



# UNIT 1

## Introduction



## Warm-up



Choose the right option to complete the following dialogue.

- A. Nice to meet you, too.
- B. Have you ever been there?
- C. Haven't seen you for ages!
- D. Paul, let me introduce my friend Mr. King to you.
- E. How's everything?

**Paul:** Hi, Smith. (1)\_\_\_\_\_

**Smith:** Hi, Paul. (2)\_\_\_\_\_

**Paul:** Pretty good! And you?

**Smith:** Fine, thank you. (3)\_\_\_\_\_

**Paul:** Nice to meet you, Mr. King.

**King:** (4)\_\_\_\_\_

**Smith:** Where are you from?

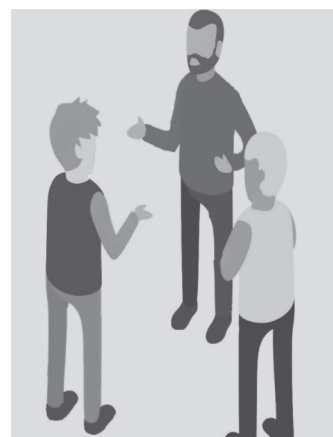
**King:** I'm from Suzhou. (5)\_\_\_\_\_

**Smith:** Yes, it's a beautiful city.

**Paul:** Are you used to living here?

**King:** No, not yet.

**Paul:** Don't worry. Everything will be fine.



## Part One



## Listening

**A** Listen to the recording and choose the proper response.

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| 1. A. No, you can't.             | B. Yes, I am.           |
| C. Please don't.                 | D. Fine, thanks.        |
| 2. A. He is leaving by bus.      | B. He has a big family. |
| C. He is living in a small town. | D. He is a lawyer.      |



3. A. She's tall with dark hair. B. She's an English student.  
C. She's interested in music. D. She's a friend of mine.
4. A. Hurry up. B. Nothing left.  
C. Me, too. D. No more.
5. A. Yes, I have. B. I like the city.  
C. It's a famous city. D. Yes, it is.

**B Listen to the dialogues and choose the best answer to each question.**

1. A. She's a worker. B. She's a nurse.  
C. She's a car driver. D. She's an engineer.
2. A. Tim left France last week.  
B. Tim won't leave Paris until next Wednesday.  
C. Tim has gone to China.  
D. Tim will leave for China next Monday.
3. A. He didn't like the weather in the north.  
B. He didn't like the places.  
C. He didn't like the food.  
D. He didn't like it at all.
4. A. She is on business. B. She is attending a meeting.  
C. She is on holiday. D. She is on a lecture tour.
5. A. She has not heard of Prof. Savio.  
B. She is a good friend of Prof. Savio.  
C. She has not heard of Prof. Savio's brother-in-law.  
D. She does not know Prof. Savio's brother-in-law.



**C Listen to the following dialogue and fill in the blanks with what you hear.**

- Li Ming:** Excuse me! Are you Peter Brown?
- Peter Brown:** Yes, I am. What's your (1) \_\_\_\_\_ please?
- Li Ming:** I'm Li Ming.
- Peter Brown:** Nice to meet you.
- Li Ming:** Nice to meet you, too.



**Peter Brown:** I am from the U.K. Where are you from?

**Li Ming:** I'm from Nanjing, China. I study Art in college. What's your (2)\_\_\_\_\_?

**Peter Brown:** (3)\_\_\_\_\_. This is the first year of my college life. I'm still not used to the life here.

**Li Ming:** I'm a (4)\_\_\_\_\_ too. Don't worry. You'll get used to the life here. Everyone on the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ is very (6)\_\_\_\_\_. If you (7)\_\_\_\_\_ any problem, don't hesitate to ask me for help.

**Peter Brown:** Thanks, I will. By the way, where is the (8)\_\_\_\_\_? I like playing table tennis in my (9)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Li Ming:** It's at the northwestern corner of the campus, near the dining hall.

**Peter Brown:** I see. Oh, there goes the bell. I must (10)\_\_\_\_\_ now. See you later.

**Li Ming:** See you.



## Part Two



## Reading

### Text 1



#### The Master of Investment: Warren Buffett

Born on August 30, 1930 and bred in Omaha, Nebraska, Warren Buffett has led an **extraordinary** life. Looking back of his childhood, one can see the budding of a savvy<sup>1</sup> businessman. Even as a young child, Buffett was pretty serious about making money. He used to go door-to-door and sell soda pop. He had also worked at his grandfather's **grocery** store. At the **ripe** age of 11, Buffett bought his first **stock**.

When his family moved to Washington, D.C., Buffett became a paperboy for *The Washington Post* and its rival<sup>2</sup>, the *Times-Herald*. Buffett ran his five paper routes like an assembly line<sup>3</sup> and even added magazines to round out<sup>4</sup> his product offerings. While still in school, he was making \$175 a month, a full-time wage for many young men. When he was 14, Buffett spent \$1,200 on 40 acres<sup>5</sup> of farmland in Nebraska and soon began collecting rent from a tenant<sup>6</sup> farmer.

Already a successful small-time<sup>7</sup> businessman, Buffett wasn't **keen** on going to college but ended up at Wharton at the University of Pennsylvania—his father encouraged him to

go. After two years at Wharton, Buffet **transferred** to his parents' alma mater<sup>8</sup>, the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, for his final year of college. There Buffet took a job with the *Lincoln Journal* supervising<sup>9</sup> 50 paperboys in six **rural** countries.

Buffet **applied** to Harvard Business School but was turned down, which was one of the worst admissions<sup>10</sup> decisions in Harvard history. The **outcome** was that he attended Columbia Business School, where he studied under Benjamin Graham, the father of securities<sup>11</sup> **analysis** who provided the **foundation** for Buffet's **investment** strategy.

Buffet's investment strategy mirrors his lifestyle and overall **philosophy**. He is a creature of habit—same house, same office, same city, same soda—and dislikes change.

Buffett's view of inherited<sup>12</sup> money also departs from the norm. When his daughter needed \$20 to park at the airport, he made her write him a check for it. As for charity, Buffett's strict **standards** have made it difficult for him to give much away. He has **established** the Buffett Foundation, designed to accumulate<sup>13</sup> money and give it away after his and his wife's deaths—though the foundation has donated millions to different organizations.

1. 机智的, 聪慧的 2. 对手 3. 生产流水线 4. 完成 5. 公顷 6. 租户, 佃户 7. 不太重要的; 小规模  
8. 母校 9. 管理 10. 录取 11. 证券 12. 继承的 13. 积累



## Vocabulary

extraordinary**	/ɪk'strɔ:dnri/	adj.	非凡的; 特别的
grocery	/'grəʊsəri/	n.	食品杂货店
ripe**	/raɪp/	adj.	成熟的
stock	/stɒk/	n.	股票; 股份
keen*	/ki:n/	adj.	(对……) 着迷的, 渴望的; 热心的
transfer	/træns'fɜ:(r)/	v.	转学; 调动; 转移
rural*	/'ruərəl/	adj.	乡村的, 农村的
apply	/ə'plai/	v.	申请, 请求
outcome*	/'aʊtkʌm/	n.	结果; 效果
analysis**	/ə'næləsis/	n.	(对事物的) 分析; 分析结果
foundation**	/faʊn'deɪʃn/	n.	基础; 基金会
investment*	/ɪn'vestmənt/	n.	投资
philosophy**	/fə'lɒsəfi/	n.	哲学



standard	/ˈstændəd/	n.	标准, 水平; 规格, 规范
establish	/ɪˈstæblɪʃ/	v.	建立, 创立, 设立



## Exercises

### A Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the passage.

- (     ) 1. Warren Buffett didn't make any money until he was 11.
- (     ) 2. While still in school, Buffet could earn more money than many full-time workers in the U.S.
- (     ) 3. Buffet applied to Harvard University and was admitted.
- (     ) 4. Buffet's daughter was financially dependent on him.
- (     ) 5. Buffet Foundation has accumulated a great amount of money.

### B Fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in brackets.

- 1. You need to write a letter of \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) to apply for a job.
- 2. The job involves gathering and \_\_\_\_\_ (analysis) data.
- 3. A number of Britain's beaches fail to meet European \_\_\_\_\_ (standard) on cleanliness.
- 4. Yangzhou Polytechnic Institute was \_\_\_\_\_ (establish) in 2004.
- 5. The task is \_\_\_\_\_ (extraordinary) difficult for a young man.

### C Complete the following sentences in English according to the Chinese.

- 1. 这家电影制片厂正迁往好莱坞。  
The film studio is \_\_\_\_\_ to Hollywood.
- 2. 我们应该把知识应用于实践。  
We should \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ practice.
- 3. 结果仍不确定。  
The \_\_\_\_\_ was still uncertain.

4. 我母亲一直有着很高的道德水准。

My mother has always had high moral \_\_\_\_\_.

5. 华为技术有限公司成立于 1987 年。

Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1987.

## Text 2



### Best Actress at the Golden Rooster Awards

Actress Zhou Dongyu, 28, has been in top form in recent years.

Zhou was nominated for Best Actress at the Golden Rooster Awards on Nov. 7, 2020 for the third time. She will become the first post-90s Chinese actress to receive the best actress award at three events, if she is honored with the award on Nov. 25 at the awards ceremony in Xiamen, Fujian. Previously, she took home the Best Actress at the Golden Horse Awards and the Hong Kong Film Awards for her performances in *Soul Mate* and *Better Days*, respectively.

Zhou debuted in the 2010 movie *Under the Hawthorn Tree* and rose to fame overnight at age 19. In the movie, she played an innocent schoolgirl called Jingqiu. At that time, she was criticized for her acting and appearance. Zhou is not a girl that fits the typical standards of beauty with big eyes. "It would be so much better if I had bigger eyes," she told *Southern People Weekly*.

But Zhou didn't let her appearance stop her. Instead, she tried to play different roles to break the stereotype that she could only play a schoolgirl. She came to prominence with her role in *Soul Mate*, in which she plays Li Ansheng, a girl with a rootless free spirit.

Later, she played a mentally disabled girl in *On the Balcony*. To portray her character, she watched a lot of documentaries. "That's one of the most challenging things about my job: to have to understand characters and scenarios I've never encountered before," Zhou told *Variety*.

Now, Zhou's acting has been recognized by the public and professionals in the showbiz industry. What's more, she has embraced the way she looks.

Women in the industry are now judged on their talent, ability and the freedom to be themselves instead of beauty standards and appearances, Zhou said at a Kering Women in Motion Talk. "[It] makes me happy...I believe audiences love seeing characters and real people that they can relate to."

**Exercise**

Answer the following questions according to the passage.

1. Where will the awards ceremony of the Golden Rooster be held?

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2. What awards has Zhou won?

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3. In which movie did Zhou first appear?

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4. When did Zhou become famous in China?

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5. Do the public and professionals recognize Zhou's acting?

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**Part Three****Writing**

**A Study the following sample of self-introduction.**

Hello, I'm Wang Hua. You can call me Mr. Wang, or my English name Joey. I was born in 1982 in a small village in Xuzhou, Jiangsu and grew up there. I left my hometown for Nanjing Normal University in 2001. I've been working at this school since my graduation from School of Foreign Languages and Cultures at the university in 2005. And I have more than 15 years' work experience.

I have a big family. I live with my parents, my wife and two children. My wife works in a middle school. We have two boys. The elder one goes to elementary school, and the younger one goes to kindergarten. I love them all very much.

In my spare time, I like reading books, watching movies and traveling.

I am your English teacher this semester. I hope we can get along with each other and be good friends for the rest of our lives.

Best wishes for you.



- B** Write a self-introduction with about 150 words, including your name, hometown, major, hobby, family, etc.

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- C** Complete the letter of introduction according to the Chinese letter.

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2020 年 11 月 18 日

亲爱的王斌教授：

兹介绍持信者李平前来您处，请您指导她的实验报告写作。她去年毕业于新华中学，一向是三好学生，品德高尚，学习勤奋，聪明伶俐。

李平的父亲供职于扬州化工厂，和我相交二十多年，情谊甚深。指导李平一事，请大力协助为盼。

致以衷心的感谢，并祝全家安好！

挚友  
王福敬上

College of Chemical Engineering

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

November 18, 2020

Dear Professor Wang Bin,

It gives me much pleasure to introduce to you (2) \_\_\_\_\_, Li Ping, who is going to ask you to help her with her experiment report writing. She graduated from Xinhua Middle School last year. Always a three-good student, she is (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Li's father, who works at Yangzhou Chemical Factory, has been (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for more than twenty years. Whatever you do for her will be really appreciated and considered a personal favor to me.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and with kindest regards to you and yours!

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

Wang Fu



## Part Four



## Speaking

**A** Read the following sentence patterns concerning introduction.

Starter	Response
Hello, I'm...What's your name?	Hi, My name is...
Good morning! Are you...?	Yes, I'm...
Where are you from?	I am from...
Where do you come from?	I come from...
What's your hobby?	I like traveling/fishing/swimming...
What's your major?	My major is...
What are you majoring in?	I'm majoring in...