

About problems in speaking & writing.

1. 2nd draft -- mark the polished item.
2. Proofreading.
3. Long writing not necessarily better than shorter ones, so wise to be concise!
4. Grammar: tense agreement, matching of words in phrases.
5. Coherence (Is it simple/dull sentence? Possible to connect with the neighbouring sentences?)
6. Examples convincing/persuasive/impressive enough?
7. Choice words?
8. Variety in sentences?

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I am going to tell about my growing-up story. Like most of the student, I was born in a normal family.

When I was in primary school, I was always wanting to play, not study. For this, my parents spent a lot effort on me. They made me take part in some after-school classes; they even taught me by themselves. Fortunately, I was admitted to a good middle school and **continue** my studies.

As for middle school, I had known the importance of learning hard so that I tried my best to study every subject well. However, the increase in the number of the curriculum is a challenge for me. I had to study hard on 7 subjects at the same time. The life of the middle school is tired for me.

After the high school entrance exam, I entered **in** a new school and met some new friends. Unlike the middle school, the courses in high school were much difficult and challenging. I had some trouble in understanding and got a bad grade in the first exam. It was the first place in the whole class, but counting backward. I felt full of depression but my father encouraged me to cheer up. During that time, he always inspired me and comfort me when I had difficult in study.

And then the college entrance exam came. It was one of the most important examinations in my life. I felt nervous about the result. I always thought what should I do in the future if I got a low mark. But sometimes a little excited about the vacation and the college life. I could do everything independently and direct my own life.

Now I am in the college. Even though it has been a long time **from (??)** that experience, I still remember how frustrated I was when I got a low mark and the experience that my parents **sited** by my side and encouraged me.

I think I should thank **to** my parents. It was their company and encouragement that helped me get through a lot of difficulties. And I also want to thank **to** myself. Without the effort I had done, I wouldn't get the result now.

That's all for my story. Thanks for your patience.

Visible improvement!!!

When I was a child , I was **so fond of music that I** decided to learn the piano. At the beginning, I was very interested in piano and practiced it actively every day. But gradually thinking practice is so boring that **I** no longer wanted to practice every day, and began to gradually reduce the practice time. **What's more**, the quality of the practice **was** also gradually **decline(grammar)**, leading to the teacher 's disappointment **of** my practice. My teacher **was also very harsh criticism** me, So I don't want to learn the piano even more. My mother did not criticize me and did not agree with me to give up learning the piano. **But** every day **to???** accompany me to practice the piano, **let** me stick to it, my mother **let** me understand, **do a good job not only by temporary interest, but also should stick to it**, in order to do a good job in every thing. Thank you for your listening.

(having awareness, yet still more to improve in grammar)

Good morning, everyone. Today, feeling honored to present my speech to you in this online class, I'm willing to tell you my story about my increasing passion for music.

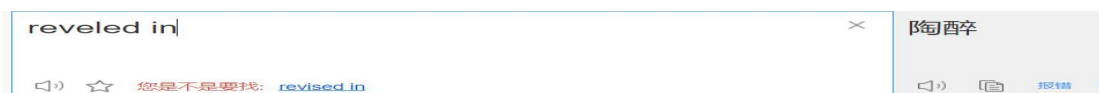
I used to like playing sports, **even if** I'm not good at doing them. However, I sprained my ankle for a long time, leaving me no possible to do sports anymore. Stuck in the chair, I started learning guitar again. I learned guitar **for a period of time** last summer vacation, **but I didn't insisted on** practicing it, **because of** various video games and **pastime** activities. But, this time I'm not so impulsive, and I'm more **focused and persistent in** practice. Gradually, I can play some familiar songs, such as a song called "Chengdu" in Chinese, **which** makes me feel happy to play music by myself. As I learned more and more songs, my love for music **deepened**. **When listening to music**, I often imagine some pictures according to the lyrics. **Flourishing forests, twittering birds, high and steep snow mountains, far-reaching plains and so on**. Music has become like a ? ? ? spring water that **moistens** ? ? ? my soul.

moisten

英 ['moɪsn] 美 ['moɪsn]

v. (使)变得潮湿, 变得湿润

Now I practice playing guitar for at least an hour every day, and I hardly notice the passage of time. Maybe that is because I am **reveled** in music. **When I play music, the pain of injury seems to disappear**. **Thanks to** the music, I no longer feel anxious about my injuries.



When you feel anxious and upset like me, you **may as well** try to fall in love with music. I dare say you will not be disappointed. That's all. Thank you everyone.

Good command English in choice of words, sentence patterns as well as coherence!!
Accuracy of words meaning is still to be improved.

Hi there. Hello everyone. This is “黄雨诺” and you can call me “Amy”. Today I’m gonna talk about my story, my story of my name, my English name, Amy. And it’s also the story between me and English.

I’ve started learning English since primary school and I got my English name at that time. I didn’t even understand a single word when my teacher firstly came right up to me and asked: “Do you have an English name?” I had completely no idea about what to say and what to do so I just stood there until she finally said “Well, your name would be ‘Amy’ from now on.”

I guess it might be because my student number was 1 and my Chinese name was on the top of the list like it always dose. And “A” for “Amy” is the first letter in the alphabet at the same time. That’s why the boy next to me got his name “Adam”.

I used to want to change the name desperately cuz I thought it’s too simple and sounds a little bit stupid. I’m not 100% sure if there’s another “Amy” here in our class, if there is one, I’m sorry, no offence.

Somehow I have to confess. “Amy” is a really good name for a six year old girl with only three letters to write. Every time when we take a quiz, I could start answering the first question while the “Angelina”s and the “Argentina”s were still working on their names. And maybe “Amy” is not that dump? At least not like “Apple” or “April”. There’s a character in “THE BIGBANG THEORY” called “Amy”, too. “Amy Cooper”, and she’s a biologist.

To be honest, I haven’t been speaking English for a while so I’m kinda nervous right now. Actually, I’ve never been in a linguistic environment which is so important when you’re learning a foreign language, and I barely have chance to have a real chat with a native speaker except for the speaking text.

But still, I always consider that learning languages has a tremendous significance. Does it make you more intelligent? Depends. Is the ability to speak another language part of intelligence? Not necessarily.

Anyways, I’m so glad to have English back to my life again. I’m ready to see the world as it is and to tear down the veils of bigotry instead of comfortable hiding behind the linguistic barrier and refusing to step forward and know your fellow human beings or even the so-called enemies with all my curiosity and courage. That’s all, thank you very much!!

Good command of English! Fluent thought flow, good attempt in polishing and perfect ur writing! Try to avoid oral form of expression in writing.

Today I'll share an interesting story that happened to me. It was last month, I played a game called Battlefield V on the European server of the steam platform. In a game, I met a teammate who likes to communicate with others. So we started chatting. At the beginning of the conversation he asked me where I was from. In order to get closer, I said I was British. He looked very excited and said he was British too. After we chatted for a while, he asked: "so, how old are you?" Because I studied Japanese for a year but not English and then I blurted out: "I'm 19 歳です." after a silence he said: "so, you are japanese, right?" Only then did I react. Lies are exposed, that I can only say: "no, I am Chinese." And then, he said excitedly again: "I am Chinese too". After that we became friends in the game. At the same time, I know that differences between countries do not cause communication barriers. thank you for listening.

True story is always impressive. More polishing can be done in draft 2. Tense.

Hello, everyone, my name is Zhou Xingyu, 19 years old, and I'm from Nanyang. What impressed me most was the first **quarrel? ? ?** with my teacher in primary school. At that time, there was a problem with putting a cube with edges of 15 centimeters into a box 30 centimeters long, and 15 centimeters wide, and the water in this box was 6 centimeters deep. What is the depth of the water after the cube is put into the box? The first answer I made was 12; **However, t**he reference answer was 13.5cm. **With questions about** this answer, I asked the teacher for help. **Because** I hadn't seen the incompletely immersed question type at that time, my teacher didn't understand at first and said I was wrong. **After a period of reflection**, the teacher **affirmed** my answer, and the next day, he explained the question again as an example. I was **proud of my skepticism**. **Since then, I** have kept the good habit of thinking seriously and doing things diligently. Later, I also found that many answers were wrong, **but** my sense of achievement was far less than the first time. Always maintain the spirit of questioning, to let yourself go further on the road of learning.

Good example with convincing facts. Good attempt in coherence and choice of words.
Accuracy still to be improved.

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Exercise makes you healthy, so I started playing tennis in college. On a windy day, I headed to the tennis court. Many animals, **such as** rabbits, **are** often seen on the tennis court. This time, I found a strange insect. **While** I was practicing against the wall, the insect slowly flew toward me through the wind. This insect **has** a large body and small wings, **so** it **cannot** fly well and **needs** to follow the wind. Sure enough, the wind stopped, it also slowly stopped. It reminds me of Darwin's theory of evolution. In Dalian, the wind is generally so strong that insects have evolved smaller wings to keep from being blown away. I guess that's natural selection. There are also such examples in human society. For example, **students majoring** in medicine and software may work harder than **students majoring in** other majors. Chinese people are more industrious than Greek people, **because** China has greater opportunities and there is **greater? ? ?** competition. This is probably natural selection in human society.

Interesting topic, careful about tense agreement. Software major

Hello everybody! I'm very happy to have a speech in our class, and today i want to share a story about my feelings.

More than ten years ago, I travelled to **taiwan** with my parents.I was very interested in plants and animals at that time , so my father took me to a local

farmer's field full of bamboos and told me that these bamboos **are** very magical. After arrival , what i saw was a large **piece** of bamboos,which were very low.

I don't know what's magic about them,but they told me you'll know later.

It rained all night, and the next day, some bamboos grew **taller than me**. (**logical links to connect the 2 sentences**) **I was shocked**. My father told me that this kind of bamboo **is** called Moso bamboo. They grew very low in previous years, but when the time comes, they can grow very tall overnight.

When I entered high school,i felt very anxious at first . **When** i read an essay about bamboo growth by Lin Qingxuan, I suddenly thought of the experience of that day. From my perspective, everyone has their own journey, just like everything has its own pace. we don't have to rush, just be free to focus on our time, energy , the best things come when you least expect them to. Thank you!

Very philosophical!! Careful about tense agreement, polishing work to be done for a better coherence.

Hello everyone, my name is Ren Keyao, and you can call me by my English name Randur. Randur means "twilight in the desert"—a word comes from the Elvish language of the Lord of the rings.It's my great honor to be here with you.

The theme of our publication today is my story. Next, I will tell you about my last performance before taking the clarinet chief in the symphony orchestra.

At that time, our school and the professors of Shanghai Conservatory of music jointly established a student symphony orchestra. Originally, I intended to be a piano accompanist, but during the interview, a music teacher I knew very well pulled me to be the first group member of the clarinet.

The most impressive performance was at Wuxi Grand Theatre. We usually rehearse every weekend, but in the two weeks before every performance, we would take the evening self-study time for urgent rehearsal. But this time it took a month.

When we arrived at the theatre early by bus, our teacher had arranged the rehearsal venue in advance. The lights of the theater had not been lit yet. In the vast darkness, I could only vaguely see the silver light reflected by the baton. The rehearsal in the theater was quite different from the daily rehearsal in the past. In the huge empty theater, our voice was infinitely amplified and like being submerged in water, but we couldn't hear the echo.

I often feel nervous because of all kinds of performance. But this time I felt more excited before I went on stage. I had never performed on such a big stage.When the spotlight hit us, the violin chief began to tune, and I heard my heart pounded.

I think the reason that I was not so nervous as usual may be that I couldn't see anyone clearly. I could only feel the focus of people on all three floors and the appearance of someone's rude flashlights. I have to say that the lights in the theater were much hotter than I had imagined.I felt that my whole performance was driven by muscle memory.

My friend later told me that I had one or two bad notes, but what's the matter? All of us were wearing black dresses and delicate makeup. There is no doubt that this must have been a

wonderful performance. I have to admit that I enjoy the applause and cheers of people. Well, because it seemed to be a graduation report for my seniors, I became the chief clarinet player after that.

If I can choose a time to go back now, I think it's that time.

That's all. Thank you for listening.

Good experience, impressive choice of words and fluent thought flow. "I" appears more than enough.

Hello everyone, my name is tanao, it's my pleasure to share my story here.(+??) Following is my story.

Almost every year, from childhood to adulthood, my mother would take me to worship Buddha around New Year's Day. In front of the giant door of the Buddhist hall and the high threshold, there is a giant incense burner lying in the square. The air is filled with the smell of incense candles. Everytime, my mother always gently took me across the threshold and knelt in front of the Buddha with me to pray. She prayed for the health of my family and my studies every year.

Time flies, I have changed from a child who was not taller than the stone lion in front of the Buddhist hall to a college student who can easily cross the threshold. However, what remains unchanged is my mother's love for me and my family in her prayers.

That's all, thank you for listening.

Heart-felt love seen from writing. Try to write more details/facts (even one or two sentences between lines) to illustrate more about mum's love.

Revised:

Hello everyone I am Liziye and I'm going to share about my story. Because of early exposure to computer with several games and programs, I have fell in love with it since I was young. Loving computer does not only mean I'm keen on video games, but also mean that I'm completely interested in the composition of the computer and how the programs work. During my young age which impressed me most was Grand Theft Auto: Vice City made by Rockstar which made me deeply shocked and fully immersed into it. Since then I have dreamt of making an incredible game or program like that. Primary school is relaxing with a variety of games and programs in which I enjoyed myself a lot. But since I entered middle school, I have been limited to use computer by my parents who attached great importance to my study. When turn into high school, burdens on study were increasing so fast that it was almost impossible

to play and do researches to computer. From then on, study seemed to be the only obligation I should fulfill. Gradually I felt that I can't figure out what I supposed to do and to be in the future due to the Exam-oriented education. However, through a occasional lecture, I realized that most of professions of computer can gain a great job in future which is high in salaries, and coupled with the interests in computer, I eventually chose to major in software, and finally stepped into Dalian University of Technology. Through this little experience I learnt that when you are in lost about the future why not look back and give a glance at what you once loved and dreamt. It may be a excellent mentor to help you seek out what you truly want to do. That's all I want to share. Thank you.

Good attempt in choosing good words. Grammar to be improved, and accurate use of words/sentences to be ensured.

I am an ardent person. It is meaningful for me to join in some voluntary activities. Last winter vacation, there was an outbreak of COVID-19 in my hometown. I want to do what I can to help resist the COVID-19, so I signed up for volunteer activities.

We volunteers have to get up early to prepare for the detection. At 5:30 in the morning we have done all the preparatory work. I and my partner enrolled people who had already been detected. We continued working until twelve o'clock. Because it was in winter, the weather was so cold??? that our hands and feet were stiff with cold. I kept rubbing my hands together to keep warm, but it was useless. A couple came in for testing with a plastic bag which contained water bottles. I didn't know what it uses for, but the next moment the couple took the plastic bottles out of the bag and handed them to us. When I took the bottle, I knew it was filled with hot water (rewrite for concision and variety). The madam said: it is so cold, and I thought of this way to keep you warm. We were touched by the couple's words and behavior deeply.

That's why I love the voluntary activities. They (more polishing work to make it more impressive) give me a sense of accomplishment and make me feel being needed.

This is the whole of my story, thank you for you listening.

Good example with facts. Try to simplify sentences to be more coherently and efficiently presented.