

原力英语 B2 全场景覆盖表达

口语主题陈述——文化类

话题一览

Books
Art
Photography
Culture

BOOKS

Literature(n.)=written works(books)
Literacy(n.)=the ability to read and write
Literate(adj.)=able to read and write

TYPES OF BOOKS

Fictional novels - different genres
Crime novels
Romance
Thriller - suspense
Comedy
Action
Sci-fi

Non-Fictional BOOKS

Biographies
Autobiographies
Hobbies
Historical (adj.)
Personal development = self help
Books related to your field of work
Recipe book

DESCRIBING THE STORY

Plot=storyline
Setting=background(when - where)
Characters=people in the story
Protagonist(main character/hero)

PHRASES TO DESCRIBE HOW WE READ BOOKS

To skim through books in the book store

To flip through a book

To leaf through a book

All of these above mean to glance at quickly, not to read in depth.

A voracious reader

An avid reader

A bookworm

All of these mean someone who reads a lot

DESCRIBING A BOOK

A heavy read(n)=that book is difficult to read

It's a good read.

This book is easy reading.

This book makes easy reading.

I couldn't put it down.

It had me spell bound. (对...入迷的)

It was a gripping novel. (扣人心弦的, 吸引人的)

I read it from cover to cover. (从头到尾)

It's a captivating/great read. (使着迷的)

It had an intriguing plot. (非常有趣的, 引人入胜的)

IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS ABOUT BOOKS

To turnover a new leaf=to start a new/start something fresh

I want to get in my boss's good books=I want to do something to win his/her favour

She threw the book at me=she told me off very strongly/scolded me for doing something wrong

Take a leaf out of Mary's book=learn from Mary(suggesting she is better than you)

CONVERSATION ABOUT ART

Do you like art?

Have you ever been to an art exhibition?

What pictures or style of art do you like?

Do you think art is an important part of our education?

IDIOMS TO TALK ABOUT ART

I was bowled over by this piece of art=I was really impressed

It took my breath away=It was impressive

It is jaw-dropping=It was amazing

It blew my mind=It was amazing

There was a lot of **buzz** (excitement / hype) about this painting, but it left me cold = I felt uninterested

It wasn't much to write home about = it was normal, nothing special

I didn't like that painting, I don't know why, I can't put my finger on it. (= I can't explain why)

That painting was as exciting as watching paint dry. (extremely boring)

Rachel fell asleep during the big game because she thinks that watching sports is like watching paint dry

VOCABULARY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

I snapshot all the time, I am an amateur **photographer**.

I have a knack for taking good **photographs**.

I am following a **photography** course online at the moment.

I look terrible in photos, I am not at all **photogenic**(上镜的).

How do you remember all that information? You must have a **photographic** memory

Common Collocations

Take a photo of someone

To shoot a photo

To take some shots (n.)

To snap a picture/photo (casual)

To take a snap (n.)

To capture the moment (to catch)

A digital photo

Color photos / black and white photos

To pose for a photo

I hate posing for photos, because I am just so not photogenic.

A photo opportunity

Having all the family together for my birthday was a great photo opportunity

Photo editing (n.)

To crop a photo

a photo frame/album

A photo session

to be in focus

to be out of focus

I tend to take_____

Landscape photos

Portrait photos

Cityscape photos

Seascape photos

Panoramic views

Picturesque views

Selfies

Group photos

I like taking pictures of_____

I like to capture / shoot _____

I like to photograph (v.)_____

Cities / nature / people / animals / spontaneous (=not planned) moments
/ everyday situations / food / different scenery / different scenic views

CULTURE

How important it is to learn about other people' s cultures?

What difficulties can people living in a foreign country experience?

How can we benefit from learning about other cultures?

What do you think is the best way to learn about another culture?

Do you think it' s better to go overseas to study a foreign language or
to study it in

your home country?

What benefits can there be for people working in a foreign country?

Do you believe in stereotypes about different nationalities?

Are you in favour of adopting a universal language?

What negative effects might come from a country losing its traditional
cultures?

What is your understanding of the term “globalization”?

Do you think globalization is a good thing?

What negative effects might come from a country losing its traditional cultures?

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Describe a photograph you like. You should say:

What the photo is of

Where you took it. .

When you took it.

Why you like it

Describe a book that you enjoyed reading because you had to think a lot.

You should say:

What this book was

Why you decided to read it

What reading this book made you think about
and explain why you enjoyed reading this book

Describe a foreign culture that you are interested in

You should say

what this culture is

how you learned about this culture

what you know about this culture and explain why you feel this culture is interesting.

Describe an aspect of a foreign culture you like.

You should say:

what it is

how you know about it

what differences there are between that aspect of culture and your own