



## 《2017 年口语押题预测手册》

### Part 1

#### Home/accommodation

1. What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?
2. Do you live in a house or a flat?
3. Who do you live with?
4. How long have you lived there?
5. Do you plan to live there for a long time?
6. What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?
7. Can you describe the place you live?
8. Which room does your family spend most of the time?
9. What do you usually do in your house/room?
10. Are the transport facilities to your home very good?
11. Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?
12. Please describe the room you live in?
13. What part of your home do you like the most?

#### Hometown

1. What's your hometown?
2. Is that a big city or a small place?
3. Please describe your hometown a little?
4. How long have you been living there?
5. Do you like your hometown?
6. What do you like the most about your hometown?
7. Is there anything you dislike about your hometown?
8. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?

#### Work

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1. What work do you do?
2. Why did you choose to do that type of work?
3. Do you like your job? Is it very interesting?
4. Do you miss being a student?

### Studies

1. What subjects are you studying?
2. Why did you choose to study those subjects?
3. Do you like your subjects?
4. Is it very interesting?
5. Are you looking forward to working?
6. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or in the afternoon?

### Person

Describe a person whose job is useful/important to the society  
who the person is?

How often do you meet this person?

What's her or his job?

Explain why you think this job is important?

I'm going to describe a person whose job is important which is Rachel. Her job is important because her job has a huge influence on our country's future.

Rachel is a lovely lady in her 60's who has a pair of small eyes filled with love and she always has a cheerful smile on her face. She is a knowledgeable and patient person.

She was my favorite teacher in primary school, I met her almost every day back then. Since I graduated from high school I don't get to see her very often but I still call her once a while to catch up. She is also a good listener and an advisor, always ask her for advice whenever I have tough decisions to make.

She is a great English teacher, her daily job responsibility is making teaching plans, delivering knowledge and communicating with parents. Her most important job responsibility is developing students' skills and shape their values. When I was in primary school her teaching methods were always funny which gave me a great interest in learning English.

The main reason I think her job is interesting is because students learn the most important knowledge in their lives during primary school, primary school teachers definitely have huge impact on students. In addition, children are the key to a country's future and the primary school teachers definitely shape a country's future. They impact how much the students will change the world.

**Describe a close family member that you enjoy spending time with**

**Who the person is?**

**How often you speak with this person?**

**What topics you usually speak about?**

**Explain why you enjoy spending time with him/her?**

I'm going to describe a family member that I enjoy spending time with which is my grandma, because she has amazing life experience.

She is a lovely old lady in her 80's, she has beautiful eyes filled with wisdom, and there is always a cheerful smile on her face. She is a very caring and patient person.

When I was in China, I went to my grandma's house for lunch almost every day. I loved to tell her about everything happened in school during lunch and she was very interested in every details of my school life because she was not allowed to go to school when she was young. Sometimes, she would tell me those interesting things happened in her life, and I remember she told me once that there was a dragon landed in her village and how those village people tried to save the dragon's life. Since I am living in Australian now, we don't talk that much as we used to. I call her every two week, especially when I have challenges in my life and need advice. She is such a great listener and she encourages me to go through tough times.

The main reason I enjoy spending time with her is because of her positive life attitude, she experiences so much in her life, up and down, and she

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always keep faith in life even when she lost everything during the war time. Her calming and encourage words is another reason that makes me enjoy taking to her. I always feel warm and motivated when I hear her gentle voice and useful advised. She is such an inspiration for me.

**Describe a person you know who dresses well**

**Who the person is?**

**What this person dose for living?**

**What the person usually wear?**

**Explain why you think this person dresses well?**

I' m going to describe a person I know who dresses well which is Rachel. I think she dresses well because she has a great sense in fashion and she' s very stylish.

Rachel is lovely girl in her 20' s. She has a pair of small eyes filled with passion and she has beautiful smile on her face. She' s an outgoing girl and she has a great sense of humor.

Rachel is a full time students and she works for a cafe as a part-time waitress. She is also my personal fashion advisor. I really enjoy shopping with her.

She normally wears simple and casual cloths, such as one-piece dress, T-shirt and jeans. Her favorite outfit is a white shirt with a pair of blue jeans which make her look neat and fashionable.

The main reason I think she dresses well is because I' ve been to many different occasions with her such as formal meetings and weekend parties. She always wears appropriate clothes for different occasions. Most importantly, Rachel doesn' t pursue those famous brands, instead she knows what suit her the best. Rachel is definitely a fashionable girl.

**Describe a person who can speak a foreign language**

**Who the person is?**

**What foreign language he/she can speak?**

**How often the person uses the language?**

**Explain why the person can speak the language well.**



I'm going to describe a person who can speak a foreign language which is Rachel. She can speak French fluently because of her determination.

Rachel is a lovely lady in her 20's who has a pair of small eyes filled with passion and she has beautiful smile on her face. She's a talented and determined person.

Rachel can speak French which is the most widely spoken and beautiful language in the world. It's not only spoken in France but also in Canada and some African countries.

Rachel speaks this beautiful language almost every day as she works in a company which does business a lot with France. Rachel uses French for calling and emailing her clients. She also speaks French for travelling and watching movies.

I think the main reason that Rachel can speak French fluently is because she takes every opportunity to practice and she's not afraid of making any mistakes. And most importantly, Rachel has great interest in French culture which motivates her practice speaking language.

**Describe a person who likes to travel by plane.**

**Who this person is?**

**How you know about this person?**

**Where this person travels to?**

**Explain why this person likes to travel by plane.**

I'm going to describe a person who likes to travel by plane which is Rachel. She prefers travelling by plane is because it's safer and more comfortable.

Rachel is a lovely old lady in her 60's who has a pair of small eyes filled with passion and she always has cheerful smile on her face. She is an outgoing and energetic person.

I knew this lovely lady on the flight from Beijing to Melbourne. I was on my way for returning Melbourne after I visited my family in China and Rachel was on her own to travel to Australia for the first time. We sat next to each other, and although I was much younger than her, we found we had lots of interests in common. We talked a lot during the flight.

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Rachel told me she had lots of traveling experiences. She was a successful business woman and had to travel a lot. However, back then she travelled countless times by train as travelling by plane wasn't common and very expensive. And for some trips she had to spend more than 30 hours on train and she couldn't get a seat because the trains were packed. It was very tiring and unpleasant.

Rachel told me the main reason she enjoys traveling by plane is because travelling by airplane is much more enjoyable than travelling by trains in old days. The seats and food on airplane is much better. And most importantly, travelling by plane definitely reduces the time spending on transportation, instead she could spend her precious time on more enjoyable things.

### *Places*

Describe a place that can be good for relaxing

Where this place is?

What it is like?

How do you spend time there?

Explain why you think it's a good place for relaxation.

I'm going to describe a place that can be good for relaxing which is Rachel's Cafe. It's a great place for relaxing because it has great environment and the coffee they make is great.

It's just besides to xxx shopping center, 5 minutes walking distance from my home. Their customers are local residents and shoppers.

Rachel's Cafe has simple and modern design, large space inside and big windows with natural light. There are light music played all the time. The lovely cafe has 8 tables and there are fresh flowers on the tables.

I go to this cafe at least once a week for catching up with friends or reading my favorite books. I normally sit on the table next to the window so I can enjoy the warm sunshine and look out from the window. I normally have a cup of latte and a slice of cheese cake. They are my favorite.



I definitely enjoy spending time in this cafe a lot. The main reason I think it's a great place for relaxation is because it has lovely atmosphere. The cozy interior design and beautiful music are amazing. Most importantly, the customer service, coffee and food are great. I can always relax and have quality time in here.

Describe a house or apartment you want to live in

Where this place is?

What does it look like?

When do you want to live in here?

Explain why you want to live in such a place.

I'm going to describe a house I want to live in which is a beach house in Qingdao. Because it has breathtaking ocean view.

Qingdao is on the east coast of China, 10 hours' flight from Melbourne. It's one of the most beautiful coastal cities in China. The city is famous for its beer and seafood, it's modern and historical at the same time. There are endless things to do and see.

I wish I could live in a two story house near the beach. It has simple and modern interior design, large space inside and big windows with natural light. Most importantly, it has a big balcony facing the ocean where I can spend good time with my family and friends on the balcony to enjoy the wide ocean view and sea breeze.

A beach house in such a great location can be very expensive, I don't think I can afford it anytime soon. However, it definitely motivates me to get a decent job, work hard. I will set up a bank account for saving deposit, so that I could afford my dream house one day.

The main reason I want to live in a beach house is because of the wide and blue ocean view. Most importantly, the house would provide an amazing lifestyle with sunshine, beach and more.

Describe a garden or park you visited

Where is it?

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What you saw in this garden?

What you did there?

Explain why you liked it.

I'm going to describe a garden that I visited which is Royal Botanic Garden. I definitely enjoy visiting this place as it has great environment and atmosphere.

It's located near the center of Melbourne. It's close to St Kinda Road and South Yarra, only 10 minutes away from the city by tram. It's one of the most beautiful gardens in Victoria.

The garden has collections of local and exotic plants from all over the world and an amazing range of wild life. I can always hear beautiful birds singing in the garden. And there are lovely people walking and exercising in the garden. Sometimes we can see young students having their excursion in there.

I visit this amazing garden quite often and I did many activities in there. Such as walking along the path, sitting in the cafe near the lake and catching up with friends, and having picnic and enjoying the warm sunshine. My favorite activity in this garden is watching movie, it has moonlight outdoor cinema in summer. That's very different experience.

The main reason I really enjoy visiting this lovely garden is because it provides a great opportunity for get close to nature and it's a place to spend leisure time. On top of that, the garden is educational that I can always learn some interesting facts of knowledge of different plants.

Describe a street you like to visit

Where is it?

How often you visit the street?

What do you normally do?

Explain why you like to visit there.

I'm going to describe a street I love to visit which is Lygon Street, because it has amazing atmosphere.





It's located in Calton, 10 minutes away from the city by tram. It's one of the busiest streets in Melbourne. There are amazing shops, restaurants and café on this street.

The first time I knew this lovely street was recommended by my friend Rachel when I first came to Melbourne, I also heard great reviews and feedback about it. Three years ago I finally had the opportunity to visit there and I loved it. Since then, I go Lygon Street quite often.

There are endless things we can do and see on Lygon Street. For Example, having coffee with friends, watching street artists' performance and tasting authentic Italian food. My favorite is having gelato after dinner which is always refreshing

The main reason I enjoy visiting Lygon Street is because it's so convenient, it has all the entertainment facilities within walking distance, I could spend whole day there and don't get bored. In addition, Lygon street is exotic which makes me feel that I was in Italy, it's such a different experience.

Describe a foreign country you want to visit but you haven't been to

What the country is?

How did you know about this country?

What do you want to do there?

Explain why you want to visit this country.

I'm going to describe a country I want to visit which is France, because I find French culture is fascinating to me.

France is a European country which has rich culture and history, it's also famous for its amazing food and wine. It's 30 hour flight from Australia and it's one of the most beautiful countries in the world. There are endless things to do and see.

The first time I knew France was from a documentary when I was a teenager, I was attracted by the spectacular views and buildings in the documentary and I learned interesting facts and knowledge about this lovely country. I immediately fell in love with this country and wish I can go one there

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on day. I' ve read and collected so much information and I' ve already had a list with the places I wish to go.

I plan to do many activities there. For example, visiting historical palaces and museums, taking photos with Eiffel Tower and tasting authentic French food. The activity I look forward the most is visiting wineries and Champaign region to do wine tasting.

The main reason I want to visit this lovely country is because France is modern and historical at the same time. It has wide range of heritage sites, it' s also a fashion capital. Most importantly I have a great interest in French and I wish I can go there and experience it in person.

### *Object*

Describe a song that is special to you

What it is about?

Where you first hear this song?

How often do you hear the song?

Explain why is the song special to you?

I' m going to describe a song that is special to me which is 5 cents. It' s a children 's song and it has very simple lyric that easy for kids to understand and remember.

The song was about a kid found 5 cents on the street, instead of taking the money, the kid found a police officer and handed the money to the officer.

The first time I heard this song was when I was 5, The lady in the kinder garden sang the sing to us and I immediately fell in love with the song, because the melody of the song was very catchy and the lyric was very interesting for a 5 years old. The lady then repeated the song many times so that everyone could learn how to sing the song. After I got home on that day, I sang the song to my parents and grandparents, and they enjoyed my performance a lot.



It's my favorite song when I was young, I sung it every. Since I grew up I don't listen to it often. However, I could still hear it once for a while on TV.

It's definitely a great song for kids and it's special to me because it's catchy and easy to understand, On top of that, the song is educational too. It taught me the importance of honesty and we should not take anything that not belong to us.

**Describe a goal you haven't achieved yet**

**What it is?**

**Why you have this goal?**

**What the first step in order to achieve this goal?**

**Explain how you think you will feel after you achieve this.**

I'm going to describe a goal that I haven't achieved yet which is buying a small two bedroom apartment in the city. I would definitely have a great sense of achievement if I could make it happen.

My dream apartment has simple and modern interior design, big windows with natural light. Most importantly. Hopefully, it has a balcony that I can see the beautiful city view.

I thought about this goal after I decided to live and work in Melbourne, and I wish I could have my own place to live in instead of renting. I prefer a two bed room apartment since I'm living by myself and an apartment would be cozy and easy for me to clean and tidy up.

Obviously, having enough money for deposit is essential to achieve my plan and I have already made my first step, I'm putting \$300 every month into my apartment fund, and I hope I can save up enough in the next three years. At the same time, I've been spending some time on research on Melbourne's real estate market to get a better understanding on good locations and property prices. I'm also thinking to find a full time job in next 12 months, so that I can have stable income to pay the mortgage.

I will definitely feel proud of myself if I could achieve this plan, after all the home prices in Melbourne is rapidly rising, and I will have to

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work really hard to achieve this goal. In addition, having my own apartment in Melbourne will certainly give me a sense of belongingness, and I have a place that I can call it home.

**Describe a job you would like to have in the future**

**What this job would involve?**

**What study you would need to do to prepare for this work?**

**What skills you would need for this work?**

**Explain Why you would like to have this job?**

I'm going to describe an enjoyable job I would like to have in the future which is swimming coach for children, because I have great passion for teaching and I love swimming, so I wish I could combine these two of my interests together

As a swimming coach, my daily job would involve making teaching planning and implement my plans into each training session. In addition, children's safety is my first priority, I would check the safety of the swimming facilities and all the teaching tools, making sure they are perfectly safe to be used.

I'm planning to take first aid training, so that I would be able to provide emergency treatment if there is an injury or accident occurs. The ability to provide first aid is essential as swimming coach.

I certainly need to have great communication skills to be a good coach, after all it's not easy to talk to kids and sometime they have their own language. Patience is the area that I need to improve, some time I can be lack of patience.

The main reason I wish I could become a swimming coach is I love swimming and I really enjoy spending time with kids, these two things can make me forget all the stress and refresh my mind. On top of that, there are many swimming accidents happen every year especially in China, I wish I could teacher more kids and their parents to be aware of importance of swimming safety and prevent more tragedies happen.

**Describe an item of clothing that was bought for you**

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What it looks like?

Who bought it for you?

Why it was bought for you?

Explain how you feel about this item of clothing.

I'm going to describe an item of clothing that was bought for me which is a nice shirt. It's one of the best gifts that I've ever received.

It's a long sleeve slim fit shirt in pink and white stripes, the size fit me perfectly well. It's made from 100% cotton which is really comfortable to wear.

I got this lovely shirt from my Mum she bought it for my first job interview. I still wear this shirt sometimes for the important occasions because I believe the shirt can bring me good luck.

After I graduated from university, I put a lot of effort to get a job to start with my professional career. Luckily, I got couple of responses of my job applications. I was very excited but nervous at the same time. I wasn't sure what to wear during the interviews back then, I asked my mum for help. Mum suggested I could wear a light color shirt paired with black pants. I would look neat and clean, and professional. After the day I asked my mum about the interview cloths that I should wear, she came home with the shirt in a shopping bag, and she told me that's a gift for my first job interview.

Mum washed and ironed the shirt for me before interview. It gave me so much confident during interviews because I knew that I looked professional in that shirt and I would leave a great impression to the interviewers. In addition, I can feel the love and best wishes from my mum to my life and career. Luckily, I got my first job after couple of interviews and it was a great start of my career. Since then I carefully keep this shirt in my wardrobe and only wear it for the occasions that important to me because I believe it can bring me good luck.

Describe a special toy you had in your childhood

What it was?

Who gave it to you?

How often you played it?

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**Explain why it was special to you?**

I'm going to describe a childhood toy which is Lego, it had been my constant companion for my childhood.

Lego is a plastic construction toy that designed in Denmark. It consists of colorful plastic bricks that can be constructed into different objects. It's first released in 1940's, millions have been sold since then.

I got the Lego when I was 4 as a birthday gift from my uncle. He is an engineer and we are very close. When I was young I saw Lego on TV, and it looked fascinating to me, however not many shops had Lego in China in 1980's. My uncle had an opportunity to travel to US, he bought me one, I was super excited when I saw the Lego box. It's the best gift I've ever received.

I played with the amazing toy almost every day. When I first got it, I could only follow the instructions that came with the game to construct simple objects such as robots and flowers. Eventually, I became a master of Lego that I could come up my own designs such as castles and cranes.

The main reason the toy was special to me is because it's such a unique toy that no many kids had back then. And most importantly, Lego definitely developed my creativity.

**Describe a skill you want to learn**

**What it is?**

**How you will learn it?**

**Where do you want to learn it?**

**Explain why you want to learn this skill**

I'm going to describe a skill that I want to learn which is Japanese. Japanese is a minority language that only spoken in Japan. However, it's a very popular language among young people in Asia especially in China, and sometimes the language is important for business purpose in Asia.

There are a couple of ways that I can use to learn this language. Firstly, I can attend Japanese courses to learn the basic pronunciation and grammar.

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And I have some Japanese friends who can help me to practice this language. I think that would be the most effective way to learn as my friend could correct me immediately if I make any mistake.

I wish I could learn this language in Japan as I could have more opportunity to practice. However, I don't think I can afford it any time soon. I would probably learn it in Australia while I'm studying in here.

The main reason that I wish to learn this language is because I always want to travel to Japan, and I'm a big fan of Japanese comic books. On top of that I find Japanese culture is fascinating, it's quite similar to ancient Chinese culture. If I can speak this language well, then I can have a better understanding of their culture.

**Describe an electronic machine that you wish to buy**

**What it is?**

**When you knew it?**

**What specific feature you want?**

**Explain why you want this machine.**

I'm going to describe an electronic machine I want to buy which is Roomba. It's such an amazing device that saves me lots of time.

Roomba is a smart vacuum that cleans automatically. It's firstly released in 2002. Millions of units have been sold. The average price of it is \$ 700.

The first time I knew this great machine was from a TV commercial 3 months ago. The commercial demonstrated how smart and efficient this machine is. I also heard lots of good reviews and feedback on the internet. I really want to have one.

This device has basic vacuuming function. On top of that, it has technology advanced features. For example, it's wireless and it charges by itself. My favorite feature of this machine is that it has sensor to detect dirty spots.





The main reason I wish to have this amazing device is because it's small and compact. It cleans areas that normal vacuums are hard to get to. Most importantly, I'm busy with my work. Roomba does all the hard work for me, so I can do more enjoyable things during my free time.

Describe a photo you like in your home

Which room is it?

Who took this photo?

What is the photo?

Explain why you like it?

I'm going to describe a photo I like in my home which was taken 2 years ago. It's one of my favorite photos because it reminds me of the great trip I had with my parents.

It's a 7 inch photo that I keep it in a silver frame. I put this photo in my bedroom, on my bedside table so I can see it before I go to sleep every day.

It's taken during my parents' visit to Melbourne. That's their first overseas trip. My parents enjoy their holiday a lot. My Dad liked Melbourne's iconic building Flinders Street Station in particular, so we asked a stranger to take a photo for us.

Me and my parents are in the center of the photo with the Flinders Street Station at the background. The weather was very nice and we all had beautiful smiles on our faces.

I definitely love the photo. The main reason is because it's such a great memory. It reminds me of the warm weather and the great mood we had on that day. It's the best trip that I've ever had. Most importantly, the photo lets me feel the love from my parents. It's definitely a great family photo.

Describe an interesting animal.

What animal is it?

Where did you first see it?

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When did you first see it?

Explain why you think the animal is interesting.

I'm going to describe an interesting animal which is koala, I believe it's an interesting animal is because of its cute appearance and relaxing life style.

Koala is definitely one of my favorite animals. It's native to Australia, looks like a teddy bear. It's the iconic animal of Australia that attracts millions of visitors every year.

When I was ten I watched a documentary about unique animals in Australia. I was fascinated by the fact that lots of animals are found nowhere else but only in Australia and that was the first time I saw Koala. I also learned some interesting facts about Koala for example like they sleep for up to 20 hours a day and they carry the new born babies in the pouch for about 6 months. I asked my Dad to record the documentary for me, so I could watch it again and again, and wish one day I could actually see this amazing animal myself.

After I came to Australia, I finally got a chance to have looking at this cute creature closely. It happened during my day trip driving along Great Ocean Road, we noticed there were four cars parking on the side of the road and people were all looking up. We stopped and joined them and surprisingly we found 5 wild Koala were on the trees. Some of them are sleeping and some of them are eating the tree leaves. Me and my friends were so excited and we observed those cute animals for almost an hour.

The main reason I love this adorable animal is because their round and fluffy appearance. They are very cute and look like teddy bear even though they aren't bear. Their relaxing lifestyle is another reason makes me admire them so much, because I wish I could spend my whole day just eating and sleeping and don't worry about getting fat.

Describe an article you read from a magazine or website about healthy lifestyle

Which magazine or website you read it from?

Where did you know about this magazine or website?

What is the article about?

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### Explain how you feel about the article?

I'm going to describe an article I read from a magazine which is how jogging can change your life.

It's such a great article that motivated and inspired me.

The first time I read this article was from the Women's Health magazine. It's definitely one of my favorite magazines now, because I can always get great ideas from this magazine that help me to keep my life on track and stay healthy. It's also one of the most popular women life style magazine in Australia. Millions of copies have been sold since it's first released.

The first time I read this magazine was in a local library, and I was attracted by it's great graphic design and detailed information. Since then I subscribe this useful magazine and read it every month. The magazine is focusing on providing information about women's health, nutrition, fitness and lifestyle, and it has 8 feature sections, such as weight loss, food and style.

6 months ago, I read an article on this amazing magazine, the article is about how daily jogging could bring benefits to people both physically and psychologically. I was immediately attracted by it, as back then I had to concentrate at work and my patience became short, and I started having at least two cups of coffee daily and eating junk food. However, coffees and junk food could only help me temporarily, I was looking for a simple exercise that could increase my energy level in the long term. Apart from the benefits the article also lists a training plan for readers to follow and build up their jogging routine which I followed.

It's definitely an amazing article as it's very in detail and depth. However, it's also very simple for readers to understand, it does not just list scientific facts and numbers, instead it explains the benefits in an interesting and easy way. On top of that, it's practical as it suggests training plan that people can implement so that reader can gain the actual benefits from reading it.

Describe a law about environment you would like to see in the future

What this law would be?

How this law will take effect?

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Why it is important to have this law?

Explain what changes will happen because of this law.

I'm going to describe an environmental law I would like to see in the future which is total ban of un-recyclable plastic shopping bags. This law will definitely save thousands of tons of plastic going to landfill.

The law would ban the usage of unrecyclable plastic shopping bags in retail stores, supermarkets, instead shops should provide recyclable shopping bags or encourage customers to bring their own shopping bags. In order to reduce the cost of providing recyclable shopping bags, shops may charge customer to cover the cost, but shops should not make money out of shopping bags.

I believe this law should be take effect as soon as possible. However, because this law will be implemented nationwide and will affect people's shopping habit, I would suggest government to give the public six months to understand and prepare for implementing this law. And most importantly, government should educate people on the benefits of using recyclable shopping bags and increasing awareness of protecting environment.

The law is definitely important because millions of plastic shopping bags are used and thrown away, this law will reduce consumption of plastic bags in the retail sector and environmental impact of plastic bags.

After this law takes effect, we could see less damage to the earth, shop owner take part in protecting environment and more responsible and sustainable shopping habit.

Describe an unforgettable advertisement (that you saw or heard or liked)

Where you saw or heard it?

What kind of advertisement it was?

What the contents of the advertisement were (or what product or service was advertised?)

Explain how you felt when you saw or heard this advertisement/ Why you like it?)

I'm going to describe an unforgettable advertisement which is called Towards Zero, it left me very deep impression.



The first time I watched this advertisement was from YouTube. It popped up before the video that I wanted to watch and I couldn't skip it. The advertisement lasted about a minute, I felt annoyed at the beginning as I thought I was just another commercial. However, after finish watching the advertisement I was impressed.

It's an non-commercial advertisement that released by Victoria government for promoting the awareness of road safety. It's part of the road safety campaign that encourages people to work towards a future free of deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

The advertisement is simple. A guy was interviewed on the street, he was asked what was the reasonable annual road toll. And he said it's 70. However, when he saw 70 people walking toward to him and some of them were his family and friends, he was shocked and realized the number was shocking and he cried. And he changed his mind and said the reasonable road toll should be zero.

It's definitely a great advertisement, simple but impressive. It definitely reminds people the importance of driving safely and responsibly so that everyone's family and friends can return home safely. On top of that, it's a very emotional advertisement that touched my heart and it can be easily remembered.

### *Activities*

Describe a long car journey you went on

Where you went?

What you did at this journey?

Who you went with?

Explain why you went on that journey by car?

I'm going to describe a long car journey I went on which is going to the Great Ocean Road.



I went on a road trip with my family to the Great Ocean Road which is along the south eastern coast of Australia. The start point of Great Ocean Road is near Geelong which is one-hour driving distance from Melbourne. It's one of the most beautiful coastal drives in the world. There are breath-taking ocean views along this road.

It's definitely a very long drive. We finished the trip in a day, we left home around 6.30 in the morning and came back to Melbourne at 8pm We did so many activities during this road trip. For example, having picnic in Apollo Bay, taking photos with spectacular view and watching people surfing. My favourite activity was visiting the Twelve Apostles which is one of the Australian landmarks.

I had this lovely road trip with my parents and my cousin. It's their first visit to Melbourne and I had watched a lot of TV programs about the Great Ocean Road, it's their must visit place on their lists. And they enjoyed the trip so much and said the Great Ocean Road is the most beautiful place in the world.

The main reason we travelled by car to the Great Ocean Road is because driving a private car is probably the best way as it's not far from Melbourne and it's a perfect road for driving. Most importantly, driving is flexible, we can pull over wherever we want for enjoying the beautiful views and taking photos.

**Describe an activity was stopped by the weather reason**

**When and where was the activity held?**

**What was the activity?**

**Who stopped the activity?**

**What did you do after the activity was stopped?**

I'm going to describe an activity that was stopped by the bad weather which was four years ago.

It was the February of 2012, I had a four day trip in Cairns with friends. It's a city on the east coast of Australia, 3 hour flight from Melbourne. It's one the most popular tourists destination in the world because of its tropical climate and access to the Great Barrie Reef. This was the trip I wanted to make since I was young because I heard so much about the breath-taking views of the Great Barrie Reef.

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Me and my friends planned a perfect four-day trip. We arrived at Cairns on Monday morning and booked the day tours with the local travel agency. Going to see the outer barrier reef was the activity that we looked forward the most. We planned to scuba diving so that we could see the colorful sea creatures closely. The first day that we spent in Cairns was sunny but extremely humid, however the weather getting worse and worse one the second and the third day when we visited Paronella Park and Green Island. We were told by the local people that February was the monsoon season and it's not a good time to visit Cairns. The night before the trip to see the reef, none of us slept well as we all worried that we would not be able to see the outer reef.

I woke up really early in the morning to check the weather and luckily, it stopped raining. I was super excited and woke everyone up to get prepared. However, I soonly received a phone call from the local agency and they informed me that the reef trip had to be cancelled due to the weather condition. We were told that the underwater visibility was low as it was still windy. I was so disappointed that we could make the trip.

The travel agency advised that we could go to the rainforest and it was one of the best times to take the tour. We had no choice but to go the rainforest. The tour was good, but was not as good as going to the reef. We were all disappointed, we would definitely visit Cairns to see the reef one day.

**Describe an important conversation you had**

**When did you have the conversation?**

**Who did you have the conversation with?**

**What was the conversation about?**

**Explain why it's important?**

I'm going to describe an important conversation I had which was 5 years ago. It's definitely an important conversation as I've gained great benefits from it.

It was 5 years ago, when I just finished my undergraduate degree in China, and I faced a dilemma. I wasn't sure whether I should start my career in China or go to Australia for further study. Going to Australia would be

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a great experience to me, however, I would lose precious time spending with my family and friends.

My mum suggested me to talk to Rachel who had lived and worked in Australia for years. She is a family friend who is 8 years older than me, we are very close and talk a lot. She is also a good listener and advisor, whenever I have tough decisions to make, I would ask her for advise.

We met in a cafe and I explained my concerns to her and asked her what would she do. Instead of giving me a straight forward answer, Rachel suggested me to have a piece of paper and write down the pros and cons of staying in China and going to Australia. She was very patient and guided me through the process by asking me questions, for example she asked me what I wanted to achieve in next 5 years and what I would learn from staying in China and going to Australia. The conversation lasted almost 3 hours. By comparing pros and cons of two options, I made up my mind to go to overseas.

It was such a crucial conversation that changed my life in a good way. The main reason is because based on the method she taught me during that conversation I made a right decision to come to Australia and I really enjoy my study and life in here. And most importantly, the method can be used in the future whenever I have difficult decisions to make.

**Describe a pleasant surprise you had**  
**When and where it happened?**  
**Who gave you the surprise?**  
**Why they gave you the surprise?**  
**Explain how you felt about it?**

I' m going to describe a happy surprise I had which was my 15th birthday party. it was xx years ago, the last year of my junior high school. In that year I had a very important exam to prepare for and I devoted all my time and energy for study.

A week before my 15th birthday, I asked my parents if I could have a small celebration for the special day. Unfortunately, my parents refused my request because they didn' t' t want anything to distract me from study. I was a bit disappointed but I didn' t' t say anything.



On my 15th birthday, I finished school at 8pm and I was a bit sad that no one remembered it was my birthday. When I got home and opened the door, I saw the living room was decorated with lots of colorful balloons. My dad was waiting for me on the side of the door, he handed me a bunch of lily, which was my favorite flower, and he said happy birthday to me. I suddenly realized that my parents lied to me and they secretly organized a party for me. All the family members are invited and they brought me amazing birthday gifts. Mum cooked delicious meal and the party was wonderful.

I definitely felt surprised when I knew there was a party and I didn't feel angry at all that they lied to me there was not party. I enjoyed the party a lot and it was a great memory. On top of that, the party helped me to relax during the intensive study and cheered me up. It was definitely a great surprise.

**Describe a time you watched sky**

**When this happened?**

**Who you were with?**

**What you saw?**

**Explain how you did you feel?**

I'm going to describe a time I watched sky which was three months ago, on Chinese Moon Festival. It was such a great night.

The Chinese Moon Festival is on the 15th of August of Luna calendar. It's the day when the moon is in a perfect round shape.

Traditionally, it's the night that everyone in the family gather together and celebrate the special night. Since I don't have family in Australia, I celebrated the special night with my close friends.

We had a big dinner and everyone cooked a dish. After dinner we went to balcony to drink tea and have moon cake and watch the sky to appreciate the beautiful round moon. The weather of that night was pleasant, it's warm with light breeze. Thy sky was clear, there's no clouds at all. the moon was bi and bright looked like a silver plate.

We had a great night together, and we were emotional and definitely missed our family a lot. However, I felt very lucky that I had so many good friends who loved and supported me as my family and I felt grateful that I could spend the special night with them.

**Describe a time you had a disagreement with your friends.**

**What kind of the disagreement was?**

**When it happened?**

**What the result was?**

**Explain what you learned from it.**

I'm going to describe a time I had a disagreement with my friends which happened last year. I definitely learned a lot from the experience, especially how to work well in a team.

Me and two of my friends Rachel and Richard worked as team to finish a marketing case study. We had a couple of cases that we could choose from. However, me and Rachel had a disagreement on which case we were going to do. I was interested in Coca Cola's marketing strategy and Rachel wanted to analyze Myer's.

We had a long discussion in the library, which lasted about an hour. We exchanged our ideas and what were the reasons that we preferred our own ideas. However, we didn't reach an agreement and both insisted on our own cases, so we decided to consult our lecturer for advice.

The professor was very helpful. He listened to the opinions from both of us, and agreed that both cases were great. And he suggested that there were more resources that we could find for Coca Cola, however Myer's case was less complex. At the end we decided to do Myer's case considering we only had two weeks for doing the case study, and we got a great result for it.

This disagreement definitely improved my communication skills, I also learned that communication is essential for resolving disagreement. On top of that I also learned that we have to compromise sometimes in order to achieve a great outcome.



Describe something a kid did that made you laugh  
Who this kid is?  
What this kid did?  
When it happened?  
Explain why it made you laugh.

I'm going to describe something a kid did that made me laugh which was last year. It's a hilarious moment that made everyone laugh in the family.

Kevin is my nephew who is now 3 years old. He is a lovely boy who has a pair of big eyes filled with curiosity. He has rosy and chubby cheeks with beautiful smile all the time. He is smart and naughty.

It's on his 2nd birthday party, all the family members brought him gifts and cake for celebrating his birthday. After the dinner, we started opening his gifts and taking photos with him. I remembered that I watched a video on YouTube that kids tried lemon for their first times, the video was funny, so I decided to try that on my nephew.

I gave him a slice of lemon, and he had never saw or tasted lemon before. He thought it's something sweet and taste good. He took a bit, at the beginning, there was no face expression. After few seconds, he made this funny and painful face as the lemon juice was too sour. Everyone laughed out when we saw his fanny face.

The main reason it made me laugh was because of his reaction, it's a new sensation for him. The second reason was because he's innocent and he trusted me so much that he would eat everything that I gave him. It was definitely a very funny moment.

Describe a time that someone or something that made a noise  
When did that happen?  
What kind of noise it was?  
Who/ what made the noise?  
What did you do after you heard the noise?

I'm going to describe a time that someone made a noise which was a month ago. The noise was too loud that I couldn't sleep at all.

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It was a Friday night that after a long day working, I was tired. I went back home straight after the work, all I wanted was a quick shower and a simple dinner, then I could lie on my couch and watch TV.

After I came out from the shower, I could hear loud noises from the next door. I could tell that there were more than 10 people in the next door apartment. They were playing loud music with strong beats, and people were singing and cheering. I thought they were having a house warming party.

My neighbor is a young couple who moved into the next door recently, and I didn't have chance to meet them yet. The previous couple who lived next door was very nice, they are good friends of mine.

I put ear plugs on when the noises got really bad, however, it was too loud, I decided to tell them to turn their music down a bit. I knocked on the door and it took them a while to hear and open the door. The couple was actually very nice, they apologized many times to me, they even invited me to join the party..... (please continue your own story ☺)

## Person

Describe a creative person that you admire

Who this person is?

How did you know this person?

What creative things that this person likes to do?

Explain why you admire this person.

I'm going to describe a creative person that I admire which is Rachel.

Rachel is a lovely girl in her 20's who has a pair of big eyes filled with passion and she always has beautiful smile on her face. She's a smart girl who has a great sense of humour.

The first time I met her was on Monash open day, we sat next to each other and we talked a lot. We found we had lots of interests in common, we became best friends ever since.

She's creative on all sorts of things, for example making vase by coke bottles, designing and making birthday cards. However, I think she's most talented in fashion design. I had a pair of old jeans that I didn't wear for a long time. Rachel made a purse out of my jeans and the purse looked very fashionable.

The main reason I really admire her is because I've never been a creative person, she has the talent that I don't have. I wish I could be creative one day. Most importantly, because of talent she could save a lot of money and her life is so colourful because of her creativity.

**Describe a close family member that you enjoy spending time with**

**Who the person is?**

**How often you speak with this person?**

**What topics you usually speak about?**

**Explain why you enjoy spending time with him/her?**

I'm going to describe a family member that I enjoy spending time with which is my grandma, because she has amazing life experience.

She is a lovely old lady in her 80's, she has beautiful eyes filled with wisdom, and there is always a cheerful smile on her face. She is a very caring and patient person.

When I was in China, I went to my grandma's house for lunch almost every day. I loved to tell her about everything happened in school during lunch and she was very interested in every details of my school life because she was not allowed to go to school when she was young. Sometimes, she would tell me those interesting things happened in her life, and I remember she told me once that there was a dragon landed in her village and how those village people tried to save the dragon's life. Since I am living in Australian now, we don't talk that much as we used to. I call her every two week, especially when I have challenges in my life and need advice. She is such a great listener and she encourages me to go through tough times.

The main reason I enjoy spending time with her is because of her positive life attitude, she experiences so much in her life, up and down, and she always keep faith in life even when she lost everything

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during the war time. Her calming and encourage words is another reason that makes me enjoy taking to her. I always feel warm and motivated when I hear her gentle voice and useful advised. She is such an inspiration for me.

**Describe a person who once moved to live with you**

**When and where this person moved in?**

**How you know this person?**

**How you got along with this person?**

**Explain who you feel about living with this person?**

I' m going to describe a person who once moved to live with me which is my best friend Rachel.

Rachel is a lovely girl in her 20' s who has a pair of big eyes filled with passion and she always has cheerful smile on her face. She is a warm hearted and caring person. She moved into my apartment last month in the city. As she got a job recently in the city, and she use to live in Glen Waverley which is too far from her new office.

We met on Monash Open Day, she sat next to me and we talked a lot as we were both from China. We found we had lots of interests in common and we became friends ever since.

She' s an amazing person and we get along very well. We' ve been friends for more than five years and we know each other very well. She is one year older than me, so she' s like a big sister to me and always looks after me.

It' s great that we could live together, she' s a great housemate and companion. she does most of the housework and always keeps the apartment clean and tidy. Most importantly, it feels good to live with someone who is so close to me which makes me feel that I' m living with my family.

**Describe a family you like**

**Whose family this is?**

**Where they live?**



Who are the family members?

Explain you like this family.

I'm going to describe a family I like which is Rachel's family. Rachel is a lovely girl in her 20's who has a pair of beautiful eyes. I met Rachel on Uni open day, we sat next to each other and talked a lot. We found we had lots of interests in common, we became friends ever since.

Rachel's family has a beautiful house is XXX. It has simple and modern interior design. Large space inside and big windows with natural light. There is a big backyard, where they grow organic vegetables.

The happy family has 4 family members. Rachel's parents, Rachel and their dog, Oscar. Rachel's parents always invite me over for dinner, especially during Chinese traditional festivals. They know that I don't have family in Melbourne and they don't want me to spend the special day alone. Rachel's mum cooks great authentic Chinese dishes.

The main reason I like this family is because the family has great atmosphere, when I spend time with them we always laugh, and I can always have great food. Most importantly, the family gives me a sense of belonging in Australia, and reminds me my family in China.

Describe a place you visited that has been affected by pollution

Where it is?

When you visited this place?

What kinds of pollution you saw there?

And explain how this place was affected.

I'm going to describe a place that has been affected by pollution which is Beijing.

Beijing is located in the North of China which is 8 hours flight from Melbourne. It's the capital city of China, which is modern and historical at the same time. There are endless things to do and see.

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I went to Beijing last winter. I was very excited about the trip as that was my first visit to there. I planned so many things to do during my three days visit. For example, visiting forbidden city and the Great Wall, tasting the famous local food.

However, when I arrived at Beijing I was shocked by the poor air quality. I had heard that the pollution was pretty bad, but I didn't realise it was so serious. It's smoggy and dusty, the visibility was very low, I could barely see the building on the other side of the street. However, when I arrived at Beijing I was shocked by the poor air quality. I had heard that the pollution was pretty bad, but I didn't realise it was so serious. It's smoggy and dusty, the visibility was very low, I could barely see the building on the other side of the street. Lot of people were wearing masks and there was weird smell in the air. I was disappointed and sad to see such a great city was so heavily polluted.

I was told by the local people they are very concern about their health and their daily lives have been affected. They try to do less outdoor activities and spending more time indoor and almost every household have air purifiers. The government is trying to fix the problem however I think this could take decades.

**Describe a place that near water that you enjoyed visiting**

**Where this place is?**

**Who you went with?**

**What you did at this place**

**Explain why you liked this place.**

I'm going to describe a place that near water that I enjoyed visiting which is Bright Beach, it's such an amazing place. Brighton beach is one of the most beautiful seaside places in Melbourne which is 30 minutes driving distance from the city. There are amazing cafe and restaurants near it.

I went there last summer with a group of friends. We wanted to go outdoors as we spent too much time indoors for work and study. And the temperature of that day was pretty hot, so we thought Brighton beach would be a great place to spend a hot day out

We arrived at the beach at in the morning around 9.30. There were some people lying on the beach and getting tanned. We decided to walk along the beach and find a a good spot. After 10 minutes walking we found some beach boxes that were painted in different colors and patterns, it's

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such an amazing surprise, we loved them. My favorite beach box was the one painted in pink and yellow. We took lots of photos with those lovely beach boxes.

The main reason that I think enjoyed visiting Brighton beach is because it has breath-taking blue ocean view. It's a great place to spend a hot summer day. Most importantly, I get always get a natural energy boost and feel so relax when I'm there.

Object

Describe a character or personality of yours

What it is?

How it affects your life?

Where you get it from?

Explain how you feel about it?

I'm going to describe a personality of mine which is independent. This personality has been reflected in my daily life but also at my work and study. For example, I'm a quick learner and quite confident.

This great personality has definitely affected my life in many positive ways. For example, when I first came to study in Melbourne. I didn't know anyone in Melbourne, Melbourne was a completely new place to me. But I managed to quickly get familiar with the new environment by doing my own research on local culture, public transport. I also trained myself to do housework, and learned cooking from YouTube videos. I took good care of myself when I live far away from family and friends, my family were very impressed.

I believe I get this great personality from both my parents and the experience of studying in Melbourne. My parents has always told me the importance to be independence. And they has always encourage me to not



to rely on them too much. Coming to Melbourne alone has pushed me to be more independent.

I'm so grateful that I have great parents and opportunity to become an independent girl. This helps me to make such a long journey. On top of that, I'm also proud of myself to become the good person I am

*Describe a magazine that you like to read.*

*What magazine it is?*

*What the magazine is about*

*How often you read it*

*Why you like to read it?*

Women's Health is definitely one of my favorite magazines, because i can get great ideas from this magazine that help me to keep my live on track and stay healthy. Women's Health is one of the most popular women life style magazine in Australia. The first time I read this magazine was in a local library, and I was attracted by it's great graphic design and detailed information. Since then I subscribe this useful magazine and read it every month The magazine is focusing on providing information about women's health, nutrition, fitness and lifestyle, and it has 8 feature sections, like weight loss, food and style. My favorite is the food section, it always introduce some health and delicious food recipe that easy to cook. For example, one the recipe on the latest issue is 6 out-of-this-world hod dog topping ideas that are actually healthy. I tied to cook hot dg topping bu following this recipe, it's amazingly easy to cook, only took me 30 minute to prepare and cook, and most importantly it

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tasted great. All my friends loved it.

The main reason I enjoy reading this magazine is I get so much useful information from it that make we live and eat better. For example I exercise on the moves that introduced on the magazine to keep my stomach flat, and meditate to boost my willpower. Those exercises and practices I learned from this magazine are definitely make me feel more healthy and confident in my live and work. The beautiful photos and interesting article are another factor that make me fall in love with this magazine.

**Describe a piece of good local news what you received**

**What the news was?**

**When and where you heard it?**

**Explain why you think it's good news**

I'm going to describe a piece of good news that I received which is develop a new park in my suburb. It will definitely improve the local's living quality.

The news is there will be a new park developed near my house. The park will have a number of facilities. For example, a play ground for kids, BBQ facility and a water pond. The park will be completed in 2018.

I'm currently living in a Southeast suburb which xxx. It's a great place to living in where has convenient public transport and close to amazing shops and restaurants. The only thing that I dislike about the area is there is no park near my house for relaxation activities. Without a park, I can only take a walk after dinner on the pavement.

It would be great if there is a garden or park in the neighbourhood within walking distance and have refreshing green plants, so that people who living in the area can have a great place for exercising in the outdoor area, playing with their kids and walking their dogs.

I got this news from the city council's website. I also received a letter from the council to inform the residence in the area.



The main reason I think this is a great news is because having more parks in the area will certainly make xxx a better place to live in. And most importantly, parks provide great places for local residence doing outdoor and physical activities which make local people healthier.

**Describe a product you bought and made you feel happy**

**What it is?**

**When you knew it?**

**How do you use it?**

**Explain why it makes you feel happy**

I'm going to describe a product I bought and made me feel happy which is Roomba. It's such an amazing device that saves me lots of time.

Roomba is a smart vacuum that cleans automatically. It's firstly released in 2002. Millions of units have been sold. The average price of it is \$700.

The first time I knew this great machine was from a TV commercial 3 months ago. The commercial demonstrated how smart and efficient this machine is. I also heard lots of good reviews and feedback on the internet. I bought one from Myer when it was on promotion.

This device has basic vacuuming function. On top of that, it has technology advanced features. For example, it's wireless and it charges by itself. My favourite feature of this machine is that it has sensor to detect dirty spots.

The main reason the product makes me feel happy is because it's small and compact. It cleans areas that normal vacuums are hard to get to. I feel good when I see my apartment is clean. Most importantly, I'm busy with my work. Roomba does all the hard work for me, so I can do more enjoyable things during my free time.

**Describe a sport you would like to try for the first time.**

**What it is?**

**How you would learn it?**

**Is it difficult to learn?**

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**Explain why you want to learn this sport.**

I'm going to describe an extreme sport I wish to learn which is skydiving. The main reason I wish to learn this sport is because it's challenging.

Skydiving is an extreme sport that athletes jump out of an airplane and experience free fall and open their parachutes to return to Earth safely. Skydiving competitions are regularly held in UK, Australian and some other countries.

The first time I knew this amazing activity was from a TV program when I was a teenager. In the program a group of athletes jumped out of an airplane one by one and tried to shape a pattern while they falling. I immediately fell in love with it. I wished I could try one day. There are short courses in Melbourne that I can learn this exiting sport. The courses are normally takes 3 days to complete.

I definitely think the sport is hard to learn as it's a very dangerous sport. Anything goes wrong could cost people's life. It also requires the participants to have good physical condition and great courage to jump out the plane.

The main reason I wish to learn this extreme sport is because it's such a unique experience, it's not something that I can play every day. And most importantly, I can experience the joy of falling and challenge the limit of my fear.

**Describe a big company you are interested in what the company is?**

**How did you know about this company?**

**What kind of business this company does?**

**Explain why you are interested in this company.**

I'm going to describe a big company that I'm interested in which is T2

T2 is an Australian company sells wide range of tea and tea wares. It has hundreds of shops around Australia. The company started in 1990's, the first shop is in Fitzroy Melbourne.





The first time I knew this amazing company was 4 years ago, I was shopping in Melbourne Central shopping centre, I walked pass the shop and I was immediately attracted by the colours tea wares that displayed in the shop. After I walked in the shop staff was very friendly and offered me free tea samples to try. It was a great experience. I went home that day and search for this company online, there were great reviews and feedbacks about it.

The company has teas from all over the world. It only sells traditional teas but also fusion teas such as fruit teas, even children like those teas. There are also colourful tea wares, such traditional English tea set, and exotic tea wares from China, Japan and Turkey. T2 has recently started a new product range, which is tea in the bottle. They sell fresh made teas in the bottles.

The main reason I' m interested in this company is because the company has developed and expanded so fast. I was told T2 has shop in London now. Most importantly, it' s very creative. I believe the company has a great team behind those great ideas, and I wish I could be a part of the team.

**Describe an interesting story you heard from TV program**

What story it was?

Where you heard the story from?

Who did you watch the program with?

Describe why you think the story is interesting.

I' m going to describe an interesting story I heard from TV program which is how kangaroo got its name.

I heard this story from a documentary about Australian native animals when I was a kid. The documentary introduced many interesting knowledge and facts about unique animals such as Koala, wombat and others, it' s fancinating.

It' s funny story that the first European arrived in Australia, they saw a strange animal that can jump very fast and carry babies in their pouched. The European asked an Aboriginal what the name was of that stranger animal. The Aboriginal didn' t understand English and said "Kan Ga Roo" which is I don' t know in Aboriginal language. Since then this strange animal is called Kangaroo.

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The reason that I think the story is interesting is because Kangaroo got its name from a misunderstanding which made me laugh.

Describe a story or a novel you are interested

What story or novel is?

Where you knew it from?

When did you read it?

Explain how did you feel about it

I'm going to describe a novel that I'm interested which is Eat, Pray, Love.

The novel was released in 2010 which was written by Elizabeth Gilbert. It's the best seller of the year, millions of copies have been sold since it was first released. This has also been filmed as a popular movie. The book is actually based on her true story. After a hard divorce with her husband, Liz spent 4 months in Italy, eating and enjoying life, 3 months in India, finding her spirituality, and she found her love in Bali while she was here looking for balance.

I actually watched the movie first and I loved it. I thought the novel would be more fascinating than the movie. I also heard great reviews and feedback about the book so I decided to read it.

The book was displayed on the best seller shelf in the bookstore. I bought the novel and started to read during a weekend. I was so addicted to it and couldn't put it down. I finished reading the within a week

I definitely love the novel because Liz didn't everything that I always wanted to do. Like travelling by myself, learning another language and meditation. By reading the novel, I felt I experienced the food she tasted, the places she went. Most importantly, it's such an inspirational book. Liz had great courage to leave everything behind and she did the things that she really wanted to do.

## Activity

Describe a wedding you have been to

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Whose wedding it was?

Where and when it was?

What did you do in the wedding?

Describe how you feel about the wedding

I'm going to describe a wedding that I have been to which is Rachel's wedding.

Rachel is a lovely girl in her 20's who has a pair of big eyes filled with love and she always has cheerful smile on her face. She is a warm hearted and caring girl. I met her in the uni and we became best friends ever since.

The wedding was held on the 1st of May which is the couple's anniversary, they met 5 years ago on that day. So they decided to have their wedding on the special day. They hired a beautiful venue on Mt Dandenong, the venue was decorated in purple and white which is bride's favourite colour. There were beautiful wedding photos displayed.

I watched romantic ceremony and Rachel's father gave a very touching speech. After the ceremony we took photos with the happy couple and had a 6 course banquet. The couple selected amazing wine and food for their guests. I also met lots of uni friends that I hadn't met for a while.

It's definitely a memorable and romantic wedding, I'm happy for the new couple and wish them have the long life happiness. On top that I wish I can have similar wedding in the near future.

Describe a time you had to get up extremely early in the morning

When it was?

How early you had to get up?

Why you need to get up early?

Explain how you felt about it.

I'm going to describe a time I had to get up extremely early in the morning which was last year. It was definitely hard to wake up early.

It was a Monday morning, I had a very important exam on that day. I wanted to go through all the key points again and refresh my memory before I attended the exam.

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The exam started at 9am in the morning, I decided to wake up at 5.30, so that I could have 2 and half hours to review all the materials and 1 hour to get myself ready to attend the exam.

5.30 was quite early for me as I normally get up at 7.30. It was extremely hard for me especially during winter. And it was cold and dark when I woke up.

The reason I had to wake up early was because it was such an important exam for me. It was the last exam of my entire university study. If I could pass it, then I could successfully graduate and move on to the next stage of my life.

Waking up at 5.30 in the winter morning was definitely a tough thing to do, I had three alarms to wake me up. However, I felt refreshing and energetic whole day, it was certainly worth it.

**Describe a lifestyle change you made you improve your health**

**What change you made?**

**How you made this change?**

**How difficult you think it was?**

**Explain why you think this change improved your health.**

Three months ago, I decided to do something that can help me to improve my health which was jogging in the morning. After almost three months morning exercise I feel much more energetic during my daily life and work and I can finally fit into to my tight jeans that I used to wear.

I started thinking of doing exercise three months ago because I felt tired almost every day back then even in the morning after a good sleep. I was very hard for me to concentrate at work and my patience became short, and I started having at least two cups of coffee daily and eating junk food. However, coffees and junk food could only help me temporarily, I wanted

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something that can increase my energy level in the long term. I googled solutions and I found lots of people had same problem as me and they recommended that doing early morning exercise can help. For the first week of my morning exercise plan, I jogged twice during the weekend to give a try, and the result was surprisingly good. I felt much more energetic on the days after jogging and my sleeping quality were definitely improved a lot on those days. Since then I have been doing morning exercise four days a week. It wasn't easy for me to wake up 30 minutes earlier in the morning, especially winter is coming and it's cold and dark in the morning, sometime I could not maintain my discipline. This lifestyle change has definitely given me a great energy boost that my mind becomes clear and work efficiency is increased dramatically. There is an amazing physical improvement after I start jogging as well. My tummy become smaller and I can finally fit into the jeans that I used to wear many years ago. These benefits motivate me stick with my healthy lifestyle.

**Describe a difficult decision you once made**

What the decision was?

How you made your decision?

What the result of the decision were?

Explain it was difficult to make

I'm going to describe a difficult decision I once made which was 5 years ago.

5 years ago, when I just finished my undergraduate degree in China, and I faced a dilemma. I wasn't sure whether I should start my career in China or go to Australia to further my study and to see the western world.

My mum suggested me to talk to Rachel who had lived and worked in Australia for years. She is a family friend who is 8 years older than

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me, we are very close and talk a lot. She is also a good listener and advisor, whenever I have tough decisions to make, I would ask her for advise. We met in a cafe and I explained my concerns to her and asked her what would she do. Instead of giving me a straight forward answer, Rachel suggested me to have a piece of paper and write down the pros and cons of staying in China and going to Australia. She was very patient and guided me through the process by asking me questions, for example she asked me what I wanted to achieve in next 5 years and what I would learn from staying in China and going to Australia.

We stayed in the cafe for almost 3 hours. By comparing pros and cons of two options, I made up my mind to go to Australia. I really enjoy my life and study in here.

The main reason it was difficult to choose was because going to Australia would be a great experience to me, however, I would lose precious time spending with my family and friends. Staying in China would be easier for me, but going to overseas is definitely a great experience.

**Describe a mistake that you once made**

What the mistake was?

When and where you made it?

Who was with you?

How the mistake affect you?

I' m going to describe a time I made a mistake which was 6 months ago. I was almost late for an important presentation.

It was a Tuesday morning, I had a very important group presentation which contributed 30% of the final mark. I had 3 teammates to do the assigned together and we planned to practise one more time before we present to the lecturer. I left home 20 minutes earlier in the morning. However, when I arrived at the train station I suddenly realised I didn' t have my wallet with me.

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My wallet was on the living room table, as I took it out from my bag to pay for the pizza delivery. I was too lazy to put the wallet back to my bag, and I thought I would remember it next morning. However, I completely forgot my wallet was still on the dining table. The myki was in my wallet too, I had no money to buy another one.

I was at the station myself, didn't know anyone at the station. Otherwise I could borrow money from others.

I had run back home to get my wallet. Luckily I went to the university 5 minutes before our presentation started, and didn't get the chance to practise with the team. I think I left a bad impression to my team members, they probably thought I was a unreliable person. I definitely learned my lesson.

**Describe a traditional festival in your country**

**What the festival it is?**

**Who do you celebrate with?**

**How do you celebrate the festival?**

**Explain how you feel about it?**

I'm going to describe a traditional festival in China which is the moon festival.

The Chinese Moon Festival is on the 15th of August of Luna calendar. It's the day when the moon is in a perfect round shape.

Traditionally, it's the night that everyone in the family gather together and celebrate the special night. Since I don't have family in Australia, I celebrated the special night with my close friends.





The moon festival last year I had a big dinner with my close friends in Australia as I don't have family in here. Each of us cooked a dish. After dinner we went to balcony to drink tea and have moon cake and watch the sky to appreciate the beautiful round moon. The weather of that night was pleasant, it's warm with light breeze. The sky was clear, there's no clouds at all. The moon was big and bright looked like a silver plate.

We had a great night together, and we were emotional and definitely missed our family a lot. However, I felt very lucky that I had so many good friends who loved and supported me as my family and I felt grateful that I could spend the special night with them.

**Describe a situation you helped a stranger.**

What was the situation?

Who was the person?

How did you help them?

Explain how you felt after helping them.

I'm going to describe a time that I helped a stranger which happened 3 months ago. It's such a great experience and I had a sense of fulfillment.

It was a Friday night that I just finished a great dinner with my friends. While I was walking on the Queen Street in the city, an Asian lady approached me and started to talk to me in Mandarin.

She was a Chinese lady in her 40's and she looked worried. She told me she couldn't find her way to go back to the hotel that she stayed. She didn't speak any English and that was her first experience of travelling to overseas.

I googled the hotel's address on my phone, and told her the direction in Mandarin. I also drew a simple map on a piece of paper to show her the way. She still looked confused. So I decided to walk her back to the hotel, as the hotel is in the city and I had nothing to do on that night.



After 10 minutes walking we arrived at the hotel. The lady thanked me many times and she said she was grateful that she could return the hotel safely. I definitely felt great after I helped the lady. It was a nice walk and we had a nice talk. On top of that I felt happy and joyful, and I had a big smile on my face.

**Describe a famous person from your country.**

**Who this person is (or was)?**

**How you know about this person?**

**What type of work they do (or did) ?**

**Explain how they made an impression on your society?**

Yao Ming is definitely one of China's best-known athletes, who played for Huston Rocket of the NBA for 9 seasons. Yao is a role model for many young people not only because he is one of the most successful Asian background players in NBA, but also because he participated in many charity events in helping people and spreading information on protecting animals.

It's hard not noticing him when he is around as he is 2.29m tall. He was born in Shanghai and started playing for basketball club as a teenager. He was selected by the Huston Rocket in the 2002 and became the first Chinese player in NBA, and had great statistics. Consequently, he was on headlines of presses all the time, and that's how I know this great player and become interested in basketball.

After 9 years in NBA at age 30, Yao decided to retire because of injuries on his foot. After his retirement, he put lots of effort on helping people in needs and established his own foundation to build schools in China after 2008 earthquakes. One of the projects he is doing currently impressed me a lot. He is filming a documentary in Kenya and South African to help stop consumptions of ivory and rhino horn in Asia. I've seen some photos he took in Africa that elephants were killed and the ivory have been cut off from the bodies. I was shocked how much damages that human being have done to those lovely animals. I hope his documentary can have great effect and making people protecting instead of killing animals. Yao Ming is definitely one of the most respectable person in my country, because of his great sports achievement and his determination on helping people and animals.

**Describe a person who likes to travel by plane.**

**Who this person is?**

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How you know about this person?

Where this person travels to?

Explain why this person likes to travel by plane.

I'm going to describe a person who likes to travel by plane which is Rachel. She prefers travelling by plane is because it's safer and more comfortable.

Rachel is a lovely old lady in her 60's who has a pair of small eyes filled with passion and she always has cheerful smile on her face. She is an outgoing and energetic person.

I knew this lovely lady on the flight from Beijing to Melbourne. I was on my way for returning Melbourne after I visited my family in China and Rachel was on her own to travel to Australia for the first time. We sat next to each other, and although I was much younger than her, we found we had lots of interests in common. We talked a lot during the flight.

Rachel told me she had lots of traveling experiences. She was a successful business woman and had to travel a lot. However, back then she travelled countless times by train as travelling by plane wasn't common and very expensive. And for some trips she had to spend more than 30 hours on train and she couldn't get a seat because the trains were packed. It was very tiring and unpleasant.

Rachel told me the main reason she enjoys traveling by plane is because travelling by airplane is much more enjoyable than travelling by trains in old days. The seats and food on airplane is much better. And most importantly, travelling by plane definitely reduces the time spending on transportation, instead she could spend her precious time on more enjoyable things.

### *Places*

Describe an unusual building you have visited?

Where it is?

What it is used for?

What it looks like?

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### Explain why you think it is unusual

I'm going to describe an unusual building which is the State Library of Victoria. It has such a different exterior design compared to the buildings surrounding it.

The State Library of Victoria is located on the corner of Swanston Street and Lonsdale Street, right in the CBD of Melbourne. It's 30 minutes away from my home by train. There are amazing cafes and restaurants near it. It's the most famous library in Victoria.

The library has four major areas. The biggest area is the reading and study area where I spend most of my time in there. The first floor of the building is full of shelves with books and references. There is also a beautiful gallery on the first floor where displays paintings that depict the Melbourne's history. Computer and free internet are also provided in the library. I visit this amazing library almost every week for study.

The building has Victorian period classic exterior design and it's built with big stone blocks. However, the interior design is simple and modern. There is large space inside, with all sorts of facilities. The most impressive part of the building is the big dome that we can see from the second floor, it's spectacular.

The main reason I think it's an unusual building is because of its classic exterior design. Melbourne is such a modern city that full of high rise and contemporary buildings, the state library is definitely not one of them. The second reason is because the state library is the landmark of Melbourne. It's the iconic building that represents Melbourne.

### *Object*

Describe a movie you like.

What's the movie?

What is the movie mainly about?

When did you watch this movie?

Explain why you don't like it?

I'm going to describe a movie which is 2012. It's a disaster movie that released in 2011. It's definitely a good movie that I would like to watch again.



The movie was released in 2011. I heard a lot good review about it from media after it first released. However, I had no desire to watch it since I was not very interested in those disaster movies. However, my friends were very excited about the movie and they convinced me to watch it with them. It's a good movie in terms of visual and sound effects, the movie looked very real and made me feel I was actually part of the movie and went through all the horrible things in it, and the world was gonna end very soon.

The movie is about the temperature of the Earth's core rapidly increasing causes lots of disaster, millions of people die in earthquakes worldwide. International leaders begin a secret project to ensure humanity's survival. After we walked out from the cinema, I felt I enjoyed the movie a lot. The main reason is because the storyline of the movie is very interesting and the sound and visual effects were great. On top of the movies makes me start thinking the importance of protecting the environment and preventing the end of the world. 2012 is certainly a great movie.

**Describe an educational TV program that you have seen**

**How did you know it?**

**When and where you watched it?**

**What content it has?**

**Explain why you like to watch this program**

I'm going to describe an educational TV program which is The Animal World. I really enjoy watching this program as I can always learn something new about wild animals.

The program was recommended by my friend Rachel who is a big animal lover. I also read good feedback and reviews about it from the internet. So I decided to watch it.

When I was in China, I watched it at home with my parents once a week on Friday night. It's a great show for all ages. Since I came to Australia, I can watch it once for a while on youtube.

The program has series of wild animal documentary. For example, marine animals in deep ocean, Birds of southeast Asia and dangerous animals in Australia. My favorite one is the wild animals in Africa, it's fascinating to me.

The main reason I really enjoy watching this show is because of it's high standard production. the sound and visual effects are high qualities which make me feel that i'm observing those animals closely. And most importantly, I'm really interested in those animals and I can always learn interesting knowledge and facts from this programs.

**Describe a childhood song you remember well**

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**What it was about?**

**Where you first hear this song?**

**How old you were when you first heard it?**

**Explain how you feel when you hear this song?**

I'm going to describe a memorable childhood song which is 5 cents. It's a children's song and it has very simple lyric that easy for kids to understand and remember.

The song was about a kid found 5 cents on the street, instead of taking the money, the kid found a police officer and handed the money to the officer.

The first time I heard this song was when I was 5, The lady in the kinder garden sang the song to us and I immediately fell in love with the song, because the melody of the song was very catchy and the lyric was very interesting for a 5 years old. The lady then repeated the song many times so that everyone could learn how to sing the song. And then she told us the importance of honesty and we should not take anything that not belong to us.

After I got home on that day, I sang the song to my parents and grandparents, and they enjoyed my performance a lot.

It's definitely a great song for kids because of it's catchy and easy to understand, that's one of the reasons that I still remember the song very well. On top of that, the song is educational too. I love the song and I will teach my kids of this song one day.

**Describe a photo you like in your home**

**Which room it is?**

**Who took this photo?**

**What the photo is?**

**Explain why you like it?**

I'm going to describe a photo I like in my home which was taken 2 years ago. It's one of my favorite photos because it reminds the great trip I had with my parents.

It's a 7 inch photo that I keep it in a silver frame. I put this photo in my bedroom, on my bedside table so I can see it before I go to sleep everyday.

It's taken during my parents' visit to Melbourne. That's their first oversea trip. My parents enjoy their holiday a lot. My Dad liked Melbourne's iconic building Flinders Street Station in particular, so we asked a stranger to take a photo for us.





Me and my parents are in the centre of the photo with the Flinders Street Station at the background. The weather was very nice and we all had beautiful smiles on our faces.

I definitely love the photo. The main reason is because it's such a great memory. It reminds me the warm weather and the great mood we had on that day. It's the best trip that I've ever had. Most importantly, the photo lets me feel the love from my parents. It's definitely a great family photo.

**Describe a change that will improve your local area**

**What the change is?**

**Why it is needed?**

**Whether there will be any problem from it?**

**Explain how it will improve your local area.**

I'm going to describe a change that will improve your local area which is adding more parks in the residential area. It will definitely improve the local's living quality.

I'm currently living in a Southeast suburb which is Box Hill. It's a great place to living in where has convenient public transport and close to amazing shops and restaurants. The only thing that I dislike about the area is there is no park near my house for relaxation activities. Without a park, I can only take a walk after dinner on the pavement.

It would be great if there is a garden or park in the neighbourhood within walking distance and have refreshing green plants, so that people who living in the area can have a great place for exercising in the outdoor area, playing with their kids and walking their dogs.

However, it's very challenging for having more parks in the area. As you know, Box Hill is a crowded and expensive suburb, It's be hard to find a piece of land that suitable for a park in the area.

Having more parks in the area will certainly make Box Hill a better place to live in. And most importantly, parks provide great places for local residence doing outdoor and physical activities which make local people healthier.

**Describe something you did which was a waste of time**

**What the thing was?**

**When you did it?**

**How you did it?**

**Explain why it was a waste of time?**





I'm going to describe something I did which was a waste of time. Last week I spent three days watching a Korean drama, it was definitely a waste of time because I didn't get any benefit from watching it

The Korean drama was called XXX, it was a romance story that an alien fall in love with a human. The drama was recommended by my friend, she watched it and she loved it. I also heard some good feedbacks and review from the internet. Then I decided to watch it when I have time.

Last week after I finished an assignment, I had three days to take a break and relax from the intensive study. I downloaded this 21 episodes drama from the internet.

Once I started watching the drama, I was attracted by the good looking actor in it and could not stop watching it. I spent three days in my room and the only time I walked out my room was for going to toilet. I didn't cook at all and ordered take away food.

I finally finished the drama within three days, however, I believe it was a waste of time. The main reason is because I didn't get any benefit from watching the show. I didn't learn any useful information or knowledge from the show. On top of that, I was supposed to take a good rest during that three days. However, I didn't feel relaxed because I didn't eat or sleep well in that three days.

**Describe a person you know who is good at cooking**

**Who this person is?**

**What is your relationship with this person?**

**What kinds of food he or she cooks?**

**Explain why you think this person is so good at cooking**

I'm going to describe a person who is good at cooking. My Mum is definitely the best cook in the world.

She is a lovely lady in her 50's. She has a pair of small eyes filled with love and she always has cheerful smile on her face. She is a friendly and outgoing person.



Although she is my Mum, she is also my best friend. I tell her all my secrets and always ask her for advices whenever I have tough decisions to make.

Mum cooks various authentic Chinese food, and she is passionate to learn cuisine from all over the world as well. She cooks almost everyday. During family events, she could cook a 8 courses banquet for the whole family. The best food that my mum cooks is definitely dumplings, she learned the recipe from my grandma. She is interested in baking at the moment. She made a sponge cake last weekend, it was great.

The main reason I think my mum is a great cook is because she cooks with love and passion. She dose not treat cooking as a housework or burden, instead she enjoys cooking a lot. The fresh ingredients she uses for cooking is another reason that makes her an amazing cook. She always buys fresh and seasonal ingredients from market. The food she cooks not only taste good, but also healthy. She considers food nutrition when she cooks so we can enjoy the good food and have health benefits. My mum is definitely the best cook I know.

Describe an important job in your country

What the job is?

What kind of people have this job?

What the job requires?

Explain why the job is important in your country.

I'm going to describe an important job in my country which is the primary school teacher. The primary school teacher is such an important job because children are the key to our country's future.

The primary school teachers have wide range of responsibilities. The prime responsibility of them is delivering knowledge to the students and helping students develop their skills. On top of that, during those six years in primary schools, teachers also develop kids' essential learning skills which they will benefit from it for the rest of their lives. Most importantly, primary school teachers stimulate students' imagination and creativity, and help students to shape up their values.

To become a qualified teacher, an education degree is essential. It normally take 4 years to complete the degree and get a certificate to become a teacher. Apart from those qualifications, they also need clear voice and great communication skills.

The main reason that I think primary school teacher is an important job is because students learn the most important knowledge in their lives during primary school, primary school teachers definitely have huge impact on students. In addition, children are the key to a country's future and the primary school teachers definitely shape a country's future. They impact how much the students will change the world.

Describe a person you know who is beautiful or handsome

Who the person is?

When you met the person at the first time?

What the person's character?

Explain why you think this person is beautiful or handsome

I'm going to describe beautiful person who is xxx.



She has a pair of big eyes filled with passion, and she always has cheerful smile on her face.

I first time I met her was on the school opening day, we sat next to each other. We found we had lots of interests in common, so we became best friends ever since. After I came to Australia, we rarely have time to meet up, but we still talk to each other over the phone once a month and share about the interesting things.

XXX has great personalities, she is very outgoing and friendly, everyone loves her. And she is a warm-hearted person, she devotes lots of time and energy to help the others and involves in charity events. During the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, she rushed into affected areas and helped authorities distribute medicine and food.

One of the reasons that I think XXX is beautiful is that she is definitely a good looking lady, and she dresses clean, neat and stylish. On top of that, her inner beauty is the most important reason that makes me think she is such a beautiful girl.

**Describe a person you dislike but have to be friendly to**

**Who the person is**

**How did you the person?**

**Why you don' t like her?**

**Why you have to be friendly to this person.**

I' m going to describe a person I disliked but I had to be friendly to which was a regular customer of xxx.

When I was in uni, I worked for xxx for x years. We had a regular customer who I didn' t know her name. She came to the restaurant at least once a week. She was a very good looking lady in her 40' s with blond hair and she dressed very fashionable. She always came to the restaurant alone, she had a very serious face and rarely smile.

The reason I didn' t like her was because she was arrogant, and never said hello or thank you to any of us who worked in the restaurant.

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Every time she came to the restaurant, instead of waiting to be seated, she walked straight into the restaurant and picked her own table, which I thought was very rude and upset me a lot.

Personally, I didn't like this lady, however, I tried to my best to be friendly to her as she was the customer and I served her as professional as possible. I greeted her every time when she walked into the restaurant even she said nothing, I wished I could set a good example to her and remind her how to treat others respectfully.

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Describe a time you were friendly to someone you didn't like

When and where it happened?

Who he or she was?

Why you didn't like this person?

Explain why you were friendly to him or her on that occasion.

Describe a place you went to that was full of color

Where it was?

Why you went there?

What you did there?

Explain why you think this place is so colorful.

I'm going to describe a colorful place I went which was Brighton beach.

Brighton beach is one of the most beautiful beaches in Melbourne which is 30 minutes driving distance from the city.

I went there last summer with a group of friends. We wanted to go outdoors as we spent too much time indoors for work and study. And



the temperature of that day was pretty hot, so we thought Brighton beach would be a great place to spend a hot day.

We arrived at the beach at in the morning around 9.30. There were already some people lying on the beach and getting tanned. We decided to walk along the beach and find a a good spot. After 10 minutes walking we found some beach boxes that were painted in different colors and patterns, It was such an amazing surprise, we loved them. My favorite beach box was the one painted in pink and yellow. We took lots of photos with those lovely beach boxes. In the afternoon, more and more people came to the beach, they all wore different colors of bikinis and shorts.

The main reason that I think Brighton beach is colorful is because of those amazing beach boxes, and some of patterns on them are really creative and beautiful. The beautiful weather of the day was another reason is another reason that makes me think Brighton beach is colorful. It was a sunny day, the sky and ocean was blue, the beach was white. It was such an amazing view.

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Describe a place near water that you enjoyed visiting

Where this place was?

What you did at this place?

Who you went there with?

Explain why you liked this place.

Describe a long journey/short trip you would like to make again

Where you went?

Who you went with?

What you did during the trip?

Explain why you would like to make the trip again.

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Describe a book you have read that was recommended by someone.

Who recommended it?

What book it was?

What the book was about?

Explain what you thought of it.

I'm going to describe a book that I have read. Four years ago, I read a very inspiring book which is Eat, Pray and love.

This book was recommended by my colleague, an amazing lady who was going through her family crisis during that time. She told me the book is very inspirational and helped her went through tough time.

The writer of this book is Elizabeth Gilbert, and the book is actually based on her true story. After a hard divorce with her husband, Liz spent 4 months in Italy, eating and enjoying life, 3 months in India, finding her spirituality, and she found her love in Bali while she was here looking for balance.

This book is fascinating to me because none of my friends or I have such amazing courage to leave her friends, family and career behind to find happiness in a stranger land. And I learned that I should always take a break during hard times and figure out what I really want and need, instead of working harder or pushing myself to the edge. On top of that she did almost everything that I always wanted to do, like travelling by myself, learning another language and meditation. By reading the book, I feel like I experienced the food she tasted, the places she went and the things she did. It's a book that I really enjoyed reading and I would definitely recommend this to my friends

Describe a radio program that you find interesting

What this program is?

When and where you listen to this program?



What the contents of the program are?

Explain why you like this program.

I'm going to describe a radio program that I find interesting which is a music program.

When I was in university, I listened to radio programs after 9pm almost everyday because that was the only entertainment I had back then after 9pm.

The university I studied was quite far away from home, so had to live in the student accommodation provided by the university. Unfortunately, there was a rule made by university that electricity would be cut off after 9pm. For us 9pm was still early and we could not fall asleep, so almost everyone of us had a radio that we could listen to. Almost all my flatmates and I would lie down on our bed and listen to our favorite radio program until we fell asleep.

My favorite radio program back then was called Music Top 10, it would play the new released song tracks and albums not only from China and also from US and Europe. Sometimes the radio program would invite some artists to share their concept and experience of making music. My favorite part of this amazing program was the calls in of the listeners, they could share their opinions and feedback about new released songs and artists. Sometimes people can say something very funny in the program. I remember there was a listener called in and asked for the artist's phone number and wanted to date with her.

The main reason I like this program is because it was very expensive to buy music albums back then especially the ones from US and Europe, the program was definitely a great way for me to listen to the new released music from the other countries. Plus the host of the program has a very charming voice made me enjoyed the program a lot.

Describe a time the others didn't tell you the whole truth

I'm going to describe a time that my parents didn't tell me the whole truth which was my 15th birthday party. It was xx years ago, the last year of my junior high school. In that year I had a very



important exam to prepare for and I devoted all my time and energy for studying.

A week before my 15th birthday, I asked my parents if I could have a small celebration for the special day. Unfortunately, my parents refused my request because they didn't want anything to distract me from study. I was a bit disappointed but I didn't say anything.

On my 15th birthday, I finished school at 8pm and I was a bit sad that no one remembered it was my birthday. When I got home and opened the door, I saw the living room was decorated with lots of colorful balloons. My dad was waiting for me on the side of the door, he handed me a bunch of lily, which was my favorite flower, and he said happy birthday to me. I suddenly realized that my parents lied to me and they secretly organised a party for me. All the family members are invited and they brought me amazing birthday gifts. Mum cooked delicious meal and the party was wonderful.

I definitely felt surprised when I knew there was a party and I didn't felt angry at all that they lied to me there was not party. I enjoy the party a lot and it was a great memory. On top of that, the party helped me to relax during the intensive study and cheered me up.

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Describe a pleasant surprise you had

When and where it happened?

Who gave you the surprise?

Why they gave you the surprise?

Explain who you felt about it?

Describe an historical building in your country

Where it is?

What is it used for?

What it looks like?

**Explain why it' s historical.**

I' m going to describe a historical building which is the Forbidden City. It' s located in the centre of Beijing. It' s one of the most well known and well maintained ancient palaces in the world.

The Forbidden City is now used as a museum for preserving and displaying precious ancient exhibits. The palace has two major parts, the front court was the for having political meetings and ceremonies. And the back palace was the residence for the Emperor' s household.

The palace is in traditional Chinese architecture style and surrounding by high city walls. There are 9999 rooms and all the walls are painted in red. The front court is spectacular however the back court is in different style which is smaller. Royal symbols can be seen everywhere in the palace such as dragons and lions.

The main reason I think the Forbidden City is historical is because it has more than 400 hundred years history it has witnessed the important changes and development of China. And most importantly, it' s iconic and it' s the landmark of Beijing.

**Describe a success in your life**

**When and where this happened?**

**Who you were with?**

**What you did?**

**How you felt about the success.**

I' m going to describe a success in my life which is living independently in Australia by myself. It' s definitely one of my greatest achievements so far.

I came to Australia alone when I was only 19. I had no experience living away from home and friends. My parents were worried if I could take good care of myself in Australia.

When I first arrived at Melbourne, I didn' t know anyone here. But luckily I made some friends at school. Two friends and I decided to rent and share an apartment in the city. When we moved into the apartment, there was no

furniture or appliance. We had to shop around for second hand in order to save money.

There were so many things I need to do and learn by myself. For example, getting familiar with the public transport system, improving English at school, cooking meals. However, the most difficult thing was making friends with local students, as we had culture and language barriers. The first year was definitely very tough, however I made it. My parents were surprised when they see my change.

Describe a useful thing you once borrowed

what the thing was?

who lent it to you?

what feature does this thing have?

Explain why you think it's useful.

I'm going to describe a useful thing I once borrowed which was a laptop, it's a life saver to me.

It's Friday morning, I was doing my assignment on my laptop and suddenly the laptop blacked out, and I couldn't get it restart. I was frustrated, as the assignment was due on that day at 3pm, and I was only half way to complete it.

I had to ask my housemate Rachel if she could lend me her laptop. Rachel is a nice girl in her mid 20's. She's a very warm hearted and passionate girl. She moved into the house 6 months ago, we talk a lot and we have lots of common interests. I told Rachel my crisis, Rachel lent me her laptop straight away without any hesitation.

Rachel's laptop is a 13 inch Mac Book. The design is very stylish and light. Her Mac has different system from Windows, it took me a while to get familiar with the system. Luckily I had saved the most of my work in a USB before my laptop crashed. And I managed to complete the assignment and submit it before the deadline.



I was grateful that Rachel lent me her laptop. The main reason I believe the laptop is so useful is because it saved me from a crisis, if I failed to submit the assignment on time, I could fail the subject. I would have to redo the subject and I wouldn't be able to graduate as I planned.

**Describe a time you forgot something important**

**When this happened?**

**What you forgot to do?**

**Who you were with?**

**And what consequences you faced?**

I'm going to describe a time I forgot something important which was 6 months ago. I was almost late for an important presentation.

It was a Tuesday morning, I had a very important group presentation which contributed 30% of the final mark. I had 3 teammates to do the assigned together and we planned to practise one more time before we present to the lecturer.

I left home 20 minutes earlier in the morning. However, when I arrived at the train station I suddenly realised I didn't have my wallet with me. My wallet was on the living room table, as I took it out from my bag to pay for the pizza delivery.

The myki was in my wallet too, I had no money to buy another one. I was at the station myself, didn't know anyone at the station. Otherwise I could borrow money from others.

I had run back home to get my wallet. Luckily I went to the university 5 minutes before our presentation started, and didn't get the chance to practise with the team. I think I left a bad impression to my team members, they probably thought I was a unreliable person. I definitely learned my lesson too and I always check my bag before I go out now.

**Describe a creative person that you admire**

**Who this person is?**

**How did you know this person?**

**What creative things that this person likes to do? Explain why you admire this person.**

I'm going to describe a creative person that I admire which is Rachel.



Rachel is a lovely girl in her 20' s who has a pair of big eyes filled with passion and she always has beautiful smile on her face. She' s a smart girl who has a great sense of humor.

The first time I met her was on Monash open day, we sat next to each other and we talked a lot. We found we had lots of interests in common, we became best friends ever since.

She' s creative on all sorts of things, for example making vases by coke bottles, designing and making birthday cards. However, I think she' s most talented in fashion design. I had a pair of old jeans that I didn' t wear for a long time. Rachel made a purse out of my jeans and it looked stylish and fashionable.

The main reason I really admire her is because I' ve never been a creative person, she has the talent that I don' t have. I wish I could be creative one day. Most importantly, because of her talent she could save a lot of money and her life is so colourful because of her creativity.

Describe a leader that you admire

Who is person is?

How you know this person

What skills he or she has for leadership?

Explain why you think this person is a good leader

I' m going to describe a leader that I admire which is Rachel.

Rachel is a lovely girl in her 20' s who has a pair of big eyes filled with passion and she always has cheerful smile on her face. She is a talented and patient person.

The first time I met Rachel was on university open day, we sat next to each other and we talked a lot. We found we had lots of interests in common and we became best friends ever since.

Last year I had a group assignment with Rachel and the other two teammates. It was a very important assignment that contributed 30% of the final mark. There were lots of materials and journals that we had to read and research. The other two team mates and I was worried and panic, none of us knew

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where to start. However, Rachel was clam, she made a assignment plan and assigned tasks to each of us. Her plan was very in detailed, and had time frame to guide us finish each task on time. We successfully finished the assignment and had a great mark.

The main reason that Rachel is a great leader is because she' s happy to take responsibility, she took the initiative to make the plan. Most importantly, Rachel has all the skills to became a good leader, such as great communication skills and time management skills.

**Describe a tall building in your city**

**What building is it?**

**How did you know this building?**

**What is it used for?**

**Explain how do you feel about the building**

I' m going to describe a tall building in Melbourne which is the Eureka Tower.

It' s located in Southbank, Melbourne, 10 minutes walking distance from Flinders Street Station. It' s one of the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere. It' s the iconic building of Melbourne.

The first I knew this building was before I came to Melbourne, it was on a book called 1000 buildings you have to see before you die. There are 2 building in Melbourne on the book, the Eureka Tower is one of them. The building is also introduced by various Melbourne tourist websites, it' s one of the hottest tourist spots.

The tower is a residential building, it' s probably the tallest residential building in the world. On the 88th floor of the building, it has a observation deck which attracts thousands of tourist visitor each year. I' ve been there for more than once, it' s 285 meters above ground which offers 360 view of Melbourne. On top of the observation floor, there is a fine dinning restaurant which I wish I can go there one day. I will be a very different dinning experience.

To be honest, I' m not a big fan of it' s design as it looks similar to the majority of high buildings, covers with glasses. However, it' s still



very eye catching when you walking in the city. It' s very hard not to notice it.

Describe a science that you are interested in

What is it?

How did you know the science for the first time?

How do you feel about it?

Explain why you are interested in this subject.

I' m going to describe a science that I' m interested in which is Archaeology.

My understanding of Archaeology is it' s a study about human beings and history. It helps us to understand human' s past by finding, analysing ancient cultural landscapes and objects.

The first time I knew this exciting science was when I was a teenager, I watch a documentary about Egyptian Pyramids and mummies. I watched Archaeologists walked out of the tombs and found mummies, and I believe that' s the most exciting finding in the world. And I really admired their job, because they were so close to the objects from thousands of years ago.

I suppose it' s a very difficult science, because it involves many other science and subject, such as history, art, geography, chemistry and more.

The main reason I' m interested in this subject is because I' m a big fan of history, Archaeology is the science can tell me where we are from, how have human beings developed, all sorts of questions in my head. On top of that, it' s mysterious too. There are so many things that Archaeology can explore and find answer for us.

Describe an equipment that you wish to buy

What it is?

When you knew it?

What specific feature you want?

Explain why you want this equipment.

I' m going to describe an equipment I want to buy which is Roomba. It' s such an amazing device that saves me lots of time.



Roomba is a smart vacuum that cleans automatically. It's firstly released in 2002. Millions of units have been sold. The average price of it is \$ 700.

The first time I knew this great machine was from a TV commercial 3 months ago. The commercial demonstrated how smart and efficient this machine is. I also heard lots of good reviews and feedback on the internet. I really want to have one.

This device has basic vacuuming function. On top of that, it has technology advanced features. For example, it's wireless and it charges by itself. My favorite feature of this machine is that it has sensor to detect dirty spots.

The main reason I wish to have this amazing device is because it's small and compact. It cleans areas that normal vacuums are hard to get to. Most importantly, I'm busy with my work. Roomba dose all the hard work for me, so I can do more enjoyable things during my free time.

Describe a piece of good news that you received

What this new was?

When are where you heard it?

How you heard it?

Explain why you think it was good news

I'm going to describe a piece of good new that you received which is 3 years ago.

It was three years ago, I was told that my tourist visa to US had been granted. That's the best new that I had heard in that year. I wanted to visit to US since I was a young girl after I watched a documentary about America. I was attracted by the beautiful view in the Central Park in New York and fascinating wildlife in the Yellowstone. 3 years ago, I finally had enough money to make the trip, but I was told it was not easy to apply the visa to go there.

It's a Monday afternoon, I got a phone call from my travel agent who helped me to apply for visa, she told me she had a good news. I immediately realized that I got my visa, I was really excited

I had the lady to send the confirmation email to me to make sure it was real. After I read the email and checked all the detail I finally believe that I had the visa to make my dream trip

The main reason I think it was a good news is because it wasn't easy to have the visa granted. Most importantly I had the opportunity to make a my dream trip

**Describe a small business you wish to own.**

**What the business is?**

**Where would you like to start the business?**

**What do you need to do to start it?**

**Explain why would you like to own the business**

I'm going to describe small business I would like to start which is a cafe.

It's my teenager dream to start a cafe on my own which serve well blended coffee and freshly made cakes and pastries. My dream cafe has simple and modern interior design, it doesn't have to be large, but it must have big windows with natural light. There is light music played all the time, and the shop is always decorated with fresh flowers.

Ideally, I would love to have my cafe next to beach, so that my customer can see the beautiful ocean view while they enjoy the food and drinks.

It's not easy to start a business of my own. The first step is gaining experience of managing a cafe. I think it'd be a good idea to work in a cafe for one or two years. On top of that, starting a business requires quite amount of money. I probably will find a trustable partner to do it.

The main reason I would like to own a cafe is because I'm a coffee drinker and I love the coffee culture in Melbourne, and I know it's not always easy to find a place to get quality coffees. I hope my cafe will



be a cozy place that people love which will give a great sense of achievement.

Describe an interesting story you heard from TV program

What story it was?

Where did you hear the story from?

Who did you watch the program with?

Describe why you think the story is interesting.

I'm going to describe an interesting story I heard from TV program which is how kangaroo got its name.

I heard this story from a documentary about Australian native animals when I was a kid. The documentary introduced many interesting knowledge and facts about unique animals such as Koala, wombat and others, it's fascinating.

It's a funny story that the first European arrived in Australia, they saw a strange animal that can jump very fast and carry babies in their pouches. The European asked an Aboriginal what the name was of that stranger animal. The Aboriginal didn't understand English and said "Kan Ga Roo" which is I don't know in Aboriginal language. Since then this strange animal is called Kangaroo.

The reason that I think the story is interesting is because Kangaroo got its name from a misunderstanding which made me laugh.

### Activity

Describe a short journey you dislike but have to make very often

Where do you go?

Who do you go with?

What do you do?

Explain why you dislike the journey

I'm going to describe a short journey I dislike but have to make very often which is going back to my hometown by airplane.

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I'm from Wuhan which is located in central China. It's one of the biggest cities in China which is modern and historical at the same time, there are endless things to do and see.

I go back home once a year during Chinese traditional festivals. Wuhan is 14 hours away from Melbourne by airplane, unfortunately, there's no direct flight. I have to transit in Hong Kong or Guang Zhou. I normally make the trip by myself as I live in Melbourne alone.

There's entertainment provided by airplane, such as magazines, movies and music, however, I still feel boring. The seat on the plane is small, I could barely stretch my legs, and the food is not good either. I can rarely sleep on the plane and I often get muscle pain.

The main reason I don't like the journey is because this 14 hours has never been pleasant or comfortable. On top of that, I don't like to spend such long hours with some many strangers in such a small space

**Describe a sport stadium that's important in your city.**

**Where it is?**

**How often do you go there?**

**What people do there?**

**Explain why think it's important.**

I'm going to describe an important stadium in Melbourne which is MCG. It's short for Melbourne Cricket Centre. It's located in Yarra Park, 10 minutes walk from the Flinders Street Station. It's one of the greatest stadiums in Australia. It's modern and historical at the same time and it's the central stadium of 1956 Melbourne Summer Olympics.

I've been seen this great stadium countless times, however, I've never been there before. The first time I knew MCG was from a documentary about Melbourne when I was in China. It's a must visit place in Melbourne for a tourist

People visit MCG for watching all sorts of events. For example: AFL, Rugby and Crickets games, concerts and charity events. The stadium is not only used for holding events, it also has great entertainment facilities, such as National Sport Museum and world famous café and pub.

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The main reason I think MCG is important is because it's the iconic landmark of Melbourne, it's one of the reasons that people call Melbourne as the sporting capital of the world. Most importantly, it's rich in history and culture. It has witness the development of Melbourne.

Describe a country you would like to work for a short time.

What the country is?

What job would you like to do?

When you would like to go there?

Explain why you want to work in this country.

I'm going to describe a country I would like work for a short time which is France.

France is a European country which has rich culture and history, it's also famous for its amazing food and wine. It's 30-hour flight from Australia and it's one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

I would love to work in France as a tourist guide as France is one of the most popular tourist destinations in China. Thousands of Chinese visitors go to France every year. On top of that tourist guide has always been my dream job since I was a teenager. The job provides opportunity to explore the world and meet different people.

I wish I can go to France as soon as possible, however, i don't think this will happen anytime soon. Because to work as a tourist, I will have to have a better understanding of French culture and its heritage palaces and museums. So that I can interpret to tourists.

The main reason I wish to work in France is because it's a fancinating country. It's modern and historical at the same time, there're endless things to do and see. On top of that French is a beautiful language, I wish I can speak this beautiful language fluently one day.

Describe an occasion when you ate a kind of food for the first time.

What you had?

Where you ate it?

What it was?

Explain how you felt about it.



I'm going to describe an occasion when I ate a kind of food for the first time which is kangaroo steak. Kangaroo meat is red meat that is high in protein which can be bought in the major supermarket in Australia.

It was the first month I came to Australia, I was invited to a Australian family to have BBQ. I was told Australian families are big fans of BBQ.

The Australian family has a beautiful house in Glen Waverley, it has simple and modern design, large space inside and big windows with natural light. We had the BBQ in their backyard, and it smelled delicious.

There are varieties of food, such as sausages, prawns and lamb, and it smelled delicious. I was given a piece of steak, I thought it was beef, but I was told it was kangaroo steak. I was shocked and I didn't feel comfortable to eat kangaroo. I only had a small bit of that steak, the texture was similar to beef, but more chewy. Apart from that I didn't taste anything out of the meat, because I swallowed the meat.

I didn't enjoy the kangaroo meat at all. Because in my perception kangaroo is the iconic animal of Australia, it's cute and smart. I didn't think it was right to eat kangaroo. And that was the first time I felt the culture difference of China and Australia

### 口语新题清单

#### *Person*

Describe a person whose job is useful/important to the society

Describe a person who does well in work

Describe a person who likes travelling by plane

#### *Place*

Describe a foreign country you want to visit but you haven't been to

Describe a long car journey you remember well

Describe a long walk you enjoyed





### *Object*

Describe something you would do if you were given a day off at college or workplace

Describe a law about environment

Describe a special festival in your country

Describe a success you had in your life

Describe a street you like to go to

Describe an article you read from magazines or internet about healthy life

### *Activity*

Describe an occasion that something or someone made noise

Describe an important conversation you have ever had

Describe a time you decided to wait something

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