

Part2

IELTS Speaking Topic

近期观影

Describe a movie you watched and enjoyed recently

You should say:

When and where you watched it

Who you watched it with

What it was about

And explain why you watched this movie

I recently watched a movie called "The Wandering Earth 2" and I absolutely loved it. I watched it just last weekend at a cinema near my university. I went with a couple of my classmates because we had some free time after finishing our mid-term exams.

So, "The Wandering Earth 2" is a Chinese sci-fi movie that's set in the future. The basic plot revolves around the Earth facing a catastrophic (灾难性的) event, and humanity has to find a way to survive. They come up with this crazy idea to move the entire planet to a new star system using giant thrusters (推进器). The movie is filled with intense (强烈的) action scenes and some really touching moments that explore human relationships and sacrifices (牺牲).

We chose to watch this movie for a few reasons. Firstly, it had received a lot of hype (宣传) and good reviews, so we were curious. Secondly, it's not often that you see a high-quality sci-fi movie

coming from China, and we wanted to support our local film industry. Plus, the special effects (特效) looked amazing in the trailers (预告片), and we thought it would be a great way to unwind (放松) after our exams.

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学到新东西的网络视频

Describe an online video in which you learned something new

You should say

When and where you watched it

What it was

Why you watched it

And explain what you have learned from it

Yeah, I absolutely love watching online videos to learn new things. One video that really stood out to me was a TED Talk I watched last semester. It was around November, and I was in my dorm room, just browsing for something interesting to watch.

The video was about the importance of emotional intelligence (情商) in the workplace. The speaker, who was an expert in psychology (心理学), explained how understanding and managing our emotions can significantly impact our success and relationships at work. I decided to watch it because I had been feeling a bit stressed out with my studies and group projects, and I thought it might help me manage my stress better.

What I learned from the video was truly eye-opening. The speaker discussed various techniques for improving emotional intelligence, such as being more aware of our own emotions and practicing

empathy (同理心) towards others. For example, she mentioned that taking a few deep breaths before responding to a stressful situation can help you think more clearly. She also talked about the importance of active listening (积极倾听), which means really paying attention to what the other person is saying without planning your response while they' re talking.

After watching the video, I started applying these techniques in my daily life. I noticed that I was able to handle stressful situations more calmly and communicate more effectively with my classmates. This has not only helped me in my studies but also improved my relationships with friends and family.

So, overall, this video was incredibly beneficial to me, and I' m really glad I took the time to watch it. It' s amazing how a simple online video can have such a positive impact on your life.

重新联络的老朋友

Describe an old friend you had lost touch with and got in contact with again

You should say :

Who he/she is

How you knew each other

Why you lost contact

How you got in contact again

And explain how you felt after getting in contact again

I'd like to share a story about reconnecting with an old friend, Wang Lin. We first met during our freshman (大一新生) year at college. We were put in the same dormitory, so we naturally (自然地) became good friends. We used to study together, have late-night snacks, and chat about everything under the sun.

However, after the first year, he decided to switch his major, which meant we had fewer classes together and different schedules (时间表). Over time, we both got busier with our new courses and activities, and eventually, we lost touch. It wasn' t intentional (故意的), but just how things worked out. Plus, both of us got new circles of friends and were focused on our own studies and interests.

Just a few months ago, out of the blue, I saw his name pop up on my WeChat notifications. It was his birthday reminder (提醒), actually. I thought it was a good opportunity (机会) to reconnect,

so I sent him a birthday message. He responded almost (几乎) instantly (立即), thanking me and suggesting (建议) we catch up sometime. I was really excited because I'd missed our old times together.

We arranged to meet up during the Spring Festival when both of us were back in our hometown. The moment we met, it felt like no time had passed at all. We went to a local café, chatted non-stop about our lives, our new friends, and even things like future career (职业) plans. It was such a comfortable and nostalgic feeling to talk to someone who knew me so well back in the day. Reconnecting with Wang Lin was a delightful experience. It reminded me that even though we may lose touch with people due to life's circumstances (情况), true friendships can always be rekindled (重燃). I felt a mix of nostalgia and happiness, and it made me realize the importance of maintaining connections with those who have played significant roles in our lives.

帮助亲人

Describe an occasion when you helped a family member/relative with something

You should say

When it happened

Who you helped

How you helped

And explain how you felt about the experience

I remember this one time when I helped my younger cousin with his school project (项目). It happened about a year ago, during the summer holidays. My cousin, who's in middle school, had this big history project that he was really stressed (压力大的) about.

So, he came to me for help because he knew I was pretty good at history. I decided to help him out because, well, family is important and I wanted to see him succeed. We spent a few afternoons together working on it. I helped him research the topic, which was about ancient Chinese inventions (发明), and we also put together a presentation with some cool visuals (视觉资料). We used my laptop to find information and I showed him how to organize (组织) his notes properly. I also helped him practice his presentation (演示) skills because he was a bit shy about

speaking in front of the class. I think the most challenging (有挑战性的) part was keeping him focused because, you know, kids can get distracted (分心的) easily. But in the end, he did a great job and even got an A on the project.

I felt really proud of him and also a bit proud of myself for being able to help. It was a rewarding (有回报的) experience because I got to bond (建立联系) with my cousin and I also felt like I made a positive impact on his education. Plus, it reminded me of how important it is to support each other in the family.

获奖

Describe a prize you have received recently (e.g.money, something valuable, a medal)

You should say:

What it was

When you received it

What you did to receive it

And explain how you felt about it

I recently got a really cool gadget (小玩意), a smartwatch, from a tech competition (比赛) I participated in at my university. It's probably one of the most useful prizes I've ever won. So, it happened just last month during a tech fair that's held annually at our campus. I had to present a project I'd been working on for months, which was an app designed to help students manage their time more effectively.

To win this prize, I invested a lot of effort into developing and perfecting the app. I spent numerous (许多的) late nights coding, debugging (纠错), and testing it out. I also had to prepare an engaging presentation that not only showcased the technical aspects (方面) but also demonstrated how the app could solve real-life problems for students. On the day of the tech fair, I felt pretty nervous, but I pushed through because I believed in my project.

When they announced (宣布) I had won the first prize, which was the smartwatch, I was over the moon. It was one of those moments where I felt like all my hard work and sleepless nights were worth it. Plus, as a tech enthusiast, getting a high-tech gadget like a smartwatch was super exciting. Wearing it now reminds me of that achievement (成就) and how dedication (奉献) really pays off.

Also, this experience was kind of a confidence booster (增强信心的事物) for me. It made me realize that I could take on challenging projects and succeed. It definitely encouraged me to keep exploring and pushing the boundaries in tech. So, yeah, this prize was not just valuable in a material sense but also meaningful for my personal growth (个人成长).

喜欢做手工的人

Describe a person who likes to make things by hand (e.g. toys, furniture)

You should say:

Who this person is

What he/she makes

Why he/she likes to make things by hand

And explain how you feel about the person

Yeah, I absolutely admire (钦佩) my friend Li Wei. He's really into making things by hand, and I think it's super impressive. Li Wei is a college student like me, and he's majoring in engineering, which probably helps with his skills.

He makes all sorts of things, but I think his favorite is making wooden furniture. He's got this small workshop in his apartment where he spends hours crafting (制作) tables, chairs, and even some decorative (装饰的) items. He's really talented, and the stuff he makes looks like it could be sold in a store.

Li Wei likes making things by hand because it gives him a sense of accomplishment (成就感). He once told me that when he finishes a piece, he feels proud because he can see the results of his hard work. Plus, he says it's a great way to relieve stress. Instead of just studying all the time, he can do something creative and productive.

I feel really inspired (激励) by Li Wei. His dedication and passion for his hobby make me want to find something I'm equally passionate about. Also, I think it's amazing how he balances his studies and his hobby so well. It shows that if you're organized and passionate, you can achieve a lot.

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一张照片/画

Describe a picture/photograph of you that you like

You should say:

Where it was taken/drawn

When it was taken/drawn

Who took/drew it

And explain how you felt about it

Sure, I'd be happy to describe a picture of me that I'm quite fond(喜爱的) of. The picture was taken on our university campus, right in the heart of the bustling city. It was during the spring, a time when the cherry blossoms were in full bloom, creating a stunning backdrop. The day was perfect with clear blue skies and a gentle breeze that made the whole scene feel like something out of a movie.

A close friend of mine took the photo. She's an amateur(业余的) photographer who always had her camera on hand, ready to capture spontaneous(自发的) moments. We were walking back from class and she insisted on taking a picture because, in her words, the scenery was too beautiful to pass up.

In the photo, I'm sitting on a bench under a canopy of cherry blossoms. I'm looking off into the distance with a thoughtful expression, which was quite typical of me at that time, as I was often lost in thought about my future plans. The sunlight filters through the branches, casting a warm glow on everything, and there's a sense of tranquility(宁静) that I think the photo conveys(传达) very well.

When I look at this picture, I'm filled with a sense of nostalgia(怀旧). It reminds me of the carefree days of student life, the friendships I formed, and the dreams I harbored. It's more than just a picture; it's a snapshot of who I was at that time and the hopes I had. It brings back a lot of good memories and also serves as a reminder of the journey I've been on since then.

Every time I see this photo, I feel a mix of happiness and a bit of wistfulness(伤感). It's a treasured keepsake(纪念品) that I'll always hold dear, not just for the image itself, but for the memories and emotions it evokes(唤起).

让你骄傲的事

Describe something you did that made you feel proud

You should say:

What it was

How you did it

What difficulty you had

How you dealt with the difficulty

And explain why you felt proud of it

Ever since in high school, I have always been insecure with (对...缺乏信心) my body size. I always feel bad about my body shape (体型) whenever I look at the mirror. So, I did something about it. Today, I would like to share with you something that made me feel proud about myself. So, what made me proud is achieving my ideal weight. This month, I have lost more than 10 kilograms which made me obtain my dream weight which is 50. As for the process, I followed a diet plan (饮食计划) which was suggested by my mother's doctor and nutritionist (营养师). I worked out in the gym at least thrice a week (一周三次) for one to two hours each day. I reduced my food intake (进食). I had disciplined myself.

Whenever my friends invite me for a food trip, I always control what I eat. I have avoided some food which has high calorie or protein. I also stopped drinking soda (喝碳酸苏打水) which has high fat.

Personally, losing weight wasn't easy. I got tempted a lot but I did everything just to control myself. I always reminded myself about the results that I will attain. I never surrendered (屈服, 放弃). I persisted until I achieve my goal.

I know, what I have done is just a simple thing. But then, it means a lot to me. Getting back in shape has brought back my confidence and trust to myself. I am happy about it. I am so proud of myself.

传统节日

Describe a traditional celebration you enjoy in your country

You should say:

What it is

Who you celebrate with

What you do in this celebration

And explain why you enjoy this traditional celebration

One traditional celebration in my country that I really enjoy is the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival. It's a special occasion when family and friends come together to celebrate and appreciate the full moon.

During the Mid-Autumn Festival, I usually celebrate with my family and close relatives. We gather at someone's home or a nearby park, bringing along colorful lanterns (灯笼) and delicious mooncakes (月饼). It's a joyous time filled with laughter and warmth.

In this celebration, we engage in various activities. One of the highlights is carrying lanterns, especially the beautiful and intricate ones shaped like animals or cartoon characters. We stroll around, admiring the glowing lanterns, while children often participate in lantern parades.

Another important tradition is sharing and enjoying mooncakes. These delectable (美味的, 可口的) pastries with different fillings, like lotus seed paste (莲蓉) or red bean (红豆), are enjoyed while sipping on fragrant (芬芳的, 香的) tea. It's a delightful experience to taste these sweet treats and exchange good wishes with loved ones.

I truly enjoy the Mid-Autumn Festival because it brings people closer. It's a time when families

reunite, expressing love and gratitude for one another. I cherish the moments spent with my loved ones, sharing stories, laughter, and delicious food. The warm atmosphere, beautiful lanterns, and the significance of the full moon make this celebration truly magical.

别人做的特殊一餐

Describe a special meal that someone made for you

You should say:

Who did it

When and how he/she cooked

What and why he/she cooked for you

And explain how you felt about the meal

Alright, so I'm going to talk about the time when my roommate(室友), who's also from China, cooked a special meal for me. It was around the time of the Mid-Autumn Festival(中秋节) last year. You know, when we're supposed to gather with family and eat mooncakes(月饼). Since we were both studying abroad and couldn't go back home, he decided to cook something special to celebrate it in our own way.

He's actually quite good at cooking, and he decided to make us a traditional Chinese hotpot(火锅). He spent the whole afternoon preparing it, going to the market to get fresh ingredients(食材) like thinly sliced(薄切) meat, a variety of veggies(蔬菜 (非正式)), tofu(豆腐), and, of course, the spices(香料) and broth that are the heart of a good hotpot. He said he wanted to do this because he missed home and cooking is a way for him to remember the good times with family.

Sitting down to that meal, I've got to say, it felt like a piece of home. The flavors were so rich and reminded me of the meals I used to have with my family. It wasn't just about the food, you know, it was the whole experience - the warmth of the broth(肉汤), the variety of ingredients we cooked, and the company. It made me a bit homesick(想家的), but in a good way, because it showed how we could keep our traditions alive even when we're far away from home.

So, yeah, I felt really grateful for that meal. It wasn't just delicious; it was thoughtful and it brought a sense of togetherness(团聚感) when I was feeling a bit isolated(孤立的). It's definitely a meal I won't forget.

别人做的好决定

Describe someone you know who made a good decision recently

You should say:

Who he/she is

When he/she made the decision

What decision he/she made

Why it was a good decision

And explain how you felt about the decision

Alright, so I'd like to talk about my friend, Zhang Wei, who made a really wise decision(决定) recently. Zhang Wei is a university classmate of mine, and we've known each other for a couple of years now. He's studying computer science, and he's always been super passionate about technology and programming.

The decision he made was just a few weeks ago, right before the spring semester began. You see, Zhang Wei had been juggling a part-time job alongside his studies, which was really taking a toll on his academic performance and personal life. He was always stressed out and didn't have time for anything else.

So, after a lot of thought and consideration, he decided to quit his part-time job so he could focus solely on his final year project and coursework. It was a tough call because the job was giving him some financial independence, but he realized that his education should be his top priority(优先), especially with graduation just around the corner.

I think it was a good decision because, since he's made that change, I've noticed a significant(显著的) improvement in his overall well-being(幸福感). He's more relaxed, his grades have gone up, and he's even started working on a personal project that could potentially be a breakthrough(突破) in his field. Besides, he's been able to spend more quality time with friends and family.

When he told me about his decision, I felt really proud of him. It takes courage(勇气) to let go of something secure for the greater good of your future. I was also relieved because I saw how the stress was affecting him, and I knew that this change would bring a positive impact(影响) on his life.

So yeah, Zhang Wei's decision to quit his job and focus on his studies was definitely a smart move, and it's inspiring to see someone make such a strategic(战略的) choice for their personal and professional growth.

宜居之城

Describe a place (city/town) that is good for people to live in

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew this place

What it is like

And explain why it is better than other places to live in

Alright, so I'd like to talk about a place that I believe is fantastic for people to live in, and that's the city of Xiamen, located in the southeastern province of Fujian, China. I first came to know about Xiamen through friends at university who are originally from there. They always describe it with such passion that it piqued my curiosity.

Xiamen is a coastal(沿海的) city with a moderate(温和的) climate, which is neither too hot in summer nor too cold in winter. It's known for its clean streets, lush parks, and beautiful beaches. The city has a laid-back(闲散的) vibe compared to the hustle and bustle(忙碌) of mega-cities like Beijing or Shanghai. It's also home to several top universities, which attract students from all over China and contribute to the city's vibrant(充满活力的), youthful atmosphere.

The reason I believe Xiamen is superior to other places to live in China is multifaceted(多方面的). Firstly, it's the quality of life. The city has a great balance between urban development and natural beauty. You've got the convenience of city living with shopping malls and restaurants, but you're never too far away from a beach or a hiking trail in the nearby mountains.

Secondly, the city's infrastructure(基础设施) is well-developed, with an efficient public transportation system, making it easy to get around. Additionally, Xiamen has a reputation for being one of the cleanest cities in China, which is a significant consideration for health and wellbeing.

Lastly, Xiamen is rich in culture, with the unique Hokkien heritage and colonial history, as seen in the architecture of Gulangyu Island, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site(联合国教科文组织世界遗产地). This cultural blend(混合) offers residents a chance to experience a diverse mix of traditions and lifestyles.

In conclusion, Xiamen's combination of pleasant climate, recreational opportunities, cultural diversity, and high standard of living make it an ideal place for people looking for a balanced and fulfilling(令人满足的) life.

向他人展示新东西

Describe a time that you showed something new to others

You should say:

When it was

What it was

Who you showed it to

How you showed it

And explain how you felt about it

Certainly, I remember quite vividly(生动地) this one time when I introduced something quite new to my classmates. It was during our university's cultural exchange(文化交流) week, which happened to be in the spring of last year.

The thing I showed them was a traditional Chinese shadow puppetry performance. It's an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment which uses flat articulated(可动的) figures to create the illusion(幻觉) of moving images.

I shared this with my classmates, who come from various parts of the world. Most of them had never seen anything like this before, and it was an excellent opportunity to share a piece of my heritage(遗产).

To show them, I set up a small stage in the common area of our dormitory. I had brought a few shadow puppets from home, and I used a white sheet and a lamp to create the shadow effects. I chose a simple folk tale that I thought would be easy for them to follow and started the performance.

I have to say, the experience was exhilarating(令人兴奋的). There was something magical about bringing a part of my culture to life for others to enjoy. My classmates were absolutely fascinated(被迷住的) by the intricate(复杂精致的) designs of the puppets and the way I manipulated them to tell the story. They asked many questions about the history and the technique, which I was more than happy to answer.

After the performance, I felt a sense of pride and accomplishment(成就). It was a reminder of the richness of my culture and the importance of sharing it with others. It's moments like these that bridge cultural gaps and create a deeper understanding among people from different backgrounds.

Here are the phonetic symbols and Chinese explanations for some of the words and phrases that might be unfamiliar:

和别人一起做的事

Describe something that you did with someone/a group of people

You should say

What it was

Who you did it with

How long it took you to do this

And explain why you did it together

Yeah, I absolutely love spending time with my friends, and one of the most memorable things we did together was a group project for our marketing class last semester. We had to come up with a comprehensive(综合的) marketing plan for a local business, and it was quite an intense experience.

I did this project with three of my closest classmates, Li Wei, Zhang Ming, and Chen Rui. We all have different strengths. Specifically, Li Wei is great at research, Zhang Ming is a whiz(能手) with numbers, and Chen Rui has amazing design skills. So it was great to see how we could combine our skills to create something really impressive.

The whole project took us about three weeks to complete. We spent countless hours in the library and even more time meeting up after classes to brainstorm(头脑风暴) and put everything together. And while doing it, we divided the tasks among ourselves, so it was a real team effort.

We decided to work together on this project because we knew that combining our strengths(优势) would give us the best chance of getting a good grade. Plus, we all got along really well, which made the whole process a lot more enjoyable. We also learned a lot from each other, and it was a great opportunity for us to bond outside of our usual social activities.

In the end, our hard work paid off, and we got an excellent grade for the project. It was a really rewarding(有意义的) experience, and it taught me a lot about teamwork and the importance of playing to each other's strengths.

年轻人的偶像

Describe someone (a famous person) that you think is a good role model for young people

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you know him/her

What he/she has done

And explain why he/she is a good role model for young people

Yeah, I absolutely admire Jack Ma. I think he's one of the most inspiring figures for young people in China. Jack Ma is the founder of Alibaba, which is one of the largest e-commerce(电子商务) companies in the world. I first got to know about him when I was in high school, as he often appeared in the news and on social media due to his success and unique perspectives(观点) on business and life.

Jack Ma's journey to success wasn't easy, which is one of the reasons why I find him so admirable. He faced numerous rejections(拒绝) and failures before finally establishing Alibaba. For instance, he was rejected from Harvard University ten times and even got turned down for a job at KFC. Despite all these setbacks(挫折), he never gave up and kept pushing forward. This determination is something I think many young people can learn from.

Moreover, Jack Ma has done a lot to give back to society(回馈社会). He founded the Jack Ma Foundation, which focuses on improving education, the environment, and public health. His philanthropic(慈善的) efforts show that success isn't just about making money but also about making a positive impact on the world. This sense of responsibility and generosity(慷慨, 大方) is something I believe young people should emulate(效仿).

Another reason why Jack Ma is a great role model is his innovative(创新的) thinking. He always encourages young people to think outside the box and to embrace new technologies and ideas. In a rapidly changing world, this kind of mindset is crucial for success. His speeches and interviews are full of wisdom and practical advice, which I find incredibly motivating.

So, in summary, Jack Ma's perseverance(毅力), philanthropy, and innovative thinking make him an excellent role model for young people. His life story teaches us that no matter how many times we fail, we should never give up on our dreams.

看过并想尝试的运动

Describe a sport you watched and would like to try

You should say

When and where you watched it

Why you watched it

Who you watched it with

Whether you will do it in the future

And explain how you felt about it

Yeah, I recently watched rock climbing on TV, and I think it's something I'd really like to try. I watched it a couple of months ago during a sports event that was broadcasted from a famous climbing gym in Beijing. I was just flipping through channels when I stumbled upon it, and it caught my attention immediately.

I decided to watch it because I've always been fascinated by activities that challenge both the mind and body. Plus, the climbers made it look so graceful and effortless, even though I knew it must be incredibly tough. I watched it with a couple of my friends from university. We were all just hanging out in the dormitory, looking for something interesting to watch, and this seemed perfect.

As for whether I'll try it in the future, I definitely plan to. I've already looked up some local climbing gyms and found one that offers beginner courses. I think it would be a great way to stay fit and also push my limits. Besides, it's something different from the usual sports like basketball or running, which I've done plenty of.

I felt really inspired while watching it. The climbers were so focused and determined, and it made me realize that rock climbing is not just about physical strength but also about mental endurance and problem-solving skills. It's like a puzzle that you solve with your entire body, and that concept really appeals to me. So, yeah, I'm pretty excited about giving it a shot soon.

1. fascinated /'fæsɪˌneɪtɪd/ 着迷的
2. graceful /'ɡreɪsfəl/ 优雅的
3. effortless /'efərtlɪs/ 轻松的
4. inspired /ɪn'spaɪərd/ 受到启发的
5. endurance /ɪn'dʒʊərəns/ 耐力

Part2

IELTS Speaking Topic

教晚辈

Describe a time you taught something new to a younger person

You should say:

When it happened

What you taught

Who you taught

Why you taught this person

And how you felt about the teaching

Yeah, I remember this one time I taught my younger cousin how to play basketball. It happened last summer during our family reunion. My cousin, who's about 12 years old, had always been interested in basketball but never really got the chance to learn the basics (基础). So, I thought it would be a great idea to spend some time teaching him.

First, I showed him how to dribble (运球) the ball properly because, you know, that's the foundation (基础) of the game. I explained that he needed to keep his head up and not look at the ball while dribbling. Then, I taught him how to shoot, emphasizing (强调) the importance of having a good stance (站姿) and following through ((擊球、踢球或擲球後) 完成順勢動作, 做隨球

動作) with his shot. We spent a lot of time practicing these skills, and I could see he was really enjoying it.

I taught him because I wanted him to have the confidence (自信) to play with his friends and maybe even join a basketball team at school. Plus, basketball is a great way to stay active and healthy, which I think is really important, especially for young kids.

As for how I felt about the teaching, I have to say it was incredibly rewarding (有益的;值得的;有意义的;令人满意的). Seeing his progress (进步) and the smile on his face when he made his first basket was priceless. It also made me realize how much I enjoy teaching and sharing my knowledge with others. It was a great bonding (促进感情) experience for both of us, and I felt proud to have helped him learn something new.

童年喜欢的活动/儿时休闲活动

Describe an activity you enjoyed in your free time when you were young

You should say:

What it was

Where you did it

Who you did it with

And explain why you enjoyed it

I would say I have much to share when it comes to my childhood memories. One particular activity I did as a child was a jigsaw puzzle which consists of bits and pieces (零零碎碎) of puzzles that are cut into various shapes and can fit together (组合在一起) to form a picture. During that time, I went to my friend's house after school, like I always do and looking through her stuff, I discovered her collection of jigsaw puzzles. I have to be honest, the first time I tried it, I was in deep waters (处于困境) as I couldn't figure out (理解) the logic of how to put those puzzles together. It took me about 3 days to finish the picture of a painting of a Chinese garden. However, watching the picture slowly formed before my eyes, which made me even more excited with each piece I placed together. From then on, I just couldn't get enough of it and asked my mom to buy me more and more jigsaw puzzles, until my room was filled with a collection of them, and some were even framed by my

parents. My personal favorite is the Mona Lisa which I still keep in my room. At present, due to the fact that I have so many things on my plate(很多事情要处理), I couldn't find time to play my favorite pastime (娱乐). However, I'm definitely considering going back to (重新开始) this hobby because why not? It would be nostalgic (怀旧的) for me as it would bring back (使记起) some old memories from my childhood.

嘈杂地

Describe a noisy place you have been to

You should say:

Where it is

When you went there

What you did there

And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

When it comes to a raucous (喧闹的) place I can recall, it has to be the time I went to the central city to participate in the New Year's Eve countdown celebration. If my memory serves me well, I drove eight hours to reach the metropolis (大都市) in order to partake (参与) in the exquisite gala (精致晚会) night of celebrities in the city Capital. To my utter shock (令我彻底震惊), as we reached the location, a swarm of spectators (一群观众) dominated (围住了) us, making it look as if we were in a concert owing to the loud sound emanating from (来自) the bass of the stereo (立体声的低音) and the loud chanting (大声吟唱) of individuals as they rejoiced (欢欣鼓舞) over the music being played.

Everyone was so caught up (沉浸) in the moment that nobody considered stillness (寂静).

As a result, we attempted to find a nice vantage point (位置) from which to observe the fireworks (烟花) display.

Everyone was pumped and enthusiastic (兴奋不已和热情洋溢), and it wasn't simply the music that helped, but also the simultaneous screaming (尖叫声) that made the atmosphere dynamic (使气氛充满活力).

We all yelled (大喊) for the countdown (倒数) 10 seconds before the clock hit twelve, and the counting that followed was a tremendous smack (巨大的一声) in the ear. The new year's party was

extremely loud and boisterous (喧闹的), but according to custom, this is the only way to throw away bad luck and tragedies (悲剧; 灾难) from the previous year.

The occasion was quite rewarding, despite the fact that, following the occurrence (事件发生之后), it was extremely difficult for me to comprehend what others were saying. What I mean is, I felt a little deaf (耳聋) for a moment, but thanks to the moment of profound delight (深切的喜悦), I submerged (沉浸) myself in full vigor and enthusiasm (活力和热情) crept (悄悄蔓延) into my system. It's the sensation (感受) I experienced after being restricted (被限制) at home owing to coronavirus limitations (冠状病毒的限制). I would argue that this is a sign of freedom and fresh hope for everyone, and it is wonderful to celebrate the arrival of a new year with greater prospects and living standards for everybody.

冒风险

Describe a risk you took that you thought would lead to a terrible result but ended up with a positive result

You should say:

When you took the risk

Why you took the risk

How it went

And explain how you felt about it

Yeah, I remember this one time when I took a pretty big risk. It was during my second year at university. I decided to join a national debate competition even though I had never participated in one before. I thought it would be a disaster (灾难) because I was really nervous and didn't have much experience, but it actually turned out great.

So, I took the risk around mid-semester when I saw a poster about the competition. I had always been interested in debates but never had the courage to join one. I figured it would be a good way to improve my public speaking skills (公众演讲技能) and boost my confidence (增强自信). Plus, it seemed like a great opportunity to meet new people and learn from them.

When I finally decided to go for it, I spent a lot of time preparing. I read up on various topics, practiced my arguments (论点), and even did some mock (模拟) debates with my friends. On the day

of the competition, I was super nervous. My hands were shaking, and I could barely think straight. But once I started speaking, I felt a bit more at ease(放松). Surprisingly(令人惊讶地), my team and I did really well. We made it to the finals and ended up winning second place.

I felt a huge sense of relief and accomplishment(成就). It was like all my hard work had paid off. I was also really proud of myself for stepping out of my comfort zone(舒适区). This experience taught me that sometimes taking risks can lead to amazing results, even if you're scared at first.

经常拍照的地方

Describe a place where you have taken photos more than once

You should say:

Where the place is

When you took the photos

What special features the photos taken there have

And explain why you have been there more than once to take photos

Yeah, I absolutely love taking photos in the ancient town of Wuzhen. I think it's one of the most picturesque(如画的) places in China. Wuzhen is located in Zhejiang Province, and it's a traditional water town with a lot of historical buildings and beautiful canals. The first time I went there was during a school trip when I was a freshman. The scenery was so stunning that I couldn't resist taking hundreds of photos. Since then, I've been back several times, especially during different seasons, because each time, the town offers a new perspective(视角) and unique beauty.

One of the special features of the photos taken in Wuzhen is the combination of ancient architecture and natural beauty. The old wooden houses, stone bridges, and narrow alleys create a nostalgic(怀旧的) atmosphere, while the canals and greenery add a touch of tranquility(宁静). When the sunlight hits the water, it creates beautiful reflections that make the photos look almost magical. Additionally, during festivals like the Lantern Festival, the town is decorated with colorful lanterns, which makes the photos even more vibrant(充满生机的) and lively.

I've been to Wuzhen more than once because it's a place that allows me to capture different moods and atmospheres. For instance, in spring, the flowers bloom and everything looks fresh and lively.

In autumn, the leaves turn golden, giving the town a warm and cozy feel. Also, Wuzhen is a great place to practice photography skills, as it offers a variety of subjects and lighting conditions. Plus, it's not too far from my university, so it's convenient to visit whenever I have some free time.

Overall, Wuzhen is a perfect blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, which makes it an ideal place for photography. Every visit feels like a new adventure, and I always discover something new to capture with my camera.

喜欢一起学习/工作的人

Describe a person you really enjoy studying/working with

You should say:

Who this person is

When you often study/work together

What you study/work together

And explain why you enjoy studying/working with him/her

Yeah, I absolutely enjoy studying with my classmate, Li Wei. I think he's one of the most hardworking and intelligent people I've ever met. We're both majoring in finance at our university, so we often find ourselves working on the same projects and assignments (作业).

We usually study together in the evenings, especially when we have important exams or deadlines coming up. We like to go to the library because it's quiet and we can concentrate (集中注意力) better. Sometimes, we also study in coffee shops when we need a change of environment.

We study a lot of different subjects together, like financial accounting, investment analysis, and corporate finance. Li Wei is particularly good at understanding complex financial models (金融模型) and explaining them in a way that makes sense. Whenever I have trouble grasping (理解) a concept, he's always there to help me out. We also work on group projects together, and I have to say, he's a fantastic team player. He's very organized and always makes sure we meet our deadlines.

I really enjoy studying with Li Wei because he's not just smart; he's also very patient and supportive (支持的). He never makes me feel stupid for asking questions, no matter how basic they might seem. Additionally, he has a great sense of humor, which makes our study sessions a lot more enjoyable. We often take short breaks to chat and joke around, which helps reduce the stress of studying.

Overall, studying with Li Wei has been a great experience. I feel like I've learned a lot from him, not just about finance, but also about how to be a better student and team player. I'm really grateful to have him as a study partner.

自然之地

Describe a natural place (e.g. park, mountain)

You should say:

Where this place is

How you knew this place

What it is like

And explain why you like to visit it

Alright, so let me tell you about a natural place I really like visiting. In fact, I absolutely love going to Jiuzhaigou National Park. I think it's one of the most beautiful places in China. It's located in Sichuan Province, and it's famous for its colorful lakes, waterfalls, and snow-capped peaks.

I first heard about Jiuzhaigou from a friend who visited there a few years ago. She showed me some photos, and I was immediately mesmerized (着迷的) by the stunning scenery. So, last summer, I decided to go there with a few of my classmates. We took a flight to Chengdu and then a bus to the park. It was a long journey, but totally worth it.

When you arrive at Jiuzhaigou, the first thing you notice is the crystal-clear (清澈透明的) water. The lakes are so transparent that you can see the bottom, even in the deepest parts. The colors of the water range from turquoise (绿松石色) to emerald (翡翠绿) green, depending on the

minerals and algae in the water. There are also lots of waterfalls, some big and some small, cascading ((水)飞流直下, 倾泻而下) down the mountainsides. The whole place feels like a fairy tale (童话), especially when the sun shines and creates rainbows in the mist of the waterfalls.

I really like visiting Jiuzhaigou because it offers a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle (喧嚣) of city life. As a college student, I often feel stressed with my studies and exams. Going to Jiuzhaigou allows me to relax and recharge. The fresh air, the sound of the water, and the beautiful scenery make me feel at peace. Plus, it's a great place to take photos and create memories with friends.

In conclusion, Jiuzhaigou National Park is a natural paradise that everyone should visit at least once. It's not just a feast for the eyes, but also a sanctuary (庇护所) for the soul.

未来想学的学科

Describe a subject that you would like to learn in the future

You should say:

What it is

Where and how you want to learn it

Why you want to learn it

And explain if it will be difficult to learn it

I've been thinking a lot about learning digital marketing in the future. I think it's a super useful skill, especially in today's world where everything is done online. So, digital marketing is basically about promoting products or services through digital channels like social media, search engines, emails, and websites.

I'd probably want to learn it through a combination (结合) of online courses and maybe even some workshops or seminars if I can find any nearby. There are a lot of good platforms (平台) like Coursera or Udemy that offer courses on digital marketing, and some of them even give you certificates (证书) when you finish. Additionally, I think joining a few workshops (研讨会) would be great for hands-on experience and networking (建立工作关系网; 交际) with others who are interested in the same field.

The main reason I want to learn digital marketing is that it's really relevant to almost every career nowadays. Whether I end up working for a company or starting my own business, knowing how to effectively market online would be a huge advantage. Also, it seems like a really dynamic and interesting field, with new trends and technologies coming up all the time, so I think I would never get bored.

I do think it might be a bit challenging to learn at first, especially because there's so much to cover, from SEO to analytics (分析). But I believe that with enough practice and dedication (投入), I can get the hang of it. Plus, there are so many resources (资源) available online, including forums and communities where I can ask questions and get advice from people who are already experienced in the field.

So yeah, digital marketing is definitely something I'm keen on learning in the future. I think it will open up a lot of opportunities for me and be a really valuable skill to have in today's digital age.

爱豆的电影角色

Describe a film character played by an actor or actress whom you admire

You should say:

Who this actor/actress is

When you saw the film

What the character was like in this film

And explain why you admire this actor/actress

Yeah, I absolutely admire Zhang Ziyi. I think she's one of the most talented actresses in China. The first time I saw her was in the film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," which I watched when I was in high school. That movie left a deep impression on me, and her performance was just outstanding.

In the film, she plays the character of Jen Yu, who is a young, rebellious aristocrat (贵族) with a double life. By day, she's a refined lady, but by night, she's a skilled martial artist and a thief. What

really struck me about her character was the complexity (复杂性). She's not just a typical "good" or "bad" character; she has layers and depth. You could see her struggle between duty and desire, tradition and freedom. Zhang Ziyi brought so much emotion and intensity to the role that you couldn't help but be drawn to her.

The reason I admire Zhang Ziyi so much is because of her versatility (多才多艺) and dedication (奉献) to her craft. Whether she's in a historical drama, a martial arts film, or a modern-day romance, she completely transforms into her character. It's like she becomes a different person each time, which I think is the mark of a truly great actor. Plus, she has this incredible ability to convey emotions with just a look or a subtle gesture, making her performances so captivating (迷人的).

Another reason I look up to her is her international success. She's not just famous in China but has also made a name for herself in Hollywood. This is really inspiring for someone like me, who dreams of achieving big things. It shows that with talent and hard work, you can break barriers and reach new heights.

So, yeah, Zhang Ziyi is definitely an actress I admire a lot. Her talent, versatility, and international success make her a role model for many aspiring actors and actresses.

昂贵地方

Describe a place you have been to where things are expensive

You should say:

Where the place is

What the place is like

Why you went there

What you bought there

And explain why you think things are expensive there

Yeah, I absolutely love traveling, and one of the most memorable places I've been to is Shanghai. It's one of the biggest cities in China, and it's famous for its modern skyline and vibrant lifestyle. I went there last summer with a few friends because we wanted to experience the city's culture and, of course, do some shopping.

Shanghai is a bustling metropolis (大都市) with towering skyscrapers, luxury (奢侈) boutiques (精品店), and high-end restaurants. The area around Nanjing Road, in particular, is well-known for its expensive shops and international brands. The city is always crowded with both locals and tourists, and the lights at night are just spectacular.

We decided to visit Shanghai mainly because we had heard so much about its shopping scene and wanted to see it for ourselves. Plus, it's not too far from our university, so it was a convenient (方便的) trip. While we were there, we visited several luxury stores. I ended up buying a designer (设计师品牌) handbag, which cost me quite a bit, but I thought it was worth it because of the quality and brand reputation (声誉).

The reason why things are so expensive in Shanghai, especially in the upscale areas, is because of the high demand and the cost of living. The city attracts a lot of wealthy residents and tourists who are willing to spend money on luxury items. Additionally, the rent for stores in prime locations is extremely high, which drives up the prices of the products they sell. Overall, while it was an expensive trip, it was definitely a memorable experience.

Part2

IELTS Speaking Topic

愉快的公共交通之旅

Describe an enjoyable journey by public transport

You should say:

Where you went

Who you were with

What you did

And how you felt about it

I'm going to describe a trip that I took in China several years ago with a good friend of mine. It was Chinese New Year and we had a few weeks off so we decided to go travelling around the south-west of China, specifically Yunnan, Sichuan and Guizhou.

The whole trip took about 3 weeks but I'm going to talk about a specific journey by bus that was part of the trip. I don't remember the exact location but I remember that the journey took about 5 hours and it was very crowded.

However, my friend and I had found good seats at the front of the bus and I was sitting by the window. The scenery for the whole of the journey was spectacular. We were driving up steep mountains and down into steep valleys continually and the views were jaw-dropping.

Not only that, but it was a beautiful sunny day with clear skies so I could see for incredibly long distances. The mountains were very rocky and jagged but the valleys were green and lush.

I thoroughly enjoyed the whole journey and I can still remember it very clearly even though it was a number of years ago. I think I could have stayed on that bus forever.

加分亮点 / 词汇拓展:

had a few weeks off (有几周的假期)

spectacular (壮观的)

steep (陡峭的)

valleys (山谷)

jaw-dropping (惊掉下巴的)

rocky (多岩石的) and jagged (参差不齐的)

lush (茂盛的)

很开心认识的人

Describe a person who you are happy to know
You should say:
Who this person is
How you know this person
What he or she is like
And explain why you are happy to know him/her

A person I am happy to call my friend is my best friend Nate. Nate and I have known each other for about 10 years as we met at university. I'm very happy to know Nate for a number of different reasons. First of all, I think he's a very smart and successful person. When I met him he was studying journalism, and now he is a professional sports journalist. I'm inspired by him because he achieved his dreams and worked hard to make them become reality.

Although now it means he's very busy these days since he mainly covers Formula 1, so he travels around the world following the races. Also, because he works in that sport, he gets to meet and interview the best racing drivers in the world. So he's always got a lot of interesting stories to tell me. He's also very funny, so he always makes me laugh when I hang out with him. Last but not least, he's also a very honest person, so I often come to him for advice because I know he will tell me the truth, so those are many reasons why I'm happy to know my friend Nate.

重难点 / 俚语注释:

last but not least (最后且重要的是)

加分亮点/词汇拓展:

a number of (若干; 许多)

first of all (首先)

achieve his dreams (实现他的梦想)

become reality (成为现实)

get to (开始; 接触到)

makes me laugh (使我笑)

好消息

Describe a piece of good news that you heard about someone you know well

You should say:

What it was

When you heard it

How you knew it

And explain how you felt about it

One time when I was roaming around (浏览) my Tiktok account, when I came across a video which left a quote (引文). It went like this, "Share your blessings."

This resonated (引起共鸣) with me because of an unforgettable experience I had in the past.

Well, if I can vividly remember, it was during 2019 when the news came to our attention about my friend and her husband finally conceiving (怀孕) a baby. Truth be told, they were actually trying to expect for almost five years already, and finally, their prayers were finally answered.

On second thought (仔细一想), their road to a lifetime began in a nightmare (噩梦) when, after a year of marriage, their conceived baby was aborted (流产的) owing to its low birth success rate. To make matters worse, they were both put through anguish (极度痛苦), which subsequently tested their relationship and caused them to split up (分开) for a year.

But, by chance, they rejoined (重新在一起, 复合) and started over. They didn't care much about having a family right away, but after a few years of trying, 2019 became the year of their dreams, and they were expecting a healthy baby boy.

They were so taken aback (惊讶, 吃惊) that they announced the good news to each and every one of us, since they saw it as a blessing in disguise (因祸得福). The couple planned a Thanksgiving gathering and invited all of us.

And since they felt blessed, through the social media, they decided to give back (回馈) by becoming advocates for couples who are having difficulty having children, nurturing their relationship, and never giving up on their path. As a result of this couple's journey, I've learnt that excellent things await those who know how to be optimistic in life. It is always crucial, I believe, to trust the process, no matter how rough the path may be.

收到想要物品

Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted

You should say:

Who this person was

What this person gave you

Why you wanted this thing

And explain how you felt when you got this thing

Photography has always been my cup of tea, which is why I was flabbergasted (大吃一惊) when my mom gave me what I've always dreamed of, an SLR camera! If my memory serves me right, it was during my 18th birthday when my mom surprised me with this gift and thinking about it now still gives me goose bumps (鸡皮疙瘩). My interest started at a very young age when my dad used to take me to picturesque scenery such as the beach or simply the park nearby. I was always fascinated with the blooming flowers (盛开的花) and took the chance to take photos using our family's film camera. Actually, prior to (在...之前) my birthday, my mom had asked me already what gift I wanted for my birthday, but I got tongue tied (哑口无言, 结结巴巴地) and nothing pops into my mind. However, I think she observed me browsing through some shopping apps, trying to compare the prices and features of a variety of cameras. I promised myself I was going to buy one as soon as I become financially stable as I knew how exorbitant (价格过高的) these cameras are. Surprisingly, I never thought in a million years that my mom would actually make this dream come true this early. On the 2nd of June last year, which is my birthday, she handed me this medium-sized gift box, and I thought nothing special about it. Until I opened it and behold, an SLR

camera was revealed before my eyes. I was jumping for joy (高兴的跳起来) and felt like I was on cloud nine, so I hugged my mom as tight as I can. Now, I can explore the world with this camera and I will forever be grateful to mother.

有趣的老人

Describe an interesting old person you met

You should say:

How you met him/her

Who the person is

What kind of person he/she is

And explain why you think this old person is interesting

Moving in to a new neighborhood can be tough at times (有时候) which can be mentally and physically draining (身心俱疲), since it takes time to completely settle in. However, that all changed when we first moved in the outskirts (郊区) of Shanghai a few months back.

We were greeted by the warm smile of our friendly neighbor, Ms. Choi. Surprisingly, she offered to lend a helping hand (伸出援手) despite (尽管) her age of 62 to move our furniture and appliances (家用电器) to our new home. Because of her optimistic (乐观的) character, it wasn't that hard to get on well with her.

As days passed by, I got to learn more about her and discovered that she was in fact an old maid (未婚女子). Due to her job as a teacher, she dedicated all her life (奉献了一生) in teaching her primary school students since she graduated at the age of 22. Unfortunately, she never got the chance to kindle (点燃, 这里可理解为“开展”) any forms of romantic relationships, thus (从而) getting married. After she retired 2 years ago, she then devoted herself in taking care of cats and now she has a total of 5 cats in her home which keeps her company from being in solitary (陪伴她免受孤单).

I guess that's the main reason why we hit it off (合得来) easily because we're both cat persons. Amazingly, she also likes to feed stray cats (流浪猫) and hopes she can adopt them all, unfortunately, her house isn't that spacious (宽敞的). It goes to show that her heart is so big which I really admire about her. Although she's in her ripe old age (年事已高), I hope it would take long for her to kick the bucket (去世) as I wanted to spend more time with her.

看过但未参加过的运动

Describe a sport that you only have watched before but had not played by yourself

You should say:

What it is

When you watched it

Where you watched it

Who you watched it with

And explain how you felt about it

Yeah, I absolutely love watching basketball, even though I haven't played it myself. I think it's one of the most exciting sports out there. The first time I watched a basketball game was about two years ago during the NBA playoffs(季后赛). I remember it vividly(生动地) because it was such an intense match between the Golden State Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

I watched it at home with my roommate, who is a huge basketball fan. He's always talking about the latest games and players, so I thought I'd join him and see what all the fuss was about. We watched it on a big-screen TV in our living room, and he explained the rules and strategies to me as the game went on.

I felt really thrilled watching the game. The players were so fast and skilled, and the crowd's energy was contagious(传染性的). I was on the edge of my seat the whole time, especially during the last few minutes when the score was really close. Even though I didn't know much about the sport initially, I found myself getting really into it and cheering for the Warriors.

One thing that stood out to me was how strategic(战略性的) the game is. It's not just about running and shooting; there's a lot of planning and teamwork involved. I felt a mix of admiration and excitement as I watched the players coordinate(协调) their moves and make split-second decisions. It was also a great bonding experience with my roommate since he was so passionate about it and happy to share his knowledge with me.

Overall, watching basketball was a fantastic experience, and it made me appreciate the sport a lot more. Maybe someday I'll try playing it myself, but for now, I'm content being a spectator(观众).

鼓励你达成目标的人

Describe a person who encouraged you to achieve your goal

You should say:

Who the person is

How he/she encouraged you

What goal you achieved

And explain how you feel about this person

Yeah, I absolutely have a great friend who really encouraged me to achieve my goal. His name is Li Wei, and we've been friends since high school. We've always had a lot in common, from our love for basketball to our interest in technology. But what really stands out about him is how supportive (支持的) he is.

So, how did he encourage me? Well, it all started when I was really struggling with my English. I knew that improving my English was crucial for getting a good score on the IELTS, but I was feeling pretty down about it. Li Wei noticed this and decided to step in. He didn't just give me a pep talk(鼓舞士气的话); he actually helped me set up a study schedule(日程表). He would quiz(小测验) me on vocabulary, practice speaking with me, and even watch English movies together to improve our listening skills.

The goal I achieved was scoring a 7.5 on the IELTS, which was way better than I had initially hoped for. Li Wei's encouragement made a huge difference because he wasn't just saying "You can do it"; he was actively(积极地) helping me every step of the way. He even celebrated with me after I got my results, which made the achievement feel even more special.

As for how I feel about him, I honestly think he's one of the best friends anyone could ask for. He's always there when I need him, and he's genuinely happy for my successes. It's not just about the IELTS; he's been supportive in so many areas of my life. I feel really lucky to have someone like him in my corner.

少人去的景点

Describe a tourist attraction that very few people visit but you think is interesting

You should say:

What the place is

What people can see there

Why only very few people visit there

And explain why you think it is interesting

Yeah, so there's a place called Guizhou, which is a province in southwestern China. It's not as famous as places like Beijing or Shanghai, but it's got some really cool spots that are worth visiting. One of the lesser-known tourist attractions there is the Huangguoshu Waterfall. It's actually one of the largest waterfalls in China, but surprisingly, not a lot of people go there.

At Huangguoshu, you can see this massive waterfall that's about 77.8 meters high and 101 meters wide. It's really breathtaking(令人叹为观止的), especially when you get to walk behind the waterfall through a cave. There's also this scenic area around it with lush(茂盛的) greenery and beautiful landscapes. You can take some amazing photos there, and it's a great place to just relax and enjoy nature.

I think only a few people visit Huangguoshu Waterfall because it's not as well-promoted as other tourist spots in China. Plus, Guizhou itself isn't as developed in terms of tourism infrastructure(基础设施), so it's a bit harder to get there compared to more popular destinations. The transportation options are limited, and you might need to take a long bus ride or even rent a car to reach the waterfall.

Despite these challenges, I find Huangguoshu Waterfall really interesting because it's like a hidden gem(隐藏的宝石). The fact that it's not crowded makes the experience even more special. You can enjoy the natural beauty without having to deal with large crowds, which is pretty rare these days. Also, the local Miao and Buyi cultures in Guizhou add an extra layer of richness to the visit. You get to see traditional villages and experience local customs, which is something you don't usually get in more commercialized(商业化的) tourist spots.

So, yeah, I think Huangguoshu Waterfall is definitely worth a visit if you're looking for something off the beaten path and want to experience a different side of China.

想学的技能

Describe something you would like to learn in the future

You should say:

What it is

How you would like to learn it

Where you would like to learn it

Why you would like to learn it

And explain whether it's difficult to learn it

Yeah, I've always wanted to learn how to play the guitar. I think it's one of the coolest musical instruments out there. You can play so many different genres(类型) of music with it, from rock to classical. I would like to take lessons from a professional teacher because I think having someone to guide you can really speed up(加速) the learning process. Plus, they can give you feedback and help you avoid developing bad habits.

I would like to learn it at a music school near my university because it would be convenient for me to attend lessons between my classes. There's actually a pretty good music school just a few blocks(街区, 街道) away, and I've heard good things about their guitar program. I think it would be a great place to start learning.

The reason I want to learn the guitar is that I've always been fascinated(着迷的) by music. I love listening to songs and often find myself tapping along to the rhythm. I think being able to play an instrument would not only be a fun hobby but also a great way to relieve(缓解) stress. Plus, it's a skill that you can share with others, like playing at gatherings or even starting a band with friends.

As for whether it's difficult to learn, I think it depends. The basics might be easy to pick up, but mastering(掌握) the instrument would definitely take time and practice. I've heard that it can be tough on your fingers at first, but with consistent practice, it gets easier. I believe that with dedication(奉献) and the right guidance, I can definitely learn how to play the guitar.

和朋友去的有趣地方

Describe an interesting place you have been to with a friend

You should say:

What the place is

Who you went with

When you went there

And explain why you think it is interesting

Yeah, so one of the most interesting places I've been to with a friend is the Forbidden City in Beijing. I went there with my best friend, Li Wei, last summer during our university break. We both love history, so it seemed like the perfect place to explore.

The Forbidden City is just massive(巨大的), and it's full of incredible(极好的) architecture and artifacts(文物). When we first walked in, we were both just blown away by the size of the place. It's like stepping back in time, you know? The buildings are so well-preserved(保存得很好的), and there are so many intricate(复杂的) details in the design. We spent hours just wandering around, taking in all the sights.

We went there in July, which was pretty hot, but it was worth it. We started our day early to avoid the biggest crowds and to get the best light for photos. One of the highlights for me was the Hall of Supreme Harmony. It's the largest hall in the Forbidden City, and it was used for major ceremonies. The sheer scale of it is just awe-inspiring(令人敬畏的).

I think what makes the Forbidden City so interesting is not just the history but also the stories behind it. Each building and courtyard(庭院) has its own unique tale(故事), which makes the whole experience feel like a journey through time. Plus, it's amazing to think about how it was once the center of Chinese politics and culture for almost 500 years.

Another reason I find it fascinating is the blend of art and architecture. The colors, the carvings, and the layout all reflect traditional Chinese aesthetics(美学), which I find really beautiful. It's a place where you can learn so much just by looking around and soaking it all in.

Overall, visiting the Forbidden City with Li Wei was an unforgettable experience. It's a place that really makes you appreciate the depth and richness of Chinese history and culture.

Part2

IELTS Speaking Topic

不寻常的一餐

Describe an unusual meal you had

You should say:

When you had it

Where you had it

Whom you had it with

And explain why it was unusual

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投诉并得到满意结果

Describe a time when you made a complaint about something and were pleased with the result

You should say:

Who you complained to
What you complained about
How easy it was to complain
And explain why you were pleased with the result of the complaint

To be honest, I'm not really into making a fuss (小题大做), as I naturally have high tolerance (宽容, 容忍度高) when I go through some difficulties. However, one particular instance changed all that. If my memory serves me right, last year, my best friend held a big birthday party where he invited almost everyone in the class. That got me so excited as it was gonna be my first time so I wanted to dress to kill (穿得惊艳). Initially, I ordered a pink cocktail dress online as I still had a week to prepare. As expected (不出所料), the parcel arrived after 3 days; however, I was shocked to find that the strap was torn off (扯掉) and there were stains (污渍) all over it. I was furious at that time as I only had 2 days left before the party. I was at the height of my anger (正气头上) when I contacted the seller, but I still kept my cool (保持冷静). Sure enough, the merchant apologized and processed a refund (处理退款) as soon as possible. Dismayed (感到失望), I didn't have a choice but to purchase whatever I could pick at the department store. The party went as usual and although it caused me a lot of trouble, I think I was able to successfully pull it off (把事情办成, 成功) and had a great time. After a week, I was surprised to find a parcel delivered at my doorstep and as I opened the box, the same cocktail dress unfolded before my eyes and underneath (底下) was an apology card which came from the seller himself. Not only that, the package also included some freebies (赠品), which really touched me a lot. So, I guess, even though the transaction (交易) didn't go as smoothly as I thought it would be, the vendor (卖主) does know how to take care of their buyers and despite the disappointment, I would still love to purchase from the same online store in the future.

音乐爱好者

Describe a person who thinks music is important and enjoys music
You should say:
Who this person is
How you knew him/her
What music he/she likes

Why he/she thinks music is important

And explain how you feel about him/her

I'd like to talk about my friend, Li Ming. He's one of my closest friends from university, and he's absolutely passionate about music. We met during our freshman year, and I quickly noticed that he always had his earphones in, listening to something or the other.

Li Ming is really into a variety of music genres(类型). He enjoys everything from classical music to pop, and even some traditional Chinese music. I remember asking him once why he was so into music, and he explained that it's like a universal(普遍的) language for him. He believes that music has the power to convey(传达) emotions and stories without needing words, which is something he finds incredibly fascinating.

One of the reasons he thinks music is so important is because it helps him relax and focus. For instance, whenever he's studying or working on a project, he always has some instrumental(器乐的) music playing in the background. He says it helps him concentrate better and makes the task at hand less tedious(枯燥的). Additionally, he's mentioned that music has been a great way for him to connect with people. Whether it's through sharing playlists or discussing favorite artists, it's always been a great conversation starter(谈话的开端) for him.

As for how I feel about him, I really admire his passion for music. It's inspiring to see someone so dedicated to something they love. Also, he's introduced me to so many new artists and genres that I wouldn't have discovered on my own. His enthusiasm(热情) is contagious, and it's made me appreciate music even more than I did before.

In conclusion, Li Ming's love for music is not just a hobby; it's a significant part of his life. It's something that brings him joy, helps him focus, and allows him to connect with others. I think it's wonderful to have such a deep appreciation for something, and it's definitely made our friendship richer.

重要植物

Describe an important plant in your country

You should say:

What it is

Where you see it

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

Yeah, so in China, one of the most important plants is the bamboo. I think it's really significant(重要的) for quite a few reasons. First off, you can see bamboo almost everywhere in China, especially in the southern regions(地区) like Sichuan and Zhejiang provinces. It's also pretty common in parks and gardens across the country.

Bamboo is a type of grass, but it can grow really tall and strong, sometimes reaching up to 30 meters. The stalks are usually green and hollow inside, with segments(段) or nodes that give it a very distinct(明显的) look. The leaves are long and narrow, and they stay green throughout the year, which makes bamboo quite attractive.

Now, why is bamboo important? Well, for starters, it's deeply rooted in Chinese culture and history. It's often associated with qualities like resilience(弹性) and flexibility(灵活性), which are highly valued in Chinese philosophy. Bamboo is also used in a variety of ways. For example, it's a common material in construction, especially for scaffolding(脚手架). It's also used to make furniture, utensils(器皿), and even paper. Plus, bamboo shoots are a popular ingredient in Chinese cuisine, known for their crunchy texture and unique flavor.

Moreover, bamboo plays a crucial role in the environment. It's known for its fast growth and ability to absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide, which makes it excellent for combating(对抗) climate change. Its root system is also very effective in preventing soil erosion(侵蚀), which is particularly important in areas prone to landslides.

So, yeah, bamboo is not just a plant; it's a symbol of Chinese culture, a versatile material, and an environmental ally. It's pretty amazing how one plant can be so important in so many different ways.

喜欢买便宜货的人

Describe a person who likes to buy goods with low prices

You should say:

Who this person is

What this person likes to buy

Where this person likes to buy things

And explain why this person likes cheap goods

I want to talk about my friend Li Ming. He's a classmate of mine at university, and he's really into finding good deals. You know, he's the kind of person who's always on the lookout for bargains.

Li Ming likes to buy all sorts of things, but he's especially into gadgets (设备) and clothes. Whenever there's a sale, you can bet he'll be there. He's got this knack for finding the best prices, whether it's online or in physical stores. For example, he's always browsing through Taobao and JD.com, comparing prices and reading reviews. He also loves going to local markets and outlets (廉价商品经销店; 折扣店) because you can often find great deals there.

One of the reasons Li Ming likes cheap goods is because he's quite practical (注重实效的, 务实的). He believes that you don't need to spend a lot of money to get good quality stuff. Plus, he's a student, so he's on a tight budget. He's always telling me how he manages to get something for half the price. It's like a hobby for him, and he gets a real kick out of it.

Another reason is that he's really into sustainability (可持续性). He thinks that by buying things at lower prices, he's reducing waste because he's making use of products that might otherwise go unsold. He's got this whole philosophy (哲学) about living simply and not being wasteful, which I find pretty admirable (值得赞赏的).

So yeah, that's Li Ming. He's a great guy to go shopping with because he always knows where to find the best deals. And he's taught me a lot about being smart with money, which is super useful, especially as a student.

学习之地

Describe an indoor or outdoor place where it is easy for you to study

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

When you go there

What you study there

And explain why you like to study in this place

Yeah, I absolutely love studying in a coffee shop, and I think it's one of the best places for me to focus on my work. The coffee shop I usually go to is just a few blocks away from my university campus, so it's super convenient(方便的). It's a cozy spot with lots of natural light and comfortable seating, making it perfect for studying. I usually go there in the afternoons, especially when I have a long break between classes. The place isn't too crowded during that time, so it's relatively quiet. Plus, the background music they play is always soft and soothing(抚慰的), which helps me concentrate(集中) better.

I often bring my laptop and a few textbooks with me, and I can easily spend a couple of hours there working on assignments or preparing for exams. One of the things I really like about studying in a coffee shop is the availability of good coffee and snacks. Whenever I feel tired or need a break, I can just grab a cup of coffee or a pastry, which helps me recharge(充电, 恢复精力). Also, the atmosphere(氛围) in the coffee shop is quite relaxed, and seeing other people working or studying around me gives me a sense of motivation(动力) and productivity(生产力).

In terms of what I study there, it depends on what I need to get done. Sometimes I work on my English essays or prepare for my IELTS exam, while other times I might be doing some research for a project or reviewing my lecture notes. The Wi-Fi is pretty reliable(可靠的), so I can easily access online resources(资源) or communicate with my classmates if needed.

Overall, I find studying in a coffee shop to be a great experience because it combines a comfortable environment(环境) with the right amount of background noise and the convenience of having refreshments nearby. It really helps me stay productive and focused, which is why I keep going back.

想换掉的东西

Describe something you own that you want to replace

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

How you got it

And explain why you want to replace it

Yeah, so, I have this old laptop that I' ve had since my first year in college. It' s a Lenovo, and I keep it on my desk in my dorm room. I got it as a graduation gift from my parents when I finished high school. At the time, it was pretty high-end, and I was super excited to have it because it was my first personal laptop.

However, as time has gone by, it' s started to show its age. The battery life is terrible now; it barely lasts an hour without needing to be plugged in. Plus, it' s really slow, especially when I try to run multiple applications at the same time. This is a big problem for me because I often have to use software for my classes, like programming tools and design applications, which are pretty resource-intensive(资源密集型的).

Another issue is that the screen has a couple of dead pixels, and the keyboard is missing a few keys because they popped off and I never got around to fixing them. It' s just not as reliable as it used to be, and it' s becoming a hassle(麻烦) to use it for my studies.

So, I' ve been thinking about replacing it with a newer model, maybe another Lenovo or even a MacBook. I need something that' s faster, has a better battery life, and can handle all the software I need for my coursework without freezing up all the time. Plus, a new laptop would have a warranty(保修), which gives me peace of mind in case anything goes wrong.

In short, while I'm grateful for this laptop because it's helped me through a lot of my college work, it's definitely time for an upgrade. I just need something more reliable and efficient to keep up with my academic needs.

新法律

Describe a new law you would like to introduce

You should say

What law it is

What changes this law has

Whether this new law will be popular

How you came up with the new law

And explain how you feel about this new law

Yeah, I'd really like to introduce a new law that focuses on reducing plastic waste. I think it's one of the most pressing environmental issues we face today. The law would require all businesses and individuals to significantly cut down on their use of single-use plastics. For instance, supermarkets would have to switch to biodegradable(可生物降解的) bags, and restaurants would need to use reusable or compostable(可堆肥的) containers for takeout food.

This law would bring about a lot of changes. Firstly, it would push companies to innovate and find sustainable(可持续的) alternatives to plastic. Secondly, it would make people more aware of their plastic consumption and encourage them to adopt eco-friendly(环保的) habits. I think this law would also lead to cleaner streets and waterways, which would be a huge benefit for everyone.

I believe this new law would be quite popular, especially among younger people who are more environmentally conscious. However, there might be some resistance(抵抗) from businesses initially because of the costs involved in making the switch. But in the long run, I think everyone would see the benefits.

I came up with this idea after reading numerous articles and reports about the devastating impact of plastic pollution(污染) on marine(海洋的) life and the environment. Seeing pictures of beaches

littered(布满的) with plastic waste and animals suffering really moved me and got me thinking about what could be done to tackle this issue.

I feel very strongly about this new law. I think it's crucial for our future and the health of our planet. While it might be challenging to implement(实施) at first, I believe it's a necessary step we need to take to ensure a sustainable future for the next generations.

Part2

IELTS Speaking Topic

穿最好的衣服

Describe an occasion you wore the best clothes

You should say:

When it was

What you wore

Why you wore it

And how you felt about it

I' m going to talk about a time when I had to wear very smart clothes. First of all, I need to explain the situation. My husband and I were working in the USA and we were invited to a party which was given by the ambassador of our country. I was so excited when I got the invitation because I had never been to the embassy before and I had always wanted to see what it looked like inside.

Then I realised that I didn' t have anything to wear which was suitable for such a formal occasion. The event was a cocktail party which meant wearing a formal dress which came to the knees - it couldn' t be too short or too long. I spent quite a bit of time looking around different shops and

trying on different dresses. It was quite difficult because I' m very small and many shops don' t cater for small sizes.

However, eventually I found one that I thought was perfect for the occasion. It was a cocktail dress which had a recurring black and white pattern on it. The dress was fitted and it came to my knees. I already had black high-heeled shoes and diamond earrings which went perfectly with the dress. When the time of the event came, I knew that I had made a really good choice.

Even though it was very formal and quite scary, I felt very comfortable and very smart in my dress and I received a number of compliments about it. Unfortunately, I haven' t had the opportunity again to wear that type of dress but I still have it should I need it.

重难点 / 俚语注释:

look around (到处察看; 到处寻找)

try on (试穿)

cater for (为...提供服务; 满足...的需要)

加分亮点/词汇拓展:

first of all (首先)

look like (看起来像...)

a formal occasion (正式场合)

fitted (adj. 紧身的; 合身的)

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空气糟糕之地

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You should say:

Where the place was

When and Why you went there

Why the air was not clean

And explain how you felt about being in a place where the air was not clean

When it comes to this topic, an air-polluted place springs to my mind (突然想到). Basically, it was the capital of China—Beijing. Several years ago, the environmental condition of Beijing was far different. Then, the city was not recommendable (值得推荐的) for living. The city was once heavily polluted. It was polluted by countless (无数的) factories, establishments (商店, 企业), transportation and population. Perhaps, ten years ago, Beijing was not properly maintained and managed. The environment before was unpleasant, which left me a negative impression of that place. If I am not mistaken (如果我没记错的话), I visited that city during the summer vacation. I stopped over (中途停留) in that city when we wanted to go to a famous restaurant that was suggested by my friends. When we got out of the plane, the air smashed against (撞击) my face. It was very unpleasant. The color of the sky was also not blue. It was dark. It was grayish (浅灰色的) on some areas. The environment was not bright. It seemed pale (暗淡的) and weak. I was unhappy roaming around (闲逛) the city. I was quite disappointed and disgusted (反感的).

because everything was far from what I expected (远不如我期待的样子). Moreover, according to some reports and news, the place has already changed its situation. Perhaps, the management of it became better, which made it a better place to live. If I will have another chance, I hope that I could visit that city again. I want to confirm if the air pollution is already gone in that place. I want to see the big change that has happened there.

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想换掉的东西

Describe something you own that you want to replace

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

How you got it

And explain why you want to replace it

Yeah, so, I have this old laptop that I've had since my first year in college. It's a Lenovo, and I keep it on my desk in my dorm room. I got it as a graduation gift from my parents when I finished high school. At the time, it was pretty high-end, and I was super excited to have it because it was my first personal laptop.

However, as time has gone by, it's started to show its age. The battery life is terrible now; it barely lasts an hour without needing to be plugged in. Plus, it's really slow, especially when I try to run multiple applications at the same time. This is a big problem for me because I often have to use software for my classes, like programming tools and design applications, which are pretty resource-intensive(资源密集型的).

Another issue is that the screen has a couple of dead pixels, and the keyboard is missing a few keys because they popped off and I never got around to fixing them. It's just not as reliable as it used to be, and it's becoming a hassle(麻烦) to use it for my studies.

So, I've been thinking about replacing it with a newer model, maybe another Lenovo or even a MacBook. I need something that's faster, has a better battery life, and can handle all the software I need for my coursework without freezing up all the time. Plus, a new laptop would have a warranty(保修), which gives me peace of mind in case anything goes wrong.

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try on (试穿)

cater for (为...提供服务; 满足...的需要)

加分亮点/词汇拓展:

first of all (首先)

look like (看起来像...)

a formal occasion (正式场合)

fitted (adj. 紧身的;合身的)

派对里交谈甚欢的人

Describe a person who you enjoyed talking to at a party

You should say:

Who the person was

When and where the party was

What you talked about

And explain why you enjoyed talking to this person at the party

I have to say that this has been quite a difficult topic for me to speak about since you know, I' m quite an introverted (内向的) person and talking to strangers doesn' t come easy to me (不容易). In fact, I generally avoid parties all together unless I' m sure that I know most people who have been invited. However, on this particular occasion, I couldn't really get out of it because it was my sister's wedding. Typically of her, she held it in the grandest (最宏伟的) place she could find, which was this splendid castle in the countryside and now being used as a hotel. She booked out the whole hotel - can you imagine? It was two years ago almost. I wasn' t particularly familiar with the groom' s (新郎) side of the family so I knew that there would be quite a few people there I didn' t know. Anyway, I ended up seated next to the groom' s cousin and this turned out to be very fortuitous (幸运的) since we both shared the same passion. My great love has always been films and I pride myself on (为...感到自豪) being quite an expert when it comes to world cinema. However, once we got onto this subject (进入这个话题), I found that this person knew even more than I did. He gave me a list of great films to watch that were completely new to me. We had a

fascinating conversation and I found him really easy to talk to. I quite surprised myself with how much I enjoyed myself after being terrified (害怕的) when I sat down! All in all, it was a great evening and since then, we' ve become firm friends (挚友) and often share ideas about films.

教亲戚朋友做事

Describe a time when you were teaching a friend or a relative to do something

You should say:

Who you taught

What you taught him/her to do

How easy it was to teach him/her

And explain how you felt about teaching this friend/relative

All of my cousins are fond of watching and using Tiktok in their spare time. All of them are crazy about taking a video of themselves and uploading (上传) it on that mentioned platform.

Today, I would like to share with you a skill that I have taught to one of my cousins.

So, I taught my cousin about advance videography and photography (摄像和摄影). I shared her some advanced and different shots that she could use on Tiktok. When I introduced it to her, she was really happy and eager(渴望的). She was so lively and energetic in learning, so I was also energized in teaching her.

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住所附近的变化

Describe a new development in the area where you live (e.g. shopping mall, park)

You should say:

What and where the new development is

What it was like before

How long it took to complete

How people feel about it

And explain how it has improved the area where you live in

When I was driving through our town's boulevard(林荫大道), I came across a little billboard depicting (描绘) the overall plan of a prospective (可能即将发生的) hospital that is scheduled to open in our small town. This had an impact on me because this prominent (重要的) medical facility is only ten meters from our house.

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空气糟糕之地

Describe a place you went to where the air was not clean

You should say:

Where the place was

When and Why you went there

Why the air was not clean

And explain how you felt about being in a place where the air was not clean

When it comes to this topic, an air-polluted place springs to my mind (突然想到). Basically, it was the capital of China—Beijing. Several years ago, the environmental condition of Beijing was far different. Then, the city was not recommendable (值得推荐的) for living. The city was once heavily polluted. It was polluted by countless (无数的) factories, establishments (商店, 企业), transportation and population. Perhaps, ten years ago, Beijing was not properly maintained and managed. The environment before was unpleasant, which left me a negative impression of that place. If I am not mistaken (如果我没记错的话), I visited that city during the summer vacation. I stopped over (中途停留) in that city when we wanted to go to a famous restaurant that was suggested by my friends. When we got out of the plane, the air smashed against (撞击) my face. It was very unpleasant. The color of the sky was also not blue. It was dark. It was grayish (浅灰色的) on some areas. The environment was not bright. It seemed pale (暗淡的) and weak. I was unhappy roaming around (闲逛) the city. I was quite disappointed and disgusted (反感的) because everything was far from what I expected (远不如我期待的样子). Moreover, according to some reports and news, the place has already changed its situation. Perhaps, the management of it became better, which made it a better place to live. If I will have another chance, I hope that I could visit that city again. I want to confirm if the air pollution is already gone in that place. I want to see the big change that has happened there.

音乐爱好者

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How you knew him/her

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look around (到处察看; 到处寻找)

try on (试穿)

cater for (为...提供服务; 满足...的需要)

加分亮点/词汇拓展:

first of all (首先)

look like (看起来像...)

a formal occasion (正式场合)

fitted (adj. 紧身的;合身的)

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教亲戚朋友做事

Describe a time when you were teaching a friend or a relative to do something

You should say:

Who you taught

What you taught him/her to do

How easy it was to teach him/her

And explain how you felt about teaching this friend/relative

All of my cousins are fond of watching and using Tiktok in their spare time. All of them are crazy about taking a video of themselves and uploading (上传) it on that mentioned platform.

Today, I would like to share with you a skill that I have taught to one of my cousins.

So, I taught my cousin about advance videography and photography (摄像和摄影). I shared her some advanced and different shots that she could use on Tiktok. When I introduced it to her, she was really happy and eager (渴望的). She was so lively and energetic in learning, so I was also energized in teaching her.

As of her age, she easily picked up the strategies (轻松掌握了方法, 攻略) I introduced. When I asked her to apply her learning, she immediately followed what I taught.

If I am not mistaken, it took me only one hour to teach her. Yet she learned a lot from a short amount of time.

Well, teaching my cousin was a rewarding and a worthwhile (很值得的) experience to me. If I will have a chance to teach her again, I would introduce her more about advance photography and videography. I hope that I could catch up again with her on the next holiday break so she could learn more.

住所附近的变化

Describe a new development in the area where you live (e.g. shopping mall, park)

You should say:

What and where the new development is

What it was like before

How long it took to complete

How people feel about it

And explain how it has improved the area where you live in

When I was driving through our town's boulevard(林荫大道), I came across a little billboard depicting (描绘) the overall plan of a prospective (可能即将发生的) hospital that is scheduled to open in our small town. This had an impact on me because this prominent (重要的) medical facility is only ten meters from our house.

Way back in 2021, when it was still just a word of mouth(口头表达), it sounded as queer as a three-dollar bill (很假; 十分奇怪), owing to my lack of fate in the project at first.

Later in 2021, many business enthusiasts (热衷者; 热心者; 爱好者) decided to invest in our area and I felt like it's the finest thing since sliced bread (有史以来最好的东西). Consequently, it was when they started with the construction and sprung up(突然出现; 突然产生) a large hospital in six months. To be honest, I became electrified (振奋) when I thought of the wonderful prospects that await (等待) us all.

Overall, it's not just about new economic prospects that could occur as a result of the new construction, but also the urgent need for hospital treatment, which actually saved many lives. Having a nearby hospital provided us with a lot of reassurance(安慰), notably (尤其) when it comes to health.

空气糟糕之地

Describe a place you went to where the air was not clean

You should say:

Where the place was

When and Why you went there

Why the air was not clean

And explain how you felt about being in a place where the air was not clean

When it comes to this topic, an air-polluted place springs to my mind (突然想到). Basically, it was the capital of China—Beijing. Several years ago, the environmental condition of Beijing was far different. Then, the city was not recommendable (值得推荐的) for living. The city was once heavily polluted. It was polluted by countless (无数的) factories, establishments (商店, 企业), transportation and population. Perhaps, ten years ago, Beijing was not properly maintained and managed. The environment before was unpleasant, which left me a negative impression of that place. If I am not mistaken (如果我没记错的话), I visited that city during the summer vacation. I stopped over (中途停留) in that city when we wanted to go to a famous restaurant that was suggested by my friends. When we got out of the plane, the air smashed against (撞击) my face. It was very unpleasant. The color of the sky was also not blue. It was dark. It was grayish (浅灰色的) on some areas. The environment was not bright. It seemed pale (暗淡的) and weak. I was unhappy roaming around (闲逛) the city. I was quite disappointed and disgusted (反感的) because everything was far from what I expected (远不如我期待的样子). Moreover, according to some reports and news, the place has already changed its situation. Perhaps, the management of it became better, which made it a better place to live. If I will have another chance, I hope that I could visit that city again. I want to confirm if the air pollution is already gone in that place. I want to see the big change that has happened there.

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The reason I find the living room such a great place to relax is because it's a communal (公共的) space. It feels more lively and social compared to my bedroom, which is more private. Besides, the living room is adorned(装饰) with family photos and some of our favorite souvenirs from trips, which makes it feel really personal and comforting. The ambiance(气氛) is just perfect for unwinding and spending quality time with my loved ones.

音乐爱好者

Describe a person who thinks music is important and enjoys music

You should say:

Who this person is
How you knew him/her
What music he/she likes
Why he/she thinks music is important
And explain how you feel about him/her

I'd like to talk about my friend, Li Ming. He's one of my closest friends from university, and he's absolutely passionate about music. We met during our freshman year, and I quickly noticed that he always had his earphones in, listening to something or the other.

Li Ming is really into a variety of music genres(类型). He enjoys everything from classical music to pop, and even some traditional Chinese music. I remember asking him once why he was so into music, and he explained that it's like a universal(普遍的) language for him. He believes that music has the power to convey(传达) emotions and stories without needing words, which is something he finds incredibly fascinating.

One of the reasons he thinks music is so important is because it helps him relax and focus. For instance, whenever he's studying or working on a project, he always has some instrumental(器乐的) music playing in the background. He says it helps him concentrate better and makes the task at hand less tedious(枯燥的). Additionally, he's mentioned that music has been a great way for him to connect with people. Whether it's through sharing playlists or discussing favorite artists, it's always been a great conversation starter(谈话的开端) for him.

As for how I feel about him, I really admire his passion for music. It's inspiring to see someone so dedicated to something they love. Also, he's introduced me to so many new artists and genres that I wouldn't have discovered on my own. His enthusiasm(热情) is contagious, and it's made me appreciate music even more than I did before.

In conclusion, Li Ming's love for music is not just a hobby; it's a significant part of his life. It's something that brings him joy, helps him focus, and allows him to connect with others. I think it's wonderful to have such a deep appreciation for something, and it's definitely made our friendship richer.

重要植物

Describe an important plant in your country

You should say:

What it is

Where you see it

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

Yeah, so in China, one of the most important plants is the bamboo. I think it's really significant(重要的) for quite a few reasons. First off, you can see bamboo almost everywhere in China, especially in the southern regions(地区) like Sichuan and Zhejiang provinces. It's also pretty common in parks and gardens across the country.

Bamboo is a type of grass, but it can grow really tall and strong, sometimes reaching up to 30 meters. The stalks are usually green and hollow inside, with segments(段) or nodes that give it a very distinct(明显的) look. The leaves are long and narrow, and they stay green throughout the year, which makes bamboo quite attractive.

Now, why is bamboo important? Well, for starters, it's deeply rooted in Chinese culture and history. It's often associated with qualities like resilience(弹性) and flexibility(灵活性), which are highly valued in Chinese philosophy. Bamboo is also used in a variety of ways. For example, it's a common material in construction, especially for scaffolding(脚手架). It's also used to make furniture, utensils(器皿), and even paper. Plus, bamboo shoots are a popular ingredient in Chinese cuisine, known for their crunchy texture and unique flavor.

Moreover, bamboo plays a crucial role in the environment. It's known for its fast growth and ability to absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide, which makes it excellent for combating(对抗) climate change. Its root system is also very effective in preventing soil erosion(侵蚀), which is particularly important in areas prone to landslides.

So, yeah, bamboo is not just a plant; it's a symbol of Chinese culture, a versatile material, and an environmental ally. It's pretty amazing how one plant can be so important in so many different ways.

喜欢买便宜货的人

Describe a person who likes to buy goods with low prices

You should say:

Who this person is

What this person likes to buy

Where this person likes to buy things

And explain why this person likes cheap goods

I want to talk about my friend Li Ming. He's a classmate of mine at university, and he's really into finding good deals. You know, he's the kind of person who's always on the lookout for bargains.

Li Ming likes to buy all sorts of things, but he's especially into gadgets (设备) and clothes. Whenever there's a sale, you can bet he'll be there. He's got this knack for finding the best prices, whether it's online or in physical stores. For example, he's always browsing through Taobao and JD.com, comparing prices and reading reviews. He also loves going to local markets and outlets (廉价商品经销店; 折扣店) because you can often find great deals there.

One of the reasons Li Ming likes cheap goods is because he's quite practical (注重实效的, 务实的). He believes that you don't need to spend a lot of money to get good quality stuff. Plus, he's a student, so he's on a tight budget. He's always telling me how he manages to get something for half the price. It's like a hobby for him, and he gets a real kick out of it.

Another reason is that he's really into sustainability (可持续性). He thinks that by buying things at lower prices, he's reducing waste because he's making use of products that might otherwise go unsold. He's got this whole philosophy (哲学) about living simply and not being wasteful, which I find pretty admirable (值得赞赏的).

So yeah, that' s Li Ming. He' s a great guy to go shopping with because he always knows where to find the best deals. And he' s taught me a lot about being smart with money, which is super useful, especially as a student.

Part2

IELTS Speaking Topic

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难用的科技产品

Describe a piece of technology that you find difficult to use

You should say:

What you use it for

When you got it

How often you need to use it

And explain why you find this piece of technology difficult to use

As part of Gen-Z (零零后), I was pretty much (几乎) born in the technology era, so it's really hard to ponder on (考虑) a technology that's difficult to use as most of them offers convenience.

However, if I have to mention one, it's definitely my newly bought Apple MacBook. If my memory serves me right, last summer my friend, Lisa, jokingly said that my laptop was primeval (远古的, 古老的) and proposed I should replace it with the newly released (新款的) Apple MacBook. Out of curiosity, I went ahead, convinced by parents to buy me one. As days went by, everything went smoothly as usual as I used its basic functions. Later on, I discovered its deficiencies (缺陷, 不足) and one of them is the limited software support as some apps that are necessary for my studies are unsuitable for this device, which was really disappointing and frustrating at the same time. Also, I'm still trying to learn the ropes of its iOS, since I've always used the Windows system, which made me realize that it's not as user-friendly as the other system. What's more, it's always a challenge for me to search for specific tools necessary for my study tasks since it has certain terminologies (术语) for Apple users that I'm not yet familiar with. Anyway, I guess I'm still learning the ins and outs (诀窍), but if you ask me if I'd recommend this to others? Probably not, especially for students like me.

常用网站

Describe a website you often visit

What it is about

How you found out about it

How often you visit it

And explain why you often visit it

As a techie(技术人员), I always love exploring and surfing different websites. Today, I would like to share with you my favorite website.

Despite the fact that it is banned in my country, I still use Google. Google is a search engine(一个搜索引擎) that has similarities(相似处;相似点) with Baidu and Yahoo. I love using google because of its user-friendliness(易用性). Using it is simple as recalling the alphabet or counting numbers. The features of it are very advanced (先进的) and useful. There is also a google drive where I could save all my files and a google meet where I could attend my online classes from other countries. As for the frequency of its usage, I use it on a daily basis. I use it every time I need to search for particular information for my classes and subjects. Since it is banned in China, I use a VPN. I pay a particular amount in order to use Google. Although it's not free, it is still worth using and exploring it. Moreover, I use it frequently because of my studies. I use it for educational purposes particularly for my research. I use it so I can comply with(遵守) all my academic requirements and tasks. Google is essential for me. I will not trade it with any other websites on the world of the internet.

开学第一天

Describe something you remember about your first day at a new school

You should say:

When it was

What you remember well

How you felt about your first day at the school

And explain why you remember this about your first day at the new

school

可能的其他问法:

Describe your first day at school that you remember

You should say:

Where the school was

How you went there

What happened that day

And how you felt on that day

When it comes to this topic, the first thing that pops into my mind is being a freshman. However, my fondest memories (最美好的记忆) of my first day at school happened when I was a senior student last year.

My university is one of the best learning institutes in my country and it is located in Shanghai. My first day in the classroom left a deep impression on me since I already established self-confidence concerning my academic performance. I was able to acquire skills and knowledge to prepare myself for the next level of my education and even had strong connections with my teachers and classmates.

However, what makes this interesting is I had to apply all the theoretical knowledge (理论知识) I learned to practical application (实际运用) which gave me both the chills and excitement (让我既害怕又兴奋). I was nervous that I wouldn't be able to perform well when I would take my internship and I was eager to know more apart from the education I gathered from the 4 corners of the classroom. Our professor gave us, his students, a few lessons, and some tips and tricks on how to survive in the real world. He emphasized (强调) that experience is the best teacher. During the discussion, he even reminded us that experience is the best teacher and that we should take plenty of it. Then, before the class was dismissed (下课前), he bade us goodbye (向我们道别) and wished us all the best of luck.

喜欢的演员

Describe an actor who you admire for playing a particular character in a film/movie.

You should say:

Who the actor is

Where and when you watched this person
What kind of character this person played
And explain why you admire the actor for playing this character in a film/movie.

To tell you the truth, I am such a movie buff(电影爱好者) so this topic definitely made me excited. On top of my list is a movie entitled "Castaway", which is considered a classic and a must-watch(必看的电影) nowadays. I guess part of the reason why I got hooked to(着迷) this movie is that the fictitious(虚构的) character whose name is Chuck Noland was played by a prominent(著名的) actor, Tom Hanks. Chuck is a FedEx employee, whose plane unfortunately crashed on a deserted and uninhabited island(荒岛, 无人岛) and had to learn some survival skills for years in the hope of getting rescued. From there, a series of unfortunate events took place as he had to learn the ropes(摸到门道) to keep himself alive, together with his handmade volleyball friend which kept him company all throughout the experience. If you haven't watched this movie yet, I'll leave the ending up to your imagination(留给你自己想像) as I don't want to spoil the film for you. Actually, I've never heard of this movie before, until my teacher gave us a task of writing a reaction paper about an international film and as I googled it through the internet, this topped the list, so I immediately watched it out of curiosity(出于好奇). I guess, I just made the right decision, although at first, I wasn't really into his character as the pace was just a bit slow at the beginning, but as soon as it was leading to climax(高潮), I got more hooked to his persona. One thing I've discovered is the realization that there is an optimistic side to solitude(孤独) and we can find the strength to reflect on our weaknesses, which is exactly the main point of his character.

迟到

Describe a time when you missed or were late for an important meeting/event

可能的其他问法 Describe a time when you were late for something important

You should say:

When and where it happened

What you were late for

Why you were late

And explain how you felt about being late for this important thing

This topic was a learning experience for me since it taught me the value of punctuality and being able to prepare ahead of time. I vividly remembered 2 years ago, when I had an interview for my internship. I was scheduled to meet my interviewer at 9 o' clock in the morning on a weekday. My dormitory is within walking distance(走路就能到) of my university and I really don' t explore much about the city so when I took the taxi to go to the company, I didn' t realize that the location is far and I would be stuck in traffic since it' s the rush hour. I was under the impression(记得) that if I leave my dormitory at about 8 am, I could have enough time to get to my destination and even spare a few more minutes. Unfortunately, my expectation wasn' t my reality. Without traffic, I can get there in 30 minutes but the congestion was heavy. I was stuck (堵住) for almost 40 minutes. I was really anxious and angry at myself for not researching the route and the road condition. I had to explain to the interviewer the reason for my tardiness (迟到) and luckily, he was considerate (体贴) enough. He told me that it was quite common for first timers (新手) but he hoped it taught me a lesson. Due to this, I always check and prepare when I have to travel or do something out of my comfort zone.

享受的生活习惯

Describe a routine you have in your life that you enjoy.

You should say:

What the routine is

When and why you started following this routine

How easy it is to follow

And explain why you enjoy having this routine in your daily life

I'm not very enthusiastic about (热衷于) making schedules, and even less so about following them through for more than a few weeks, so routines I find myself genuinely (真正地) enjoying are few and far between (少之又少). However, I've found myself enjoying running a whole lot and I've been running on a near daily basis (几乎每天) for about a month now. To be honest, I was hesitant to start at first since I worried that it would be too tiring, but my friends convinced (使相信, 说服) me, telling me that it would benefit me greatly by helping me ease my anxiety (缓解焦虑) and gain more confidence, and at that point in time I desperately needed something to ease

my stress and take my mind off things (不去想烦心事, 转移注意力). It's been about a month now since I first started and the results are undeniable; I've found myself more energetic and less stressed overall! This routine is pretty simple too since it's just a regular morning routine with an hour or so saved for running at a nearby park. I don't even have to run in the morning, and I find myself running in the evening more often than not (通常) since I'm not much of a morning person (不是喜欢早起的人). About a week since I've been running, I found that my mood's gotten a whole lot better and I'm more energetic than before. My calves and thighs (小腿和大腿) also got toned (变得强健), giving me a more toned physique (强健的体格) which boosted (增强) my confidence by a lot. I honestly recommend everyone to give running a try if they have some time to kill since it isn't that hard to do and only takes about an hour or so, maybe less if you're just starting out.

不喜欢的广告

Describe an advertisement you have seen but you did not like

You should say:

Where and when you saw it

What the advertisement was for

What you could see in the advertisement

And explain why you did not like the advertisement

To tell the truth, I don't have interest in advertisements. I barely focus on them so I am not familiar to a lot of ads which are spread around. But today, I would like to share with you an advertisement that left me a bad impression (留下不好的印象). Last summer vacation, I had a family trip in a famous island in my country. Then, we stayed in a five-star hotel which contained a gigantic (巨大的) television. While we were waiting for our lunch, my mother decided to turn on the television. So, we watched a movie and some advertisements showed. Well, the advertisement was about a giant burger being offered in a popular fast food chain (快餐连锁). According to the advertisement, the burger has sumptuous (昂贵的, 奢华的) ingredients such as a thick cheese, tomatoes, cabbage, bacon, egg and others. The advertisement stated that it is sold at an economical price. Hence, the price would be right for its taste. But then, in reality, everything was just a bluff (虚张声势). My sister told me that she had already bought the giant burger. There were less ingredients and the taste was different from what she expected (与期待的不一樣). My sister even

said that she puked (吐) when she ate the food. The taste was unpleasant so she got really mad and felt disgusted and disappointed. I felt bad about the advertisement because of the lies it presented. If I were the President of my country, I would not tolerate (容忍) such thing on media platforms. Fake news must be fought and stopped. The public should get what is promised (承诺) to them. The public should get what they deserve (应得的东西).

1. high-rise /'haɪraɪz/ 高层的
2. dangle /'dæɡl/ 悬挂
3. harness /'hɑːrnɪs/ 安全带
4. squeegee /'skwiːdʒiː/ 水刮
5. hair-raising /'heəreɪzɪ/ 令人毛骨悚然的
6. reckon /'rekən/ 认为
7. vertigo /'vɜːrtɪɡoʊ/ 眩晕
8. recognition /ˌrekəɡ'nɪʃən/ 认可
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I usually take it easy there in the evenings, especially after dinner. That's the time when everyone has finished their work or studies, and we can all just hang out together. Sometimes, I pick up(拿起) a book or scroll through my phone, but more often than not, we end up watching a movie or a TV series. My parents and I have different tastes in shows, so we take turns picking what to watch. It's a lot of fun and a fantastic way to bond.

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The reason I find the living room such a great place to relax is because it's a communal (公共的) space. It feels more lively and social compared to my bedroom, which is more private. Besides, the living room is adorned(装饰) with family photos and some of our favorite souvenirs from trips, which makes it feel really personal and comforting. The ambiance(气氛) is just perfect for unwinding and spending quality time with my loved ones.