

【趣味英语单词】

stuff



stuff是生活中最常用的单词之一。它泛指“东西,事情”,跟thing在意思上没什么区别。但是,两者有一点截然不同:stuff是不可数名词,thing是可数名词,所以只有things,没有stuffs!

不可数名词形容不可数的东西天经地义。stuff的特殊性在于,它还可以表示可数的东西。打个比方,你桌上堆满了书、笔和杂志等等。这些东西都可数,但合在一起,应称为stuff,而不是stuffs。举例如下:

Chris: Dude, there's so much stuff on your desk! Can you actually work? (Chris: 兄弟,你桌上那么多东西!你还能不能干活啊?)

Henry: I know! I should really do something about it. (Henry: 我知道!是得赶快清理一下了。)

如果你觉得stuff是不可数名词这一点很难理解,不妨把stuff看成一个单复数同形的可数名词(就像deer,鹿)。既然单复数同形,stuff既可以是thing,也可以是things,这样就好记了。比如:

What's this white thing on

the carpet? = What's this white stuff on the carpet? (地毯上这个白色的东西是什么?)

I've got loads of things to do! = I've got loads of stuff to do! (我有好多事要做!)

另外,和stuff有关的两个短语也属于必须掌握的日常用语。

1) and stuff. 这其实是and stuff like that的省略形式,表示“诸如此类”的意思。类似的用法还有and so on, and everything, and all that (jazz), and whatnot和and things like that等等。举例如下:

When he started talking about DNA, genes, chromosomes and stuff, I felt like my head was gonna explode. (当他开始谈论DNA、基因和染色体一类东西时,我觉得自己的脑袋就快爆炸了。)

把例句里的stuff换成so on/everything/all that/whatnot/things like that,意思不变。这些用法都很普遍,不过感觉上美国人最喜欢说的还是and stuff。

严格说来, and stuff只有在列举了一串东西(至少两种)之后才能

用,但在美国,越来越多的人已经不再遵循这个原则。即使只说了一件事,后面也可以跟and stuff,它往往只是一种说话的习惯,没有实际意思。比如:

I know he's rich and stuff, but what does that have to do with me? (我知道他很有钱,但那关我什么事?)

还有一点要特别注意, and stuff后面加不加like that都可以,但and things后面必须加like that,没有单独的and things这种用法。

2) stuff it. 它相当于中文里的“去它的,管它呢”。通常在改变主意或者表示不在乎的时候用。比如:

I didn't want to get on stage at first, but then I thought, stuff it, why not? (我本来不想上台,但后来一想,管它呢,为什么不上?)

to hell with it也表示类似的意思,它在美国更常用一些。这也延续了美国人一向喜欢说hell的特点,比如what the hell, hell yeah和hell no等等。

描写人物的英语高分作文

My father is a humorous person. My father short stature, fine fine thin, white skin, black hair, a head of the "big wave" self-invited roll hair, who would think that he is met at the barber's hot. His colleagues said he is narrowed down fei xiang, I think so too. He is a fine art, is famous in the central south five provinces binding artist, his one-man show has a favorable review in the many famous people. After another wall, he is a funny people, special love kidding, I don't know if all of the art is very humor, I think my dad's body is full of humor cells. No matter how tired he how busy work, as long as take a door, exactly, he said, as long as a see me, and immediately he smile, I followed delightful sounds.

我的爸爸是一个幽默的人。我的爸爸身材矮小,瘦瘦的,白白的皮肤,黑黑的头发,那一头自来卷儿的“大波浪”发型,谁见了都会以为他是在理发店烫的。他的同事们都说他是缩小了的费翔,我也这样认为。他是个搞美术的,是中南五省小有名气的装帧艺术家,他的个人画展得到过很多知名人士的好评。他又是个顶顶滑稽的人,特别爱开玩笑,我不知道是不是所有搞艺术的人都非常幽默,反正我觉得我爸爸身上充满了幽默细胞。不管他上班有多忙多累,只要一进家门,确切他说,只要一见到我,他就立刻眉开眼笑,我也跟着手舞足蹈起来。

【今天你答对了吗】

1) The pen _____ he is writing is mine.

- A. with which
- B. in which
- C. on which
- D. by which

2) They arrived at a farmhouse, in front of _____ sat a small boy.

- A. whom
- B. who
- C. which
- D. that

答案:

1) A. with which

这是“介词+关系代词”结构,常用来引导定语从句。with有“用”的意思,介词之后只能用which,不能用that。with which在定语从句中作状语。即he is writing with a pen.

2) C. which

即在in front of a farmhouse, in front of which在从句中作状语。

