

6-6 Exercise

part 3 第三种 compare and contrast

1. 差别比较 what's the difference between A and B?

a. A and B 平行比较

b. A in the past and A in the present 纵向比较 (时态)

模式: I think the (major) difference lies in ...

For example, A... because ...

However, B... because ...

2. 优缺点比较 What's the advantage and disadvantage of A?

模式: I think the advantage of ... is...because ..

However, the disadvantage of ...is...because ...

pros and cons

merits and demerits

positive and negative sides

strength and weakness

benefits and drawbacks

Describe someone who is a good parent.

You should say:

Who the person is

What kind of person he/she is

Why you think he/she is good

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

How often do you communicate with your parents?

I think it depends on if I am home.

For example, I would talk to them almost everyday if I am home because we are very close.

Otherwise, I would call them about once or twice a week to check in with them if I am on campus.

part 3 第一种:分情况讨论

模式: I think it depends on ... (condition: n./sentence)

For example, A ... (if ...) because ...

However (Otherwise), B... (if ...) because ...

How much do you think people should be responsible for (the welfare of) their own parents?

I do agree that people should be at least partially responsible for the welfare of their parents because their parents gave them their lives and raised them up after all.

However, I think the government should contribute as well because these senior citizens have paid their taxes in the past and thus are entitled to their benefits.

What **social values** should parents teach children?

I think there are many social values that parents should pass on to their kids.

For example, I think parents should teach them the importance of being polite because it is basic manner.

Also, I think parents should introduce the necessity of honesty to their kids because it is a highly valued quality in our society.

part 3 第二种：列举

模式: I think there are many/various/different kinds of

For example, A... because ...

Also, B...because ...

Do parents in your country spend a lot of time with their children?

part 3 第一种:分情况讨论

模式: I think it depends on ... (condition: n./sentence)

For example, A ... (if ...) because ...

However (Otherwise), B... (if ...) because ...

I think it depends on **different families**.

For example, I think most parents in China would try to spend as much time as possible with their kids because they think it is very important to spend quality time with them.

However, some parents might not be able to do so because they are caught up with their work to provide for their families.

Do you think parents' character can affect young people's development?

I do agree that parents could make a huge impact on their kids' development because they spend a lot of time together and children would imitate their behaviors and words subconsciously.

However, I think there are other sources of influence as well such as school, peer, media and the mainstream culture.

Do you think you will be a good parent?

I hope that I could be an adequate parent to my children because I think it is my responsibility to provide a happy childhood for them.

However, I think there would be plenty of things for me to learn because I never had such experience in the past but I am willing to learn from experts, professional or anyone with positive experience to share.

Describe a popular person you know (New)

You should say:
Who he or she is
What he or she did
When you first knew him or her
And explain why do you think he or she is popular

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What are the qualities of being popular?

I think there are many qualities associated with a popular person.

For example, I think those who are outgoing and friendly are more likely to be popular because it would be easier to get along with them.

Also, I think those who are talented are more likely to be well-liked because people would admire them and feel proud to know them.

part 3 第二种：列举

模式: I think there are many/various/different kinds of ...

For example, A... because ...

Also, B...because ...

Do you think we need some talents before we become popular?

Not necessarily. (It is hard to say.)

I do agree there are some people who are well-liked truly because of their talents because people admire them and feel proud of know them.

However, I think there are plenty of other people who are very popular not because of what they can do but due to their likeable personalities.

What's more, I believe there are many people who are practically geniuses but are indeed living a very lonely life.

Do you think there is a connection with being rich and being happy ?

Do you think children should imitate their idols?

I think it depends on what kind of idols they have.

For example, I think it is a good idea to learn from idols who could bring positive influence on them such as teaching them to be hardworking or polite.

However, I think it might be dangerous to learn from idols who have poor lifestyle choices such as binge drinking or using drugs.

part 3 第一种:分情况讨论

模式: I think it depends on ... (condition: n./sentence)

For example, A ... (if ...) because ...

However (Otherwise), B... (if ...) because ...

What influences do popular stars have on teenagers?

I think there are different kinds of influences that pop stars could have on teenagers.

For example, I think it is possible for them to cause positive influence on teenagers like

Also, I think it is likely for them to bring some negative influence if ...

part 3 第二种 : 列□

模式: I think there are many/various/different kinds of ...

For example, A... because ...

Also, B...because ...

Do you think popular stars have more freedom or less?

I think it depends on what kind of freedom we are talking about.

For example, I think pop stars have more financial freedom than regular people because they make more money and therefore could afford a much more luxurious lifestyle.

However, I think they are also more likely to suffer on privacy issues (personal freedom) because paparazzi would follow them everywhere and people enjoy gossiping about their personal lives.

part 3 第一种:分情况讨论

模式: I think it depends on ... (condition: n./sentence)

For example, A ... (if ...) because ...

However (Otherwise), B... (if ...) because ...

Describe an advertisement you have seen recently

You should say:

When and where you saw it

What was advertised

What the contents of the advertisements were

And explain how you felt about it

What are the different kinds of advertising?
What kind of advertising is most common in China?
What are the ways in which advertisements catch the attention of viewers?
Do big companies prefer to advertise on TV or in some other ways?
What are the good and bad points of advertisements?
Is advertising on the Internet very influential?
Are any kinds of advertising in China considered illegal?
Do you trust advertisements?
How do you feel about false advertising?

Describe a TV program that you like watching (New)

You should say :
What the TV program is
How you know it
What it is like
Why you like it

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What sorts of TV programs usually have the greatest number of TV commercials?
What kinds of TV programs are most popular in China?
Do you think TV program producers have a responsibility to reflect the traditional culture and values of society?

Describe a toy you had in your childhood (New)

You should say:
When you got it
What it looked like
Who gave it to you
How you felt about the toy

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What toys did you play with when you were a kid?
What do you think is the value of toys for young children?
What toys are popular with kids in China today?
What are some differences between boys' toys and girls' toys?
Why do you think some kids dislike sharing their toys?

How does playing with toys affect children?

Describe something you bought that made you happy

You should say:

What it is

Why you bought it

How you choose it

And explain why you think it is special

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In China, how has the way people do their shopping changed in the past 20 or 30 years?

Where do most people in your country do their shopping?

How do advertisements affect our shopping habits?

In general, are men and women the same when it comes to shopping?

What are the pluses and minuses of online shopping, as compared to shopping in "real" shops?

Do you think people today spend too much money on shopping?

Describe an event or festival you celebrated before (New)

You should say:

When it was

Who you were with

What did you do

And explain why you like it

Part 3

Which events would be most important in your country?

How people ensure the important events go well?

Do you like to plan for an important meeting or activity?

In your country, do you think good appearance is important while finding a job?

Describe an unforgettable meal you had (New)

You should say:

When was it

Where you had the meal

What happened during the meal
And explain why it was unforgettable/how you felt about it

Part 3

Why do you think Chinese food is so popular in the world?
Do you like eat at restaurant or cooking at home?
Talking about cooking style, what's the different between past and nowadays?
What do you think are the benefits of having dinner together?
Do young people like to spend time with their families or friends?

Describe an occasion when someone visit your home (New)

You should say:
Who this person was
When it happened
What you did together
And explain how you felt about him or her visit

Part 3

Do young people like to visit their friends nowadays?
Is there any change between past and nowadays for treating visitor in your culture?
Do you think technology has brought us closer or not?
What time do you think is suitable for visiting?
Do you like to stay in a hotel or in your friend's house when visiting them? why?

Describe something important you learned from a person or in a place (New)

You should say:
When you learned it
Where/from who you learned it
How difficult it was to learn it
And explain how you felt about it

Part 3

How to help old people learn?
What kinds of teaching methods are suitable for old people?
Do you like to teach others?

What is the most effective way for self-learning?
Do people in your country like to take online courses?

Describe a skill that is important but you have not learned in school or at work (New)

You should say:
What the skill is
Why it cannot be learned at school
Why it is important
How we learned it

Part 3

Do you think it's necessary to learn new skills for children?
Do you think children should enroll school younger or older? Why?
What qualities do you think are the most important for work?
What kinds of skills are popular in your country?

Describe a good service you received (New)

You should say:
What the service was
When you received it
Who you were with
How you felt about it

Part 3

What kinds of service are not good?
How do you deal with impolite waiters?
What's the difference between services in big and small shops?
How should people do when they get bad service?
Why do some older people want to be waiters in the big cities?
Do you think that all the waiters should be given training classes?

Describe a public park or garden

You should say:
Where it is
What it looks like
What you do there
How you feel about it

Part 3

How often do you visit parks?
Do we need big or small parks in the city?
Why is it important to have parks in a city?
What kinds of things should a park offer to visitors?
Should people visit parks every week?

Describe an interesting place that few people know.

You should say:
Where the place is
How you knew it
Why few people know it
And explain why it is interesting

Part 3

Would you like to live or study at a popular tourist destination?
Do you think historic sites are important as places for tourist to visit?
Can you suggest any improvements for the tourist locations in your country?
Why are more and more countries developing their tourist industries?
What benefits has the development of China's tourist industry brought to China?

Describe a city or country that you would like to live or work (New)

You should say:
Where the country or city is
Why you want to live or work there
Who you like to live or work with
What you do to achieve your dreams

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Do you like to live alone or share a room with others?
Do you like living in countryside or city center?
Do you think it's good for people have long working hours?
Why there are a lot of people want to work overseas?
What are the disadvantages of living in a foreign country?

Would you like to live in a developed city with high salary, but with polluted air?

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