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TOPIC AREA: LEISURE, YOUTH INTERESTS AND CHINESE FESTIVALS

Stimulus 1: Internet shopping



Over the last few years it has become very easy to do your shopping online. You can buy almost anything online, without leaving the house. It is quick and convenient.

For some people online shopping is a hobby.

But online shopping has problems: some shoppers buy things that they do not really want, and it is not always safe.

Also, some sellers do not deliver their goods.

Glossary:

safe: 安全 安全

deliver: 送 送

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Why do people like online shopping?
- Have you ever bought or sold anything online?
- If so, what was it? Were you pleased with what you bought/sold?
- What are the problems of internet shopping?
- What are your hobbies?

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Stimulus 2: Karaoke



Karaoke began in Japan, and was a hobby for people who wanted to relax after work. There is music, but no voice, and you have to sing.

People all over the world like karaoke.

It is very useful in learning a language.

At the same time, it is also great fun. You can meet new friends and enjoy yourself.

Glossary:

Karaoke: 卡拉OK 卡拉OK

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Where did karaoke begin?
- Have you ever joined in karaoke singing? If so, what was it like?
- What advantages does karaoke have?
- Do you think it has any disadvantages?
- What are your hobbies?

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TOPIC AREA: FOOD, DIET AND HEALTH

Stimulus 3: Smoking is bad for you



In the UK smoking is not allowed in many public places, and you see people outside offices and restaurants smoking, even when it is cold and wet.

Some people may spend £50 per week on cigarettes. Smoking can cause illness, which costs the government a lot of money.

On the other hand, people should be allowed to choose – if they want to smoke, perhaps they should be allowed to.

Glossary:

Public places: 公共場所 公共场所

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- How do smokers cope with the restrictions on smoking in public places?
- Why is smoking an expensive habit?
- Do you agree with not allowing smoking in public places? Why?
- In addition to not smoking, what are other ways of keeping healthy?

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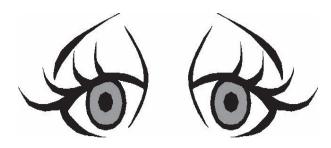
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TOPIC AREA: FOOD, DIET AND HEALTH

Stimulus 4: Healthy eyes



In China, school pupils do eye exercises every day to keep their eyes healthy.

Chinese children have to do well at school and pass their exams. That is why they do many hours homework every day, so they are always reading.

In their free time, they often read a book, play computer games or surf the internet. All these activities can be bad for the eyes.

When using a computer you should rest every 15 minutes.

Have your eyes checked often.

Glossary:

Eye exercises: 眼睛運動 眼睛运动

Checked: 檢查 检查

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- Why do Chinese children do regular eye exercises?
- What activities can cause eye problems?
- How do you relax?
- What do you do to stay healthy?

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TOPIC AREA: TRANSPORT, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Stimulus 5: Victoria and Albert Museum



The Victoria and Albert Museum was built 150 years ago. It is in south west London, and is easy to reach by underground and bus.

It has many beautiful works of art from all over the world, including paintings and clothes.

It has 4,000 pieces of Chinese clothing going back hundreds of years.

Recently, there was an exhibition of modern Chinese art, which attracted many visitors.

Glossary:

Victoria and Albert: use English 'V and A'

Work of art: 藝術作品 艺术作品

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- How old is the Victoria and Albert Museum?
- What kind of works of art does it have?
- Do you go to museums? Describe a museum or an exhibition you have seen.
- What do you like to do or visit when you are on holiday?

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TOPIC AREA: TRANSPORT, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Stimulus 6: Chinese garden



In 1986 a group of people interested in traditional Chinese gardens built a Chinese garden in Canada.

The design and all the buildings are traditional, and the plants are all Chinese. Some of the plants are used in Chinese medicine.

It is open to the public. Visitors can walk around the garden freely, or with a guide, to find out more about Chinese gardens, Chinese plants, and Chinese history.

Glossary:

Visitor: 遊客 游客

Guide: 導遊 导游

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- When was the Chinese garden in Canada built?
- · What is special about the garden?
- Do you go to parks or gardens? Why?
- What do you like to do or visit when you are on holiday?

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TOPIC AREA: EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Stimulus 7: Take your daughter to work day



"Take your daughter to work day" started in America in 1993, to give girls an opportunity to experience the world of work.

Parents took their daughters to the office, shop or factory for a whole day, so that they could find out what their parents did at work.

The activity was so successful that boys wanted the chance to do it too, so it is now "take your daughters and sons to work day".

In addition to providing experience for children, parents and children can do something new together.

"Take your daughters and sons to work day" is April 24th.

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- When and where did "take your daughters and sons to work day" begin?
- How has it changed?
- Have you ever been to your parents' workplace? If so, when?
- What is your ideal job?

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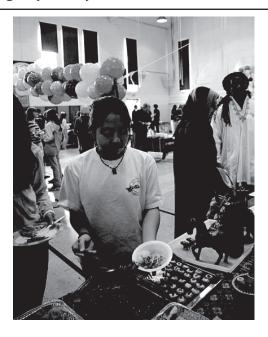
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TOPIC AREA: EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Stimulus 8: University language open day



In the UK, not enough people learn foreign languages.

Young people need to study languages not only at secondary school, but also at university.

Most universities hold language open days. School pupils can visit the university, see the classrooms, and meet teachers.

They will also meet students, who can tell them what it is like to study at university.

The open day usually includes language lessons and cultural activities. For example, there may be dancing, music and food from other countries.

Glossary:

Open day: 開放日 开放日

Guidance

- State what the above article is referring to (a full summary is **not** required).
- What activities does a university language open day include?
- Do you think language open days are a good idea? Why?
- What are the benefits of learning a foreign language?
- What is your favourite subject? Why?