Describe something interesting that your friend has done but you haven't

You should say:
What it was
Where your friend did it
When your friend did it
And explain why it was interesting

My friend, Mike, did a standup comedy gig and hid performance won high praise from the students and teachers. He was a big fun of crosstalk and he liked to have me as his audience during practices. Though sometimes we practiced together, we hadn't performed on the stage.

He did the gig at the auditorium in our senior high school.

It was last New Year's party when every class was required to give a performance. He invited me to do it with him, but I declined for I was kind of shy and felt awkward on stage. Therefore, he decided he would do it on his own. He prepared it for a long time before the show. Finally, it was a big success.

It was funny because he was pretending to talk to someone but he actually was talking to himself. The gig was a story and the story itself was very absorbing. Also, his tone, movements, and expressions were all in place, which altogether made the audience laugh throughout his performance.

#### Are people influenced more by their friends or their parents?

People stay with their parents all the time in their early childhood. It's an important period for personality shaping. Therefore, I think they are more influenced by their parents. 其他观点

People are influenced more by their parents in their childhood, but they spend more time with friends when they step into their teenage years, so friends inevitably have bigger influence on them later in their life.

## Do you think more and more people become more self-centered?

I don't think so. Because education, including ethical education, is more accessible to people, they learn to care more about other people and the welfare of the general public. 其他观点

Not really. People are getting more and more civilized now. Also, the media is putting more emphasis on educating people about selflessness. People are not as self-centered as they used to be.

#### Why are there many self-centered people?

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One possible reason is that these people were spoiled and given whatever they want by their parents when they were young. So, they only care about their own benefit and take other people's needs for granted.

## 其他观点

Many schools put more emphasis on students' academic performance and neglect their moral cultivation. So, some children don' thave the chance to learn how to care about other people and they grow up to be self-centered. This, definitely, should be changed.

# Are people influenced by famous people?

Yes, they are. Many people see famous people as their role models. How these famous people talk or do things will be imitated or even copied by their fans and followers. So, it's important for people to know which things are right.

#### 其他观点

Yes, they are. Movie stars and singers have millions of fans who will emulate their way of dressing up or even their way of talking. I think these celebrities should pay attention to their actions and words and try to exert a positive influence on the public.

## What have you learned from your friends?

Many of my friends are very sincere and kind. They try to take care of people around them. So, I learned to be considerate and caring too. I think friends can be good examples for us. 其他观点

My friends are all quite optimistic about life. They deal with the difficulties with courage and optimism, which sets a very good example for me. I' ve learned to become tough and confident like them.

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