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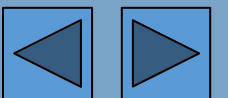
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Unit 4

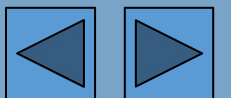
When the East meets the West





Look at the picture and discuss:

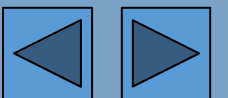
- Have you ever thought of studying abroad?
- What cultural differences do you know?





After learning this unit, you will be able to:

1. Talk about the advantages of studying abroad;
2. Discuss cultural differences between the East and the West;
3. Design an academic calendar.





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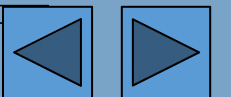
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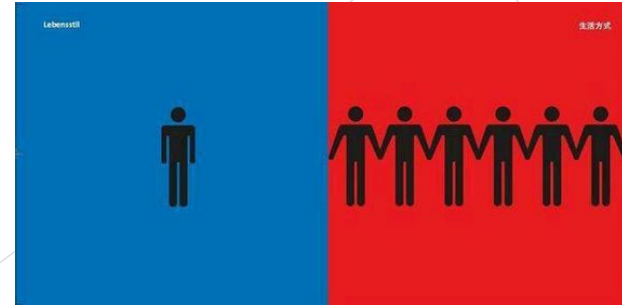


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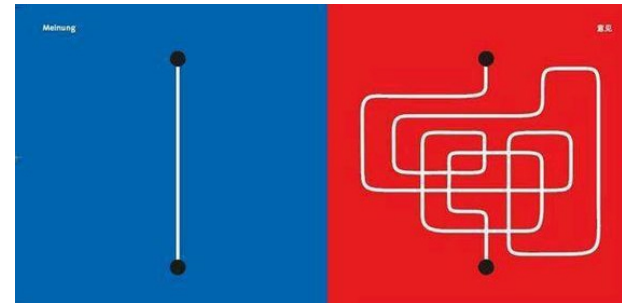
Warming up

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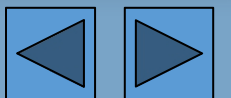
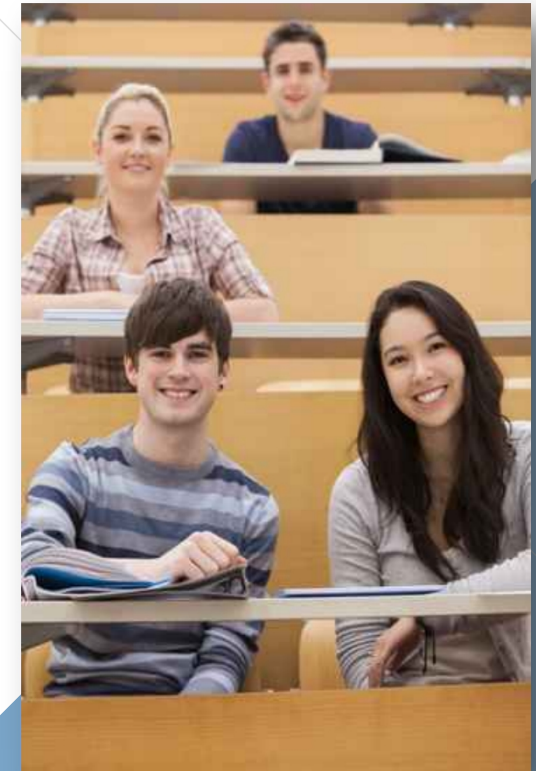
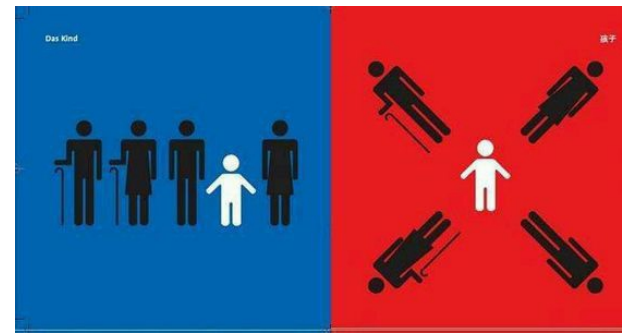
Lifestyle



Way of thinking



Family structure





02

Listening and Speaking



Listen to the dialogue about studying abroad. The following words, expressions and sentences may help you.



abroad

what's more

custom

diversify

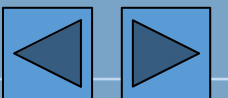
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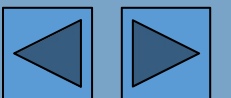


e.g. I would love to go
abroad this year, perhaps
to the South of France.

我今年想去国外，可能去
法国南部。



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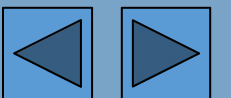
what's more

此外；而且



e.g. I am very interested
in this post. **What's
more**, your company is
outstanding in this field.

我对这个工作非常感兴
趣，而且贵公司又是这
个领域的佼佼者。





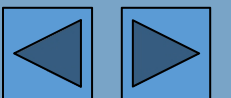
custom

n. 风俗; 习俗



e.g. The **custom** of
lighting the Olympic
flame goes back
centuries.

点燃奥运圣火的风俗可
追溯到几个世纪前。





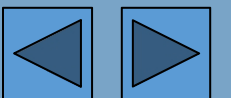
diversify

v. 使多样化



e.g. This would also
diversify sources of
energy supply.

这样做还可以使能源的
供应源多样化。





cultural difference

文化差异



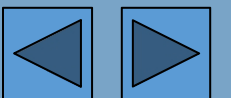
e.g. I don't think

cultural difference is the
essential problem for
communication.

我不认为文化差异足以
造成沟通的大问题。



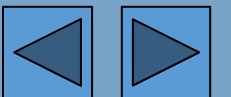
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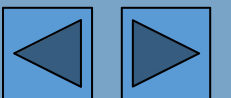




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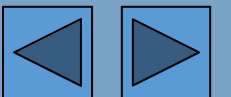
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contact with other
cultures.**



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他文化亲密接触。**



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Linda: Yes, I am.

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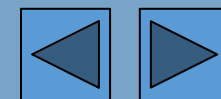


安迪：你准备出国留学吗？

琳达：对，是的。

安迪：你为什么选择出国留学？

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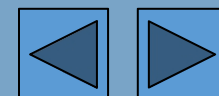
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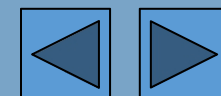
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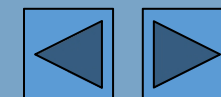
Listen again and choose Linda's reasons to study abroad.



- a good way to learn a foreign language
- a chance to travel the world
- a chance to widen her horizons and deepen her knowledge
- to make friends with foreigners
- to have close contact with other cultures
- to develop social skills and diversify her life



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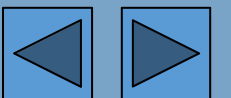
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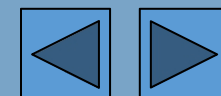
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Discuss in pairs. If you were given the opportunity to study abroad, would you accept it? Why or why not?

broadening horizons,
deepening knowledge,
practicing foreign language...

YES



NO

culture shock,
language obstacles,
different living styles...





Read the following words and expressions and sentences. Then listen to the dialogue about cultural differences between the East and the West.



salary

impolite

inappropriate

personal

fight

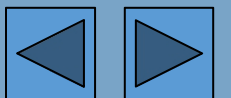
split the bill

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They take their privacy seriously.

They split the bill after a meal.

Dialogue





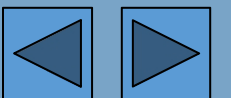
salary

n. 工资



e.g. He would not accept
this office for such a small
salary.

他不愿拿这么少的薪金来
担任这项职务。





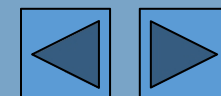
impolite

adj. 不礼貌的



e.g. It is **impolite** to butt
into other people's
conversation.

别人谈话时插嘴是不礼貌
的。





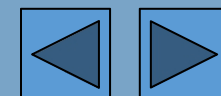
inappropriate

adj. 不合适的; 不适当的



e.g. It is **inappropriate** to draw such a parallel.

这种比拟是不恰当的。





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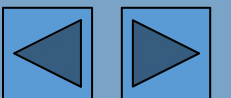


e.g. That's my **personal**
opinion.

这是我的个人意见。



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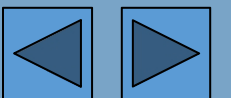
fight

v. 争辩



e.g. I've spent a lifetime **fighting** against racism and prejudice.

我花了毕生的时间与种族歧视和偏见作斗争。





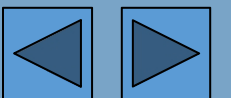
split the bill

分摊费用



e.g. We decided to **split the bill** for our dinner.

我们决定要分摊晚餐的费用。

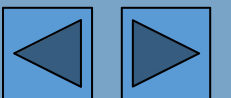




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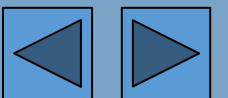




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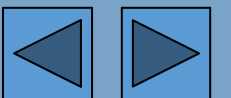




**They split the bill
after a meal.**



**聚餐之后他们平分费
用。**





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Andy: For example, it's common to ask people about their age or salary in China. However, it's usually considered impolite to ask Westerners such questions.

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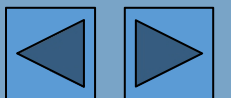
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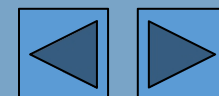
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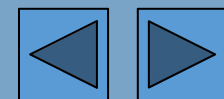
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In China

Age

Salary

Marital status

Paying the bill at a restaurant

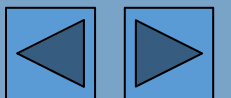


In the West

go Dutch意为“各付各的账，平摊费用”。人们在聚会时通常各自承担一部分费用，这在西方国家是比较普遍的现象。

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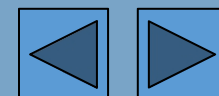
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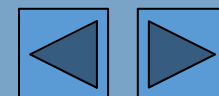
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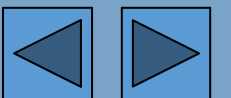
Do you know other cultural differences between the Chinese and the Westerners? Search online and share what you find with your classmates.





Work in pairs. How will the following students pay their bills?

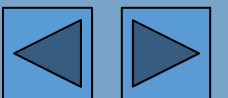
Andy, a Chinese college student, knows much about the cultural differences between the Chinese and the Westerners. He has made a new friend Sharon, who is from the UK. Andy and Sharon are having dinner at a Chinese restaurant.





Useful expressions—Start a Conversation

- It's a chance for me to widen my horizons and deepen my knowledge.
- Studying abroad gives you close contact with other cultures.
- They take their privacy seriously.
- They split the bill after a meal.



思维塑造



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Watch the video and think about how to avoid misunderstanding of foreign cultures caused by the stereotypes.



- 文明因多样而交流，因交流而互鉴，因互鉴而发展。我们要加强世界上不同国家、不同民族、不同文化的交流互鉴，夯实共建亚洲命运共同体、人类命运共同体的人文基础。

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(习近平2019年5月在亚洲文明对话大会开幕式上的主旨演讲)

Diversity spurs interaction among civilizations, which in turn promotes mutual learning and their further development. We need to promote exchanges and mutual learning among countries, nations and cultures around the world, and strengthen popular support for jointly building a community with a shared future for both Asia and humanity as a whole.



Thank you!

