

# IELTS Speaking

## P2 Topic (2014 Sep-Dec)

本文近 50 个话题，为 2014 年 5 到 8 月题库中的话题加上 9 月份出现的新题，可以覆盖 9 到 12 月出现的所有 P2 题目，排除了已淘汰的话题。由于题目较多，我将题目分为二等，供各位烤鸭参考：

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然后记住其中的关键词并自己试着复述。

不断强化，以达到给出一个话题可以流利说出的效果。

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注意：文中一些高级词汇和俚语我都做了中文解释，方便大家理解，大多数还附上了简单词语的替换，如果觉得困难的童鞋可以应用简单词汇哈^^

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按相同素材归类 (黑色为新题)

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2. Describe city you have ever visited
3. Describe a neighbor you ever helped; Describe someone you know who has an interesting job; Describe a success your friend has had; Describe a family member who is close to you; Describe a positive experience; Describe a prize
4. Describe a beautiful place where you want to have a home
5. Describe an indoor game in your childhood
6. Describe something you bought but don't often use; Describe a problem with equipment that you can't solve, Describe something you earn money to buy,
7. Describe a foreign country, Describe a long journey, Describe a historic building
8. Describe an animal
9. Describe a situation when you received some useful advice; Describe something you shared with other people
10. Describe a famous person in a country (not your own)
11. Describe a foreign film you enjoyed
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17. Describe a photo
18. Describe some activities to keep healthy, Describe some habit of your friend you wanna develop
19. Describe an important job
20. Describe something you borrowed from others
21. Describe an old person you admire, Describe a beautiful person, Describe a group activity, Describe an interesting conversation
22. Describe something you wanna learn but can not learn now
23. Describe a TV/Radio program
24. Describe something you think is wasting time
25. Describe a traffic jam
26. Describe a singer
27. Describe a sport celebrity
28. Describe a waiting experience
29. Describe a hand-made gift
30. Describe a model you want to be
31. Describe a project
32. Describe a good service
33. Describe an important email or letter you wrote

**Describe a historic building****You should say:*****What it is like ( features )******Where it is******What it is used for******And explain why it is important.***

## 历史建筑

Well, talking about an old building I have visited, I guess I have bunch of constructions I wanna share with you. But the one I would like to introduce to you now is a quite celebrated (有名的 famous) one, Wiener Musikverein (维也纳金色大厅).

The Wiener Musikverein was built in 1867. It also known as the Great Hall, is an oldest concert hall in Vienna, Austria. It is the home to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (维也纳爱乐乐团). The "Great Hall", due to its highly regarded (被看重的 famous) acoustics (音响效果) is considered one of the finest concert halls in the world. Music lovers from all over the world come here to enjoy a feast of arts (艺术盛宴). Medias speak very highly of (高度赞扬 praise) the excellent sound effects throughout the performance because of its special building structures. The annual Vienna New Year's Concert is held here. Actually, putting on performances here is regarded as a supreme (至高的 great) honor to many top art performing groups and well-known artists. What is most amazing is that its lively acoustics are primarily based on the architect's intuition but not rely on any studies on architectural acoustics. The room's rectangular shape and proportions, as well as its boxes and sculptures allow early and numerous sound reflections. In terms of its internal structure, materials of the ceiling and wall can prevent electrostatic interference (静电干扰). Audience in the hall, sitting in any distance, can enjoy the same good quality of music. In a nutshell, the Wiener Musikverein is the building I adore. That's all, thank you.

Describe something special that you saved money to buy.

*You should say:*

*What it was*

*How long it took you to save enough money to buy it*

*Why you wanted to buy this thing*

*And explain how you felt when you bought it.*

## 攒钱购物

Describe something special that you saved money to buy

Well, talking about something special that I saved money to buy, I guess I have bunch of items (物品 things) I wanna share with you, but the one I would like to talk about now is the piece of equipment that I have anticipated for a long time, definitely (肯定地 certainly) my treadmill (跑步机).

The running machine enjoys a splendid appearance (豪华的外观), fair shaped design (流线型的设计) as well as thick and durable steel rind (外壳采用加厚钢板坚固耐用). What's more, it has high resolution (高分辨率) touch screens and high-speed operation, with functions so diverse (不同种 different) that I can adjust its models to my own need. Every day, I run for one hour at different speeds to enhance my physique (增强体格).

You can imagine how much it took, more than eight thousand RMB. I have saved money for more than two years. But frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), it is worth it. Because running on a treadmill is an indoor recreation (活动娱乐方式 activities) which is second to none (首屈一指) for me, and which I have yearned for (渴望 want) since I joined a hiking club several years ago. Groups of people with shared (共享的 same) interests plan meetings and form many local communities about hiking. Actually, there are some places in China that draw mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a particularly strong way. I have my own 'Must hike list', this reminds me of what I truly love and should strive towards. So I want to build up my body (锻炼身体 exercise).

Obviously, I was so excited when I bought the treadmill that I set up my running plans at once. The treadmill is very useful for me. It relates to my appealing (吸引人的) hiking dream. It is worth my efforts to save money for a long time. That's all, thank you.

Describe an interesting ( wild ) animal from your country / you like.

*You should say:*

*where you learned about this animal*

*what it looks like*

*Where it lives ( or where you saw it )*

*And explain why you like this interesting animal.*

## 有趣动物

Describe an interesting wild animal from your country

Well, talking about an interesting wild animal from my country, I guess I have a host of (许多 many) animals I wanna share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is a quite special one. It is the South China Tiger (华南虎).

South China Tiger is the rare and valuable animal only found in China. I firstly became familiar with the animal because of a well-known case, in which a farmer was sentenced because he forged a photo of wild South China Tiger, a photograph claiming to (标明) be the first sighting of a South China Tiger for more than 30 years that has prompted (激起) a search for the endangered animal.

From then on, I realized the South China Tiger is the most precious of all tigers. It's whole body is covered with orange and black striations (条纹 strings). Specially, the South China Tiger has small ears and the auricle faces side. It is the smallest tiger subspecies (亚种) from mainland Asia, but bigger than the subspecies known from the Sunda Islands. Males measure from 230 to 265 cm, and females are smaller and measure 220 to 240 cm.

The historical range of South China tigers stretched (伸展) over a vast landscape (地形 area) of 2,000 km from east to west and 1,500 km from north to south in China. From the east they ranged from Jiangxi and Zhejiang Provinces westward through Guizhou and Sichuan Provinces. The most northerly extension was in the Qinling Mountain and Yellow River area to its southern extension in Guangdong, Guangxi and Yunnan Provinces.

I like the South China Tiger because this kind of interesting animal stands for the highest expression of the Chinese people's being indomitable and constantly striving to become stronger (百折不挠、自强不息的民族精神).

All in all, the South China Tiger is the valuable wild animal from my country and I like it very much. That's all. Thank you.

Describe an antique or some other old object in your family.

*You should say :*

*What the object is*

*Where it came from / how your family first got this thing*

*How long it has been in your family*

*And explain why your family has kept it.*

Describe an old thing that your family has kept for a long time

## 家中老物件

Well, talking about an old thing in my place, my grandmother still keeps many old items (物品 things) for many years. One of the most memorable of these was a photograph that I am obliged to (不得不 have to) introduce. Every time we see it, so many exultant (欢欣鼓舞的 happy) memories pour into my mind (像洪水一般涌入心间).

This old photo was taken more than sixty years ago when my grandfather went hiking in the Yu Long Mountains. In it my grandfather was with other hiking enthusiasts (登山爱好者); all of which were dedicated to (热爱 love) hiking excursions near and far and have experience in this exciting activity. The photo also contains the beautiful scenery in this scenic spot, which is located in the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and features (以...为特色) perennially snow mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) its unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). It is rather beautiful.

My family has kept the photo since my grandfather got it. The old photo is so special and important for our family because the photo is valuable. At that time photographic technique (照相技术) was not well developed and the rare photos that can be preserved are very uncommon. What's more important, from the photo, we can recall a gorgeous (极好的 great) feeling of my grandfather to reach the top and almost touch the sky, especially for this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways.

So I really want to say, this old picture records the special moment and my grandfather's metal (风貌 style). I think my family will keep it at home even if it is very old. It is the paramount (重要的 important) thing I want to share with you. That's all, thank you.



Describe a positive experience in your teenage time.

*You should say:*

*When it happened*

*Where it happened*

*What the change was*

*And explain how you have benefited from this change.*

## 积极经历

Describe a positive experience when you were a teenager

Well, talking about a positive experience for me, I guess I have bunch of affairs I wanna to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is a quite special one. Actually, it is the experience of learning hiking skills from Captain Jack.

Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), I cared a hang (感兴趣 be interested in) about hiking just because a TV program when I just entered the university. Driven by a cavity warm blood (俚语一腔热血), I joined a hiking club, in which groups of people with shared (共享的 same) interests planned meetings and formed many local communities about hiking. This year, the club organized a hiking activity in the Yu Long Mountains, a particular place in China that always draws mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a strong way. But in fact, I knew nothing about hiking skills and I was afraid of how to strive forwards in a tough environment.

Luckily, I met Captain Jack. He was a professional hiking athlete. He taught me, the body should slightly keep forward when hiking up the mountain; while down the mountain, the body should lean back to relax muscle and relieve leg pain. He asked me to follow him along the ghat (英俚语山路 mountain road) so that I can generally control my pace on mountain roads successfully. We went in the snow, through mud, water, snowflakes and forest, with a focus on leaving no trace of (没有一点 no...at all) litter on our lands. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, Jack's help made me feel alive. To push myself and keep moving forward no matter how much it hurt and I would never give up.

Anyway, from this positive experience, I get skills that will be very useful in the future. Also I have developed a determined mind. It was the paramount (重要的 important) delighted moment when I reached the top with his help. I really want to say I was on the top of the world (俚语形容极度喜悦) in this hiking. That's all. Thank you.

Describe a photo that someone took for you. / describe a time someone took a photo for you.

**You should say:**

**When and where it was taken**

**Who took it**

**What is in it**

**And explain why you like it.**

## 照片

A good photo someone took for you

Well, talking about a good photo someone took for me, I am obliged to (不得不 have to) introduce a quite special one to you now. Every time I see it, so many exultant (欢欣鼓舞的 happy) memories are pouring into my mind (像洪水一般涌入心间).

Well, this photo was taken by one of my buddies (俚语伙计朋友 friends) when I went hiking in the Yu Long Mountains. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), hiking is my favorite activity that is second to none (首屈一指). Recently, I joined a hiking club, in which groups of people with shared (共享的 same) interests planned meetings and formed many local communities about hiking. This year, we went hiking in the Yu Long Mountains. Actually, this area is a special place in China that draws mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a particularly strong way.

The photo contains the beautiful scenery in this scenic spot, which is located in the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and features (以...为特色) perennially snow mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) its unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). It is rather beautiful.

The photo is so special for me because in it I am with other hiking enthusiasts (登山爱好者); all those who are dedicated to (热爱 love) hiking excursions near and far and had experiences in this exciting activity. And what a more gorgeous (极好的 great) feeling to reach the top and almost touch the sky, especially for this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways.

So I really want to say, this picture records this special moment when I felt I was on the top of the world (俚语形容极度喜悦). It is the paramount (重要的 important) photograph I want to share with you. That's all, thank you.

Describe a place ( that you visited ) far away from your home.

*You should say:*

*What the place is*

*What it looked like*

*What you did there and who you went with*

*And explain why you enjoyed it or why you think people are attracted to that place.*

## 离家远行

Describe a place that you visited far away from your home

Well, talking about a place that I visited far away from my home, I guess I have bunch of places I wanna share with you. If I have to choose the most appealing place, I will definitely (确定地 certainly) pick Austria. It is an ancient land in the world but its economy is highly developed and its culture embraces (包含 has) prodigious (巨大的, 给人印象深刻的 great) influence .

After graduation from college, I want to go on this trip with my music friends to Austria by plane. We went there because we are deeply impressed by the special building and scenery of this country from TV program. Well, you know, its music legend is the most interesting and appealing aspect of the country. So we mainly visited its capital, Vienna. It is not only the cradle (发源地) of European classical music, but also a famous center of music in the world. This area has bred (孕育) Chopin, Mozart, Beethoven and many other music celebrities (名人 famous music singers), who enjoy high prestige and commands universal respect (德高望重) all over the world. We travelled the old music hall and read the stories.

My most strong feeling about this place is its music culture. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid) I am a huge classic music fan and I have always been hoping to watch a live concert in a noble music hall. So I am interested in this great country. You know, there is a quite celebrated (有名的 famous) music hall, Wiener Musikverein (维也纳金色大厅), also known as the Great Hall. The "Great Hall", due to its highly regarded (被看重的 famous) acoustics (音响效果), it is considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the world. Audience in the hall, sitting in the any distance, can enjoy the same good quality of music. The annual Vienna New Year's Concert is held here. Actually, putting on performances here is regarded as a supreme (至高的 great) honor to many top art performing groups and well-known artists.

In a nutshell, Austria is a quite awesome place and I will definitely visit there one day. That's all, thank you.

**Describe a thing you bought with little practical value. / something you bought but don't use.**

*You should say:*

*What the thing was*

*Where and when you bought it*

*What it looked like*

*And explain why it has little practical value.*

## 买来不常用的东西

### Describe something you bought but don't often use

Well, talking about something useless that I have bought, I guess I have a bunch of old stuff I want to share with you, but the one I would like to talk about is my treadmill(跑步机).

I bought the treadmill in the shopping mall two years ago. You can imagine how much it cost, more than ten thousand RMB! The running machine has a splendid appearance(豪华的外观) and design as well as thick and durable steel frame(外壳采用加厚钢板坚固耐用). What's more, it has a high resolution (高分辨率) touch screen and high-speed operation, with diverse(不同种 different) functions.

But frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), I wasted my money because it was useless for me. Running on a treadmill is an indoor recreation(活动娱乐方式 activities) at home which is not suitable for me. The most important reason is that since I went to college I have got accommodation in school and only come back home in the long vacations. My parents do not like the treadmill. What's more, I prefer outdoor activity now, such as hiking, because I like the group of people with whom I share (共享的 same) this interest. I am looking forward to meeting other hiking enthusiasts(登山爱好者); all those who are dedicated to (热爱 love) outdoor excursions and have experience in this exciting activity. So I need more practice in the open to build up my body (锻炼身体 exercise) rather than the indoor excises.

In a nutshell, my treadmill is now useless to me. Maybe I should sell it...

**Describe a piece of advice you got. / an occasion you received suggestions from others.**

***You should say:***

***Who gave it to you***

***Where and when you got this piece of advice***

***What this piece of advice was about***

***And explain how this piece of advice influenced you.***

## 建议

### **Describe a situation when you received some useful advice**

Well, talking about a piece of advice someone has given me, I guess I have a bunch of good advice I wanna share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is pretty special. It is quite important for me.

Actually, this piece of advice was given to me in a letter, which changed me a lot. It was from Miss Li, my math teacher in high school about her advice on my math study. At that time, she introduced a new area, the imaginary number (虚数). The abstract definitions were difficult for me to understand. I had no imagination of these virtual things and could hardly tell the differences between the real and imaginary root. What's worse, I think Miss Li was too strict, so our students were afraid to ask questions, which decreased the efficiency of my study.

My math teacher noticed my negative emotion so she wrote a letter to give me her advice. In the letter, she told me how to get the knack (领会诀窍 get the skills) of dealing with this type of questions. And she encouraged me to ask questions repeatedly. She brought me a strong feeling of authority which made me trust her. The splendid (灿烂的) math world was opened to me.

With the inspiration of her advice, I believed I could begin to gradually understand math thoroughly. Even if some other students could pick things up (不费力地学 learn something without effort) without effort along with a host of similar concepts with high study efficiency, I should try hard to spot my advantages and practice more.

So this piece of advice indeed made a difference (很重要有意义 meaningful) to me. It made me see the light at the end of the tunnel (俚语 something gives you hope) in math class.

**Describe a foreign film that you like.**

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*When you watched it for the first time*

*What plots impressed you most*

*And explain why you love this film.*

## 外国电影

### Describe a foreign film you enjoyed

Well, talking about the film that I enjoyed, there have been so many movies that have enlightened me. But the most impressive one that I really liked was the last movie of the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

I saw the film in an IMAX cinema of Beijing three years ago. With a lack of IMAX theaters, people were traveling long distances to see the movie. So did I. And I was looking forward to a perfect ending to the series. While I anticipated seeing the final chapters unfold (呈现 shown) on the big screen, I knew I would also have to deal with the end of Harry Potter. I enjoyed the film for several reasons.

First, the film really caught up the plots in the books and caught my imagination. In my childhood, the Harry Potter series drew me into a mysterious (神秘莫测的) magical world. The film revealed the exquisite plots (精妙的情节) of the books. The story revolves round Harry's quest to have a showdown with evil Lord Voldemort who has killed his parents. Amazingly, a wand made the ordinary seem magical. In the books, having magical powers, the protagonist (主角 actor) Harry Potter and his two close friends (非常要好的朋友 close friends) suffer many ordeals (磨难 setback) but maintain the ability to love. I like the actor, Daniel Radcliffe, who plays the bespectacled wizard in the films. What's more, the IMAX shows superior visual effect to the ordinary 3D. I have to say I was really intoxicated by it all.

So in a nutshell (总而言之), this is a film that I really enjoyed.

**Describe something that you have shared with others (or another person ).**

*You should say:*

*What you shared*

*When you shared it*

*Who you shared it with*

*And explain why you shared it or how you felt when you shared it.*

## 分享

### **Describe something you shared with other people**

Well, talking about something that I shared with other people, I have to admit it must be the information of our mathematics lesson.

Many classmates ask me information about the subject before school starts. The difficulty of the subject always worries students. I never hesitate to share my information. **Frankly speaking** (坦白来说 to be candid), I always share my experiences of learning this subject. I was required to take the math class every day from primary school to college. The class was taught by Miss Li in college. At that time, the **instructor** (老师 teacher) opened a new area to me, the function of imaginary numbers. The abstract definitions were difficult for me to understand. Some other students could **picked up** (不费力地学 learn something without effort) many similar concepts with high efficiency. But I had never had much imagination on these virtual things and can hardly tell the differences between the real and imaginary root. Thus I couldn't **get the knack** (领会诀窍 get the skills) of dealing with these types of questions. The **splendid** (灿烂的) math world seemed like a hell for me at this time.

The reason why I shared this information is that I was worried about the performance of those who have **poor talent** (贫瘠的天分) for these numbers. Because I think Miss Li was too strict, so students were afraid to ask questions, which decreased the efficiency of study. Every time she walked into the classroom, she would bring a strong feeling of authority, which made students stay in their seats without daring to lift their heads to ask questions.

So anyway, all in all and before I finish, math is the most important but difficult subject. I want to share some key information with others so that they can understand it thoroughly and fall in love with it.

*Describe something you did to help others.*

*You should say:*

*who you helped*

*how you helped them*

*why you helped them (or, why he or she needed help)*

*and explain how you felt when / after you helped this person*

## 帮助邻居

### Describe a neighbor you ever helped

Well, talking about a neighbor I have aided (帮助 helped), I guess I have bunch of friends I wanna share with you. But the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one.

Several years ago, I joined a hiking club, in which groups of people shared (共享的 same) interests and planned meetings to form local hiking groups. We lived in the dorm together. My neighbor was a freshman, Jack, who was interested in hiking because of a TV program. This year, the club organized a hiking activity in the Yu Long Mountains, a particular place in China that always draws mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a strong way. Jack joined in but in fact, he knew nothing about hiking skills and was very afraid of how to strive forwards when he came across the tough environment in reality.

So I tried to help Jack. I taught him, the body should slightly keep forward when hiking up the mountain; while down the mountain, the body should lean back to relax muscles and relieve leg pain. He follow me along the mountain road in order to generally control his pace on mountain roads successfully. We went in the snow, through mud, water, snowflakes and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, I pushed him to keep moving forward no matter how much it hurt and we could never give up.

Helping Jack was so unforgettable for me because as a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), I am dedicated to (热爱 loves) hiking excursions near and far and experience this exciting activity. Teaching him hiking skills, I was delighted when we reached the top together. I really want to say I was on the top of the world (俚语形容极度喜悦). I was very satisfied, and I will definitely help others next time.



**Describe an indoor game in your childhood.**

*You should say:*

*What it was*

*How it was played*

*How it influenced you*

*And explain why you liked it.*

## 童年室内游戏

### Describe an indoor game in your childhood

Well, talking about an indoor game in your childhood, there have been so many stories I wanna share with you, but the one now I would like to introduce is role playing.

Frankly speaking (坦白来说 to be candid) role play offers a relatively real situation for me to understand books. One of the most popular games that we had was the role play of Harry Potter. When I was in middle school, the Harry Potter series became a blockbuster (一鸣惊人者 hit) and were attractive to lots of people over the world, including us students. We were so obsessed with (对...着迷) the magic world that we attempted to find our own places in it.

Every weekend, a bunch of (一群 many) students congregated (聚集 gathered) in someone's home to watch Harry Potter movies, and role playing (角色扮演) after one week's practice. In the practice, each of us was supposed to take up a certain role in a pretend (模拟的 mimic) castle. We mocked characters' talking ways in English and special behaviors. The more you were able to make it real for yourself and for others, the more you were achieving the purposes of role play. So we all tried our best to imitate the roles like an actor.

From my experience, I think, role playing was the best indoor game of my childhood because it strengthened our friendships. This game was special and unforgettable because it offered us an opportunity to experience friendship in a new way and practice spoken English.

So the role play of Harry Potter was a fantastic indoor game in my childhood.

**Describe a foreign celebrity.**

*You should say:*

*Who the person is*

*What this person does*

*Something about this person that attracts you*

*And explain why you admire this person.*

## 外国名人

### Describe a famous person in a country (not your own)

Well, talking about a famous foreign person, I guess I have a host of (许多 many) celebrities I wanna share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one. He is a popular comic actor, Rowan Atkinson (罗温·艾金森).

Rowan Atkinson is one of the biggest movie stars and prominent (杰出的 good) comedians of the British film industry. He has established his position in this area. As a highly popular actor, he has a plain appearance but outstanding acting. The roles he plays are often small characters but are renowned at home and abroad. From his appearance, you might not feel he is a "shining star", but he is worthy of the title of superstar. This image is epitomized (成为 (某事物)) by his character Mr. Bean. He is gentle, straight-talking, and his manners are of the most humorous person in your imagination. It is Rowan Atkinson's comic talent that is so useful when he is playing the special Mr. Bean. So he is very famous around the world.

Anyway, before I finish, I would like to say that Rowan Atkinson is a great comic actor and well respected. If I'm in a bad mood he can always give me hope with his funny performances. That's all, thank you.

**Describe the first cellphone you had used.**

***You should say:***

***What it looked like***

***When you got it***

***What you used it for***

***And explain how you felt about it. / how it is different from the phone you use now.***

## 第一个手机

### Describe your first cell phone

Well, talking about my first cell phone. I got it as a gift from my parents when I was admitted to university (大学录取).

My middle schools always forbid us from using cell phones, so until I went to college, I could not use this useful tool. Actually, my first phone was a smart phone. It had a thin body, a high resolution (高分辨率) touch screen and high-speed operation, with functions so diverse (不同种的 different) that I felt it makes other electronics completely unnecessary. I haven't been able to live without it ever since I got it. The most crucial (重要的 important) use of the smart phone is, of course, to help me communicate with people. I ring up my parents every day so that I can know how everything is going back at home. It connects me not only to my family, but also to the world. With the mobile internet, I get to know how my friends are who are pursuing educations in different parts of the world. And with a few clicks, I can also learn about the latest news from all over the world whenever I want and wherever (随时随地) I am. Moreover, it gives me entertainment in my spare time as long as I download my favorite music, movies and videos. I use my smart phone almost every day for different purposes and it has become an essential part of my life.

Though my cell phone has become so useful, I still try to spend time with my family and friends. Admittedly, we need electronic products, but we should still free our minds from the virtual world and try to notice (发现 find) the actual beauty of the world. I haven't changed my first cell phone. It is very useful for me.

**Describe a family celebration you have attended ( wedding ).**

*You should say:*

*When it happened*

*How many people took part in and who they were*

*What special activities or thing you did there*

*And explain whether this family celebration is popular in your region / how you feel about it.*

## 家庭庆祝

### Describe a family celebration that you have attended

Well, talking about a family celebration I have attended, I guess I have a host of (许多 many) celebrations I want to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is a quite special one. It was very important for my family.

The family celebration was the wedding of my cousin. It was held last year in a garden hotel. About three years in love, she became the most happy and beautiful bride. It was one special day that was second to none (首屈一指). She wore an extremely nice formal dress. The fashion of the dress came in different and lovely collections of materials, from silk to satin and even chiffon (雪纺). This dress almost matched her skin tone and was like a burst of light (闪耀光芒). Most importantly, the smile on her face infected everyone who was in the same room.

The wedding was a great family celebration that all members attended. All relatives flocked together (尤指同类聚集 gather) and distinguished guests were invited. And during the wedding, family members made toasts (敬酒) to the newly-married couples (新婚夫妻) in order to wish for joy, peace, health and fortune, as well as wishing both much happiness and a wonderful life.

The sweetness of sharing a dream made for two is one life's greatest treasures. So this family celebration indeed was very meaningful to my cousin.

**Describe a good law in your country.**

**You should say:**

*What the law is*

*How you first learned about it*

*Who is affected by this law*

**And explain why you think it is a good law.**

## 法律

### **Describe a popular law in your country**

Well, talking about a popular law in my country, I guess I have a host of (许多 many) laws I want to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one. It is the Law of the protection of Minors (未成年人保护法).

I firstly knew the law from a TV program and the case interested me. Driven by a great thirst for knowledge (求知欲), I found a law book in the library to read carefully. What impressed me most about this law is its focus on educational rights. As a constitutional right, the right to an education has been embodied in this law. Parents have to send children to school. Also, governments must guarantee the right of minors to receive educations, and take measures to ensure those whose families are in economic difficulties, such as the floating population and those with disabilities receive compulsory educations (义务教育).

The law influences many people to a great extent. Some parents did not value their (对某事不在意) children's' education and must now change their wrong ideas. Especially for young girls who had little chances to receive educations in old days, the law greatly improves their situation. Because of the requirements, lots of kids who are in poor conditions can gain social help and go to school.

So the law indeed makes a difference (很重要有意义 meaningful) for minors in this country. It gives many children hope for the future. That's all, thank you.

**Describe a school you attended.**

*You should say:*

*What it was*

*What it was like / the advantages of studying there*

*Something special you remember / your pleasure of learning there*

*And explain how you feel about the school.*

## 童年学校

### **Describe a school where you have attended in your childhood**

Well, talking about a school where I studied in my childhood, the one I want to share with you is not the ordinary middle school or primary school. The one now I would like to introduce is another quite awesome school, an English training school.

This English training school offered a relatively real situation for me to practice English. One of the most popular practices that we often had was the role playing of Harry Potter. In my childhood, the Harry Potter series became a blockbuster (一鸣惊人者 hit) and were attractive to lots of people over the world, including us students. We were so obsessed with (对...着迷) the magic world that we attempted to find our own places in it.

The classroom was huge and looked like a stage. Every weekend, I went to the training school, and a bunch of (一群 many) students gathered in the classroom to watch Harry Potter movies. And then the teacher taught us the new words and grammar. We had role playing (角色扮演) after one week's practice. In the practice, each of us was supposed to take up a certain role in the pretend castle. We mocked characters' ways of speaking English and special behaviors. Teachers were nice and chatty. They always gave a gift to the best student to encourage us.

From my experience, I think, this English training school gave the best approach to teach a foreign language because it helped us know more ways of using words and phrases in a happy environment by incorporating entertainment into study. I can still recall my nice teachers and this pleasant scene, the one that always makes people so happy.

So the English training school was a special place for me in my childhood.

Describe the first foreign country you want to go. ( an interesting country )

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*When / what season would like to visit it*

*How long would you like to stay there*

*Where do you want to visit*

*And explain why you would like to visit it.*

## 有趣的国家

**Describe a place in the world that you would like to travel to at the first time**

Well, talking about a country I would like to visit for the first time, I guess I have a bunch of countries I want to share with you. If I have to choose the most appealing country for me to visit though, I would definitely (确定地 certainly) pick Austria. After graduating from college, I want to go on a trip with my music friends to Austria by plane. It is an ancient land but its economy is highly developed and its culture has a prodigious (巨大的, 给人印象深刻的 great) influence.

I have been deeply impressed by the special buildings and scenery of this country from TV programs. You know, its music history is the most interesting and appealing aspect of the country. Its capital, Vienna, is not only the cradle (发源地) of European classical music, but also a famous center of music in the world. The area has bred (孕育) Chopin, Mozart, Beethoven and many other music celebrities music celebrities (名人 famous music singers), who enjoy high prestige and command universal respect (德高望重) all over the world.

The most important reason for me to visit this country is its music culture. I am a huge classical music fan and I have always hoped to watch a live concert in a noble music hall. So I am interested in this great country. You know, there is a quite famous music hall there, Wiener Musikverein (维也纳金色大厅), also known as the Great Hall. The "Great Hall", due to its highly regarded (被看重的 famous) acoustics (音响效果) is considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the world. Audiences in the hall, sitting at any distance, can enjoy the same good quality of music. The annual Vienna New Year's Concert is held here. Actually, putting on performances here is regarded as a supreme (至高的 great) honor to many top performing groups and well-known artists.

In a nutshell, Austria is an awesome country and I will definitely visit there one day.

**Describe a city you have been to.**

*You should say:*

*Which city you have been to*

*When and with whom you have been there*

*Something special happened when you were there*

*And explain why this city impressed a lot.*

## 去过的城市

### **Describe city you have ever visited**

Well, talking about a city you have visited, I guess I have many experiences I want to share with you. But the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one. It is a diverting (有趣的 interesting) place named Lijiang City, Yun Nan Province.

Last year, my parents and I took part in a tour group (旅游团) visiting this city for some outdoor activities, because we yearned for (渴望 want) a great trip after one year's hard work.

I liked the beautiful scenery of the city and disliked nothing. Our tour group took the trip by a local tourist bus, in which groups of people shared (共享的 same) interests, planned routes and chatted with each other cheerfully. We were attracted by the beautiful views of the city. This scenic spot was located in the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and (以...为特色) perennially snow mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) its unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). The tourist bus delivered us, the camera-toting (带着相机的) city dwellers (城市人), to catch a glimpse of (看一看 view) this land of idyllic beauty (俚语世外桃源) and record every important moment.

This city was unforgettable for me because I liked meeting other hiking enthusiasts (登山爱好者); all those who were dedicated to (热爱 loved) hiking excursions near and far, and had experience in this exciting activity. And what better feeling can be than to reach the top and almost touch the sky!

In a nutshell, the trip in Lijiang was appealing (吸引人的). I want to go on a trip there again with my cheerful heart (愉悦的心情 nice mood) in nice weather!



**Describe another language that you would like to learn( except English ).**

*You should say:*

*Which language you want to learn*

*how you would learn it*

*what special equipment, facilities or conditions would be necessary when studying*

*And explain why you would like to learn this language.*

## 小语种

### **Describe a language except English that you want to learn**

If I had a chance to learn another foreign language, I would choose Japanese. A couple of (好些 several) my friends have started to learn Japanese after they entered university. One of the reasons is that they are obsessed with (渴望了解 want to know) Japanese animations and movies. Japan is very close to China and its culture has great impact on the Chinese people, especially the younger generations.

Frankly speaking (坦白来说 to be candid), I think that Japanese would be a language that is relatively easy for us Chinese to learn because the language itself originates (起源于 stems) from ancient Chinese and a major part of the language still retains (保留 keeps) the Chinese characters. And some pronunciations of words are similar or the same as those of Chinese or English. And this is due to the cultural influence of China and the US on Japan in the past.

The second reason that I want to learn Japanese is that nowadays there are more and more interactions between Japan and China. You know, more Chinese companies have Japanese clients and more Japanese companies are setting up branches (分部) in China. It will be an advantage for my future career if I can speak and understand Japanese. Moreover, there are more exchanges between universities in Japan and China. A host of (很多 many) Japanese students will visit our school next month, which will be a good opportunity to learn more Japanese.

I think taking up courses is the best approach to start learning a new foreign language because it can make study more systematic. In order to make progress, watching more Japanese shows is definitely (确定地 certainly) a good plan. Incorporating entertainment into study has always worked well for me because I can learn more in a happy mood. One possible difficulty may be to recognize the Japanese characters, which are very different from Chinese and English, but I believe nothing can stop a determined mind. Anyway, I want to learn Japanese.

**Describe a piece of broken electronic equipment . / an equipment with a problem**

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*What features it had*

*How you got it broken*

*And explain why you still keep this piece of broken electronic equipment.*

## 坏掉的设备

### **Describe a problem with equipment that you can't solve**

Well, talking about a problem with an appliance (设备 equipment) in my place that I can't solve, I would like to introduce the equipment that is most left unused at home, my treadmill (跑步机).

Actually, this equipment is of high quality. The running machine enjoys a splendid appearance (豪华的外观), fair shaped design (流线型的设计) as well as a thick and durable steel frame (外壳采用加厚钢板坚固耐用). What's more, it has a high resolution (高分辨率) touch screen and high-speed operation, with functions so diverse (不同种 different) that people can adjust its functions to their own needs.

But, it is a pity that the treadmill can't switch to automatic mode and I don't know to solve the problem. The functions of the running machine are too complex to understand. For example, the Calorie goal and the Time goal often conflict with each other, and I am puzzled about the operation. After a few times of difficulty, I have given up. Because I have yearned for (渴望 want) outdoor training since I joined a hiking club two years ago. Running on a treadmill, as an indoor recreation (活动娱乐方式 activities) may be for someone else. The skills of running on the treadmill are different from those of outdoor running. So I want to build up my body (锻炼身体 exercise) in the real environment of hiking. So not being able to solve the problems with the treadmill doesn't really matter.

In a nutshell, the treadmill may be very useful for some people, but I don't know how to use it.

**Describe a beautiful place you would like to have a home**

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*How do you know the place*

*Features about the place*

*And explain why you would like to settle down there.*

## 安家之地

Describe a beautiful place where you want to have a home

Well, talking about a beautiful place where I want to have a home, I have to admit that so many impressive places are pouring into my mind (像洪水一般涌入心间). But now I would like to introduce a special place to you.

The place is in the suburbs, nestling in the woods (掩映在树林中). It is located in a place which is far from the crowded city and features (以...为特色) beautiful hills, a nature park, and placid lakes (平静湖泊), all contributing to (贡献于 making up) its unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty).

I know the place because my uncle's family moves to this place to get rid of the troubles of the daily metropolis routine. Another important reason is finance; the much lower housing price in this area is more affordable for them. I also want to get close to the natural world. The raw material of the furniture there comes from the nature, showing its real and vivid beauty. Although the place is in the suburbs, the traffic is quiet enough that I can work in the city.

I myself become interested in the house purely because of the beautiful scenery. But now, I also like the house. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), I do not care about luxurious European style decoration or the traditional Chinese way. All I want is to live in this simple type of house with my parents and enjoy the scenery together.

**Describe a person who has an interesting job.**

**You should say:**

***Who the person is***

***Where the person works***

***What the person does in the job***

**And explain why you think the person's job is interesting. / how you think about the job.**

## 有趣工作的人

Describe someone you know who has an interesting job

Well, as for someone I know who has an interesting job, I have to admit that so many impressive (印象深刻的) people are pouring into my mind (像洪水一般涌入心间) that I can hardly decide which to discuss. But now I would like to introduce a special person to you, Jack.

Jack was the Captain of a hiking organization, who enjoys high prestige and commands universal respect (德高望重) among his peers. I know him because I joined the organization. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), he is a smart and energetic guy. He is so uplifting (令人振奋的) that we all get along with him and have a blast (俚语 have a good time).

As a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), he is dedicated to (热爱 loves) hiking excursions near and far and has expertise in this exciting activity. He always went to the scenic spots that feature (以...为特色) perennially snow mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) or rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their own unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). What commands most universal esteem (令人尊敬的 respected) is that Captain Jack indeed is a man of valor (勇者 brave). He steps forward in the snow and rain, through mud and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, he always pushes our team and keeps moving forward no matter how much it hurts. So I think his job is interesting.

Jack is so unforgettable to me because as a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), we can understand each other and share a common passion. In a nutshell, it is a special job.

Describe a thing that one of your friends did you admire.

*You should say:*

*What your friend did*

*When your friend did it*

*How your friend did it*

*And explain why this thing made you admire.*

## 朋友的成功

Describe a success your friend has had

Well, talking about a success my friend has had, I get along with many people in my daily life, but the one I absolutely admire and would like to introduce to you now is special. This friend is Captain Jack, who enjoys high prestige and commands universal respect (德高望重) among his peers.

He successfully crested a high mountain, Yu Long Mountain. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), he is a smart and energetic guy. He is so uplifting (令人振奋的) that we all get along with him and have a good time.

As a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), he is dedicated to (热爱 loves) hiking excursions near and far and has expertise in this exciting activity. Last year, he went to Yu Long Mountain, the scenic spot that features (以...为特色) perennially snow mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) or rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their own unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). What commands most universal esteem (令人尊敬的 respected) is that Captain Jack indeed is a man of valor (勇者 brave). He steps forward in the snow and rain, through mud and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, he always pushes himself and keeps moving forward no matter how much it hurts so he always achieves success eventually.

So anyway, all in all I would like to say that Captain Jack is successful and respected. He gives me hope. That's all, thank you.

Describe something you enjoy doing with an old person in your family.

*You should say:*

*Who the person is*

*What you enjoy doing with the person*

*Where and when you do it with the person*

*And explain why you enjoy doing it with the old person.*

## 陪伴老人

Describe a family member who is close to you

Well, talking about a family member who is close to me, I experience many happy times in my daily family life, but I would like to introduce to you someone special.

He is a senior, Uncle Smith, who enjoys high prestige and commands universal respect (德高望重) among his peers. Uncle Smith has been the captain of the local hiking team for more than ten years in which groups of people share interests, plan meetings and form many local hiking groups. He is over sixty years old but never seems to be lethargic (暮气沉沉的 old). He always talks about his hiking experience at home, which interests all of us. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), he is a happy and energetic guy.

He is so uplifting (令人振奋的) that I always get along with him. So I joined his hiking club recently and go hiking with him. Driven by his passion, I am interested in his hiking trips. The spots always feature (以...为特色) perennially snow mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) or rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). We have stepped forward in the snow and rain, through mud and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, we have always pushed ourselves and kept moving forward no matter how much it hurt. So Uncle Smith is close to me.

I like Uncle Smith. It is so unforgettable for me to go hiking with him because as a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), he is dedicated to (热爱 loves) hiking excursions near and far and has experience in this exciting activity. What commands most universal esteem (令人尊敬的 respected) is that Uncle Smith is a man of bravery.

So anyway, all in all and before I finish, I would like to say that Uncle Smith is extremely well respected. He gives me hope.

**Describe a good friend. / ( a school friend you remember well / a friend you haven't met for a long time / a friend who you admire )**

*You should say:*

*Who your friend is*

*What your friend looks like*

*Something happened impressed you a lot*

*And explain why you like this friend.*

## 童年朋友

Describe a friend who you had at school

Well, talking about a friend who I had at school, there have been so many good guys I wanna share with you, but the one now I would like to introduce is a quite awesome friend, Jack.

Frankly speaking (坦白来说 to be candid), Jack is very handsome. He always wore a white T-shirt and had short hair and a clipped beard. Especially, when he wore glasses, his big eyes shone, just liked a super star. I first met him in the practice room, where we all signed up for a role-playing of the Harry Potter movies. It offered a relatively real situation for us students to practice stage performances. One of the most popular practices that we often had was the role playing of Harry Potter. When I was in middle school, the Harry Potter series became a blockbuster (一鸣惊人者 hit) and were attractive to lots of people over the world, including us students. We were so obsessed with (对...着迷) the magic world that we attempted to find our own places in it. Soon after, we got to know each other well and became good friends.

Every weekend, a bunch of (一群 many) students congregated (聚集 gathered ) to watch Harry Potter movies, and have role plays (角色扮演) after one week's practice. In the practice, Jack often played Harry, and I acted his best friend. We mocked characters' ways of talking in English and special behaviors. And we played together almost all the time.

I remember Jack so well because we incorporated entertainment into study. I can still recall the pleasant scene, with us all together, and everyone so happy.

So I made Jack my best friend forever.

Describe something you enjoy reading. / a book or magazine you enjoyed reading.

*You should say:*

*What the book was*

*what was in this book*

*Why you read it*

*And explain what effect the book had on you.*

## 书或杂志

Well, talking about the books I enjoyed reading, there have always been so many fictions I wanna share with you, but the one now I would like to introduce a quite awesome one, the Harry Potter series. Harry Potter books on the grounds inspire children into the occult (神秘世界 magical world). The story revolves round Harry's quest to have a showdown with evil Lord Voldemort who had killed his parents. Amazingly, a wand makes the ordinary seem magical. The wand might be a stick of carved decorative pattern, such as different animal designs or the abstract geometric schemes (几何图案). In the books, having magical powers, the protagonist (主角 actor) Harry Potter and his two boson friends (非常好的朋友 close friends), countered the devil, suffered the ordeal (磨难 setback) and maintained the ability to love. Personally I like them a lot because they contain fantastic (极好的 great) imaginations and splendid (灿烂的) plots. I read the books because of a number of recommendations from friends. When I was in primary school, the Harry Potter series became a blockbuster (一鸣惊人 hit) and were attractive to lots of people over the world, including us students. I was so obsessed with (对...着迷) the magic world that I thoroughly (仔细地 carefully) read the books several times. Until now I can still recall these wonderful stories, in which people are always intoxicated (沉醉其中 drunk). This series of books definitely records my childhood. It is special and unforgettable because it offers us an opportunity to view a brand new world. I have to admit that the adventures of Harry Potter will live on as fans of the movies and books share the tales with their kids and grandkids. In a nutshell (总而言之), this series of books is quite impressive and fantastic for me. I enjoy reading it very much. That's all. Thank you.



## 长途旅行

Describe a long journey that you enjoyed.

You should say:

where and when you went  
how you got there  
how long it took you  
who you went with  
and explain what you liked about this

A long journey you had

Well, talking about a long journey, I guess I have a bunch of experiences I want to share with you. If I have to choose the most appealing one though, I would definitely (确定地 certainly) pick my trip to Austria. Austria is an ancient country of the world but its economy is highly developed and its culture has great influence.

After graduating from high school, I went on this trip to Austria with my music friends by plane. We went there because we are deeply impressed by the special buildings and scenery of the country we had seen on TV programs. Well, you know, its music legend is the most interesting and appealing aspect of the country. So we mainly visited its capital, Vienna. It is not only the cradle (发源地) of European classical music, but also a famous center of music in the world. This area has bred (孕育) Chopin, Mozart, Beethoven and many other music celebrities (名人 famous music singers), who enjoy high prestige and command universal respect (德高望重) all over the world. We travelled around the old music hall and read the stories.

My strongest impression of this place was its music culture. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid) I am a huge classical music fan and have always hoped to watch a live concert in a noble music hall. So I was greatly interested in this country. You know, there is a quite celebrated (有名的 famous) music hall there, the Wiener Musikverein (维也纳金色大厅), also known as the Great Hall. The "Great Hall", due to its highly regarded (被看重的 famous) acoustics (音响效果), is considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the world. Audiences in the hall, sitting at any distance, can enjoy the same good quality of music. The annual Vienna New Year's Concert is held here. Actually, putting on performances here is regarded as a great honor to many top art performing groups and well-known artists.

In a nutshell, Austria is an awesome place and this trip was quite memorable.

## 保持健康

Describe something you do to (help you) stay healthy.

You should say:

what you do

when you started doing this

How much time you spend doing this (or, how often you do this)

and explain what benefits you get from this activity or explain how this activity helps you stay healthy.

Describe a public activity that keeps you healthy

Well, as for a public activity I like to participate in (参加 take), the most meaningful one must be hiking. That is the first and foremost (首要的) group activity that I have taken part in and it gives me so much fun and memories.

Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), hiking is my favorite exercise and I believe it is second to none (首屈一指). Several years ago, I joined a hiking club, in which groups of people with shared (共享的 same) interests plan meetings and form many local groups about hiking. Every month, we gather together and go hiking. Actually, I like hiking in mountains most. There are some places in China that draw mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a particularly strong way and I have my own 'Must hike list'.

The hiking club is so unforgettable because I meet other hiking enthusiasts there (登山爱好者) who are dedicated to (热爱 love) hiking excursions near and far and have experience in this exciting activity. We have gone hiking in many scenic spots that feature (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) or rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). What's more is the great feeling gained on reaching the top, when you can almost touch the sky. I really want to say I am on top of the world when hiking.

Hiking is the most important group I am always delighted to take part in. It is a wholesome (健康的 healthy) life style we always keep. So I really want to say hiking is the most important group activity.

## 重要工作

Describe an important job in your country

You should say:

what the job is

what people have this job

what the job requires

and explain why the job is important to your country

Describe an important job in your country

Within fifty years, the development of the Internet has made our world into an inseparable whole (不可分割的整体, one integral whole). It seems like everything in life is intrinsic to the network: shopping, interpersonal communication, searching for information, and so on. Therefore, the position of 'programmer' has become increasingly important. Programmer is a professional role engaged in program development and maintenance. There are many types of programmers, some of them are responsible for user interface design, some are in charge of site speed optimization, and some are responsible for the development of new applications..... In this thriving (繁荣的, continuously developing) era of Internet-related industries, the importance of the programmer is self-evident (不言而喻, goes without saying anything). Can you imagine the scenario of e-mail service breaking down and no one being able to fix it? Can you bear the situation of a website crashing and no one being able to log in? Without programmers, many inconveniences would arise in our lives. Not to mention that nowadays we rely on so many applications to communicate with people all over the world, and without maintenance, those applications might be unable to work normally. Moreover, programmers can design many new programs, so that our work and lives can be in a state of high efficiency. So this is a very important occupation.

## 借东西

Describe an occasion that you borrowed something from others.

You should say:

what the thing was

when you borrowed it

whom you borrowed it from

and explain why you borrowed the thing

Describe a situation you have borrowed something from others

Frankly speaking, thinking of an occasion where I have borrowed something from others is quite difficult for me. However, there is at least one thing in my vague memory I want to introduce to you today.

What I borrowed from someone was an extremely nice full-length formal dress. This full-length fit generally suits all female physical types as it can shape (使...造型) the body but will not show too much detail. The fashion design of the dress comes in different and nice collections of material, from silk to linen (亚麻布). My dress almost matched my skin tone and was like a burst of light (闪耀光芒) underneath me. Since a nice formal dress was too expensive for me to afford, I just borrowed it from my elder cousin.

I wore this formal dress to attend the concert by Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (维也纳爱乐乐团) in the Wiener Musikverein (维也纳金色大厅), also known as the Great Hall, a concert hall in Vienna, Austria. The audience was required to wear formal attire to express respect for (以示尊重) the honored (受尊敬的) artists. Actually, the "Great Hall", due to its highly regarded (被看重的) famous acoustics (音响效果), is considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the world, and putting on performances here is regarded as a supreme (至高的) great honor to many top art performing groups and well-known artists. Besides this feast of the arts (艺术盛宴), my friends also spoke very highly of (高度赞扬) the excellent appearance (视觉效果) of my dress.

All in all, this was an impressive occasion for me to wear formal clothes. And I am quite grateful for my cousin for her kind heart.

## 你尊敬的老人

Describe an old person you know who you respect.

You should say:

who the person is

how you know the person

how long you have known this person

and explain why you respect this person

Describe an old person you respect who is important to you

Well, talking about an old person I respect, I get along with many in my daily life, but the one I absolutely admire and would like to introduce to you now is Captain Jack, who enjoys high prestige and commands universal respect (德高望重) among us.

Recently, I have joined a hiking club, in which groups of people with shared (共享的 same) interests plan meetings and form many local groups about hiking. I met Captain Jack there for the first time. He has been the captain of the hiking team for more than ten years. He is over sixty years old but never seems to be lethargic (暮气沉沉的 old). Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), he is a smart and energetic guy. He is so uplifting (令人振奋的) that we all get along with him and have a blast (俚语 have a good time) in our hiking team.

I think Captain Jack is intelligent. Because as a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), he is dedicated to (热爱 loves) hiking excursions near and far and has wisdom in this exciting activity. He has taken a trip to many scenic spots that feature (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their own unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). What commands most universal esteem (令人尊敬的 respected) is that Captain Jack indeed is a man of valor (勇者 brave). He has stepped forward in the snow and rain, through mud and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, he always pushes himself and keeps moving forward no matter how much it hurts.

So anyway, all in all, I would like to say that Captain Jack is a wise person and worthy of respect. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel (俚语 something gives you hope) because of him. That's all, thank you.

## 俊男美女

Describe a person you know who is beautiful or handsome.

You should say:

Who the person is

How did you know the person

What the person's character

and explain how you feel about the person.

Describe a person who is handsome or beautiful you know

Well, talking about a handsome person, I guess I have a bunch of people I could share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is my classmate, Donald.

Donald is one year older than me. Can you imagine how handsome he is? He is considered to be a hunk (俚语“校草”) in my university. And 2 years ago he was invited to be a model for a renowned clothes brand. Now he is 183 centimeters high and he is pretty masculine. He is the captain of the hiking club in our university. He is a smart and energetic guy. He is so uplifting (令人振奋的) that we all get along with him and have a blast (俚语“玩得开心”) in our hiking team.

I think Donald is intelligent. Because as a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者), he is dedicated to (热爱) hiking excursions near and far and has wisdom in this exciting activity. He has taken trips to many scenic spots that feature (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) or rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于) making up their own unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). What commands most universal esteem (令人尊敬的 respected) is that Donald indeed is a man of valor (勇者 brave). He has stepped forward in the snow and rain, through mud and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, he always pushes himself and keeps moving forward no matter how much it hurts.

So anyway, before I finish, I would like to say that Donald is not only a handsome person, but also a born leader. That's why I think he is quite special and outstanding.

## 携物度假

Well, talking about something special I take from home on my holidays, I'd like to introduce an important thing to you. I got it as a gift from my parents when I was admitted to the university(大学录取). It is my iPad.

When I take a trip somewhere, or have training away from my home, I always take this useful tool. Actually, iPads are a small smart tablet PC(平板电脑). Mine has a thin body, high resolution (高分辨率) touch screen and high-speed operation, with functions so diverse(不同种的 different) that it makes other electronic items unnecessary. I can't live without it ever since I got it. The most crucial (重要的 important) use of the smart iPad is, of course, to help me communicate with people online and deal with work whenever and wherever possible (随时随地). It connects me to the world. Also with the social software, I get to know how my parents are by video chat. Moreover, it gives me entertainment in my spare time as long as I download my favorite music videos and movies. I use my iPad almost every day for different purposes and it has become an essential part of my life.

You know, my iPad has become so useful in my life, and that's why I take it on my holidays.

## 想学但现在不能学的东西

**Describe something you want to learn which you can't learn now.**

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*How you will learn it*

*Why you want to learn it*

*And explain why you can't learn it now.*

I am an unquestionable foodie (吃货), I especially like to taste a variety of dishes. My father is a very good cook, so since I was a little girl, I have had a keen (浓厚的, strong) interest in cooking influenced by him. That may be called an inherited family interest. Anyway, this is a basic life skill. Moreover, eating outside costs a lot of money and cooking by myself can be relatively (相对地, correspondingly) cheaper. I often look online to find recipes, but I did not have enough time to practice cooking during my high school period as my parents did not allow me to cook. So I didn't really get a chance to try it. A few years later, when I went to college, I was assigned to the school's dormitory, and had to share a living space with three other students. The facilities in the dormitory did not include the kitchen appliances (厨房用具, kitchenware). Also, the school did not allow us to use unauthorized high-power electrical appliances, so although I had enough time to research recipes, I still had no chance to practice. However I always believe that the important thing in life is to have a great aim, and the determination to attain it (人生重要的事情就是确定一个伟大的目标, 并决心实现它). So I decided, as soon as I graduate I will find a flat and start learning to cook.



## 奖励

**Describe a prize you would like to win.**

***You should say:***

***What it is***

***What you need to do to get it***

***Where you know it***

***And explain why you would like to win the prize.***

Well, talking about a prize I won, I guess I have a bunch of prizes I want to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one.

I took part in an amateur(业余的) marathon race one year ago. Actually, I have joined a marathon club, in which a group of running addicts(跑步爱好者) with this shared(共享的 same) interest can plan meetings and form local running groups. I participated in the contest with our members.

Actually, the marathon was strenuous(艰辛的 harder). The total distance of the race is 42.195 km, which is the official length of the marathon. In the process, two of the runners in the marathon race collapsed and were carried off in a state of prostration(虚脱状态). But the long distance made me feel alive. To push myself and keep moving forward no matter how much it hurt, knowing I would never give up. In the end, after successfully reaching the destination, I didn't care about the result of the match at all. What a great feeling to enjoy the process of constantly challenging myself. However, I also found that I was the first one to reach the destination!

This experience was quite memorable to me not only because I won the prize. Because I was anxious for(盼望 expect) this marathon competition I wanted to prove myself. I am young and full of passion and so I hope to constantly challenge myself and continually reach new heights by this competition.

## 电台或电视节目

Describe a TV or radio program that you sometimes talk about with your family or friends.

You should say:

what the program is about/what the program is

how often you watch or listen to the program

and explain what you like or dislike about this program or why you talk with your friends or family about this TV or radio program.

### TV/Radio Program

Well, talking about a TV program that I like to watch, I guess I have a bunch of (许多 many) programs I could share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one.

Actually, it is a music TV program, called "I am the singer". Many music celebrities (名人 famous music singers) choose to first release their new songs there. And the stories behind these stars make the program more interesting. I often watch this TV program after school at home, the songs are helpful to relieve my mood (舒缓心情 relax) and charge my batteries (为自己充电). Sometimes jokes about these famous people make me laugh a lot.

It is one of the most talked-about celebrity TV programs in China. I believe the overwhelming (大多数的 great) majority of the public adore (喜爱 like) this program. From grandparents to teenagers, people always think highly of it. As a music platform, it showcases a variety of (许多 many) well known songs. Some express deep feelings, and some are full of energy. These songs include the artists' reflections on life, about love, courage, confusion and many other broad topics. The songs are likely to resonate with their listeners. That is why their singings appeal to so many (打动 move) different people. Of no surprise to anyone (毫无意外地 Of course), the beautiful sound spreads across the entire globe and the TV program has turned out to be a blockbuster (轰动 hit). Now even some distinguished (卓越的 great) artists, who enjoy high prestige and command universal respect (德高望重) in China, show up here. I find they are so approachable and easygoing they can sing their hearts out (唱出心声).

In a nutshell, this music TV program is an outstanding music platform, bringing me great enjoyment and interesting stories. I will recommend it to all of my buddies (俚语朋友 friends).

## 想养成的朋友的习惯

Well, talking about a hobby of my friends, I should say I adore many of their hobbies but the one I want to introduce to you now is quite a special one.

It is my best friend, Vincent's hobby, hiking. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), hiking is his favorite exercise. Several years ago, he joined a hiking club, in which groups of people with the same shared (共享的 same) interest could plan meetings and form many local hiking groups. Every month, they gather together (尤指同类聚集 gather) and go hiking. There are some places in China that draw mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a particularly strong way and Vincent has his own 'Must hike list'.

In the hiking club, Vincent has met other hiking enthusiasts (登山爱好者); all those who are dedicated to (热爱 love) hiking excursions near and far and have experience in this exciting activity. They have gone hiking in many scenic spots that feature (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). And what better (极好的 great) feeling than to reach the top and almost touch the sky together?

As far as I'm concerned, I am eager to develop this habit and join their hiking group. I believe it is a wholesome (健康的 healthy) life style.

## 浪费时间

Describe something you did which was a waste of time.

You should say:

what the thing was

when you did it

how you did it

and explain why it was a waste of time

A thing you did that you think is wasting time.

This is a somewhat absurd experience. In China, there is a common situation that if you don't have a boyfriend after your mid-twenties, the people around you will be worried for you and try to introduce a boy to you for making a match (撮合, bringing you together).

For me, as a filial (孝顺的, obedient) and traditional girl, I failed to beat the urging of parents and friends, therefore I tried to attend blind dating with a boy who I was introduced to by one of my friends. We first met about (大概, about) a month ago, he invited me to a restaurant. That night we both did brief introductions about ourselves, and exchanged contact information. While having dinner together, I felt a little bit awkward. He was interested in high technologies; however I am fond of luxury goods and brands. It was not a pleasant meal. In fact, I did not feel anything for him, but friends and parents always asked me whether we got along well or not, and insinuated that I should ask him out again. With some effort I still tried to contact him and talk about the recently released movies or hot news, but increasingly (越来越, more and more) awkward silences showed up, I had to admit that we were not on the same wavelength (我们不在同一个频道). There was neither common interest nor a spark (火花, feeling) between us. Finally, I frankly told the guy my thoughts, it turned out he had exactly the same feeling. We both stopped it then; you go your way, and I'll go mine (你走你的阳关道, 我过我的独木桥). Of course, we were not each other's destiny. It is beyond question (无需置疑, without question) that blind dating is a waste of time, so I really do not understand why everyone loves being a matchmaker.

## 交通堵塞

Describe a time when you had to wait in a traffic jam.

You should say:

- when and where it happened
- how long you were in the traffic jam
- where you were going at that time
- what you did while waiting
- and explain how you felt when you were in that traffic jam or what happened as a result of that traffic jam

Describe an occasion that you experience a traffic jam

Talking about **traffic congestion** (交通堵塞, traffic jam).... That is one of the worst things in the world! I face the same problem almost every day but there is one unforgettable experience that I want to share with you. Three years ago, I can still remember the **humid and gloomy** (阴沉湿润的, cloudy) weather that day, I was on my way to attend the university entrance examinations. That exam is one of the most important things in a Chinese students' life as it will decide your future. On these days all the **cabs** (出租车, taxi) in town were free for the examinees, so I decided to take a cab to the examination room. However when the taxi set out, there was a really heavy traffic jam happening. I was very anxious because there were only about thirty minutes until the exam would begin. Due to that reason, I was **constantly** (不断地, continuously) asking the driver about the road's situation until he was nearly **very** angry). After ten minutes, the traffic jam had still not **changed for the better** (好转, improved), so I decided to get out, run through the congested road and get in another cab. Nevertheless, **a storm may arise from a clear sky** (天有不测风云). When I finally passed the traffic jam, I thought that the bad luck had gone. I was too naive. After several blocks the road was congested again. Then I tried to contact my tutor to ask whether it was possible or not for him to pick me up by bicycle, and he said it could not be operated since the exam start time was too close. Seeing the time was past, I **had a strong sense of despair** (绝望, were desperate). Finally, the road congestion restored, I arrived at the place ten minutes before starting the exam. That was really a thrilling and memorable experience. I have learned that I should be prepared for emergencies and go out earlier on such important days.

## 团队合作

Describe something you did with a group of people.

You should say:

what the thing was

When and where you did it

whom you did it with

and explain why you did it with a group of people or what you learned from doing things with a group of people.

A group activity

Well, talking about something I did in a group, I guess I have a bunch of activities I want to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one.

It is hiking. Hiking is my favorite exercise that is second to none (首屈一指). Several years ago, I joined a hiking club, in which groups of people with the same shared (共享的 same) interest could plan meetings and form local hiking groups. Every month, we gather together (尤指同类聚集 gather) and go hiking. Actually, I like hiking in mountains most. There are some places in China that draw mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a particularly strong way and I have my own 'Must hike list'.

The hiking club is so unforgettable because I meet other hiking enthusiasts there (登山爱好者); others who are dedicated to (热爱 love) hiking excursions near and far and have experience in this exciting activity. We have gone hiking at many scenic spots that feature (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) their unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). And what better (极好的 great) feeling than to reach the top and almost touch the sky together? I am on top of the world (俚语形容极度喜悦) when hiking. It is the most memorable activity and is a wholesome (健康的 healthy) hobby I will always keep. I believe hiking is the most important group activity.

## 有趣对话

Describe an interesting conversation you had with other people.

You should say:

who the person was

where and when you talked with the person

what you talked about with the person

and explain why it was interesting

An interesting conversation

Well, as for an interesting conversation I have had, I admire loads of stimulating conversations. But the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one with an interesting person I didn't know before, Jack.

Jack is a hiking enthusiast (登山爱好者). Actually we are in the same club. I met him at a party for the first time just after he had come back from Yu Long Mountains, actually, a special place in China that draws mountain addicts (登山爱好者) in a particularly strong way, which was on his 'Must hike list' in spite of its tough environment.

Driven by Jack's warmth (俚语一腔热血), I teased (缠着) him for a story. He told me the scenic spot was located in the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau and featured (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) and rare wildlife, all contributing to (贡献于 making up) its unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty). What's really uplifting (令人振奋的) was that he went in the snow, through mud, water, snowflakes and forest. In spite of this more strenuous (艰辛的 harder) hiking on cliff pathways, he pushed himself and kept moving forward. At the top of the mountain, he joined the campfire party with locals. Around the fire, they sang, danced, and drank. Groups of people with this shared (共享的 same) interest made toasts (敬酒) and communicated with each other cheerfully. Their laughter was echoing around the valleys (在山谷间回响).

I think the conversation with Jack is so interesting and unforgettable for me because as a hiking enthusiast, he is dedicated to (热爱 loves) hiking excursions near and far and has experience in this exciting activity. His bravery encourages me very much. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel (俚语 something gives you hope) because of him.

So anyway, all in all, I would like to say that he became my best friend at the first meeting. That was a stimulating conversation I have had with a stranger.

## 歌星

Describe a popular band or singer in your country.

You should say:

- when it first became popular
- what is his/her achievement
- what is his/her experience
- and explain why you think they are popular

Singer/band

Well, talking about a famous singer I honor, I guess I have a bunch of people I want to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is not only a singer but also a significant artist.

She is Song Zuying, who enjoys high prestige and commands universal respect (德高望重) in China. She is one of the most talked-about (受瞩目的 famous) stars in China. I believe the overwhelming (大多数的 great) majority of the public adore (喜爱 like) her work. From grandparents to teenagers, people always think highly of her. She has a fantastic voice (黄鹂般的嗓音) and can touch your heart, appealing to (打动 move) different people.

What's more, as a renowned (著名的 famous) singer all over the world, Song Zuying, has even given performances in the Wiener Musikverein in 2003. Music lovers of traditional Chinese music from all over the world went there to enjoy a feast of arts (艺术盛宴). The media spoke very highly of (高度赞扬 praised) the excellent sound effects throughout the entire performance. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid) I am also a huge folk music fan and have always hoped to watch her live concerts in such a noble music hall. It is so amazing because the Wiener Musikverein, also known as the Great Hall, is the home to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (维也纳爱乐乐团). The annual Vienna New Year's Concert is held here. Actually, putting on performances here is regarded as a supreme (至高的 great) honor to many top performing groups and well-known artists. So you can see how prestigious (有名望的 famous) she is.

In a nutshell, Song Zuying is an outstanding artist in China and I really admire her. I will recommend her to all my foreign buddies (俚语朋友 friends).



## APP

Describe a useful APP on phones, computers or tablets you know.

You should say:

What the app is

What type of App it is

What it is used for

and explain why you think it is useful.

An useful APP

Well, talking about a beneficial APP, I guess I have a bunch of websites I want to share with you, but the one I would like to introduce to you now is quite a special one for me, it is called Mafengwo (玛蜂窝).

Actually, it is one of the largest social networking APP about travelling in China, in which groups of people with shared (共享的 same) interests talk about their own experiences and get travelling tips from each other. Frankly speaking (坦白来讲 to be candid), I care alot (感兴趣 be interested in) about travelling just because of this APP. When I was in high school, I downloaded this APP by accident just when I was searching for information about Thailand. Every Sunday afternoon, I would scan Mafengwo. Their interesting stories were helpful to relieve my mood (舒缓心情 relax) and recharge my batteries (为自己充电).

At first, I knew almost nothing about travelling and I was afraid of travelling alone. Luckily, professional travelers regularly give advice on this APP. What's more, by the vivid travelling stories, I felt I had travelled to many of the scenic spots they discussed, those featuring (以...为特色) perennially snowy mountains (终年积雪雪山), dense forests (茂密森林), placid lakes (平静湖泊) or rare wildlife, contributing to (贡献于 making up) their unique charm (独特魅力 special beauty).

Of no surprise to anyone (毫无意外地 Of course), Mafengwo is so appealing for travelers to use, because people who are dedicated to (热爱 love) travelling are eager to communicate with others.

In a nutshell, I will recommend it to all my buddies (俚语朋友 friends).

## 请客吃饭

Describe a meal you invited others to your home or restaurant.

You should say:

who you invited

where and when you ate this meal

what you ate

and explain why you invited the person to have a meal.

Invite people to a meal

I do not often invite friends over (请客, treat) for dinner because I am often strapped for cash (生活拮据, struggling financial problems). If I have such an experience, I will thus remember it for quite a long time. A few days before, I went to an amusement park with my friends. We passed by a scratch lottery (刮式彩票) shop and my friend suggested (怂恿, urged) I buy a ticket. I didn't want to waste my money so she bet a meal with me that if I bought and won some money, I must treat her to dinner. But if not, I could win a free dinner instead. So I used my change to buy a ticket. I couldn't believe my eyes when I scratched the ticket. I had won four hundred! Winning the lottery is a windfall (意外之财, pie fall from the sky). So I kept my promise and took her to dinner. She said she would like to eat Japanese food, so we went to an upscale (高档, luxury) hotel near the theme park. We ate fresh salmon sushi and sashimi, as well as sukiyaki pot. I also wanted to try another of the restaurant's specialties: Kobe beef sashimi. But I thought the price was beyond my budget so I didn't order it. it goes without saying (不得不说的是, I have to say) that the prices will always equate to the quality of the dishes (一分钱一分货). After we finished the meal, I came to the register (去付账, pay the bill) and saw the bill- wow! It was more than 400 RMB! That was way too expensive for me! Although expensive and feeling a little bit of regret, these dishes were super delicious! The soy sauce and mustard flavor was fantastic.

## 运动员

Describe a sportsperson who played well in the match.

You should say:

Who the person was

What the match was

When and where the person played

and explain why you think the person played well in the match.

### Sports Celebrity

When it comes to the most renowned (有名的, famous) sports celebrities in China, many people will think of Liu Xiang. He can be described as the first person to win a medal for the Chinese track and field team. Liu Xiang is a hurdling athlete. In 2002, Liu launched his career in fine style by winning the first IAAF Grand Prix in Lausanne with a world youth and Asian record time of 13.12 seconds in the 110 metres hurdles. He has since made the finals at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics and IAAF World Indoor Championships in Athletics twice; two of the three competitions have seen American hurdling athlete Allen Johnson take the major prize (其中两次比赛见证了美国跨栏小将 AJ 获得冠军, two of three competitions' champion were taken by American hurdling athlete Allen Johnson), but in the last competition in May at Osaka, Liu managed to beat Johnson with an Asian-record time of 13.06 seconds. Still young, Liu has improved steadily, and won a gold medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in the 110 meters hurdles event. In the final, he equaled the world record of 12.91 seconds held since 1993 by Colin Jackson of Wales. This is the first time an athlete of non-African descent has dipped under 13 seconds for the 110 meter hurdles. But I'm not just admiring Liu Xiang because of his glorious achievements). with so many years of training, Liu Xiang has been plagued (折磨, tormented) by injuries. However, he was shouldering people's expectations, and therefore he continued to participate in various competitions. Finally, at the Beijing Olympic Games and the London Olympics, he pulled out (退赛, withdraw) twice, which made Chinese people question his commitment. Despite all those queries, he struggled to recover from his Achilles tendon (跟腱, heel tendon) injury. This positive optimistic spirit of him and his perseverance in hard work (努力不倦, strive without cease) deeply surprised me.

## 等人

Describe an occasion that you waited for someone.

You should say:

who the person you waited for  
when you waited for the person  
where you waited for the person  
and explain why you waited for the person

Describe an occasion you are waiting for someone

This is a very special experience that I want to share with you. This experience is linked with one of my family member's lives so it even changed my aspirations (志向, ambition). I can remember there was a time in my high school when my parents were working, and so only me and my grandfather were at home. I was in the room doing my homework when I heard the sound of something fall to the ground. I rushed over (冲过去, shoved over) to see my grandfather lying on the ground with his hand holding his chest. I immediately called 120, and the operator told me to wait until the ambulance came. I had no way to help my grandfather lying on the bed, so I tried to keep him flat. I stared at his pale (苍白的, pallid) face and could feel a sense of fear catching my heart. Suddenly I thought of the first aid skills I learned in school and tried to help my grandfather by doing artificial respiration. When I was pushing his chest, I trembled so badly that I could not even continue. How could the ambulance come so late? I couldn't stop myself thinking of the possibility that my grandpa would leave me. Ten minutes later, the ambulance finally came, and the doctors gave grandpa more professional first aid and took him to the hospital. It only took them five minutes to save my grandpa, but for me it felt like an eternity. Fortunately (幸运地, luckily) my grandpa recovered soon, and this heart-stopping (惊心动魄的, remarkable) experience pushed me to learn more first aid knowledge and apply for a medicine school at university.

## 手工礼品

Describe a handmade gift you gave to your friends or relatives.

You should say:

what the gift was

when you gave it

how you made it by hand

and explain why you gave a handmade gift to your friends or relatives

Actually my craftwork ability is not so great. However when my seven-year-old cousin begged me for a special gift, I failed to refuse him. It was his seventh birthday so I was thinking of what kind of present would fit him. All at once (突然, all of a sudden), with a flash of inspiration (灵光一现 a brainstorm), I remembered his dream was to be a pilot. So I finally decided to make a plane model for him. I originally wanted to do a wooden assembly airplane model, but then I found a plastic model next to that one. I really liked this (有点心动, had a crush on it), because I have always liked these type of models since I was a toddler (婴幼儿, baby). Although once I bought a tank model and even after a long time I had not managed to install the wheels. This time I wanted to see the project through to its end (有始有终). I spent over 100 RMB to buy it back. Also I bought a pair of pliers, glue and a lot of tools. As soon as I came back home, I started to assemble this model, neglecting my meals and sleep. Unfortunately I still ruined a few parts; of course I fixed them in the end. After working through the night and a whole morning, I ultimately (最终, finally) finished it. My cousin was so touched (受感动的, impressed) when I gave him the gift on our family gathering that he even gave me a heartfelt kiss.

## 榜样

Describe a person who you wanted to be similar to in teenage years.

You should say:

who this person was

how you knew this person

what impressed you about this person

and explain why you wanted to be similar to this person.

I bet you have heard of Momicafe, one of the most famous cafés in China. It is a successful business started by one of my upperclassmen, Jim. Jim is the person I respect most in our college. When I was in my junior year, I met him at an open ceremony of business plan competition. His experience of setting up a new business inspired (鼓励, encourage) me to make my dream come true.

The first café opened just after he graduated from university. Amenities (舒适, comfortability) and highly qualified service are the reasons why college students like it. Jim is astute (精明的, shrewd) and for an extra charge he created a special service allowing customers to pick a day when the staff will deliver postcards for customers on that day. For example, you may order a postcard for your best friend's birthday. It sells books as well. There are different kinds of services and goods which is the reason why Momicafe beats its other competitors.

It was a hard time when he started this business. He presented to the investors but struggled to secure investment. Finally he developed a solid foundation for Momicafe, but then many similar cafés started sprouting up (迅速出现) which meant he was facing some threats. The only thing he could do was to emulate (努力赶上, catch up with) other competitors. After several years, there are almost one hundred branches in China.

I respect him for his persistence. People admonished (劝告) him for the risk of business failure. Someone said, the café would never be popular with college students (不可能). Sometimes, people need to insist on what they want.

## 课题或作业

Describe a project that you were once involved in (for example, a project at work or a homework assignment at school or university.)

You should say:

The topic of this project or homework

When and where you did this project

What research or preparation you did

How difficult this task was

How much time you spent on this project or assignment

and explain what you learnt from this experience.

Last summer, I spent the whole vacation on a market survey with my classmates. We travelled to a lot of colleges in China to figure out the reason why Chinese youths love Apple products. Stepping into the colleges, you realize that there are a huge amount of Apple fans in the colleges.

To prepare for the research, we had a three hour meeting and finally drew up a questionnaire. First of all, we collected some reasons from the internet. It is complicated to judge Apple products. Some people love them and praise them as the perfect machines, while the others hate them and exaggerate their disadvantages. To ensure fairness when judging Apple products, we then compared Apple products with other electronic products on their parameters. It is hard to separate patriotism (爱国情感) from the judgment of foreign products. For example, most of the people who hate Apple products support Miphones since they are outstanding Chinese products. Batting around (全面考虑) all the possible reasons, we finished the questionnaire.

The research lingered on (持续, last) for two months, and then we tried to elaborate on (仔细阐述, explain in more detail) the story we learned from the data. From this market research, I recognized that excellent equipment must always meet people's needs. Japanese people are good at making high tech mobile phones, but the phones are full of functions we seldom use, between the sales department and the design department there must be a lack of communication. This makes Japanese products less popular. So before producing equipment, the firm should listen to their customers and get to know what they want. Similarly, the sales department need to convey the customers' opinion to the design department, so that they can create popular products.

## 优质服务

Describe an occasion that you received a good service from a company or shop.

You should say:

What the service was

When and where you received the service

Whom you were together with

and explain why you think it was a good service.

People enjoy shopping, because of both buying what they want and the service offered by a professional salesman. Yesterday my sister and I went to the mall to seek a new phone. There are so many choices that we couldn't make a decision. An enthusiastic salesman came to us and asked us what we want. We listed some characteristics explicitly (明确地) and he listened carefully. After that, he got us several phones which met our needs. It really surprised us that he could remember all the characteristics of the phones in the shop. But we still had no idea about the details of these phones. So the salesman began to show us the functions of them one by one. After we decided to buy the white one, he said that he could paint some flowers on it and it will be much more beautiful. We were glad to hear that and asked him to do so. Thanks to his help, we finally got a new phone which satisfied us. I felt relaxed (感到舒服) in this experience.

During the selection, he didn't overwhelm (干扰) us with his opinions. All he did was offer us professional advice and give us the right to judge by ourselves. Sometimes, some of the salesmen would like you to buy some products from which they can earn a lot of money. Under such circumstances, you are likely to buy a product which you don't really want. So I think the best service is to focus on what the customers want and to help them find the products they need. I would love to enjoy the pleasant service one more time.



## 重要的信

Describe an important letter or email that you wrote.

You should say:

Who you wrote to

When you wrote it

What you wrote

and explain why you wrote that letter.

I wrote a cover letter to the human resource manager (人力资源部主管; 管招聘的人, people in charge of recruitment) of my target (心仪的, dream) company three months ago. This is my final year and I was desperate to find (迫切想找, was urgent in finding) an internship to fill my resume at that time. So I searched online for information about internship jobs and turned onto a target company. After glancing over (浏览, looking through) the recruitment announcement, I decided to e-mail the human resource department with my cover letter and resume. In that letter I expressed my desire to enter this company, also listed my abilities which meet the requirement of recruitment. I told him that I contacted him concerning their opening for a Sales Representative. Then I started to describe my skills, such as maintaining records, performing numerical calculations with accuracy and the ability that need little direction to complete assigned tasks. Also, as evidence (作为补充, as supplementary), I gave an example of my previous experience to prove my suitability. I mentioned a part-time job in educational industry, which made me be aware of the importance of persuasive techniques to influence students, parents and customers in making choices, as well as developed my leadership to spontaneously interact with ethnic diverse populations and all age groups (各种各样的人, different kinds of people). Moreover, I referred to the significance of teamwork, which was another skill I had acquired and one I knew was necessary for organizational cohesiveness. Over the years, I have had to establish daily operational bases for projects/programs and provide the direction to insure the progress and deadline were met. At last, I addressed (强调, emphasized) my appeal again, and showed my appreciation to them.