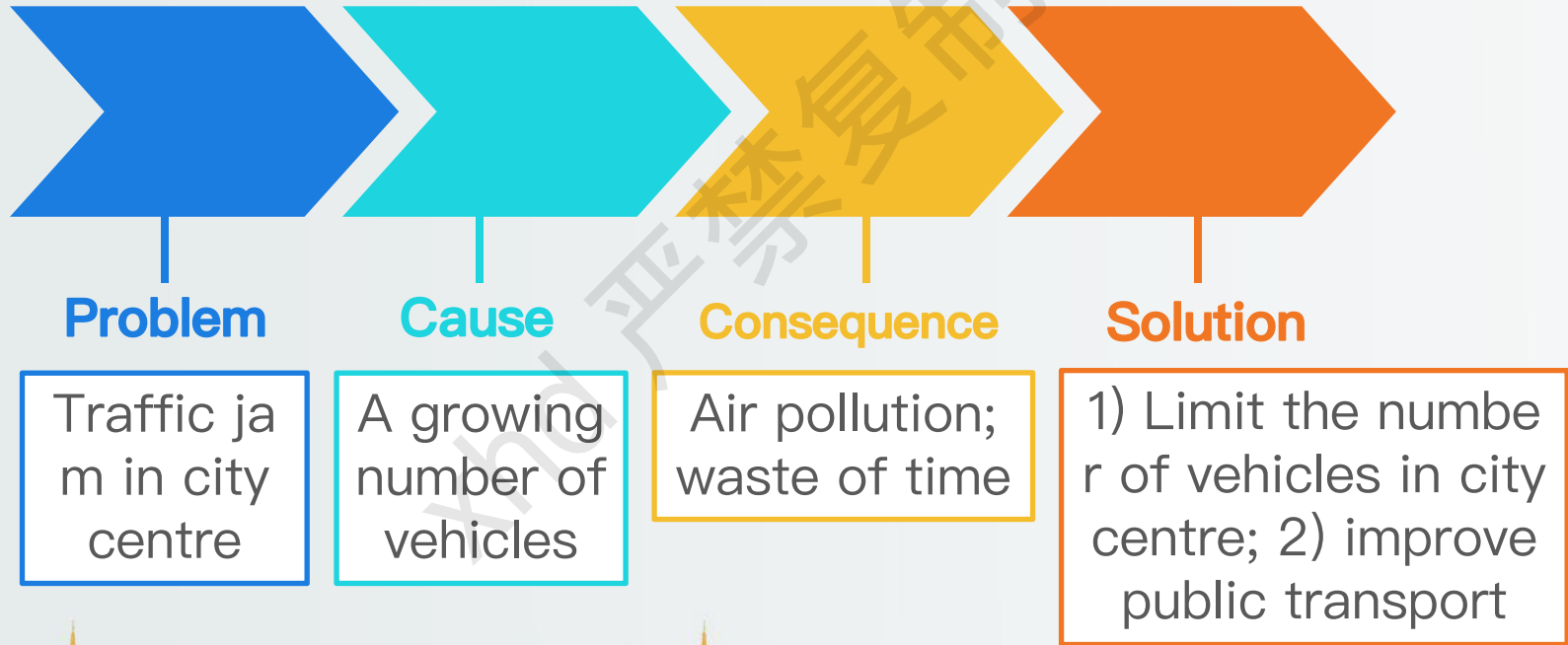
Bring us much pleasure and pride

Breathtaking/gorgeous/stunning view

3. If you could, what **would you like to change**
about your hometown?
OR Is there anything you **dislike** about your ho
metown?



3. If you could, what would you like to cha nge?/Is there anything you dislike?



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I have to complain about/have had enough of/am unsatisfied with/am fed up with/am tired of ... [problem], **which** happens **for the reason that/because** ... [cause].

The problem/issue leads to/results in/brings about ... **as well as/in addition to** ... [consequence].

To cope with/deal with/tackle/address the problem/issue, [solution].

Traffic Jam/Congestion

- The traffic in Wuhan is terrible/awful.
- A growing number of vehicles, esp. private cars.
- Routinely get caught in traffic jams/get stuck on road during rush hours
- 1) A waste of time; 2) Anxiety: road rage; 3) Exacerbating the problem of air pollution
- Encourage the use of public transport





4. How has your hometown changed in recent years?

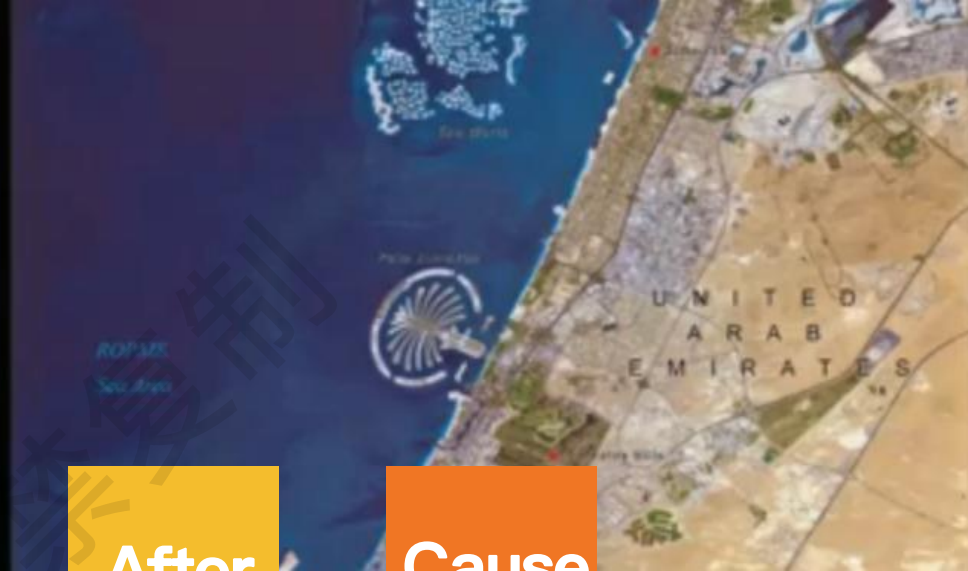




Change

Before

In the past —
past tense



After

At present —
present tense

Cause

Change

Before

After

Cause

4. How has your hometown changed in recent years?

The Level of Change:

- Dramatically, considerably, exponentially, drastically, completely
- Consistently, steadily
- Hardly, barely, remain the same

Contrasting Points:

- On the other hand
- However; Yet 然而 但是
- On the contrary
- In contrast

Change

4. How has your hometown changed in recent years?

Before

The ... in my hometown has changed **dramatically** in the last few years/decade.

After

There was/used to be **Yet**, now,
This change **was brought about by**

Cause

The ... in the past **is now replaced by** ... , **as a result of** ... OR **for the reason that** ... OR for a range of reasons, **including** ...



5. Do you plan to live here **in the future**?



What factors will you consider when choosing where to live?



For a starter/First of all, ...



Also/On top of that/In addition/Besides, ...



5. Do you plan to live here in the future?

Future tense

Go back to this place to take care of my parents after they retire

Yes

Only if I stay with my parents **will** I feel contented

If we **moved** to a different city, they **would** spend much time getting used to the environment.

Leave for better job prospects

No

Only if I move to a more international city **will** I fulfill my career plan

Move to a place where the environment is more livable

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