

# My School Years

## Discussion

How are you doing today?

I am fine.

What did you do before the class?(past)

I worked in my office before this class.

How is the weather today?

It's a sunny day.

What is the temperature?

It's about 30 degrees Centigrade.

What are your plans for today?

I am going to work overtime after the class.

Why do you have to work overtime?

I am preparing a presentation, we have a new leader so we have to report to him.

You don't have enough time during you regular working hours?

I attended a meeting today so I don't have enough time.

Can you tell me about your school years?

I went to primary, middle and high school in my home town. I went to a college in Wuhan.

Did you enjoy your school years?

I enjoyed my college time but when I was in high school the study was very heavy.

Middle school was more difficult than university?

Yes, it was hard to go to a good college.

In university we learned much more particular and difficult to undersand knowledge.

These subjects were very hard for me.

What did you study in university?

My major was accounting.

Why did you choose accounting?

Because it's easy to find a job in China.

Accounting sounds like a lot of paperwork.

Do you have any questions? No, I don't.

What was this conversation about?

It was about the meeting between teachers and the administrators of a school.

What was the meeting about?  
The meeting was about reaching students potential.

How do teachers feel?  
Teachers feel taken for granted.

Did you have a favorite teacher?  
Yes, I liked my Chinese teacher in middle school.

What did you like about him or her?  
She was very kind and fair to student. She treated students very well even the students, who were not good at learning.

Do you have any teachers you didn't like?  
Yes, some teachers always wanted to use parents to help him or her to do something.

What can parents do for the teachers?  
Teachers wanted gifts from parents.

Why?  
Some teachers treated students differently.

## **Vocabulary**

### **Useful words**

1. take for granted(expression)
2. reach(verb)
3. potential(noun)
4. familiarity(noun):the state of knowing something, being familiar with something.
5. overfamiliarity(noun):the state of knowing something too well.
6. administrator(noun)
7. appreciate(verb)
8. look into something(expression) e.g. I am going look into the problem of our company.
9. bribe(noun):is something that is give or done in someone's favour in order to receive unfair advantage.

## **Vocabulary**

### **Temperature**

To express the temperature make sure you use the word "degree" with the name of measuring unit for temperature, Celsius/Centigrade.

Be aware that the word "degree" is a countable noun, which has singular and plural form.

1 degree  
20 degrees  
1 teacher 30 teachers

## Grammar

### Verbs

Verbs express time. They tell us about time.

### Pronunciation

#### The

When “the” is followed by a vowel sound(a,e,i,o,u) make sure you pronounce /thi/, not /th/.

the/thi/	the/th/
the apple	the teacher
the end	the student
the air	the chair
the hour	the univeristy(a university)

### Words to work on

1. overfamiliarity(noun)