



Do you want to skateboard?



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On October 25 last year, Yibo Wang became the skateboarding ambassador of China, and the theme of roller skating this year is "skateboarding, China, and youth". Actually, skateboarding is not an exclusive sport for young people, it can be loved by anyone who loves sports and challenges. Skateboarding evolved from surfing. In the 1960s, California residents invented the first skateboard. In 1981, the first skateboarding competition was successfully held. And on December 7, 2020, the International Olympic Committee agreed to list skateboarding as an official event of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Nowadays, it has become more and more popular especially among adolescents. Skateboarding is not difficult to learn, and there are no specific requirements for the venue. As long as you have one skateboard and

enough open space, you can start your skating trip. But that does not mean skateboarding doesn't have a professional venue, in fact, after nearly 70 years' development, skateboarding has been mature and perfect enough. Some skateboarders prefer to assemble their skateboards personally. They know what brand of wheels is best, what material of sandpaper is most suitable and what kind of bearings is most durable.

Additionally, beginners should protect themselves consciously, wear protective equipment, ask someone to accompany, and carry out difficult movements after mastering skills to prevent accidental falling injury.

Now do you think skateboarding is cool? If your answer is yes, then give it a try. Just like learning a bicycle, you can also be a cool guy.

什么是“元宇宙”？Facebook 又来凑什么热闹？



原文

Facebook has just announced it's going to hire 10,000 people in Europe to develop the "metaverse". This is a concept which is being talked up by some as the future of the internet.

To the outsider, it may look like a souped-up version of Virtual Reality (VR) - but some people think the metaverse could be the future of the internet.

In fact, the belief is that it could be to VR what the modern smartphone is to the first clunky mobile phones of the 1980s.

语言点

1. metaverse /'metəvə:rs/ n. 元宇宙 (虚拟的人类现实世界)

· 构词: meta- 元、超越, verse- 宇宙

2. talk up 夸大 (If someone talks up a particular thing, they make it sound more interesting, valuable, or likely than it originally seemed.)

- If we talk up the event, people will come.

· 如果我们把这事好好宣传一下, 一定会有人来的。

3. souped-up adj. 加了马力的, 增强的

· soup up 加马力 (improve something, especially a car, by making it more powerful)

· a souped-up version 升级版, 增强版

· a souped-up version of iPhone 升级版的 iPhone

4. 句型 A is to B what C is to D : A 对于 B 就像 C 对于 D 一样, A 和 B 的关系就好比 C 和 D 的关系

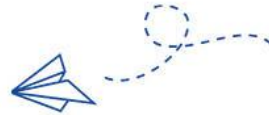
· 注: what 是为了连接前后的对比, 意思是“恰如、好像、相当于”

· Oxygen is to the human beings what water is to the fish.

氧气对于人类就像水对于鱼一样重要。

· Reading is to the mind what food is to the body.

· 读书之于心灵, 犹如食物之于身体。



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In me the tiger, sniffs the rose.

East or West, Poetry is Different.

Author/ Chen Pengze

There are many differences between western and Chinese culture. When it comes to poetry, we also find a lot of differences in some aspects, such as images, accents, fairy tales and rules. The two poems below may help you get a better understanding of these differences. The latter is the Chinese translation of the former.



Poet's Land

Nowhere Spring shed water drop through Life?
Muse her tear doth not dry up.
Nowhere Spite shades himself through Time?
The River said, forget, but home hug.

Kiss her good-bye, no longer see thou,
King God above, heaven our house.
Though thorns! Who burning! Difficult How?
Let us Prometheus sing loud!

No twilight whereon our dream,
No deathbed overwhelmed our nature.
We bards, bardic world, ancient team
Uncrowned King! Anyone, for Literature!

Phoenix flew from Long ago,
Quill from where, as were we so.

诗人故里

哪里有一滴水值得一生拥有?
那是你, 缪斯的眼泪
何处有怨恨能得以消弭?
那是忘河之滨, 诗人故里

向所爱之女道别
愿爱情在天堂相见
让旅途上荆棘燃烧
我们唱起盗火者的歌谣!

没有困厄理想的痛
没有人性不可拯救
我们吟游世界已久
其无冕的文学王!

凤凰毛笔来自的远方
那是诗人的故乡

The form of the poem is Sonnet(商籁体), which is adept at expressing one's feelings, mostly love. And the rules(韵律), rhymes(尾韵), metres(音步) are demanding. It was created by bards(吟游诗人) in the 13th century, but when it spread to the UK, Shakespeare enriched it.

Now let's analyze this poem.

The romantic fourteen lines convey poet's passion and dream. Which spring has water attracting poets? It's Muse's tears. Because in western culture, Muse(缪斯) was the Goddess who gave men talent to create, and her tears are as valuable as gems!

Line 3 and 4 quote a sentence from Hamlet. "Forget the shore of the river"(忘河之滨) is a image with an artistic conception from Hellenic fairy tale.

Stanza 2 eulogizes the Hellenic fairy tale hero, Prometheus, the God who brought fire to human, and it mentions John Christophe(约翰克里斯朵夫) by Romain Rolland, the Nobel laureate in literature. In Romain's work, Christophe experienced great difficulty but he regarded them just as "burning thorns". Ultimately he beat the pain from thorns. As to the question, why poets embrace their love ones only in heaven? Well, it's tearful humor that many outstanding poets didn't have a perfect marriage, although many girls fell in love with their poetry.

In the third stanza, I wrote down some heartfelt words. I think the supreme purpose of literature is to save nature submerged in evil abyss and purify all people's conscience. The very first literature form created is poem. Francis Bacon once said, poetry makes a man wise. When you suffer from the poison of life, poetry heals you with melodious melody. When happiness comes to your door, poetry will clap for your ecstasy.

In the end, Phoenix refers to the ancient immortal birds in Arab fairy tale, just like our Fenghuang. I wish that poems can always be as gorgeous as phoenix's feathers. With a pen, we can create one feat that never perishes from the earth.

All in all, the form of the poem is Shakespeare Sonnet, and it is romantic style. The poem is a three-tone step(三音步).
十四行诗, 浪漫主义, 三音步居多。

He sits no sure that sits too high.

О русском языке

—Михаил

Васильевич Ломоносов

关于俄语

——米哈伊尔·瓦西里耶维奇·罗蒙诺索夫

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Карл Пятый, римский император,
говаривал,
что испанским языком с Богом,
французским - с друзьями,
немецким - с неприятелями,
итальянским - с женским полом
говорить прилично.
Но если бы он российскому языку был
искусен,
то, конечно, к тому присовокупил бы,
что им со всеми онными говорить
пристойно,
ибо нашёл бы в нем великолепие
испанского,
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нежность итальянского,
сверх того, богатство и сильную в
изображении краткость греческого и
латинского языка.

罗马皇帝卡尔五世说过,
西班牙语适于同上帝讲话,
法语适于同朋友讲话,
德语适于同敌人讲话,
意大利语适于同女性讲话。
但是, 如果他精通俄语, 他就会说,
用俄语同这所有的人讲话都是适当的,
因为它具有西班牙语的庄严, 法语的生动, 德
语的铿锵和意大利语的温柔。
不仅如此, 它还具有希腊语和拉丁语的丰富和
强烈的表现力。



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实现零碳排放?

九大公司已做出承诺

Author/ Zhu Hongyi

zero-carbon fuel decarbonize

Nine big companies including Amazon, Ikea and Unilever have signed up to a pledge to only move cargo on ships using zero-carbon fuel by 2040.

They hope the "aggressive" target will push the heavily-polluting shipping industry to decarbonize faster.

Cargo shipping produces one billion tonnes of climate pollution each year - as much as the country of Germany.



语言点

1. sign up to a pledge 签署协议
· pledge /pledʒ/ n. 认真严肃的保证或承诺 (a serious promise)
2. zero-carbon fuel 零碳燃料
3. aggressive target 激进的目标; 积极的目标
4. decarbonize /diːkɑːrb(a)naɪz/ v. 排碳化, 脱碳化
· carbonize v. 碳化
5. cargo shipping 船运 (to move cargo on ships)

海天酱油涨价上了 BBC?

The maker of China's best-selling brand of soy sauce is raising prices, in the latest sign of inflationary pressures in the world's second largest economy.

Foshan Haitian Flavouring and Food Co said it will increase the prices of its range of products by as much as 7% later this month.

The Shanghai-listed company pointed to higher costs of materials, transport and energy for the decision.

语言点

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1. soy sauce 酱油
· soy milk 豆奶
· soybean milk 豆浆
2. raise/increase prices 提价, 涨价
3. in sign of sth. 作为……的标志, 表示出……
· in sign of evil 作为邪恶的标志
· in sign of friendship 表示出友好
4. range /reɪndʒ/ n. 一系列
· range of products 系列产品
5. point to 指出



Something you may not know about

pigs

Author/ Yang Yaxian

Which animal will come to your mind when talking about stupidity and laziness? I hold the view that it must be pigs. For a long time, pigs have always been regarded as a symbol of stupidity and laziness. It even has become our daily word used to describe a lazy or foolish man. When you notice your roommate is still sleeping at 12 a.m. you may say, "Are you a pig?" However, are pigs really so silly and lazy?

As a matter of fact, the thought is wrong. Pigs have many advantages. First and foremost, pigs are clever. Up to now, experts have measured the intelligence of over 100,000 species of animals. It's astounding that pigs ranks 10th in IQ, even ahead of dogs. Pigs have good memories. It just takes three days to train a pig to defecate at the same place. But for a dog, that will be over a week. It's believed that pigs' IQ is almost equal to that of 3-or 4-year-old human babies.

Another advantage of pigs is that they have good noses. Based on this talent, a number of countries have begun to substitute pigs

for dogs to search for drugs and contraband in airports and customs. In addition to this, this talent can also be used in small aspects. For instance, farmers in some parts of France use pigs to find black truffles(黑松露).

In our eyes, pigs are pink and fat with oinks. And different from cows and dogs which work for people, pigs don't do anything yet eat much. The only goal for them is to become fat. Besides, pigs are very tame, unlike lions in zoos which will bite people if they are released. Therefore, pigs are deemed stupid and lazy. As mentioned above, some countries have made good use of pigs' gifts. This is a good trend. I hope our attitude towards pigs will change for the better and more pigs will be put into better use in the future.

语言点

- defecate v. 排便 When people and animals defecate, they get rid of waste matter from their body through their anus(肛门).
- N-UNCOUNT. defecation. The drugs side effects can include involuntary defecation.

The answer must be in the attempt.

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Located in Bunbury, Australia, the regional prison is well-known for housing all kinds of serious criminals. These prisoners are full of revenge against society. Even if they do get out, strong sociopaths will force them back. Besides there is no death penalty in Australia. The government had no solutions for them. Thus an unprecedented plan began.

Another "demon" emerged. They were greyhounds. Due to their explosive power, greyhounds can run up to 60 kilometers per hour. Some illegal gambling groups thus started training greyhounds for gambling. Every greyhound was trained to be extremely fierce in order to win. That is why no one was willing to

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Two-way Redemption

Author/Zhang Zhen

adopt them when they were abandoned by gamblers. Eventually, they were forced to be euthanized.

The hospice was sympathetic to the greyhounds' plight. Hence it collaborated with the government, which then decided to make impatient prisoners take care of abandoned greyhounds. At first, prisoners would not go near them for fear of being bitten. But the government promulgated a policy that prisoners would have his sentence commuted if they could turn greyhounds into normal pets. Enticed by this policy, prisoners commenced to contact with dogs. Maybe sensing their kindness, dogs gradually became less aggressive.

Several days later, to the surprise of the guards, instead of provoking the guards, the prisoners focused all their energy on the dogs, treating them like families. These greyhounds had learned to play,

interact with people and were as curious about the world as normal pets. These once "no conscience" prisoners, because of the dogs, gradually restored compassion and responsibility. When they learned that the dogs assigned to them would be adopted by different families, they implored the jailers: "Please don't send them away. And we promise to turn over a new leaf after release." In order to give themselves and their dogs a mundane life, they showed strong determination to get out of the jail early.

Hundreds of prisoners had been released with dogs under the "Pet in Prison Program" and lived a normal life. For these two "demons", they are each other's redeeming angels.

在路上遇到猫，就摸一摸

Author/Zhu Hongyi



Please pat a cat when you encounter one on the street.

在路上遇到猫，就摸一摸。

——并非彼得森《生存的十二条法则》

今日一悟

When you feel tired and overwhelmed by pain, go out for a walk. Perhaps when you walk, a cat appears in front of you. If you care about it, there will be such a short moment. You will think of all kinds of warmth and happiness, and then make up for the inescapable and incurable suffering.

Do you like cats?

当你觉得累了，痛苦压得你喘不过气时，去外面散散步吧。或许当你散步时，一只猫出现在你面前，如果你去关心它，会有那么短短的一瞬间，你会想起所有的种种温暖与愉快，然后稍稍弥补那无法逃避、无法根除的苦闷。

你喜欢猫吗？



今日一句

What a luxury a cat is, the moments of shocking and startling pleasure in a day, the feel of the beast, the soft sleekness under your palm, the warmth when you wake on a cold night, the grace and charm even in a quite ordinary workaday puss.

—— Old Age of El Magnifico, Writer, Doris Lessing

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猫(的陪伴)是种难得的享受!它能在漫长的一天里给你意想不到的愉快瞬间,让你感受到野性与柔软圆滑共存于掌心,让你在凉意骤起的秋夜体会温暖,让你在平凡琐碎的工作日里痴心于优雅魅惑的猫吻。

——多丽丝·莱辛,作家,《猫语录:大帅猫的晚年》

今日一学

词汇

luxury n. 难得的享受;奢侈;奢侈品

拓展

前生旧童子,伴我老山村。——陆游

One hour today is worth two tomorrow.