海外生存英语生活

第一讲上

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Adapt to the new environment

适应新环境

话题导入

来到异国,与另一个家庭一起生活,一开始一定有很多不习惯的地方。首先,生活习惯(living habits)及生活作息(hours of work and rest),就是对你适应能力的一大考验(a big challenge)。

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举例来说,如果你的寄宿家庭家人没有天天洗澡的习惯(a habit of washing oneself every day),或者他们通常是在早上才冲澡(take morning showers),那么习惯天天洗澡,并且都在晚上洗澡的你,就会显得格格不入(feel like a fish out of water)。
So what can you do then?

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只要事先沟通,寄宿家庭应该都会愿意尊重你的习惯,因此,你也应该要尽量体谅并尊重(understand and respect)他人的生活方式。

1. adapt to 适应

adapt oneself to ... 使自己适应...

eg. He always adapted himself easily to new circumstances.

他总是很容易使自己适应新的环境。

【引申】adapt 使适应; 改编 (vt. / vi.)

(1) adapt for 表示"使适应,使适合(新用途,新情况);改编,改写",其后接名词或动名词。

eg. He doesn't adapt for such work.

他不适合做这种工作。

(2) adapt to 表示"适应(新情况)",其后接名词或动词原形

eg. You must adapt to the rules of your school.

你要遵守学校规章。

Some people cannot adapt to change because they are too old.

有些人因为年龄太大,所以不能顺应局势的变化。

- 2. new environment 新环境
 eg. You should adapt yourself to the new environment.
 你们应该使自己适应新的环境。
- 3. experience 体验

【引申】

- (1) 用作不可数名词,指"经验,体验"
 - eg. She had no experience of life at all.

她毫无生活经验。

- (2) 用作不可数名词,指"经历,阅历"
 - eg. Please tell me about your experiences in Africa. 请跟我们谈谈你在非洲的经历。
- (3) 用作动词,指"经历,体验;感受,遭受"
 - eg. The city experienced over 2,000 such incidents last year.

去年这座城市发生过两干次以上的此类事件。

- 4. culture shock 文化冲击
 - eg. John is jobless, homeless, friendless, and suffering from culture shock.
 - 约翰没有工作,居无定所,也没有朋友,还得忍受异国文化带来的冲击。
- 5. be used to 习惯于

- (1) be used to doing 表示对...已感到习惯或习惯于, to是介词。eg. She lives on a farm, so she's used to getting up very early.

 她生活在农场,所以她习惯早起。
- (2) used to do 过去常常做某事 eg. I used to enjoy gardening, but I don't have time for it now. 我曾经喜欢园艺,但现在已经没有时间去做这个了。

1. I have adapted to the new environment. 我已经适应了新环境。

2. It took me some time to get used to American food. 我花了一点时间去适应美国的食物。

3. I am pretty much used to the new routine. 我大致上已经适应了新的作息。

4. I am not used to eating salad every day. 我还不太习惯每天吃沙拉。

5. Sooner or later I will be dreaming in English. 迟早我说的梦话都会是英语。

6. I'm still trying to acclimatize myself to the weather here. 我还在努力让自己适应这里的天气。

【引申】

- (1) try to do sth. 努力做某事
 eg. I try to finish my homework now.
 我努力现在完成自己的作业。
- (2) try doing 尝试做某事
 eg. He tries making a model plane.
 他尝试着制作一个飞机模型。

7. I didn't know that everyone takes a morning shower in my host family. 我不知道原来我寄宿家庭的每个人都是早上洗澡的。

8. I'm starting to like country music.

我开始喜欢上乡村音乐了。

9. My listening is getting better. 我的听力进步不小。

10. My host family has helped me a lot to adapt to the new culture. 我的寄宿家庭在协助我适应新文化上帮了很大的忙。

会话练习

A: How do you adapt to the home stay? 寄宿家庭的生活你适应得如何?

B: I think I adapt myself to the new environment pretty well. 我觉得我还蛮能适应新环境的。

会话练习

A: Have you experienced any culture shock yet? 你有经历什么文化冲击吗?

B: I am not so used to eating salad every day. 我还不太习惯每天吃沙拉。

会话练习

A: You probably prefer cooked vegetables. 你大概比较喜欢吃煮熟的蔬菜吧。

B: Yes. For the rest, I am more interested than shocked. 是呀。其他方面我觉得还挺有趣的,并不觉得有太大的冲击。

A: Good to hear that. 那就好。