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1) 我女朋友是一九六七年五月二十八号出生的，今年三十四岁，这个星期天是她的生日

My girlfriend was born in 1967 on May 28th. This year she is 34 years old. This Sunday is her birthday.

2) 王先生是一位非常有经验的男老师，在北京大学工作，他专教留学生学习现代汉语和书法。

Mr. Wang is a very experienced teacher, working at Beijing University. He specializes in teaching foreign students modern Chinese language and calligraphy.

3) 如果你不知道咱们学校食堂和餐厅服务员叫什么名字，就可以问她们：« 小姐，您贵姓？»

If you don't know our school canteen and dining hall server’s names, you can ask them: «Miss, may I ask your surname»

4) 中国熟悉的人见面打招呼在街上遇见的时候不怎么爱说： «你好！』，最喜欢问 « 你上哪儿去啊？» « 吃饭了吗？»

When in Chinese people meet an acquaintance on the street, they do not usually say “Hello” they would rather ask: “Where are you going?” “Have you eaten yet?”

5) 从明天开始，每天早上七点一刻我都要骑自行车到教室上课，练发音，念课文，记单词，听写汉字，回答问题。

Beginning tomorrow, every morning at seven fifteen I will ride my bicycle to class, practice pronunciation, read text, memorize words, dictate Chinese characters, and answer questions.

6) 后天下午差五分钟四点，她也准备再跟班上的几个同学一起坐出租汽车和地铁去 « 新世界 » 商店买些生活用品。

The day after tomorrow at 5 minutes to 4 in the afternoon, she wants to go together with her classmates to the “New World” shop again to buy some daily articles by taxi and subway.
7) 半公斤水果，一双皮鞋，两本杂志，四条棉毛裤，五件运动衣，六张导游图，共一千三百块。

8) 昨晚我们俩又饿又渴，要了份鱼香肉丝，一盘素炒空心菜，一个冷盘儿，两碗米饭。

9) 林数数家人口真多，有爸爸，妈妈，哥哥，嫂子，弟弟和妹妹。另外，他祖父母呢，以前是军队干部，已经退休很长时间了。

10) 这个孩子挺有抱负，属羊，大学还没有毕业，数理化考试各门功课成绩都不错，捡来想搞自然科学，当研究员。

11) 通过新闻记者介绍，我认识了那位漂亮文静的山东姑娘，她是旅行社翻译，能读懂几句古时，英语说得很流利。

12) 上海电视台节目主持人，细高个儿，瘦长腿，瓜子脸，眼睛美丽迷人，谁都说够精神的，简直像影片中的模特儿。
Because he is actively taking physical exercise – he skates during winter, swims in the autumn – he is becoming more and more healthy.
18) 刚才广播气象预报：寒流快到了，明晨有雨加雪，风向偏南，最低温度零下五度。夜间阴转晴，多云，刮北风，风力变小约四级。

19) 某计算机公司里首都展览馆远，在圆明园附近，周围有许多棵树，正对面有一座楼房，旁边是火车站和存车处。

20) 宿舍内挺干净，屋子里墙上挂满了著名的油画，桌上有本旧语言学词典，两把躺椅摆得很整齐，窗户旁的书架上放着一套胡适全集。

21) 邮局营业员觉得他的航空信封写得不但奇怪，而且使人看不清楚，告诉他，右下角应该只写寄信人地址，左边绝不能乱贴纪念邮票。

22) 在金沙江机场托运完行李，继续朝前走，忽然她停住脚步，第一次握着我的手轻声说：« 希望你永远幸福！祝你一路平安！ »

23) 何师傅做事马虎，丢这忘那，请他把手提包里的护照和借书证带来，结果，他却把其它东西拿来啦，等于是帮倒忙，增添麻烦。
Mr. He does thing carelessly. He loses and forgets things all the time. Once I asked him to please get my passport and library card from my bag. Instead, he ended up bringing everything else except what was asked of him, which caused more trouble.

24) 连县城工厂的大龄未婚青年慢慢也了解了: 决定找个既有意思又不累的职业并不容易，嫁个身材不矮，兴趣一致的有情人更困难。

Even the women workers in the county factory, who are not yet married but above the normal age for marriage, are slowly beginning to understand that it is not easy to find a profession that is interesting but not tiresome. They also realize that it is even more difficult to find a husband, who has a tall figure and shares common interests with them.

25) 假日他除了睡懒觉，还常去跑步，做艺术体操，演唱歌曲，跳交际舞，玩扑克牌，下象棋，或者联合小伙伴举办周末家庭音乐会。

During the holidays besides getting up late, he also went running, did aerobics, sang songs, went ballroom dancing, played poker, and played Chinese chess. Besides these activities, he also got a group together on the weekends for music concerts at his house.