# **Business Liaison**

#### **Unit Objectives**

After studying this unit, you should be able to:

- demonstrate the strength of your company
- receive a client
- understand your client's needs
- place an order
- write a confirmation letter



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Task 1 Below are the logos of some world's leading companies. Give the names of the countries in which they are headquartered.

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Task 2 The following is some information about Seminis, Monsanto's global vegetable seeds brand for open field crops. Study the information and answer the questions below.

| Seminis at a Glance                     |  |  |
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| Market                                  | Sales in 156 countries; cover over 20% of the global vegetable seed market |  |
| Revenue                                 | \$606 million (2009)   |  |
| Position                                | Leading positions in nearly every major vegetable crop                     |  |
| Products Over 3,000 commercial products |  |  |
| Research                                | 22 seed quality labs; 51 R&D stations in 17 countries                      |  |
| Production                              | 1.5 million breeding lines; seed production locations in 23 countries      |  |
| Employees                               | 3,000 employees (approximately)  |  |

#### Questions:

- 1. What position does Seminis hold in the world?
- 12. How many employees are there in Seminis?
- 3. What is the total income of Seminis in 2009?
- 4. What percentage of global vegetable seed market does Seminis take?
- 5 How many products, seed quality labs, R&D stations and breeding lines does Seminis have respectively?



Task 1The following passage is about Rijk Zwaan, a world leading seed company.Before reading it, discuss with your partner to see how much you know about this<br/>company and list the aspects you want to know from the passage.

## Rijk Zwaan

Rijk Zwaan is a world-famous company that focuses on the development of high-quality vegetable varieties for professional growers of food products. The company has a workforce of about 1,600 and its head office is located in the Netherlands. Rijk Zwaan is among the world's top ten seed companies with more than 80 years' experience in developing new strains of vegetables and producing seeds.

#### Research

Every year, Rijk Zwaan spends a lot on R&D (research and development). The company has invented techniques which enable its breeders to develop new varieties faster and more efficiently as well as to advance research in seed quality and resistance to pests and diseases.

#### **Seed production**

Growing high-quality and reliable seeds is a complex process. Rijk Zwaan makes detailed plans for each crop every year, based on sales expectations. Production locations are all over the world so that the seeds for each crop are produced in areas where conditions are the most suitable for both the growing and the ripening process. In order to have high-quality products, specialists take great care of the seeds during growth, harvesting and marketing.

#### **Quality of products**

All seeds produced by Rijk Zwaan are sent to the Seed Technological Center where various tests and treatments are applied to ensure the quality of every seed sold. The ultimate aim is to supply the customer with reliable, quality seeds.

#### **Marketing & sales**

Rijk Zwaan produces more than 850 varieties across 30 different vegetable crops. Its vegetable seeds are sold globally from Western Europe to the Middle East and from America to Australia and Asia. Twenty-five foreign subsidiaries are responsible for sales, occupying a central place in the market and providing expert advice based on local conditions.

#### **Development projects**

Rijk Zwaan is a people-orientated organization and has a wealth of expert knowledge about plant breeding and growing. These elements are combined in its development projects which are designed to advance the level of knowledge of growers in less-developed areas and, in doing so, to contribute to the fight against poverty in the world.



#### Task 2 Read the passage and answer the following questions briefly.

- 1. What business does Rijk Zwaan specialize in?
- 2. How many employees does Rijk Zwaan have?
- 3. Why does Rijk Zwaan build its production locations all over the world?
- 4. How many types of vegetable crops can Rijk Zwaan provide to its customers?
- 5. How many foreign subsidiaries for sales does Rijk Zwaan have?
- Task 3 Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the passage.
  - 1. Rijk Zwaan is among the world's top ten companies.
  - 2. Rijk Zwaan has over 80 years' history in producing seed products.
  - 3. Rijk Zwaan makes detailed plans for each crop every year, based on the previous year's sales.
  - 4. All seeds produced by Rijk Zwaan are sent to the Seed Technological Center for quality tests and treatments.
  - 5. Rijk Zwaan makes efforts to contribute to the fight against poverty in the world.
- Task 4 Discuss with your partner about how to effectively introduce a company. Then choose a company from Warming-up Task 1, and search online for its information. Finally make a brief introduction of it in class.



# 🙆 Listening

# Task 1

Mary, the secretary for the Sales Department at Rijk Zwaan Company, is answering a call from a customer. Listen to the conversation and match the items on the left with the corresponding information on the right.



Task 2 Mary is reporting Joe Li's call to Mr. Johnson. Listen to the conversation and fill in the blanks with what you hear.

Mary: Mr. Johnson, do you 1 \_\_\_\_\_?

Mr. Johnson: Oh, yes, Mary, what can I do for you?

- **Mary:** Joe Li, the Manager of the Purchasing Department at Siji Company called this morning. He is interested in our 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_ seeds.
- Mr. Johnson: Did he mention the specific vegetable seeds he's interested in?

Mary: Yes, he'd like to buy 3 \_\_\_\_\_, cabbage, eggplant and carrot seeds.

Mr. Johnson: Good. What about the quantity?

Mary: He didn't say. But he asked whether we could offer a(n) 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ for quantity.

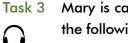
Mr. Johnson: What did you say?

Mary: I 5 \_\_\_\_\_ he discuss the details with you.

**Mr. Johnson:** Um... OK, thank you for letting me know. It might be worth asking for an appointment. He could be a(n) 6 \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary: Shall I call Mr. Li right now and ask if you can have an appointment with him?

Mr. Johnson: Yes. Thank you, Mary.



Mary is calling Joe Li to make an appointment. Listen to the conversation and fill in the following blanks with what you hear.

Mary calls Joe Li to make an appointment for 1 \_\_\_\_\_. Joe agrees he will come to Mary's company on 2 \_\_\_\_\_. But Mr. Johnson will have to attend a 3 \_\_\_\_\_ from eight to 4 \_\_\_\_\_. So, Joe Li will arrive at ten thirty. Mary will 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Johnson's office.

Task 4

Mr. Johnson is discussing the details of a purchasing order with Joe Li. Listen to the conversation and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1. Joe Li brings to Mr. Johnson a copy of order sheet.
- 2. The seeds that Joe Li wants to buy are the best sellers for cultivation.
- 3. Mr. Johnson can't offer a discount for bulk right now because he has to ask for his boss' opinion.
- 4. Joe Li has to decide the order quantity immediately.
- 5. Joe Li wants to see some seed samples before leaving.

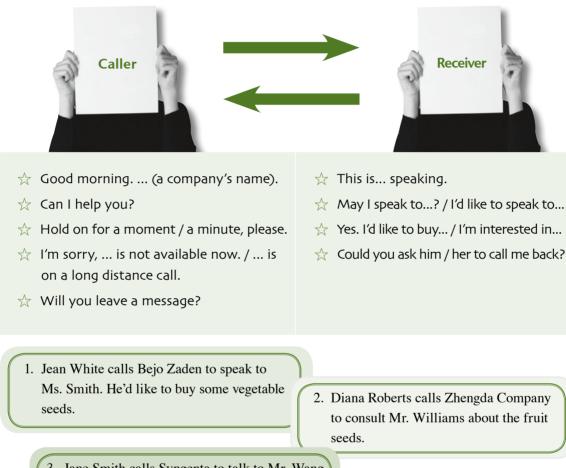
Joe Li is calling Mary to order organic seeds from Rijk Zwaan. Listen to the Task 5 conversation and answer the following questions.  $\left\{ \right\}$ 

- 1. What is Joe Li calling Mary for?
- 2. What seeds does Joe Li order?
- 3. How much discount can Joe Li have?
- 4. What's Mary's fax number?
- 5. When will the seeds be delivered?





1 Work in pairs. Practice making short phone calls according to the situations given below. You may refer to the expressions in the table.



3. Jane Smith calls Syngenta to talk to Mr. Wang, for she wants some information about his crop products.

Task 2 Work in groups. Practice making an appointment according to the situations given below. You may refer to the expressions in the table.

Situation 1: Kate is making an appointment with Mike for visiting his company.

Situation 2: Lucy is making an appointment with Frank for seeing the sample products.

Situation 3: Polly is making an appointment with Mr. Fort to discuss purchasing products from his company.

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- I'm calling to make an appointment with you next Monday.
- ★ I wonder if it would be convenient to meet you tomorrow.
- Would it be convenient if I call on you this afternoon?
- Can you make it at 3 pm on Monday?
- Could you arrange an appointment with Mr. Green for me?
- I look forward to seeing you at your office tomorrow.
- Will 9 am be OK with you?



Work in pairs. The secretary for the Sales Department at Syngenta, a seeds company headquartered in the Netherlands, is introducing his / her company to a client. Practice making a conversation between them based on the company information below.

Syngenta is a world leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection and ranks the third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Headquartered in Switzerland, Syngenta employs over 21,000 people in more than 90 countries. With more than 5,000 employees worldwide working in research and development and US\$ 900 million invested in R&D every year, Syngenta turns breakthrough ideas in science into new solutions that help growers around the world increase productivity, protect the environment and improve the health and quality of life.

### Task 4

Work in pairs. Suppose you are the secretary at an agriculture company, and you are talking with a client about his / her purchase order. Practice role-playing the conversation based on the information below.

| ltem                       | Quantity      | Unit price (kg) | Discount         |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Tomato                     | 600 kilograms | 3.20 yuan       | 3%               |  |
| Carrot                     | 400 kilograms | 3.00 yuan       | Ask the manager. |  |
| Sweet pepper 300 kilograms |               | 5.90 yuan       | Ask the manager. |  |

Unit 1 Business Liaison



From: mac@abc.com To: johnsonsales@rijkzwaan.com Cc: Subject: Inquiry Date: December 1, 2009

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am the Purchasing Manager at ABC, a Chinese agricultural company located in Northern China, producing vegetables for the domestic market. I read your company profile on the Internet and have obtained your catalogs from a business partner.

We find that Rijk Zwaan has been in the agribusiness for many years and enjoys high prestige internationally. Our company is medium-sized but developing fast and is dedicated to providing healthy vegetables to the public. We are very interested in some of the organic seeds you provide because our business plan is to increase organic vegetable production.

| Item     | Variety | Quantity     |  |  |
|----------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| Calarry  | Beril   | 10,000 seeds |  |  |
| Celery   | Melvin  | 13,500 seeds |  |  |
| Cabbaga  | Rondeel | 15,000 seeds |  |  |
| Cabbage  | Caradec | 12,500 seeds |  |  |
| Pimento  | Mandy   | 15,000 seeds |  |  |
| Fillento | Bachata | 15,000 seeds |  |  |

Currently, we're interested in purchasing the following items from you:

We would appreciate it if you would send us a quotation for the above order, including any discounts you are able to offer. If your prices are competitive, we will be able to place regular orders with you.

As we are keen to catch the next planting season, in March, could you send me your quotation as soon as possible and also let me know your earliest delivery date as well as your terms of payment?

I can be contacted by email and my telephone number: 86-010-888XXXXX.

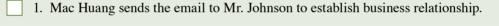
I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Mac Huang Purchasing Manager

| 1. domestic market  | • 2 | ● a. 货品   |
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| 2. quotation        | • ) | ● b. 折扣   |
| 3. item             |     | • c. 定期订单 |
| 4. catalog          | • 5 | d. 产品目录册  |
| 5. delivery date    | • 5 | e. 数量     |
| 6. terms of payment | • 5 | f. 国内市场   |
| 7. discount         |     | g. 发货日期   |
| 8. regular order    | • 5 | h. 报价     |
| 9. quantity         | • 4 | • i. 付款方式 |
| 10. variety         | • { | ● j. 品种   |
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#### Task 1 Match the following terms with their Chinese meanings.

## Task 2 Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the email.



- 2. Mac Huang has learnt the price quotes from the catalog.
- 3. Mac Huang thinks Rijk Zwaan is a great company.
  - 4. Mac Huang has never purchased products from Rijk Zwaan before.
  - 5. Mac Huang will purchase 71,000 seeds in all.

#### Task 3 Translate the following passage into Chinese. Consult a dictionary if necessary.

We'd like to place an order with your company on condition that in China the goods be confined to our company and advanced samples arrive in Beijing before the end of August. Otherwise the goods are useless. In addition, can we make a change on order No. 29734? We want to increase the number of Beril on order No. 29734.



- Task Suppose you are Mr. Johnson in Rijk Zwaan. Write an email to Mac Huang in reply to his inquiry in Reading B. The following information is for your reference.
  - $\bigstar$  Quotation list: enclosed
  - ☆ Discount: 5%
  - ☆ Items: in stock
  - $\bigstar$  **Delivery:** within two weeks from the receipt of order
  - ☆ Terms of payment: letter of credit available by sight draft

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# Project

#### **Project Guidelines**

The project aims to practice introducing a company to clients. The whole task is divided into three steps. Step One is to research online for information about a company. Step Two focuses on analyzing the collected information. Step Three centers on making a brief introduction of the company. The project will be conducted in groups of 4-6 students.



Please follow the *Task Description* to complete the project.

#### **Task Description**

#### 💺 Step One

- Pick out an agriculture company you are most interested in;
- Search online for the information of this company.

#### 📕 Step Two

- Work in groups and share the information each student found online;
- Discuss and choose the information necessary in a company introduction.

#### Step Three

- Have each group write a brief introduction of the company they choose;
- Choose a representative to make the introduction to the whole class.



| Rate your progress in this unit.             | 1 | D | м | Ρ | <b>F</b> * |
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| I can demonstrate the strength of a company. |   |   |   |   |            |
| I can receive a client.                      |   |   |   |   |            |
| I can understand my client's needs.          |   |   |   |   |            |
| I can place an order.                        |   |   |   |   |            |
| I can understand an inquiry letter.          |   |   |   |   |            |
| I can write a reply to an inquiry letter.    |   |   |   |   |            |

\*Note: Distinction, Merit, Pass, Fail

# **Mew Words & Expressions**

### **Reading** A

#### **New Words**

advance /əd'va:ns/ v. 促进, 加速……的进程 breeder /'brixdə/ n. 培育植物的人; 饲养员 combine /kəm'baɪn/ v. 结合, 组合 efficiently /I'fI Jantli/ ad. 有效地, 效率高地 enable /I'neIbəl/ v. 使能够,为……提供条件 expectation / ekspek'tei fon/ n. 期待; 预期; 期望 globally /'gləubəli/ ad. 全球性地 locate /lou'keit/ v. 使……设置在; 使……坐 落干 location /lou'kei fon/ n. 位置;场所;地点 occupy /'pkjupai/ v. 占 (时间、空间) 等; 占 用,占有 organization / ɔɪrgənqī'zeī ʃən/ n. 组织, 机构 orientated /'ɔːrɪənteɪtɪd/ a. 重视……的, 以…… 为方向的 pest/pest/n. 害虫 poverty /'ppvəti/n. 贫穷, 贫困 reliable /rɪ'laɪəbəl/ a. 可靠的;可信赖的 resistance /rɪ'zɪstəns/ n. 抵抗性; 抵抗力 ripen /'raɪpən/ v. 使成熟; 成熟

specialist /'spefJlist/n. 专家, 专科医生 strain /strein/n. 品种, 种类 subsidiary /səb'sidiəri/n. 子公司, 附属物 treatment /'tri:tmənt/n. 处理, 治疗 ultimate /'Altımıt/a. 最终的, 根本的 variety /və'raiəti/n. 【生】品种, 种类 workforce /'w3:kfɔ:s/n. 职工总数

#### **Phrases & Expressions**

a wealth of 很多的 be responsible for 对……负责 contribute to 有助于, 促成 focus on 集中; 关注 supply with 供应

#### **Proper Names**

Rijk Zwaan 瑞克思旺(专门从事种子生产与 销售的农业公司,总部位于荷兰) the Netherlands 荷兰

### **Reading B**

#### **New Words**

agribusiness /'ægrɪ,bɪznɪs/ n. 农业综合经营 (公司) catalog /'kætəlog/ n. (产品) 目录册 competitive /kəm'petɪtɪv/ a. 具有竞争力的 dedicated /'dedɪkeɪtɪd/ a. 敬业的,有奉献精 神的

prestige /pre'stit3/ n. 声望; 影响力

#### **Phrases & Expressions**

business plan (公司) 未来的发展计划; 商业 计划 terms of payment 支付条款



#### Task 1 Fill in each blank with the appropriate form of the word given in the brackets.

- 1. The group's research has done much to \_\_\_\_\_\_ (advancement) our knowledge of the HIV virus.
- 2. The local doctor couldn't tell what was wrong, so he sent her to see a \_\_\_\_\_ (special).
- 3. Civil rights groups have complained about the harsh \_\_\_\_\_ (treat) of prisoners.
- 4. Considering his grades, there is little \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) of his getting into medical school.
- 5. Students in this school come from a \_\_\_\_\_ (various) of different backgrounds.
- 6. We couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ (location) the source of the radio signal.
- 7. We are waiting for the first crops to \_\_\_\_\_ (ripe).
- 8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ (organize) of such a large-scale party takes a lot of time and energy.
- 9. There is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (wealthy) of books available in this library about human history.
- 10. It is hard to work \_\_\_\_\_\_ (efficient) in such a confined space.

#### Task 2 Complete the following sentences with the words or phrases given in the box. Change the form if necessary.

| reliable | breed         | focus on   | orientated | combine to  |
|----------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| ripening | contribute to | subsidiary | occupy     | responsible |

- 1. Many people think honesty and hard work \_\_\_\_\_\_ success and happiness.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is in France, and the parent company is in America.
- 3. The building was purchased and \_\_\_\_\_ by its new owners last year.
- 4. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_ for recruiting and training new staff.
- 5. A number of factors have \_\_\_\_\_ create this difficult situation.
- 6. Poor living conditions \_\_\_\_\_\_ violence and despair.
- 7. The country's economy is export \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. Miller was a quiet and \_\_\_\_\_ man, and you can tell him our new plan.
- 9. She turned the camera and \_\_\_\_\_ Martin's face.
- 10. The apples are \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the trees. We can pick some to have a taste.

#### Task 3 Complete the following sentences with proper prepositions or adverbs.

- 1. Many people believe that a good marriage is based \_\_\_\_\_\_ trust.
- 2. You should focus your attention \_\_\_\_\_\_ your work instead of others' personal issues.
- 3. The whole meal was good but the wine was excellent \_\_\_\_\_ particular.
- 4. The college is located \_\_\_\_\_\_ the southern suburb of Beijing.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ addition to giving a general introduction to computer system, the course also provides practical training.
- 6. As to intelligence, the boy has more than he can possibly make use \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Our website will supply you \_\_\_\_\_\_ all the information you need.
- 8. Scott sat down at his desk and turned his attention \_\_\_\_\_\_ the file he had in front of him.

#### Task 4 Make sentences with the same pattern as is shown in the examples.

A. Example: The company has invented techniques. The techniques enable its breeders to develop new varieties faster and more efficiently.
 —The company has invented techniques which enable its breeders to develop new varieties faster and more efficiently.

- 1. The sky was covered with dark clouds. The clouds meant it was going to rain.
- 2. I received a letter yesterday. The letter said that my parents would come over to see me.
- 3. We are learning English. English is used in many places around the world.
- 4. The house stands on the top of the hill. The house was built last month.
- 5. He is carrying a package. The package is about to get unwrapped.

B. Example: The seeds for each crop are produced in areas. The conditions in these areas are the most suitable for both the growing and the ripening process.
 —The seeds for each crop are produced in areas where conditions are the most suitable for both the growing and the ripening process.

- 1. She was shown into a small room. In the room there was a dying man.
- 2. In 1963 we moved to Boston. My grandparents lived in Boston.
- 3. If you are traveling to some other countries, please do as the Romans do. In some other countries, the customs are really foreign to our own.
- 4. You should not let your children play in that area. In that area, you cannot see them.
- 5. After living in Paris for fifty years, he returned to the small town. In the small town, he grew up as a child.

## Task 5 Translate the following Chinese into English, using the words or phrases given in the brackets.

| 1. | _ (许多大型连锁商店将分店设在这 |
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- Police believe that the same man (应该对这个地区的三起谋杀案件负责). (be responsible for)



## Part of Speech

#### Task 1 Identify the part of speech of the word underlined in each sentence.

- 1. We went to a wonderful show in Beijing. *n*.
- 2. Jenny wanted to show Jack her photos.
- 3. Henry thought Claire looked beautiful.

4. A strange <u>thought</u> came into her head.

5. The windows are <u>clean</u>.

6. We should <u>clean</u> the windows.

7. Wendy is feeling quite <u>tired</u> now.

8. Studying all day had <u>tired</u> Wendy out.

9. We did some <u>hard</u> work.

10. They worked hard.

## Task 2 Complete the following conversation between a student and a manager by marking the proper article with a " $\sqrt{"}$ .

- A: Hello? I want to speak to 1 a, an, the landlord.
- B: I'm 2 a, an, the manager of 3 a, an, the building. Can I help you?
- A: I need to find 4 <u>a, an, the</u> apartment.
- **B:** Where do you live now?
- A: I live in 5 <u>a, an, the</u> big apartment on Wright Street. I have 6 <u>a, an, the</u> roommate, but he's graduating, and I need 7 <u>a, an, the</u> smaller apartment. Are there any small apartments for rent in your building?
- B: There's one.
- A: What floor is it on?
- **B:** It's on 8 a, an, the third floor.
- A: Does it have 9 <u>a, an, the</u> kitchen?
- B: Yes. It has 10 <u>a, an, the</u> living room and a kitchen.
- A: Is 11 <u>a, an, the</u> living room big?
- **B:** So-so.
- A: Does 12 <u>a, an, the</u> kitchen have 13 <u>a, an, the</u> stove and 14 <u>a, an, the</u> refrigerator?
- B: Yes. 15 A, An, The refrigerator is old, but it works well. 16 A, An, The stove is pretty new.
- A: When can I see 17 <u>a, an, the</u> apartment?
- B: 18 A, An, The janitor (看门人) can show it to you tomorrow at 9 am.

#### Task 3 Cross out the wrong word in each word pair underlined.

#### Dear Christine,

Well, here I am in Australia. Thank you for your 1 kind/kindly letters. You ask me what it's like here. I must say it's pretty 2 good/well! The language school is very 3 efficient/efficiently organized. On the first morning we had to take a test, which I found rather hard. However, I got a 4 <u>surprising/surprisingly</u> good mark, so I'm in the second class now. I didn't talk much at first, because I couldn't think of the words 5 <u>quick/quickly</u> enough, but 6 <u>late/lately</u> I've become much more 7 <u>fluent/fluently</u>. I'm staying with a family who live 8 <u>near/nearly</u> the school. They are quite 9 <u>pleasant/ pleasantly</u> although I don't see much of them, because I'm always so 10 <u>busy/busily</u> with my friends at school. I was surprised how 11 <u>easy/easily</u> I made friends here. They come from 12 <u>different/differently</u> parts of the world and we have some 13 <u>absolute/</u> <u>absolutely</u> fascinating discussions. I do hope you will be able to join me here next term. I'm sure we'd have 14 good/well fun together.

> Best wishes, Celia

#### Task 4 Write the correct form of the verbs crossed out in the following letter.



#### Dear Peter,

I have been attending my college for a year. I'm very happy about 1 study <u>studying</u> here. At first, it was a little hard getting used to 2 speak \_\_\_\_\_ English all the time, but now I feel very comfortable about 3 communicate \_\_\_\_\_ in my second language.

I just joined an international student group, and I'm very excited about 4 meet \_\_\_\_\_\_ new people. Summer vacation is coming, and a few of us are planning on 5 do \_\_\_\_\_\_ some traveling together. Before joining this group, I used to 6 spending \_\_\_\_\_\_ holidays alone. I'm happy that I have made many good friends now.

I look forward to 7 hear from you soon!

Jane

### 词类及其之间的相互关系

#### 一、词类

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| 名 称          | 缩写      | 中文名 | 例 子                 | 概念或功能            |
|--------------|---------|-----|---------------------|------------------|
| noun         | n.      | 名词  | boy, milk, love     | 表示人、物及抽象概念的名称    |
| pronoun      | pron.   | 代词  | you, I, my, yours   | 代替名词或起名词作用的短语、句子 |
| adjective    | a.      | 形容词 | good, happy, nice   | 描绘人或事物的特征、性质、状态  |
| adverb       | ad.     | 副词  | well, fast, quickly | 表达时间、地点、程度、方式等概念 |
| verb         | v.      | 动词  | do, cut, run, jump  | 表示动作或状态          |
| numeral      | num.    | 数词  | two, third, fourth  | 表示数目多少或顺序        |
| article      | art.    | 冠词  | a, an, the          | 限定、说明名词的所指       |
| preposition  | prep.   | 介词  | at, in, with, for   | 表示词与词、词与句之间的关系   |
| conjunction  | conj.   | 连词  | and, so, because    | 连接词、短语或句子,表达逻辑关系 |
| interjection | interj. | 感叹词 | oh, yeah, ouch      | 表示喜怒哀乐等感情或情绪     |

注:不少单词不仅仅属于一个词类,在不同的语言环境下可体现不同的词性。例如: 1. Would you like to take a *walk*? (名词) 2. I usually *walk* to school. (动词)

#### 二、词与词之间的关系

- 1. 冠词修饰和限定名词: a book, an apple, the president
- 2. 形容词修饰名词: new car, beautiful flower
- 3. 副词修饰动词、形容词、副词及整个句子:
  - I speak English *loudly*. (修饰动词)
  - She is *really* pretty. (修饰形容词)
  - What happened? The father asked, rather slowly. (修饰副词)

Fortunately, no one was hurt. (修饰整个句子)

4. 介词后接名词或动名词: in the morning, look forward to visiting your city

### **Comprehensive Exercises**

#### Task 1 Complete the dialogs by crossing out the wrong word or words.

1. A: Did you enjoy your holiday?

B: Yes, we had wonderful time/a wonderful time.

- 2. A: What can I do for you, Susan?
  - **B:** Can you give me some <u>advice/advices</u> on how to find a job?
- A: What would you like to put in your sandwich?
   B: I'd like <u>a chicken/some chicken</u>, please.
- 4. A: How is the park?B: It is beautiful. And we took some <u>photos/photoes</u> there.
- 5. A: Are you busy tomorrow?B: Yes. We have some business/businesses to discuss.
- 6. A: What did you do with Jackie last night?B: I had conversation/a conversation with him.
- 7. A: Hi, guys. Are you ready for the holiday?B: Yes. We have packed all the <u>luggage/luggages</u> here.
- 8. A: What's the matter?B: You've got some <u>egg/eggs</u> on your shirt.
- 9. A: What can you see in the distance?B: I can see a few sheep/sheeps.
- 10. A: How did your interview go?
  - **B:** Well, I didn't get the job. I think they really wanted someone with some <u>experience/</u><u>experiences</u>.

#### Task 2 Fill in each blank with the appropriate form of the word given in the brackets.

- 1. Living in the country is less (expense) than living in the city.
- 2. Although John was not experienced in business, he did it with (confident) \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The chairman emphasized his ideas by speaking more (loud) \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Some American businessmen in China are spending a lot of time in (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese.
- 5. Some people do believe that smoking will (certain) \_\_\_\_\_\_ cause lung cancer.
- 6. I'm (real) sorry for the mistake our office worker made last month.
- 7. Could you go to bed (early) than you usually do?
- 8. The sellers allowed us to pay them on a (month) \_\_\_\_\_ basis.
- 9. John is the (clever) \_\_\_\_\_\_ student I have ever taught.
- 10. He told a very (live) \_\_\_\_\_\_ story about his life in Africa.

#### Task 3 Rewrite each of the following sentences without changing its meaning.

- 1. The boy is a quick learner.
   The boy learns \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. The man can cook really well.
     The man is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Your behavior was extremely foolish. You behaved \_\_\_\_\_

| 4. The hotel staff treated us in a very friendly manner. | The hotel staff were              |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 5. I don't think that's a practical suggestion.          | That suggestion doesn't sound     |
| 6. Philip is usually a hard worker.                      | Philip usually works              |
| 7. Tom looked sad when I saw him.                        | Tom looked at me                  |
| 8. I wish you could swim fast.                           | I wish you were a                 |
| 9. She speaks perfect English.                           | She speaks English                |
| 10. I didn't go out because of the heavy rain.           | I didn't go out because it rained |
|  |                                   |

#### Task 4 Cross out the wrong word in each of the word pairs underlined.

Helen Keller was a 1 <u>health/healthy</u> baby. But when she was 19 months old, she had a 2 <u>sudden/suddenly</u> fever. Later, the fever disappeared, but she became 3 <u>blind/blindly</u> and 4 <u>deaf/deafly</u>.

When Helen was seven years old, a teacher, Anne Sullivan, came to live with Helen's family. First, Anne taught Helen how to talk with her fingers. Then Anne taught Helen to read by the Braille system. Helen learned these things 5 <u>quick/quickly</u>. However, learning to speak was 6 <u>harder/hardly</u>. Anne continued to teach Helen patiently. 7 <u>Final/Finally</u>, when Helen was 10 years old, she could speak 8 <u>clear/clearly</u> enough for people to understand her.

Helen went to an institute for the blind, where she did very 9 good/well in her studies. Then she went to college, where she graduated with honors when she was 24 years old. Helen traveled 10 <u>extensive/extensively</u> with Anne. She worked 11 <u>tireless/tirelessly</u>, traveling all over America, Europe, and Asia to raise money to build schools for blind people. Her 12 <u>main/mainly</u> message was that disabled people are like everybody else. They want to live life 13 <u>full/fully</u> and 14 <u>natural/naturally</u>. Helen wanted all people to be treated 15 equal/equally.



#### **Sentence Stress**

Work in pairs. Read the following sentences, paying attention to sentence stress. Then discuss what words are usually pronounced with stress.

- 1. What 'color is Julie's 'T-shirt?
- 2. I 'always play 'tennis on 'weekends.
- 3. 'What would you 'like to 'drink?
- 4. My 'second 'brother is a 'pilot.
- 5. 'This is the 'reason I 'left 'early.