

B 1-6 Handout:

Paraphrase: 同义替换

1. word by word 换词

Sun Yang is a sport star. (=famous athlete)

My mom is the best parent. (the greatest)

I did my homework. (finished)

2. 句型

What kind of fruit do you like the best?

My favorite fruit is ...

Would you like to become an artist?

Yes, of course.

I am interested in doing

I am willing to ...

3. 换说法 (解释)

What kind of fruit do you like the best?

My favorite fruit is banana because I eat banana almost everyday.

My mom is the best parent because she takes really good care of me since I was born.

Are you a student or do you work?

I am a third-year university student.
college

intro question = filtering

graduate student

I am a first-year PhD candidate.

Your Work

What work do you do?

Do you like your job?

Is it very interesting?

~~Why did you choose to do that kind of work?~~

~~Will you continue doing this job in the future?~~

~~What are your responsibilities at work?~~

Your Studies

What subject(s) are you studying?

what's your major?

My major is mechanical engineering, which is a major (= discipline) studying (= specializing in) the theory and manufacture of mechanical devices.

Is it very interesting?

Absolutely.

I find my major very intriguing because it allows me to apply what I learn in theory to solve real-life problems more effectively and efficiently.

I get to ...

No, not really.

I find my major quite boring to be honest because all we do in class is to calculate formulas and rarely get to interact with real people.

yes, it is.

yes, I think so.

Do many students in your country study that major?

No, I don't think so.

I believe there aren't many students choose to major in psychology mostly because of the dim job prospect, which

means it might be less easy to find a satisfactory job when we graduate.

What school/university do you **attend**?

I am attending Zhejiang University of Science and Technology, which is a famous (well-known/reputable/prominent) university (= institution) in China.

reputation

What do you plan to do after you finish your studies?

I am hoping that I could become an engineer when I graduate because I would like to apply what I learnt in university into practice.

Are you looking forward to working?

Yes, definitely.

I can't wait to find a job when I graduate because I would like to be financially independent as soon as possible, which means I would be able to fully support myself and even start to take care of people around me.

No, not really.

I am not in a hurry to find a job anytime soon because I really enjoy my life as a full-time student, and I would like to spend a few more years to figure out what I would like to do with the rest of my life.

Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoons?

I prefer to study in the mornings because I would be more energetic and therefore more efficient/productive at that time.

Hometown

What's (the name of) your hometown? / Where are you from?

Is that a big city or a small place?

I think it qualifies as a big city because there is a population of 5 million people (=residents/habitants) there.

Please describe your hometown a little.

I think my hometown is famous for the local agriculture.

For example, there is an important commercial plant orange, which makes up the 90% of orange production in our country.

**affordable
when it is in the season**

How long have you been living there?
Actually I was born and raised there till I moved to Hangzhou for university when I was 18 years old.

Do you like it?
**Yes, of course.
I really like my hometown because it is indeed a very beautiful city.
For example, there are abundant tourist resources available, which would attract millions of visitors all over the world annually (every year).**

**vacant
occupied**

Do you like living there?

What do you like (most) about your hometown?
My favorite part about my hometown is that

Is there anything you dislike about it?
**Yes, I think so.
One thing I can't stand about my hometown is the air pollution because there are many factories there.**

Nothing I can think of because everything about my hometown looks perfect to me as I love it so much.

1. No one I can think of. vs. I don't know.

**murder
Do you notice anyone suspicious?**

2. 直接原因 + 间接原因

**I don't want to date you.
because
as**

**I don't think there is a chemistry
I think you are ugly**

**I can't help you with it.
because
as
I would be busy tonight
I need to prepare for my own exam tomorrow**

**Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?
Yes, I think so/I hope so.
I have no intention of moving anywhere else because all
my family and friends are living there and I really enjoy
their company.**

I don't intend to hurt you.

Home/Accommodation

Can you describe the place where you live?

**I am sharing a dorm with three other girls and we have a
small balcony and a bathroom.**

**I am living in a three-bedroom apartment with one living
room, two bathrooms and a balcony facing south.**

come to my place at 7 tonight because I am hosting a party

How long have you lived there?

Let me think.

**I moved into this dormitory in the summer of 2015 when I
first got into university, which means I have been living
here for almost three years and half.**

Who do you live with?

**I am living with three other boys, who happen to be from
my department and we are actually close friends as well.**

**I am living with my parents and my grandmother would come
to stay from time and time.**

nuclear family:

parents = father + mother / father + father

children = son + daughter

siblings = brother + sister

extended family:

grandparents = grandfather + grandmother

paternal grandfather

maternal grandfather

great grandfather

great great grandfather

ancestor

uncle + aunt-in-law = cousin

aunt + uncle-in-law

brother-in-law + sister = nephew + niece

father-in-law

step father

step brother

half brother

adopted brother

foster brother

get married

husband

wife

my partner (LGBT)

my significant other

my better half

get engaged (engagement ring)

fiancé

fiancée

dating (couple)

boyfriend

girlfriend

best friends

for girls: my girls, girlfriend, bestie

for boys: buddies

regular friends

people I hang out with

acquaintance (people I know)

strangers

incest

Do you plan to live there for a long time?

No, not really.

I have no intention of living there for a long time because I think I have to move out when I graduate from university in two years.

Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?

I prefer living in a house because it would be more spacious, which means I would be able to do more things at home.

For example, I could do some exercise at home instead of going all the way to gym.

cozy

cozier

Which room does your family spend most of the time in?

My family spend most of our time in the living room because it is where the big flat screen TV is at and we could enjoy movies after dinner everyday.

Are the transport facilities to your home very good?

Yes, I think so.

I think the public transportation system near where I live is very convenient because there are many bus lines and a subway station nearby, which means I could go anywhere in the city within an hour.

What part of your home do you like the most?

My favorite part of my home is the local food because we have many signature dishes available, and every time I tasted the local food, it always reminds me of home.

What can you see from the window of your apartment?

When I look out of my window, I could first see several residential buildings around us, and there is a garden in between us. Sometimes, I could see some people doing morning exercise there when the weather is great.

In the future, what type of place would you like to live in?

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