# Business Relations



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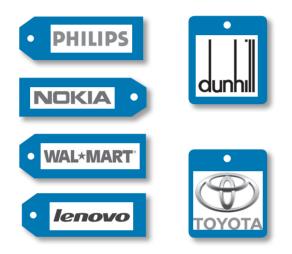
#### **Unit Objectives**

After studying this unit, you are able to:

- understand how to establish business relations
- receive a client
- answer phone calls from potential customers
- write and answer emails for establishing business relations



Task 1 The following logos represent some of the most famous multinational companies in the world. Which ones are you familiar with? Please choose and talk about the companies and their products or services briefly.



Task 2 Receptionists are normally considered the first business card of a company. Among the following qualities, what would make a qualified receptionist? Arrange your choices in order from the most important to the least and explain why.



## **Establish**

Establishing business relations is usually the first step for a company to do business, and it is very important either for a new firm or an old one. For the former, it helps start business and secure its position on the market; for the latter, it enables the old firm to expand business and increase the turnover.

In international business, there are some channels for a business to obtain information about potential customers, such as advertisements in the media, market survey, its business connections, chambers of commerce, trade fairs and exhibitions held both at home and abroad, or mutual visits by trade delegations and groups, etc. The generally enormous geographic distance between the buyer and the seller makes it hard for them to meet, so writing to a potential or prospective client for the establishment of business relations is a common practice. The following information is usually included in this kind of letter:

1. The source of information (where you learn about the company);

2. The reference to the company's



Task 1 Before reading the passage, see how much you know about establishing business relations by answering the following questions.

- 1. Why do companies need to establish business relations?
- 2. What are the methods generally adopted to establish business relations?
- 3. What kind of business letter contributes to successful establishment of business relations?

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position and reputation on the market;

3. Brief introduction to your own company (the business scope of your company, your position on the market, your products or services, etc.);

4. Your intention of writing the letter (in

what way you want to start business with them: to buy their products, to sell your own products or to invest in their company, etc.);

5. Your expectation of cooperation and early reply.

#### The following is a sample letter for your reference.

Dear Mr. Scott,

We learned about your company from your business associate, Jack Lewis, at the Guangzhou Trade Fair last week. Your company certainly has been in fashion business for years and is famous around the world. Mr. Lewis suggested that I contact you regarding the services and products of my agency, the China Textile Product Corporation. So I am now writing to you, hoping that you might be interested in our high-quality fabric and other related products.

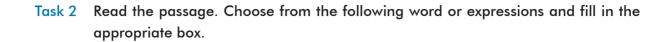
As you may know, China is one of the main suppliers of cotton and silk products. My agency is responsible for the export and import of Chinese textile products. Our great productivity, bestquality products and the responsible work of my agency make us the best and the most reliable client. Enclosed in this letter is our latest catalog, which will give you a general idea of our company and our products. Should you be further interested, please contact us at any time.

We are expecting your reply. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely, Yang Fang General Manager China Textile Product Corporation

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expanding business exhibitions business connections writing letters chambers of commerce

advertisements in the media trade fairs starting business increasing the turnover

The functions of establishing business relations:

Sources of getting information about potential dealers:

Task 3 Read the passage again and tick off the facts mentioned in the sample letter.

1. location	6. expectation of cooperation and early reply
2. brief introduction to the company	7. payment for sales
3. the intention of writing the letter	8. plan for development
4. the history of the company	9. the source of information
5. competition on the market	10. previous customers' satisfaction

Task 4 The reading passage has shown clearly how to write a letter aiming at establishing business relations. Besides the important points given in the passage, do you think there are still more useful techniques? Please talk about them in class.

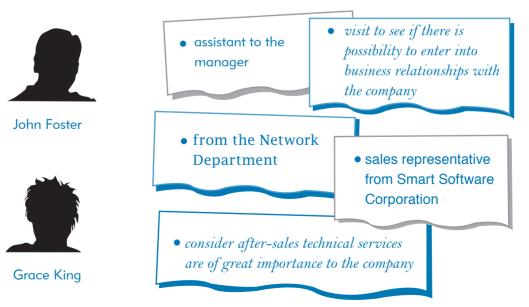


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#### Task 1 Listen to the conversation and fill in the blanks with what you hear.

- Sara: Good morning. Fortune Export & Import. What can I do for you?Ben: This is Ben Blare. I'm working with the United Produce
  - Corporation, and I'm calling to see if there would be opportunities for our <u>1</u> <u>2</u>, and I don't know whom I should talk to.
- Sara: Hmm... Could you further introduce your company?
- Ben: Sure. Our company handles the export of animal by-products. We have been 3 4 5 for years and have good reputation on the market.
- Sara: I see. If you agree, I shall arrange an <u>6</u> for you with Alan Wood, the assistant to the manager. He is responsible for this kind of business.
- Ben: That would be perfect. When can I come over to see him?
- Sara: He will be here tomorrow morning. Does the time  $\frac{8}{2}$ ?
- **Ben:** Sure! I will come at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Thank you very much.
- Sara: My pleasure. Bye.

Task 2 Listen to the conversation and match the people with the correct information.  $\bigcap$ 



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Task 3

Jerry Smith is visiting Laura of Peterson Brothers Co. Listen to the conversation and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1. Jerry and Laura have met before.
- 2. Laura is the assistant to the general manager.
- 3. Laura is impressed by the variety of products of Tiger Textile Company.
- 4. Jerry has great confidence in the products of his company.
- 5. According to Jerry, the best design team, leading techniques and advanced management make Tiger Textile Company very successful.
- 6. Laura makes the decision to start business with Jerry's company.

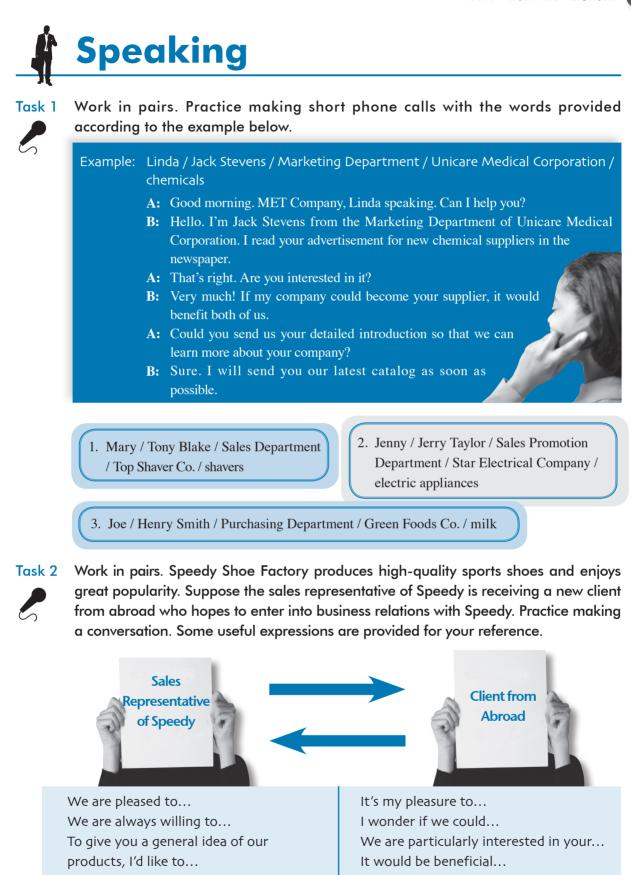
Task 4Sun Yan is receiving John Jeffery from Swift Automobile, talking about the detailsof cooperation. Listen to the conversation and fill in the blanks with what you<br/>hear.



- 3. Sun Yan asks for favorable conditions for establishing business relations such as
- 4. Mr. Jeffery mentions other attractions of Swift Automobile, including

Task 5Martin Blade is paying a visit to Sam Brown's company. Listen to the conversationand answer the following questions.

- 1. What are the main products of the company Martin Blade works with?
- 2. What is the purpose of Martin Blade's visit?
- 3. What will Martin Blade study a bit further?
- 4. When will they probably make the deal?



About the details, I'm afraid I have to... We will be waiting for...

When is it convenient... I'm looking forward to...

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Work in pairs. Vice-president of Green Electrical Appliance is paying a visit to the General Manager of Sky Electrical Co. which produces household appliances. Discuss with your partner, decide the right order of the steps and make a conversation accordingly.



- 1. Express thanks and enjoyment.
- 3. Greet.
- 5. Show your good impression of Sky Electrical Co.
- 7. Express hope for cooperation.



#### General Manager of Sky Electrical Co.

- 2. Express thanks and offer something to drink.
- 4. Express the same idea.
- 6. Greet and welcome.

Task 4 Work in pairs. Practice making a conversation with the help of the instructions below.

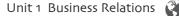


#### Associated Trade Co.

- Identify yourself.
- State the source of information.
- Clarify the products you are interested in.
- Put forward your questions and requirements.
- Express your hope for establishing a stable business relationship.

#### Simpson Houseware Company

- Extend a warm welcome.
- Briefly introduce your company and products.
- Provide answers to the questions and requirements.
- Ask for important information about the visitor and his company.
- Show your expectation of further communication and cooperation.





## It Is Not Just Sport

Over 80 years ago, in Germany, a young shoemaker made slippers from old military bags to help support his family. The young man, also a keen soccer player, soon adapted those slippers to his soccer game. His lightweight, comfortable sports shoes drew unceasing attention from the first day he wore them. His name was Adi (a nickname for Adolf) Dassler.

Adi Dassler started to produce his own sports shoes in his mother's kitchen after his return from World War I. By the 1920s, Adi Dassler was already experimenting to improve performance of his shoes. In 1924, his brother Rudolf (Rudi) Dassler joined the business and they did well—selling 200,000 pairs of shoes each year before World War II. By the 1930s Adi Dassler was the leading sports shoe manufacturer in the world, making 30 different shoes for 11 sports. And the tradition of innovation continues to the present day. However, the brothers did not get along well, and in 1948 they split up, with Rudi forming Puma, and Adi forming Adidas.

Besides sports shoes, Adidas also produces other products such as bags, shirts, and other sports and clothing-related goods. The company is the largest sportswear manufacturer in Europe and one of the largest sportswear manufacturers in the world.

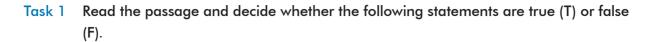
In August 2005, Adidas declared its intention to buy British rival Reebok for \$3.8 billion. This takeover was completed in January 2006 and meant that the company would have business sales closer to those of Nike in North America. The acquisition of Reebok will also allow Adidas to compete with Nike worldwide as the No. 2 athletic shoemaker in the world.

Adidas has headquarters in Germany, and many other business locations around the world such as Canada, Japan, Australia and Spain. Mainly sold in the US, Adidas makes lots of profits from these countries and is expanding to more overseas countries. The company revenue for 2006 was €10.084 billion, or about \$13.625 billion and the 2007 figure was €10.299 billion, or about \$15.6 billion.

Now most sports shoe production of Adidas has shifted to Asia. But Adidas has a specialized production facility in Scheinfeld, Germany, that creates new models of original types, as well as custom shoes, for some of the most valuable feet in the world—professional athletes.

One of Adidas's successful marketing strategies is their active involvement in sports event sponsorship. Adidas is the main sponsor of highly successful teams such as New Zealand national rugby team, Australian cricket team and German national football team. Adidas is also very active at sponsoring top football clubs such as A.C. Milan and Bayern Munich.

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1. Adidas was formed before World War I.
2. Adi Dassler started to make slippers, which was the very beginning of his involvement in shoe business.
3. When Adi first made his sports shoes, they were left unnoticed though the shoes were really satisfactory.
4. Established in Germany, Adidas was mainly a European company instead of an international one.
5. The acquisition of Reebok greatly improved Adidas's competitive power.
6. The innovation tradition of Adidas is reflected in the new models of old types and custom shoes.

#### Task 2 Match the following terms with their Chinese meanings.

1. takeover	• )	a. 制造商
2. lightweight	• )	● b. 运动装
3. headquarters		c. 竞争对手
4. sportswear	• 5	d. 营销策略
5. revenue	• 5	e. 合伙人; 合作关系
6. rival	• )	f. 重量轻的
7. marketing strategy		g. 总部
8. partnership		h. 收入
9. manufacturer	•	○ i. 赞助; 赞助者
10. sponsorship	• 5	○ j. 接收;接管

#### Task 3 Work in groups and discuss the following questions.

<ul> <li>In which way do you know about Adidas and its products?</li> <li>Do you think sponsoring sports events is a good marketing strategy? Will it be helpful for establishing business relations? Explain your opinion in detail.</li> <li>Do you have any suggestions for Adidas to improve its position in sportswear business? What are your suggestions?</li> </ul>
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Task 1Suppose you are Jane Trappe of Swift Communication Company. Write an email to<br/>Starcom in the hope of establishing business relations.

About Starcom:

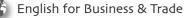
Starcom is the leading mobile phone producer in China and around the world. It has been at the forefront of communication inventions and innovations for nearly 80 years.

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Task 2 The following letter is sent to your company. Please write a reply letter.

Having obtained your name and address from the Commercial Counselor's Office				
of our embassy in your country, I'm writing to you in expectation of establishing business relations with you.				
Our company has been the importer of paper products for many years. Now we want to extend our business and we are interested in your products. We would appreciate it very much if you could send us your catalogs and quotations. If your prices are acceptable, we anticipate doing a considerable amount of business with you in the future.				
I'm looking forward to your early	y reply.			
	Yours faithfully.			
	Jimmy Brown			
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	UT Co.			

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## Project

#### **Project Guidelines**

This project aims at going through the process of establishing a business relation. The whole task is divided into three steps. Step One focuses on your ability to search and find a potential client. Step Two demonstrates the strength of your company and putting forward your request for entering into business relationships in written form. Step Three emphasizes your ability to conduct a formal talk with the potential client to finally reach a formal agreement.

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

#### **Task Description**

China Computer Group (a computer manufacturer) hopes to expand its market in Australia and establish long-term business relations with an international trade corporation.

#### 💺 Step One

- Organize a small group with 4-6 people in your class;
- Search the Internet for information about an international trade corporation or a computer manufacturer (such as company profile, products and services, contact information, etc.);
- Give a presentation to introduce the company and products/services with the help of the online information you have found.

#### 🛓 Step Two

- Divide your group into two subgroups: China Computer Group and the international trade corporation;
- Take turns to play each role by writing emails to each other: China Computer Group sends an email to the international trade corporation, enquiring about the possibility of establishing business relations; the international trade corporation answers the email, suggesting a visit by China Computer Group to talk about the cooperation;
- Read your email to the whole class, and the rest of the class give their evaluation.

#### 🔰 Step Three

- Take turns to play each role at your first meeting: The international trade corporation receiving China Computer Group; China Computer Group enquiring about details for establishing business relations;
- Summarize the performance of the group members and put forward suggestions for improvement.



## Self-evaluation

Rate your progress in this unit.	D	Μ	Ρ	F*
I have a basic idea about how to establish business relations.				
I can make and answer phone calls for establishing business relations.				
I can write emails in the hope of entering into business relations.				
I can write a reply letter to potential clients' email for extending business.				

\*Note: Distinction, Merit, Pass, Fail

## New Words and Expressions

#### **Reading** A

#### **New Words**

associate /ə'səuʃIeIt/ n. 合作人, 同事 catalog /'kætəlɒg/ n. 目录 channel /'t∫ænəl/ n. 途径, 渠道 delegation / del1'ge1 Jon/ n. 代表团 enclose /In'klouz/ v. 把……附带装入同一个信 封或包裹 expand /Ik'spænd/ v. 扩张 fabric /'fæbrik/ n. 织物, 一种布 (尤指通过纺 织、编织或毡结丝线而成) fair /feə(r)/ n. 展览会 fashion /'fæʃən/n. 流行服装、服饰 firm /f3:m/n. 公司 former /'fɔːmə(r)/ adj. 前者的, 在两个中先提 到的 geographic /dʒ1ə'græf1k/ adj. 地理学的, 地理 的 invest /ɪn'vest/ v. 投资 latter /'lætə(r)/ adj. 后者的, 所提到的两个人或 两件事中的第二个 mutual /'mjuxt ʃuəl/ adj. 相互的, 彼此的 obtain /əb'teɪn/ v. 获得,得到 potential /pəʊ'ten ʃəl/ adj. 潜在的, 可能的

prospective /prəʊ'spektɪv/ adj. 预期的, 可能要 成为……的 reference /'refərəns/ n. 提及, 提到 reliable /rɪ'laɪəbl/ adj. 可靠的, 可信赖的 scope /skəup/ n. (活动)范围, 领域 supplier /sə'plaɪə(r)/ n. 供应者, 厂商 survey /'sɜːveɪ/ n. 详细的考察或调查 turnover /'tɜːn,əuvə(r)/ n. 营业额, 成交量

#### **Phrases & Expressions**

for the purpose of sth./doing sth. 为了……目的 regarding (sb./sth.) 关于 (某人/某事) start business (with sb./sth.) 开始与……做生意

#### **Technical Terms**

business associate 生意伙伴 establish business relations 建立业务关系 market survey 市场调查

#### **Proper Name**

Chamber of Commerce 商会

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#### **Reading B**

#### **New Words**

adapt /ə'dæpt/ v. 使适合, 使适应 athletic /æθ'letɪk/ adj. 运动的 cricket /'krikit/ n. 板球 custom /'kʌstəm/ adj. 定做的, 按照定单制作的 facility /fə'sɪlətɪ/ n. 设施, 设备 headquarters /'hed\_kwo:təz/ n. 总部 innovation / Inəu'vei Jən/ n. 改革, 创新 lightweight /'laɪtweɪt/ adj. 重量轻的, 不重的 manufacturer / mænju'fækt ʃərə(r)/ n. 制造者, 厂商 marketing /'ma:kɪtɪŋ/ n. 营销 military /'mɪlɪtərɪ/ adj. 军队的 original /ə'rɪdʒənəl/ adj. 最初的, 最早的 professional /prəu'fe Jənəl/ adj. 专业的, 职业的 revenue / revənju:/ n. 收益, 来自财产或投资的 收益;收入 rival /'raɪvəl/n. 竞争对手, 敌手 rugby /'rʌgbɪ/ n. 橄榄球 sponsor /'sponsə(r)/n. 赞助者

sportswear /'spo:tsweə(r)/ n. 运动服装 strategy /'strætɪdʒɪ/ n. 策略, 战略 takeover /'teɪk,əʊvə(r)/ n. 接收, 接管 unceasing /,ʌn'siːsɪŋ/ *adj*. 不停息的, 持续的

#### **Phrases & Expressions**

as well as sb./sth. 和……, 以及…… compete with sb./sth. 与某人/某物竞争 get along well with sb. 与某人相处很好

#### **Proper Names**

A. C. Milan A. C. 米兰 (世界著名足球俱乐部)
Adidas 阿迪达斯 (著名运动品牌)
Bayern Munich 拜仁・慕尼黑 (世界著名足球俱 乐部)
Nike 耐克 (著名运动品牌)
Puma 彪马 (著名运动品牌)
Reebok 锐步 (著名运动品牌)
Toronto 多伦多 (加拿大城市)



Task 1 Fill in the blanks with the words or phrase from Reading A and Reading B that match the meanings in the column on the right. The first letters are already given.

1. p	likely to become or be
2. e	to insert into the same envelope or package
3. c	made to order
4. r	mention of a person, an occurrence or a situation
5. f	cloth produced especially by knitting or weaving
6. t	the value of goods and services that a company sells during a given
	period of time
7. e	to increase the size, volume, quantity; enlarge
8. s	a detailed inspection or investigation
9. r	one who attempts to equal or surpass another, or who pursues the
	same object as another
10. b a	_ a person united with another or others in an enterprise or a business

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

- 1. We assure you of our best \_\_\_\_\_\_ (serve) at all time.
- 2. They mainly trade with Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ (nation) firms.
- 3. There is considerable scope for \_\_\_\_\_ (expand) into the export market.
- 4. We are writing to you for the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (establish) of business relations.
- 5. We believe in the bright future of long-term \_\_\_\_\_ (cooperate) with your company.
- 6. From the Chamber of Commerce, we have understood that you are one of the largest \_\_\_\_\_\_(import) of coals.
- 7. We are the \_\_\_\_\_ (manufacture) of electric shavers.
- 8. If you need more information \_\_\_\_\_\_ (regard) our products, please contact us.
- 9. To support your sales, we have specially prepared for you some samples of our new products for your \_\_\_\_\_\_ (consider).
- 10. If the businessman has the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (intend) of buying for import, he may also request for catalogs, samples, price lists, etc.

## Task 3 Complete the following sentences with the words or phrase given below. Change the form if necessary.

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5. He is interested in our \_\_\_\_\_

\_(优质的布料及其他相关产品). (fabric)

Task 4



## Parts of Speech and Sentence Components

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

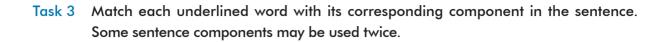
Andrew didn't go to the <u>bar</u> with <u>other</u> students. Rachel <u>told</u> him <u>they</u> were going <u>there</u>, but <u>he</u> wanted to <u>finish</u> his homework. Andrew isn't very <u>sociable</u>. He stays <u>in</u> his room <u>and</u> concentrates <u>totally</u> on his studies. He's <u>an excellent</u> student, <u>but</u> he doesn't have much <u>fun</u>.

1. to	prep.	9. sociable	
2. bar		10. in	
3. other		11. and	
4. told		12. totally	
5. they		13. an	
6. there		14. excellent	
7. he		15. but	
8. finish		16. fun	

#### Task 2 Identify the part of speech of the underlined word in each sentence.

1.	We went to a wonderful show in Beijing.	<u>n.</u>
2.	Jenny wanted to show Jack her photos.	
3.	Henry thought Claire looked beautiful.	
4.	A strange thought 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 tired Wendy out.	
9.	We did some <u>hard</u> work.	
10.	They worked hard.	





1. <u>Time</u> flies.	•	)	A. subject
2. The scenery is <u>beautiful</u> .	•		B. predicate
3. My father works in a large company.			C. object
4. <u>She</u> loves music very much.	• <	)	D. attribute
5. He passed me <u>a book</u> .	•	)	E. adverbial
6. The visitor gave an apple to <u>the monkey</u> .		)	F. complement
7. I have the <u>perfect</u> present for her.	•		G. predicative
8. He came back <u>sick</u> .	•		H. appositive
9. John runs <u>quickly</u> .	• (		
10. We students should study hard.	•	)	

#### Task 4 Fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in brackets.

- 1. Living in the country is less <u>expensive</u> (expense) than living in the city.
- 2. We need to reduce our \_\_\_\_\_ (depend) on oil as a source energy.
- 3. The chairman emphasized his ideas by speaking more \_\_\_\_\_ (loud).
- 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. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful) had faded over the years.
- 8. The sellers allowed us to pay them on a \_\_\_\_\_ (month) basis.
- 9. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (danger) for women to walk alone at night.
- 10. I was impressed by the \_\_\_\_\_ (deep) and complexity of the book.

### 词类与句子成分

词类	缩写	中文名	例 子	概念或功能
noun	n.	名词	boy, milk, bike	表示人、物及抽象概念的名称,除谓语 (predicate)外,可充当句子任何成分。
pronoun	pron.	代词	you, I, my, yours	代替名词或起名词作用的短语、句子, 可充 当主语 (subject)、表语 (predicative) 和宾语 (object) 等。
adjective	adj.	形容词	good, happy, nice	描绘人或事物的特征、性质、状态,可作定语 (attribute)、表语、补语 (complement) 等。
adverb	adv.	副词	well, badly, quickly	修饰动词、形容词、副词或全句,表达时间、地点、程度、方式等概念,主要用作状语 (adverbial)。
verb	v.	动词	be, cut, run, jump	表示动作或状态,作谓语或作为系动词 (linking verb) 与表语连用。
numeral	num.	数词	two, third	表示数目多少或顺序,可作主语、宾语、定语、同位语 (appositive) 等。
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,与介词 宾语构成短语,可作表语、定语、状语、补 语等。
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。

#### **Comprehensive Exercises**

#### Task 1 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 4 hard/hardly. However, I got a 5 surprising/surprisingly good mark, so I'm in the second class. I didn't take much at first, because I couldn't think of the words 6 quick/ quickly enough, but 7 late/lately I've become much more 8 <u>fluent/fluently</u>. I'm staying with a family who live 9 <u>near/nearly</u> the school. They are quite 10 pleasant/pleasantly although I don't see much of them because I'm always so 11 busy/busily with my friends from school. I was surprised how 12 <u>easy/easily</u> I made friends here. They come from 13 different/differently parts of the world and we have some 14 absolute/absolutely fascinating discussions. I do hope you will be able to join me here next term. I'm sure we'd have 15 good/well fun together.

> Best wishes, Celia

#### Task 2 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(n)
- 3. Your behavior was quite foolish. You behaved \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The hotel staff treated us in a very friendly manner.

The hotel staff were

5. He proposed that we put off our meeting, which is unreasonable.

His \_\_\_\_\_\_ that we put off our meeting is unreasonable.

- 6. Philippa is usually a hard worker. Philippa usually works
- Tom looked sad when he saw the injured dog. Tom looked
- I wish you could swim fast.
   I wish you were a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. She speaks perfect English. She speaks English
- I didn't go out because of the heavy rain.
   I didn't go out because it rained \_\_\_\_\_\_

### Task 3 Fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in brackets.

When Helen Keller was born she was a(n) 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (health) baby. But 2 \_\_\_\_\_

(unfortunate), when she was 19 months old, she had a sudden fever. Later, the fever 3 \_\_\_\_\_

(disappearance), but she became blind and deaf.

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 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (quick). However, learning to speak was harder. Anne continued to teach Helen with 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (patient). 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (final), when Helen was 10 years old, she could speak 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (clear) enough for people to understand her.

Helen went to an institute for the blind, where she did very well in her studies. Then she went to college, where she graduated with honors when she was 24 years old. Helen traveled 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (extensive) with Anne. She worked 9 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (tireless), traveling all over America, Europe, and Asia to raise money to build schools for blind people. Her main message was that disabled people are like everybody else. They want to live life fully and 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (normal). Helen wanted all people to be treated equal.

### Task 4 Identify the part of speech and sentence component of each underlined word or phrase in the following paragraph.

the spot, Mike can't get romantic with Lily. But he might buy her some flowers later to make (3) (b)

her <u>happy</u>.

Word/Phrase	Part of Speech	Sentence Component
1. ① Mike		
2. 9 Today		
3. <sup>(1)</sup> Jenny		
4. (5) flowers		
5. <sup>(2)</sup> beautiful		
6. ⑧ old		
7. 🚯 some		
8. 16 happy		
9. ④ loves		
10. 🛈 are		
11. 3 He		
12. 6 her		
13. ⑤ madly		
14. ⑦ unluckily		
15. ① at a café		
16. <sup>(1)</sup> With their friends		



Reading the following tongue twister and enjoy yourself.

Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread

Spread it thick, say it quick!

Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread

Spread it thicker, say it quicker!

Yellow butter, purple jelly, red jam, black bread

Don't eat with your mouth full!