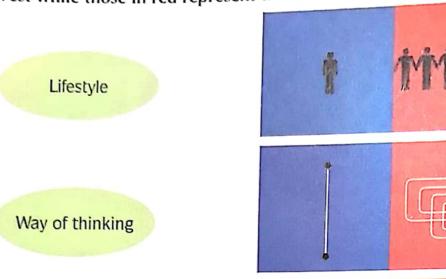
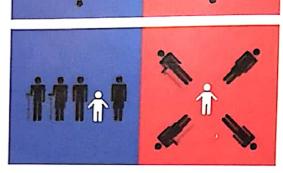


Warming up

Look at the following three pairs of pictures. The pictures in blue represent $th_{\mbox{\tiny fi}}$ West while those in red represent the East. Try to explain these pictures.



Family structure



Listening and Speaking

he follow: Listen to the dialogue about studying abroad. The following words, expressions and sentences may help you.

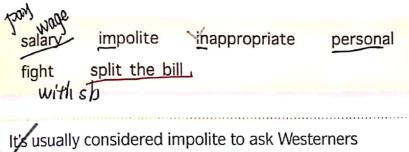
what's more, custom diversify cultural difference

tudyjng abroad is a good way to learn a foreign language. a chance for me to widen my horizons and deepen my knowledge.

Studying abroad gives you close contact with other cultures.



- Listen again and choose Linda's reasons to study abroad. a good way to learn a foreign language a chance to travel the world a chance to widen her horizons and deepen her knowledge ☐ to make friends with foreigners to have close contact with other cultures to develop social skills and diversify her life
- 3 Discuss in pairs. If you were given the opportunity to study abroad, would you accept it? Why or why not?
- Read the following words, expressions and sentences. Then listen to the dialogue about cultural differences between the East and the West.



such questions.

They take their privacy seriously. They split the bill after a meal.

take ... seriouly



5 Listen again and discuss people's different attitudes towards the following topics.



Age

Salary

Marital status

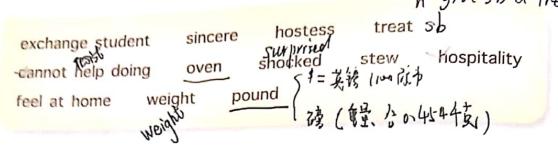
Paying the bill at a restaurant



- 6 Do you know other cultural differences between the Chinese and the Westerners? Search online and share what you find with your classmates.
- 7 Work in pairs. How will the following students pay their bills? Andy, a Chinese college student, knows much about the cultural differences between the Chinese and the Westerners. He has made a new friend Sharon, who is from the UK. Andy and Sharon are having dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Reading and Vocabulary

1 Read the following passage about the writer's experience in a foreign country. The following words and expressions may help you.



I was once an exchange student at Leeds University. People there were quite friendly and sincere, but) will never forget my first dinner in an English home.

I was very excited about the visit and took a bottle of wine with me. It happened that it was time for afternoon tea. I knew English people are well-known for their afternoon tea, so I looked forward to it. My hostess spent most of the afternoon treating me with tea and cake. Still, I could not help wondering who would cook the meal. In China, quite often it is the hostess who is busy in the kitchen. If there are several visitors, it will take her a lot of time to prepare at least eight dishes.

Finally it was dinnertime. The hostess asked me to sit at the table and said everything was ready to serve. Upon hearing this, I was a little surprised, for she had been with me all the time, and surely did not have time to prepare the meal. Yet I thought it was impolite to ask her about it. The hostess seemed to read my mind and told me she had put the food in the oven in advance.



When the food was served, I was so shocked. Can you imagine how many dishes I had? Only one — a stew — with meat and vegetables. I felt a bit confused and disappointed at the time.

However, after I had stayed in England for a year, I became more used to the English way of hospitality. In England, hospitality does not mean serving guests many dishes. It is showed more by giving you freedom to choose whatever you really want and making you feel at home. English people never put food on your plate, but just ask you to help yourself. If you, as a guest, expect a huge meal, or wait for the food to be put on your plate, you may end up half-starved. Maybe that's why, after my first year in England, my weight fell by nearly 10 pounds!

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2	Read again	and	decide	what t	o do	before	visiting a	a British	family.
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- □ Dress formally.
- □ Bring a gift.
- √Show politeness.
- $\ \square$ Ask the host or hostess to pick you up.
- □ Bring another friend with you.
- ☐ Wear jeans and slippers.
- ☐ Bring a dish cooked by yourself.



3 Complete the sentences with the words or expressions in the box. Make changes when necessary.

treat sincere become used to imagine confuse

- 1. I <u>Sincerely</u> hope that you will recover soon.
- 3. Could you say that again? I am a little _____confused
- 4. The poor boy was badly ______ treated ____ by his stepmother.
- 5. Don't worry. You'll soon become used to his sense of humour.

R-L4



Suppose you have a foreign friend Kelly, who is from London. You'll invite her to your house to dinner this weekend. Discuss with your partner. What should you pay attention to?

Grammar for Use

It's

The usage of it in noun clauses

Read the following sentences and pay attention to the usage of it.

- 1. It's common to ask people about their age or salary in China.
- 2 It will take her a lot of time to prepare at least eight dishes.
- 3. It is not yet decided when and where the test will be given.
- 4/It's not use doing

以上几个句子中的 it 都是形式主语。当句子的主语较长时,往往将其后置,而用 it 作形式主语。如在第 1 句中,it 是形式主语,真正的主语是动词不定式结构 to ask people about their age or salary in China。在第 4 句中,句子的真正主语是动词的 –ing 结构 crying over spilt milk。请同学们分析一下其他两个句子的真正主语分别是什么。



Practical Reading

Read the following academic calendar of a summer programme.

During this two-week summer programme, students from Weihai Vocational College will attend language classes, take part in cultural projects and off-campus excursions in South Carolina College in the US.

Title	Date	Time	Activities		
	14 July — 18 July	9:00—10:40	Cross-cultural communication skills		
		10: 40—11:00	Interesting Southern dialects		
		13:00—14:30	Speaking activities		
	21 July		Landscape of the south of America		
	22 July	9:00—11:00	Food culture of the south of America		
	23 July		Music of the south of America in the 19th century		
	24 July — 25 July	9:00—16:00	Trip to the Sea Islands		
	26 July	9:00-14:00	Plantation tour		
	27 July	9:00-14:00	Church tour		

Choose appropriate titles for the activities in the calendar.

- A. Off-campus excursions
- B. Southern American culture
- C. Language workshops





Practical Writing

Design an academic calendar for the following situation. You may refer t_0 the calendar in Practical Reading.

From 10 Aug. to 23 Aug., 25 students from Juniata College in the US will pay a two-week visit to Chengdu Vocational College. Design an academic calendar for this summer programme. The calendar should include language lectures, student activities and cultural exploration.

Activities Time Title Date



project

Nowadays we are surrounded by a lot of search engines. We can not only learn from teachers in the classroom but also do research by ourselves after class. Complete the following activities under the guidance of the suggested steps.

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Work in groups of four,

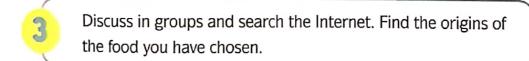
Choose one from the following traditional Chinese food.

Zongzi

- Fo Tiao Qiang
- Dong Po Pork
- Jiaozi







- Write a short report and make a presentation in the class. The following points should be included in your report.
 - the literal meaning of the food's name
 - the story of the food
 - the symbolic meaning of the food
 - · how do you like the food = what do you think of the food?

Around the World O



In Western cultures, a dragon is usually regarded as a symbol of evil. It appears as a large monster, often fiercely breathing out fire. However, in China, the dragon's portrayal shares little with its Western image. Here it is considered a symbol of royalty. Ancient emperors always wore a robe with designs of dragons on it. The Chinese people are known as the "descendants of the dragon".

In European culture, the phoenix is an imaginary bird. According to legend, the phoenix enjoys a long lifespan. At the end of its life cycle, the phoenix flaps its wings to set fire to its nest and burn itself to ashes. A new phoenix then rises from the same ashes. Therefore, the phoenix represents immortality and spiritual birth. In Chinese culture, the phoenix is the king of the birds. It represents auspiciousness and peace.



My Progress Check

Listening Comprehension

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1	Listen to the dialogue and choose the information you hear.	\bigcirc
	☐ Derek can speak Chinese very well.	4 1
	 ☐ Zhang Li often practises English with her language pal. ☐ Derek usually watches English programmes on the Internet. 	
	☐ Zhang Li often practises Chinese with Derek.	
2	What other English learning methods do you know?	
	1. reading English novels	
	2. See English films	
	3. practico (speaking English	
	4. L's-ten to songe	
Voc	abulary and Structure	
A	Rewrite the following sentences using it.	
`	For example:	

That they are in need of help is quite clear.

- \rightarrow It is quite clear that they are in need of help.
- 1. To finish so much work in one hour is impossible for me.
- 2. To ride a bicycle is not easy for such a little boy.
- 3. That you didn't go to the concert yesterday is a pity.
- 4. Telling lies is no good.
- 5. Whether the game will be held in this city is not known yet.
- 6. Arguing about the matter with him is no use.



2 Complete the sentences with the proper form of the given words or expressions.

shock	split	treat	feel at home	fight	become	used to		
1. They ι	usually		the bill while di	ining at t	he restaur	ant.		
2 It's a trivial matter and not worth about.								
3. After v	vork, they		the experie	enced wo	rker to lun	ich.		
4. The listeners were quite to hear the great news.					5.			
			with so many			r.		
6. I found the job tiring at first but I soon it.								

Translation

Translate the sentences into English using the given words or expressions.

1分大学生应对自己的行为负责。(be responsible for) 🗸

- 2. 污染是我们面临的最严重的挑战之一。(challenge) 🗸
- 3. 大多数西方人很看重他们的隐私。(take... seriously)
- 4. 对中国人而言,在饭馆和朋友抢着付款是很寻常的。(fight)

Reading and Writing

Read the paragraph and complete the following tasks.

In England, hospitality does not mean serving guests many dishes. It is showed more by giving you freedom to choose whatever you really want and *making you feel at home*. English people never put food on your plate, but just ask you to help yourself. If you, as a guest, expect a huge meal, or wait for the food to be put on your plate, you may end up half-starved.

- Translate the underlined sentence into Chinese.
- 2. Write down your understanding of the italicised part in about 80 words.

