



FLTRP Star Teacher Contest

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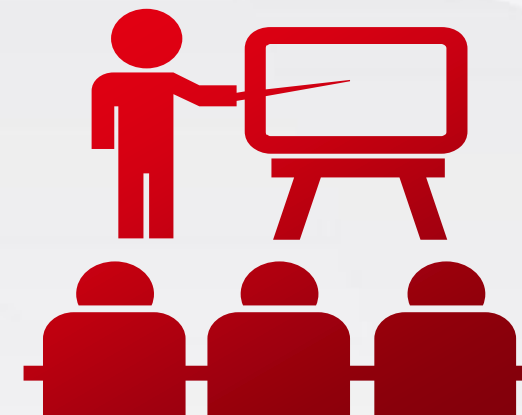
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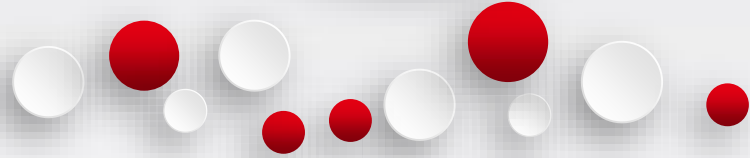
Demo Class





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Teaching Design



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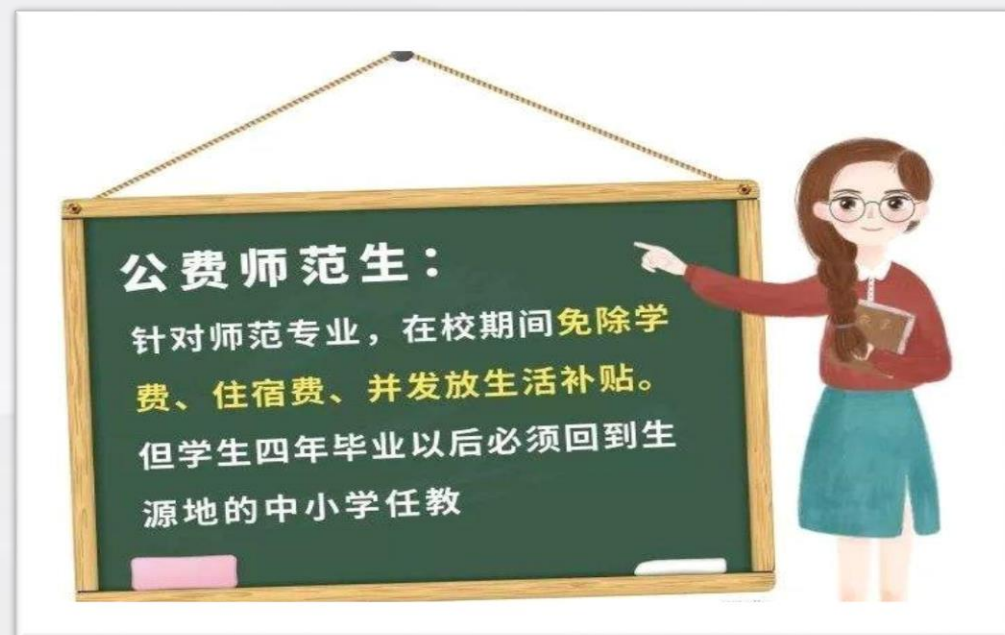
Needs Analysis

University

Comprehensive normal university
Future teachers and researchers



Students



State-financed education

Highly motivated

High proficiency in basic linguistic knowledge

Low discourse competence

新一代大学英语
English

Unit 6
To be or not to be

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Unit 6
To be or not to be

iPrepare

In our lifelong journey, we often find ourselves standing at one crossroad or another, where we have to make hard choices. We have regular anxiety making decisions because we do not know if we have made the right or wrong factors should we consider when making a choice? Do we have to consider interests, passion, responsibility, happiness, or something else? After making a choice, how can we know whether it is right or not? What can we do if we don't go smoothly after we make a choice? Among the many choices we are choosing a major and a career path can be amongst the most difficult of our lives. To some degree, they determine how we will spend our lives from now on. Read the texts and see if you can learn from the authors' experiences to have a deeper understanding of making choices.

Scenario

You are invited by your senior high school to contribute an essay to help students who will be choosing their majors. In your essay, you will describe your experience of choosing a major, reflect on it, and then give some suggestions on how they will be able to complete the task after studying this unit.

Learning objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- talk about making choices using new vocabulary
- infer the meaning of real and unreal conditional structures
- explain with examples the value of interest in making choices
- understand the relationship between passion and making choices
- explain what factors to consider when choosing a major

iExplore 2

Viewing

As we have read in iExplore 1, the economics professor's words greatly changed the author's life. Similarly, when today's college graduates face the fiercely competitive job market, how can human resources experts help them to make a proper decision? Watch a video clip and try to catch the experts' advice on career choices.

Fill in the blanks with what you hear from the video clip.

- 1 I think it's really about _____. Most of us choose our first career with _____ time than we spend choosing an outfit for a night out.
- 2 You don't really know what you're about as an _____. And that's why I think this _____ process is really quite important.
- 3 I think it's really important for you to pick your career for _____.
- 4 Rather than doing what is expected of you, if you actually do what _____ for you, then you've got a great chance of success.

Experts in the video clip offer us advice on how to make a career-choice decision. Which piece of advice is the

Reading

As the experts in the video clip suggest, we should explore our interests, determine who we are, and pick a career based on what we want to do. In other words, we should find and follow our passion. However, what should we do if we have not yet found our inner pursuit? What should we choose if we have passionate interests in more than one field? Moreover, what would happen if we fail to follow our passion? Read the text and figure out the author's career philosophy that leads him to a successful career path.

Follow a career passion? Let it follow you

- 1 In the spring of 2004, during my senior year of college, I faced a hard decision about my future career. I had a job offer from Microsoft and an acceptance letter from the computer science doctoral program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I had also just handed in the manuscript for my first nonfiction book, which opened the option of becoming a full-time writer. These are three strikingly different career paths, and I had to choose which one was right for me.
- 2 For many of my peers, this decision would have brought about anxiety. Growing up, we were told by guidance counselors, career advice books, the news media and others to "follow our passion." This advice assumes that we all have a pre-existing passion waiting to be discovered. If we have the courage to discover this calling and to match it to our livelihood, the thinking goes, we'll end up happy. If we lack this courage, we'll end up bored and unfulfilled — or worse, in law school.
- 3 To a small group of people, this advice makes sense, because they have a clear passion. Maybe they've always wanted to be doctors, writers, musicians and so on, and can't imagine being anything else.

Text Feature

Use of concession paragraphs

Rationale

01



02



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Student Feature

Deficiency in discourse analysis and higher order thinking

Moral Education

Strengthen professional belief and enhance a sense of commitment

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Teaching Objectives

Strengthen professional beliefs

Cultivate patriotism and enhance a sense of commitment



Moral

Apply concession paragraphs to the writing task

Develop critical thinking skills



Skills

Identify the structure and function of concession

Remember the expressions used in concession



Language

TERRIFIC
Sun Youzhong (2019)



POA
Wen Qiufang (2015)

Principle

Approach

Critical Thinking

Motivating - Enabling- Assessing

Scenario

When the students of our overseas Confucius Institute learned about the State-financed education for students at normal universities, they were full of curiosity and doubts.

As a student who receives State-financed normal education in China, would you please respond to their questions?





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Teaching Procedures

01

Motivating

Teacher

Students

Describing relevant communicative scenario
Trying out 1st draft

02

Enabling

Teacher

Students

Scaffolding, enabling material
Learning and practicing

03

Assessing

Teacher

Students

Setting up criteria and evaluating, TSCA
Polishing 1st draft

Assessment Checklist

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Highlighted Features



Embodying characteristics of normal universities



Cultivating critical thinking in learning process



Integrating language teaching with moral education

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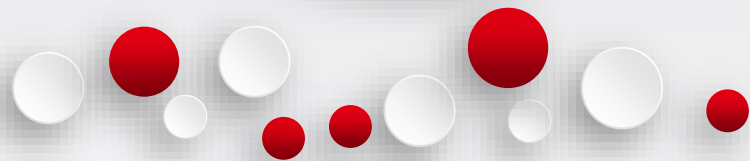
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Demo Class



Deciding on a career at an early age will not necessarily have negative effects on students' overall development, because for most students, teaching is their **passion**.

Salary is not the only criterion in career choice. Some students choose this career because they like the feeling of **being needed**.

Sample 1

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement

iWrite智能批阅

iWrite 爱写作
英语写作教学与评阅系统

学生答案:

Dear Makasil,

In your video you mentioned that this policy will have negative effects on students' overall development because students have to decide on the career at an early age.

I disagree with this view. Personally speaking, I choose this major and decide to be teacher in the future because I think schools in villages need teacher very much. I graduated from a high school in a town of the mountain areas of our province. We have no English classes in our primary school. The first time I opened English book was the first year of middle school. However, the English class was taught by our Chinese teacher as we did have any professional English teacher. Later, a college student, who majored in English in a normal university, came to our middle school as a volunteer teacher. From then on, we have got the real English class. Her English class is particularly attractive. It opened a window for us and took us into a new world. I was strongly influenced by her. I set a better learning goal. I also hope that I can be her in the future and bring hope to more children. That was my experience which inspired me to make this choice.

Best wishes,

Tom Wang

Dear Makasi,

Opposing view

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Your view

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Your evidence

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Definition

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement



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Function

Embarkation

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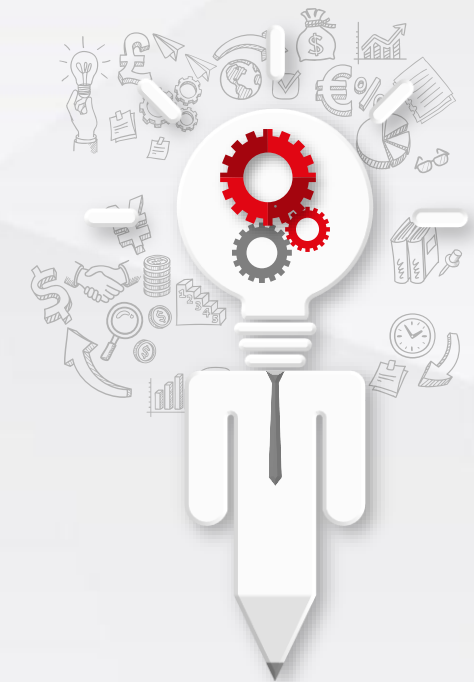
Reinforcement

Holistically

Persuasively

Dialectically

Respectfully



Structure

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement

Growing up, we were told by guidance counselors, career advice books, the news media and others to “follow our passion.” This advice assumes that we all have a pre-existing passion waiting to be discovered...(para 2)

To a small group of people, this advice makes sense, because they have a clear passion... (para 3)

But this philosophy puts a lot of pressure on the rest of us and demands long deliberation...I knew all about this Religion of Passion and its demands. But I chose to ignore it... The alternative career philosophy... (para 4)



Recognizing the opposing view



Conceding that the opposing view may have merits



Countering with another argument

Sample 2

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement

iWrite智能批阅

iWrite 爱写作
英语写作教学与评阅系统

学生答案:

Dear Makasi,

I'm excited to explain you some policies about students receiving state-financed education at normal universities. This policy is launched by national government to support grass-rooted education in rural areas. It aims to encourage college students to participate in education improvement in these areas.

As mentioned in the video, some people may think these students may not be fully motivated due to low salaries or the bad living conditions in these areas. In fact, a series of measures are being taken to guarantee teachers working in rural areas. Nowadays, treatments of these teachers are good enough and their living standard and promotion opportunities are satisfying. Therefore, they have great enthusiasm to devote to teaching and teaching quality there has been improved a lot. Hope you can come to China to have a look.

Best regards,

Grace Li

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Best ,
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Supporting evidence

Government document

Statistics

Academic paper

News report

Interview

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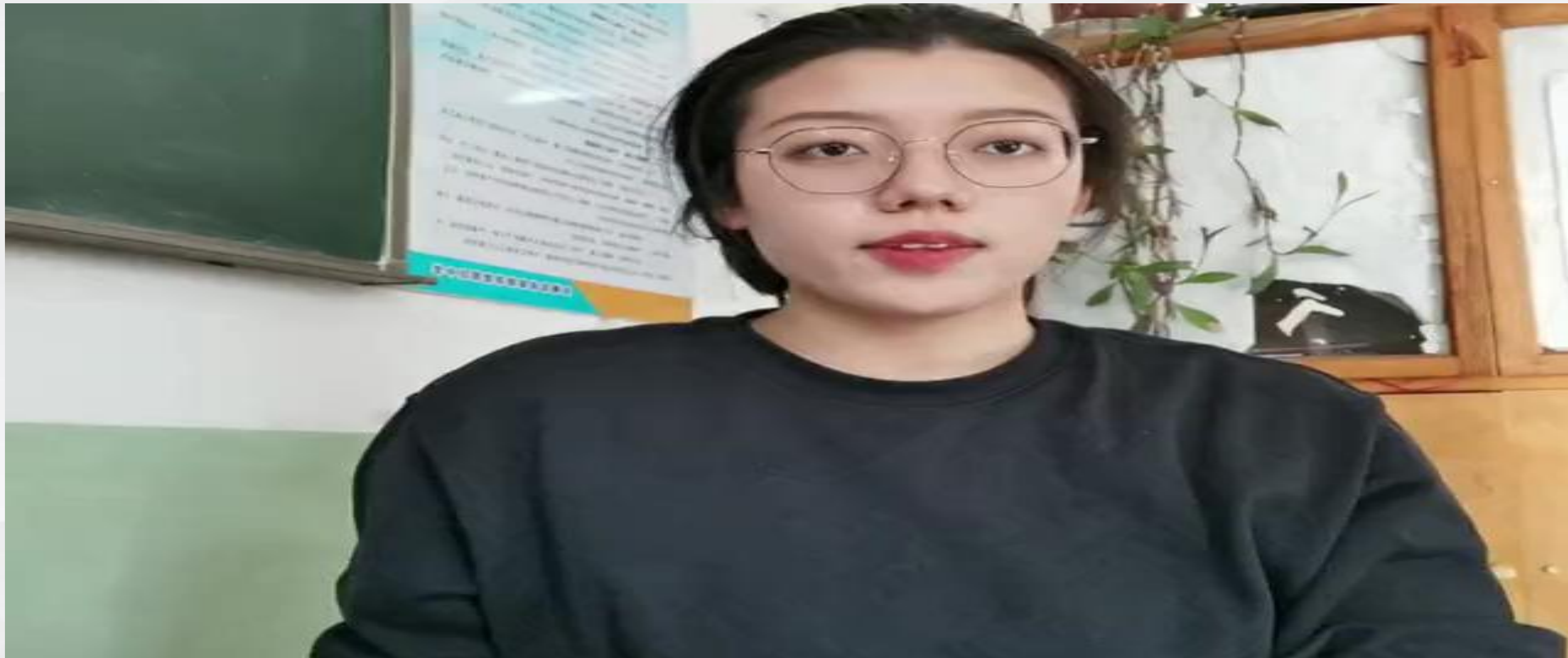


Interview

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement



Sample 2

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement

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Expressions

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement

Recognizing

Some have argued/
suggested that...

This advice assumes
that...

It might be possible to
consider that...

It is often argued that...

Conceding

This advice makes sense,
because...

They have a point in
thinking that...

Admittedly...

Countering

However, I would suggest/
argue that...

Nevertheless, I would like to
point out that...

But this philosophy puts a
lot of pressure on the rest of
us....

Exercise

Embarkation

Exploration

Reinforcement

You think that teaching jobs in rural areas are not motivating and therefore may affect the teaching quality.

Admittedly, / **You have a point in thinking that** rural schools cannot offer teachers so many opportunities as schools in big cities do . For example, big cities may offer higher salaries and more training programs, let alone good educational resources for future generations.

However, / **Nevertheless, I would argue that** for a lot of university graduates who choose to work in rural areas, opportunities for themselves is not their first consideration. Instead they work there to offer opportunities to others. They want to bring knowledge and wisdom to the children, which in turn will give continued vitality to the rural education and contribute to the overall development of rural areas in China.

Assignment

Revise your first draft and submit your second draft on **Unipus**.

一个人遇到好老师是人生的幸运，一个学校
拥有好老师是学校的光荣，一个民族源源不断
涌现出一批又一批好老师则是民族的希望。





Thank You!

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