

Breakfast or lunch

来源：《新概念第二册》

It was Sunday. I never get up early on Sundays. I sometimes stay in bed until lunchtime. Last Sunday I got up very late. I looked out of the window. It was dark outside. "What a day!" I thought. "It's raining again." Just then, the telephone ___1___ (ring). It was my aunt Lucy. "I've just arrived ___2___ train, she said. "I'm coming to see you."

"But I'm still having breakfast," I said. "What are you doing?" she asked. "I'm having breakfast," I repeated.

"Dear me," she said. "Do you always get up so late? It's one o'clock!"

1. rang 2. by

Too late

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The plane was late and detectives were waiting at the airport all morning. They were expecting a ___1___ (value) parcel of diamonds from South Africa. A few hours ___2___ someone had told the police that thieves would try to steal the diamonds. When the plane arrived some of the detectives were waiting inside the main building while others were waiting on the airfield. Two men took the parcel off the plane and ___3___ (carry) it into the Customs House. While two detectives were keeping guard at the door, two others opened the parcel. To ___4___ (they) surprise, the precious parcel was full of stones and sand!

1. valuable 2. earlier/before 3. carried 4. their

A cold welcome

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___1___ Wednesday evening, we went to the Town Hall. It was the last day of the year and a large crowd of people had gathered under the Town Hall clock. It would strike twelve in twenty minutes time. Fifteen minutes passed and then, at five to twelve, the clock stopped. The big minute hand did not move. We

waited and waited, but nothing __2__ (happen). __3__ (sudden) someone shouted, 'It's two minutes past twelve! The clock has stopped!' I looked at my watch. It was true. The big clock refused __4__ (welcome) the New Year. At that moment, everybody began to laugh and sing.

1. On 2. happened 3. Suddenly 4. to welcome

A freshman challenge

来源：《高中英语必修一》（人教版）

I'm a freshman at senior high school. Going from junior high school to senior high school is a really big challenge. The first week was a little __1__ (confuse).

I had to think very __2__ (careful) about which courses I wanted to take. The school adviser helped me choose the suitable ones: maths, English, chemistry, world history, and Chinese. I know that Chinese is a very difficult language but I hope to be fluent when I graduate. My adviser recommended that I should sign up for advanced literature because I like English and I'm good __3__ it.

1. confusing 2. carefully 3. at

The Greenwood Boys

来源：《新概念第二册》

The Greenwood Boys are a group of pop __1__ (singer). __2__ present, they are visiting all parts of the country. They will be arriving here tomorrow. They will be coming by train and most of the young people in the town will be meeting them at the station. Tomorrow evening they will be singing at the Workers' Club. The Greenwood Boys will be staying for five days. During this time, they will give five performances. As usual, the police will have a difficult time. They will be trying to keep order. It is always __3__ same on these occasions.

1. singers 2. At 3. the

One man in a boat

来源：《新概念第二册》

Fishing is my favourite sport. I often fish for hours without ____1____ (catch) anything. But this does not worry me. Some fishermen are ____2____ (lucky). Instead of catching fish, they catch old boots and rubbish. I am even less lucky. I never catch anything—not even old boots. After having spent whole mornings on the river, I always go home with an empty bag. “You must give up fishing!” my friends say. “It’s ____3____ waste of time.” But they don’t realize one important thing. I’m not really ____4____ (interest) in fishing. I am only interested in sitting in a boat and doing nothing at all!

1. catching 2. unlucky 3. a 4. interested

A wet night

来源：《新概念第二册》

Late in the afternoon, the boys put up their tent ____1____ the middle of a field. As soon as this was done, they cooked a meal over ____2____ open fire. They were all hungry and the food ____3____ (smell) good. After a ____4____ (wonder) meal, they told stories and sang songs by the campfire. But some time later it began to rain. The boys felt tired so they put out the fire and crept into their tent. Their sleeping bags were warm and comfortable, so they all slept soundly. In the middle of the night, two boys woke up and began shouting. The tent was full of water! They all leapt out of their sleeping bags and hurried outside. It was raining ____5____ (heavy) and they found that a stream had formed in the field. The stream wound its way across the field and then flowed right under their tent!

1. in 2. an 3. smelled 4. wonderful 5. heavily

Football or polo

来源：《新概念第二册》

The Wayle is a small river that cuts across the park near my home. I like sitting by the Wayle on fine afternoons. It was warm last Sunday, so I went and sat on the river bank ____1____ usual. Some children were playing games on the bank and there were some people rowing on the river. ____2____ (sudden), one

of the children kicked a ball very hard and it went towards a passing boat. Some people on the bank called out to the man in the boat, but he did not hear them. The ball struck him ____3____ hard that he nearly fell into the water. I turned to look at the children, but there weren't any in sight. They had all run away! The man laughed when he realized what had happened. He called out to the children and ____4____ (throw) the ball back to the bank.

1. as 2. Suddenly 3. so 4. threw

Quick work

来源：《新概念第二册》

Dan Robinson has been worried all week. Last Tuesday he received a letter from the local police. In the letter he was asked to call at the station. Dan wondered why he ____1____ (want) by the police, but he went to the station yesterday and now he is not worried anymore. At the station, he was told by ____2____ smiling policeman that his bicycle had been found. Five days ago, the policeman told him the bicycle was picked up in a small village four hundred miles away. It is now being sent to his home ____3____ train. Dan was most surprised when he heard the news. He was ____4____ (amuse) too, because he never expected the bicycle to be found. It was stolen twenty years ago ____5____ Dan was a boy of fifteen!

1. was wanted 2. a 3. by 4. amused 5. when

The Olympic Games

来源：《新概念第二册》

The Olympic Games will be held in our country in four years' time. As a great many people will be visiting the country, the government will be building new hotels, ____1____ immense stadium and a new Olympic-standard swimming pool. They will also be building new roads and a special railway line. The Games will be held just outside the capital and the whole area will be called Olympic City. Workers will have completed the new roads ____2____ the end of this year. By the end of next year, they will have finished work on the new stadium. The fantastic modern buildings have been designed by Kurt Gunter.

Everybody will be watching ____3____ (anxious) as the new buildings go up. We are all very excited and are looking forward ____4____ the Olympic Games because they have never been held before in this country.

1. an 2. by 3. anxiously 4. to

Did you want to tell me something?

来源：《新概念第二册》

Dentists always ask ____1____ (question) when it is impossible for you ____2____ (answer). My dentist had just pulled out one of my ____3____ (tooth) and had told me to rest for a while. I tried to say something, but my mouth was full of cotton wool. He knew I collected match boxes and asked me whether my collection was growing. He then asked me how my brother was and whether I liked my new job in London. In answer to these questions I either nodded ____4____ made strange noises. Meanwhile, my tongue was busy searching out the hole where the tooth had been. I suddenly felt very ____5____ (worry), but could not say anything. When the dentist at last removed the cotton wool from my mouth, I was able to tell him that he had pulled out the wrong tooth.

1. questions 2. to answer 3. teeth 4. or 5. worried

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The end of a dream

来源：《新概念第二册》

Tired of sleeping on the floor, a young man in Teheran saved up for ____1____ (year) to buy a real bed. For the first time in his life he became the proud owner of a bed which had springs and a mattress. Because the weather was very hot, he carried the bed on to the roof of his house. He slept very well for the first two nights but on the third night a storm ____2____ (blow) up. A gust of wind swept the bed off the roof and ____3____ (send) it crashing into the courtyard below. The young man did not wake up until the bed had struck the ground. Although the bed was smashed to pieces, the man was miraculously unhurt. When he woke up, he was still on the mattress. Glancing at the bits of wood and metal that lay around him, the man ____4____ (sad) picked up the mattress and carried it into his house. After he had put it on the floor,

he promptly went to sleep again.

1. years 2. blew 3. sent 4. sadly

来源：A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of ____1____(believe), it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good ____2____for evil, in the superlative degree of ____3____(compare) only.

1. belief 2. or 3. comparison

来源：The One World Schoolhouse Education Reimagined by Salman Khan

As we've seen, ____1____(we) current system divides disciplines into “subjects,” and further divides the subjects into independent units, thereby ____2____(create) the dangerous illusion that the topics are discrete and unconnected. While that's a serious problem, there's an even more basic failing here: Chances are that the topics themselves have not been covered thoroughly enough, because our schools measure out their efforts in increments of time rather than in target levels of mastery. When the interval allotted for a ____3____(give) topic has run out, it's time ____4____(give) a test and move on.

1. our 2. creating 3. given 4. to give

来源：Justice: What's The Right Thing To Do? by Michael Sandel

This is a course about Justice and we begin with a story. Suppose you are the driver of a trolley car and your trolley car is hurtling down the track at 60 miles ____1____ hour. At the end of the track you notice five workers ____2____(work) on the track. You tried to stop but you can't. Your brake didn't work. You feel desperate because you know that if you crash into these five workers, they will all die. Let's assume

you know that ___3___ sure and so you feel ___4___ (help) until you notice that there is off to the right a side track. ___5___ the end of that track, there's one worker working on the track. Your steering wheel works and you can turn the trolley car if you want to. Onto the side track, kill the one but spare the five. Here is our first question: What's the right thing to do?

1. an 2. working 3. for 4. helpless 5. At

来源: <https://www.verywellmind.com/small-talk-topics-3024421>

Small talk topics are good conversation starters between people who don't know each other well. If you live with social anxiety disorder (SAD), ___1___ (make) small talk can be anxiety-provoking. It can also be difficult if you tend to be more introverted.

Learning to make small talk can help build the ___2___ (confident) you need to start conversations, make connections, and develop your ___3___ (society) skills. Even if you are uncomfortable, avoiding small talk all together only serves to worsen anxiety ___4___ the long run.

Rather than being scared of small talk, make a point of overcoming your fear of it. One good way to alleviate anxiety is to know what things to talk about and what ___5___ (avoid).

1. making 2. confidence 3. social 4. in 5. to avoid

来源: VOA special

Online services company Amazon ___1___ (recent) announced that customers in Lockeford, California in the United States would be among ___2___ first to receive drone deliveries later this year. This would be the first time Amazon makes drone deliveries available to the public.

The move follows other drone delivery programs ___3___ (test) by companies such as Walmart, the United Parcel Service and FedEx. Amazon said it was working with Federal Aviation Administration and city ___4___ (official) for permits. The drones will have the ability to fly beyond-line-of-sight. That means they can operate beyond the normal sight of the drone pilot.

The drones will be programmed to drop deliveries at the homes of customers in Lockeford. The town

has a population of about 4,000 people.

Amazon has been working toward drone delivery for years, but it has been slowed by regulatory issues. Back in December 2013, the company's chief and founder Jeff Bezos said that drones would be flying purchases to people's homes within five years. In 2019, Amazon produced self-piloting drones that are ___5___ (full) electric and can carry about 2.2 kilograms of goods.

1. recently 2. the 3. tested 4. officials 5. fully

来源： What I Wish I Knew When I Was 20 A Crash Course on Making Your Place in the World

by Tina Seelig

What would you do to earn money if all you had was five dollars and two hours? This is the assignment I gave students in one of my ___1___ (class) at Stanford University. Each of fourteen teams received an envelope with five dollars of “seed funding” and was told they could spend as ___2___ time as they wanted planning. However, once they cracked open the envelope, they had two hours to generate as much money as possible. I gave them from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday evening to complete the assignment. Then, on Sunday evening, each team had to send me one slide describing what they had done, and ___3___ Monday afternoon each team had three minutes to present their project to the class. They were encouraged to be entrepreneurial by ___4___ (identify) opportunities, challenging assumptions, leveraging the limited resources they had, and by being creative.

1. classes 2. much 3. on 4. identifying

来源： VOA special

Holidays are a ___1___ (wonder) time to spend with friends and family, eating and sharing stories. Whether you are celebrating at home, waiting at airports or spending time on trains, buses or cars, these situations can give you great chances to learn English. Here are some ideas that you can use ___2___ (improve) your English over the holidays.

Podcasts

The Learning English Broadcast is a 30-minute daily podcast that ___3___ (feature) the audio from our main stories each day. ___4___ (listen) to the podcast will help develop your ___5___ (able) to understand spoken English and keep you informed of news and information. Once you have finished a program, ___6___ (tell) someone what you have learned--tell them about an ___7___ (interest) story in English or your native language. Either way, you are confirming your understanding of what you heard in English.

Published materials

Airports and train stations often have stores selling published materials. Buy an English-language publication to read it while you are waiting or spending quiet time at a hotel or in a home. Look at the images and read the lines below them. Even if you do not understand all the words, you can use the images to help you understand some of them. Later, you can use an online dictionary to look ___8___ the words you want to learn.

Conversation

While ___9___ (travel), it is not unusual to see people from other countries who are also waiting or exploring a new place. If you hear someone asking for information in English, you might offer to help or simply greet them in English to talk. A ___10___ (friend) conversation is usually welcome as travelers share their experiences.

Writing about your day

Writing about your day is a great way ___11___ (practice) your English writing skill. Draw images of what you see or do in your travels and look up the English words for the places or events later if you cannot think of ___12___ (they) at the time. Using English to describe how you spent your holiday will help you to put new words to use and make them stay in your memory longer. And you will have a wonderful record of your travel to look at long after the holiday is over.

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| 1. wonderful | 2. to improve | 3. features | 4. Listening | 5. ability | 6. tell |
| 7. interesting | 8. up | 9. traveling | 10. friendly | 11. to practice | 12. them |

来源: <https://asiasociety.org/education/chinese-calligraphy>

Calligraphy, literally "beautiful writing," has been appreciated as ___1___ art form in many different cultures throughout the world, but the stature of calligraphy in Chinese culture is unmatched. In China, from a very early period, calligraphy ___2___ (consider) not just a form of decorative art; rather, it was viewed as the supreme visual art form, was more valued than painting and sculpture, and ranked alongside poetry as a means of self-expression and cultivation. How one wrote, ___3___ fact, was as important as what one wrote. To understand how calligraphy came to occupy such a prominent position, it is necessary to consider a variety of factors, such as the materials used in calligraphy and the nature of the Chinese written script as well as the esteem in which writing and literacy are held in ___4___ (tradition) China.

1. an 2. was considered 3. in 4. traditional

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