1, Describe an occasion of getting lost somewhere.

You should say

Where you went and when

Who you went to the place with

How you got lost

And how you found the way out of the place.

Describe an experience when you got lost.

Well, I don’t get lost very often but I clearly remember one time when I couldn’t find my way out of a place. That was a time when I travelled in Macao several years ago. There is a well-known scenic spot called the Venetian resorts, which is really large. Walking into the resorts, it is like wandering in Venice. I enjoyed everything there, such as Italian-style architecture, a charming and winding little river and freehand sketching picture on the ceiling. But unfortunately, just at the moment when I was happily tasted the snacks in the resorts, I couldn’t find my companions together with me. I got lost. I tried some ways out but in vain because all the roads are almost the same. What was worse, my cell phone was out of power and I felt a little nervous and anxious. Then I just stopped and tried to recall what shops I went through. In the next half an hour, I didn’t follow the signs of roads but went as the shop signs guided. Finally, I spotted the first shop where I had tangerine duck and moved out of the resorts.

This is a very interesting true story about how I found my way out when getting lost, thanks to the tangerine duck shop.

2, Describe a city/place which you would like to go to one more time.

You should say

What the city is called

Where the city is located

When you went there last time

And explain why you want to go there again.

That must be Chengdu, another large city in the southwest of China. I traveled there last spring, a season when Chengdu is the most charming. All types of flowers and trees had grown to be luxuriant and it smelt fragrant everywhere. I stayed in the city for a week and she had attracted me deeply. Besides the natural view, some historic sites are also well-known all over our country or even the world, such as Temple of Marquis, Dujiangyan irrigation system,etc. Temple of Marquis is to commemorate a great prime minister less than 2000 years ago. I admire him because people say he was super smart. So, in this place, I had learned a lot about his life experience and related history events. Another scenic spot or tourist attraction that was worth visiting again is the panda park, where most pandas of China live. I think panda is quite adorable and only seeing how they sleep and eat is already enjoyable. Well, what impressed me most were countless snacks in Chengdu which boasts to be a delicacy kingdom. I had only tried some of them, such as hot pot, cold noodles, glutinous rice cubes, and so forth. One week is not enough at all for us to taste or savor all the flavorful food in this kingdom. So, next time, I hope to stay there longer, like a whole month, to eat what I expect.

Describe a city in a foreign country which you like.

3, Describe a time when you left a message for someone.

You should say

What message it is about

Who you left the message for

When and where you left the message

And explain why you left such a message.

I remember, several months ago, I went for a working trip to a distant village but I had an express parcel to receive. I wanted to ask the boss in a convenience store around my apartment. However, the boss had gone travelling. I didn’t have her phone number and wechat account, so, I left a paper message and wrote some words that expressed my request. The shop assistant told me she would tell her boss. Then I went for my trip. A week later, I had come back home and fetched my parcel in the convenience store. It was right in a corner of the shop and the boss had helped me keep it for a whole week nicely. I felt grateful for what she had done to me. In order to show my thanks, I had bought some snacks, tissues and drinks from that convenience store. The boss said I didn’t need to do that. But anyway, I was sure to thank her in some way. Of course, she wouldn’t receive any gift from me. And the best way was to buy something from her shop. I was happy to have such a perfect neighbor, an accommodating lady.

4, Describe a picture or photograph in your room.(Describe a photo which you have taken.)

You should say

What the photo is about

When and where you got the photo

How long you have kept it in your room

And explain why you keep this photo in your room.

Describe a photo you like.

As to this topic, I would like to introduce you a photo in my room as well as my favorite one, the picture of a famous rapper from America, XXX Tentacion. In this photo, he was doing performance on stage of a concert. His personalized hairstyle attracted me so much, half blonde and half black, very special. His facial expression was exaggerated, especially his upwarping eyebrows. His fingers were pointing at something. I was in the concert theatre on that day. After taking this photo, I got the rapper’s signature, so surprising and exciting. After getting home, I hung the photo in my bedroom. Every time when I stay in my room, play XXX Tentacion’s music, it is like the moment on the scene. This rapper is my icon or idol, so I will always keep this photo. Even if some day when I move home, I’m sure to take this photo with me and protect it as always.

This topic reminds me of a photo I always hang on the wall of my bedroom. It was a group photo taken some years ago when I had just finished my high school studying. In the photo are there 40 students standing together, being made into 4 rows. The background is our cafeteria or school canteen, where we had lots of parties there. I was in the middle of the first row, wearing a smile.But my classmate next to me cried because she didn’t want to leave us. Of course, I was also sad because of this, but I didn’t cry. My smile meant that exciting moment when being together with my classmates as well as being free of studying stress. After taking that photo, we parted from one another. Now 9 years has passed, the photo looks a little old seeing from its yellowish color. Every time when going back home, before sleeping and after getting up, I will see the photo for a while. I miss the people in the photo very much. Most of the classmates work or study in different cities, even countries. How I wish we could have another gathering time.

5, Describe a sentence or some words from a poem or a song.

You should say

What the sentence or words are

What type of poem or song it is

When and where you read it

And explain why you remember it so well.

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Why you can sing the song or recite this poem

Why you have to listen to and sing the song or recite this poem

What these words or the sentence make you feel about

What you have learned from it.

Describe a time when you had to learn a song or a poem.

When seeing this topic, I remember a sentence from a song ‘you raise me up’, which is performed by a music group called ‘Westlife’. They used to be very popular in the world. The first time when I listened to this song was 5 years ago. I was at school and school broadcasting station played this song. Just one moment, I was deeply attracted, especially the sentence ‘you raise me up’. I love its melody, rhythm and the lyrics. During that period, I was preparing for my dissertation before graduation. I felt a little bit anxious and worried about my final project, the dissertation. I was always in nervousness. However, with the encouragement of the song and the sentence, I had been inspired and had more passion to persist in what I did. At last, I finished my thesis perfectly. I cannot say this is totally due to the sentence ‘you raise me up’, but it truly gave me invisible power and I felt grateful to it. So, every time when I listen to the song and the sentence, I will think of the beautiful time I strove for my dream.

6, Describe a job which you would like to have in a foreign country for a short time.

You should say

What job it is

Which country you would like to work in

How long you would work there

And explain why you want to work there for a short time.

As a college student whose major is finance, I would like to find a job that is related to this. Also, the country has to be a place where finance industry develops very well. More importantly, that must be an English-speaking country, such as America or England. I know London and New York are the financial centers in the world. I’m sure they have lots of chances of finance career. When working there, I can understand what I have studied about my major more deeply as well as practice English better. By accumulating such kind of working experience, I would be more competent in my future career. So, I plan to find such a part-time job after I study in England. Actually, I don’t care salary or wage but the valuable working experience. I know some famous finance companies seldom offer internship to new graduates or college students, like Goldman Sachs, Deutsch Bank, etc. Many people look forward to working there, including me.

Describe a place where you would like to work or study (a distant or far place)

7, Describe a time when you met someone and felt surprised.

You should say

Who you met

When and where you met the person

What you did

And explain why you felt surprised about this meeting.

Describe a person who you felt surprised when meeting.

Describe an old friend who you met recently.

8, Describe a book you have read which you have found useful.

You should say

What the book is called

When and where you read the book

Why you think it is useful

And how you felt after reading this book.

I have read many interesting and meaningful books in the past years and here, I would like to introduce you one that is quite valuable, named ‘the Journey to the West’, written by a famous novelist in Ming dynasty around more than 400 years ago. The book describes a story that 4 monks and a magical horse went to old India to do Buddhism academic communication. On the way, they happened to lots of difficulties and dangers, such as dreadful environment in mountains, plenty of goblins, devils, ghosts and monsters, and temptation of attractive ladies, and so forth. However, with their strong will, supernatural power and magic, and the warriors’ perfect cooperation, they have finally obtained the very Buddhism classics and brought back to their hometown. Through this book, I have learned two important things. First, difficulties, problems and dangers are never scary and we can always find some ways to get through or overcome them. More importantly, team work is quite essential in working and after reading it, I have tried to co-work with my colleagues and be tolerant when someone makes mistakes. We always understand and help each other to solve problems together. I believe, as a classic, ‘the Journey to the West’ will teach me more and I plan to read it one more time.

9, Describe a piece of news you have known recently.(...you have received. )

You should say

What the piece of news is

When and where you got the news

Whether it was bad or good news

And how you felt about this news.

Describe a piece of good news you have received.

*China Golden Rooster&Hundred Flowers Film Festival*

*CMG Mid-autumn Festival Gala*

*CMG=China Media Group*

*Three paragraphs*

*Basic information(time, place, event/incident, people, result)*

*Why is it good(culture, economy, food, transport...)*

*Your feeling or influence on you.*

10, Describe a good decision you have ever made.

You should say

What the decision is

When and where you made the decision

How long you spent in making this decision

And explain why you think it is/was a good decision.

Describe your experience of changing an important decision/opinion.

Describe a decision you have made recently.

11, Describe a place where you listened to a piece of music that you didn’t like.

You should say

Where the place is

What type of music you listened to

Why you listened to the music

And explain why you didn’t like this music.

Describe a music event that you don’t like.

Describe a type of music which you don’t like.

*The reasons why we don’t like some music:*

*Don’t understand the meaning of lyrics and cannot feel the charm of its melody;*

*Remind us of something sad;*

*Too noisy (punk, rock);*

*Too scary (funeral music, religion music).*

12, Describe an occasion that you forgot an important thing.

You should say

What the occasion was

What you forgot

Why you forgot the important thing

And how you felt about this.

忘记什么，为什么忘记，结果，如何弥补。

13, Describe an extroverted/outgoing person you know.

You should say

Who the person is

How you knew this person

What things show the person’s character of being extroverted

And do you like spending time with this person.

*Basic information(appearance, age, gender, career, how you knew this person...)*

*Why extroverted(taking parents’ gene, influenced by friends...)*

*Example*

*My feeling or how I get along with this guy/gal.*

14, Describe a time when you saw children behave badly in a public place.

You should say

Who the children are

When and where you saw them

What bad behavior they did

And explain why they did that.

15, Describe someone around you that is dynamic, energetic or vigorous.

You should say

Who the person is

When and where you have met this person

What this person usually does

And explain why this person is dynamic, energetic or vigorous.

Describe an active person you know.

*Why active?(parents’ gene, teachers’ or friends’ influence, a story changed him/her)*

*How?(examples of how he/she solve problems)*

*My feeling(admire...)*

16, Describe a prize which you have received.

You should say

*What the prize is(trophy, money, other objects, qualification&certificate)*

*When and where you got the prize*

*What you did(competition, test/exam, experiment, research, investigation, practice...)*

*And explain how you felt about it.(excited, moved, being encouraged/motivated...)*

Describe a time when you received a prize.

17, Describe a family you like.

You should say

Whose family you like

How many people there are in this family

How often you see the family people

And explain why you like the family.

*Basic information(whose family, how you knew them, how many people, what they do...)*

*Why you like the family(get along well with each other, support each other...full of happiness and fun...+examples)*

18, Describe a sport which you would like to try for the first time.

You should say

What the sport is

When and where you can do that

Who you want to do this sport with

And explain why you would like to try it.

Diving

Reason1: I want to see the charming view underwater;

Reason2: I would like to overcome this challenge and I believe I would become braver and feel a big sense of achievement.

When and where to try it

A coastal city, find a coach because this is a professional sport and I cannot do that by myself.

Buy special suit and equipment, learn how to control my breath, etc.

Maybe next summer, I would go for this.

19,Describe an ambition you have prepared for a long time.

You should say

What the ambition is

When you had the ambition

How long you have prepared it

And explain why you have the ambition.

I have a dream...

Why...(sense of achievement, better life)

I have prepared it for more than 10 years

I need to improve two skills(English, professional skills as a surgeon)

They are equally important

Although it’s a long way , I believe my dream will come true some day.

20, Describe an activity which you attend occasionally but a little expensive.

You should say

What the activity is

When and where you attend it

How often you do this and why it is expensive

And how you feel about it.

Describe an accidental activity that cost a lot.

Describe an activity you attended that was the most expensive.

21, Describe an intelligent person you know.

You should say

Who the person is/was

What he/she did/does

Why he/she is/was intelligent

And what you can learn from this person.

As to a smart person, I would like to introduce you one of my relatives, my uncle. He is a successful businessman. I really admire his intelligence mainly because he started his business from nothing and now has made it so great. Around 10 years ago, my uncle, Mr. Wang was only a clerk in an office, earning a little money monthly. However, in order to make his family live a better life, he decided to do business. Actually, my uncle didn’t receive good education in college. He only went to high school and began to work after leaving school. With his wits, cleverness and social skills, he gradually saved his first big number of money and used the money to establish a small company that sold pizza. Around 3 years later, his pizza restaurant had become a chain store. He bought houses and cars and his family have never worried about being short of money. As a man who always pursued his dream, my uncle continued to work hard in doing business and he transferred to run a real estate company 7 years ago. Currently, my uncle is one of the top businessmen in my hometown and his properties has been up to 1 billion RMB. As his nephew, I adore him so much and he is a perfect example that I can always learn from.

22, Describe an experience you have listened to but you were not interested in it.

You should say

What the experience is

When and where you listened to it

Who told something about this experience

And why you were not interested in this experience.

Describe a topic/conversation which you were not interested in.

Describe a boring topic/conversation but you had to listen to.

Describe an interesting conversation you remember well.

23, Describe a tradition/custom in your country.

You should say

What the tradition is

When you began to you have this tradition

What you did about this tradition

And how you feel about this tradition.

Eating dumplings.

2000 years

A doctor created such delicacy, as a type of medicine to make people feel warm

Joke, once eating dumplings, we don’t feel cold and our ears would not fall down even though it is frozen. Just a joke. Like London Bridge falling down.

When it is on important festivals, such as spring festival, mid-autumn day, winter solstice, new year’s day....

My mom does well in cooking dumplings.

Every time when missing home, I miss my mom’s dumplings.

24, Describe a person that is willing to help others.(an accommodating person)

You should say

Who the person is

How you knew this person

What the person does/did to help others

And explain why this person would like to help others.

Describe someone who likes helping others.

For this topic, I would like to introduce you my classmate, XXX. We have been friends for 3 years. She is an accommodating girl and always helps others, such as being a tutor for other students for free, lending money to people in need, introducing boyfriends or girlfriends to her friends, etc.

I used to get her help a lot. For example, when I was a sophomore two years ago, I got hurt at my ankle and couldn’t go to see a doctor by myself. She accompanied me there. In hospital, she helped me make an appointment with the doctor, buy medicine, and so forth. During my recovering time, she was also like my mother, getting food for me, communicating with our teacher about assignments and homework, very thoughtful.

I felt so grateful to her.

I am really happy to have such a friend and I take her as my example to learn from.

25, Describe a time when you were scared by an animal.

You should say

What animal you saw

When and where you went

Why felt scared of the animal

What you did finally.

Summer vacation, 3 or 4 years ago,grandma’s home, in her yard.

I was using a mower to cut grass. A yellowish and greenish snake came out and wound its way towards me. Shocked, scared and then screamed...

My father quickly ran out of room and asked what had happened to me.

When he saw the snake, he soon found a stick and then hit the snake.

The snake escaped right away.

My grandma then moved out as well and she said the snake often played in the yard and never bit anyone. She also told me that the snake was not poisonous.

Describe a wild animal you have seen.

26, Describe a new skill which you have recently got.

You should say

What the skill is

When and where you learned something for the skill

How long you have learned

And why you wanted to obtain such a skill.

Describe someone that taught you some new skills.

Mother

Riding a bicycle; how to communicate with friends; how to look after a baby(feed it milk and change diapers.)

Describe someone who taught you a skill when you were a child.

Grandma. She has taught me a few skills that are all useful and practical, such as how to cook, how to ride a bicycle, how to communicate with friends, etc.

One of the most impressive skill was to recognize or find out the right direction or way in a strange place. The skill includes reading a map, how to make sure direction through watching the Sun and the Moon.

Later, every time when going to a new place, I will/would not get lost.

I feel so grateful to my grandma for what she has helped me.

Describe a skill you think you can teach other people.

27, Describe your first time/experience you had a communication in foreign language.

You should say

Who you communicated with

When and where this happened

What foreign language you used

And how you felt about this.

28, Describe an indoor game you liked doing when you were a child.

You should say

What the indoor game is called

When and where you played this game

Who you played the game with

And explain why you liked playing this game.

Table tennis game

At home and at school

3 or 4 times a week

Classmates and parents

Healthier, more flexible

At school, both failing and winning

At home, for most time, I won because my parents didn’t show their real skills in order to give me the sense of achievement. I knew this later.

Now, not very often, because I’m busy with studying.

29, Describe a science subject which you like studying.

You should say

What the science subject is

When and where you have studied it

How long you have studied the subject

And explain why you like this subject (improving my logic thinking; explaining lots of interesting phenomenons in nature, very cool and mysterious; Some physics knowledge helps us solve problems in life. For example, I can repair electric devices with electricity knowledge ).

Describe a science field which you are interested in.

Describe an area of science you are interested in (e.g. physics, biology)

30, Describe a person who you think is very open.

You should say

Who the person is

When and where you knew this person

How often you see this person

And explain what things show that the person is open.

Describe a person who expresses ideas openly.

What things show this guy’s open ideas?

Accept modern or new ideas, such as no marriage, DINK...

As an old person, He/she always does young people’s activities, like playing new apps on phone;

Pursue fashion, always dresses himself in trendy clothes;

When discussing some matters or issues with others, he will always give some new or surprising ideas as well as reasonable.