# P1

## 人物

Work or studies

1. what work do you do?

I work as an algorithm engineer at JD, which is a leading e-commerce company in China. My job mainly involves processing data and training machine learning models to optimize our services. It's a challenging but rewarding role that requires a lot of analytical thinking and problem-solving.

1. Why do you choose to do that type of work(or that job)?

I chose to work as an algorithm engineer for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the salary for this position is quite competitive for recent graduates in China. Secondly, this job aligns well with my academic background and interests.

1. Do you like your job?

 Honestly, I have mixed feelings about my job. On one hand, I appreciate the high salary and the challenging tasks that make me life comfortable and allow me to grow professionally. On the other hand, the job is quite demanding with long hours, from 10 AM to 10 PM, and even though we have a two-hour break, the overall intensity make me exhausting.

1. What requirements did you need to meet to get your current job?

你需要满足什么条件才能得到现在的工作?

To get my current job, I need an academic background in deep learning. Additionally, I have to get a solid grasp of the relevant technical knowledge in my field, which was a key priority for this position. A good work attitude was also essential, as it is highly valued by my employer.

1. Do you have any plans for your work in the next five years?

Yes, I do. In the next one years, I plan to finish my current job and then look for opportunities to pursue a PhD at a university abroad. During my work, I've realized there is still a lot I need to learn in this field, and I'm very interested in experiencing life and study in another country. So, pursuing a PhD abroad seems like a great choice for me.

1. What do you think is the most important at the moment?

At the moment, the most important thing for me is to prepare English to support my future PhD application and life abroad. If possible, I also hope to publish another paper on deep learning. Besides that, I need to continue working until I receive an ideal PhD admission offer.

1. Do you want change to another job?

 Yes, my future career plan is to become a university teacher. Therefore, I am currently preparing English to support my future PhD application and life abroad. If possible, I also hope to publish another paper on deep learning. Besides that, I need to continue working until I receive an ideal PhD admission offer.

1. Do you miss being a student?

Yes, I do miss being a student. The school life was full of freedom, enthusiasm, and energy. The pressure from work is quite high, and I currently don't have much personal time. That's why I am actively applying for a PhD program.

1. What technology do you use at work?

At work, I use **a range of** technologies. *Primarily*, I **rely on** computer software for model training and project management tools to **keep track of** tasks and deadlines. Communication platforms such as email and WeChat are essential for collaborating with colleagues. *Additionally*, I use specialized software **relevant to** my field to improve efficiency and accuracy in my work.

1. Who helps you the most? And how?

The person who helps me **the most** is my mentor at work. They provide invaluable guidance and support, *especially* when I'm facing challenging projects. *Additionally*, they offer constructive feedback on my work, which has significantly contributed to my professional growth and development.

## 事物

E-books and paper books

1. Which do you prefer, e-books or paper books?

Well, I now prefer reading e-books. One reason is that they allow me to access the **latest** content *instantly*, without having to wait for publication like paper books. *By the way*, e-books are *incredibly* portable, so I can read them anytime and anywhere.

1. What do you usually read online?

When I'm online, I usually read a variety of things. I often read news articles to **stay updated with** current events. I also enjoy reading blogs and posts **related to** my interests, *such as* technology and travel. Additionally, I like to read papers and online journals for my studies.

1. Will you read more online in the future?

Yes, I think I will read more online in the future. As digital platforms continue to evolve and offer more diverse content, it's becoming easier and more efficient to find and read what I'm interested in. Additionally, online reading often provides interactive and multimedia elements that enhance the overall experience.

1. Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?

I don't think paper books will completely disappear in the future. **While** digital reading is becoming more popular due to its convenience, many people still appreciate the **tactile experience** and the feel of reading a physical book. Paper books also have a certain artistic and sentimental value that digital formats can't fully **replicate**. So, I believe both formats will continue to **coexist**.

Transport

1. Which means of transport is convenient？

I think the **subway** to be the most convenient means of transport. It's **cost-effective**, fast, reliable, and not affected by traffic jams, making it **ideal for** getting around the city *efficiently*. /ɪˈfɪʃ(ə)ntli/

1. Which means of transport is expensive?

Traveling by taxi can be quite expensive, especially for long distances *or* during peak hours. The fares add up quickly, making it less affordable(便宜的，付得起的) compared to public transport options. By the way, it’s easily affected by traffic jams

1. Do most young people prefer to take public transport to school or to work?

Yes, many young people prefer to take public transport to school or work, especially in urban areas. Public transport is more convenient and affordable compared to driving or taxi. *Additionally*, it helps to reduce their carbon footprint, which is important to many young people today, so public transport is a practical choice for them.

1. What are the advantages of using public transport?

Using public transport has several advantages. It's **cost-effective**, fast, reliable, reduces **traffic congestion**, and is environmentally friendly. Additionally, it can be more convenient in urban areas where parking is limited and expensive.

News

1. Are you interested in news?

Yes, I am quite interested in the news. I often read news to **stay updated with** current events. It helps me **keep up with** significant changes and developments *globally*. Additionally, it provides topics for meaningful conversations with others.

1. How do you usually find news?

I usually find news through various(/ˈveəriəs/) **online sources and news apps** on my smartphone. I follow several reliable news websites and subscribe to their notifications for real-time updates. Occasionally, I also watch news programs on TV to get a more detailed analysis of major events.

1. How do your friends get news?

Most of my friends get their news from social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. They find it convenient to get quick updates and share interesting articles. Some of them also use news aggregator apps, while a few still prefer the traditional method of reading newspapers or watching news on TV.

1. Have you read the news this morning?

Yes, I did read the news this morning. I checked my news app while having breakfast and caught up on the latest headlines. There were some interesting updates about the local economy and international politics, which I found quite informative.

1. Do you often talk with your friends about the news?

Yes, we often discuss the news, especially when something major happens. It's a good way to share different perspectives and stay informed about various topics. Sometimes, these discussions can get quite lively and engaging, providing a deeper understanding of the issues at hand.

Internet

1. When did you start using the internet?

I started using the internet when I was about ten years old. My parents got a computer for the family, and I was fascinated by the endless information available online. Since then, it has become an integral part of my daily life.

1. How often do you go online?

I go online several times a day. I use the internet for various purposes, such as checking emails, browsing social media, and researching for school projects. It's hard to imagine a day without accessing the internet at least a few times.

1. How does the internet influence people?

The internet has a significant influence on people by providing easy access to information and connecting them globally. It has changed how we communicate, work, and even shop. However, it can also lead to issues like information overload and reduced face-to-face interactions.

1. Do you think you spend too much time online?

Sometimes, I do feel that I spend too much time online. It's easy to lose track of time when browsing social media or watching videos. I try to be mindful of my screen time and take breaks to engage in offline activities.

1. What would you do without the internet?

Without the internet, I would probably spend more time on hobbies like reading books and outdoor activities. I would also focus on face-to-face interactions with friends and family. It would be challenging at first, but I think it could lead to a more balanced lifestyle.

Language

1. What languages can you speak?

I can speak both Mandarin and English fluently. Mandarin is my native language, and I learned English through school and additional private lessons. I also have a basic understanding of Spanish, which I studied for a couple of years in high school.

1. What languages would you like to learn in the future?

In the future, I would love to learn French. It's a beautiful language and widely spoken in many countries. Additionally, it would be useful for travel and could open up more career opportunities. I've always been fascinated by French culture and cuisine, so learning the language would be a great way to immerse myself in it.

1. How do you learn a foreign language?

I learn a foreign language by combining different methods. I start with formal classes to build a strong foundation in grammar and vocabulary. Then, I practice speaking with native speakers and use language learning apps to reinforce my skills. Watching movies and reading books in the target language also helps improve my comprehension and fluency.

1. How are language taught and learned in your school?

Languages in my school are taught through a mix of traditional instruction and interactive activities. Teachers focus on grammar and vocabulary but also emphasize speaking and listening skills. We often engage in group discussions, role-plays, and language labs to practice real-life communication. Additionally, there are cultural events and language clubs that provide immersive experiences.

1. What kind of difficulties would you have if you want to learn a new language?

One of the main difficulties I might face is finding enough time to practice regularly. Consistency is key in language learning, and balancing it with other responsibilities can be challenging. Another difficulty is overcoming the fear of making mistakes, especially when speaking. It takes time and confidence to become comfortable with a new language, and sometimes the grammar rules can be quite complex

Keys

1. Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?

No, I don't usually bring a lot of keys with me. I try to keep it simple by carrying only the essential ones, like my house key and car key. It’s more convenient and less likely that I'll lose them.

1. Have you ever lost your keys?

Yes, I have lost my keys a couple of times. It's always a stressful experience, especially when you realize it at the worst possible moment. Thankfully, I usually find them eventually or have a spare set at home.

1. Do you often forget your keys and lock yourself out?

I don't often forget my keys, but it has happened a few times. To avoid getting locked out, I’ve developed a habit of checking for my keys before I leave the house. It’s a small routine that saves a lot of trouble.

1. Do you think it is a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbor?

Yes, I think it can be a good idea to leave a spare key with a trusted neighbor. It provides a backup plan in case you get locked out or lose your keys. However, it’s important to ensure that the neighbor is someone you trust completely.

Small business

1. Do you know many small businesses where you live?

Yes, I know quite a few small businesses in my area. There are several family-owned restaurants, boutique shops, and local service providers. I enjoy supporting them because they add a unique charm to the community and often offer more personalized service.

1. Do you prefer buying things from big companies or small businesses?

I prefer a mix of both, depending on what I need. For everyday essentials and electronics, I might go to big companies because of their wide selection and competitive prices. However, for unique items, gifts, or dining, I prefer small businesses because they often provide higher quality and a more personal touch.

1. Have you ever worked in small businesses?

No, I have never worked in a small business. I have only worked for a large company so far. While working in a big company has given me valuable experience and exposure to large-scale operations, I am curious about the unique challenges and opportunities that come with working in a small business. I think it would be interesting to see how a smaller team operates and how they manage to stay competitive.

1. Have you ever thought about starting your own businesses?

Yes, I have thought about starting my own business. The idea of being my own boss and creating something from scratch is very appealing. I’m particularly interested in the tech industry and have considered launching a startup that focuses on innovative solutions for everyday problems. However, I know it requires a lot of planning, resources, and hard work.

Happy things

1. Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?

Yes, recently I reconnected with an old friend whom I hadn't seen in years. We spent a wonderful afternoon catching up and reminiscing about our school days. It was heartwarming to see how much we've both grown and changed, yet still share a strong bond. This experience brought me a lot of joy and reminded me of the importance of maintaining personal connections.

1. What made you happy when you were little?

When I was little, playing outside with my friends made me very happy. We would spend hours running around, playing games like hide and seek or tag. I also loved reading adventure stories and imagining myself as the hero in those tales. The simple pleasures of childhood, like spending time with family and friends, really brought me a lot of happiness.

1. What do you think will make you feel happy in the future?

In the future, I think achieving my personal and professional goals will make me feel happy. For example, advancing in my career and possibly starting a family are things I look forward to. Additionally, continuing to travel and explore new places will bring me joy, as I love experiencing different cultures and meeting new people.

1. When do you feel happy at work? why?

I feel happy at work when I complete a challenging project successfully. It gives me a sense of accomplishment and boosts my confidence. I also enjoy collaborating with my colleagues and learning from them. When we work well together as a team and achieve our goals, it creates a positive and fulfilling work environment.

1. Do you feel happy when buying new things?

Yes, I do feel happy when buying new things, especially if it's something I've wanted for a long time or something that will improve my daily life. However, this happiness is usually temporary. I find that the joy from material possessions fades over time, whereas experiences and relationships bring more lasting happiness.

1. Do you think people are happy when buying new things?

Yes, I think people generally feel happy when buying new things. This is often due to the excitement of acquiring something new or fulfilling a desire. However, like my own experience, this happiness is often short-lived. People might feel a temporary boost in mood, but long-term happiness usually comes from deeper, more meaningful aspects of life, such as relationships and personal achievements.

T-shirt

1. Would you buy T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?

No, I don't like buying T-shirts as souvenirs on vacation. Instead, I prefer purchasing beautiful dresses that often have unique designs and fabrics. Dresses can be a lovely reminder of the places I've visited and offer a more personal touch to my travel memories. They also tend to be more versatile and stylish, fitting better with my wardrobe preferences.

1. Do you like wearing T-shirt?

No, I don't like wearing T-shirts. I find them less appealing compared to other types of clothing like blouses or dresses. These alternatives often offer more variety in design and a better fit for my style. I feel more comfortable and confident in clothing that aligns with my fashion sense.

1. How often do you wear T-shirt?

I don't wear T-shirts very often. They are not a staple in my wardrobe, and I usually opt for other types of clothing that better suit my style and preferences. On rare occasions, I might wear a T-shirt for a very casual setting, but generally, I prefer more elegant and tailored options.

1. Do you like T-shirts with pictures or prints?

No, I don't like T-shirts with pictures or prints. I prefer clothing with more plain or elegant designs, as they tend to look more sophisticated and timeless. Printed T-shirts often feel too casual or busy for my taste, and I find that simpler designs better complement my overall style.

1. Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?

Yes, I do think older people who wear T-shirts can be fashionable. Fashion is about personal expression and comfort, and T-shirts can be a stylish and practical choice for people of any age. It's wonderful to see older individuals embracing casual and trendy clothing, showing that style has no age limit.

Outer space and stars

1. Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars?
2. Do you like science fiction movies? Why?
3. Do you want to know more about outer space?
4. Do you want to go into outer space in the future?

Art

1. Do you like art?
2. Do you like visiting art galleries?
3. Do you want to be an artist?
4. Do you like modern art or traditional art?

Weekends

1. Do you like weekends?
2. What do you usually do on weekends? Do you study or work?
3. What did you do last weekend?
4. Do you make plans for your weekends?

Jewelry

1. Do you often wear jewelry?
2. What type of jewelry do you like?
3. Do you usually buy jewelry?
4. What do you think some people wear a people of jewelry for long time?

Chocolate

1. Do you like eating chocolate? Why or why not?
2. How often do you eat chocolate?
3. Do you often eat chocolate when you are a kid?
4. Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world?
5. What is your favorite flavor of chocolate?
6. Do you think it’s good to use chocolate as gifts to others?

## 事件

## 地点

Schools and workspaces

1. Do you like your job?
2. Do you currently have a good work environment?
3. What do you think could be improved at your workspace?
4. What do you think would be challenging when you start working in the future?
5. Is there a place in your company that makes you feel relaxed?
6. What are the advantages of a company having a relaxation room?
7. Have you ever thought about changing jobs?
8. How do you go to work?

Library

1. Do you often go to the library?
2. What do you usually do in the library?
3. Did you go to the library when you were a kid?
4. Do Chinese kids often go to the library?

The city you live in

1. What’s the weather like where you live?
2. Are there people of different ages living in this city?
3. Are there people friendly in the city?
4. Is the city friendly to children and old people?
5. Do you often see your neighbors?
6. What city do you live in?
7. Do you like this city? Why?
8. How long have you lived in this city?
9. Are there big changes in this city?
10. Is this city your permanent residence?

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