

雅思口语资料

口语考试考官使用的语言

Good morning. Come in and take a seat.

Can you tell me your full name, please? What shall I call you?

Can I see your identification please?

Can you tell me where you are from?

第一部分

Now in this first part, I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.

1. Let's talk about...
2. I'd like to move on now to talk about ...
3. Let's move on to the topic of ...
4. Let's move on to the topic of ...

第二部分

Now I'm going to give you a topic, and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before you talk, you'll have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes if you wish. Do you understand?

Here's some paper and a pencil, for making notes, and here's your topic.

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All right? Remember you have one to two minutes for this, so don't worry if I stop you. I'll tell you when the time is up. Can you start speaking now, please?

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第三部分

We've been talking about and I'd like to discuss one or two more general questions related to this.

Sports

Useful words

场地表达

The playing area for football, rugby, hockey and cricket is called a **pitch**;
For tennis, volleyball, basketball, squash and badminton it is a **court**;
for golf it is a **course**.

裁判

Football, rugby and hockey have a **referee**
but tennis, cricket and baseball have an **umpire**.

球类队形

He plays in attack. He is an **attacker / striker**.
He plays in midfield. He is a **midfielder**.
He plays in goal. He is a **goalkeeper**.
He plays wide on the left. He is a **wide player / winger**.
He plays in defence. He is a **defender**.

游泳形式

When I started to swim, I could only do **freestyle**. But later I learned
Breaststroke and **backstroke**. Now I am doing **butterfly stroke** which is
the most tricky and energy-consuming style.

运动装备

Swimming-- swimming costume (women); trunks (men)

Badminton-- racquet/racket; shuttlecock

Golf-- club; golf ball

table tennis bat; table tennis ball

tennis racket; shorts; trainers/sneakers

fishing rod; line

football-- football boots/soccer shoes

snooker cue; snooker table; snooker balls

Music

Music genres

classical

describes music that is considered to be part of a long especially formal tradition and to be of lasting value.

blues

a type of slow, sad music, originally from the southern US, in which the singer typically sings about their difficult life or bad luck in love.

rhythms and blues/R & B

a type of popular music of the 1940s and 1950s which has a strong beat

pop

modern popular music, usually with a strong beat, created with electrical or electronic equipment, and easy to listen to and remember
rock and roll/rock 'n' roll

jazz

a type of modern music with a rhythm in which the strong notes are usually not on the beat and which is usually improvised

country

popular music which is based on a type of traditional music from the western and southern US

rap/hip-hop

a type of popular music in which subject of the songs is often politics or society and the words are spoken rather than sung

dance music

a type of music with a strong beat that people dance to in a club

funk

a type of music, usually for dancing to, with a strong jazz-based rhythm and a tune that repeats itself

gospel

a style of religious music originally performed by black Americans

reggae

a type of popular music from Jamaica, with a strong second and fourth beat

New Age music

a type of music which is intended to produce a calm and peaceful state of mind

OST

original sound track – film music

词汇积累

karaoke /,kær.i'əʊ.ki/

Karaoke originally came from Japan.

lyrics

He writes the lyrics for most of his songs.

melody

His songs are always strong on melody.

composer

Beethoven and Schumann were leading Romantic composers.

conductor

Classical music is played by an orchestra which is led by a conductor.

orchestra

She is a cellist working in the city of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Singer-songwriter

Phil Collins is a singer-songwriter, who writes and performs his own songs.

例句

Jay's new **album** is **Capricorn**. The first **track** is my favourite, which I keep playing over and over again.

I've just bought Cheong's latest **album**. There's a superb **guitar solo** right at the beginning. You'll love it.

I don't like his new **single** much but it's got such a **catchy tone** I can't get it out of my head.

I've heard that Backstreet Boys are going on **tour** later this year. They're going to be playing at **venues** all round the country. I hope they do a **gig** somewhere near here. I'd love to see them.

He used to be the **lead singer** in a rock 'n' roll **band**, but now he is a successful **solo artist** on his own way.



Films

Types of film

cartoon / animated film	cowboy film / western
horror film	science fiction / sci-fic
action	kung-fu / martial art
thriller	comedy
war film	historical / epics
musicals	documentary
suspense	disaster film
crime / gangster	costume film
romance / love story	ethic film

Categories of film/

mainstream independent /	avant-garde / experimental
big-budget film	low-budget film
original film	Sequel
silent's talkies	
domestic film dubbed	subtitled foreign-language film
non-fiction	Fiction
feature film	Serials
black-and-white color	

Useful words and expressions

special effects

The special effects in Star Wars are amazing.

plot

I got a bit confused. The plot was too complicated for me.

performance

Jodie Foster won an Oscar for her performance in *Silence of the Lambs*.

star (v.)

Titanic starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

character

The film revolves around three main characters.

cast

Anthony Hopkins heads the cast in this moving costume drama.

trailer

I saw a trailer for the latest Spielberg film.

scene

In the first scene, the camera moves slowly across the room.

hilarious

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This comedy is absolutely hilarious. I laughed all through it.

on the edge

The suspense had me on the edge of my seat.

abrupt

The abrupt ending of this film confused me.

film (v.)

Schindler's List was filmed in black and white.

on location / set

The Beach was mainly filmed on location / set in Thailand.

farfetched

The farfetched story of film has made it a total failure.

gripping

Harrison Ford protects an innocent boy who has witnessed a murder in this gripping thriller.

punch line

I love anything that makes me laugh. I just love to hear jokes and funny punch lines.

based on

Jurassic Park was based on a novel by Michael Crichton.

dub

I'd rather watch a film with English subtitles than on dubbed into Chinese.

nominate

The film has been nominated for three Oscars – best film, best actress and best original screenplay.

play a role

Sean Connery played the role of James Bond for many years.

convincing

Ziyi Zhang's performance in *Memory of A Geisha* was very convincing.

theme song

The theme song of Titanic – 'My heart will go on' was brilliant.

Games & Toys

Games you played in the childhood

hide-and-peek

a children's game in which a group of children hide in secret places and then one child has to go to look for them

hopscotch

a game played by children, who throw a stone onto a set of joined squares drawn on the ground and jump on one leg and then on two legs into each square in turn to get the stone

marbles

a children's game in which small round glass balls are rolled along the floor

chase-and-tag / tag

a game played by two or more children in which one child chases the others and tries to touch one of them

the eagle and chicks

an outdoor role-play game played by many children, with one child plays the role of eagle and tries to touch a child who plays the role of a chick

follow-my-leader / follow-the-leader

a children's game in which one child is followed by a line of other children, who have to copy everything the first child does

hoopla / ring toss

a game in which a ring is thrown so that it falls over an object

blind man's buff

a children's game in which one person has a cloth tied over their eyes and tries to catch the others

jacks

a children's game in which you throw a ball into the air and try to pick up a number of small metal or plastic objects with the same hand before catching the ball again

rope jumping / rope skipping

a game played by people jump in and out to skip a rope

leapfrog

a children's game in which a number of children bend down and another child jumps over them one at a time

musical chairs

a game in which children walk around a group of chairs while music plays. When the music stops they have to sit quickly on a chair, but because there is always one fewer chairs than children, the child that is left standing must leave the game

Toys you played in the childhood

beanbag / sandbag

a small bag filled with dried beans or sand which is used as a children's toy

doll

a child's toy in the shape of a small person or baby

dollhouse

a toy that is a very small house, often with furniture and small dolls in it.

glove puppet / hand puppet

a toy person or animal which has a soft hollow body so that you can put your hand inside and move its head and arms with your fingers

hula hoop

a large ring, usually made of plastic, which children play with by putting it around their waist and moving their body so that it spins

jack-in-the-box

a children's toy consisting of a box with a model of a person inside it which jumps out and gives you a surprise when the top of the box is raised

kaleidoscope

a tube-like toy that you look through to see different patterns of light made by pieces of colored glass and mirrors

rattle

a wooden device that when turned round and round produces a noise like a series of knocks

Food

Cooking Methods 烹饪

smoke 熏
stir-fry 炒
braise 焖
stew 炖
simmer 用文火慢炖
deep-fry 油炸
steam 蒸
roast/bake 烤
grill 直接用火烤
pluck 拔毛
peel 去皮
shell 去壳
mash 捣碎
dice 切成颗粒
slice 切片
cut / chop 切块
bone 去骨
shred 切丝
mince 剁成细碎
crush 压碎
fillet (鱼) 去骨、内脏、鳞
dress (鸡) 去毛、内脏
cleaver 掰开

rinse 冲洗
remove stems 去根
scoop up 捞起
pour starch sauce over 打芡

Flavor & Texture 口感和质地

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Describing a person

Height & Build



tall and slim



medium height and build



short and fat medium



height and very muscular

petite	(approving of women) small and thin in an attractive way
lean	thin and healthy
wiry	(of people) thin but strong, and often able to bend easily
Lanky	tall and thin and tending to move awkwardly as a result
skinny	(mainly disapproving) very thin
Bony	very thin
Slim	(especially of people) attractively thin
hunky	describe a man who is sexually attractive and usually big and strong
enormous	extremely large
chubby	(especially of children) fat in a pleasant and attractive way
plump	having a pleasantly soft rounded body or shape
stocky	describe a person, especially a man, whose body is wide across the shoulders and chest and who is short
stout	(especially of older people) quite fat and solid-looking, especially around the waist
underweight	weigh too little and are too thin
shapely	used to describe something has an attractive form, especially a woman's body or parts of a woman's body

Hair



straight shoulder-length
hair



crew-cut



spiky



ponytail



curly



flat-top



plait / braid



Mohican / Mohawk



Wavy



skinhead



dreadlocks



cornrow

Bushy eyebrows
Long/curly
eyelashes
high cheekbones
an angular face

A double chin
Dimples
a chin dimple
Freckles
A regular face

General appearance

My next door neighbor is a **middle aged** woman. She's very **smart** and **elegant**, always **well-dressed**; her husband is quite the opposite, very **scruffy** and **untidy-looking**.

My cousin is a man of **medium height** and **build in his mid-twenties**. He is very **handsome**. Actually he is the only **good-looking** man in the family. He's inherited all the good things from his parents: **big eyes**, **a pointed nose** and **good skin**.

My father is **in his late fifties**. He is a **short** and **stout** man with **a pot belly**. He's got **small eyes** and **a big nose**. He wears a pair of glasses. My father was a policeman. He used to be **strong** and **quick** but since he retired, he has **put on much weight**.

My aunt is a **petite** woman who is about 155cm tall. She is 2 years younger than my mum. People often mistake my aunt for my mum. They both have the same **pointed nose** and **high cheekbones**.

When I last saw my brother, he was a **lanky** eighteen-year-old with **scruffy**, **long hair** and a **thin moustache** that looked silly. He was shy. But now, I've just returned from two years study in America, he is absolutely **gorgeous**. He has become a **huge** guy. He's **broad-shouldered** and **big-boned**. A boy has become a man.

My friend Sara has always been a bit **chubby**. Over long vacations, she ate lots of good food and got depressed because she was really **overweight**. So she went on a crash diet, lost loads of weight and started working out at the gym. She's transformed. Now, she's absolutely **gorgeous** with a **very lovely**

Character

Easy adjectives

quiet	fun	funny	nice
smart	stupid	smart	gentle
loving	shy	friendly	playful
lazy	clever	rude	noisy
brave	happy	strong	mean

Medium difficulty adjectives

patient	careless	selfish	mature
amusing	faithful	sincere	cheerful
aggressive	outgoing	stubborn	independent
graceful	intelligent	optimistic	reliable
ambitious	flexible	sensitive	punctual

Difficult adjectives

affectionate	mischievous	trustworthy	treacherous
pretentious	lackadaisical	assertive	obstinate
belligerent	inquisitive	extravagant	reticent
peculiar	boisterous	argumentative	gregarious
unprincipled	discourteous	obsequious	intimidating

Positive or negative?

determined	obstinate stubborn pig-headed
thrifty / economical	miserly mean tight-fisted
self-assured	self-important arrogant full of oneself
assertive	aggressive bossy
original	peculiar weird eccentric odd
frank / direct / open	blunt abrupt brusque curt
broad-minded	unprincipled permissive
inquiring	inquisitive nosy
generous	extravagant
innocent	naive
ambitious	pushy

Compound adjectives

Tom was a **curly-haired, sun-tanned, blue-eyed, rosy-cheeked, thin lipped, broad-shouldered, left-handed, slim-hipped, long-legged, flat-footed** young man, wearing an **open-necked** shirt, **brand-new, tight-fitting** jeans and **open-toed** sandals.

Sue was **absent-minded, easy-going, good-tempered, warm-hearted** and **quick-witted** if perhaps a little **big-headed, two-faced, self-centred** and **stuck-up** at times.

absent-minded: forgetful
easy-going: relaxed
good-tempered: cheerful
warm-hearted: kind
quick-witted: intelligent

big-headed: proud of oneself
two-faced: hypocritical
self-centred: egotistical
stuck-up: snobbish

My boss is very **hard-working**. He never leaves the office until after 9 o'clock.
My little sister is very **outgoing**. She's made friends with everybody else in the class already.

My friend Zhang is a very **easy-going** sort of guy. Nothing seems to worry him.

The boy living next door to me is so **cheerful** that I've never seen him in a bad mood.

Lee is so **shy**. I don't think he's spoken to any of the other students yet.

Don't expect him to put any money in the collection. He's much too **mean**.

I can't believe her boyfriend's so **lazy**. He just sits and watches TV all evening.

She never thinks about anyone but herself. She can be a bit **selfish**.

I can't understand why my girlfriend is such a **moody** girl. One minute life is wonderful and the next minute she's in her room crying.

I really don't like Bob. He seems to think that he's more important than anybody else. He certainly can be very **arrogant**.

My uncle can be very **amusing**. He's such good fun. He's got a great sense of humour. It's never boring to be with him.

My friend loves parties. That's because she likes to be the centre of attention. She's very **outgoing** and **sociable**.

My next door neighbour loves gossip. He always wants to know what everybody else is up to. I can't understand why he is so **nosy** and **inquisitive**.

What I like about my dorm mate Zhou is the way he listens to people and remembers small things about them. He's so **sensitive** and **thoughtful**.

Idioms describing people

a dark horse

one who is not likely to win but does so unexpectedly

an underdog

someone who is usually expected to lose in a competition with someone else

a gatecrasher

one who attends a party/concert without being invited/without paying

a grass widow

a woman whose husband is often away on work, leaving her on her own

a big shot

an important or influential person

a pain in the neck

a real nuisance and most people can't stand him/her

a whiz kid

an exceptionally intelligent and innovatively clever kid

a wet blanket

someone who spoils the atmosphere or prevents others from enjoying themselves by being very boring and negative about everything

a chatterbox

one who can't stop talking

a busybody / a nosy parker

one who always meddles in other people's affairs

a road hog

a very selfish and careless driver who takes more than his share of the road

a lame duck

someone powerless

a wallflower

someone who is shy not so sociable at the parties or other gatherings

a fair weather friend

a friend who is with you only when everything is ok, and not when there are any problems or difficulties

an early bird

someone who wakes up or arrives early

a couch potato

someone who sits on a sofa or couch for several hours watching TV

a black sheep

someone different from other members of the family (not necessarily with a negative sense)

a chicken

a coward person

a party animal

someone who enjoys going to the parties

PART ONE

Sample Answers

(These sample answers are for your reference only.)

2. Does your name have any special meaning?

Well, I am not sure. I guess there is something special about it, but I never asked my grandpa this question. He is the person who gave me my name. Well, I don't know. It's just a very common girl name. Actually, I was somewhat annoyed back in high school. People always mistook me for another girl in my class who had exactly the same name.

3. Why do some people change their name?

To be frank, I don't know why but I can only assume that they are not very happy with their names given by others. They want to be in control of everything in their life.

12. What are the advantages of studying instead of working?

When studying, I only had to worry about my exams. But now, I have to worry about my unpaid bills, my mortgage and my children's exams.

19. Do you agree that there should be a world language for everyone?

Yeah, I can't agree more. I really feel it's a huge waste of time to learn a second language from other country when we can work out a way for everyone to speak the same language. I think Esperanto is a great idea.

21. Do you agree that people will get married even later in the future? Why?

I strongly feel that people are on the way to that, but it's difficult to explain the reason. Maybe it's probably the increasing geographic mobility that makes we feel we have more choices when it comes to dating and marrying, so we keep thinking we can find someone better than we have.

Yes, I believe so. Personally, I think people marry later partially because of a decline in the belief of a firm and long-term commitment. What's more, living together without getting married is no longer considered disgraceful by young people, so the question for them is "why should we get married if we can live together without a wedding?"

49. Do you have brothers or sisters?

No. I don't have brothers or sisters. Actually, I am the only child in my family. You know, most of the people about my age are the only child in their family,

which is mainly due to the birth control policy in China.

55. Do you prefer to live in a small family or in a large family?

Well, I don't really care whether it's large or small, as long as I stay with my beloved family. Just as the saying goes, "You don't choose your family. That's the God's gift to you, as you are to them."

It's true that people living in a smaller family enjoy more mobility and independence, but if I get to choose, I would prefer a large family with relatives caring for, loving and supporting each other, which I think is more important to me.

60. Do you live in a flat or a house?

Well, I live in a flat. It's a kind of old building which has been converted into a six-floor flat house. And I live on the third floor.

64. Can you describe the community you live?

I moved to my new apartment only about a year ago. My community is a relatively new residential area with several high-rises around. To be frank, I don't even know my next-door neighbor. It seems that people all keep to themselves, which is not what I like about my community.

70. Why are holidays important to you?

Having a holiday is taking a break. During holidays I can do something I really want to do, say reading a book I didn't finish 2 years ago or hanging around with friends to catch up things.

87. How has housework changed in your family in the past few years?

Obviously, household chores are no longer for women exclusively. Men are increasingly aware of the significance of sharing housework with their wives, which is beneficial for the family harmony.

88. What's your favorite sport?

I'm very into basketball, you know. I'm a huge fan of Michael Jordan. Playing basketball is a lot of fun. For example, you get to meet new friends.

89. Why is exercise good for you?

It is without doubt that doing exercise can be very rewarding. It helps to control body weight, maintain strength and improve immunity. What's more, doing exercise helps to develop co-ordination and team spirit.

99. Why do you think some people are very into extreme sports?

I think the fear that drives many people away from the risks of extreme sports

may be the same ingredient that keeps others coming back for more. For some, life is all about adventures, risks and challenges.

106. Can we learn more from television or from books?

Both are educational, I believe. Television appeals to young teenagers more, whereas books are attracted to older people. Personally, I'm more into reading. Just like what people say, "if you read a lot of books, you're considered well-read; but if you watch a lot of TV, you're not considered well-viewed."

121. What do you think are healthy foods?

Vegetables, of course. All vegetables are naturally low in fat and full of vitamins, minerals and fiber. Actually, vegetables are a must on my diet. To be frank, I don't really see the point of arranging foods into a "healthy food" class or an "unhealthy food" class. What we should realize is that it is our choice of food and our eating habit that really matters. So I feel it is really unfair to describe pizza, chips and ice cream as junk food. Without them, eating seems to be less fun.

123. Can you consider why fast food restaurants in your town are popular?

It's true that fast food restaurants like KFC and McDonald's are very popular here. They can be found on almost all high streets. I guess people are always ready to try some exotic foods from other countries. And these western fast food restaurants are clean, casual and comfortable, which have become fashionable social bases.

131. Can you consider the difference between men and women in their shopping habits?

Concerning shopping, I think men and women hold distinct attitude. For men, shopping happens when their socks wear out. However, women shop even if the wardrobes are full. Apparently, women's desire to shop is endless and this is something men can never understand.

139. Is it helpful to teach music courses in high school?

Certainly. It makes a good compensation for other courses like math and physics, which I think are very dull and boring. Singing together with my schoolmates is much more fun.

140. Are there any negative effects if children are taught to play a musical instrument?

Well, it is hard to say. Personally, I believe that it is undoubtedly of great benefit to a child's musical development. However, some children who are forced by their parents to play a musical instrument don't really think so. I

guess they have their reasons.

149. How do the old people look at young people fashion?

If you ask me, though I haven't hit 50, I think a daringly fashionable miniskirt is always considered dangerously inappropriate by old people. But I can see why they have strong reaction. Once you hit 50, it is time to think twice about miniskirts.

151. What do you think of the fashion today?

"Unexplainable" is the only word for me to explain fashion. But I do feel there are many people strongly influenced by it, otherwise there won't be so many fashion victims walking on the streets, who wear unreasonably expensive clothes but look perfectly ridiculous.

164. In what ways has tourism changed your country?

I'm not so sure but by attracting more foreign visitors, tourism helps to boost economy and create more jobs. At the same time, in order to enhance the city's image, the government pays more attention to the renovation and maintenance of the infrastructure. So tourism benefits not only individuals but a country as well.

168. What is the public transport like your town?

I reckon the choices of public transport are sufficient here in the town. There are taxi, bus and subway which is a relatively newcomer. However, like most of the other big cities, traffic congestion was and is a serious problem. Now with the government's urge to revitalize automobile industry, the number of private cars is dramatically increasing, which makes the present problem even worse.

169. How do you think it could be improved?

This is a question needing quite some consideration. As far as I'm concerned, what sounds more feasible at the moment is to discourage private car driving but to schedule more public transport like buses.

184. Can you consider any negative effects watching TV might cause?

Undoubtedly, TV entertains people. However, TV violence is what worries parents most. In order to attract and hold audiences, TV violence has become so graphic that children may be more likely to behave in aggressive or harmful ways towards others.

The effects of television seem to be more intensive on younger viewers. The more time children spend watching TV, the less time they are spending doing other important activities like reading, getting exercise, being outdoors and talking with families. Consequently children have such problems like lower reading scores, obesity and poor physical fitness.

190. Do you think festivals are important for a country?

Yes, I think so. Every country has traditional festivals. These festivals, apart from its religious importance, also help in creating social, cultural and emotional bonds among people. Besides, people get to have holidays during big festivals like Chinese New Year.

192. How do you compare the Chinese festivals with the western festivals?

As far as I know, western festivals are counted according to solar calendar, whereas Chinese festivals use lunar calendar. That's why Chinese New Year is not the first day of the year on solar calendar. One another difference is that Chinese festivals are not as religious as the western ones.

196. Do you agree that weather could affect people's mood or personality?

I think so. From what I read in the book, when we are exposed to sunlight, our body makes lots of Vitamin, which produce a substance in the brain to affect our mood. If we don't have enough of this substance, we can become depressed. I guess certain amount of sunbath makes us happier.

201. How do you usually make friends?

Frankly speaking, I'm not the sort of person who always takes the initiative to say hi to a total stranger. So most of my high school and college friends are either my next seat fellow or dorm mate. It is the geography that makes people and me much closer.

203. Do you think friends are important to your life?

Certainly. Friends are not only those who we have fun with; they are the people we turn to for help. Besides, our relationships with friends partially determine our preferences, attitudes and values. Friends always share something in common.

206. What is the relationship between colors and personality?

I firmly believe that different personality types are influenced by different shades of colors. I think those outgoing and enthusiastic people prefer warm colors like yellow, peach and beige. For those sensitive and shy people, blue and purple are their favorites.

PART TWO

Sample Answers

(These sample answers are for your reference only.)

Describe a person you like most in your family.

Describe a family member you are close to.

Describe a person who is similar to you in your family.

Describe a person you admire.

The person I like most in my family is my mother. My mum is a petite woman with short wavy hair. She is in her mid 40s but still looks quite young for her age. My mum works in a primary school. She teaches Chinese. She is very patient and gentle so the children in the school love her and so do the neighbor kids. When staying with young children, my mum always looks young and passionate. People all say that I look like my mum more than my father. I have got my mother's big eyes and high cheekbones. In many ways, we share many interests in common. We both like listening to pop music and watching comedies. On weekends, we often go shopping together. But we are also different. My mum fancies exotic plants and she loves gardening. Our balcony is always green throughout the year. But I have no idea about gardening, no interest at all. To me, my mum sometime is more like a friend. We share many things and do a lot of things together. She is very supportive and encouraging. She always gives me advice on my study and work but she never controls me. She lets me choose my own path in my life. So, yes, my mum is the one I like most in my family.

Describe a person you admire.

Describe a family member you are close to.

The person I admire is my father. My father is a stocky man of average height. He is in his mid fifties. He's got small eyes and wears a moustache. He is also going a bit thin on top. In fact, he is going bald. My father is not attractive but he is the person who has always provided encouragement and support for my family. He displays strength and toughness but has never failed to express his love for me and my mother. He is very sincere and loyal to his friends and family. He is not a rich man but he has provided well for his family by working hard. My father has made huge sacrifices to save enough money to educate me through university and to buy a good apartment in the city centre. My father lives a small but valuable life. In my mind, he is a great man with many outstanding qualities.

Describe your family.

I live in a big family. By saying "big", I mean I live with my parents and grandparents. It's not common nowadays to live with grandparents but I do enjoy it. My grandparents are very close. From the old pictures, I find that my grandmother was a very enchanting young lady. She and my grandfather get on like a house on fire, a very enviable couple. Looking at my grandfather, my father and me, you can see a strong family likeness there. We've all got the same big nose. I take after my father both in looks and character. A real chip off the old block. My mum always says I get my quick temper from my father. My father was a policeman before retirement. He used to be strong and well-built, but now he has put on much weight and looks slightly tubby. Actually my grandparents have four children. My father is the youngest and he has two big brothers and an elder sister. They all live too far away from us so we very rarely see them. But we still gather together on some big holidays.

Describe a teacher.

My English teacher is about 30 years old. He is tall and thin, slightly tanned with a small brown mole on his left cheek. He's got short frizzy hair without parting. He has small eyes and wears spectacles. He always wears a friendly smile. He doesn't have a very appealing face, but he can capture your attention the first time you meet him. He has such great sense of humor and he seems to be able to make any plain words interesting. I still remember a lot of funny jokes he told us in his class. Listening to his lecture is never a disappointment.

Describe a person you work with.

Describe your boss.

I still remember the time I got my first job. My first boss was very impressive. He is a middle-aged man, well-groomed, clean-shaven and looks decent. He wears a pair of glasses. The first time I met him, he appeared to be nice and easy-going. But once I worked for him, I found myself totally wrong about him. Appearance can be really deceptive. He actually was a very tough man. He's never generous to any mistakes, even to those teeny weenies. He was so unpredictable and unfathomable that you never knew what he was thinking about, which made him more intimidating. Apart from these, he was still a good boss. He was a man with priority in order and I did learn to work efficiently and under pressure. There were some hard times working for him, but you could always feel the push and see your self-improvement.

Describe a neighbor.

There is a little girl and her parents living next door to my apartment. I got to know this little girl about three months after their moving in. I still remember that day when she found herself locked outside the door after school because she forgot to take keys with her. I invited her to my apartment and then we knew each other. She is 11 years old. She always ties a ponytail with a ribbon on it. She is a lovely chubby girl with big eyes and bushy eyebrows. What she hates most about her face are the freckles all over her cheeks, although I find them really cute. She always complains to me about those brown spots and afraid that she has to wear heavy make-up when she grows up. It's very funny

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to listen to an eleven-year-old girl complaining about her appearance, which makes her sound mature for her age. She is very keen on fashion and her dream is to become a fashion designer.

Describe a famous person/public figure/celebrity.

Describe a person you admire.

David Copperfield

He is the greatest magician of our time. To me, he is a legend. David Copperfield has redefined magic as a performing art rather than mere visual tricks. His performances are so amazing and so incredible that you cannot even believe your eyes. He vanished an airplane at the witness of astonished viewers. He successfully walked right through the Great Wall. He levitated himself across the Grand Canyon. To him, passion and imagination are everything. Just as he said, "The secret is to consider nothing impossible." And one another reason why I am such a huge fan of him is that he is undoubtedly handsome. If I could imagine, I really want to know the secrets of his magic.

Describe a movie star you like.

Describe your favorite actor or actress.

Tom Hanks

I'm a huge fan of Tom Hanks. He is my favourite actor. The moment I got to know about him was from one of his most successful acting in "Forrest Gump". In the movie he played one of his best roles as a simple, decent and honest man whose body grew to maturity but remained a child in heart and spirit. Tom's performance was very impressive. His brilliant acting made the character so convincing and memorable that I sometimes almost believed that Tom was playing himself in this movie. I always had the same feeling each time I enjoyed Tom Hank's movie, "Philadelphia", "Sleepless in Seattle", "Saving Private Ryan", "You've got mail", "Cast away", "Band of Brothers". There is no doubt of his acting ability. And one another reason I am completely taken by him is that he is the epitome of a nice man, a strong willed and determined hero in men's eyes, a lovable and charming man in women's eyes.

Describe a character in a movie/book.

Describe your favourite book.

Describe a child you know.

Describe your favourite movie.

Harry Potter is an ordinary-looking boy, fair skinned, wearing glasses and carrying a strong British accent. He is no different from other boys in the school of Hogwarts. Walking in the crowd, it is even difficult to recognize him. The mark that made him someone not so ordinary is the scar on his forehead. Harry is an intelligent, brave and athletic boy who displays a strong curiosity and determination to uncover some big secrets and mystery behind his parents' death.

I've never read a children's book that gripped my imagination or made me emotional so much. It seems to me that the books are 100% interactive - you find yourself smiling, being surprised and irritated, with the characters as you read their breath-taking adventures. Reading, the least-fun activity for many children has been redefined because of this boy. Nowadays, it is very popular for children as well as their parents to read and talk about what happened in the books about Harry. It is amazing, isn't it?

Describe your favorite food.

Jiaozi (Chinese Dumpling)

I am going to say something about Chinese dumpling, or Jiaozi in Chinese. Jiaozi (Chinese Dumpling) is a very traditional Chinese Food, which is essential during holidays like Chinese New Year especially in Northern China. It is a very delicious food. You can make a variety of Chinese dumplings using different fillings based on your taste and how various ingredients. Usually when you have Chinese dumpling for dinner, you will not have to cook anything else. The dumpling itself is good enough for dinner. This is one of the advantages of Chinese dumpling over other foods, though it may take longer to make them. Making dumplings is really teamwork. Usually all family members join the work. Someone makes the filling; someone makes the dough and others roll skins. I am very good at rolling skins, which is the trickiest part. It is a lot of fun. Relatives catch up things when they are making dumplings. Children run all around, shouting and playing with each other.

Recipes

There are several stages. The first one is to make the dough. Put flour on a clear surface in a heap and pour water into it until it makes a flexible dough. Then you have to knead it for a while until it flexible and not too sticky. Then you go to the second stage which is to prepare the filling. It's quite variable but usually finely minced pork and leek or whatever green vegetable is available. You have to chop the filling ingredients very fine on a chopping board. And

then you mix the vegetable well into the pork. Next, you go on to rolling out the skins. This is the tricky part. It's best to get them pretty thin and roll out rough circles. The next move is to fill in dumpling. You only put quite a small amount of filling on the dough and then fold together the edges of the skin to form a half moon shape, and press the edges well together. It's important to seal the edges well because otherwise the Jiaozi may lose their filling when you cook them. And the last stage is to cook them, or more precisely, to boil them in the water. When the dumplings float on the water, just scoop up them. And ready to eat. Don't forget to have a dip in the vinegar or whatever sauce you like.

Stuffed mushroom

This is a traditional German home dish. The main ingredients are medium-sized mushroom, pork and veal mince. Usually half pork and half veal, or as you like. If you can't get them minced, of course, you have to buy the meat and mince it yourself. Then you peel and finely chop an onion and a couple of ginger slices. Put the meat, onion and gingers in a bowl, add a spoon of soy sauce, 3 teaspoons of cornflower, a pinch of sugar, salt and pepper, and mix well. Then you wash the mushrooms and remove the stems. Fill the cavity of the mushrooms with the meat stuffing and mound the filling in the center. When that's done you melt some butter or other fat in an ovenproof dish and place the stuffed mushrooms in it. Cover the dish with a lid. Then bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes. Then you remove the lid and bake the dish for another 15 minutes. As soon as you take the mushrooms out of the oven, you drain off the juices in the pan. Ready to serve.

Kung Pao Chicken

I am going to describe a very famous Sichuan dish called Kung Pao Chicken, which is one of my favourites. Actually this dish is so famous that it is not long popular in China, it's also highly recommended by many foreign friends I know. It tastes very delicious. If you prefer strong spicy taste, you will love it.

The main ingredients are boneless chicken, red and green peppers, peanuts and chestnuts. This is how we usually cook Kung Pao Chicken. First of all, cut chicken into biteable pieces and then mix together with cornstarch, soy sauce and egg white in a bowl. Then in a separate bowl or plate, combine green peppers, chestnuts and celery and sit aside. The next move is to heat the wok by pour a teaspoon of peanut oil. Stir-fry the red peppers until they are lightly brown. Then add chicken and stir-fry until the chicken is almost cooked through. Add the vegetables too and stir-fry for a few minutes. Add a pinch of soy sauce and heat for a few minutes to combine the flavours. The last thing is to sprinkle the peanuts over. Ready to serve.

It is a very appetizing dish so it's better to enjoy eating it over rice. Kung Pao Chicken is pretty universal in the Chinese restaurants so people eating out are keen to order this dish.

Describe your favorite animal.

Dog

I love dog. Dogs are adorable animals. My dog's name is Darcy and he's a 2-year-old husky.

It's an interesting story how Darcy become one of the family. Just before my 22-year-old birthday, my friends asked me what I wanted. I said how I wish I could have a pet dog. I didn't take it serious because it was just a momentary thought and also it would could a fortune. But you know what, they chipped in and bought me a dog. And it's Darcy.

He is very energetic and smart. I have taught him a lot of tricks. He can play hide and seek. He knows how to fetch things if I tell him to. He does roll overs and can also stand on his hind legs. He wags his tail when he is happy. He always barks when somebody comes to the door. But sometimes he is over-friendly and throws himself to people.

Sometimes he is very naughty. I don't like it when I have to take him for a walk in the rain and then he jumps all over the sofa with his muddy paws. He loves to run and socialize with others. He is active as well. He is able to run tirelessly for miles. When I'm walking him, it looks as if he is walking me. He's so strong and quick that I feel I am all out, a good way to lose weight.

Describe your favorite animal.

Kiwis

As you may or may not know, kiwi is the national bird of New Zealand – and sometimes New Zealanders themselves are known as 'Kiwis'. Now, while kiwis in the wild are a rare sight, the kiwi as a symbol is far more visible. Apart from being in toy stores and airport shops all over the world, you'll find them on our stamps and coins. The kiwi is the smallest member of the genus Apteryx which also includes ostriches and emu. It gets its name from its shrill call which sounds very much like this – kee-wee kee-wee. Kiwis live in forests or swamps and feed on insects, worms, snails and berries. It's a nocturnal bird with limited sight and therefore it has to rely on its very keen sense of smell to find food and to sense danger, Its nostrils are actually right on the end of its long beak which is one third of the body length. Now here's an interesting fact. Although kiwis have wings, they serve little purpose because the kiwi is a flightless bird.

Since white settlement of the islands, kiwi numbers have dropped from 12 million to less than 70,000 and our national bird is rapidly becoming an endangered species. This is because they're being threatened by what we call introduced animals which were brought to New Zealand such as cats and ferrets which eat kiwi eggs and their chicks.

Describe your favorite animal.

Giant Panda

I'd like to say something about our national animal – giant panda. Pandas are

famous for their black and white markings. The legs, shoulders, ears and oval patches around the eyes are black, and the rest of the coat is white. Pandas live in dense bamboo forests. They are good tree climbers and they can swim to escape predators. Different from the other bear species, the panda is the only herbivores in the family. Pandas feed mostly on bamboo but also eat flowers and even honey. Although it was once more widespread, today this rare species is limited to south-western China. The number of giant panda is decreasing mainly due to the loss of their natural habitat to the increasing human populations and periodic bamboo die-offs. Our government is taking efforts to save this kind of adorable animal.

Describe a game children play.

The Eagle and the Chicks

I am going to describe a very interesting Chinese game I played in my childhood.

It is called 'The Eagle and the Chicks', which is a fun, easy to play and a perfect outdoor game for kids.

This game needs at least five kids to start, and the more kids participating, the more fun it would be. Choose a kid as the eagle and another kid as the mother hen. The rest of the kids will be the chicks. In the game, the eagle tries to catch the last chick in the line so he or she will be no longer the eagle, and the mother hen tries to protect the chicks from the eagle.

The chicks will line behind the mother hen one by one. The first chick behind the mother hen will hold on to her waist or cloth, the one behind the first chick will hold on the first, and so on. The eagle can catch the last chick by tagging, and the mother hen can protect the chicks by spreading her arms shoulder high.

When the chasing begins, the eagle is free to run anywhere to catch the chick. The mother hen will try to be in front of the eagle to protect the chicks.

The eagle has to bypass the mother hen to catch the last chick and he will try to avoid any contact with the mother hen. To help the mother hen, the chicks will try to run out of the way of the eagle. The chicks don't have to be in the line all the time. They may run out of the line and play tag with the eagle.

If the eagle catches the last chick, this round will be over and they switch roles for another round.

Rubber Band Rope Jumping

I'd like to say something about a game called rubber band rope jumping. Rubber band jumping was popular in my primary school which was only for girls. This game can help children to practice their jumping skills, develop coordination, and also meet lots of friends.

Rubber band jumping is a low cost game. We only need some rubber bands. We looped rubber bands together tightly until we had a larger one (One can select the length she likes). When we got three persons together, we could start our game. Here's how we played this special jump rope game. Two girls stood

opposite each other and extended the rubber band. One player jumped and stood on one side of the rubber band, carrying the two sides together. Then she jumped again and made the two sides separate. After that she jumped again into the middle of the rubber-band and after that she jumped outside it. If we finished these steps without any mistakes, we started the next level. As the game continued, the level of jumping got higher and higher. There were four jumping levels: ankle high, knee high, waist high, and under the shoulder. More and more girls tried to jump and we competed as teams. The game is fun. But it is kind of pity nowadays we very rarely see young girls playing this game.

Hopscotch

I want to say something about hopscotch, which I personally think is a pretty universal game around the world. Children always enjoy drawing grids on the sidewalk or on the ground and then jumping or hopping from one end of the grid to the other. I remember when I was a little boy, most afternoons I used to play hopscotch with my friends in our neighbourhood. There could be any number of players, which means I could even play by myself. But there were always more fun with more kids. A stone was the only object we needed to play it. First of all, someone drew on the ground rectangles or squares arranged side by side with a figure in it. To play this game, each player had to hop to the first rectangle, then to the second one and then to the third one and so on. After reaching the last number with the last grid, the player had to turn around still on one leg and hop back from the last number to the first one. While hopping, the player must not step on the line between the rectangles, and must keep his balance. If, for instance, the player's other leg (the one which is lifted) touches the ground, the player then fails.

Describe your favourite movie.

You've got mail.

I am a huge fan of love story. One of my favourite movies is "You've got mail", starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, who have successfully proven their popularity

in another equally romantic and hilarious comedy, "Sleepless in Seattle".

Tom Hanks is playing one of his least-agreeable characters, Joe Fox, part owner of the Fox Book Superstore chain. He is a cold businessman who puts the competition out of business without a second thought. Kathleen Kelly, on the other hand, is pure Meg Ryan. She owns a small children's bookstore called "the shop around the corner", finds herself in direct conflict with Joe, whose nearby superstore is stealing all of her customers by seducing them with discount and free gifts.

They are business rivals in the real world, but fall for each other in the online chat room. If you are a fan of "Sleepless in Seattle", you will almost certainly fall in love with the similar-yet-different nature of the production.

Describe your favourite movie.

Saving Private Ryan

When I first saw it in theatres, I can remember walking out of the theatre thinking that it would easily win the Best Picture Oscar. There wasn't a doubt in my mind. And I am right.

The movie stars Tom Hanks, of course, as captain John Miller, a man who must find Private James Ryan behind enemy lines. Why? His three brothers were killed in action, and as the only surviving son in his family, he's being sent home.

So Miller, along with his group venture deep into the heart of combat, questioning why they are there and having to find the answers within themselves. There are some of the most intense battle scenes ever put on film. But it goes along with the theme of the movie "war is hell".

Describe an important city in your country.

Shanghai

Geographic region

Lying at the gateway to the Yangtze River on the middle of China's East Coast, Shanghai is the largest economic and trade center, a comprehensive industrial base and the leading port in China, as well as a famous historical and cultural city with a total population of more than 16 million.

History

Shanghai used to be merely a small fishing village. After the first Opium War, the

British named Shanghai a trading port, forcing the city's opening to foreign involvement administered by the British, French and American independent of Chinese law. Each colonial presence brought with its own culture, architecture and society. Thus began a mixing of cultures that shaped Shanghai's openness to Western influence.

Climate

Shanghai has a delightful climate with four distinct seasons, generous sunshine and abundant rainfall. It belongs to the northern subtropical monsoon climate. The rainy season mainly come during the end of June and the early July. The weather is at its best in September and October, with a good chance of sunny days and mild temperatures. Winters can drop well below zero and summers are hot and humid with temperature as high as 40 centigrade. It very rarely snows here in Shanghai but the winter fog is quite frequent and the visibility in the morning can be rather poor.

Attractions

Shanghai is also a famous tourist destination with more than 300 tourist

attractions. The Bund, Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, ancient pagodas and temples in ancient towns of Longhua have been always the major scenic spots in Shanghai for tourists from home and abroad. Relying on these traditional scenic spots, some large-scale festivities held during holidays, including the Bell-striking at Longhua Temple, the Temple Fair in Longhua, Shanghai Osmanthus Festival, Huangpu Tourism Festival and Open-air Concert on square, have been attracting an increasing number of domestic and foreign tourists and enriching the cultural life of Shanghai residents because of their strong folk colors. In addition, a number of tourist attractions with modern flavor, like the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Shanghai Museum, Shanghai Library, Shanghai Stadium and Shanghai Grand Theatre, were built in recent years.

Describe your hometown/your favorite city.

Shanghai

Shanghai is one of the world's largest cities, and is in some ways more like New York than Beijing. Lying at the estuary of the Chang Jiang (Yangtze) River, it is the centre of China's trade and industry. Shanghai is a densely populated city with almost 16 million people. Like many other international cities, Shanghai is a cosmopolitan trading port, with people from different parts of the world living

and working together. I enjoy the urban lifestyle I lead here, and make the most of the superb amenities, ranging from the excellent shops to some of the best restaurants in the world. In the evenings and at weekends there are always cultural events, with such diverse attractions as operas, dramas and exhibitions. It is difficult to get bored.

Of course, living in a city like this has its disadvantages as well. For a start, the cost of living can be very high, renting an apartment, for example, is very expensive. And as the city is expanding, there are a lot of building sites where new apartments are continually being built to deal with the urban sprawl and the rural-urban migration of population.

Describe a museum.

Shanghai Museum

Shanghai Museum has a rich collection of 120,000 valuable antique items. It is especially famous for its treasures of bronzes, ceramics, Chinese calligraphy and traditional paintings.

Shanghai Museum is a must-see for foreign visitors to Shanghai. The new museum building was erected at the very center of Shanghai in September 1994.

Its unique architectural form of a round top with a square base, symbolizing the

ancient Chinese philosophy that the square earth is under the round sky, is a distinguished architectural combination of traditional feature and modern spirit. The new Shanghai Museum has ten special galleries of bronze, calligraphy, ceramics, furniture, jades, minority art, paintings, sculpture, seal carvings, coins and arts and crafts.

Shanghai Museum has installed advanced security and fire alarm systems, educational services, a computerized library and an automation system. Besides this, Shanghai Museum has facilities for multimedia guide, an information center, a High Definition Graphics system, an audio tour, the lecture room equipped with a system of spontaneous interpretation.

Describe a museum.

Museum of Anthropology

I just came from Vancouver and I must say I had a fantastic time. There's so much to see and do in the city. But if you get a chance to go there, there's one place you mustn't miss, and that 's the Museum of Anthropology. It was certainly one of the highlights of my time in Canada.

The museum was actually established way back in 1949 and these days it's one of the most popular in Canada. It's worth going there just to see the building, in fact, because it's stunningly modern and dramatic – it's hard to believe it was built back in 1976. One very good thing is that the museum's all on one floor, which makes it easily accessible for wheelchairs. Another plus is that it's in the most beautiful setting, overlooking the sea. And inside, you can see archaeological material from all over the world.

It's not a large museum, so it's quite easy to find your way around. When you

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arrive, you come into an entrance lobby with a small shop on the right, where you can buy guidebooks and some interesting souvenirs. Then, if you walk straight ahead, you'll go down a sloping ramp until you come to a kind of crossroads with an information desk. It's worth spending a few minutes there, 'cos the staff are very helpful and you can pick up various useful maps and leaflets. If you turn right, you'll eventually come to the theatre.

Describe Chinese Traditional Architecture/an old building

Si He Yuan

(Beijing Courtyard/quadrangle: a compound with houses around a square courtyard)

A small or medium-size siheyuan usually has its main or only entrance gate built at the southeastern corner of the quadrangle with a screen wall just inside the prevent outside from peeping in.

A notable feature of the courtyard house is that the complex is fully enclosed by buildings and walls. There are no windows on the outside walls, and usually the

only opening to the outside is through the front gate.

Such a resident offers space, comfortable and quite privacy. It is also good for security as well as protection against dust and storms. Grown with plants and flowers, the court is also a sort of garden.

All the quadrangles, as product of feudal society, were built in accordance with a strict set of rules from their size and style one could tell whether they belonged to private individuals or the powerful and rich.

One of the most striking aspects of Chinese domestic architecture is the practice of making houses face south.

My Dream House

Let's pretend money is no object and build the home of our dreams.

My design begins with the overall structure of a three-storey house. I love pavilion style roof. Beneath the roof is a cozy attic, where I can enjoy my private time, reading, meditating or whatsoever.

I would have as many windows as possible, which are designed to make the rooms bright and ventilated, although I guess the cleaning and upkeep of these windows could be demanding.

The sitting room is spacious, with huge closets, bookcases and lots and lots of room storage. I want the ceiling shaped like a dome with a big crystal ball lamp hanging on the top.

There must be a huge balcony with a great view to look out of, say a huge green park or the sea. And there have to be a French window to accompany it.

Maybe I am thinking wild but I do think the surroundings must match my dream house.

The bedroom is on the second floor. I don't like the smell and touch of paint, which looks dull and cold so I would use wallpaper, the light pink colour. And there must be a lot of cushions. I love cushions. They are warm and soft.

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I would want my house to be friendly, a nest where my friends could come and relax and enjoy. And I would like a huge front porch with a swing and room enough to have tea in the afternoon.

Describe a restaurant / a coffee bar you like most.

This restaurant is not eye-catching. It is actually in the middle of several rows of residential houses, kind of isolated. However, it is still quite popular among the local community and most of the customers are regulars.

The first word bumped into my mind when I stepped into this restaurant for the first time was "nostalgia". There is a big old rusted gramophone in the centre and on the walls there are many black-and-white pictures of Shanghai in the early 20th century. In the evening, the candles are used instead of lamps. And the uniforms of the waitresses are cheongsam. Everything looks so

unusual and you are like going back to the history.

This restaurant serves a wide selection of food from Shanghai local ones to exotic western cuisines like sushi and pizza. One major reason why I recommend this restaurant is that the food portion is very generous but the price is reasonable. I love the seafood and the snacks. Their service is also very impressive. The waitresses are efficient and friendly. It's also a cozy enough nook to sit in and play chess or get that necessary fix of caffeine while hanging with friends.

The restaurant owner is a woman in her 40s. She has long wavy hair and a very attractive face...

Describe an emblematic building

Oriental Pearl TV Tower

The Broadcasting & Television Tower of Oriental Pearl is the world's third tallest TV tower after the 553-meter CN Tower in Toronto and the 535-meter Moscow TV Tower. It is situated in the Pudong New Area, facing off the classic beauty of the Bund. With a giddy height of 468 meters, the tower is Shanghai's landmark and a big magnet for tourists. Every visitor will undoubtedly be overwhelmed by its beauty.

The designers magically designed eleven beautiful spheres of various sizes and three big columns together to represent pearls (as in "Shanghai, Pearl of the Orient").

The sightseeing floor is 263 meters high and it is the best place to get a bird's eye-view of Shanghai. When it is sunny, it is really relaxed and happy to have the distant views of Shanghai. In the upper sphere, there are also the Revolving Restaurant, the Disco Hall, the Piano Bar and twenty KTV rooms. The Restaurant

revolves one circle an hour.

Every Saturday evening, an open-air performance is held on the terrace under the Oriental Pearl TV Tower. The program offers mostly acrobatics, singing and dancing.

The Oriental Pearl Tower is a multi-functional establishment satisfying various needs in tourism, dining, shopping, entertainment, boarding and Audio & Video Broadcasting. It has already become one of the symbolic buildings and tourism resorts in Shanghai and is honored as one of the best views in Shanghai.

Library

The library I'm going to talk about is Renmin University library, which is equipped with the most advanced information system in China.

The library has over 6 hundred thousand books, and it's been divided into 16 different categories. Moreover, the library also contains 5 computer rooms, there are about 200 sets of desktop computers per room. When you enter, you will find 10 touch screen computers in the lobby. They are for users to search the books in the library. It's like a database with all the book names from the library in it.

Considering all the excellent books that you can find, you will find it a real bargain to spend a day in this library. You can find from the latest scientific journals to documents from 8 decades ago. Or even fashion magazines. No matter you are a student or not, you could always find what you want in this library. What I don't really satisfy about this library is that the library should provide more study areas for students, because it seems like you just can never find a seat without waiting. What's more is the lighting system; I do feel the library's light is a bit too bright for reading.

Toy

As a boy who grew up in the 80's, I just could not forget the craze for Nintendo GAMEBOY shared by this generation. Even till this day, many kids still like to show off before their peers if they are lucky enough to get it as a birthday gift. Luckily, I got one on my 10th birthday.

It's a portable game console with black and white LCD display. Use 4 double A batteries. Mine was yellow, it was a limited edition. Of course, it's made in Japan, you know, Japanese guys good at making games.

To be honest, I had so much fun from that Game Boy, speaking of which, Super Mario and Pocket Monster are my favorite games. I spend days and nights on it just trying to get to the next level. You know, kids and games, they can't never get enough of it.

Game Boy was the best toy at that time. If you often worry about the risk and potential harm of ordinary toys for children, portable game console shall free you totally from this concern. With well-chosen game materials, it provides a real fun time for children.

Because of that Game Boy, playing video game became one of my interests. After that, PlayStation, Xbox, you name it. But I still kept that very first Game Boy of mine, 'cos it contains so much memory of my childhood.

Old person

My mother is my idol. She is a slim woman with medium height and long curly hair. She has a pair of watery eyes.

Once you see her witty smiles, you can't help being attracted by her charming personality that seems contagious to people around her. She is always full of energy and never gives up whenever she encounters difficulty. Every time she walks in, she brings a strong feeling of youthfulness, quite sub-consciously though and that gives all the people around a sense of energy and passion.

She is a person who has a passion for the cooking. My Mum was an actress and she usually busy a lot. However, she is still willing to do some cooking for our family. Sometimes, she will even spend all her spare time on researching receipt online. She believes that anything is possible, and where is a will, where is a way. That is the reason why I love my mother so much.

Teenagers

Teenagers are the future of our country , and I happen to meet one who left me the most unforgettable memory.

He is my mate when I was at school, named J. I can not say he is that kind of person who can attracts me at the very first sight by the appearance, but his optimistic attitude towards life and the common ground we share do matter. Actually he is the one who very patient and considerate to his friends and studying. We share a lot in common. We both like playing basketball, for YaoMing and Shark are our favorite idol. Every game they play must be our cup of tea. Sometimes we like going to concert to listen to the music. How comfortable and relaxed the life would be if I am with him.

J is not only a good friend of mine but also a hardworking person. He makes everything done well ,such as planting flowers, laundering clothes, and cleaning in order to let us live in a most wonderful, cozy place on earth. What impresses me most is that he likes encouraging people like me who feel discouraged when facing troubles. His word "tomorrow is another day" always lingering in my mind and burying in my heart.

In my mind ,he is the perfect teenager that I have ever seen in my life. We spend a lot of happy moment together . Even though now we are apart for the time being , our hearts and soul are still tightly connectly.

Quotation

Name quotation

What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.
-William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*

Family quotation

You don't choose your family. That is the God's gift to you, as you are to them.
Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family.
Blood is thicker than water.
You can pick your friend but not your family.

Sports / exercise quotation

If only Hitler and Mussolini could have a good game of bowls once a week, I feel that Europe would not be as troubled as it was.
Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness.

Food / diet quotation

You are what you eat.
Tell me what you eat. I'll tell you who you are.
Vegetables are a must on a diet.
The belly rules the mind.

Movie quotation

Don't judge a book by a movie.
Why should people go out and pay money to see bad films when they can stay home and see bad television for nothing.

Photograph quotation

Buying a camera doesn't make you a photographer. It makes you a camera owner.
A great photograph is a full expression of what one feels about what is being photographed in the deepest sense.

Television quotation

Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other. I find television to be very education. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go to the other room and read a book.
If you read a lot of books, you're considered well-read. But if you watch a lot of TV, you're not considered well-viewed.

Music quotation

Without music life would be a mistake.

Music's the medicine of the mind.

Music is the universal language of mankind.

Music expresses feeling and thought, without language; it is above and beyond all words.

Housework quotation

I think housework is the reason most women go to the office.

Reading / book quotation

You are what you read.

A room without books is like a body without a soul.

A wonderful thing about a book, in contrast to a computer screen, is that you can take it to bed with you.

No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.

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Travel quotation

The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.

Animal quotation

Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

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To save animals is to save human being from committing suicide.

Friendship quotation

A loyal friend laughs at your jokes when they're not so good, and sympathizes with your problems when they're not so bad.

A friend is the man who knows all about you, and still likes you.

If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do.

Think up something appropriate and do it.