

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

It's a microwave oven. It has basic function of heating or unfreezing food.

It's in the kitchen in my home.

I bought it about a month ago from the internet. There was a promotion on microwave ovens on a shopping website. The discount was really appealing so I bought one. A few days later, it was delivered to my home.

However, it didn't take me long before I found that it couldn't heat up food. So I contacted customer service. I wasn't able to get through their service line at first. After a few attempts, someone answered and suggested that I might have used it in the wrong way. However, the instructions didn't work. So I requested to get a refund. But I was told that I could get a new one instead of a refund. I didn't really have much of a choice, so I agreed.

What's the difference between new things and old things?

Old things may not have the good quality or performance of new things. For example, a second-hand are not likely to be as good as a brand-new one in many ways.

其他观点

Compared with new things, some old things have retro looks which some people may have a special feeling about. There can even be a bond between you and the things you've used. For example, I like my old jean jacket more than a new one.

What are other things that you want to replace?

Currently, I want to replace the TV in my living room. It's too small. TVs have been bigger and bigger, but their prices are lower. So, I think it's about time.

其他观点

I'm thinking of replacing the rocking chair on the balcony with a hammock. It's more comfortable and relaxing lying on the hammock. This small change will be a big improvement.

What kinds of things do young people like to replace?

Young people like to change their electronic products. For example, many of my friends change their iPhones whenever there's a new model coming out. Some of them just want to show off, I guess.

其他观点

They change their electronic products very often. These products upgrade very often and new models keep coming out. Young people seem to be obsessed with them, so they keep replacing the old ones with new ones.

Who do you think will want new things, children or old people?

It's definitely children. Many children are spoiled by their parents who give them whatever they want. They think the new ones are always better so they ask for new things even though the old ones are still good.

其他观点

Children like new things better than old people. Old people like to save money, so they won't buy new things unless they really have to. And they actually like old or antique things because these things make them nostalgic and think of the good old days.

Do old people in China like to hoard things?

Some old people hoard food at home because they experienced the big famine when they were young. I guess they hoard food in case there's a shortage. I've heard from the news that an old woman stored a lot of salt at home after she heard a rumor.

其他观点

some old people don't like to throw things away, so they hoard a lot of things at home even though they might never need them. But I think most old people don't do that anymore, because they want to keep the house clean and tidy.

