

「雅思 7 分口语」

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1 雅思口语概述

Time allowed	___11___ to ___14___ minutes
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The examiner will call you into the examination room for a waiting area. 2. You and the examiner will be alone in the examination room, sitting facing each other with a desk between you. 3. The examiner will switch on a recorder at the beginning of the test. The purpose of this recording is to ensure that the examiner has conducted the test correctly.

Format	<p>The test consists of ___3___ parts, each with a different format.</p> <p>Part 1 : <u>introduction</u> ___4___ to ___5___ minutes</p> <p>Part 2: <u>Individual long turn</u> ___3___ to ___4___ minutes, including ___1___ to think and prepare</p> <p>Part 3 : <u>two-way discussion</u> ___4___ to ___5___ minutes</p>
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1.1 IELTS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Fluency

Vocabulary

Grammar

Pronunciation

1.2 IELTS MARKING SYSTEM

- Each section is marked Independently
- F: 5 V:7 G:7 P:4 Overall:6
- F: 6 V:6 G:7 P:6 Overall:6.5
- F: 6 V:8 G:7 P:6 Overall:7
- Important for you to focus on 4 sections

1.2.1 Fluency and Coherence : Band 6

- Is **willing to speak at length**, though may lose coherence at times due to occasional repetition, self-correction or hesitation
- Uses a range of connectives and discourse markers but **not always appropriately**

1.2.2 Fluency and Coherence : Band 7

- Speaks **at length** without noticeable effort or loss of coherence
- May demonstrate language-related hesitation at times, or some repetition and/or self-correction
- Uses a range of **connectives and discourse markers** with some **flexibility**

1.3 EXAMPLES

1.3.1 Tell me about your hometown.

- "well my hometown is Beijing, it is the capital of China therefore it is a very big city with a very long history. My city has changed dramatically during my lifetime and it was also the host of the 2008 Olympic Games which boosted the city's worldwide reputation. In addition it is also a hotbed of education, which means many of China's most prestigious educational institutions are located here, for example the world famous Peking University. The food in my city is also great, maybe you have tried Beijing Duck which is my favourite food actually ...I think Beijing Duck is... "
- Well I come from Beijing, Beijing is a massive city and so obviously it has all the typical benefits of a big metropolis, such as good nightlife, good schools and so on ... but at the same time it's got a lot traffic problems and things like that ...but overall it's a good place to live.

1.3.2 Where are you studying?

- I'm studying at Beijing Language and Culture University which is located on the Xueyuan road and the campus is very beautiful and there are some very famous buildings on the campus which are very old. My major is English and I chose this major because my parents advised me to choose this subject. The teachers in my university are very nice...
- Well, actually my school is in a pretty good location it's actually situated near the city center, it's beside a subway station and there are lots of bus lines taking you from the campus to the city center so as I said...yeah, it's in a really good spot actually.

1.4 VOCABULARY SCORES

- Vocabulary 6 = Has a wide enough vocabulary to discuss topics at length and make meaning clear in spite of inappropriateness / Generally **paraphrases successfully**
- Vocabulary 7 = Uses vocabulary resource flexibly to discuss a variety of topics / Uses some **less common** and **idiomatic** vocabulary and shows some awareness of style and collocation, with some inappropriate choices / Uses **paraphrase effectively**
 - **Idioms** = *noun*
 - 1. a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words
 - clear the air
 - over the moon
 - **Collocations** = a sequence of words that co-occur more often than would be expected by chance
 - used to do...
 - be used to doing...
 - **Paraphrase** = saying something in other words / clarifying a previous statement (Vocabulary 7 = generally **paraphrases successfully**)
 - My teacher is always "not strict" *I'm not sure if I've explained that right ...let me explain you know like she never punishes us ...she makes us work hard ... but she does it in a friendly way ... maybe the word is easy going or something like that ...*

1.5 GRAMMAR BAND 7

- Grammar 7 =
- Uses a range of complex structures with some flexibility
- Frequently produces error-free sentences, though some grammatical mistakes persist

1.6 EXAMPLES

1.6.1 What city are you living in?

- "Actually I studied in Shanghai, and errr I've recently moved to Wuhan I would say maybe Wuhan is my city ... not Shanghai ..."

1.7 PRONUNCIATION

1.7.1 Band 6

- Uses a range of pronunciation features with mixed control
- Shows some effective use of features but this is not sustained
- Can generally be understood throughout, though mispronunciation of individual words or sounds reduces clarity at times

1.7.2 Band 8

- Uses a wide range of pronunciation features
- Sustains flexible use of features, with only occasional lapses
- Is easy to understand throughout; L1 accent has minimal effect on intelligibility

1.7.3 Pronunciation Features

- Word stress
- Sentence stress
- Intonation
- Variations in volume
- Variations in speed
- Chunking

1.7.4 Word stress

- accuracy
- variety
- mistake
- democracy
- photograph
- photographer
- photography
- photographic
- present
- record

1.7.5 Sentence / emphatic stress

- Could you help me with my preparation for the IELTS exam?

Chunking

London

London is situated in the South-east of England / in the Thames Valley, home to over eight million people/ The capital of the UK / has been an important financial, educational and

cultural center/ for hundreds of years. Of the many gifts England has given to the world/
none has been greater / than her language and literature/ And if ever there is a city / that
reads like an epic saga/ it is London/

Intonation

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1.7.6 Variations in volume

调音量的按钮

Louder 强调

Quieter 弱化

1.7.7 Variations in speed

Don't rush

faster

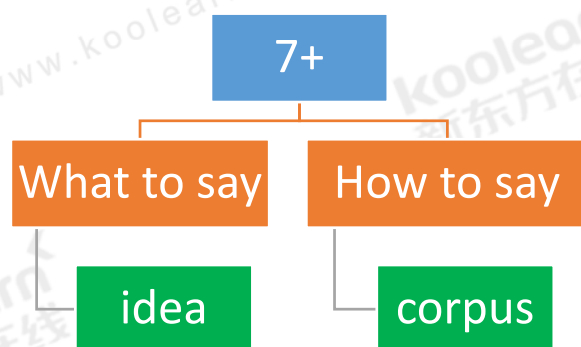
slower

2 雅思口语 PART1 核心考题分析与实练

2.1 PART ONE 介绍

- Part One is supposed to be 3 topics and 3-4 questions for each topic
- The time for Part 1 (including examiner talking time) is 4-5 minutes
- Average answer length should be 20-30 seconds

2.2 口语飙到 7 分的两大要素

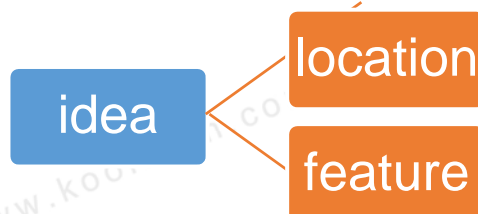


2.3 PART ONE 核心话题

2.3.1 Hometown

- Where do you come from?
- What tourist attractions are there in your hometown?
- What do you think needs to change in your hometown?
- What do you like about your hometown?
- What are the benefits of living in a big city?

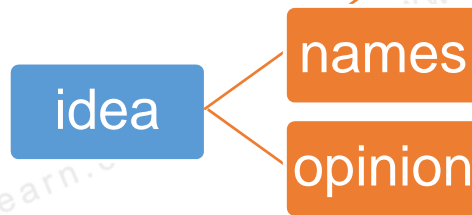
2.3.1.1 Where do you come from?



- Well, I am a **native** of _____, which is a **historic** city located in _____ Province in China. It is a relatively large city with a population of around 10 **millionish**. And it is known as one of China's four **furnaces**, as it is extremely hot in summer, which is a typical **subtropical** weather.

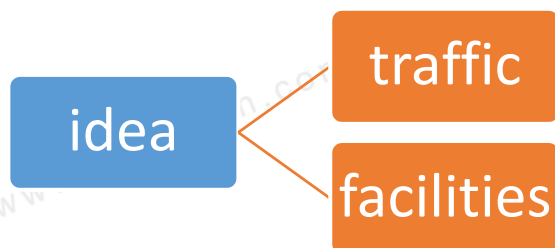
- location + feature

2.3.1.2 What tourist attractions are there in your hometown?



- As you know, my hometown is a historic city so there are quite a number of **scenic** spots in my place such as the _____ and the _____, every year millions of tourists from all over the world **flock** there to visit the amazing scenery and learn about its culture.
- names + feeling
 - Terra-Cotta Warriors
 - Confucius Temple
 - Zhongshan Tomb
 - West Lake
 - Huashan Mountain

2.3.1.3 What do you think needs to change in your hometown?



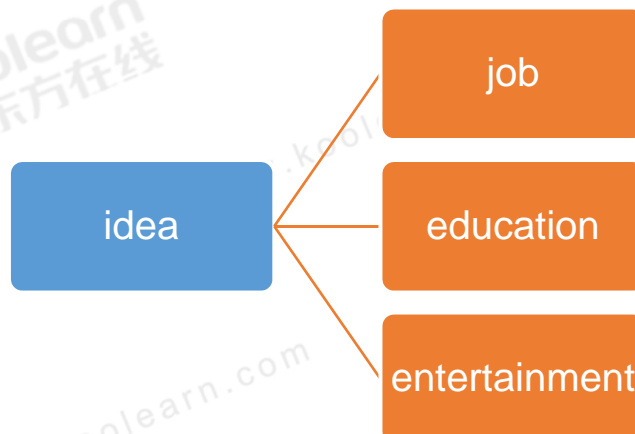
- Well, honestly I think the **traffic jam** is definitely the biggest headache for me. As you know, the roads are so badly **congested** in the CBD areas especially during the **rush hours**. Sometimes I've got to spend hours on my way, it simply **drives me crazy**! So I really think something has to be done to deal with this problem.

2.3.1.4 What do you like about your hometown?



- The first thing comes to my mind is of course the **diverse cuisine**. The local people are crazy about spicy food and there are so many kinds of snacks, which attract many foreigners here. And also on top of this, the locals are friendly and **hospitable**; they are always willing to **give you a helpful hand** when you are in need.
- food + people

2.3.1.5 What are the benefits of living in a big city?

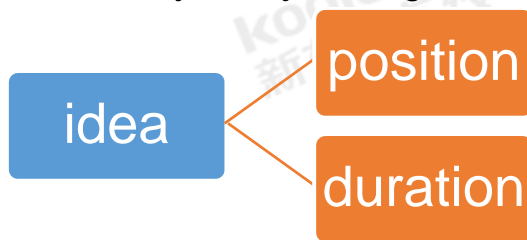


- I think people living in big cities usually have more job opportunities and higher income. Also, their children can **have easier access to** a higher level of education. And you see, for people who love playing around, just like myself, the entertainment facilities like pubs and malls in large cities are absolutely **attractive**.
- job + education + entertainment

2.3.2 Jobs

- What job are you doing?
- Would you say your job is very important?
- Is it easy to do your job?
- Do you think it is very important for people to do a job that they like?
- What other job do you think you would enjoy, apart from your present job?

2.3.2.1 What job are you doing?



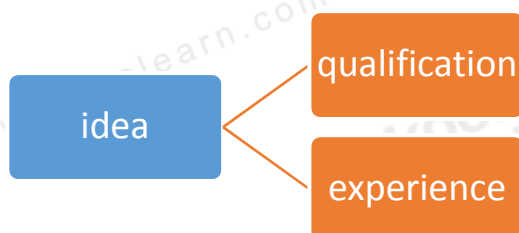
- I am currently working as **an accountant** in a multi-national company in Beijing. I **have been working** there for 5 years and I get on very well with my colleagues. I'm pretty happy with what I'm doing there because this position can earn me good social status and high salary.
- **position + duration**

2.3.2.2 Would you say your job is very important?

open question

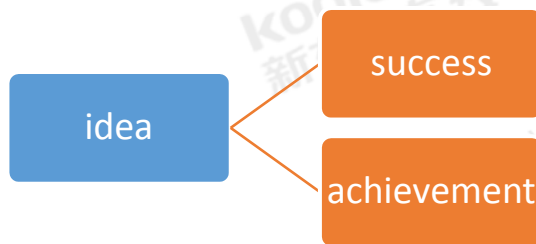
- Yeah of course. As you know, accounting is a big part for every business organization. It's so important in taking care of **the companies' capital and finance**. And in turn, the data produced by the accounting department can provide useful information for the organization to **make business strategies**. So I believe it's kinda crucial in business areas.
- **reasons**

2.3.2.3 Is it easy to do your job?



- Well I **reckon** it is hard to be an accountant in my country since this position is very demanding. First you've got to have a **relevant qualification** from a good university, but this is not the only requirement. Candidates also need a few years' **working experience** in a related field before they become a professional accountant.
- **qualification + experience**

2.3.2.4 Do you think it is very important for people to do a job that they like?



- Yeah I believe so. It's more likely for people to **achieve success** in their career if they do the things that they are really into, cuz they're gonna be motivated to work harder if they are interested in the things they are doing. In this case, when they complete the task people have greater **sense of achievement**.
- **success + achievement**

2.3.2.5 What other job do you think you would enjoy, apart from your present job?

open question

- I'd love to be a teacher if I had the chance. Because I think teaching is a meaningful job, I can impart what I have learnt to others and in this way I can **realize the value of my life**. Most importantly, I really enjoy the feeling when students call me teacher and I have great **sense of accomplishment** when I help students solve problems in their study.
- **tense**

2.3.3 Study

- Where are you studying?
- What is your major?
- Are you interested in your major?
- What would you like to do after graduation?

2.3.3.1 Where are you studying?



- Well actually my school is in a **pretty good location**. It's actually situated near the city centre, it's beside a subway station and it's in a newly-constructed district so as I said ...yeah it's in a **really good spot** actually.

2.3.3.2 What is your major?

idea — major

- My major is economics. I have a huge fascination for it because it makes me feel **fully-stretched**. It enables me to **tap into my full potential** and guarantees a decent job in the future. And on top of that, this field has a bright career prospect.
- **paraphrase**

2.3.3.3 Are you interested in your major?

idea — reason
idea — explain

- Of course I am. The main reason is that the classes are quite **appealing**. **I mean**, students in my major are asked to participate in various class activities. I always have a lot of fun cooperating with my classmates.
- **Explain**

2.3.3.4 What would you like to do after graduation?

idea — study
idea — work

- I think I will pursue my **further study** abroad and that's also the reason why I am taking this test. I will apply for master's degree in Britain. If it doesn't go as planned, I can also try to **find a job** and get my firsthand experience in society.
- **study + work**

2.3.4 Weather

- What kind of weather do you like?
- What sort of weather do you least like?
- What is the weather like in your hometown?
- Do you prefer cold weather or hot weather?

- Do you think the weather can affect people's moods?

2.3.4.1 What kind of weather do you like?

- when 设置场景—sunny days
- I love sunny days most, particularly in spring or autumn. When it comes to this time of year, everything is warm and cozy. It feels great to walk in the park down the street and breathe in all the fresh air **in the morning**. **And in the afternoon**, I just want to crash into my sleeping chair and take a nap while listening to some jazz.
- when 设置场景

2.3.4.2 What sort of weather do you least like?

- if 做假设- rainy days
- Well, a rainy day is what I hate most. Because if it rains, I could do nothing but stay at home, I mean, I can only **either** hang around home watching TV **or** play computer games, which, sometimes, can make me **bored to death**.
- paraphrase

2.3.4.3 What is the weather like in your hometown?

- 四季为主轴
- It's ok, I guess. In **spring and autumn**, the weather is **kind of** pleasant because it's neither too hot nor too cold, and occasionally you could feel the soft breeze. But **summer and winter** can be pretty hush because you can fry an egg on the street in summer and make ice cream outside in winter.
- timeline

2.3.4.4 Do you prefer cold weather or hot weather?

- cold weather- indoor activities
- hot weather- outdoor activities
- Well, I guess I prefer hot weather. Summer is the best season for **outdoor activities**. When in summer, the world becomes **vibrant** and **full of colors**. I just want to take my camera with me and discover those beautiful sceneries.

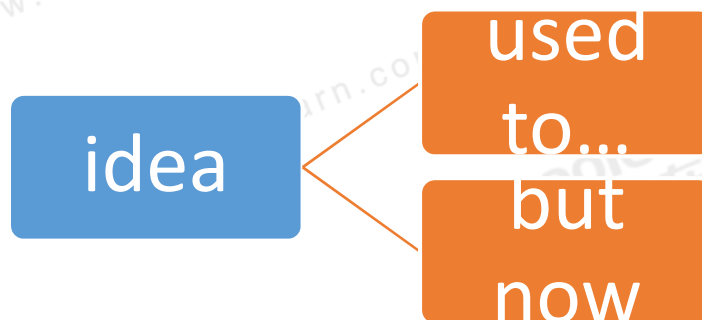
2.3.4.5 Do you think the weather can affect people's moods?

- sunny days
- lousy weather
- rain cats and dogs
- Actually, I do. I think that different weathers put people in different moods. **Sunny days** can cheer some people up, while **lousy weather** can make people down easily. Take me for example, I get mood swings when it's raining cats and dogs. Because, in that case, I have nowhere to go but to stay in till the rain stops.
- comparison

2.3.5 Reading

- Do you like reading?
- What types of books do you like/dislike reading?
- Do you think it is important for children to read?
- Do you think it is important to have public libraries?
- Should we give some books as presents to children?

2.3.5.1 Do you like reading?



- Well, I **used to hate** reading coz didn't have the patience to sit silently for a long time. **Before going to middle school**, I had never been able to finish a book from the start to the end. **But now**, I would like to say I am really into reading books and I am an absolute bookworm.

2.3.5.2 What types of books do you like/dislike reading?

- detective stories
- science fiction
- non-fiction books
- autobiography
- novel
- poem
- My favorite type of books is **detective stories** because I am so addicted to the mysterious and **appealing** plots. I can spend hours and hours reading it and never feel tired. Once I start to read, I simply **can't stop turning the page!** I am driven to finish it since I **can't wait to know** the end.
- type of book + reason

2.3.5.3 Do you think it is important for children to read?

- pick up many new vocabularies
- promote the development of their intelligence
- promote communication skills
- open one's imagination
- open up a whole new world
- foster writing skills
- I think reading **plays a vital role** in children's growth, because kids can learn many

things through reading. For example, they can **pick up** many new vocabularies and phrases from the passages they read. And also, reading can **promote** the development of their intelligence and communication skills.

2.3.5.4 Do you think it is important to have public libraries?

- peaceful time for self-reflection
- improve the comprehensive quality of citizens
- recollect their soul
- Yeah I think that is completely necessary. You know modern people have too much pressure from their work, and they need some peaceful time for **self-reflection**. Libraries are good places to improve the **comprehensive quality** of citizens, where people can calm down and **recollect their soul** at the same time.
- time + space

2.3.5.5 Should we give some books as presents to children?

- if 设置两种场景 : fond of reading & not keen on reading
- I think **it depends**. If the children are very fond of reading then it may be a good idea to give them books as presents, especially those with lovely pictures and educational plots, so that children can understand easily. But if the kids are not keen on reading, we'd better not push them to read.
- it depends.

2.3.6 Shopping

Do you like shopping?

Is there anything you do not like about shopping?

Do you prefer shopping alone or with others?

Do you like shopping for clothes or other goods on the Internet?

What are the differences about shopping between men and women?

2.3.6.1 Do you like shopping?

- **absolute shopaholic**
- **without feeling exhausted**
- when 设置场景--喜欢购物的程度
- To be honest with you, when it comes to shopping, I have to say I'm an **absolute shopaholic**. It's like my drug. Normally, I like shopping with my friends **when** we're free, and I could even go shopping for a whole afternoon **without feeling exhausted**

2.3.6.2 *Is there anything you do not like about shopping?*

- crowded shopping malls
- feel dizzy and uncomfortable

对比 (weekends & weekdays)

- Well, actually I like all about shopping **but** the crowded shopping malls. You know, there're tons of people in shopping centres at **weekends** and during public holidays, and I would **feel dizzy and uncomfortable**. So I won't go there then. Instead, I often go there during **weekdays**.

2.3.6.3 *Do you prefer shopping alone or with others?*

- **if 设置场景** (alone & with others)
- I prefer to shop with other people, especially my best friends and my mother. **If** I shop **alone**, I would browse around and compare the prices for a long time and still couldn't make a final decision. But **if** I can go **with other people**, they can give me some suggestions and grab the product.

2.3.6.4 *Do you like shopping for clothes or other goods on the Internet?*

- 对比, 分场景讨论
- Most of the time, I choose to buy other goods, like backpacks, books, mobile phone cases **and so forth** via the Internet coz these stuff are easy to choose and don't require size measurement. **But** if I shop for clothes, I can't try them on and can't make sure about the sizes and colors.

2.3.6.5 *What are the differences about shopping between men and women?*

- 对比, 分人群讨论
- Well, a number of differences do exist. Obviously, **females** would spend hours wandering around, choosing, trying and buying and they seem to really enjoy the time. However, **men** behave completely different. They tend to go shopping for a certain purpose. They know what they want.

2.3.7 Museums

- Are there any museums or art galleries in you hometown?
- Have you ever visited any of these art galleries or museums?
- Do people in China like visiting museums or art galleries?
- What can people learn from museums or art galleries?
- Do you think going to museums or art galleries is beneficial for children?

2.3.7.1 *Are there any museums or art galleries in you hometown?*

- 举例

- Yes, in Beijing, you'll never fail to find a museum which can appeal to you coz there are various kinds of museums, such as **National Art Museum of China, Beijing Museum of Natural History, China National Film Museum** and the like.
- **examples**

2.3.7.2 *Have you ever visited any of these art galleries or museums?*

- **science museum**
- **exhibition halls**
- **state-of-the-art products**
- Well, I visited a terrific science museum with my best friends when I was in high school, as I can recall. It was huge with a total of seven exhibition halls, and I saw so many **state-of-the-art** products, such as the latest astronomical telescope.

2.3.7.3 *Do people in China like visiting museums or art galleries?*

- **Make a concession to extend your answer**
- Well, it is really hard to tell whether every Chinese is into visiting museums or art galleries. **Still**, I've noticed that these days loads of people are willing to spend their leisure time in museums or art galleries. At least it is the case in Beijing, I guess it is because there are various options as well as low prices of museum tickets here.
- **concession**

2.3.7.4 *What can people learn from museums or art galleries?*

- **history, culture and art**
- **antiques, artifacts, and paintings**
- Museums or art galleries are very good for people who enjoy **history, culture and art**, or who are very interested in one particular subject, things like **antiques, artifacts, and paintings**. Visiting museums often gets people asking more questions about the nature around them and their history.

2.3.7.5 *Do you think going to museums or art galleries is beneficial for children?*

- **knowledge + experience**
- Sure, I definitely think so. It's really good for children to visit either museums or art galleries. From going to these places, children can **learn a lot** more than from their textbooks at school. On top of that, it'll be quite a stimulating and exciting **experience**. I guarantee they'll love it 100%!

2.3.8 Collections

- Do you collect anything as a hobby?
- Why do some people like collecting things?
- Do boys and girls usually collect the same things?
- If you had a lot of money, what would you like to collect?

2.3.8.1 *Do you collect anything as a hobby?*

- **fridge magnets**
- **on impulse**
- **resist the temptation**

- I'm a big fan of collecting **fridge magnets**. Every time I travel somewhere, I'm gonna buy one fridge magnet which represents the city or the country. I don't feel like buying anything **on impulse**, but I just can't **resist the temptation** to buy those lovely fridge magnets.

2.3.8.2 Why do some people like collecting things?

- a great sense of self-fulfillment
- keep lovely memories
- Well, I guess there can be **several reasons**. **Some people** collect certain stuff just because they are crazy about it and having a huge collection of what they fancy may bring them a great sense of self-fulfillment. While **others** may just regard it as a good way to **keep lovely memories**.

2.3.8.3 Do boys and girls usually collect the same things?

- Boys: sports stars, games, high-tech gadgets
- Girls: coins, stamps, postcards, bookmarks
- Well, everybody has his or her own taste and interest. Still, generally speaking, according to my observation, **boys tend to** prefer collecting things related to sports stars, games, high-tech gadgets and the like, whereas **girls are more likely to** accumulate things, like coins, stamps, postcards, bookmarks and the like.

2.3.8.4 if you had a lot of money, what would you like to collect?

- 虚拟语气
- As I've told you, I am a huge fan of fridge magnets. So, if I **had** plenty of money, I **would be able to** travel around the world and bring fridge magnets which represent different cities or countries back home. I'm sure those lovely fridge magnets would remind me of every incredible journey I've made.

2.3.9 Movies

- What kind of film do like?
- Where do you usually choose to enjoy watching a movie?
- Who is your favorite movie star?

2.3.9.1 What kind of films do you like?

- comedy
- tragedy
- horror film
- detective film
- romantic film
- cartoon film
- blockbuster
- Well, I always think watching movie should be a relaxing thing to do. Movies are made to **ease my tensions**. So I would definitely choose comedies over the others.

And also on top of this, love stories, which happen between good looking and glamorous leading roles in the movie, are something I am sure I could not say no to.

2.3.9.2 Where do you usually choose to enjoy watching a movie?

- staying at home
- movie theatre
- If I am gonna pick, staying at home and sinking into my amazingly comfortable sofa would be on top of my list. Although others may enjoy wider screen and big-budget movies and only movie theatre could satisfy them, I think it's a huge problem travelling back and forth to me.

2.3.9.3 Who is your favorite movie star?

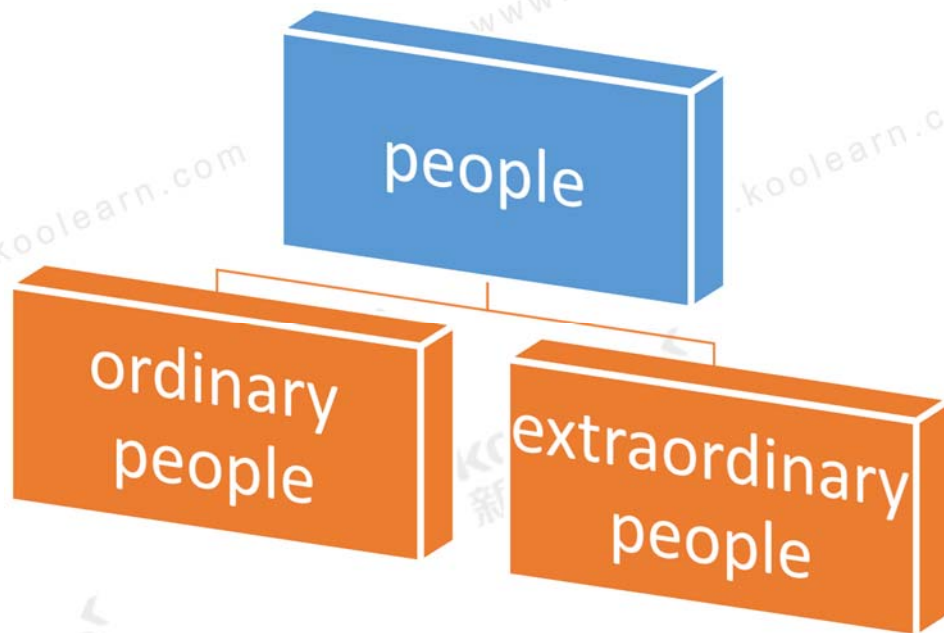
- Jennifer Aniston
- "friends"
- character "Rachel"
- To tell you the truth, I like Jennifer Aniston the most. I started to know her because of the famous show "friends" and her character "Rachel". I mean, she is charming, she is free and easy; she has the most amazing life attitudes.

3 雅思口语 PART2 话题备考技巧与实练

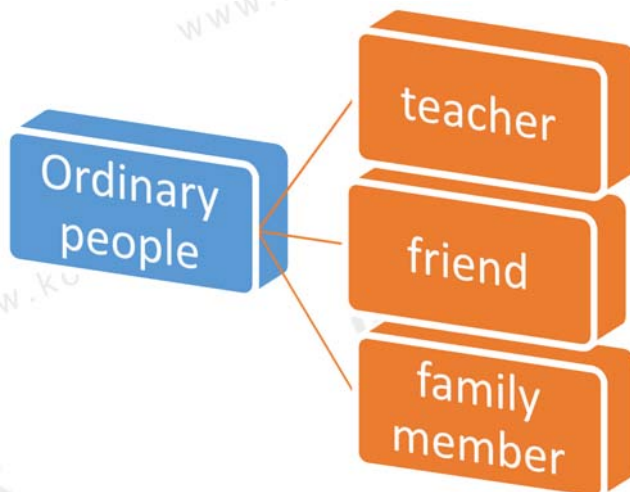
3.1 PART TWO 介绍



3.2 人物类话题卡分类



3.2.1 Ordinary people



3.2.2 Task card 1

Describe a teacher you can remember from your schooldays.

You should say

what this teacher looked like

what subjects they taught

structure

Introducing your choice.

Describing physical features.

Describing characters.

Explaining the reason for your choice.

1. Introducing your choice.

I'd like to share with you...

I can remember a teacher called...really well.

The teacher I'm gonna describe is ...

I can remember a teacher called Miss Nichols really well. She was a teacher I had when I was about six years old. She taught all subjects, not anything in particular.

2. Describing physical features.

... looks like a typical/ordinary ...

... looks younger than his/her age.

He/She is ..., always ...(doing)

One thing unique about his/her look is ...

The most noticeable feature is ...

Physically, she was quite ordinary: she was about average height, thin, and with grey hair in a bun. She looked how you'd expect for a person of her age- I would say she was about 50 years old.

3.Describing characters.

... is the ... person I've ever known/seen.

What's unique about him/her is ...

... is known for his/her ...

... is truly one of a kind.

Most of the time he/she is ..., but sometimes he/she can be ...

... often appears to be ..., but when he/she is with close friends, he/she can be ...

Character-wise, she was quick and precise. What unique about Miss. Nichols was that she was quick in all her movements, walking and speaking. And she spoke very precisely. Most of teachers are 'yes or no' kind of person, Miss. Nichols is truly one of a kind.

4. Explaining the reason for your choice.

Personal experience

with this person

Of course, before I moved into her class I was terrified of her. Now, many people have a rough exterior and a soft inside, but the extraordinary thing about Miss Nicholls was that she really did have a heart of gold. I'm sure I'll never forget her because she taught me how to be firm but kind.

3.2.3 Task card 2

Describe a good friend.

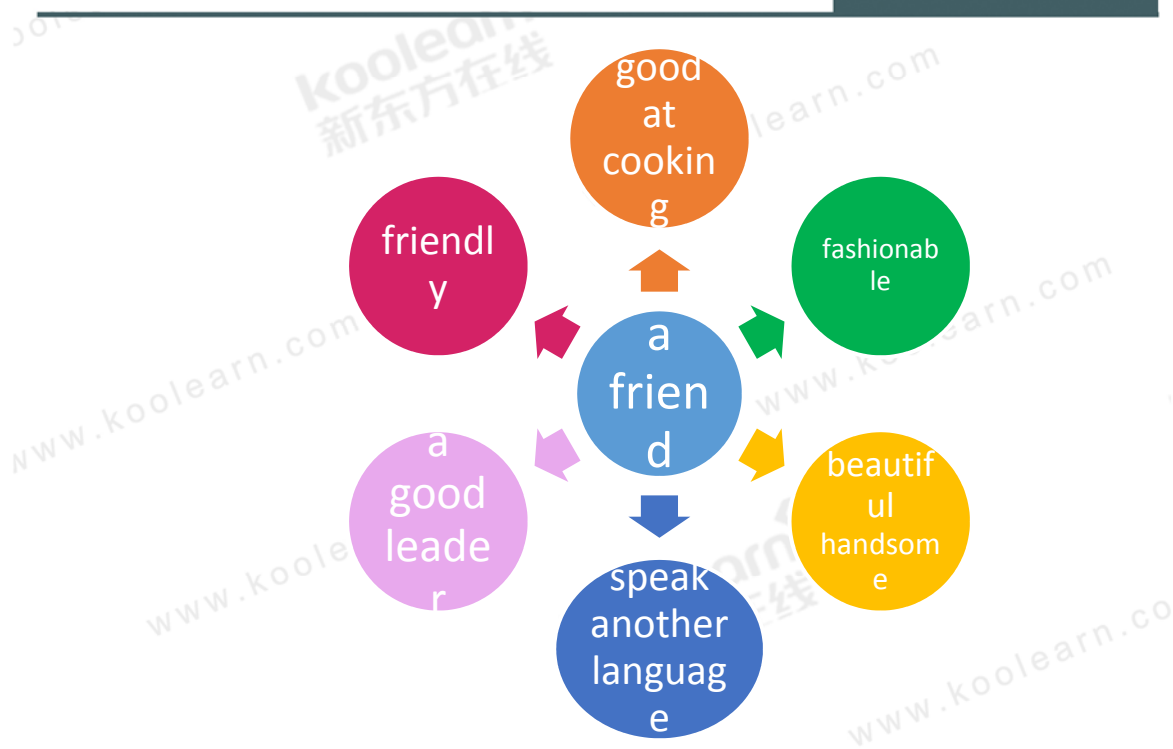
You should say

who this friend is

what your friend looks like

something happened impressed you a lot

and explain why you like this friend.



3.2.4 Task card 3

Describe a family member you admire.

You should say

who the family member is

what the relationship between you

how this person influences you

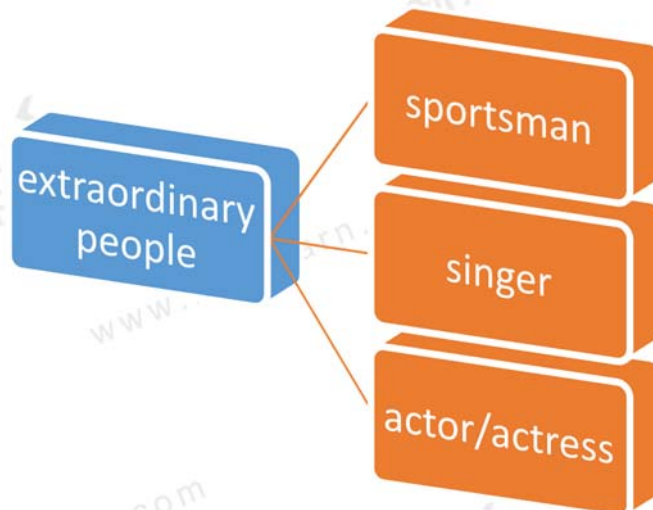
and explain why you admire this person.

- I can't imagine what I'd be like without him/her.
- He/She is one of the most important people to me.
- I might have inherited ... from him/her
- Whenever I'm faced with difficulties/Whenever I feel ..., I'll think of what he/she used to say, ...
- He/She is my role model./childhood idol./ I really look up to him/her.
- What I admire the most about him/her is ...
- The most important/valuable lesson I learned from him/her is .../The most important thing that he taught me is ...

3.2.4.1 influence

- I can't imagine what I'd be like without him/her.
- He/She is one of the most important people to me.
- I might have inherited ... from him/her
- Whenever I'm faced with difficulties/Whenever I feel ..., I'll think of what he/she used to say, ...
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- What I admire the most about him/her is ...
- The most important/valuable lesson I learned from him/her is .../The most important thing that he taught me is ...

3.2.5 Extraordinary people



3.2.6 Task card 4

Describe a famous person you would like to meet.

You should say:

who the person is

how you first learnt about him or her

how/why this person is famous

and explain why you would like to meet this person.

structure

Introducing your choice.

Describing career.

Describing achievement.

Explaining the reason for your choice.

Talking about a famous celebrity I'd like to meet, I'd like to share with you Cristiano Ronaldo who is the one of the most famous soccer player in the world. There are several reasons why I'd like to meet Ronaldo.

Firstly, I'm a huge fan of soccer game. I still remember when I was young, I used to play soccer with my friend everyday and never missed any soccer match on TV.

Secondly, I am inspired by Ronaldo's outstanding technical skills and personal achievements. Ronaldo can play the left wing, right wing and even the center forward to help the team to score important games. He has won multiple personal awards such as the most valuable player both in England and Spain.

He **has** also won twice the champions for the European Champions League which is considered one of the most popular and important soccer matches in this world.

Most importantly, I am impressed by Ronaldo's hard work and persistence. He always leads his national team to win every match. He always tries his best to encourage his team never lose faith in themselves.

So overall, if I have a chance I would like to go to Madrid to watch Ronaldo's match. After the match, I may ask him to take a photo with me and if I am lucky enough I may ask for his autograph.

3.2.7 Task card 5

Describe a famous person.

You should say:

who this person is

how you know about this person

what type of work he does

and explain how he made an impression on your society.

The famous person I want to describe is **Jacky Chen**. He is a **famous Kungfu star** not only in China but also over the world. Now, he is in his 60ths but still very **active** in movie industry. When I was young, I started to like action movies and Jacky was always the superstar in the shows. His movies accompanied me all the way when I was growing up. Day after day, he became a **hero** to me. As I know, when he first started to become an actor, no one would pay much attention to him because of his **mediocre appearance** and **average height**. However, he made his way through by his persistence, endeavor and accumulated reputation. Till now, he became someone that everybody respects. **When he was young**, he studied Kungfu in Hong Kong. He was very painstaking and did exercise for thousands of times a day with injuries in many parts of the body. **Then** he was selected to act Kungfu in films by a film company. **After that**, he had more opportunities to show himself to the world and prove his capability. **Till now, he has made over 100 movies**. In his movies, he always acts as policeman, soldier or hero for the nation. He has become a hero to let the world know Kungfu of China. He makes contributions to boost Chinese entertainment industry and spread Chinese Kungfu to the western world.

3.2.8 Task card 6

Describe a singer/band.

You should say:

who this singer/band is

what kind of music do they sing/play

how did you know about him/her

and explain why you like him/her.

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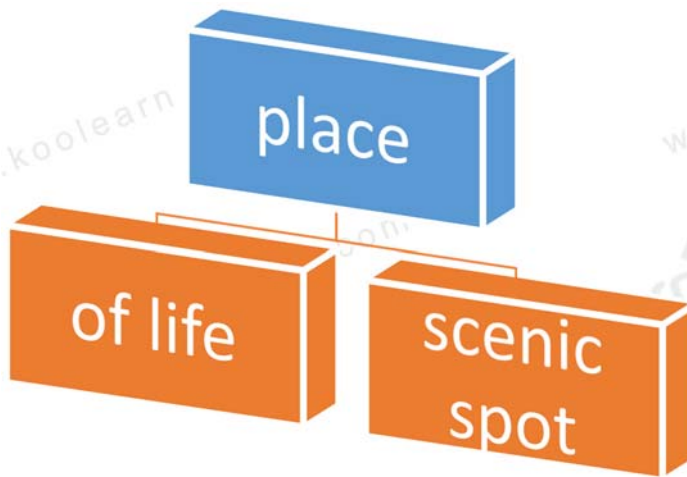
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- one of the nation's best-selling groups
- unique music style
- well-received among people of my generation
- eye-catching stage presence
- active interaction with their fans in a relaxing atmosphere
- fashion icon

- own brand

3.3 地点类话题卡分类



3.3.1 Task card 1

Describe a restaurant or cafe you like.

You should say:

Where it is

What type of restaurant it is

What type food it serves

Why you like it/it impressed you

structure

Introducing your choice.
location, name

Describing exterior features.
direction

Describing interior features. direction

Explaining the reason for your choice.
experience, feelings

- a boutique café
- Green Island
- in a noisy and crowded Hutong area
- in a little yard that blends in perfectly with its surroundings
- a glass door with a not-so-noticeable sign showing its name

Let me talk about a boutique café near where I live. The name of the café is Green Island, just as it is a secret quiet place located in a noisy and crowded Hutong area. It seems to me that the owner has no intention to attract a huge amount of guests and make it big. The café is in a little yard that blends in perfectly with its surroundings. Apart from a glass door with a not-so-noticeable sign showing its name, it is no different from a normal building in the neighborhood on the outlook.

- the interior
- well-furnished-dark wooden floor,
- high ceilings,
- spacious sofa and armchairs,
- chic round tables and a classy bar
- drinks-from orange juice to coffee, apple pie

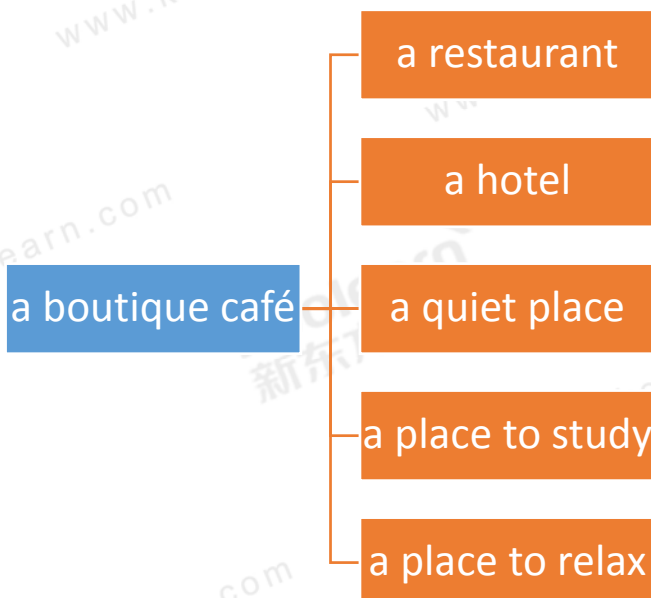
But once you spot it and get curious enough to walk in as I did 5 years ago, you wouldn't regret your decision. The interior is very well-furnished-dark wooden floor, high ceilings with dim lights on the edge, spacious sofa and armchairs,

chic round tables and a classy bar. It serves all kinds of drinks, from orange juice to coffee, many of which are original works of the owner. It also serves the best apple pie I ever tasted, so good that I have to eat at least one every week.

- quiet and relaxing inside
- A gentle music
- only a dozen people
- regular patrons
- hush their voice chatting with each other

Actually, what impress the most is that it is always quiet and relaxing inside the café. A gentle music with a volume that is just distinguishable plays on and off. There're usually only a dozen people hanging out during the day. Most customers are regular patrons between whom treat the café like a shared secret. They tend to hush their voice chatting with each other, and no noisy party was ever thrown there. When all seats are taken, the late comers seldom queue up or urge for a spot. Instead they would just nod the owner and leave quietly. In short, I really like the fact that everyone cares to maintain the peaceful atmosphere and shows a gentle respect towards each other.

3.3.1.1 Exam link



3.3.2 Task card 2

Describe your study room.

You should say:

how it looks

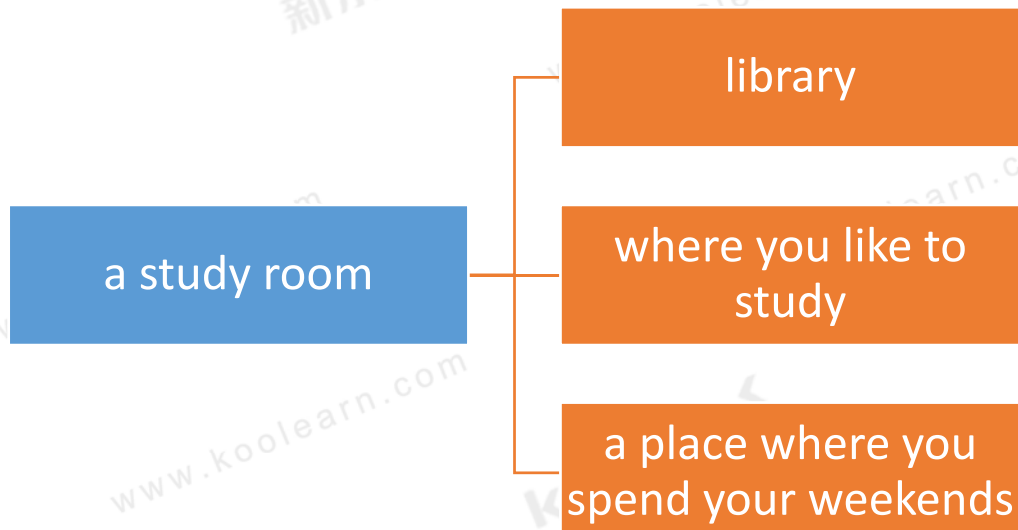
how much time you spend in this room

how an ideal study room should be

and give details of your study room

- a private separate study room
- is square shaped
- painted in light green
- tiny room
- I've made the best of its space:
 - a charming window seat
 - built-in bookshelves
 - a huge collection of books
 - well-sorted by category
 - spacious, well-organized
 - not luxuriously furnished
- a cozy place where I spend:
 - loads of fresh air and sunshine
 - could concentrate on my study with high efficiency
 - during the day
 - On weekends
 - In the evening

3.3.2.1 Exam link



3.3.3 Task card 3

Describe an unusual building you have visited.

You should say:

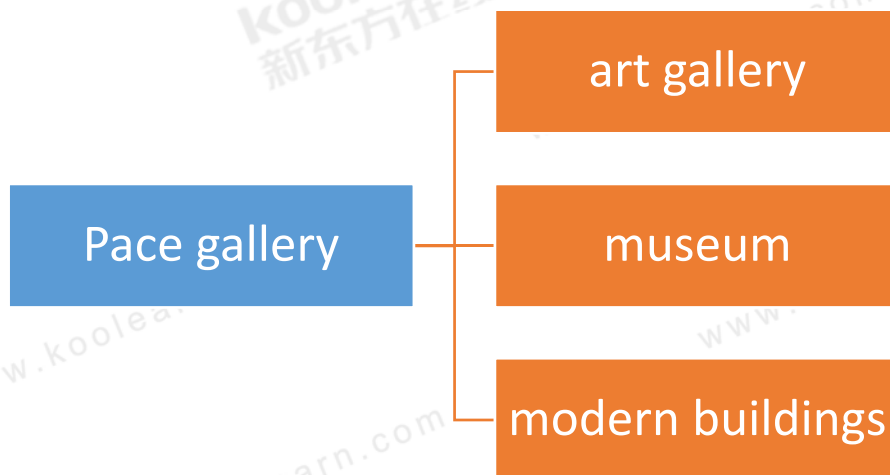
Where it is

What it is used for

What it looks like

1. overall design: the German style
2. interior design: simplicity
spacious room, high ceilings, white walls and good light
provides a perfect stage for the artworks exhibited
3. Circular Exhibition Room:
 - dynamic illustration
 - viewer interaction
 - rating device

3.3.3.1 Exam link



3.3.4 Task card 4

Describe a historical building.

You should say:

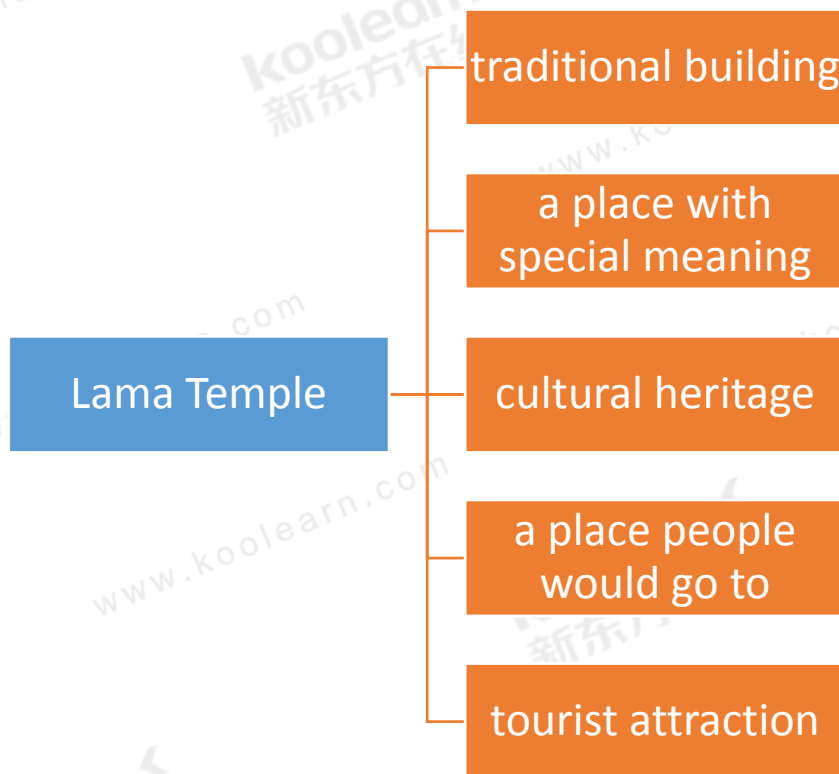
Where it is

What it is used for

What it looks like

And explain why you think it is unusual.

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3.3.5 Task card 5

Describe a beautiful park/garden

You should say:

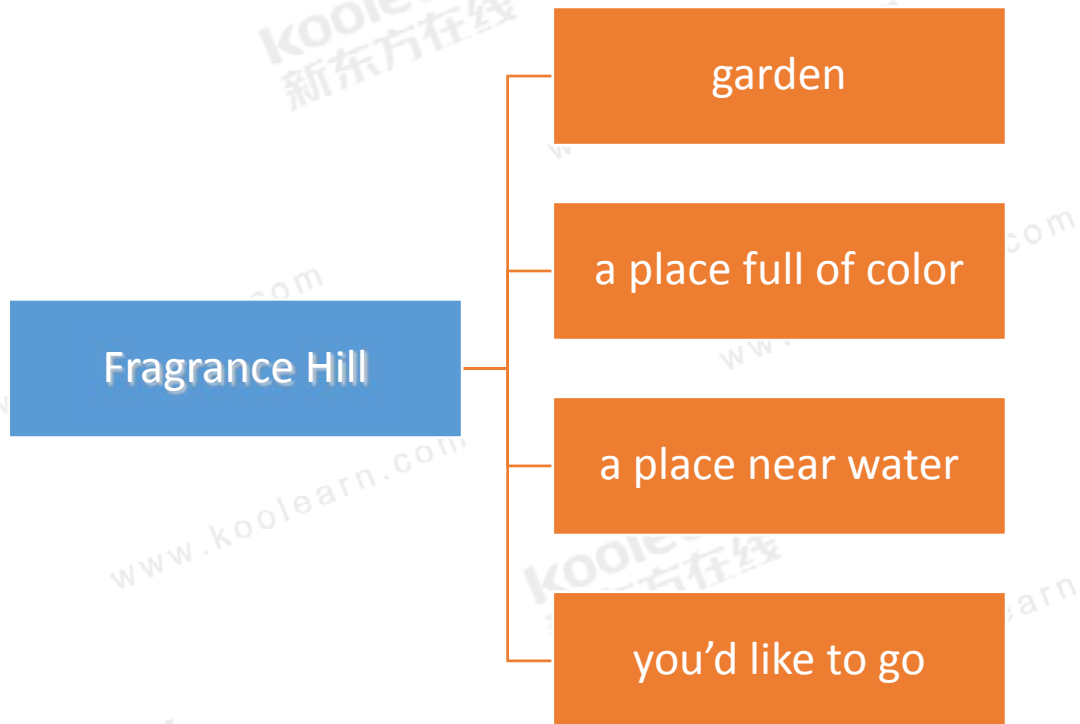
What the name of the garden is

Where it is

What it is like

What people do in the garden

3.3.5.1 Exam link



3.4 物品类话题卡分类

3.4.1 Task card 1

Describe the kind of music you like

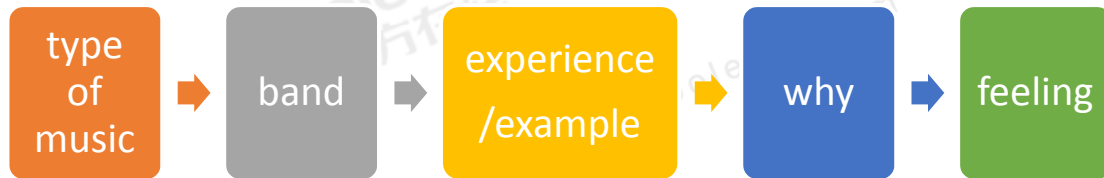
You should say:

What kind of music

Which singer/band/song

Why you enjoy it

How you feel when you listen to it



- **Music info:**

- rock music
- centered on the electric guitar
- heavy drum beats
- give me a thrill in the blood
- true emotions and life energy
- lyrics often stress romantic love but also address a wide variety of other themes that are frequently social or political in emphasis.

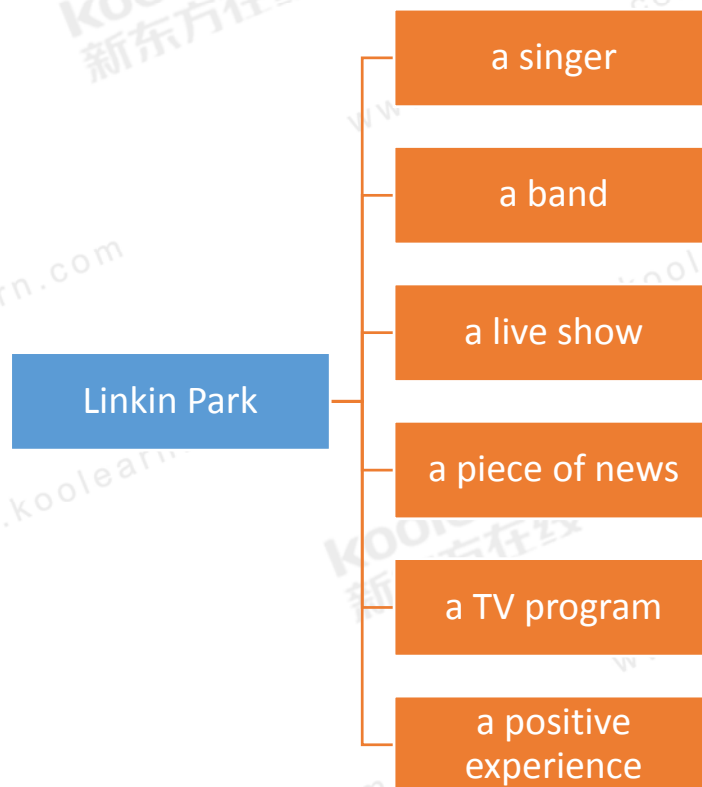
- **Band info:**

- Linkin Park
- perfectly combines rhythmic rap with indie rock
- is full of passion
- awesome live performance

- **Personal experience:**

- one of "Save the World" live concerts (2007)
- First rock band to perform in China
- people from all over the country
- instantly hit off
- started chatting enthusiastically
- **When** the countdown finally began
- electronic waves going through the crowd
- sparks and flash light beams
- their efforts and passion had no match
- ... song reach the peak of the whole performance
- best experience listening to live music

3.4.1.1 Exam link



On a windy and freakin' cold night (yesterday), Linkin Park finally played their long awaited China show... and Shanghaiist has to admit that the turnout was really impressive. Not a complete sellout, but close... and HongKou stadium can hold more than 28,000 people, which is triple the capacity of the Shanghai Grand Theater. Out of all the big named foreign bands we have seen play in China, this by far had the best attendance. A good portion of the crowd was actually Chinese, and as reader MoJo points out, they didn't hold back on those expletives.

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By Abe Deyo in Arts & Entertainment on Nov 19, 2007 12:47 PM

3.4.2 Task card 2

Describe a website you like to visit.

You should say:

What the contents of the website are

How often you go to this website

And explain how this website helps you.



Youku- online video site

- movies, TV series
- funny video clips produced by regular people
- welcomed by all Chinese
- browse the Website everyday

one main feature:

- watching subscribed TV episodes
- up-to-the-minutes
- ranking system for each category
- top 5 funny videos
- never failed to give me a good laugh

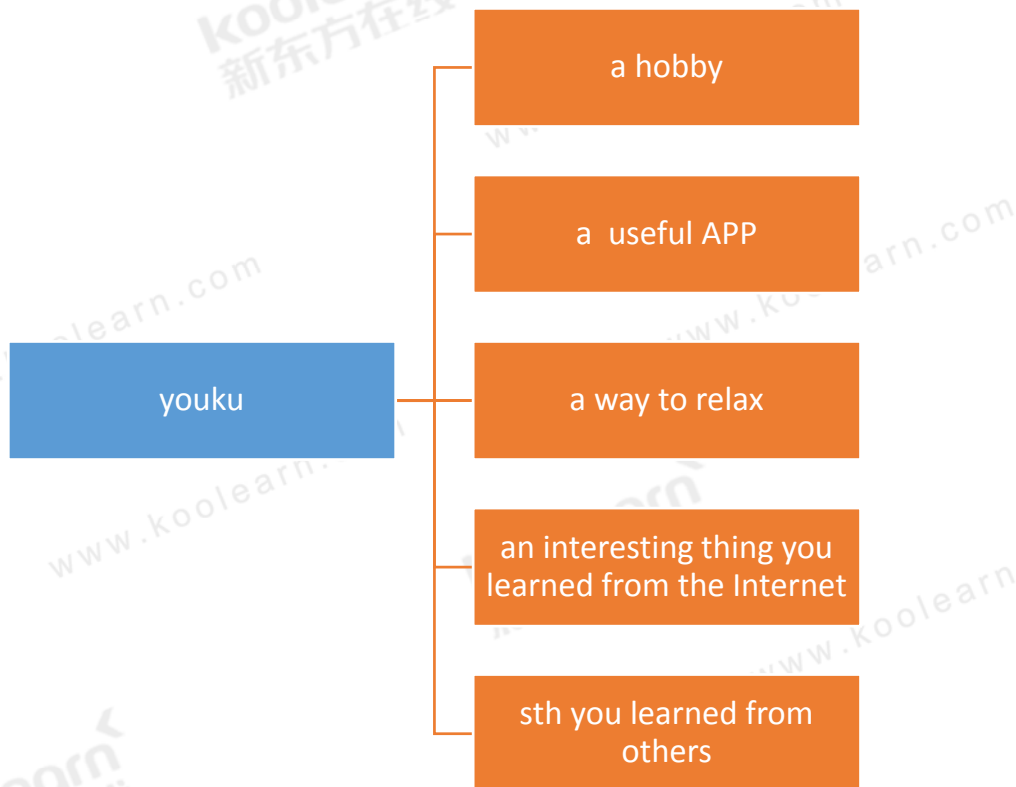
another interesting feature—the Barrage:

- displays the comments from other viewers with time accordance
- The creative and unique comments are extremely funny or insightful.

learn some useful stuff

- computer savvies- share their knowledge and skills with self-made video
- picked up a lot English/Korean/Japanese expressions due to the TV exposure

3.4.2.1 Exam link



3.4.3 Task card 3

Describe a movie you enjoyed or you like to watch again.

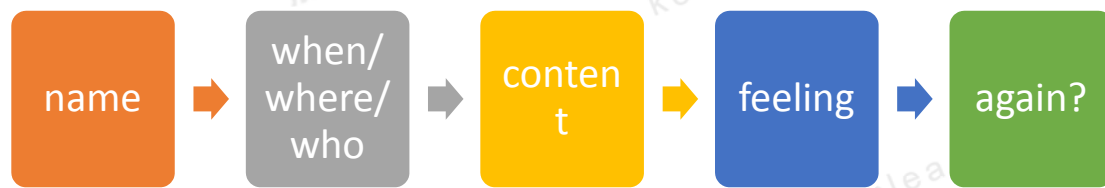
You should say:

What it was about

When and where you watched it

Who you watched it with

And explain why you would like to watch it again.



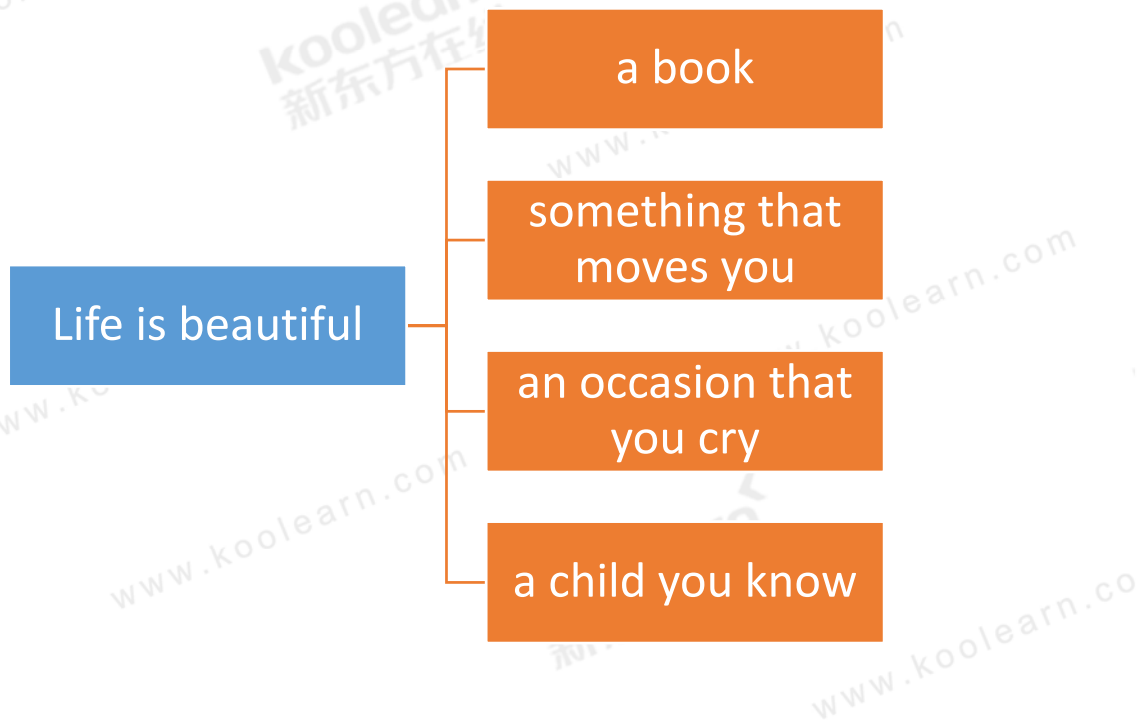
I'd like to talk about a movie called **Life is beautiful**. I watched it on my computer 2 years ago and it instantly became my favorite. Now I have watched it like countless times, and each time I would still laugh and cry for the story.

The first half of the movie is about Guido, an optimistic and humorous young Jew in Nazi Italy before WW2 who found his love and made a happy family. **The director dealt this part with** sunny weather and funny incidents, although the atmosphere of war became more and more stifling.

In the second part, Guido and his young son Giosue were caught by the Nazis and were sent to a **concentration camp**. Facing the inhuman environment, Guido tried to protect the innocence of his son by pretending to him that everything was just a game. He acted in a funny way in front of Giosue despite the heavy work and the abusing. Before he was executed, Guido lied to Giosue to play hide and seek to save his life. The humor was so heavy and touching, that I couldn't help smiling with tears all over my face.

The significance of life and death, as well as love and sacrifice, were so complicated **yet plainly presented** in the film. And above all love would always be **the beacon of hope** for the human race. Every time I felt beaten in life, or had big quarrels with my parents, I would watch it again and get moved and refreshed. Life is beautiful, I should live it fully with love and gratitude.

3.4.3.1 Exam link



3.4.4 Task card 4

Describe a piece of advice given by other people.

You should say:

What the advice was

Who gave it to you

In what situation he gave it

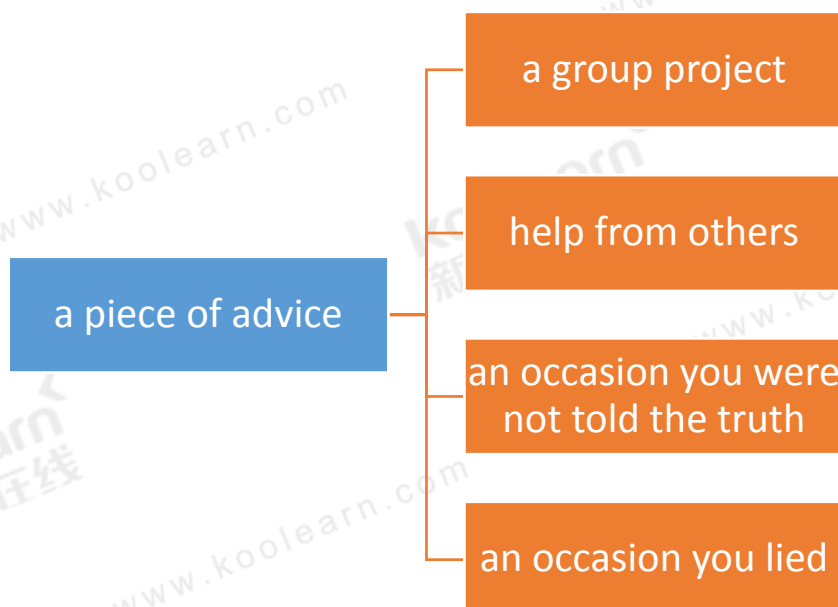
And explain how it would help you.



- last semester
- group presentation for our history class
- the mid-term assignment
- took up 40% of the final grade
- were divided into groups of two

- a not-so-famous revolution in the 1900s
- the lack of references and the limited time
- found myself with little to say
- got quite nervous about the presentation
- looked hard in the library and online for details but could find no further information
- That was when my partner gave me a great piece of advice.
- He told me that:
 - ① focused too much on the incidence itself
 - I could check up famous historic events around that time near the place and talk out the relationship or just talk more about the backdrop
 - ② that the presentation actually had nothing to do with the grades
 - teacher just bluffed us to speak up. I could totally relax and enjoy it.
 - It was such a relief.
 - **managed to** prepared a lot of stuff for the speech
 - **managed to** overcame my nervousness on stage.
 - Later, it turned out that...
 - he had told me a white lie.
 - I got an A in the end with a 95 for the mid-term assignment.
 - Without **his advice** and **the white lie** I would not have been able to achieve that.

3.4.4.1 Exam link



3.4.5 Task card 5

Describe a subject you did not like before but have an interest now.

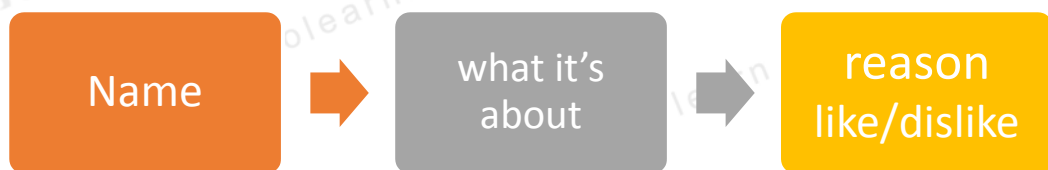
You should say:

What the subject is

Who your teacher is

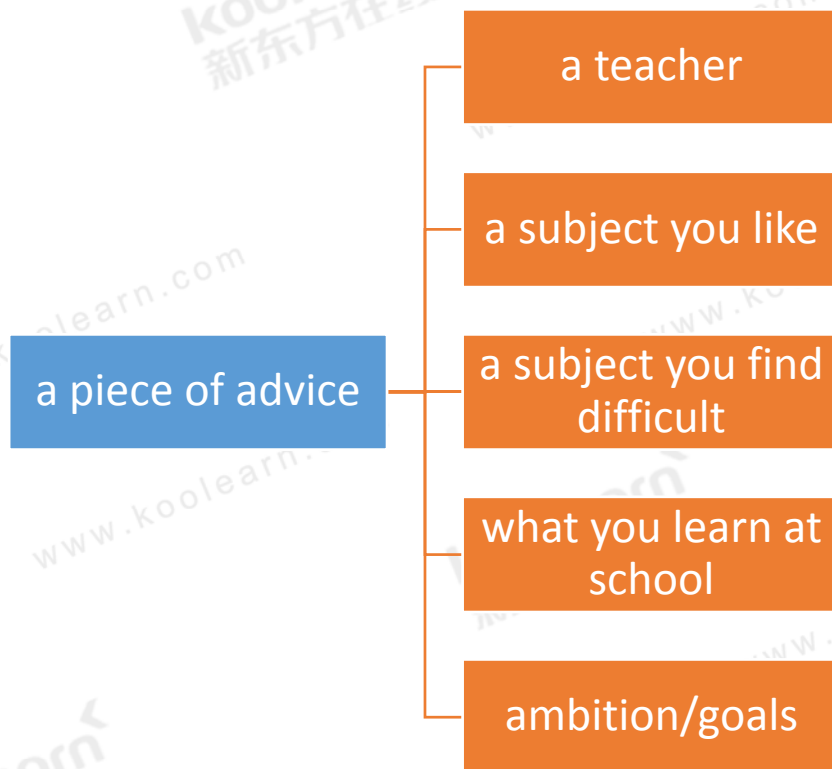
How difficult it is

And explain why you do not like it before but have an interest now.



- hold mixed feeling about statistics:
- - not so good at mathematics on a whole
- - statistics seems like an even more difficult part of math
- become a total idiot when it comes to possibilities and randomness
- have no idea how to deal with them
- So, at first, I ...
- One thing totally changed my mind is that...
- our statistics teacher:
- shows us with vivid real-life examples the charm and power of statistics
- Examples
- Now, the calculation still seemed difficult
- at times I may need my teacher to walk me through the complex
- apply the knowledge to practical use someday
- ambition: to learn the subject well in the future

3.4.5.1 Exam link



3.4.6 Task card 6

Describe an indoor game that you liked to play when you were a child.

You should say:

What the game was

Where you usually played it

How you played it



- who's the killer at primary school with classmates
- the game was so popular that at each break between classes there were several bunches of pupils playing the game.
- 5 to 8 children would sit round a desk
- one playing the judge and conduct the game
- others would be parted randomly as citizens, a cop and a killer
- Their identities are known only to themselves.
- **Before the game starts**, everyone needs to close their eyes.
- **Then** the killer open his eyes to kill a person with a point of the finger.
- **For the next step**, the cop opens his eyes and points out a suspect. The judge would nod or shake his head as an answer.
- **Finally** everyone opens his eyes and the judge will tell them who is dead.
- A vote **will follow** to decide who is the killer.
- **Before** that everyone **takes turns** to say something in his defense of in accusation of others. The person with most votes will die at this round.
- The game goes on in this way. If the killer survives as the last 3 people, he wins. If he is voted out **before that**, all others win.
- -very fun to play
- act hard and sometimes needed to bluff or double-bluff to survive.
- When there were bad liars and funny talkers in the game, it could be chaotic fun.
- We had so much laughter playing a game, that the 10-minute break always seemed too short.
- Real interactive activities of this kind become fewer and fewer.
- Everyone is more and more preoccupied by his cell phones and I-pads.
- I do miss those days when people felt more close to each other.

3.4.6.1 Exam link

who's the killer

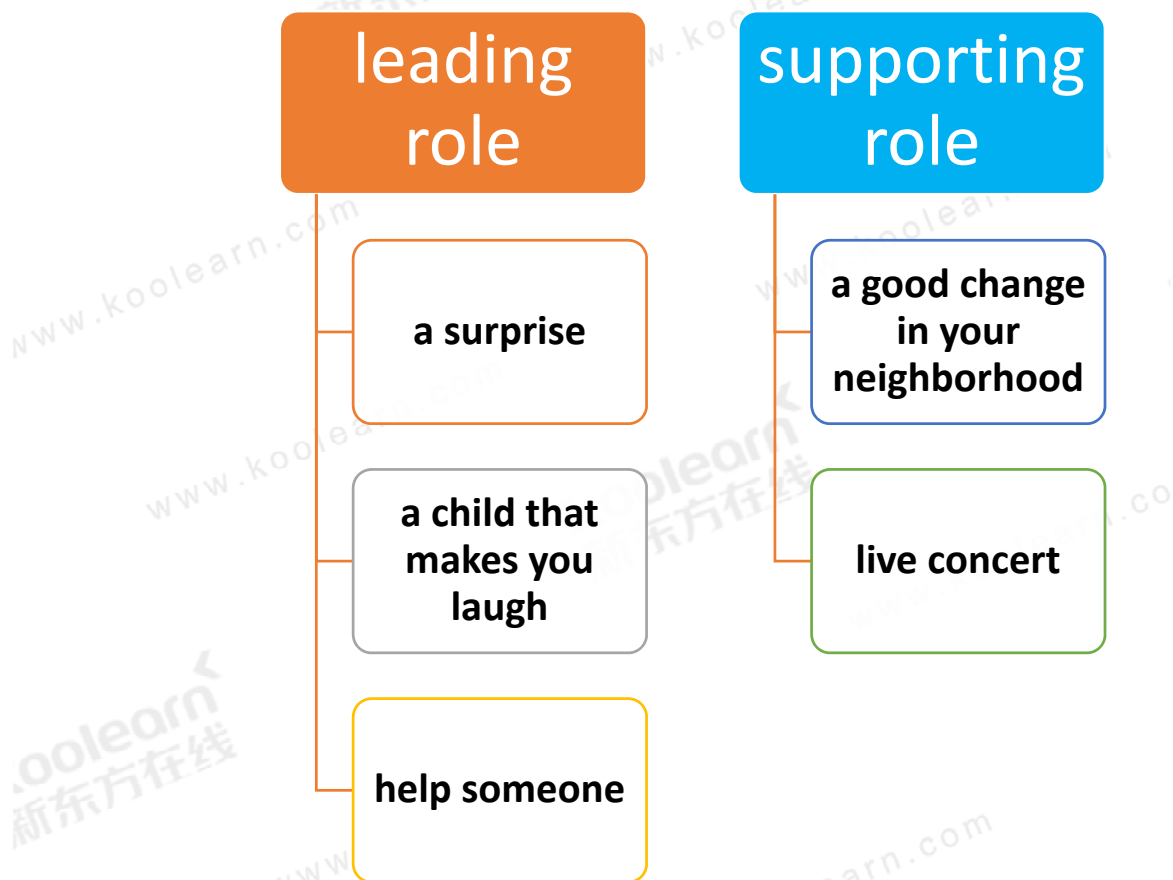
a time you had fun

a good memory

a group activity

a way to relax

3.5 事件类话题卡分类



3.5.1 Task card 1

Describe a pleasant surprise you had.

You should say:

When and where it happened

Who gave you the surprise

Why they gave you the surprise

And explain how you felt about it



But when I asked the shop assistant for the 10-day package in mind, he began to **recommend** me a new special package for Christmas. We had a disagreement.

An **incident** during last Christmas when my parents and I were on a trip in Australia.

You know, before going there I **did all the homework** about Australia. So upon our landing at the Sydney airport, I went straight to the “Optus” counter to buy us a cell phone card. As I had already **looked into every service package** they offered online, I knew what was the best for us.

He was a passionate guy with an native Australian accent that I didn’t quite catch. I thought he was trying to talk me into buying something I didn’t want. **Suspicious of getting ripped off**. I **had a dispute with him**. It was a very strange scene-- while he was trying to explain why the new one was cheaper and better in line with my travel plan, I was questioning about his every sentence **in hope of finding a loophole**.

After about 10 minutes, I realized the man was **sincerely considering the issue for my best interest**. He was really trying to help. On top of that, facing my mistrust, he had a warm smile on his face all the time. I suddenly felt **so ashamed** but at the same time very happy. You know, it was a **simple act of kindness** from a total stranger on my first day in a strange country. It was really a pleasant **surprise** and he did **make my day**. We became friends afterwards and are still in touch now.

3.5.1.1 Exam link

Optus

a disagreement with others

a shopping experience

sth you bought in a foreign country

when somebody helped you

an interesting case when you were abroad

3.5.2 Task card 2

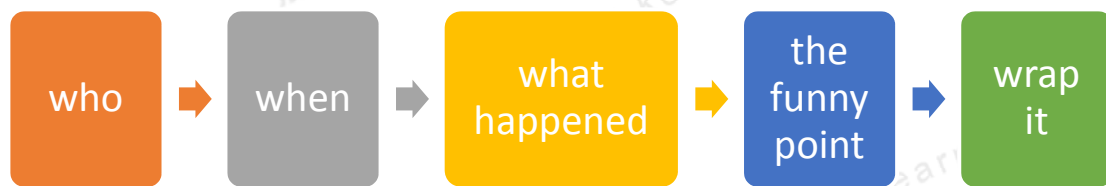
Describe a time that a child did something that made you laugh.

You should say:

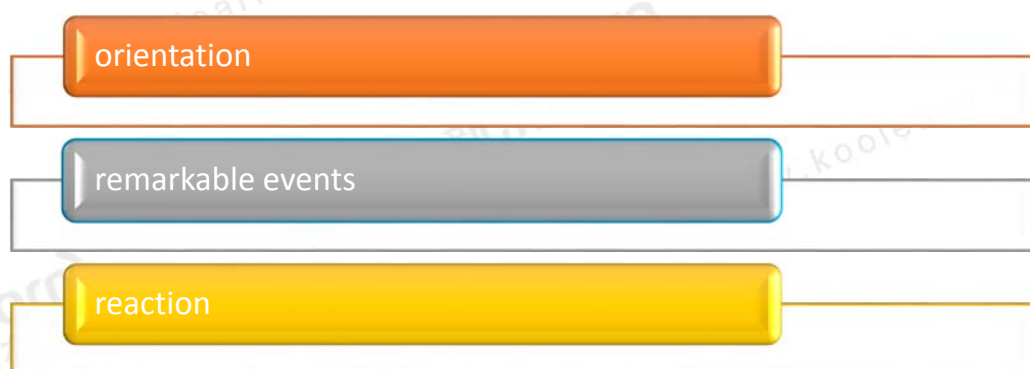
What it was

When it happened

Who was with you



3 stages of anecdotes



Orientation

- My little nephew is the **cutest** boy I've ever met
- doesn't understand the **complication** of many things at the age of 4
- **definitely** is **not** afraid to speak of his true mind
- often results in the burst of laughter from the adults around him, including me

Remarkable event

For example, about 3 months ago, on a Friday, my uncle and aunt were busy so I was supposed to help them pick my nephew up from the kindergarten. Oh, you must know, he is a chubby little **foodie** who gives priority to food before all other things. And apparently he wasn't quite satisfied with the lunch at the kindergarten, because he was begging me to buy him all kinds of snacks—ice cream, pancake, burger— at every shop we went by on the way home. I actually had prepared him some good cakes at home but would like to **tease him** by not telling him about it and turning down his every request.

When we finally reached the apartment building, he accidentally looked up at the block number--204-- and couldn't fight his hunger anymore. He blurted out "two-egg-four", in his loud child voice. And that instantly put **me into a burst of laughter**. The little foodie could see food in everything.

Reaction

There are **tons of examples** like this. When little child **speaks of his mind** and **shows how differently** they look at the world from us, it is sometimes really **hilarious**. But who knows, maybe we are even more funny in their eyes sometimes.

3.5.2.1 Exam link

little nephew

a child in your family

a story between you and a child

sth funny in your life

3.5.3 Task card 3

Describe an occasion when you helped a stranger.

You should say:

Who you helped

How you helped the stranger

Why you helped him/her

And explain how the stranger benefited from your help.



- share with you one of **my little secrets**
- a man playing the guitar on the sidewalk
- with a bowl for causal cash from passers-by in front of him
- a beggar -- a great street artist
- his existence became an enjoyable part of my commute
- **one day...**

One day, he was **once again** being **driven away** by the **people from urban management**. It was windy and there were some **pushes and shoves**. His bowl was turned over with coins and cash spilt all over the ground. He didn't seem to care **as** he was **busy packing up** carefully his **acoustic equipment**. I didn't know why, but I **felt a sudden urge to help** him **collect the money**. **So** I hurried over and **bent over** to pick them up **along** the street. **Then** I followed him to **a new spot** in a park and **handed him back** the bowl. He didn't say thanks. **Instead** he smiled and asked me if I wanted to learn guitar from him. His own words were "it's not a thank-you but the request of another **favor**". **Once again**, without much thought, I said I'd like to help.

In the following month, I got up really early, like 5:30 in the morning to meet him at the park. I had to tell my parents I was exercising for a running test. **Sometimes** I brought breakfast for him, he would just nod. Everyday he taught me for like 40 minutes **before** I had to **head for** school. **Although** I had to live a secret life and endure the **judging looks** from other people in the park, it was **the most enjoyable age of my life**. I **grasped** all the basic **major and minor chords** in a month, and was thrilled to manage to play my first song-- Greenday's "Boulevard of Broken Dreams".

The next day, he was **gone**. I never found him again. We never knew each other's name. I cried a bit. I didn't think my **so-called** help meant much to him in terms of material, but he did **return the favor** with so much more. Now it has become one of my most treasured memories, and **every time** I play the guitar I **feel thankful towards** him.

3.5.3.1 Exam link

you helped a

an occasion that you got up
extremely earlya stage or age of your life you
enjoyed most in your lifean occasion when you help a
strangeran experience of learning
something

a main changed your life

A song you like the most

A positive change

4 雅思口语 PART3 思路拓展

4.1 PART THREE 特点

- 一问一答形式
- 题目难度加大
- 考验考生的延伸讨论能力
- 4-5 分钟

Part 3 话题类型

比较

因果

方法

好坏

Part 3 拓展维度

时间

地区

人群

经济

文化

科技

生活

感受

4.2 答题框架



4.2.1 比较类

- What's the difference between...
- How is... different from...
- Do you think sb/sth do sth in the same way?
- Compare ... with

4.2.1.1 回答比较类问题的主要句型和词汇

- **总述** :
 - I think...
 - In my opinion...
 - As I see it,
 - Actually,...
 - Frankly,...
 - Apparently,...
 - There're a couple of/a range of/several/a lot of differences between them.
 - They are totally different.
- **首先** :
 - The main point is
 - The most obvious one is
 - First of all, (unlike)....
 - The first thing that comes to my mind is that...
- **其次** :

- Another/a second difference is
- Secondly,
- Also,
- Apart from that,
- as well
- **最后 :**
- Finally
- I guess that's all about it.
- So, you see, they are totally different.
- Those are the main differences between...
- There're other differences, but basically those are the main ones.

逻辑关系连接词

- 介词性的 unlike/like, compared with, instead of
- 连词性的 while, whereas, but,
- 状语性的 however, for example/instance, in terms of...

4.2.1.2 *What's the difference between going to watch sports and watching it on TV?*

- **Apparently, there are huge differences.**

In terms of watching experience, to be at the stadium is many times more exciting than to watch it on TV. To be among the **heat of the crowd**, surrounded by avid fans **and deafened by their** cheers and roars, was an experience **beyond my words**.

- **Also**, you could decide what detail to watch **while** on TV you only get what the camera gives you.
- **On the other hand**, it is certainly much cheaper to watch sports on TV than to buy tickets and **go in person**.

4.2.1.3 *How is neighbours different from friends?*

- Well, **in my opinion**, friends are people who are close to us and sometimes we share certain information.
- They'd like to help us through **thick and thin** and **share our happiness and sorrow** as well. But we don't live nearby in most cases, so they can't give us an immediate hand.
- **However**, neighbours are those we **depend on** when we need assistance at many times. They're always there when we're in trouble.

4.2.1.4 *Do you agree that people are the same all over the world?*

- **Frankly**, I disagree.

Every person is unique with his own interests, personalities and life experiences. As time goes on, everyone may develop his own way of thinking and getting along with others.

- **For example**, some people are party-animals and enjoy socializing with various kinds of people, **while** some may prefer to stay alone in their leisure time.
- **There're other differences, but basically those are the main ones.**

4.2.2 因果类

- Why...
- What are the causes.../ What do you think leads to...
- What do you think are the reasons for/that...

4.2.2.1 回答因果类问题的主要句型和词汇

- **总述** :
 - I think
 - In my opinion
 - As I see it
 - Actually
 - Apparently
 - There're several reasons for...
 - There could be a number of explanations.
 - The causes of... are complicated.
- **首先** :
 - The main/most obvious reason behind ... is that
 - think ... leads to
- **其次** :
 - Another/a second reason maybe,
 - Secondly,
 - Also,
 - Apart from that,

逻辑关系连接词

- 介词性的 thanks to, due to, because of
- 连词性的 because, since, as, for, thus, so

- 状语性的 as a result, in this way,
- 动词性的 cause, lead to, result in, contribute to, are involved/related/linked
- **Why do so many people like going to places with water such as lakes, rivers or the ocean?**
- There could be a number of explanations.

I think the main reason that people like going to places with water is that the environment is much better there. The temperature is usually cooler in the summer. There tend to be more green plants near lakes or rivers, so that the air is cleaner and more refreshing.

Also, people can participate in many out-door activities such as fishing, boating and camping at such places.

Plus, according to a scientific report, people are more likely to have a better mood near water. No wonder why people like to go there.

4.2.2.2 Why do some people get lost easily but others do not?

- Well, that's a strange question. I guess there might be several reasons.

The main reason could be explained by the fact that people who get lost easily may lack the sense of direction and those who do not lose their way may be good at remembering roads and direction.

But another interesting factor in my mind is that people couldn't distinguish the buildings in the cities, as they look similar. For example, most skyscrapers in big cities in the world are normally made of glass.

4.2.2.3 Do you think people are famous as a result of some real talent or some other reasons?

As I see it, to become the short term attention of the public is kind of random.

In the internet era, an improvised street dance, a public blunder of some officials, or simply pictures of some pretty ordinary people could suddenly become the hype and makes the person involved famous overnight.

But most of these buzzes are short lived. To achieve long term popularity, I think besides sheer luck, people need either to make substantial contribution to the society or to continuously deliver top-tier performance, both of which are largely built upon real talent.

4.2.3 方法类

- What you think should be done about...
- How do you usually...
- What you think are the solutions to

4.2.3.1 回答方法类问题的主要句型和词汇

- 总述：

- I think/guess
- In my opinion
- As I see it
- Actually
- Apparently
- There're a couple of/several ways/means/measures to deal with the problem.

- 首先：

- The best way/solution is...
- To solve the problem, the first thing that needs to be done is...
- a good way is...
- a first step should be...

- 其次：

- Another/a second ... is,
- Secondly,
- Also,
- Apart from that,

- 最后：

- Finally
- As a result....
- I guess these are the right/necessary... to take/make.

逻辑关系连接词

- 介词性的 因果类 to deal/cope with,
- 连词性的 因果类 otherwise, or, if, then, even though/if, although
- 状语性的 因果类 usually, often, sometimes, occasionally, rarely, seldom, likely/unlikely, ideally, in theory/practice, hypothetically,

4.2.3.2 What do you think need to be done to improve traffic conditions?

There are several measures to be taken.

For government, more money should be invested on improving public transport, such as the buses, trams, and the undergrounds. It should expand their networks and lower the charge so that more people would like to commute in this way.

Also, the government could raise taxes on buying or selling private cars, to cope with the fast growth in their numbers.

For individuals, choosing green travel and observing traffic rules are good ways to make a contribution.

4.2.3.3 How do you manage your time?

Actually I have a very efficient system to manage my time.

The main measure is to make a good schedule and stick to it. For example, every morning after I get up, I will write down on a small note what I need to do for the day. I will list everything in time accordance, and give each one a priority and an estimated deadline. Then I would try to finish the most urgent ones while I have the most energy.

Another good way is to take the best advantages of my spare time. Whenever I finish a thing ahead of the schedule, I would spend the saved time on reading or practicing my oral English.

4.2.3.4 How do colors affect people's mood?

As I know, different colors have different influences on people's mood.

For example, I once read a science article which said light colors could often calm people down. As a result, many people would like to paint their bedroom in light green or blue for the soothing effect.

On the other hand, bright colors, like fresh red and yellow can easily get people's attention and make them excited. That's why these colors often appear in advertisements and entertainment shows.

4.2.4 好坏类

- What are the advantages/disadvantages of...
- Do you think it is good for...
How does ... benefit...

4.2.4.1 回答好坏类问题的主要句型和词汇

- 总述 :
 - I think...
 - In my opinion...
 - As I see it,
 - Actually,...
 - Frankly,...
 - Apparently,...
- 首先 :
 - The main point is
 - The most obvious one is
 - First of all, (unlike)....

- The first thing that come to my mind is that...
- 其次 :
- Another/a second advantage/disadvange is
- Secondly,
- Also,
- Apart from that,
- as well.

4.2.4.2 *What are the advantages and disadvantages of being famous?*

The obvious advantage would be the mental satisfaction that fame brings. Then, in terms of income, famous people usually make a lot more than ordinary people in the same business. They also have access to more resources because of their popularity.

However, there are several disadvantages as well. The most troublesome would be a lack of privacy. As the price of being popular, celebrities' personal lives are always pried upon by their fans and the press. Sometimes a minor public misbehavior could turn every advantage mentioned above into a disadvantage.

4.2.4.3 *What are the advantage and disadvantage of working in a big company?*

As I see it, an obvious advantage of working in a big company is job security.

You know, big companies are often more stable in terms of finance and business. So as an employee you don't have to worry that the company would suddenly go bankrupt one day.

Another advantage is that the entry (starting) salary is often higher than at small companies.

On the other hand, big companies usually have more rules and levels of management, which sometimes become a limit to individuality and time flexibility.

4.2.4.4 *What is the importance of having an ambition?*

There are several advantages of having an ambition.

First, having an ambition means to have a clear goal, or at least a general idea of what we want and where we are going. It makes us work more efficiently because we can make plans according to it and organize our time better.

Also, having an ambition could motivate us emotionally. It gives us the passion to work hard and the strength to go through difficult times.

Plus, having an ambition could bring us to meet people with similar goals, become good friends and work together towards the goal.

4.3 PART 3 拓展的维度

- 时间/时代 when

- normally/ in rush hours
- in classes/at work/in one's spare time
- in/during spring/winter
- on workdays/weekends
- on regular days/on holidays
- short term/long term
- In the past, historically, traditionally, used to, once,
- Nowadays, now, at present, in recent years, today
- Maybe tomorrow, in years to come, hopefully, it's likely that in the short/far future,

Do many people work on farms in your country?

Well, **in the past**, the number of farmers in China was quite large. Decades ago, not so many people could get the opportunity to go to school. **So, obviously, you could see that** most of them ended up working as a farmer.

However, nowadays fewer and fewer people choose to work on farms. The explanation for this is that the money a farmer earns is no longer enough to cover the whole family's needs. **So, of course, basically** lots of people decide to find a job in the city where they can get a better payment.

- 地区 where

- in china/ abroad
- in the western/other countries
- in developed/underdeveloped countries
- in big cities/ in small towns
- in the nature, in urban/rural area,
- at home/ at school

Is crime a problem in your country?

Well, I guess **my answer would be determined by different conditions.**

I mean, in big cities, the crime rate is relatively high. **I guess this is probably because** there's just too much temptation in big cities and many people cannot control themselves.

But in small towns, seldom can you witness a crime. **The reason may have something to do with the fact that** in the countryside, people's mind is not that complicated. Most of them are satisfied with the way they are living and they don't want too much.

- 人群 who

- for men/women, adults/children,
- the young/elderly,
- The rich/poor,
- Chinese/foreigners,

- ordinary people/celebrities
- careers(teacher/students, white/blue collar, ...)

How do people celebrate birthday in your country?

Well, I would have to say it really depends.

I mean, as for young people, they would probably go to a club or a karaoke bar with their friends. You know, they are full of energy and want to go crazy once in a while.

However, as for the elderly, they are more likely to have a big dinner at home and chat with their family. And this is simply because of course to old people, family is the most thing and they'd prefer to spend some quality time with their family members.

- 经济 economy
- business, cost, revenue, income, tax, different industry

What effects will be on native people from foreign tourists?

It is obvious that foreign tourists would pose both positive and negative effects on indigenous community.

It could first help boost the economy. As an increasing number of people going on overseas travel, they would spend a huge amount of money in these countries.

Besides, these countries' cultures can be spread through tourists, which bring them more people to come in the long run.

However, local cultural sites could be damaged by too many tourists and even these countries would become too commercialised and lose their original characteristics.

- 文化 culture
- history
- tradition

What are the advantages of foreign travel?

There are definitely a number of benefits of traveling abroad.

First of all, by traveling overseas, we can get to learn about different cultures first-hand.

While we can always read a book about a certain country, there is something special that we never experience if we don't go in person.

Secondly, along with learning about a culture's traditions and food, we can also immerse ourselves in their language. Perhaps we have studied English in school or maybe we've always wanted to learn French. This is our time to go learn it and use it.

- 科技 science and technology
- Functions
- Safety
- Efficiency
- Productivity
- Speed

- Access

Do you think nowadays people depend on technology too much?

Yes, to some extent. I think modern people rely a lot on **the high technology** nowadays. **For example**, it is common to see citizens driving to work and computers are used in almost every aspect of our life.

- **Apart from that**, there are mobile phones, TV sets and air conditioners etc. It seems like everything around us stem from technology. I really think we cannot live without technology in today's world.
- **生活**
- 衣食住行,
- good/bad for the environment
- health

Do you think people like taking photos today?

I think people like taking pictures nowadays.

Thanks to the popularity of the **smart phones, digital cameras and social media**, taking photos is currently a part of people's daily activity.

For socialising and networking, there're more and more people who take picture of everything and **post them online** for attracting attention and "likes" from people from their circle.

To some extent, it's a really good method of **keeping in touch** with people and know more about our friends.

- **个人感受: mood**
- interest
- fun
- like/dislike
- feelings
- generally,... / in my opinion

Do you think if we should accept other people's advice before we made decision?

I don't think we should make our final decision before we ask for other people's advice.

Even though we should be as **independent** as possible in terms of decision-making, we should also seek for other's advice before we make the final call.

Sometimes, **our understanding** of things could be biased and flawed; we need the second opinion for making the good decision.

However, we should be **picky and critical** when we are listening to other's ideas. It's not responsible to ask others to make decision for us.