



A. Describe the Picture

Describe the picture briefly.

B. Self Expression

Use the following expressions to answer the questions.

Agree
Disagree
Not sure

There will come a time when computers can accurately translate long sentences and paragraphs into another language soon.

Writing letters and sending cards is obsolete.

C. Words and Expressions

Check the pronunciation, meaning and usage of the words with your tutor.

Words and Expressions	Example Sentence
apt	I've read your letter and I think it is an apt reply to his last correspondence.
born under a lucky star	He was really born under a lucky star because out of 500 students, he was chosen to represent his school.
coveted	After years of working for the same company, he earned a coveted spot in the board.
fall into one's lap	Good grades won't just fall on your lap, you have to work hard for them.
kick (someone) off (something)	The coach kicked him off the team for always coming in late for practice.
tactic	I guess that James Dean story is his management's tactic to earn more money from his work.
underdog	Underdogs may lose at the beginning but can win when it really matters.

出展

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D. Reading

Read the following text silently.

Did you know that the very first recorded messages in bottles were sent out in 310 BC by the philosopher Theophrastus? Since then, messages in bottles have become a form of communicating war tactics, shipwreck, and even love. A short discussion on messages in bottles is apt for this next story.

This is a classic example of how fate would find a way to redeem an underdog. There were this two fisherman friends whose lives were changed by messages in bottles. In 2006, one of the two friends found a 92-year old message in a bottle. This earned him a coveted spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for the oldest message in a bottle ever found. He wasn't very nice about it, as he would brag about it to his friend, which unsurprisingly annoyed the latter.

The latter friend must have been born under a lucky star because six years later, a 98-year old message in a bottle fell into his lap. Yes, he kicked his friend off the Guinness Book of World Records for the oldest message in a bottle ever recovered.

When you finish reading, summarize what the article says and explain it to your tutor.

- 1 Do you think it's alright to talk to strangers? Why or why not?
- 2 Talk about the oldest form of communication that you had the opportunity to use.
- 3 Which do you think is the most efficient form of communication? Why?
- 4 How is one's success in life and business influenced by his/her communication skills?
- 5 What for you are the characteristics of someone who has good communication skills?

E. Listening

Listen to what your tutor will say and propose a solution for the problem presented.

Tutor: Read the article for the student.

Student: Listen to your tutor and try not to look at the article below.

We are in the age of advanced technology. Our civilization has moved from getting messages from someone after weeks or even months to sending a message to someone in a matter of seconds. How can we make our correspondence through smartphone and the Internet sound and feel more personal and sincere than distant and frigid?

E. Make a suggestion

Propose a solution to the following problem.

How do you think will communication improve 20 years from now?