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Describe an advertisement that you think is successful.
You should say:
what is advertised
what the advertisement contains
what kinds of people would be (or, are) interested in this advertisement
and explain why you think this advertisement works well.

McDonald’s is a world famous restaurant and their advertisements are part of that reason. Recently, on the television, I saw an advertisement about McDonald’s new twin burgers meal. 2 burgers, a black beef burger and a white chicken burger of course they are accompanied with French fries and a cup of coke.

These 2 burgers looked really appetizing and rock music was used as background music urging you to buy this 30RMB meal deal. Of course the size of the burger was exaggerated, in the advertisement the size of the burger was about the size of my head big enough for 5 people to eat however in real life the burgers were about the size of a small apple.

In my opinion this advertisement was extremely successful to young people because they prefer eating fast-food. I purchased this meal many times because of this enticing ad – it was indeed delicious. Furthermore while I was at McDonald’s I saw many people also buying the new meal deal.

This ad works really well because it has a fantastic combination of music, colours and of course the image of the burgers. I’m getting hungry just thinking about this advertisement; maybe I’ll go to McDonalds after this exam.
Ielts Speaking Model: Another Language You Would Learn If You Wanted - Part 2

Describe another language that you would learn, if you wanted.

You should say

The name of this language

How you would learn it

What equipment or facilities you would need to study this language

And explain what difficulties you think you would have when learning this language

There are many languages I would be keen on learning however I guess if I could only choose one it would have to be French. In my opinion French is a very elegant language and also a popular one. It is the second language for most countries including Canada and Australia.

It has also been a dream of mine since I was a child to travel to France. There are many fantastic designer brands in France such as LV and Prada and I'm a girl who is totally passionate about fashion so of course learning French is not a bad idea. I know that most people in France can also speak English but it’s not the same.

I’m sure that learning French wouldn’t be easy. I would have to spend months even years to master this language. Not only do I have to spend time but also money, the fastest way to learn a language is without a doubt to hire a teacher who is fluent in the language.

If one day I have the time and the money I would definitely learn French.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Book or Film About the Future - Part 2

Describe a book or film about the future you read or watched

You should say

What the name of the book or film is

When you read or watched it

What it was about

And explain how you felt about it

Actually I am a huge movie buff and have watched many films about the future however I guess I would choose to talk about a blockbuster by the famous James Cameron, Avatar.

This is a film where people have the technology to go out of space in spaceships and travel to other planets. This movie is about humans going to a planet to mine an expensive mineral however the native inhabitants were resisting the humans. The people started cloning the alien species and transferring their minds into the clones in order to learn about them.

After a while the humans started a war with the aliens however the main character who was a human with his mind transferred into a clone of the aliens helped the clones and even led the aliens to victory.

This movie is truly a fantastic movie about the possibilities of the future and its even better in 3D.
I have read many books as a child but I guess that my favorite book would have to be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roal Dhaol. I read this book when I was in high school cuz my English teacher was a huge Roal Dhaol fan and force the whole class to read it. At first I wasn’t really into this book but by the end I loved it.

It was about a boy who was quite poor and by chance he won the opportunity to be the contestant to be the owner of Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory. Of course in the end he won the competition. This book has taught me a lot, especially to be an honest person and have a good personality and that is the only reason why Charlie won. Not because he was clever or talented but because he was an honest, down to earth guy.

I am a huge fan of this book because when I was a kid I really liked the idea of owning a Chocolate Factory - it was also the first English book I have read. Just talking about this book brings back memories. Maybe I would read it again when I have the time.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Cafe - Part 2

Describe a cafe that you know in your hometown

Where it is

How often you go there

What kind of food they serve there

And explain why you like to eat at this place

I have been to many cafés in China including Starbucks and Costa however I would like to talk about a small café near my home called Mr Coffee. This coffee shop is one that makes really top notch coffee. The coffee there is so good that every time I go there I would order at least three cups – a cup of mocha, a cup of latte and a cup of cappuccino.

Not only is the coffee delicious but the price also isn’t too bad. The drinks there are half the price of the drinks in Starbucks. Furthermore they have a wide range of desserts as well, from puddings to cheese cakes and once again at an affordable price for students like me.

The one thing that I’m most fond of is actually the environment. As soon as you enter the café there is a strong and addictive coffee smell. It’s a quiet place with a classical style with tables and chairs made of oak.

I normally go to this place every Saturday morning to relax. It has free WI-FI so I could play some online games on my laptop or surf the web. This coffee shop is one that I normally wouldn’t recommend to others because I would like to keep the place quiet and not be overcrowded like Starbucks.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Childhood Game - Part 2

Describe a game you enjoyed when you were a child.
You should say:
what the game was
when, where and with whom you usually played it
how you played it
and explain what was special about this game.

When I was a kid I played a multitude of games but my all-time-favorite would have to be monopoly, of course it's the Chinese version. It’s a dice game for 2-8 players where players move pieces on a board. In the game you are able to invest in properties and even gamble – basically a game of chance – the higher the risk the greater the reward, of course you could lose everything as well.

I used to play this game with my middle school dorm mates. If we had time after doing our homework we would play this game secretly at night. This game takes several hours to play so sometimes we would spend a couple of days to just finish 1 game and usually the losers would have to buy lunch for the winner the next day.

This game was a great time killer and also allowed me to have great relationships with my classmates. The game involved many skills such as trading, working with money and of course a little luck is needed as well.

Monopoly is a game that is popular world wide. It is not only a game or children but also adults because it actually needs a lot of strategy. Just talking about this game brings back memories.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Story You Liked - Part 2

Describe a story you liked to listen to when you were a child

You Should Say

What’s the name of the story

Who told you the story

What’s it about

And explain how you feel about this story

There were many stories I heard when I was a child but I guess the most memorable one would have to be “the boy who cried wolf”. I’m sure you have also heard about this story before. It is about a boy who lied to everyone about wolves coming to eat his sheep but he was lying but when the wolves really came and he asked for help, no one believed him.

My mother told me about this story when I was about 4 years old. It was because I lied to her about something…I forgot what it was. Her aim was to get me to stop lying to people because it was wrong. At first I didn’t understand the meaning of this story but once she explained it I realized that I was wrong and apologized

After this I my made my mum tell me this story again and again. Actually I could recite the words of this story but of course only in Chinese.

In my opinion this story is quite meaningful so I would definitely tell this story to my future children and even grandchildren.
Describe a toy that was important to you in your childhood

When you got this toy

How you got this toy

How often you played with it

What you did with this toy

And explain why it was important to you or why you like it

I was a child and my parents gave me many toys, but I guess my favorite would have to be a teddy bear. My dad got me this bear when I was 6 years old on my birthday, actually. I have told him to buy me a bear many times before that but every time he said no and then on my birthday he surprised me with one.

It was a brown bear about half the size of me at the time, so maybe 50 centimeters tall. It was furry on the outside and stuffed with wool on the inside. I’m pretty sure it was quite expensive at the time because the quality wasn’t too bad.

I remember I used to take that bear everywhere with me. I would talk to it like it was my best friend, have tea parties with it, and even slept with it. This lasted for about 2 years. After that I got a little too old for it, I guess. Also, my mom had washed it many times already, so it was a little worn out and even its eyes fell off – she wanted to throw it out but I refused. However, in the end she secretly threw it out anyway.

This bear was quite important to me when I was a child and I will buy my child one in the future.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Piece of Clothing -
Part 2

Describe a piece of clothing you like to wear

You should say:
what it is
what it looks like
where you bought it
and explain how you feel (or felt) about this piece of clothing.

Well you know I'm a girl so there are many clothes I'm quite fond of but it's almost summer so I
guess I would talk about my favorite t-shirt

Last year I went to a DIY clothing store and personally designed my own t-shirt. Before going to
this store I didn't know how to make DIY clothes - it's not really difficult at all. Actually it's just
a white shirt with a picture of a Hello Kitty I made myself. I'm a big fan of Hello Kitty and have
many Hello Kitty clothes but I guess this t-shirt is the cheapest one - only 220 RMB.

This piece of clothing is one that matches with everything and is quite comfortable - I think it's
made of cotton. It's not something I would wear to a formal occasion but I often wear it when I
go out with my friends.

Maybe I will go to the store and make a few more DIY t-shirts.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Crowded Place - Part 2

Describe a time you went to a crowded place.
You should say:
when you went there
what the place was
what you did there
and explain why you went there/ how you felt about the crowded place.

As you may know China has the most population in the world, so there is obviously a multitude of crowded places. The place I would like to describe is a place I often go to, a shopping centre called Tianyi Square. I remember a few months ago, just before the spring festival I received a text message from them saying that there will be a discount sale on Valentines Day, so of course I went.

When I got there I could hardly believe my eyes, there was literally a sea of people. My personal space was often invaded and I even had to push and shove to get past people. It was like a war zone, I even saw 2 middle aged women fighting over the last dress and in the end they ripped the dress in half. I thought that only happened on TV.

It took me about 20 minutes to find a dress I liked and after that I decided to just buy it and quickly get out of there. However the wait time for the queue to pay for clothes took around 1 hour. The cashiers were working as fast as they could yet there were just too many people and it was just too chaotic.

After this experience I have decided to never go to a sale like that again. I would seriously rather pay a little more so that I don't have to be in a crowd like that.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Future Job - Part 2

Describe a job you would like to do in the future
You should say

What the job would be

What you would do in that job

How you can get the job

And explain why you would like to do that job

It has always been my dream to be a singer ever since I was a child. When I was a kid I used to be a singing talent - I would win many singing competitions and represented the school in the choir. However, because of the pressure of the College Entrance Exam I had to stop singing and focus on my studies to go to a good university.

The main reason why I'd like to be a singer is cuz it would allow me to inspire the world. I'm quite fond of the idea that people would be listening to my songs and trying to be more like me - a nice guy.

These days, the only time I sing is probably in the shower or when I'm at a karaoke bar with my friends. I even had a plan for how to spend all the money I would make once I became famous guess I'll have to earn money the old fashioned way now - by starting my own company.

If I had a chance I would definitely choose to be a singer but I'm still quite realistic and that's why I'm going abroad to study business.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Gift - Part 2

Describe a gift you gave to someone

You should say

What the gift was

Who you gave it to

Why you gave it

And explain whether this person liked the gift or not

Well I have given presents to many people for all kinds of reasons but I guess I'll talk about my best friend's last birthday present. Last month was my best friend, Tina's birthday and a few weeks before that she accidentally lost her iPhone 4S on the bus. As a result she was quite upset - her parents were really angry as well and told her they wouldn't buy her a new one.

Luckily for her I won the school singing competition and the prize was a brand new black iPhone 5. I already had one so I gave it to her at her birthday party. I still remember her face light up when she saw the iPhone box. She actually thought I was playing a joke on her and that I just gave her an empty box. However when she saw the phone inside she seriously cried and hugged me so hard I wasn't able to breathe.

This was probably the most pricey gift I have given to anyone in my life but I believe it was worth it. After all, you can't buy friendship.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Good Parent - Part 2

Describe a good parent you know.
You should say:
who the parent is
how you know the parent
what the parent looks like
and explain why you think the parent is good.

In this world there are a multitude of different types of relationships parents choose to have with their kids. Some parents choose to be the servants of their children, willing to do anything for them. Others would rather dominate their children, meaning they would try their best for their children to comply with them. However the good parent I’m going to talk about is my uncle who chose to be his child’s friend.

My uncle is a tall man who has a gentle looking face. He is a little bald and has a good figure, not too thin and not too chubby.

He has an extremely good relationship with my cousin, his son. They are able to interact freely and even share secrets. You know, communication is quite important for family members to maintain a good relationship.

I even think my uncle works harder than most parents. Because he is divorced, he tries extra hard to play the role of both the mother and the father. He has to do all of the parenting such as cook my cousin’s meals, take him to school AND bring home the bacon at the same time - Seriously a super dad.

My uncle is a role model for parents everywhere; I wish my father was more like him!
Ielts Speaking Model: A Good Teacher -Part 2

Describe a good teacher you had when you were a child

Who the teacher is

What he or she taught you

How often you spoke to him or her

And explain why you think he or she is a good teacher.

Like most students I have had many terrible teachers and a few good ones but the one I’m going to talk about is my middle school science teacher, Mr. Li. He looks like a typical teacher who dresses neatly, wears very thick glasses and has messy hair however his teaching style is really different.

He is a teacher who is always polite and always has a smile on his face - although he has been my science teacher for 3 years, I have never seen him yell at any of my classmates or even raise his voice. Furthermore he would always make sure that we were wearing our safely gear correctly during science experiments and stay after class if we had any questions about the work he talked about in class - he is a teacher who cares about all his students.

His personality isn’t the only thing that makes him a good teacher. He is quite knowledgeable about science; he even memorized the whole periodic table. He isn’t just a textbook teacher; he would use activities and games in his class to make sure we know the theories and mathematical equations inside out.

In the future I hope my child would have a teacher like Mr. Li.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Happy Event - Part 2

Describe an event that made you happy.

You should say

What the event was

When and where it happened

Who participated in this event

What you saw or did

And explain why this event was so enjoyable

There are many things that made me happy but I guess I would like to talk about what happened last week. My mum took me to a place called Yaohang road which is a street with many stores that sell all kinds of goods and also a variety of different kinds of restaurants.

You know summer is coming so last week my mother took me to this street to buy some new clothes. We shopped for about 2 hours before we realized we can’t carry anymore bags so we stopped. I was really happy with the clothes we bought because they were all really good quality and designer brands.

After that we went to a famous Chinese traditional restaurant for dinner and the food was just fantastic. The seafood was fresh, the vegetables were cooked just right and the dessert was delicious.

This was probably the happiest shopping experience with my mother. I wish we would go there again soon.
Ielts Speaking Model: An Interesting Historical Event - Part 2

Describe an interesting event in history you know

You should say

Who the event was

When and where it occurred

Who was leading the event

How you know about it

And explain why you think it was interesting

As you know China has a 5000 year history so there are many historical events that have occurred but I guess I would talk about the establishment of the People’s Republic of China.

You know the current government of China is still quite young. On October the 1st 1949, Chairman Mao who was the first chairman of China announced to the world that China was changing its government and that is the government we know today. In Chinese we call this “The New China”

Because of this event there is a 1 week public holiday every year to celebrate national day which is why I’m quite fond of this event. In fact every Chinese person knows about this event because we are taught this in our history classes. In fact most I’m quite a big fan of history – especially modern history such as World War 1 and 2. I love my country and I believe a patriot should know how things began and that is why I chose to talk about this.

And yeah that’s sums up a historical event.
Ielts Speaking Model: A History Book - Part 2

Describe a book about history you recently read

You Should Say

What the name of the book is

When you read this book

What content it has

And explain how you feel about this book

Well there are not many books about history that would interest a student like me so I guess I can only talk about my high school textbook. For history class all of the students are given a history textbook and in my opinion they are really really boring. For me history is just about names and dates of people I don't care about and what they did. Also a lot of this book is about ancient history which is not really relevant to me. I’ll tell you a secret – I find my history teacher very boring, every class he just reads from this book or tell us to copy what he writes from the PPT. This book is about 300 pages long and we are told to remember everything inside – my teacher is crazy. Even the cover of the book is blue and only has a picture of a map - boring The only thing I am fond of in this book is the part about modern history for example one lesson we read about the establishment of the People’s Republic of China. If you have been in China for a long time you will know our National day is October the first and this is because in 1949 Chairman Mao announced to the world about China’s new government and that is the beginning of the government we know today.

From my point of view this is much more meaningful to learn rather than the different kings and dynasties throughout Chinese history. However 80 percent of the book is about that.
Describe an important message you received by phone, email or text

What the message was

Who it was from

What you did after you got this message

And explain why the message was important

I have received many important messages in my life such as my cousin is pregnant or my I have been given a conditional offer by a university from Australia however the most recent one would have to be a text message from a department store called In-Time. To be able to receive this messages from them you would have to apply for a membership card and give them your phone number.

It was a few months ago and In-Time had a huge sale. Everything was 50% off, this news is quite important to me because I’m a girl who is really crazy about the latest fashion but as you know I’m only a student so I don’t have the money to buy clothes that are too expensive so a sale like this is my heaven. Normally I would only be able to buy 1 dress but because of the 50% sale I would be able to buy 2.

As soon as I received this message I called my friends and we organized a trip to go shopping. I was so excited I wasn’t able to sleep the night before. When I went there I bought about 2000RMB worth of merchandise so I saved 2000RMB - a true bargain!

This message was really important to me and I hope I get another message about a 50% discount sale in the near future.
Ielts Speaking Model: An important occasion you were late - Part 2

Describe an important occasion when you were late You should say

When this happened

What occasion you were late for

Why you were late

And explain what happened as a result of your lateness

I’m usually quite a punctual person but I was late for a very important job interview. It actually wasn’t really my fault, there was a huge traffic jam because the interview was during peak hour and I was stuck in traffic for over an hour due to a car crash.

It was an interview for a part-time job for an office worker. When I got there the interviewer clearly wasn’t happy and as you can guess I obviously didn’t get the job – tried to explain it to him but I guess he didn’t believe me or didn’t care. After all, in this world it’s the results that people care about, no one cares about the process.

When I got home and told my mum about this she just smiled and told me it was ok and I could find a job at another place. It was not until 2 weeks after that did I find a job. It was quite a memorable experience.

From this experience it was clear to me how important being on time is and I haven’t been late to anything again after this event.
Ielts Speaking Model: An important plant - Part 2

Describe an important plant in your country

You should say

What the plant is

How you know it

Why it is important

And explain how you like the plant

There are many important plants in my country but I guess I’ll talk about the apple tree. As you know there is a saying “an apple a day keeps the doctor away” so of course you can see how important the apple is to humans. The tree produces apples which are high in vitamin C and also quite delicious too. Every year billions of apples are eaten by people world wide so you can imagine how important they are to farmers cuz they need them for money.

Furthermore apple trees have a lot of leaves. My biology teacher says that the world needs more plants with a lot of leaves because the leaves of plants can turn carbon dioxide in oxygen and without oxygen the human race would be over – I believe this process is called photosynthesis.

In addition animals also eat apples and because this plant is tall and green it can attract many animals - some birds even make their nests on the apple tree sometimes.

As I just mentioned the apple tree is a really multifunctional plant and that is why I'm really fond of the apple tree. I even think without the apple tree the world would be a sadder place.
Ielts Speaking Model: An Interesting Country - Part 2

Describe an interesting country (not your own) you like

You should say

What the Country is

How you know the Country

What you know about the Country

And explain why you think the Country is Interesting

It has always been my dream to travel around the world so it’s quite difficult for me to talk about just one interesting country but I guess I would have to choose Australia. I have never been there but I would be keen on going there with my parents – I’m sure it would be a wonderful experience.

I had a friend that went there and told me all about it. The thing I’m most fond of in Australia would be the environment. The air is really clean and you can see the blue sky…unlike China, they have very strict rules about factories that produce pollution – the pollution is a very big problem here but the government doesn’t seem to care.

What’s more there are many unique animals that are native to Australia which are just absolutely adorable. The kangaroo and the koala are 2 animals I’m quite keen on seeing. If I could I would even keep a kangaroo as a pet.

There are also many famous attractions in Australia such as the Sydney Opera House and the Gold Coast – the casino is also a place I wouldn’t mind visiting.

I have told my dad many times that I would like to go there and that is why I’m going to Australia to study.
Describe an interesting person you recently met.

Who the person was

When and where you met this person

What you did together

And explain why you think the person was interesting

I know many interesting people but I would like to talk about a person who often sells snacks at the food stand near my home. He is called Mister Wang and is about 60 years old and he started selling snacks on my street this year. He has a long face with a lot of wrinkles and a thin body. One of the first things you will notice when you see him is his thick beard which kind of makes him look a little like Santa.

We often have brief conversations and I think he is a fun person to talk to. He doesn't really act his age and usually tells a lot of jokes and has an open mind. I sometimes tell him about my life and he would tell me about his. In fact he doesn't sell snacks for the money but he does it because he doesn't have to be at home alone.

His snacks are delicious, especially his fried chicken wings and tofu – other stores really cannot compare with his. I guess its because the ingredients he uses are better quality.

I guess that sums up Mister Wang, the person who I believe is quite interesting.
Ielts Speaking Model: A person who became an intimate friend at the first meeting - Part 2

Describe a person who became your intimate friend at the first meeting

Who the person was

When you first met the person

What you did together

And explain why you became friends at the meeting

I have only one friend that became my close friend at the first meeting and that was my high school classmate. His English name is Robert and is the same age and was in the same class as mine.

The reason why we became such good friends is because on the first day of school we both arrived late because of the traffic jam and were scolded by the teacher. After that we discovered that we were desk mates and also roommates. When we first talked we discovered that we had similar hobbies and opinions on things so we instantly clicked.

As you know the first friend that you make in school is really important. We were almost inseparable - we would play basketball when we were at school and often played computer games when we got home. We even helped each other get a girlfriend.

Robert is the first and probably the last friend I will make at the first meeting because I’m actually a shy guy so making friends instantly is unusual for me.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Library - Part 2

Describe a library that you know.
You should say:
where it is
when you went there
what books and facilities this library has
and explain what you like or dislike about this library.

Like everyone else I have been to a multitude of libraries but I believe the most impressive one would have to be my university library. I believe it was built by a world famous architect who was into Chinese culture - I can’t remember his name. His masterpiece – this library looks like an ancient Chinese palace on the outside, on the inside it was just like an ordinary library. I believe this library got a lot of funding because it has a huge collection of limited edition books.

I often visited this library because of the atmosphere in the studying area – it was a quiet place filled with students who are studying or reading books. If I were at home I never would have the motivation to even open my books to begin studying since computer games are just too enticing.

The computer room is also one of the most prevalent places because students who didn't have a computer were able to do some research on the internet or just surf the web – some students may secretly try to play games on the computer but this library has a fantastic security system. If people try to play games on the computer an alarm would go off and security would escort the student out of the library and he or she would be banned from the library for a month.

This library is truly a wonderful place for students to read and study, I hope I could find a library like that after I go abroad.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Machine or Electronic Device - Part 2

Describe a machine or electronic device you would like to buy

You should say

What special features it would have

How you know about it

How much it would cost

How you would use this thing

And explain why you would like to have it

Like most people my age I would really like to have a better mobile phone, to be more specific an iPhone 5. Most of my friends have one and it’s making me super jealous. They often make fun of me because my parents only bought me a Nokia. I guess phones made by Nokia are quite durable and takes a lot of hard work to break but they lack several functions that I desire.

I guess the main reason I would like to buy the iPhone 5 is cuz of the touch screen – most phones these days have one but none can compare with the one made by Apple. Also the sound quality of the iPhone earphones is top notch – I listen to music a lot when I commute to and from school so sound quality is quite important.

I know it’s a little bit expensive, maybe about 4800RMB which is about 2 months pay for the average Chinese person but the functions of the phone really outweighs the cost.

The iPhone 5 is truely a phone that is worth its price and I hope I could get one soon. I may even choose to get a part-time to save up enough money to buy one.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Mathematics Class - Part 2

Describe a mathematics class you attended at primary school

You should say

When you attended the class

What the teacher taught

What you did

And explain what you learned from the class

Ever since I was a kid I have always been good at mathematics. Arithmetic is probably the one of the first things I learnt in primary school and I still remember the lesson when my teacher taught my class how to add.

First we revised what we did last lesson which was learn to count. After that the teacher taught as the rules of addition such as an odd number plus an odd number must equal an even number. The teacher actually taught it in a very boring way. All he did was write the rules on the board and told us to copy them down and remember them.

Actually I already knew all this cuz my dad taught me a long time ago. He bought me a pc game which gets kids to practice addition, subtract, multiplication and division. So when the teacher made gave us a quiz in that class I aced it and he praised me in front of the entire class.

Now that I think about out it I'm probably so good at maths because of this class.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Music group/Band/Singer- Part 2

Describe a music group/band/singer in your country

You should say

Which person or band

Who often likes listening to their/his/her songs

What kind of music they/he/she/sing(s)

And explain why you admire them/him/her

There are many singers in my country that I’m a huge fan of but I guess my favorite one would have to be a woman called Faye Wong. She is a middle aged woman who has been famous in China for over 10 years so I have been listening to her songs since I was a Child.

She usually sings pop songs not only in Chinese but also in English. The reason why I admire her so much is because her English pronunciation is fantastic – there are many Chinese singers who try to sing in English but to be honest most of them have really bad pronunciation. Also the lyrics are really moving and the rhythm of her songs is quite catchy.

My favorite song by Faye Wong is an English song called “Eyes on Me”. It was the theme song of a very famous video game and it’s about a love story between a man and a woman but in the end they didn’t end up together – I nearly cried when I first heard this song, it’s quite moving.

Faye Wong is a singer who is nationally renowned in China and if you have the chance you could listen to her songs too.
Ielts Speaking Model: An Occasion Someone Visited Your Home - Part 2

Describe an occasion when someone visited your home.

Who visited your home

What the occasion was

What you did

And explain how you felt about this occasion

There have been many people that have visited my home over the past few years but I guess I’ll talk about the time my mum’s high school classmate; Miss Lee came to visit my home. In fact it was only last month; she has been in American for the past 10 years because she immigrated there. Although she was in America she has kept in touch with many of her friends and family members using an online chat program called QQ.

When she came back to China my mother invited her to our home for dinner. She brought us some gifts such as dark chocolate and also make up. For dinner we had dumplings – my mum made them herself and they were also my favorite. We had an interesting conversation about her life abroad and then our life in China.

We ended the day by playing Mahjong which is a very famous Chinese game. It was so fun that we played it until 2am in the morning I won. When she left she said she would visit us 1 more time before she goes back to America and she also invited us to visit her there.

This was a wonderful occasion and I would definitely visit her in the US of I had the chance.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Perfect Holiday - Part 2

Describe a perfect holiday you want to have in the future

You should say

Who you will travel together with

Where you will spend the holiday

What you will do on holiday

And explain why you think it will be a perfect holiday

Ever since I was a little girl I have always wanted to travel to France. I guess it may be because I have watched many movies and they all say that Paris, the capital city of France is the world’s most romantic city.

I would probably go with a few of my classmates – holidays are normally boring if you travel alone and also it’s much safer to travel as a group. I’d have to be the trip planner cuz that way we could go to all the places that I want to go, of course I would take there opinions under consideration. I’m don’t really fancy backpacking so we would be living in 4 or 5 star hotels and order room service everyday, I heard that French chefs are the best in the world and the food they cook is just divine.

There are many famous designer brands in France and you know I’m a girl who is really crazy about fashion so of course shopping is one thing that I cannot do without. However, the most important thing I would like to do is meet a Frenchman and let him show me what romance is all about.

I know a holiday like this would be very expensive but I hope one day I can accomplish this dream.
Describe a person who has an important job.
You should say:
who the person is
where the person works
what the person does in the job
and explain why you think the person’s job is important.

I know a multitude of people who have important jobs but I would have to talk about my cousin Liping who has works as a tourist guide mainly focusing on foreigners visiting China. Liping is 25 years old and is quite an attractive young lady with long legs and a slim body not to mention she has mastered not just English and Chinese but also French.

The reason why I guess her job is so important is because she has to socialize with foreigners all day long. She is representing China and the impression she leaves on those foreigners is very important. In addition to that she has to educate people about Chinese history and culture so people worldwide can understand more about China and its people.

Tourist guides like my cousin really have an important job. They would take tourists to the city’s attractions and stores. This helps the countries GDP hence the government would provide the locals with more benefits. Without people like Liping the country may not make as much money every year.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Photo - Part 2

Describe a photo you like

Where the photo was taken

Who took the photo

What can be seen from the photo

And explain why you like this photo

Like most people in the world I have many memorable photos but I guess an interesting one would probably be of me and an Egyptian at the Shanghai world expo.

Well it’s actually a funny story. During the 2010 World Expo there were many exhibitions with very long lines and in fact the first time I went I waited for 8 hours. So the second time I decided to visit exhibitions that have shorter lines and the Egyptian was one of them – I only had to wait for 10 minutes.

When I got to the front of the Egyptian exhibition one of the workers pulled me to the side and forced me to take a photo with him. I was a little scared at the time but it’s quite interesting thinking back. So anyways, my mum took a photo of us and he let me go.

When I got back to my hometown I printed this photo and now it’s in one of my photo albums. I’m fond of this photo because this was the first time I have ever taken a photo with a foreigner and with such a strange experience as well.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Picnic or Meal Outdoors - Part 2

Describe a picnic or meal that you ate outdoors.

You should say

Where you had this meal

Who was with you

What you ate and drank

And explain why you enjoyed this picnic or outdoor meal.

Well actually I don’t really eat outdoors much but I had an outdoor barbecue last summer. My dad is a big fan of American TV dramas and he often sees people go out to have a barbecue on those shows so he planned a barbecue at the beach. The reason why the barbecue was held at the beach was cuz there was plenty of space and we could also do some fishing too – I actually spent 2 hours that day next to the fishing rod but didn’t catch anything.

To prepare for this of course we bought the cooking equipment and meat – a lot of meat! My dad also had to practice making a few burgers at home so that he didn’t look like a fool on the actually day we had the barbecue. Of course we called our friends about a month in advance to tell them to keep their calendars free.

Most people who went this event also brought a plate of food or drinks so we had a variety of food and drinks – including alcohol. In the end the outdoor barbecue was a great success. Most people satisfied with the food and how my dad organized this barbecue.

As you know summer is coming and since the last outdoor barbecue was such a success I think we maybe have another one this summer. There is a girl from my class that I especially would like to ask to this party – if the party is a success I’m might ask her out, if it fails I'll ask her out anyway (tough competition).
Ielts Speaking Model: A Place in Work or School - Part 2

Describe a place in work or in school you’ve been to.

You should say

Where this place is

What this place looks like

What you did there

And explain how you felt about this place

There are many places that I have been to in my school but I guess I would talk about the place I visit the most and that would be the Library. My school library is about 20 years old and is quite big - about 300 meters squared and 3 stories tall. It is made out of brick and has a classical style inside.

The library of my school is I guess one of the only places that I can study. This is probably because of the atmosphere - there are no distractions, everyone is focusing on there study or reading library books. The librarians are really nice and I always ask them for help because it takes me about 10 minutes to find a book but it only takes them 1 minute.

There is also a computer room in the library so students could do their school assignments or surf the internet for information but some students would secretly play games on the computer. I often see the security guard catch students playing games and then throwing them out of the library – its very fun to watch.

And yeah that sums up my school library.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Place You Listen To Music - Part 2

Describe a place you know where people go to listen to music

You should say

Where it is

What kind of music is performed there

What type of people go there

Why people go there

How you know this place

And explain your impression of this place

I have been to many places to listen to music but I guess I’ll talk about my school concert. Once a year my school will hold a music concert which is a day where both teachers and students sing and dance. It’s a day where we can let loose and forget about our troublesome studies and do something entertaining.

This concert is held at the school a few days after the final exam of the year and all students are invited to come – no entrance fee (actually is compulsory so we have no choice but to go). The students who sing and dance on the stage are all hand picked by the music and dance teachers and actually they have to start practicing for a few months before the event. The teachers who sing are actually nominated by the students in the school – they just want to see the teachers make fools of themselves.

Usually the music’s played by the school band and the songs are the popular ones that most people know about. Last year they played “Gangnam Style” and “Love Story” by Taylor Swift.

In my opinion the school should have more events like this one cuz it helps the students and teachers bond. I’m looking forward to the next concert.
Describe a polite person you know

Who the person is

How you know the person

What the person looks like

And explain why you think the person is polite

I know many people but sadly not many of them are polite. I’d like to talk about my middle school science teacher, Mr. Wang. He looks like a typical teacher who dresses neatly, wears very thick glasses and has messy hair. When people see him for the first time they usually have the impression that he gets angry easily and is quite mean. However, looks can be deceiving.

He is a teacher who is always polite and always has a smile on his face - although he has been my science teacher for 3 years, I have never seen him yell at any of my classmates or even raise his voice. Most teachers might talk to parents in a nice manner but treat students really poorly but not him. He treats us really well and sometimes even plays basketball with us.

I guess the reason he is polite is because he has lived over 10 years in Japan and has been influenced by some of there culture or it may be because he is still only a low level teacher. Some people change once they get power – like my Uncle. He used to be a nice person until he became a big boss of company.

Mr. Wang is someone I look up to because he has a good personality and is polite. I hope to be like him one day.
Describe a positive change in your life.
You should say:
when it happened
where it happened
what the change was
and explain how you have benefited from this change.

A few months ago there was a huge change in my life – I was employed by an import/export company as a secretary. It was actually a recommendation by my college professor. It was quite a challenging experience cuz I had zero work experience and was also quite unfamiliar with the company software. Luckily my colleagues have all been quite helpful and would often come to my aid like knights in shining armor.

Since then my life has really turned around. I’m now able to do my job independently and even help the newer employees with their work. It has been a great experience for me and I’m quite proud of myself since I don't have to beg my parents for pocket money anymore.

After getting this job my life has seriously changed a lot and I’m quite happy about this cuz I have learnt a great deal about how to work with others. I have changed a lot and will keep changing in the future – after all nothing is permanent expect for change.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Radio Program - Part 2

Describe a radio program you enjoy listening to

You should say

What the program is

When and where you listen to it

How often you listen to it

And explain why you think it is interesting

There are many radio programs in my city but I guess my favorite one would have to be a program called Happy English on FM 90.4. It is a program that is broadcasted once a week on Sunday from 8pm to 9pm.

As the name suggests this program is about English - to be more precise teaching English to Chinese people. They usually talk about interesting things about foreign countries such as the different cultures and of course teach listeners useful English phrases that a native English speakers would use - in fact many of the words I am using for this test was learnt from this program.

In my opinion this program is quite useful for English learners like me and I often listen to it. However there is a big problem with this show - it is broadcasted at a bad time. Not many people would listen to the radio at 8pm on a Sunday.

And yeah that sums up a radio program.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Room - Part 2

Describe a room you spend most of the time in
where the rooms is
what the room looks like
what you did in that room
and explain why you spent most of your time in that room.

There are many rooms in my home but I honestly don't think you can guess which one I spend most of my time in. It’s the kitchen! My kitchen is very well equipped with the latest and most sophisticated cooking tools such as a microwave oven that not only heats food but also has the function to barbecue meat or even make stew. It is also quite big compared with other kitchens – about 40 square meters. It is actually divided into 2 sections, 1 area is designed for making Chinese food and the other, western food. My forte is actually making Italian food because I once had a neighbor from Italy who worked as a chef in a 5 star hotel and she would often invite me over for dinner. I normally helped with the cooking so I have learned quite a bit, even how to wash dishes the proper way.

I actually started spending most of my time in the kitchen cuz I lost confidence in the restaurants around my home – the food isn’t really tasty and if you read or watch the news you would know that there are a lot of problems with the oil and hygiene in many restaurants around China. These days I spend a lot of my time in the kitchen experimenting with recipes that I got from the internet. My parents would return home to a table full of delicious food. As you know I’m from Ningbo therefore I had to eat from restaurants the past few days because of this exam. I miss my kitchen and my own cooking a little.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Science Lesson - Part 2

Describe a Science Lesson that you had in School or University (such as biology, chemistry or physics).

You should say

When you attend this lesson

Where you attend this lesson

What you learned

And explain what happened in the lesson.

I have had many science lessons but I guess I will talk to you about a physics class when I was in high school. In my opinion physics is a really boring subject – all you do in physics is learn about boring theories or do long and meaningless mathematics problems.

One lesson my teacher was using a PPT about Newton’s 3 laws and their theories, equations and so on. He actually made us copy every single word on that PPT into our exercise books. I thought that it was a really useless lesson. In my opinion he should have just given us the printout of the PPT instead. It would have saved a lot of time and you know high school students really don't have time to waste.

This class was actually one of the first classes I had with this teacher and after that day I stopped respecting him and in his class I would just do the homework of other classes because everything he makes us copy into our books is already in the textbook so I could just read it for myself.

I don't think physics is boring but I wish classes could be more interesting however I guess that's the Chinese teaching style. That’s why I’m going abroad!
Ielts Speaking Model: A Science Subject - Part 2

Describe a science subject that you studied in high school
You should say:
the name of the subject
what you did in this class
how the teacher taught it
and explain how you felt about this subject / this class

It has been a while since I was at high school but I guess the most memorable science subject would have to be biology. Out of the 3 science subjects it was the most fascinating due to the fact that it was about the study of life and I have always been an inquisitive child – I really like to know how things work or why things happen.

I was a huge fan of this class due to the fact that the class wasn't just learning about theories and doing math calculations like chemistry and physics. We also were able to do meaningful experiments such as dissecting a cow’s eye or a sheep’s brain.

I guess my teacher was also one of the mean reasons I was fond of Biology. He always taught in an interesting way with funny jokes and interesting examples. He wasn't like my history teacher, who was a textbook teacher – he only read from the textbook while teaching and told us to memorize names and dates.

Biology was my favorite class in high school and I would like to continue my further studies in biology when I go abroad.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Rule In School - Part 2

Describe a rule in school you agree or disagree with

What the rule is

Why it is needed

How the rule is enforced

and explain why you agree of disagree with this rule

Well as you may know there are many school rules in Chinese schools such as, you can’t have a boyfriend or girlfriend or you must wear an ugly uniform but I would like to talk about the rule “students cannot bring a mobile phone to school”.

This rule started about 5 years ago because too many students were taking their phones to school. The school is also quite strict as well; if you’re caught with a cell phone the teacher will just take your phone and never give it back. I’m sure my teacher has made a lot of money selling phones in the black market.

I know that mobile phones have many drawbacks such as they can be addictive, hence affect our studies or students might use them to cheat in a test but I also think they have many benefits.

Not many people in my schools like this rule because mobile phones are just very convenient. I study in a boarding school and sometimes my parents need to reach me but it’s a hassle because they have to call the school and then get my teacher to call me to the phone. Also phones have Chinese/English dictionaries they may be very useful for our studies.

Although I believe they do have some valid reasons for having this rule I think it should be removed.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Seaside Place - Part 2

Describe a seaside place you like to visit
You should say
Where it is
What you like about it
What you do there
Who you go there with
And explain why you like to visit it

There are many places near the sea but none can compare with the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, Australia. It’s a place I have been to many times but every time I go there it still amazes me.

As you may know the Great Barrier Reef is one of the 7 wonders of the world and it really lives up to its name. The water is crystal clear without any rubbish and the view is just spectacular. My city is a coastal city called Ningbo and the beaches there are a little dirty and sometimes you can see people washing their clothes with sea water – not a wonderful site to see.

Every time I would go there with my friends and the first thing we would do is to build a huge sand castle. After that we would feel really hot and sweaty so obviously we would cool ourselves down in the water. We usually wouldn’t swim too far from the shore because we’re afraid the coast guard couldn’t see us and we might get eaten by sharks. Although some people say “sharks are more scared of us than we’re scared of them” I’m pretty sure those people are wrong.

The Great Barrier Reef is a great place to visit and I look forward to visiting that place again in the near future.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Shopping Street - Part 2

Describe a street where you like to go shopping

You should say

Where it is

What you buy there

How often you go there

And explain why you like go to the street for shopping

There are quite a few shopping streets I frequently visit in my hometown but I guess I’ll talk about Yaohang Rd. It’s actually quite a unique place for shopping. On one side of the street are big department stores and supermarkets on the other side are small shops and food stands.

As you know I’m as student so I usually only visit the side of the street with food and small shops since the clothing stores there are normally cheaper – even though they are knock offs. I once bought a pair for fake Nike shoes there for only 50Yuan – what a bargain! The food from the snack stalls also aren’t too bad but I try not to eat there cuz the food may be a little dirty.

There is only one reason why I would visit the other side of the street and that is because there is a cinema there. I’m a huge movie buff and would watch all the good movies that come out – luckily I’m a student so my classmates and I can get a 50 percent discount which is the student price.

When I get back too my hometown the first thing I’m gonna do is go to this street cuz I need to buy new clothes for summer and I hear there is also a new movie out.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Show or Performance - Part 2

Describe a show or performance that you enjoyed watching

What kind of performance it was

When and where you saw it

Who you saw it with

Who the performers were

And explain why you attended this performance

I have seen many performances but I guess magic shows would have to be my all time favorite. Last week I went to see a magic show by a not-so-famous magician with my girlfriend - he didn't even have an attractive assistant. Actually I'm a little bit of a magician myself and often go to shows like this one to see new tricks and try to learn them or at least figure out how it's done.

Anyway most of the tricks he performed where really old fashioned such as cutting a person in half or the flying daggers with eyes blindfolded. However there was one trick that really amazed me. It was actually a trick that looked simple but I haven't seen before. The magician got a very long piece of string, about 2 meters long and cut it in half. Then tied a very strange knot. After that he asked 2 people from the audience to pull on both sides of the rope and it turned into one piece of string again. There was no way he swapped the string so I'm still dazzled.

Although the rest of the show was lame, I would definitely watch his show again to figure out how that trick is done.
Ielts Speaking Model: Something Healthy You Did - Part 2

Describe something healthy you did recently

You should say

What you did

When you did it

Whether you enjoy doing it

And explain how it benefit you health.

When as you know I’m a girl and most Chinese girls don't often do health activities however last month I started going to the gym. As you can see I am not very strong and would like to make my body fitter so my friend and I joined a gym together, in fact it was quite expensive for a student like me 1500RMB for a year. It was a rather new gym with really high tech facilities. At first my friend and I only used the treadmills but after about 2 weeks we were able to use nearly every machine in the gym.

Yoga classes are also offered at this gym and we now attend yoga classes about 3 times a week. After a full day of study, doing some yoga can really relax the body. When I wake up in the morning I even feel more energetic.

Exercising in a gym is a really healthy thing that I think everyone should do. I have introduced many of my friends to this gym so we often chat and exercise together.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Special Meal - Part 2

Describe a special meal you were invited to

You should say

When you were invited

Who invited you

What you ate

And explain how you felt about the meal

As you may know, it’s part of Chinese culture to eat out with other people so there are many special meals I have been to. I guess I’ll talk about my friend, Bob’s birthday party. Bob’s birthday was 2 months ago and it is customary to invite your friends to an expensive restaurant on your birthday in China so he organized a party.

The party was located at a restaurant called the Nine Dragons restaurant it’s quite famous in my city because it’s a 5 star restaurant and is famous for its seafood and fancy desserts. On this day my friend invited about 20 of his closes friends and we all drank and ate until we were really stuffed.

The food was just fantastic Bob ordered fresh lobster and abalone long with a lot of other expensive dishes. Also the birthday cake was just crazy I believe it was a 20 inch tiramisu – my favorite! I had a glance at the bill I think it was about six thousand yuan – I wish I was that rich. After the meal we went and sang at a karaoke place until midnight.

This was truly one of the most memorable meals. I wish my birthday was has great as Bob’s.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Sporting Event You Enjoyed Watching - Part 2

Describe a sporting event you enjoyed watching.
You should say:
what event it was
what happened at this event
who you watched it with
and explain why you enjoyed watching this event.

As a huge sports fan I’d say that the most widespread sporting event would probably be the Summer Olympic Games which is held once every four years. Hence the sporting event I will talk about is the 2012 Olympics Games which were held in London.

As you may know the Olympics Games is a sporting event where athletes from all over the world compete against each other while representing their own countries. It includes different types of sports such as ball sports, athletics, gymnastics and etcetera.

My father is quite fond of swimming so I remember one evening we were watching the 1500m free style on television. When I was watching this I was thinking about how long and how hard the swimmers must have trained in order for them to swim 1500m without stopping. To my surprise the winner of this race was actually a Chinese competitor, Sun Young. My father was really overjoyed because China has never won a gold medal in swimming before. The next day it was all over the news and all the media was praising him.

It is because of the fierce competition and surprises in the Olympics that make it my all-time favorite sporting event. I am looking forward to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.
Describe a film or TV show that made you laugh a lot.

You should say:

What it was

When it happened

Who was with you

And explain why you laughed/ why you still remember this event

That are many funny TV shows that I'm a fan of but my favorite one would have to be a show called Happy Camp. It's a prevalent entertainment show that is broadcasted every Saturday evening from 8pm to 10pm. I often watch this show because it's quite interesting. There are 5 hosts and they have really funny personalities.

Usually this program invites famous celebrities to their show and not just Chinese stars but famous people from all over the world including Korean pop stars or NBA players.

On this show the hosts would talk about interesting things or play jokes on the guests. They also play games, some of which can get a little bit crazy like a water gun fight and sometimes the water even hits the audience.

Watching programs like this can improve my mood and in my opinion I should watch more shows like Happy Camp. It is my all time favorite show and since today is Saturday I will watch it tonight.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Time You Helped Others - Part 2

Describe a time when you helped someone.
You should say:
who you helped
how you helped them
why you helped them
and explain how this person benefited from your help.

Nowadays it is quite common for people to help each other since society has become more dependant on each other - especially for those around us who have suffered from great tragedy or a natural disaster. Naturally I am also quite willing to give a helping hand to those who need it.

I once helped a girl who survived the 2008 Sichuan earthquake - it was a devastating disaster. Her name was Liping and lost her parents during that tragic devastating event. She was also hurt quite bad during earthquake and needed money for an important operation, her leg was crush by a falling object and without an operation she would have lost it. I saw this on the news and sent her all my pocket that I had accumulated for several years because I felt quite sorry for her and wanted to do what I could for the survivors of that earthquake. I knew i couldn't save everyone but this one person is enough.

Luckily for her, the operation was successful. A few weeks after her operation she sent me a handwritten letter, thanking me for my donation and even attached a photo of herself – I was quite pleased with myself.

This is the greatest thing I have ever done in my life and I am still proud of doing it. This experience has inspired me to study hard and get a good job in the future so that I could help even more people. That is why I'm going abroad - to not only get a good education but also to learn how the charities work there.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Trip By Public Transport - Part 2

Describe a trip by public transport you had

You should say

When and where you went

Why you took the trip

What you did and saw on the trip

And explain how you felt about the trip

As you know I’m a student and I often take all kinds of public transportation but I guess I’ll talk about my experience on the bus last month since I take the bus to school everyday. It was during peak hour in the morning and it was quite crowded – there were no more empty seats and not even any space to move around because there were so many people.

It was actually a terrible experience because my friend who was on the same bus as me lost her phone. In China there are many thieves on buses so you have to be very careful when you take public transport. Because of this my friend called the police and everyone on the bus had to be searched by them but still her phone was not found – it was a really bad experience. After this we stopped taking the bus to school and began to walk to school every day – in fact it’s a 35 minute walk but it still beats taking the bus.

I simply loathe taking the bus and if I become rich one day I will pay for my own driver so that I would never have to take the bus ever again.
Ielts Speaking Model: A Useful Skill - Part 2

Describe something useful you learned from a member of your family. You should say:
what it was
who you learned it from
how you learned it
and explain why you think it is useful.

My parents have taught me many things from school work to sports but I guess the most useful skill I've learnt would probably be cooking.

Unlike most other girls my generation I'm a great cook and its all thanks to my mum. Ever since I was 12 years old my mum has been telling me to help her around the kitchen. My mother strongly believed that a women should be able to cook and those that couldn't are useless.

I started with just chopping vegetables and washing dishes but a few months after that I was about to cook simple things such as fried rice or steamed vegetables. Now if I'm given the right ingredients I'm able to cook food as good as most traditional Chinese restaurants.

In my opinion this skill is a really useful cuz culinary skills are a way to make others happy - people have a better mood when they eat delicious cuisine. I also felt really glad when my friends and family eat up the food that I have prepared for them.

So yeah in the future I'm thinking about also learning to make Italian food such as pizza or pasta.
Ielts Speaking Model: A wrong decision - Part 2

Describe a wrong decision you regret making.

You should say:

What the decision was

What the situation was

Why you made the decision

And explain why you think it was the wrong decision.

There are many choices in my life that I regret but I guess the most regretful one would probably be the time I lent my friend 3000RMB.

A friend of mine once asked me to lend her 3000RMB and said she would pay me the money back in 2 weeks. Before giving her the money I asked her why she needed it but she wouldn’t tell me so I figured it was for something very important and since I have known her for many years I trusted her and gave her the money.

After about 3 weeks I contacted her and asked her for the money back but she said she didn’t have it and asked me to wait another week. After that she just stopped picking up my calls. So I went to her home and I found out she used my money just for buying clothes. She told me she won’t pay me back the money and I have no proof that I lent her the money.

Because of this I lost a friend so I believe it’s a very bad decision – I am never letting people borrow money from me again!