

IELTS Speaking preparation

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- 50、 别人给你的衣服（妈妈织的毛衣）
- 51、 节日相关（spring festival）

坏掉又修好的东西

Part 2

Describe something that was broken in your home and then repaired

You should say:

What it is

How it was broken

How you got it repaired

And how you felt about it

I am going to talk about a pair of **bluetooth earphones** that was broken in my home and then repaired. It is the well-known apple product airpods pro. You can easily **synchronise it with your phone and computer** because of its bluetooth function, and you will **receive audio from** phone calls, videos and especially music through the **wireless gadget**. It is so convenient and portable and it looks really **stunning**. I am so glad to have a pair in my life.

Unfortunately, my airpods pro fell into the water when I was about to wash my face a couple of months ago. When I picked it up and dried it, I found it completely broken and I could no longer listen to my favourite music with it. You could not imagine how sad I was when I tried it again and again and **waited for a miracle**.

To my delight, I remembered that my airpods was still **under warranty** at that time and I bought the apple care service in advance, which was **an insurance intended for the accidental damage** for apple products. So I went to the nearest apple store, told the clerk about the accident and gave my broken earphones to him. He examined my airpods thoroughly and informed me the fact that it would be sent back to the apple's factory to repair. It was expected to take up about two weeks before the earphones were repaired.

Thanks to the apple care service, the whole process is **free of charge**. I got my airpods back within two weeks and it was back to normal as I wished. I should **express my sincere gratitude** to the Apple company. Their products are just excellent and impressive, as well as their **after-sales service**.

提高注意力

Part 2

Describe something you do that can help you concentrate on work/study

You should say:

What it is

How it helps you concentrate

When you do it

And explain how you feel about it

I am going to describe something I do that can help me concentrate on my work and study, which is listening to music. Both classical and popular music are my favourites, and listening to them do help me **stay focus** as well as **improving my working efficiency**.

Relatively, I prefer popular music, such as **soundtracks from famous films** and **Jay Chou's new releases**. Such pieces of music will **create a fantasitic atmosphere** and **give me an energy boost**. After finishing enjoying popular music, I am always energetic and **full of passion**, which makes me more concentrated on my work. Classical music is a better choice when I am quite nervous or exhausted. It helps me to **relieve stress and clear my mind**.

Before I begin to work or study, I will **set aside** a few minutes to enjoy some music. I still remember the night before my senior year final exam. I spent my whole day preparing for the exam, but still got some bullet points left. I thought about giving up once, so I stopped my work and turned to some music. However, after a few songs, I found my passion for work come back and the magic of music made me even more concentrated than before. Eventually, I got perfect grades thanks to the music and my persistence.

Listening to music has an **significant impact** for me. If you have problems concentrating on your work or study, I sincerely recommend you to choose some favourite music to enjoy before starting to work. Hopefully it will benefit you a lot.

有趣的讨论

Part 2

Describe an interesting discussion you had with your friend

You should say:

What the discussion was about

What opinions you and your friend had

Why you think the discussion was interesting

And how you felt about it

I am going to describe an interesting discussion I had with my friend. The discussion was about which country is **the most livable country** in the world. Although we had different opinions, the discussion **left an unforgettable memory** for both of us.

I firmly held the opinion that Ireland was the most livable country as far as I am concerned. The country **is located on the northwest coast of Europe**. It is well known for its **lush vegetation** and **frequent rainfall**. The climate there is **mild**, which means it is **neither** too hot in the summer **nor** too cold in the winter. A great number of international IT companies chose Ireland as their **European headquarters**, so there are abundant opportunities there. My friend thought America was his dream country. He told me that America is hands down the most powerful country in the world, and he could study and enjoy the most advanced science and technology there. There are many famous attractions and **booming cities**, so he would travel around and experience the local culture.

As for the reason why I think the discussion was interesting, well, I would say we **acquired knowledge** and exchanged information. We also talked about our dream and plan and **the atmosphere was electric**. **When it comes to** my feelings about it, I suppose the discussion was memorable. **The time just flew by** and we enjoyed every minute. It is also a meaningful discussion because we got to know each other further. **It was a great bonding moment.**

对社会有贡献的人

Part 2

Describe a person who contributes to the society

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What type of work he/she does

And explain why you think he/she contributes to the society

I am going to talk about a person who contributes to the society. His name is Tim Cook. As you know, he is the **chief executive officer of Apple Inc.** I knew him from the once-in-a-year **Apple Special Event**, and there are a great number of information and news from social media and websites, which **enhances** my understanding of him.

When it comes to what type of work he does, well, Cook is **an American business executive and engineer**. I think that he keeps the apple company well-organised and **points out the way for development and innovation**. He is always enthusiastic about his work and **acts as an excellent team player**. It is said that he regularly begins sending emails at 4:30 am each weekday and in the past held Sunday-night staff meetings by telephone to prepare for the next week. Since 2011 when he took over Apple, to 2020, Cook **doubled the company's revenue and profit**, making Apple the largest technology company in the world.

As for the reason why I think he contributes to the world, I would say that **under Cook's leadership**, Apple has developed **countless fascinating electronic devices**, such as the ipad pro, the bluetooth earphone airpods pro and the Macbook series containing the brand new M2 chips. These equipments have improved the quality of my life sharply, as well as my working efficiency. There are millions of people around the world who benefit from the apple products, which is the major part that Cook contributes to the society. Meanwhile, Cook has increased his donations to the charity, and **assisted Apple with the development of its renewable energy activities**. You can **take a glimpse of** his contribution to the whole world from these meaningful things.

有趣的歌曲

Part 2

Describe an interesting song

You should say:

What the song is

What story the song tells

Whether the song is popular

And explain why you think it is interesting

I am going to talk about an interesting song called **Handwritten past**, which is a famous piece of music sung by Jay Chou and written by Fang Wenshan. The song tells the story of **a young couple conveyed their pure love by handwritten letters**. Although the couple have been separated for many years after they finished their **youthful campus life**, they still **buried their sincere love deep in their heart**.

This piece of music is originally the advertisement song of Yougurt, but it soon became surprisingly popular after it was released and was **hands down** one of the public's favourite songs in that year. As for the reason why I think it is interesting, well, I would say it reminds me of my middle school life and the girl I fell in love with at that time. There were not so many electronic devices such as smart phones in the past, so we usually wrote notes and **texted messages** to communicate with each other. Although we parted from each other after we got into universities, the past leave us unforgettable memories and we wish each other well. Meanwhile, the song has **a strong sense of rhythm**, and the **lyrics are also very literary**. A great number of teenagers **are enthralled by the song**, as well as many adults. This piece of music would remind everyone of their youth and past, this is why I think it is interesting and impressive.

你的国家的名人

Part 2

Describe a popular/well-known person in your country

You should say:

Who this person is

What he/she has done

Why he/she is popular

And explain how you feel about this person

I am going to describe a popular person in my country. You may have heard of him, his name is Jay Chou. He is a world famous singer, songwriter and **record producer**. Among his works there are songs such as Handwritten past, Balloons of Love and Waiting for you, which **carries the emotions and memories of a generation**. Jay Chou is hands down the best-selling artist in the **Mandopop scene**. (华语乐坛)

In 2000, Chou released his **debut studio album**, Jay. Chou **rose to fame with** the release of his second studio album, Fantasy in 2001, which **combined Western and Eastern music styles**. He has since further released twelve more studio albums, **gaining significant prominence** in Asian communities and **was dubbed the "King of Mandopop"**. Chou has **embarked on** six world tours, performing in cities around the world to more than 10 million **spectators** as of 2019. As for the reason why he is so popular, I suppose there are two major parts. First, he added **Chinese cultural elements** such as **Chinese literature terms** in his works, which left a huge mark in the Asian music history. Second, he has frequently **collaborated on his music with lyricist Vincent Fang**, who wrote **literary and rhyming lyrics** and therefore made his music even more popular.

When it comes to my feelings about this person, I would say he is a hard-working and caring man. Jay began to play the piano at the age of 4, which **laid solid foundation** for his creation afterwards. Once, he was invited to an awards ceremony, and he took his grandmother with him **delightedly**, but finally he did not get a single award. What made him disappointed was not the fact that his songs did not win, but the fact that he let her grandmother down. He wrote a song to **commemorate** the experience and his feelings after the ceremony. So you see, people love Jay Chou because of his talent as well his **magnetic personality**.

喜欢一起聊天的朋友

Part 2

Describe a friend you like to talk with

You should say:

Who he/she is

What you like to talk about

Why you like to talk with him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

I am going to describe a friend I like to talk with. He has been my best friend since middle school, and we got to know each other for seven years. We used to chat with each other on the playground after class. We still talk on the phone frequently nowadays and he is my first choice whenever I have some troubles or just **in the mood for** chatting.

I like to talk about which country is **the most livable country** with him. Both of us are quite interested in history, geography and politics, so we could **exchange some geographical knowledge and other useful information** with each other. We also like to talk about our past and future plans. We share a great number of experiences, such as some unforgettable memories in our middle school and **amusing life** in the university with each other. We have many things in common, so we have **similar arrangements for the future** and undoubtedly we would **maintain our friendship** and help each other. When it comes to the reason why I like to talk with him, I would say that he is such an excellent and patient listener and he could give me some helpful suggestions. We **share the same perspectives towards** a number of things, which makes our communication **smooth and enjoyable**.

As for my feelings about him, I would say it is a pleasure to **have such a close friend for so many years**. I remember the time when I suffered from diseases and he came to look after me last year. On December 24th we had lunch together and then I sent him into the examination classroom where he took his **graduate entrance exam**. **We have shared experiences as well as emotions and personality. We exchange ideas and memories as well as respect and trust.** All in all, **it is delightful** to have such a sincere and trusted friend.

帮助小孩

Part 2

Describe a time when you helped a child

You should say:

When it was

How you helped him/her

Why you helped him/her

And how you felt about it

I am going to describe a time when I helped a child. It was about four years ago when I was still a **freshman** in the university. The whole thing began like this. The child of my neighbor told me that he had some difficulty in learning math and physics, and since I just **achieved great scores** in the college entrance examination at that time, he and his parents were willing to **hire me as their home teacher**. I **accepted their request readily** and helped him to **review the previous courses** and **preview some follow-up knowledge**.

As for the reason why I helped him, well, I would say that there are two major parts. First, I am quite familiar with the child and I sincerely wanted to offer my hand to him. He was a very quiet and **studious** middle school student but just did not find **the correct approach** to learn his lessons well. I **had faith in myself** that through my well-prepared courses he would **make great progress** undoubtedly. Second, I would like to earn some pocket money, which could **relieve my parents's financial burden**. I gave him about twenty lessons in the summer vacation and the results **turned out to be excellent**.

When it comes to how I felt about it, emm, just as the old saying goes, "**The roses in her hand, the fragrance in mine.**" Both of us were satisfied with the result and **his progress exceeds my expectation**. The child reports his grades and achievement to me regularly, and asked for my help whenever he met with difficulties through wechat. This year he **was admitted to his ideal university**. It is a pleasure to have such a **persistent** and **motivated** student and friend.

社交媒体上常刷的人

Part 2

Describe a person who you follow on social media

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What he/she posts on social media

And explain why you follow him/her on social media

I am going to talk about a person who I follow on social media. You may know him, his name is Jay Chou. Jay is hands down the best-selling singer in the **Mandopop scene** and **was dubbed the "King of Mandopop"**. His songs combined Western and Eastern music styles, which **left a huge mark in the Asian music history**.

I first knew him through his popular piece of music Handwritten Past. I still remember the time when I heard the song on Youtube and **was enthralled by the dramatic melodies and rhyming lyrics**. Then I tried the rest of his songs on my mobile phone and **found most of them appealing to me**. Since I am **enthusiastic about** his music, I follow him on social media and do not want to miss any information about him. As for what he posts on social media, Jay **is accustomed to releasing his new songs** and MVs on Youtube and BiliBili, while **communicates and interacts with his fans** on blog and Facebook.

When it comes to the reason why I follow him on social media, I would say that unlike a number of other stars who are **mysterious and difficult to approach**, Jay shows his daily life as well as enjoyable music on social media frequently. I am desired to listen to his latest music as soon as it is released. **Learning about his routing** is also my aim, so if one of his world tours passes by my home I will be informed and buy a ticket to see him face to face. **Jay's positive attitude towards life** and **magnetic personality** showed on social media always cheers me up, so there are plenty of reasons for me to follow him on social media.

语言学习

Part 2

Describe a thing you did to learn another language

You should say:

What language you learned

What you did

How it helped you learn the language

And how you felt about it

I am going to describe a thing I did to learn another language, which is reading novels. The language I learned is English, and the learning process has lasted for about fifteen years. At first I just **memorized vocabulary** and **recited passages as any other beginners always did**, but soon I found it boring and the results **turned out to be poor**.

I still remember the time when my father bought me a set of *Harry Potter* as my birthday gift. **The imported copies** are written in English and **was wrapped in a beautifully decorated package**. Since I was a big fan of the Harry Potter series movies and **was desired to learn more about the details**, I quickly **immersed myself in reading the novel**. Although I had to look up my dictionary frequently at the beginning, I **got used to** the words and expressions in the book **shortly afterwards**. **I could not put it down**. When it comes to how the reading process helped me, I would say that after finishing reading *Harry Potter*, **my accumulation of vocabulary** has **grown rapidly** as well as my reading speed. What's more, the **storyline** and plots in the novel encouraged me to learn more about the western culture, such as customs of Christmas and Halloween.

As for how I felt about reading English novels, I suppose that it is a really **efficient and enjoyable way** to learn English. So if you want to improve your competence of **a language other than your mother tongue**, you can try some **entertaining** and **enthralling** novels written in that language. For me, I insisted on reading English novels and from then on, my English grades and ability never **let me down**.

宜居之地

Part 2

Describe a city you would recommend as a nice place to live (not your hometown)

You should say:

What it is

Where it is

What you know about this place

And explain why you recommend it as a nice place to live

I am going to talk about a city I recommend as a nice place to live, Shanghai. Shanghai **is located on the southeast coast of China**, and it **borders the provinces of Zhejiang to the south and Jiangsu to the west and north**. It is surrounded by Suzhou, Wuxi, Nantong, Ningbo, Jiaxing, Zhoushan, and Huzhou, which are all **booming cities** in the southeastern part of China.

I actually know a lot about this city. Shanghai has been one of the world's major centers for finance, business and economics, research, education and science and technology, and it is also **the most populous urban area in China**. The Huangpu River **flows right through** the centre of Shanghai, which **goes winding through** a number of the most **iconic tourist attractions and landmarks of the city**. You may ignore the fact that Shanghai is originally a fishing village and market town before 19th century, but it gradually grew in importance afterwards. By the 1990s, **economic reforms introduced by Deng Xiaoping** resulted in **an intense redevelopment of the city**, and it quickly became the **metropolis** you see nowadays.

As for the reason why I recommend it as a nice place to live, I would **give it in the following three parts**. First, since Shanghai locates near the sea, the climate there is **mild**, which means it is neither too hot in the summer nor too cold in the winter. Second, you can buy the latest electronic devices and **other fascinating commodities** there, because it is the commercial center of China. Third, there are a great number of **international corporations** there, which means plenty of **opportunities and vacancies** for students and workers. If you go sightseeing or stay in Shanghai for some time, I am sure you will also fall in love with this wonderful city.

征求意见

Part 2

Describe a time when someone asked for your opinion

You should say:

Who asked for your opinion

Why he/she wanted to know your opinion

What opinion you gave

And explain how you felt when he/she asked for your opinion

I am going to talk about a time when someone asked for my opinion. The guy who asked for my opinion was the the best friend of mine. We got to know each other for about seven years since middle school, and we have **maintained our friendship** ever since then.

As for the reason why he wanted to know my opinion, I suppose that we **share similar arrangements for the future**, so we decided to choose the same city for our **career development**. In this way we could take care of each other and exchange useful information. **As a consequence** for this reason, he asked for my opinion about which city to choose. I gave him the opinion that I would choose Shanghai as my **destination**. Shanghai has been one of the **world's major centers** for finance, business and economics, research, education and science and technology, and it is also the most **populous urban area** in China. What's more, there are a great number of **international corporations** there, which means plenty of **vacancies** for graduate students like us.

When it comes to my feelings when he asked for my opinion, I would say that I found my views really mattered to him. My friend preferred to stay in his hometown and **led a cozy life**, but I managed to convince him that Shanghai is a better choice since there are more challenges as well as opportunities. You can not always stay in the **comfortable zone** and wait for good luck. I also felt the trust and respect from him when he asked for my opinion, since he is a relatively **introverted** person and tend to make decisions on his own. It is delightful to have such a sincere and trusted friend, who will listen to my opinions patiently.

困难决定终成功

Part 2

Describe a difficult decision that you made and had a good result

You should say:

What the decision was

When you made that decision

Why it was difficult to make

And explain how you felt about the good result

I am going to describe a difficult decision that I made and had a good result. You may know that courses in high school **are divided into two categories** named **Art stream** and **Science stream** in China, and students can **have a free choice of both of them**. I **was faced with the dilemma** of whether or not to learn science, but eventually I made the decision of choosing science stream.

I made that decision at the beginning of my second year in the high school. As for the reason why it was difficult to make, I would **illustrate** it in the following two aspects. First, as you may know, science includes subjects such as physics, chemistry and biology, while art includes subjects such as politics, history and geography. Among the above subjects I preferred physics and geography, and **achieved great scores** frequently in the exams of the two subjects. However, I don't really like **the remaining four courses, resulting in** poor grades and **lacking of confidence**. Second, **it is widely acknowledged that** if you are a student major in science, it is relatively easy to find a satisfying job, but hard to get into a top university, while **on the contrary**, finding a well-paid job is hard for students major in art, but **being admitted to** a top university is relatively easy.

I **followed my heart** to choose science, and the results turned out to be excellent. I **performed perfectly** in the college entrance examination, and was admitted to my ideal university. When it comes to my feelings about the good result, just as the old saying goes, "**no pain no gain**". It was my **diligence** and **persistence** that **contributed to** my success, as well as support from my teachers and parents. So after making the decision on your own, you should always keep going and **pursue your goals**. You could only achieve a good result through your hard work.

用手机做重要事情

Part 2

Describe a time you used your cellphone/smartphone to do something important

You should say:

What happened

When it happened

How important the cellphone/smartphone was

And explain how you felt about the experience

I am going to talk about a time I used my smartphone to do something important. The whole story goes like this, my hometown was **put on lockdown** due to **the sudden outbreak of COVID** (corona virus pandemic) about a few months ago, in March and April this year. The whole city has been **under lockdown** and almost all of the supermarkets and **drugstores** were closed during that time. **As a consequence**, soon we **ran out of our daily necessities** and we could only **turn to our smartphones for help**.

When it comes to how important the smartphone was, I would say that **we could not live without it**, especially when the **pandemic hit** the city. The smartphone **acted as an essential role** for us to **stay in contact** and **synchronize with the outside world**. Through our smartphones, we could buy some food and medicine online which would **keep us away from hunger and diseases**. The goods would be delivered right to our home so we did not have to **take the risk of getting COVID** if we choose to buy things outside. Without the smartphone, we could not buy necessities online and ask for help through the social media **at our convenience**, so the smartphone did help us a lot.

As for my feelings about the experience, I would say that it is a pleasure to use the smartphone which has various features and functions. **It is the ultimate in portable devices** and we could **cope with** many difficulties with the help of it. Also, I do not want to stay at home for such a long time again. **Despite the fact that** buying things on the Internet is convenient, I would rather step into the supermarket myself and enjoy the great atmosphere there when the epidemic is over.

节约时间的方法/改变

Part 2

Describe a way/change that helps you save a lot of time

You should say:

What it is

How you implement it

How difficult it is

And explain how you feel about the way/change

I am going to describe a change that helps me save a lot of time, which is taking notes on my ipad instead of writing on **an authentic notebook**. I used to take notes on textbooks or notebooks. After I **switched to** ipad to **write digital notes**, I found it efficient and convenient and the **cubersome notebooks fell into disuse**. I implement it by writing with the apple pencil on the screen of the tablet via applications such as notabilty. As you may know, apple pencil **communicates wirelessly via Bluetooth** with the ipad, which has **pressure sensitivity** and **angle detection**, and it was designed for **low latency to enable smooth marking** on the screen, so writing with apple pencil on the screen **makes little difference to** writing with a traditional pencil on papers.

As for how difficult it is, I would say that taking notes on the ipad is not difficult at all. Although writing on the screen is a little **slippery** compared to writing on the paper, I **got used to** that feeling in a short time. Also, there are **a few basic opertions** about the applications you **ought to** know, such as **importing files** into the application and using **hot keys**, which will **boost your productivity** and save even more time for you.

When it comes to my feelings about the change, I would say that the advantages obviously outweigh disadvantages compared to writing with a pencil on the paper, and taking electronic notes do save plenty of time. I would tell you my feelings in detail. First, I can write as much as I can as long as the ipad could store the data. Whenever I am desired to search for certain notes, I would **input my needs** and the software would **scan my handwriting smartly** and **find the corresponding parts instantly** so that I do not have to search page by page when using a normal notebook. Second, the ipad would **synchronize with** my smartphone and computer **automatically**, which means I could review my notes whenever I want and I do not have to **take a pile of notebooks** along with me. In conclusion, taking notes digitally really **does me a great favour** and helps me save time.

交通拥堵

Part 2

Describe a time when you were stuck in a traffic jam

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were stuck

What you did while waiting

And explain how you felt in the traffic jam

I am going to describe a time when I was stuck in a traffic jam. It happened about two years ago, I cannot remember the exact time, and I was stuck on the way to my hometown, **on a stretch of highway destined for my grandfather's house**, due to a sudden traffic accident. Since my grandfather lives in a **remote mountain village**, we had to set off from our city, drive on the highway and get into the mountains eventually.

As for what I did while waiting, actually I did quite a number of memorable things. I chatted with my parents and **relieved their stress by comforting them** that we would soon get rid of the traffic jam. I played with my younger brother who gradually became impatient in the process of waiting. I also checked the google map to see how long the **waiting queue** was and the **predicted time of getting through the traffic jam**. I even **appreciated the scenery and landscape** of the countryside through the car window.

It took about two hours when we finally escaped from the traffic jam. When it comes to my feeling in the traffic jam, I would describe it as a **complex mix**. On the one hand, all of my family members were desired to meet my grandfather as soon as possible and **drive away from the mess**, so we were **indeed** anxious and nervous. On the other hand, the villages and **smoke from the chimneys** and **endless mountains** impressed us a lot. My brother and I grew up in the city and we were tired of seeing **skyscrapers** and other buildings **set in stone**, so it was **a remarkable chance** for us to enjoy the **authentic scenery of the countryside**. In conclusion, the experience above left us an unforgettable memory.

工作/学习中的积极建议

Part 2

Describe an occasion when someone gave you positive advice or suggestions about your work/study

You should say:

Who the person is

What he/she said

How the advice/suggestion affected you

And explain how you felt about the advice/suggestions

I am going to talk about an occasion when someone gave me positive advice and suggestions about my study. The person is my best friend in the university, and we got to know each other for about four years since our **freshman year**. He was a **studious student major in computer science**. It is **not an easy profession to become successful in**, but he **persisted in pursuing his goals**.

Since I was desired to switch to computer science for my master degree but my original major was physics, I asked my friend if he could give me some suggestions. He **answered my request readily** and told me that I had to **learn the basic knowledge step by step at the beginning**. He suggested that I should start with the **programming syntax and data structure**, then **move up a level** by learning operating system and network. **Database** is also a **compulsory course**, but other **specialised courses** were not critical if I just wanted a career of software development engineer. He also told me about some **corresponding online courses** which were popular and helpful.

As for how the advice affected me, I would say that the above suggestions **do me a great favour**. It helped me **outline my plan** to learn the knowledge **systematically**, which saved plenty of time for me if I chose to search for **scattered information** on the Internet. My programming skills grew rapidly thanks to his help. And when it comes to my feelings about the advice, I suppose that it is really concise and meaningful. All of the suggestions were **valuable experiences accumulated by my friend**, and I **expressed my sincere gratitude towards his generosity**.

重要河流/湖泊

Part 2

Describe an important river/lake in your country

You should say:

Where it is located

How big/long it is

What it looks like

And explain why it is important

I am going to describe an important river in my country, which is **the Yangtze river**. It is known in modern Chinese as the Chang Jiang. Coming to its location, the Yangtze river **flows entirely within China**. It **rises in** the Tanggula Mountains in **Tibetan Plateau** and **flows in a generally easterly direction to the East China Sea**. It is 6,300 km in length. The Yangtze river looks like a **jade belt**, which **goes winding through the most populous areas as well as desolate parts of China**.

As for the reason why the Yangtze river is important, I would explain in the following three parts. First, the **drainage basin** (流域) of the Yangtze river **comprises** one-fifth of the land area of China, and is home to nearly one-third of the country's population. For thousands of years, people use the river for water, irrigation, industry, **electricity generation** and even war. Second, the river is one of the world's **busiest waterways**. Traffic includes **commercial traffic transporting bulk goods** such as coal as well as **manufactured goods and passengers**. **River cruises several days long**, especially through **the beautiful and scenic Three Gorges area**, are becoming popular as the tourism industry grows in China. Third, the river flows through **a wide array of ecosystems** and is **habitat to several endemic and threatened species** including the Chinese alligator, and also was the home of the now extinct Yangtze river dolphin. The Yangtze river also **plays a significant role** in Chinese culture, and hopefully I will enjoy the spectacular scenery **on the spot** one day.

有趣的邻居

Part 2

Describe an interesting neighbor

You should say:

Who he/she is

How you knew him/her

What you do together

And explain why he/she is interesting

I am going to describe an interesting neighbor of mine, who **lives across from my house**. He is a few years older than me and he is **a graduated student major in computer science**. I first knew him when I was a small kid, and I fell on the ground **accidentally** while playing. I remembered that he **helped me up** and sent me back to my home, and we became good friends **shortly afterwards**.

When it comes to what we do together, we usually **stike up a conversation** when I **come across** him. For example, since I **am desired to switch to computer science** for my master degree but my original major is physics, I once asked him if he could give me some suggestions. He answered my request **readily** and told me that I had to learn the basic knowledge **step by step** at the beginning. He suggested that I should start with the **programming syntax** and **data structure**, then **move up a level** by learning operating system and network. Database is also a **compulsory course**, but other **specialised coures** were not critical if I just wanted a career of software development engineer. He also told me about some **corresponding online courses** which were popular and helpful. We chat with each other and we always concentrate on some interesting topic.

As for the reason why he is interesting, I would say that we have **shared views towards certain things**, and I suppose that sometimes he could **read my mind** when we are talking. From my perspective, he has the competence to **gain insight into** some fields that both of us are interested in, and he would explain his opinions to me patiently. All in all, it is delightful to have such an interesting neighbor and sincere friend.

一次非常忙碌的经历

Part 2

Describe a time you were very busy

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were

What you did

And explain why you were busy

I am going to describe a time when I was very busy. I **participated in the mathematical contest in modeling** organised by COMAP. It happened in February, 2021, about a year and a half from now. I, as well as the rest of the team members were trained in my university before the competition, but all of us were sent back to our home **due to the sudden outbreak of COVID 19**, so actually I was at home when the contest began. All of my team members including me communicated and **collaborated with each other online** during the competition and we **underwent a very busy time together**.

When it comes to what I did, I **was mainly responsible for establishing the mathematical model** that was **appropriate for** the chosen problems and **writing some corresponding programs** to calculate the result. I also helped to write the article after I finished my job. The other two team members were also concentrated on their work and **did me great favours** whenever I needed them.

As for the reason why I was busy, I would say that our time was limited and there were **endless** things to do. The total process lasted for four days, and during the time we had to build suitable models to solve the given problems, use softwares to calculate the data, **visualize the results** and finish the article eventually. The article must be written in English, which meant more work because **none of us was native speaker of English**. We even spent a whole night working on our article without any sleep. Fortunately, we accomplished the task before the race ended, and we got to know that our article won the first prize afterwards. In conclusion, the experience **left us an unforgettable memory**.

想要共事的家人

Part 2

Describe a family member who you want to work with in the future

You should say:

Who he/she is

Whether you worked together before

What kind of work you would like to do with him/her

And explain how you feel about this family member

I am going to describe a family member who I want to work with in the future. He is my uncle. He is a graduated university student **major in computer science** and **works as a programmer for the IBM corporation** in Beijing **currently**. We have not worked together before, but he gave me a number of meaningful suggestions about my future work and I am **quite grateful for his guidance**. For example, since I was desired to find a job as a software engineer like him but my original major was physics, I once asked my uncle if he could give me some suggestions. He **answered my request readily** and told me that I had to **learn the basic knowledge step by step at the beginning**. He suggested that I should start with the programming syntax and data structure, then **move up a level** by learning operating system and network. Database is also a compulsory course according to him, but other **specialised courses** were not critical if I just **wanted a career of** software development engineer. He also told me about some corresponding online courses which were popular and helpful.

As for what kind of work I would like to do with him, I would like to **write programs and develop computer software** with him. He is an experienced worker in that field, so he could **give me instructions directly** and **put my theory and knowledge into practice**. When it comes to my feelings about my uncle, I would say that he is probably **the most down to earth** and **unselfish** person I have ever met. He always shares his knowledge and experience with me and encourages me whenever I meet with difficulties. In conclusion, he has **a magnetic personality** and he is obviously the family member I want to work with in the future.

想参加的比赛

Part 2

Describe a contest/competition you would like to participate in

You should say:

What the contest/competition is about

Where the contest/competition will take place

When it will be held

And explain why you would like to participate in it

I am going to describe a contest I would like to participate in. The contest is about **mathematical modeling**, and the full name is mathematical contest in modeling, which is an international competition organised by COMAP. The contest normally took place in my university in the past, but **due to the sudden outbreak of COVID19**, it will take place at our own home next year, which means all of the team members will **communicate and collaborate with each other** online during the competition and we will accomplish the contest together.

The contest will be held in February next year, and **there is an unwritten rule** that it usually starts a few days before or after the Spring festival and lasts for about four days. As for the reason why I would like to participate in the contest, I would explain in the following two parts. First, it will **broaden my horizons** and **enhance my comprehensive abilities**. The contest involves a number of **academic disciplines** and we will **establish suitable models to solve the given problems, use softwares to calculate the data, visualize the results and finish the article** eventually. The article must be written in English, which means more training for me because I am not a **native speaker** of English. So it will be a really **challenging experience**. Second, the award of the contest is valuable and impressive. If I can win the prize, it will **leave a huge mark on my resume** and make it easier for me to **stand out** in an interview. In conclusion, the process is beneficial to me as well as the outcome, so I would like to participate in the contest.

惊喜之事

Part 2

Describe something that surprised you and made you happy

You should say:

What it was

Who did this

How you found out about it and what you did

And explain why it surprised you and made you happy

I am going to describe something that surprised me and made me happy. It was winning the first prize of the mathematical contest in modeling, which is an international competition organised by COMAP. I, as well as **the remaining two team members** participated in the contest and won the prize eventually. The total process lasted for four days, and during the time we had to **build suitable models to solve the given problems, use softwares to caculate the data, visualize the results and finish the article**. All of us communicated and **collaborated with** each other online during the competiton and we **underwent a very busy and fulfilling time together**.

I found out about it by **checking my mailbox** as usual, and found an **official** e-mail informing me that our article **was rated as excellent** and won the first prize. Then I **confirmed the result** on the website of COMAP and told the rest of our team about the **unexpected good news**. We celebrated our success by **enjoying a fancy meal** together and **toasting with each other**.

As for the reason why it surprised me and made me happy, I would say that although we got a good feeling after we accomplished the competition, I have never imagined wining the first prize, which just **exceeded our expectations**. The prize was **remarkable** and impressive, which would **leave a huge mark on the resume** and make it easier for me to **stand out** in an interview. In conclusion, it is such a pleasure to receive such a valuable award. The outcome as well as the experience leave us an unforgettable memory.

庆祝过的活动

Part 2

Describe an important event you celebrated

You should say:

What the event was

When it happened

Who attended the event

And explain how you felt about the event

I am going to describe an important event I celebrated, which is the **graduation ceremony of my university**. It happened on July 4th this year, on the square in front of the library. All of the senior students from **different faculties**, several **department heads** as well as the headmaster attended the event. **It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.**

As for my feelings about the event, I would say that I have **sophisticated sentiments** towards it. On the one hand, I was desirous to **express my sincere gratitude** towards the graduation ceremony, because it provided us with an opportunity to **say farewells** to each other, take graduation photos and **listen to the enlightenment from our beloved teachers and headmaster for the last time**. My teachers and classmates helped me to get used to college life when I **stepped into the university campus** for the first time, and they also taught me plenty of **professional knowledge** as well as ways to deal with **interpersonal relationship**. So I need to say goodbye to them, **with nothing jagged** (凹凸不平的) **and nothing hashed** (零散的) (不留遗憾). On the other hand, I suppose that the event was memorable and unforgettable. I still remembered the time when the headmaster gave a speech to all of us and told us that although we would **separate from** each other and **leave the familiar campus**, we would always be family. His impressive speech and emotions **moved me to tears**. I was blown away, and I did not want to step out of my university but I had to, because I have accomplished my **undergraduate education** and would start my lessons for master degree soon. In conclusion, I **enjoyed every minute** of the graduation ceremony, and **it was reluctant for me** to leave the university where I have spent the last four years.

积极改变

Part 2

Describe a positive change that you made in your life

You should say:

What it is

Why you did it

Who you did it with

And explain how you feel about the change

I am going to describe a positive change that I made in my life, which is taking notes on my ipad instead of writing on a traditional notebook. As for the reason why I did it, I was tired of taking notes on the **cubersome** notebooks and my friends recommended the new way of taking digital notes to me, so I switched to ipad to write electeic notes **shortly afterwards**. I did it with my classmates, and taking digital notes gradually bacame a **mainstream** when we were **attending classes in the university** together. Thanks to the apple pencil which **communicates wirelessly via Bluetooth** with the ipad, which has **pressure sensitivity** and **angle detection**, and was designed for **low latency to enable smooth marking on the screen**, writing with apple pencil on the screen **makes little difference** to writing with a traditional pencil on papers.

When it comes to my feelings about the change, I would say that taking electronic notes is **indeed** a positive change in my life, and I would never regret buying my ipad and apple pencil although they are quite expensive for me. I would tell you my feelings in detail. First, I can write as much as I can **as long as** the ipad could **store the data**. Whenever I am desired to search for certain notes, I would **input my needs** and the software would **scan my handwriting smartly** and **find the corresponding parts instantly** so that I do not have to **search page by page** when using a normal notebook. This greatly improves my working efficiency. Second, the ipad would **synchronize with** my smartphone and computer **automatically**, which means I could review my notes whenever I want and I do not have to **take a pile of notebooks along with me**. I can **make the most of my scattered time** to get better grades. In conclusion, taking notes digitally really does me a great favour and helps me save time.

花费甚少的外出日

Part 2

Describe a special day out that cost you little money/didn't cost you much

You should say:

When the day was

Where you went

How much you spent

And explain how you feel about the day

I am going to describe a special day out that didn't cost me much. It was a **bright sunny** day about two months ago, and I went to the **newly-built campus** of my university with my friend. We got to know each other for seven years since middle school time and we **were admitted to** different universities in the same city. My friend passed the **postgraduate entrance exam** successfully and would study in the new campus of my university for his master degree, and I have never been to the new campus before because all of my **undergraduate courses** were arranged in the old campus, so we decided to **look over** the new campus together.

We arrived in the campus early in the morning after breakfast, and spent the whole day **wandering around** the school and chatting with each other. We had a **fancy** lunch in the KFC, which cost 50 yuan in total because of the **newly launched discount**. We enjoyed our dinner in the school canteen, and I used my school card to pay for the meal which only cost me 20. So we spent 70 yuan that day, which was much more cheaper than I originally expected.

As for my feelings about the day, I would say that it was a **memorable** and **fulfilling** day. We paid a visit to almost all of the **landmarks** of the campus such as the spectacular library and the main building, and we also **appreciated the delicious food** provided by the school. What's more, the **dedicated academic atmosphere** in the school impressed us a lot, and we talked about our future plans and dreams. In conclusion, it was an unforgettable experience for both of us.

改变世界的发明

Part 2

Describe an invention that has changed the world in a positive way

You should say:

What it is

What benefits it has brought

How it influences people of different ages

And explain how it changed people's lives

I am going to describe an invention that has changed the world in a positive way. It is the smartphone, which is **a portable computer device that combines mobile telephone and computing functions into one unit**. It has brought a great number of benefits to us. For example, smartphones have **revolutionised** the way we communicate, and we can **stay in touch with** family, friends and colleagues wherever we are. Users can also send text messages, surf the Internet, take photos, listen to music and shop online with their smartphones, and we can get rid of the **cubersome** computers when **coping with daily matters** because of the **powerful functions and features** of the smartphones.

As for how it influences people of different ages, I suppose that it is such a convenient tool to use, which **provide all of its users with easy access to** the Internet and social media. You don't need a keyboard to input your needs. You can just **tap the screen** to **synchronise with** the whole world, and even little children and elders could **keep up with the trend**. I remembered the time when I bought a smartphone for my grandfather and taught him to use it step by step. I was astonished by the great progress he made in such a short time and he was also quite satisfied with the **gadget**. He could read news and text messages on the Wechat shortly afterwards, and I was desirous to **express my sincere gratitude** towards the **world-changing invention**.

When it comes to how it changed people's lives, I would say that we can **organise our own life** as well as **communicate with the outside world** with the smartphone. It is the **ultimate** in portable devices and we could not live without it. Smartphone would gradually **substitute for** computer for **unprofessional users**, and would bring more people to the **information age**.

好词: Browse the website

丢东西的经历

Part 2

Describe an occasion that you lost something

You should say:

What you lost

When and where you lost it

What you did to find it

And explain how you felt about it

I am going to describe an occasion that I lost something. I lost my newly bought AirPods Pro, which are **wireless Bluetooth in-ear headphones designed by Apple**. It has the function of **active noise cancellation**, and is **handed down my favourite gadget presented as a gift from my parents**. I lost it in the main building of my university about three months ago. I still remembered the time when I went into an empty classroom for self-studying and left the classroom after I finished the **assignments**. Unfortunately, I forgot to take the earphones along with me. **By the time** I realized that it was gone, I returned to the original classroom where I have studied as quickly as possible but found nothing in it, my earphones were **absolutely** stolen by someone else.

I did everything I can to find it. First I used the *Find My* software, which was a **built-in capability** enabling users to know the **rough position** of their lost Apple product. It could even make my AirPods **sound an alarm**. To my disappointment, none of the above measures worked. Then I **questioned** the students around about the earphones, but none of them gave me any useful information. Eventually I asked the teachers if I could look at the **surveillance footage**(监控录像), but they told me that the camera in the classroom was **accidentally** broken. I could do nothing but **waiting for a miracle**.

As for my feelings about it, I would say that I have **regretted being careless ever since**. My AirPods was one of my **prized possessions**. How I wish that I could listen to music with them again! **In addition**, I would never forgive the **hateful** thief who stole my things. I was really mad at the **disgusting theft**.

传统产品

Part 2

Describe a traditional product in your country

You should say:

What it is

When you tried this product for the first time

What it is made of

And explain how you feel about it

I am going to describe a traditional product in my country, which is **traditional Chinese tea set**. I tried this product for the first time when I was a small child, about fifteen years ago. I still remembered the time when my grandfather was **appreciating tea in very small quantities** with his **prized tea set** and I was quite curious about the process, so he taught me how to use the tea set step by step. A basic set consists of **a tea pot with a filter inside** and **six cups of typically round shape**. I first used the tea kettle to boil water and then used the teapot to **steep tea leaves in hot water**. The water used to clean up for the first tea was abandoned and **flowed underneath the bottom table**, which had holes connected to a pipe. The second and third tea were poured into the teacup and enjoyed by us.

When it comes to what it is made of, I suppose that since all of the **tea utensils** are Chinese **porcelains**, it is made of materials such as **kaolinite**, in a **kiln** to temperatures between 1,200 and 1,400 Celsius degrees. The tea set was originally typically made on **the potter's wheel** by hand, and then **fixed its shape in the high temperature environment**.

As for my feelings about it, I would say that traditional Chinese tea set is not a useful product in our daily life **merely**. It **coveys** the memories and customs from an elder generation to a younger generation, and you can **take a sip of authentic Chinese culture** when using it even if you are a foreigner. What's more, you can **enjoy your inner peace** and **cultivate your mindfulness** when using a tea set to make a cup of tea, which is **the central of tea culture**.

保健方式

Part 2

Describe something you do to keep fit and healthy

You should say:

What it is

When you do it

Who you do it with

Why it is important to keep fit and healthy

And explain why it can help you keep fit and healthy

I am going to describe something I do to keep fit and healthy, which is **playing table tennis**. I used to play it when taking PE(**physical education**) classes in the middle school time. During the first two years of the university, since table tennis was one of the **selective courses**, I chose the course and played it once a week. My skills grew rapidly and I still insisted on playing it once a week afterwards. I do the sport with my classmates and friends, and even **with strangers I accidentally met on the court**.

When it comes to the reason why it is important to keep fit and healthy, I suppose that one can only study or work better when he is healthy and energetic. Most people nowadays **lead a sedentary lifestyle** and we tend to walk less and **do desk jobs**. Most adults relax by watching television while children play video games rather than doing outdoor sports. **As a consequence**, a number of people suffered from diseases at a young age which could originally be avoided. **Treatment of diseases and rest to recover result in a great amount of time wasted**, so it is important to keep fit and healthy if you do not want to waste time and money on **self-healing or medical care**.

As for the reason why playing table tennis can help me keep fit and healthy, I would say that it is **not only good for the body, but also good for the mind**. Playing table tennis **burns calories** and helps to **build healthy bones and muscles**, and it is also **easy on the joint**. It's a great way to improve your leg, arm and **core strength** without **overtaxing your joints**. Playing it improves **hand-eye coordination** as well. What's more, playing table tennis can **develop mental acuity, improve reflexes and keeps our brains sharp**. Due to the **fast-paced, short-distance nature** of the sport, practiced players are highly concentrated on the small ball and their movements, so you would feel refreshed and relaxed after the game. In conclusion, playing table tennis can help

me in many aspects.

安静的地方

Part 2

Describe a quiet place you like to go

You should say:

Where it is

How you knew it

How often you go there

What you do there

And explain how you feel about the place

I am going to talk about a quiet place I like to go, which is **a tiny office**. It is hidden in the **hallway** between two **domitory bulidings**, and it is on the third floor of the **apartment building**. I knew it because the **student supervisor** of our class told us about it. He used to **handle our daily affairs** there, but the faculty **distributed a fixed bench** in the **administration building** to him shortly afterwards, so he did not need the office any more and gave the key to me. He also **made rules for usage of the office** and anyone who **obey the rules** could share the room with me.

Since most of my classmates **are accustomed to** studying by themselves in the library or in their own domitories, only a few of them come to the office to **get their assignments down occasionally**, so normally I am the only one that stays in the office for a long time. I learn the courses, listen to music, read novels and even **entertain myself** by watching movies and playing computer games **in the spare time**, but I always **follow the rule of keeping quiet** in case someone would **drop by** the office or study there. I **have poor relationships with** my roommates, since we have different **daily routines**, so I bought a **camp bed** and sleep in the office frequently.

As for my feelings about the office, I would say that it is such a precious place in the crowded campus. My university has been **growing its student base** for years and the **expansions** led to **a noisy overall environment**. **As a consequence**, it is more and more difficult to find a quiet corner and **concentrate on our academic work** or personal things. Fortunately, the tiny office offers me a comfortable envionment, and I will pass on the room as well as **the rules to maintain quietness** to the later students.

壮志未酬

Part 2

Describe an ambition that you haven't achieved

You should say:

What it is

Why you haven't achieved it

What you did

And how you felt about it

I am going to describe an ambition that I haven't achieved, which is becoming a **theoretical physicist**. I haven't achieved it because I am tired of learning theoretical knowledge and doing experiments or other scientific research after **four years of majoring in physics in my university**. I suppose that I **lack the talent and passion** which is **essential to a physicist**, and I am not willing to further study physics for my master degree any more.

When it comes to what I did, actually I was quite **fond of physics** in the middle school time. Learning physics would **satisfy my own curiosity and thirst for knowledge** at that time, so I chose physics as my major in the university **without any hesitation**. Unfortunately, **the advanced math and physics** taught in the university were too difficult for me to **endure**. Although I **persisted in** learning hard and asked my teachers for help frequently, I still couldn't **catch up with the learning progress** of my classmates. I found that physics **was not an easy profession to become successful in**. As a result, I switched to **electrical and computer engineering** for my master degree, since I **am skilled in** dealing with softwares and writing programs.

As for my feelings about it, I would say that although I am a little disappointed about the fact that **I am not cut for doing physics**, I do not regret choosing physics as my major. At least I tried my best at the beginning, and the learning process helped me to **cultivate other skills which turned out to be crucial and meaningful**. Thankfully, I found the subject which **is appropriate for me** and I would **proceed to pursue my dreams**. In conclusion, there is no need for me to **cry for the failure of my ambition**, I am still young and **ready to challenge myself**.

远距离步行

Part 2

Describe a long walk you ever had

You should say:

When this happened

Where you walked

Who you were with

And explain how you felt about this long walk

I am going to describe a long walk I ever had. It happened in the summer vacation about two years ago. I remembered the time when all of my family were **enjoying the cool temperature** in the remoted mountain village where my grandfather lives. We were **short of daily necessities** that day, and since our village **is located on the hillside** in a mountainous area, the nearest supermarket was about 10 kilometers away in a tiny town outside the mountains. Unfortunately, there were no cars or other **vehicles** to transport us that day, so we could only **make our way through the mountain path which goes winding down the hill**.

I was with my elder brother and my parents while walking. As for my feelings about this long walk, I would say that although **constant walking** was tiring and **made us exhausted, the unique scenery and landscape of the countryside** impressed us a lot. The mountains were covered with **lush vegetation** and some houses were built among the trees on the **cliff**. You could even see **smokes wafting from the chimneys** when it was dinner time. There was a little river which **flows right through the village** and it **goes winding across the valley towards a lake**. My brother and I grew up in the city and we were tired of seeing **skyscrapers and other buildings set in stone**, so it was a **remarkable chance** for us to **enjoy the authentic scenery of the countryside**. In conclusion, the **hiking experience** above left us an unforgettable memory.

有趣的城市

Part 2

Describe a city that you think is very interesting

You should say:

Where it is

What it is famous for

How you knew this city

And explain why you think it is very interesting

I am going to talk about a city that I think is very interesting, Shanghai. Shanghai is **located on the southeast coast of China**, and **it borders the provinces of Zhejiang to the south and Jiangsu to the west and north**. It is surrounded by Suzhou, Wuxi, Nantong, Ningbo, Jiaxing, Zhoushan, and Huzhou, which are all **booming cities** in the southeastern part of China.

When it comes to what it is famous for, I would explain in the following three parts. First, Shanghai has been one of **the world's major centers** for finance, business and economics, research, education and science and technology, and it is also **the most populous urban area** in China. Second, there are a number of **iconic tourist attractions and landmarks** in Shanghai, such as **the Bund**, the Huangpu River, **The Oriental Pearl Tower** and Disneyland. Third, there are a great number of international corporations in Shanghai, which means plenty of **vacancies** for graduates like me.

I knew Shanghai because my uncle has been living there for about twenty years, and I was invited to **go sightseeing** there twice. I fell in love with this **magnificent** city the moment I stepped on this magical land. As for the reason why I think it is very interesting, I would say that there are **fascinating contradiction and harmony** in Shanghai. You can enjoy the advanced science and technology and **skyscrapers** as well as traditional customs and ancient buildings in Shanghai, such as Shanghai World Financial Center and Yuyuan Garden. You can experience the **fast pace of life** in the central business district as well as the slow pace of life in the old city where local people **gather and socialize with each other**. In conclusion, Shanghai is well known as the magic City and it really **lives up to its reputation**.

印象深刻的课程

Part 2

Describe a course that impressed you a lot

You should say:

What the course was about

Where you took the course

What you did during the course

And explain why it impressed you a lot

I am going to describe a course that impressed me a lot, which is **analog electronics technique**. The course was about **circuit theory** and electronic devices, and it focuses on the basic knowledge of **semiconductor** and **amplifier circuit**. I took the course on the application BiliBili, which is **a terrific platform for students to share resources of online courses and interact with each other**. Analog electronics technique is a **specialised** and **compulsory** course for university students major in electrical and computer engineering, since I switched to electrical and computer engineering for my master degree and my original major is physics in the univeristy, I had to **make up the missing knowledge on my own**, so I chose the online course which was popular and **got the most hit**.

When it comes to what I did during the course, actually I did a great number of things. I paid attention to the lecture and did not want to **leave behind a single word**. Meanwhile I took notes about the key points which would make it easier to review the knowledge after class. I also **accpmlished the assignments** and **corrected my mistakes** in the spare time. I was quite **studious** during the learning process and made every effort to absorb as much knowledge as possible.

As for the reason why it impressed me a lot, I would say that the teacher had **a magnetic personality** and the course was **rewarding** for me. **It is widely acknowledged that** analog electronics technique is very comlicated, boring and difficult in the courses of electrical and computer engineering, but thanks to the **vivid metaphor** and **clear explanation** of the teacher, the learning process became such a fun and left an unforgettable memory for me. I am desired to **express my sincere gratitude** towards the teacher and the guy who shared this video, which really **did me great favours**.

一见且想再见的人

Part 2

Describe a person you only met once and want to know more about

You should say:

Who he/she is

When you met him/her

Why you want to know more about him/her

And explain how you feel about him/her

I am going to describe a person I only met once and want to know more about. You may know him, his name is Jay Chou. Jay is **hands down the best-selling singer** in the **Mandopop scene** and was **dubbed the "King of Mandopop"**. His songs combined Western and Eastern music styles, which **left a huge mark** in the Asian music history.

I met him about three years ago in his concerts held in Shanghai, I **booked the ticket in advance** because the sales were **booming**. I still remembered the **electric atmosphere on the scene** and I even managed to get his **signed poster**. As for the reason why I want to know more about him, I am **enthusiastic about** his music such as Handwritten past, Balloons of Love and Waiting for you, which carries the emotions and memories of a generation. **As a consequence**, I am desired to listen to his latest song as quickly as possible, so I do not want to miss any information about him. What's more, learning about his **routing** is also my aim, so if one of his **world tours passes by my home** I will be informed and buy a ticket to see him face to face again.

When it comes to how I feel about him, I would say he is a hard-working and caring man. Jay began to play the piano at the age of 4, which **laid solid foundation for his creation afterwards**. Once, he was invited to an **awards ceremony**, and he took his grandmother with him **delightedly**, but finally he did not get a single award. What made him disappointed was not the fact that his songs did not win, but the fact that he **let her grandmother down**. He wrote a song to **commemorate** the experience and his feelings after the ceremony. So you see, people love Jay Chou because of his talent as well his **magnetic personality**.

一个去过的新地方

Part 2

Describe a time you visited a new place

You should say:

Where the new place is

When you went there

Why you went there

And explain how you feel about the place

I am going to describe a time when I visited a new place. The new place is the well-known **metropolis** Shanghai. Shanghai **is located on the southeast coast** of China, and it **borders** the provinces of Zhejiang to the south and Jiangsu to the west and north. It is surrounded by Suzhou, Wuxi, Nantong, Ningbo, Jiaxing, Zhoushan, and Huzhou, which are all **booming** cities in the southeastern part of China.

I went there about four years ago **at my uncle's invitation**, who has been living there for almost twenty years. When it comes to why I went there, I was desired to **go sightseeing** and **tour around** this **magnificent** city a long time ago, and the journey would **satisfy my wish**. I visited a number of **iconic tourist attractions and landmarks** in Shanghai, such as the Bund, the Huangpu River, The Oriental Pearl Tower and Disneyland. I even **took the elevator to the top of** the Shanghai World Financial Center, which was **topped out at** 492 meters, where you could **overlook the spectacular cityscape**.

As for my feelings about the place, I would say that there are **fascinating contradiction and harmony** in Shanghai. You can enjoy the advanced science and technology and **skyscrapers** as well as traditional customs and ancient buildings, such as Shanghai World Financial Center and Yuyuan Garden. You can experience the **fast pace of life** in the central business district as well as the slow pace of life in the old city where local people **gather and socialize** with each other. In addition, I suppose that it is a great place for young people to **step out of the comfortable zone** and **challenge themselves**. There are a great number of international corporations there, which means plenty of **vacancies** for graduates like me. In conclusion, Shanghai is well known as the magic City and it really **lives up to its reputation**. And the time in Shanghai left me an unforgettable experience.

向长者学习的技能

Part 2

Describe a skill that you learned from older people

You should say:

What the skill is

Who you learned it from

How you learned it

And how you feel about it

I am going to describe a skill that I learned from older people, which is **coding with the software Geant4**. I learned it from my **graduate student mentor**. In order to **accomplish my university graduation thesis** and other assignments, I learnt to use the software to **simulate** the detector, which is **crucial** to my undergraduate programs. When it comes to how I learnt it, my mentor taught me the basic principle and theories step by step at the beginning, then I followed an online course recommended by him to further study **the detailed operations**. Then I **applied the theoretical knowledge into practice** and wrote some experimental programs on my own **according to the conditions and needs of the subject**. I met with a great number of problems at first, but I managed to solve them independently and **discussed the unresolved ones with my tutor**. Although he was not quite familiar with the **specific operations of the software**, he could always give me useful suggestions because of his **sufficient experience**. Eventually I **mastered** the usage of the software and completed my thesis successfully.

As for my feelings about it, I would say that it is a really challenging experience. Programming with the software **is not a easy profession to become skilled in**. The software involves complicated physics knowledge and computational skills, so you had to be experts in both **academic disciplines**. However, it is also a **worthwhile** skill for me. On the one hand it greatly improved my ability of **tackling physical problems with the help of computers**, which is beneficial for the future research. On the other hand, my thesis was all about **simulation technology**, so it is a compulsory skill for me. In conclusion, coping with the software with my mentor left an unforgettable memory for me.

想住的公寓或房子

Part 2

Describe a house or an apartment you would like to live in

You should say:

What it is like

Where it would be

Why you would like to live in this house/apartment

And how you feel about this house/apartment

I am going to describe an apartment I would like to live in. It is a **one-bedroom condo**, which consists of a bedroom, a living room, a dining room and a separate kitchen. It is small but **exquisite**. It would be in the central of downtown area.

When it comes to why I would like to live in this apartment, I would explain in the following two parts. First, as it is located in the center of the city, it is convenient for me to go to work and visit **iconic tourist attractions and landmarks of the city**. Moreover, my friends could **drop by** through the **widespread public transportation** and taste delicious food made in the kitchen with me. Although a number of people are desired to own a big house in the countryside, I do not like the idea of living in a **remoted area** where you could not **get easy access to modern facilities**. Second, since I am a single man, an **extensive** house is not necessary for me because I have no girlfriend or child. **In this case**, a small apartment would be more suitable for me. I can **decorate the whole room as I wish** and clean the apartment easily and frequently.

As for my feelings about this apartment, I suppose that it is **tiny but lovely**. Whenever I meet with difficulties or feel exhausted, I could get some sleep on my comfortable bed or **read some entertaining novels** quietly in the living room, and I would certainly **feel refreshed** after the rest. In conclusion, my apartment would always be a **warm harbour** of mine.

想共度时光的人

Part 2

Describe someone you really like to spend time with

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

What you usually do together

And explain why you like to spend time with him/her

I am going to describe someone I really like to spend time with. He has been my best friend since middle school, and we **got to know each other** for seven years. I knew him because he was my classmates at that time, and we **struck up a conversation** on the first day we met and **got familiar with each other** shortly afterwards.

When it comes to what we usually do together, we **enjoy a fancy meal** together every week and chat with each other on the mobile phone frequently. We usually talk about our dreams and **future arrangements** with each other. I still remembered the time when we were discussing which city to choose for future career. My friend preferred to stay in his hometown and **lead a cozy life**, but I managed to convince him that Shanghai is a better choice since there are more challenges as well as opportunities. Shanghai has been one of the world's major centers for finance, business and economics, research, education and science and technology, and it is also the most **populous urban area** in China. What's more, there are a great number of international corporations there, which means **plenty of vacancies** for graduates like us. One can not always **stay in the comfortable zone** and wait for good luck.

As for the reason why I like to spend time with him, I would explain in the following two parts. First, we **share the same perspectives towards** a number of things, which **makes our communication smooth and enjoyable**. Second, he is such a **supportive** and warm-hearted friend, and we would always **maintain our friendship** and help each other. I remember the time when I suffered from disease and he came to look after me last year. **We have shared experiences as well as emotions and personalities. We exchange ideas and memories as well as respect and trust.** In conclusion, it is my pleasure to have such a close friend.

乡村一隅

Part 2

Describe a place in a village that you visited

You should say:

Where it is

When you visited this place

What you did there

And how you feel about this place

I am going to describe a place in a village that I visited. It is a small river in the village where my grandfather lives. The village is located in the **remoted mountainous area**, and the little river **flows right through** the center of the village. It **goes winding across** the valley towards a lake nearby. I visited this place in the summer vacation last year, actually I would **drop by** every year if I am **available**.

When it comes to what I did there, I went swimming in the tiny river. The water is pure and cool even though the weather is extremely hot, and we even caught some **fry** hidden in the corner. Moreover, I **appreciated** the beautiful scenery in the countryside along the river. The mountains were covered with **lush vegetation** and some houses were built among the trees next to the river or on the nearby **cliff**. You could even see smokes **wafting** from the chimneys when it was dinner time. I **felt refreshed** after the swim, and it helped to clear my mind.

As for my feelings about the **stream**, I would say that it is a **terrific** place to spend a long and hot summer day. You could either go swimming in the river or relax in the **shade** along the river. I grew up in the city and was tired of **staying indoors with the air conditioner on all the day**, so it was a remarkable chance for me to **enjoy the coolness brought by the river**. In conclusion, the little river is a **paradise** for me to spend the summer vacation and the experience above left me an unforgettable memory.

童年喜欢的玩具

Part 2

Describe a toy you liked in your childhood

You should say:

What kind of toy it is

When you received it

How you played it

And how you felt about it

I am going to describe a toy I liked in my childhood, which is the **electronic toy blocks**. It is some sort of **building bricks** as well as **electronic gadgets** used as educational toys. Electronic building blocks are actually electronic **components** such as wires, light bulbs, **transistors**, **resistors**, **capacitors**, **switches**, electric meters, **horns**, and other **integrated pieces fixed on plastic blocks**. I received it as a birthday gift from my mother about fifteen years ago, when I was still in the primary school. I followed the following steps to play it. Firstly, I **referred to** the brochure **attached to the toys** and chose the **desirable** topic. Secondly, I searched for the **obligatory parts** which were **mentioned (indicated)** in the certain topic of the brochure. Finally, I **put the corresponding pieces together as the brochure suggested** and they **formed a circuit** that could **realize a special function**. There were easy functions such as turning the light on and off as well as more complicated functions such as building up a simple radio or an electronic clock.

As for my feelings about it, I would say that it is such a **terrific** invention that **introduce an element of science and discovery** to children's entertainment. It **boosted my curiosity and thirst for knowledge**. Moreover, by following the instructions and sometimes making some little changes, I successfully made the circuits work over and over again, which helped to build up my confidence and competence to cope with difficulties. My **passion** for science and engineering has been growing from then on, which makes me a university student major in electronic engineering nowadays.

送朋友的礼物

Part 2

Describe a gift you would like to buy for your friend

You should say:

How you knew your friend

How long you have known him/her

How you would choose a gift for him/her

And explain why you would choose that gift for him/her

I am going to describe a gift I would like to buy for my friend. I knew him because he was my classmates in the middle school, and we **struck up a conversation** on the first day we met and **got familiar with** each other shortly afterwards. I have known him for over seven years, from the time I was a **freshman** in our middle school **till our graduation from the universities** nowadays.

When it comes to how I would choose a gift for him, I imagine that I would simply take him to the apple store in our city and persuade him to have a try with the latest airpods. If he is satisfied with the earphones and **takes delight in** enjoying music with them as I expected, I will buy a pair for him as his birthday gift. As for the reason why I would choose that gift for him, I would explain in the following three parts. Firstly, my friend is a huge fan of Apple and he would not **miss a single apple product** if he has extra money. He has been **longing for** the bluetooth earphones for a long time undoubtedly. Secondly, the latest airpods has the function of **active noise cancellation**, which will be extremely **practical** for him because of his **daily commute on the noisy subways**. Thirdly, the gadget could **synchronise with** his iphone and macbook because of its bluetooth function, and he will be able to **receive audio from all his apple devices through them**. Obviously he would be **fulfilled** by my gift, which will act as **the commemoration of our friendship**.

收到特殊蛋糕

Part 2

Describe a special cake you received from others

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

Who you got the cake from

And explain why it was a special cake

I am going to describe a special cake I received from others. It happened in my **freshman year of the university**. I had just graduated from my middle school at that time and **was admitted to a** university about a thousand kilometers away from my hometown. It happened in one of the classrooms in the main building of my university and I was enjoying some music on my own in the break after a lesson. Suddenly the lights were turned off and all of my classmates as well as the teacher began to sing the birthday song for me and **a fascinating birthday cake** was delivered to the classroom. When it comes to who I got the cake from, later I knew that it was a surprise from my classmates and our teacher. They have prepared for the celebration for some time and did not **inform me of their scheme**.

As for the reason why it was a special cake, I would say that it just **exceeded my expectation**. I was very shy and **introverted** in the first semester when I just got into my university, and I could not **call out** everyone's names. We were not familiar with each other at that time. I originally thought that no one would **be aware of** my birthday. I understood what happened afterwards that our teacher **proposed the idea** of celebrating the birthday for every member of our classes, and the **surprise accidentally dropped on me first**. Holding a birthday party for each classmate has become a special custom in my classes, and I **got used to the new environment** and made a number of new friends from then on.

生活中离不开的东西

Part 2

Describe something that you can't live without (not a computer/phone)

You should say:

What it is

What you do with it

How it helps you in your life

And explain why you can't live without it

I am going to describe something that I can't live without. It is the famous apple product airpods pro, which is an **essential and stunning gadget** in my life. I do a number of enjoyable things with it. I can easily **synchronise it with my iphone and macbook** because of its bluetooth function, and I **am accustomed to receiving audio** from phone calls, videos and especially music through it. I even sleep with the earphones on and listen to some **gentle white noise** to **improve my sleeping quality**. When it comes to how it helps me in my life, it **assists me to enjoy the music** thanks to its function of active noise cancellation, which is a **big standout** for a music lover like me.

As for the reason why I can't live without it, I would explain in the following three parts. Firstly, I have to repeat that its powerful active noise cancellation function helps me to **enjoy the immersive sound** whenever I feel like listening to music. I am **extremely keen to** a quiet environment. However, the prosperous city I live in is filled with **unbearable noises**, so turning on the earphones and **enjoying a peaceful world** is really crucial to me. Secondly, my airpods pro has a **customizable fit for all-day comfort**. There are three kinds of **earplugs with different sizes**, and I can choose the most suitable one. Generally, I wear it all day long without taking it off. Finally, **transparency mode of it enables me** to hear what's happening around me. As a result, I could be aware of important oral messages with it on when others are talking to me. In conclusion, the airpods pro almost satisfies all my needs and it is something that I can't live without.

免费物品

Part 2

Describe something you received for free

You should say:

What it was

Who you received it from

Where you received it

And how you felt about it

I am going to describe something I received for free. It was the famous apple product airpods pro, which is **an essential and stunning gadget** in my life. I received it from my parents as a birthday present. As for where I received it, actually it was delivered right into my dormitory because my parents bought it online **in advance**. They did not inform me of the arrival of it and gave me a big surprise.

As for how I felt about it, I would explain in the following three parts. Firstly, its powerful **active noise cancellation** function helps me to **enjoy the immersive sound** whenever I **feel like** listening to music. I **am extremely keen to** a quiet environment. However, the prosperous city I live in is filled with **unbearable noises**, so turning on the earphones and **enjoying a peaceful world** is crucial to me. Secondly, it is really comfortable to wear and I **am accustomed to** wearing it all day long without taking it off. The airpods pro has a **customizable fit for all-day comfort**. There are three kinds of earplugs with different sizes, and I can choose the most suitable one. Moreover, the **transparency mode** of it enables me to hear what's happening around. As a result, I could be aware of **important oral messages** with it on when others are talking to me. Finally, it is something that commemorates the love and support from my parents. I have been longing for a pair of wireless bluetooth earphones for a long time, and my parents satisfied my wish generously regardless of its **lofty price**. So I am desirous to **express my sincere gratitude** to my parents whenever I am appreciating music with it.

快乐活动

Part 2

Describe a time when you organized a happy event successfully

You should say:

What the event was

How you prepared for it

Who helped you to organize it

And explain why you think it was a successful event

不喜欢并想要改变的规则

Part 2

Describe a rule you dislike and would like to change in the future

You should say:

What it is

What it is for

Why you don't like it

And explain why you would like to change it

I am going to describe a rule I dislike and would like to change. It is one of the **classroom regulations** that is made by our **headteacher** in the middle school. He **made it compulsory for us** to study in the classroom till 10 o'clock at school night. It is for students learning better **when monitored by the teachers** and turning teachers for help

whenever they meet with difficulties. Most of the teachers and my classmates are **in favour of** his plan.

When it comes to why I don't like it, I would say that the classroom is not a good place for me to **concentrate on my schoolworks**. There are a number of students in my class, and all of them **were crammed into the tiny classroom**, which makes it **extremely overcrowded**. The smell is always disgusting especially when it is hot summer or cold winter. Moreover, there are noises everywhere. Students are turning pages and asking questions frequently, and some of the **naughty guys** even **walked around and gossiped with each other**. **By contrast**, my home is a better place to stay focused. The environment is quiet and comfortable and I could learn **at my own pace**.

As for the reason why I would like to change it, I think that students should **have the freedom to choose their appropriate learning environment** after class. Of course one can stay in the classroom and get used to that environment, but going back home should always be another choice for other students. I believe that some of the teenage students would be **reluctant** to take part in the **obligatory work** above, and this could lead to **poor motivation** and even bad behaviour.

别人讲述的故事

Part 2

Describe a story someone told you and you remember

You should say:

What the story was about

Who told you this story

Why you remember it

And how you feel about it

别人给你的衣服

Part 2

Describe an item of clothing that someone gave you

You should say:

What the clothing was

Who gave it to you

When you got it

And explain why this person gave you the clothing

I am going to describe an item of clothing that someone gave me. The clothing was a **handmade sweater**, which was a gift given by my mother. I got it about half a year ago, in the **freezing winter** last year. At that time I was **confined in the dormitory of my university because of the sudden outbreak of** COVID-19 in the city.

As for the reason why my mother gave me the clothing, I would explain in the following three parts. Firstly, the weather report said that a snowstorm was **approaching** and the temperature would drop **dramatically**. **As a consequence**, my mother **knitted a sweater** for me and she worked day and night to finish it before the bad weather arrived. Secondly, my mother thought that the sweaters sold online were **of poor quality**, although many of them were colourful and fashionable. So she used the best material to make the sweater and I felt that the finished product was **much more superior to** other sweaters **in terms of** keeping me warm. Finally, I would say that my mother's kindness and love for me was **beyond my imagination**. I was desired to **express my sincere gratitude** towards her. **The warmth conveyed by** the sweater was **both physically and mentally**.