

Fun English 61-90 集

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Animals

A: What's your favorite animal?

B: I don't really have a favorite. I like so many different animals!

A: Well, how about your top three favorite?

B: I guess if I had to choose three, they would be cats, rats and dogs.

A: Rats! Are you serious? I can understand why you like cats and dogs because lots of people like them. But rats? Why do you like those dirty animals?

B: Rats are great! They can eat almost anything, and they can live almost anywhere!

A: Gee, when you put it that way, it does sound as though rats are pretty cool.

B: Yeah, they really are amazing! How about you? Which animal is your favorite?

A: Do you know what? I think you have changed my mind about rats. They are my new favorite animal now!

B: Copycat!

A: More like copyrat!

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Clothing/Accessories + Colors

A: Hey, can I ask your advice about something?

B: Sure, what's up?

A: How do these shorts look on me? Do you think they suit me?

B: I don't think red is really your color.

A: Really? But I love the color red! Why don't you think it suits me?

	<p>B: I just think that darker colors are more your style.</p> <p>A: Do you mean black?</p> <p>B: Sure, black, dark blue or even dark green. Darker colors are easier to pair with other clothes too.</p> <p>A: Oh, I get what you are saying. It makes it easier to match my shorts with the rest of my outfit if they are not too bright.</p> <p>B: Exactly.</p> <p>A: Okay. Thanks for the tip!</p>
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63	<p>Home Appliances</p> <p>A: Hello sir. Can I help you at all?</p> <p>B: Hi! I would like to buy a new TV, but I am not sure which model to get.</p> <p>A: Well, there are many different brands to choose from, so is there one brand that you prefer?</p> <p>B: No, I am not too worried about who makes it, I am more concerned about the screen size.</p> <p>A: I see. So what size are you looking for?</p> <p>B: The bigger the better! I would say at least 55 inches.</p> <p>A: Okay, that makes it a bit easier for you to choose, as we only have a few models with such big screens.</p> <p>B: Which ones?</p> <p>A: Have a look at these models over to the right of the refrigerators here.</p> <p>B: So all of these models to the right of the refrigerators are 55 inches or bigger?</p> <p>A: That's correct.</p> <p>B: Hmm. How much for this white one?</p>
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Appearances

A: Don't you think Billie looks smart in her new school uniform?

B: Do you mean that Billie looks smarter than she was before because she is going to junior high now?

A: No, silly! I mean that she looks great in her uniform.

B: Oh I thought that "smart" meant "intelligent".

A: Well it does mean that too. But you know, the same word can have different meanings. Like you can say that Donny's hairstyle looks "cool".

B: I guess you mean that his hairstyle is fashionable, and that it looks good?

A: That's right. I don't mean that I think his hairstyle would keep him cool on a hot summer's day.

B: It might though!

A: That's true! And he might need that, since he's so hot!

B: Wait a minute. Do you mean he needs to cool down or that he is really good-looking?

A: Ha-ha. What do you think?

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Computers

A: Help!

B: What's wrong? Are you okay?

A: I have no idea how to turn this PC on.

B: Are you kidding? I thought you were in trouble!

A: Well I am in trouble. I really need to type up my essay, but I have no idea how to switch your computer on!

B: Can you see that square button on the top of the case?

	<p>B: This one here? I tried pressing that but nothing happened.</p> <p>A: Yes. That is the power button. Have you turned on the power at the wall?</p> <p>B: Do you mean at the electrical outlet?</p> <p>A: Yes. And did you even plug it in?</p> <p>B: No, I didn't think of that. Why do you unplug it when you turn it off?</p> <p>A: If you unplug it then it is safer and it saves electricity.</p> <p>B: Really? I had no idea!</p>
66	<p>Customs and Lifestyles</p> <p>A: Oh, I am so tired!</p> <p>B: Why is that? Did you not sleep well?</p> <p>A: No, it's because I had to get up so early to come to class.</p> <p>B: What time did you wake up?</p> <p>A: At 7 am! It's too early!</p> <p>B: What? You only got up at 7 am? I usually get up at 6 am for school.</p> <p>B: Yes, but you are an early riser. Different people have different habits, don't you know?</p> <p>A: So, are you more of a night owl?</p> <p>B: You got it. I rarely go to bed before midnight.</p> <p>A: That's pretty late on a school night! A lark like me could not do that every night.</p> <p>B: A lark? What does that mean?</p> <p>A: A lark is a bird that gets up early, so we call people who get up early "larks" as well.</p> <p>B: Who would have thought that birds and humans could be so similar?</p>

67	<p>Eating Out</p> <p>A: Are you ready to order?</p> <p>B: Oh, not yet sorry. There are so many choices! What do you recommend?</p> <p>A: How about a starter? Would you like a soup or a salad?</p> <p>B: What is the soup of the day?</p> <p>A: Today it's mushroom soup.</p> <p>B: Gee that's too bad. I prefer pumpkin soup.</p> <p>A: If you like pumpkin then you're in luck, as the salad of the day has pumpkin in it.</p> <p>B: Perfect! I will also have the spaghetti. How much does that come to?</p> <p>A: In total that will be \$300.</p> <p>B: \$300! That's quite expensive!</p> <p>A: Well, if you get the set with a drink, it'll only come to \$250.</p> <p>B: So, it's actually cheaper if I add a drink to my order? That sounds like a great deal!</p>
68	<p>Environment and Pollution</p> <p>A: Whose straw wrapper is that on the ground?</p> <p>B: Oh, that's mine. I will pick it up in a minute.</p> <p>A: In a minute? What happens if the wind blows it away?</p> <p>B: It won't go far. See—they're my chopsticks over there and they didn't roll very far either.</p> <p>A: How about you just collect it and put it in the trash right away? That way you won't forget.</p> <p>B: I won't forget. My memory is like an elephant's!</p> <p>A: How about the bottle cap over there. Is that yours too?</p> <p>B: Oh, yeah, I forgot about that.</p> <p>A: So... you were saying...</p> <p>B: Okay! I'll put it in the trash can right now!</p>

69	Family A: How is Benny related to me? B: Benny is your cousin. A: But isn't Benny's mom your sister? B: That's right. Benny's mom is my sister, so she is your aunt. A: So how about Jenny, Benny's sister? B: Jenny is your cousin too. A: Oh, so all of my aunts' children are my cousins? B: You got it! A: Thanks Dad!
70	Famous People A: You got 100 on your test. Are you the next Einstein? B: Einstein? Who's that? A: Haven't you heard of Albert Einstein? B: No. Is he a friend of yours? A: Albert Einstein was one of the world's most famous scientists! B: Oh, is he still around? A: No, but his ideas are! B: I don't think I am that smart. A: You will be if you keep studying hard.
71	Famous Places A: Are you ready for our trip to Beitou? B: Where is Beitou? A: You know, the district just north of Shilin? B: Do you mean that place on the southwestern side of Yangming Mountain?

	<p>A: Yes, it's south of Danshui.</p> <p>B: Isn't Beitou famous for its hot springs? It's much too hot today for hot springs.</p> <p>A: The hot springs are just one of the interesting tourist attractions. There is a really cool library there that was built without using any nails!</p> <p>B: No nails? How does it stay standing? I can't wait to find out.</p>
<p>72</p>	<p>Food and Drinks</p> <p>A: I'm starving!</p> <p>B: Starving? You can't be that hungry—it's only 3pm!</p> <p>A: No, really, I am super hungry. What snacks have we got?</p> <p>B: How about some fruit or some nuts?</p> <p>A: What am I, a monkey? Only monkeys eat those kinds of things!</p> <p>B: You do remind me a bit of a monkey sometimes...But seriously, fruit and nuts are some of the healthiest snacks you can have.</p> <p>A: I was thinking more along the lines of some candy or ice cream.</p> <p>B: Well, you will be a fat monkey if you eat those!</p>
<p>73</p>	<p>Friends</p> <p>A: Here is a card I made for you.</p> <p>B: Oh, that is really nice of you. It's not my birthday though!</p> <p>A: I know that! This is not a birthday card.</p> <p>B: What kind of card is it?</p> <p>A: Why don't you read it and see?</p> <p>B: "Thanks for being my best friend. I am always here for you if ever you need me."</p> <p>Wow! They are such kind words.</p> <p>A: I've got your back, best buddy.</p> <p>B: Same goes for me, best mate!</p>

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Gender Equality

A: What would you like to be when you grow up?

B: I want to be a househusband.

A: A househusband? Is that even a real thing?

B: Of course! Haven't you heard of stay-at-home dad before?

A: No, I haven't ever heard of these jobs before. Isn't being a housewife a woman's job?

B: This is the 21st century! Women can do what were traditionally men's jobs, and men can do women's jobs!

A: So you would like to stay at home while your wife goes out to work?

B: In fact, I don't even want to get married. I just want to stay at home and do housework and cook.

A: The world has changed a lot if men can do that too now!

B: Yeah, it is a lot fairer for everyone.

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Health

A: Achoo!

B: Oh dear, it sounds like you are getting sick.

A: I'm not getting sick; I am sick!

B: What symptoms do you have?

A: My symptoms are a runny nose, a sore throat and—like you just heard—sneezing.

B: That sounds pretty serious. Maybe you should get tested for COVID?

A: Good idea. Where is the nearest hospital?

B: You can just use a rapid test. Here, you can have this one.

A: Thanks! I hope the test comes up negative!

76	Festivals A: Happy Mid-autumn Festival! B: Happy Mid-autumn Festival to you too! A: Here, would you like a moon cake? B: That's very kind of you, but I just ate a lot of barbecued vegetables for dinner. A: How about some pomelo for dessert? B: Okay, I guess I could squeeze some in. A: Isn't the moon looking beautiful tonight? B: Yeah, I wonder where Chang'e is!
77	Houses and Apartments A: How many bedrooms does your home have? B: Just the two. But our living room is huge! A: That must be nice to have a big place to relax. We have three bedrooms, but no living room! B: Don't you have a balcony? A: Unfortunately not, although we can use the rooftop if we want to have a barbecue. B: Isn't it dangerous to go up there? A: No, it's perfectly safe as long as you stay away from the edge. B: Cool! I'm going to check out the rooftop on my building tonight!
78	Human Rights A: Hey. What are you up to? B: I'm writing a letter to the government. A: That sounds really serious! What are you writing about? B: I'm writing to ask them to stop killing people as punishment.

	<p>A: Do you mean you want to get rid of the death penalty?</p> <p>B: Yes, everyone has the right to life, and no one has the right to kill others!</p> <p>A: But what about dangerous criminals? Shouldn't they get serious punishments like the death penalty?</p> <p>B: If that happens and it turns out that they were not the ones who did the crime, then killing them is even worse, isn't it?</p> <p>A: I guess you're right. I've never thought about it that way before.</p>
<p>79</p>	<p>Hobbies and Interests</p> <p>A: What do you like doing to kill time?</p> <p>B: Sometimes I go birdwatching in the park or hills around Taipei.</p> <p>A: Yeah? Are there many birds in this city?</p> <p>B: There are so many birds in and around Taipei!</p> <p>A: Cool! Do you need any special tools?</p> <p>B: If you have some binoculars it can help, but actually you can see most birds with the naked eye.</p> <p>A: Would I be able to join you some time?</p> <p>B: Sure. I'm going out a little later, so you are welcome to join me then.</p> <p>A: Great! I can't wait!</p>
<p>80</p>	<p>Manners</p> <p>A: Would you like some more rice?</p> <p>B: What?</p> <p>A: Don't say "what" – that's pretty rude. I asked if you would like some more rice.</p> <p>B: Huh?</p> <p>A: Saying "huh" or just making a noise when someone is asking you a question is bad manners too!</p>

	<p>B: Oh, I'm so sorry. What should I say if I didn't hear your question?</p> <p>A: You can say: "Pardon?" or "Sorry?"</p> <p>B: I'm sorry, I didn't mean to be rude! Next time I will remember to say "Pardon?"</p>
<p>81</p>	<p>Money and Prices</p> <p>A: No way! Chocolate costs \$140 now?</p> <p>B: That is too expensive!</p> <p>A: I remember when it was only \$100.</p> <p>B: Yeah, me too. I wonder why the prices keep rising.</p> <p>A: I guess it is because of the rising cost of living.</p> <p>B: So does that mean that nothing will ever be cheaper, and everything will cost more and more?</p> <p>A: I'm afraid so!</p> <p>B: Well that sucks! We'd better start saving now.</p>
<p>82</p>	<p>Nation and Languages</p> <p>A: How many languages can you speak?</p> <p>B: Well, there's my mother tongue, Taiwanese, then Mandarin, English and a little Hakka.</p> <p>A: You can speak Hakka? That's my mother tongue!</p> <p>B: Cool! I wish I could speak a bit more but I don't get many chances to use it.</p> <p>A: You can practice with me.</p> <p>B: Really? That would be great.</p> <p>A: Sure, no problem! How about you teach me Taiwanese too?</p> <p>B: Okay! Let's have a language exchange!</p>

83	<p>Nature</p> <p>A: Wow, the air is so fresh here, and the views are so stunning!</p> <p>B: I know, right?</p> <p>A: Who would've thought that you could breathe fresh air, right next to an MRT station?</p> <p>B: That's what makes this city so great!</p> <p>A: It is pretty cool that you can hike all around the city.</p> <p>B: So many people don't know how amazing the hiking trails are.</p> <p>A: And they are so easy to get to by public transport!</p> <p>B: That's the best part!</p>
84	<p>Neighborhoods</p> <p>A: Hi! Are you just moving in?</p> <p>B: Hi! Yes, I'm moving in to the building opposite.</p> <p>A: Welcome to the neighborhood! Let me know if there's anything I can help you with.</p> <p>B: Thanks! I would like to know when the garbage gets collected around here.</p> <p>A: The garbage truck comes at 7pm every night.</p> <p>B: Oh, where does it stop?</p> <p>A: Right over there, next to the bus stop.</p> <p>B: Thank you, that's good to know!</p>
85	<p>Numbers</p> <p>A: How many apples would you like?</p> <p>B: I'll take 13 please.</p> <p>A: 30? That is a lot of apples!</p> <p>B: No, 13. 1—3</p>

	<p>A: Oh 13! I thought 30 was too many.</p> <p>B: Yes, 30 would be way too many. And I'd also like 14 oranges please.</p> <p>A: Sorry, the connection is not very clear. That's 14 oranges, right?</p> <p>B: You got it—14.</p>
<p>86</p>	<p>Occupations</p> <p>A: It must be really hard being a fireman.</p> <p>B: What about a firewoman? That would be even harder!</p> <p>A: Sure, any job where you have to fight fires would be difficult.</p> <p>B: I think that is why we call them "firefighters" now.</p> <p>A: Is that because both men and women can do that job?</p> <p>B: Yes, it sounds fairer.</p> <p>A: I guess that's why we say "police officer" instead of policeman?</p> <p>B: Right. It's probably for the same reason.</p>
<p>87</p>	<p>Parts of the Body</p> <p>A: My elbow is so sore!</p> <p>B: Oh no! Have you been playing any sports recently?</p> <p>A: No, why do you ask?</p> <p>B: Some people get a sore elbow if they play a sport like tennis a lot.</p> <p>A: Is that because they keep using the same body part for the same movement?</p> <p>B: Yes, if you use one part of your body over and over again, it will sometimes get injured.</p> <p>A: I haven't been playing sport, but I have been playing computer games almost every night!</p> <p>B: That must be why your elbow is so sore. You should rest it for a while to let it get better.</p>

88	School Life A: My timetable for this semester is going to be so packed! B: Mine too. How many optional subjects did you choose? A: It is not so much the extra subjects that take up so much time. B: So what is it that you're worried about? The sports clubs? A: You got it. I have soccer training at least three nights a week, and I also want to learn the guitar, then there's choir practice... B: It sounds like you have a lot on your plate. Why not just focus on one after-school club? A: No way! I want to make the best use of my time. B: Okay, just don't spread yourself too thin!
89	Shapes, Sizes and Measurements A: Hi, can I try these on please? B: Sure, the fitting rooms are over there on the left, next to the exit. A: Thanks. Oh, and do you have this top in a medium? B: Weren't there any mediums on the shelf? A: No, only smalls and larges. B: Okay, let me check for you. A: I would also like to try on these sandals in a 9 and a half, if you have them. B: Okay, we don't have any mediums left. We only have those sandals in a size 10. A: On second thoughts, don't worry about it. I'll just try on these other items. Thanks.
90	Weather and Climate A: It's freezing today! B: You're not wrong. I can't remember Tainan ever getting this cold before.

A: I thought global warming is supposed to make the world hotter!

B: Sure, the summers are getting hotter, but the winters might also get colder too.

A: How does that work?

B: I am not totally sure, but I heard that the temperatures will be more extreme.

A: We'd better not get snow here! This is supposed to be the tropics!

B: Yes, that would be terrible for the wildlife.

A: And the humans!