Speaking part 3

Comparison

What are the differences between male and female in clothing shopping?

**Based on my observation**, I think there are many differences.

**First of all**, they have different frequency- **you know**, most females buy clothes much more frequently than males. **I think this is because** they want to keep up with the fashion trend, **and also** they get much enjoyment from shopping activity. **By contrast**, most males only buy clothes when they have urgent need.

**In addition**, they spend different amount of time. Usually females spend hours or even longer to choose clothes, **while** men buy clothes fast. This difference **is caused by the fact that** females need to take more time to compare and try on, **however**, most men buy clothes with clear purpose, they know what they need.

**All in all**, frequency and time are their main differences.

What are the differences between living in cities and living in the countryside?

**Convenience-** transportation, shopping

**Pace of life-** city- fast pace of life, much competition- stressful vs. slow pace of life, laid-back, have much free time to..

**Environment**- cities, air, noise, light pollution- affect our health vs. fresh air, peaceful surroundings- good for health

How has cooking changed compared to decades ago?

**Cooker**- past- traditional cookers with firewood now- gas stove, other advanced cookers such as microwave oven, baking oven, air fryer, rice cooker, pressure cooker-  **reason**- rapid development of technology **influence**- higher efficiency/ much easier / save time /

**Food variety**- past- ate seasonal and regional food, limited choices// now- eat food from all over the world- inlanders can eat seafood/ northerners can eat tropical fruit- development of logistics esp the airline/ growing and farming tech, such as the greenhouse, vertical farming/

**Focus**- past- taste- spent much time to perfect one dish // now- pay attention to efficiency- eat lots of fast food, and precooked food

Do you prefer to live in cities or the countryside?

**Convenience-** transportation, shopping

**More opportunities**- get a well-paid job, find a mate, get good education, medical care

**Pace of life-** city- fast pace of life, much competition- stressful vs. slow pace of life, laid-back, have much free time to..

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Who do you think can be better leaders, young people or old people?

**Young people**- energetic, ambitious, willing to take risks/ more open to new ideas/ have more contact with modern tech, easier to communicate and better understand employees

**Old people**- have rich experience so they can better deal with problems, make wiser decisions and fewer mistakes/ easier to build authority and leadership / wider social circle and more connections – human, financial, technical resources

I think it depends on different industries.

For traditional industries like education, medicine, government, law, elderly people have more advantage in leading. Because…

However, for emerging industries like IT, new media, games, young people are more suitable to lead, because…

To sum up, old people are suitable for traditional industries while young people for emerging ones.

Which is more important, physical relaxation or mental relaxation?

I think it depends on what people do

For mental workers- students, teachers, writers, designers… need more mental relaxation-- stress- need ways to relieve pressure- ensure their health and work efficiency

For physical workers- deliveryman, construction workers, farmers, even athletes – lots of energy consumption- need physical relaxation to recover- avoid injury which may cost their career or income

Be Blackmailed- kidnapped or abducted- assassinated

Good

List benefits (detail )+ admit problems (brief)+ problems can be avoided, controlled and solved

Bad

List problems + admit benefits+ benefits are limited, hard to get, replaceable, insignificant

Solidarity

Is it good to ask strangers’ opinion on the internet when making decisions?

**Benefits**- brainstorm more ideas/ get more objective opinion / more efficient

**Problems**- too many opinions will complicate the decision making / leak privacy/ get tricked

Most Q&A websites have rating systems, we can choose the suggestion with most likes (thumbs-up )

In my life I have many rational friends who can give me objective onions

Personally, I think it is a good/ bad idea to do so

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In conclusion, I don’t recommend people to …/ xxx is recommended / I encourage people to do so

How can tourism **affect** a city? Influence, impact, effect

I believe tourism has huge impact on cities

For the positive impact- boost local economy- hotel, restaurant, admission tickets, tour guide, gift shops- create many job opportunities

Increase the fame of the city- attract investors

Develop local infrastructure esp the transportation which can benefit locals

Bring problems- affect locals’ life- trash, noise, congestion, use up local resources, // destroy local environment// cultural invasion- lose their unique features- commercialized -- cultural identity loss nationality

In conclusion, tourism can be both beneficial and harmful to cities= can be both a blessing and a curse

Some people think childhood is the most important stage in life, what do you think?

1. 表态I don’t think so.
2. 让步 I admit that childhood is very important because people begin to develop their values, outlook on life, and personalities which have huge impact on their future
3. 反驳- however, it doesn’t mean childhood is the most important stage because every life stage is equally significant. Take teenage years for example, in this period, people should study and master skills, if they don’t do well in this stage, they are unlikely to have a bright future, no matter what kind of childhood you have.
4. 进一步反驳 (反悔) not to mention that, as people grow up, their childhood ideas and habits will be changed mostly
5. 总结- to sum up, while childhood is important, it is not the most important stage for everyone.

Do you think expensive gifts are better gifts?

Don’t think so

Admit sometimes- expensive electronics may have better quality and more functions- which make them better then cheap ones

However- doesn’t prove always better- the value of gift not only depends on the price, but also the meaning and thoughts behind it// some handmade gift, although inexpensive, can be as good as, or even better than those expensive ones. For example—a handmade birthday card vs, expensive makeup- mother’s birthday

Not to mention that, in many cases, expensive gifts will cause economic stress on both receivers and senders/

To sum up, I don’t think…

Do you think it is a good idea to let wild animals stay in local parks for people to see?

I think it is a bad idea to do so

Because this will cause many problems- limit animals freedom, influence their health (cannot get used to the noisy city environment)// once escape, some wild animals will hurt people- tigers, lions, snakes

I admit that some people may think this can help cities attract visitors and get some revenue/ satisfy some people’s curiosity / publicize animal protection

However, there are so many ways for cities to get revenue/ besides, zoos can meet those purposes without too much negative impact

All in all, I don’t recommend this behavior /