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- University
- Nowadays, when graduates are applying for a job, the demand of the university education is higher and higher. Why is university experience becoming so indispensable?

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- Career preparation is becoming more and more important to young people. For many, this is the primary reason to go to college. They know that the job market is competitive. At college, they can learn new skill for careers with a lot of opportunities. This means careers, such as information technology, are expected to need a large workforce in the coming years.
- With the development of the society, "knowledge is power" has been a rule.
- With the new experiences, they expand their ken. Maybe some good ideas would jump out during their daily work.

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 I would recommend people not be so focused on a career. They should go to college to have new experiences and learn about themselves and the world they live in.

You'll slip up – probably daily.

parents

- Who are the best teachers in our life?

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- It goes without saying that "Example is better than precept". Implicit learning occurs when children unconsciously copy some of their parents' habits and styles of behaviour.
- For example, research supported that parents' expression can influence the growth of their children' character: if parents always smell and watch their child while he is playing, the child' confidence will be greater than other child whose parent always leave him alone at home.
- social etiquette

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 In short, while parents are not the ideal teachers, and well-rounded children will generally need a great diversity of teachers in their lives in order to have a more accurate view of the world, parents are generally the most committed of all teachers and have the greatest emotional investment in their children and their future.

We must be living in those "interesting times" often proverbially mentioned.

- food has become easier to prepare. Has this change improved the way people live?
- It can not be doubted that our eating style has encountered a revolutionary change in the last few decades. It is the change in the type of food that has had the greatest influence. Not only have the recipes of certain food types have been altered, but also absolutely new ones have been created. Examples include yet are not restricted to beef hamburgers, potato chips, and cola drinks. All of these changes contribute to making food preparation as fast and easy as possible. It cannot be neglected that modern cooking facilities play a dramatic role in this trend.
- Some people regard this trend as a spoiler of our lives. Their argument focuses on two main points. First, many newly emerged types of food have not the essence of a "complete meal" as defined by nutritionists. To add to the problem, these food types are often served alone. In fact, there are many medical reports warning people from depending upon such fast meals in their food. Other reports indicate a high potential of malnutrition among those who are "addicted" to the common duet of burgers and cola.
- Second, the advantage of gathering family members around a meal at home is lost. Fast prepared food types are usually eaten outside home.
   With the absence of regular family meetings, relationships are likely to be weaker.
- Others think that fast prepared food types do improve our style of life. This opinion comes especially from busy people, working wives, and younger people. Reports estimate the time spent on food arrangements as a large percentage of our lives. They believe that we have many things in life more important than eating. Time spent on food preparation is considered wasted by them. Wives will have more time to take care of their families' souls not just stomachs. Family relationships will get stronger. Business men and women will have more time to concentrate on their business without worrying about food arrangements. In general, people will have a greater opportunity to take care of their minds and hearts.
- I agree with that food preparation should take its necessary time and care. Otherwise, the time saved in food preparation can lead to longer

times of headache or even of staying in hospitals suffering from malnutrition.

- Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books.
- There are two main channels for people to learn knowledge –from books and from experience. A natural question arises: which of them is more important?
- In turn, practice knowledge check out the theories gained from books. There is an old Chinese saying that practice is the only criterion of inspecting the truth. ("Experience is the best teacher" is an old cliché, but I agree with it.) So not all knowledge from books is credible, even false. When Aristotle wrote in his transcripts that the earth is the center of our planets, no one doubts this for centuries. However, when Galileo read about it, he did not suspect it at first, but when he made some observation and research, he found it is not the truth. Then comes the new theory—Sun center theory.
- A company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community.
- Whether it is beneficial to build a large factory near our community is a prevalent topic undergoing serious debate. Personally I'm against building a large factory near our community.

- quiescence of our community

- The main reason why I oppose this plan is that establishing a new factory will cause air pollution. As we know, a factory will give off a lot of waste air which is harmful to people's health. Even though the factory will take measurements to purify the air, it can not make the air as clean as before. It is no doubt that people's health will be affected by the air emitted from the factory. Another reason is that a factory makes too much noise. My community is always a quiet place and this is just what I like the most. A factory will cause the town to become too noisy. For example, every morning, we can be awake from our dreams by the noise of buses which take workers to the factory. The noise of engines will also influent our temper, and may cause us susceptible to anger, and easily lose temper.
- Another reason lies in the fact that with the developing of the factory, many other establishments will be founded around it.

Since its advent, internet touched every part of our life.

"Knowledge is strength". Knowledge can give us guidance to overcome problems we meet in the daily life.

- A company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community.
- With the development of my hometown in the past few years, the population is expanding very fast. The city is experiencing not only a higher birthrate than ever, but also waves of immigration. The streets in the city are crowed or even jammed during the rush hours. If I could change one thing about my hometown, I would develop an advanced public traffic system.

- In order to hold such an exploding population, the city has extended miles by miles without much plan. It is common for people to travel from the southmost part to the northmost part of the city to go to work everyday. They have to spend three hours or more on the way they go to work and come home. Eight hours' work is a heavy burden, while people have to spend hours before and after the work. A subway running through or around the city can solve the problem. People could live further away from the downtown without worrying about spending too much time on the way.
- Some people buy their own car or take a taxi to work everyday. It's really expensive for most of the people in the city. They can't afford paying so much on traffic fares. Many civil engineering experts advocate that sharing a public traffic system is the most efficient way. People could reduce their fares a lot by using the public traffic system, and they can spend the money on some other things.
- Even there are more and more people who can afford buying a car or taking taxi everyday, It is still suggested to using the public traffic system. Because the road development can never keep up with the demand of the increasing cars, the cars may jam on the roads during rush hours. Usually, the speed of the car in that time is no higher than a bicycle! And pollution is another concern. So many private cars running in the city will bring us an environmental problem. On the other hand, the pollution from the public traffic system is much lighter.

- How do movies or television influence people's behavior?
- Hesitating I enter my house, the light outside is dimming and the shadows make everything appear unfamiliar. I know that my wife has not returned from work yet, simply because her car is not in the garage. I am alone. I carefully check all the rooms, almost expecting something to happen suddenly. I hold my bag in my hand as if it were a weapon. After the whole house has been declared "clear," I start to breathe normally again and a smile appears on my face as I realize, once again, how a simple movie seen at the cinema a week earlier can modify my actions.
- Sometimes I wonder if I should watch TV, with all its shows that make me wonder whether I exercise enough, whether I am athletic enough, or whether I treat my pets with the care they deserve: am I really concerned about their mental health? Not to mention the hundreds of commercials that try to make me believe I need a water purifier to remain alive since the water I am currently drinking is heavily polluted! And countless are the times when I have heard people talking by quotations learned from movies. We need to watch shows and films to know what to say, how to be, how to act. We are so addicted to all this that it almost seems like we cannot think on our own.
- I cannot help thinking about what happened to me some days ago, an example that clearly shows what kind of power TV has over people. My wife and I were in a restaurant when I heard my young neighbour pronouncing violent words in a low angry voice. Surprised, I turned to better understand the situation and I saw that he was holding a fake military device and was acting as if he were filming a war movie. I am sure that if I had been a little be more updated about this type of movie, I would have recognized what he was saying as a quotation. Now, I wonder if he uses such a language also with his friends and with his parents, if he is aggressive, and if so, whether his attitude has really nothing to do with what he watches on TV.
- That same evening on the way home I saw two cars stopped one next to the other at a traffic light and as soon as the light turned green they started racing, in the middle of town. In this case not even a major knowledge of movies and TV programs would have helped me: there are just too many of them on the market showing the exact same thing: people racing with cars.
- I am sure that everybody, if asked, could easily list many other examples
  of how TV and movies can modify our behaviour and therefore our life
  but, I wonder, if we will always be able to draw the line between a TV
  show and real life, between what they make us think we want and what

instead we really need and believe.

## • Television has destroyed communication among friends and family.

- Television is undoubtedly one of the most powerful means of communication in the history of humankind, rivalled only by such other forms of communication as the Internet, the telephone, movies, and, of course, simple, low-tech speech. Television, with its wide availability and rich media with image and sound, is difficult to ignore and even seductive in its appeal. Television is as much a part of our lives as are our meals, work, or school; studies consistently show that the average American child spends almost as much time watching television as she does in school. Furthermore, because television is so rich in its media, it often requires our full attention or is more attractive to us than are our daily lives. Naturally, the more time one spends watching television, the less time she has with her family and friends. Thus, we can clearly see why some have claimed that television has been harmful for communication among family and friends. However, I believe that, while television has been somewhat harmful in its effects, it has hardly "destroyed" communication among family and friends for most people, although for some, this may be true.
- Most people much prefer spending time with their families and friends to spending time watching television. Television is of course an important part of many people's lives, but most people would gladly choose family and friends over television were they given the choice. Furthermore, most educated people are aware of the deleterious effects of too much television and either avoid excessive time watching television, or actually do not enjoy it. I, for example, after a long day at work, would much rather spend time talking with my wife and playing with my children than I would watching some unrealistic portrayal of life on television. For me and my family, our time together is precious and beautiful, and could never be replaced or hurt by television.
- Furthermore, the effect of television is simply not so great that it could be said to have "destroyed" communication among family and friends. Granting that communication among family and friends in industrialized countries has decreased in recent years, it might be tempting to blame this problem on television since its rise roughly coincided with the decrease in time we spend with our families. However, I believe this situation is more likely due to increased pressures relating from work, school, and the economy. In my case, for example, I find that my pressures from work are so great that I must often sacrifice time at home so that I can meet the challenges of running my own business. Many of my friends are in similar situations--my best friend, for example, has just

- finished law school, which took about sixty hours a week of his time. In a word, people nowadays have very little time for anything, but television is not the cause—it is increased desire to succeed.
- In some situations, however, television has surely contributed to a decrease in communication among family members. In my childhood in the countryside, I often saw parents and children watching television for hours on end, rarely speaking with one another. It seemed for them that television was a way to escape from their sad, miserable existence. However, even in this case, I would say that television merely contributed to the bad situation, but did not cause it; were television not existent, surely these people would have found other escapes, alcohol or gambling, for example. In other words, people always find a way to do what they want to do.
- In short, I do not believe that television has destroyed or even harmed interpersonal communication among most people. Most people realize that television is merely a temporary diversion and do not use it to replace interpersonal communication. I believe that the damage attributed to television is greatly exaggerated and that such damage is most likely attributable to other more powerful social factors.
- Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city.
- In English, there is a well-known fairy story about a poor country boy, Dick Whittington, who goes to London because he believes that the streets of that city are "paved with gold". The story is a tale of "from rags to riches". Dick eventually becomes the Lord Mayor of London. Like the hero of that story, I always find wonder and adventure in cities.

- Capital cities are not cosmopolitan, and eager to attract foreign trade and currency. There is a contemporary English joke which tells that "you can never find an Englishman in London".
- All of this is good for the citizen. The magic of the Dick Whittington story is rekindled in me when I enter a library in a magnificent building. If a person is at university studying art or music, a large city usually offers galleries and public performances. Even as a teenager, I appreciated the worth of living in a city because two or three times a year there was a rock concert by a favorite band.
- Architecture is the urban landscape. If a person has an appreciation of architecture, a city can be as visually exciting as the Himalayas. A modern metropolis is a mountain range of height, light and solidness.
   And then there are the old buildings: the quaint, unspoiled side-street or

shops and homes from a distant age. If a person lived all of his life in one large city, he would continue to discover its architectural secrets into his old age.

- Man is a 'social animal'. He talks, mixes and creates. Cities offer the libraries, universities and cafe bars for him to meet others of his kind.
- When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success.
- There is a humorous saying in English "The grass is always greener on the other side of the valley". The saying is used ironically to point out that there is a temptation in us all to insist that others are more fortunate than we are. This is nowhere more true than on the question of luck and hard work. When faced with the "bad times", we often find comfort in the idea that we are special in our degree of misfortune. I feel that such an attitude is negative, and that it can bring only further misfortune.
- Many famously successful people have begun from small origins. Mao was the son of a (modestly prosperous) peasant; the explorer Captain Cook was so poor that, as a child, he had to work by day and study by night; many of the affluent Americans of today are the children of the poor immigrants of yesterday. Beethoven, it should be remembered, became deaf before the end of his career. There are many, many more people who have also made genuine, though Jess spectacular, successes against the odds.
- Within his own terms, a person who is born into poverty in India is a great success if he manages to own a house in later life. Poverty cannot be reduced by merely complaining and blaming others: no matter how guilty other people are, each individual must reach out to success for himself. Indeed, some economists believe that the world operates by what they call "the rule of the jungle". They believe that in economics a person always attempts to gain profit from his neighbour: that given the chance the poor man would quickly make himself rich by trading to his own advantage.
- Also, it is presumptuous to judge another according to his or her apparent fortune. No man can ever truly understand the sufferings of his neighbour. A man who appears comfortably rich may have suffered elsewhere in his life through the death of a loved one, for example. Retired businessmen have often worked long hours in their youth. Surely, it must be wiser to respect achievement than to deny that anyone has achieved good in the world.

- To rely on notions of luck to believe that life is a kind of lottery is an attempt to escape reality. Paradoxically, the only time a person can claim that luck is more important than work is when he reflects on his own success. Because of that modesty, the great man then becomes even greater.
- Many people visit museums when they travel to new places. Why do you think people visit museums?