### Your lesson has ended

**8:02 PM**

Teacher Mindy

I work in Vancouver for Alipay.

I am a tester in Alipay.

My job is to test applications in

Alipay.

Sure, I like it because I have worked in this field for over ten years.

I am very familiar with this job.

familiar

team

Maria

every

main

My office is located on Viking Street in Vancouver.

My office is medium sized.

It houses around 30 people.

There are several meeting rooms and one big room for our boss and a receptionist.

Yes, I work on a team of three people.

Yes, I do.

My coworkers are also from China.

No, I don't.

All of my coworkers are from China.

My manager is open.

He is always smiling.

If anything is related to a customer, he becomes serious.

Generally we have two meetings at least every week.

I like having meetings because I can share my ideas in the meeting.

I can communicate with other people in different departments.

Generally speaking I write several emails a day.

The majority (main) of emails go to customers.

customers

So-so. To be honest, I don't like writing emails because I think if I can more directly communicate with people that would create better communication.

Even though I think this, writing emails is more formal and perfect for reporting out to a customer on a service that they have purchased.

Elena

vacation

I am planning (to) for a release of our project.

The first two days we will run the testing for the project.

On the third day we will prepare a report on the results of the testing.

On Thursday we will report out to the customer if there were some errors.

Depending on the feedback, we will plan on making a release of the project.

How long will you take a vacation?

How long is your vacation for?

How long is your vacation?

I will ...

Tomorrow morning, I will have a class with my English teacher.

The class content will be related to my current job.

I'd like to start learning how to do a job interview in English.

My English teacher always teaches me how t

I would like to have more opportunities to take on challenges within my current position.

I would like to apply new techniques related to automation, using the most current techniques.

I'd like to have a job related to my current position.

It's in the IT field.

(for)

Especially focused on the ecommerce industry.

Since I have worked in this industry for over 10 years...

industry

I will retire in maybe about 10 years because I only recently came to Canada a few months ago.

I am planning on keeping my job for now, buy a house, and creating a stable life in Canada.

retirement

buying

For women....

For women I would say they like to be a secretary.

For men, I would say they like to be in sales.

Shopping Habits

Yes, I do.

I like to go shopping.

I like to go shopping because I feel happy, especially after the work week, it makes me feel good.

Also, I can go shopping with my friends and we can chat and hang out.

It helps me to relax.

Yes, I usually like to buy in stores because it is convenient since you can try on things before you buy them.

I can touch it directly and so it let's me know the quality of the material as well as I can see the color clearly.

quality

I usually buy things online too.

It is very convenient because I don't have to leave my house.

I can just buy something that I need and it is also very cheap to do this since I can shop around.

Also, the merchandise will be mailed to my house directly.

look for a deal

tires

electronics

Generally I go shopping once a month.

He often buy or buys a keyboard

I like to buy things that I like, price doesn't matter.

If the things are too expensive, I have to reconsider perhaps

I shopped this week because I had to buy food for my family.

Generally I will buy milk, bread, meat, vegetables, and some other speciality vegetables.

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**8:00 PM**

Teacher Mindy

Today was sunny.

Sunday

In the past I liked to play ping pong.

Now I like to practice kick boxing.

Why do you like kick boing?

Every time I practice, I must try my hardest to do all of the movements.

My coach continually has me do different movements and he doesn't stop until I do them correctly.

It is very tiring.

Actually I want to try everything.

There isn't anything that I don't want to do.

In the past I didn't like hiking but now I like hiking.

I tried it with my friends on the weekend and I really like it now.

We can continue to talk with each other when we go hiking.

I really like to challenge myself.

Only a few people like hiking in China

In China everyone is busy making money

Even if it is a holiday.

At the beginning of course.

My husband persuaded me to change my life and it is totally different than how we lived in China.

We had to learn a whole day with noting to do.

In the beginning...

New hobbies:

I would like to try golf because it is cheaper than in China and it is very popular.

How much is it?

golf course

It is a very famous golf course.

It is a very large golf course.

I went to the golf course and some people were playing there. It was so big.

It looks so fun to be able to take pictures.

I think it would be fun to practice how to frame a good picture.

stuff

stamps

Have you collected anything?

I have collected money as a souvenir.

I like traveling the most.

My dream is to travel around the world and see everything.

I am planning to do that in the very near future.

Maybe during a holiday I might go when COVID is not happening anymore.

I want to learn about different cultures.

I like to know about other places.

When I was a little girl I liked dancing.

Once I had become an adult, I haven't been able to dance.

I would love to have a teacher who could show me how to dance.

latin dancing

Salsa

Merengue

Cumbia

I would like to learn.

ballroom

northwest

Ballroom

How often do you go hiking?

I go hiking once a week on Saturday.

Generally we will go hiking on Saturday.

Here, I haven't gone kick boxing.

Both

I do hiking with friends while I do kick boxing by myself.

private lessons

group lesson

It's the same in China.

I think that kick boxing is dangerous. You must do a lot of different movements and you can often get hurt when you do these.

When I was younger I would like to try this.

I am scared of that.

I would like to try rock climbing and sky diving.

I would like to try it.

I went to Seattle to try to do sky diving but it was cancelled twice.

When I was a child I liked to play ping pong because it is popular in China.

You can see ping pong tables everywhere.

Every child knows how to play ping pong.

It's an easy game for the Chinese and every school has ping pong tables out.

If students have free time they are always playing.

It is cheap so everyone plays.

I liked to jump rope.

Generally two people stand on each side and hold the rope and you would try to jump as they turn it.

Yes, I still play ping pong today.

If I get a house, I will get a ping pong table.

My daughter and I both like to play.

I'm too old.

Why did you stop jump roping

I'm too old and I can't jump too high and I don't have time to practice.

I think it is boring now.

I have no friends to do this with me.

Now people like to play other sports.

No one is jumping rope anymore.

I like to do some yoga.

I think it is quiet and restful.

I can also get exercise that way.

Sometimes my husband will carry me on his back and I will carry him.

weight lifting

It is like a form of weight lifting.

We think it is good for strengthening our shoulders.

photography

I like music but

I don't like collecting it.

Right now it is really popular

That is my hobby.

I like to do this.

I need the time to relax and you know I already spend a lot of time at work.

When the weekend is here I like to enjoy my life.

Afterwards, once I am back at work, I have more energy to do my job.

After you take time to relax, you can feel much better.

The English Channel is so big.

You can't swim that long of a distance.

It is so cold, you might lose your life.

You are the only son, you need to think about this.

I also worry about you.

Even though we don't get along, you are still my brother and I don't want to lose you.

For example with traveling, it takes a lot of time and is expensive but I can get more out of it.

I am able to learn about other cultures.

I broaden my horizons.

Afterwards I will try and make more money. This won't stop me from doing it.

The bad part is that you are spending a lot of time and money and this is addictive.

I won't ever want to return to work.

I don't want to go back to work.

Yes, I think so.

If I could run a business related to one of my hobbies this would be a good thing.

I would be able to make money while doing my favorite thing.

I am an IT person but I don't actually like it.

I was thinking if my daughter found a job related to her hobby this would be ideal.

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LEAVE

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Teacher Mindy

assassin

games

getting a job

What do you think is the best way to get a job?

Currently I find jobs from a job website.

If someone already worked in the company it is better to have them recommend me.

Generally companies like to hire people that are connected to people that already work there.

What is the job market like in China?

There are lots of job opportunities.

It also depends on what industry that you are in.

In IT industry it is super easy to find a job.

It also depends on in which city you live in.

Some cities (are not good to find) do not have IT jobs.

How many job have you had?

Since I graduated from university I did sales, secretarial jobs, accounting, and tester jobs.

I worked in four different positions.

What is the expectation for dress at work in China?

It depends on the type of work.

It depends on what type of job you are hired for.

Generally we are able to wear casual jobs.

In sales we had to wear formal suit.

For the hiring manager they might (don't forget to say might) ask, can you introduce yourself?

The second question might be what is your professional plans, salary, ...

The technique manager will ask you about how detailed you are and what you did in your past positions and how do you deal with some special or unique situations.

Some are the same but the big difference is that I don't feel confident in English

homes

having children

Is your home organized?

It's not very organized.

Sometimes it's messy.

It's hard to keep things clean.

If it is only then it is very hard.

Everyone needs to put things back where they found them.

This makes it easier.

decorations

I like decorations in my house.

If there are no decorations I feel like I need to put things up.

I like to have help to decorate.

I don't feel confident with this.

I spent money on that in China and I tried to find a good company to decorate my house but because I couldn't find one.

I kept everything in my house. I want to go back to my house in China.

My husband thinks (think) that we should sell our house in China.

He thinks (think) that that is a good way.

When I was a little girl I lived in the countryside of China so there was no city.

It was a very small place and at that time my parents earn a lot (so many) of money.

Our life was not very easy.

I remember that when I went to school I didn't buy new clothes. I often wore used clothes from my sister.

used clothes

We owned chickens, pigs, a cow, and a duck.

Mom fed them every day.

We grew vegetables, rice, etc..

grew

Did you have electricity?

When I was a little girl we used oil lamps

running water

We used water from a spring.

We would dig a hole.

We dug a well.

Everyday my dad or mom would use a bucket...

to get water.

bucket baths

sponge baths

if everyone does it then you don't think about it

How did you heat your house?

There was not heater.

When we came here, the winter is warm.

The temperature is lower than where we used to live.

fireplace

Lots of families have fireplaces.

it different than there.

They use a big pot and place wood in it...

then they light the fire.

All of the people gather around the big pot.

soot

They were be a lot of soot in the air.

soot

chimney

We had a chimney but it was for the kitchen.

Currently when we return to my hometown in the winter especially for the Spring Festival some families still have a fire outside.

My new clothes would get dirty.

clothes

clos

manners

marriage

What are considered bad manners?

If my doctor speaks with me but her eyes didn't look at me.

If she didn't make eye contact this would rude.

daughter

aw

Language is important.

Don't use profanity.

When we talk, you shouldn't tap your foot.

You should stay still when you are in conversation.

conversation

I feel like everyone is polite.

Most everyone has good manners.

They are always smiling.

If its too rude to someone...

but it also depends on if the person is a child or a senior, I might say something.

If they are the same age or a young person, I might ignore it.

I might go about my business.

What are considered some good manners?

You must be polite, especially to older people or to teachers.

Language and behavior are both important.

You should know what is good and what is poor behavior.

Neighbors

natural disasters

Do you know your neighbors?

We don't talk too much.

I just talk a little bit with the guy.

Sometimes I speak to him about our electricity.

We don't talk about other things.

Sometimes we will say hello or if it has been a long time since we have seen them, i might speak with him a bit.

How have you been recently?

Generally I knew my neighbors because it is communicate with each other.

I like to get to know my neighbors.

Generally if the person is open and kind I like to communicate with them.

When I lived in China I had good neighbors.

My neighbor's daughter was one year older than my daughter and so they were good friends.

We often hung out together over the weekends

Sometimes I would need more salt and I would

go ask my neighbors.

idiom

Good fences make good neighbors

I don't think so

I talked to my neighbor who live in another house...

The neighbors are married and her daughter is a nice woman.

We talked about our daughters.

We talked about where I came from.

They called me and invited me to talk in the backyard

Previously I rented a house with two other families

The house had two floors.

I lived on the first floor.

Do you agree?

I don't agree because...

as you said it's not easy to talk with them.

If there is a fence then you can't go over to the house.

Yeah, it's common.

Lots of young people like to do that.

Even some young people want to have (make a girlfriend) a girlfriend.

Nowadays lots of people want to introduce a girl to another guy they will tell him that she they can communicate through WeChat.

there is a girl..

My Mom and my sister worried about ...

She didn't meet a boy before. She got older and older.

I introduced her to a boy to my niece.

First I will talk with the guy and then they will talk on WeChat.

niece

news

What are some bad things about online dating?

I think they can talk through a video chat

I heard lot of girls cheat on boys.

What is the common age people get married in China?

Between 24 and 35 but it also depends on where you live.

27 or 28

In Beijing a lot of colleagues are almost thirty.

to have children (kids)

Is there pressure to have kids?

Generally if people live in a city they will feel pressure to have a child

If you live in the country side there is no pressure.

I had my first child at 30

Lots of people do that.

When they are in university they will live with someone and not get married.

It's not true in china

If they have been living together for a long time and not get married they might break up so they can get married

Lots of pressure comes from parents to get married especially if they are getting older and older

Some girls live with their boyfriends for five or seven years and if they don't get married then they will go look for another boy

is privacy important in China?

In china its not very important.

My colleagues all talk about their wife or their husband

We all talk about our personal lives during lunch

Black makes us look slimmer

Maybe the colors and styles I choose sometimes don't suit me.

Black shoes stay clean a lot time

Black shoes match with everything

Black shoes are versatile

I could have pets in the future if I bought a house here

Maybe the pet could keep me company

I haven't played ping pong for a long time

The activities in the gym aren't appropriate because the other women are older

I had a good job in China at that time

I hate cooking

Cleaning can reduce stress and help me relax

When we were\* in China, not when we was

She needs to improve her English

boarding school

she doesn't