

# Study Abroad

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 员 How to choose school and apply for admission.
- 圆 To know about the education system in the West.

## WARMING UP

- 员 Why do people go to study abroad ?
- 圆 What do you need to do before you apply to a foreign university officially ? Share some details of your schedule with your classmates.

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

- 员 leading university 一流的大学
- 圆 admission office 招生办公室
- 猿 application for admission 入学申请
- 源 personal statement 个人陈述( 学历等 )
- 缘 student visa 学生签证
- 远 student data sheet 留学生资料表
- 苑 foreign student eligibility certificate 留学生签证资格证书
- 愿 educational background 教育背景
- 怨 postdoctoral fellowship 博士后科研奖学金
- 员 B. A. ( Bachelor of Arts ) 文学学士
- 员 M. S. ( Master of Science ) 理学硕士

圆 M. A. ( Master of Arts ) 文学硕士

袁 M. B. A. ( Master of Business Administration ) 工商管理硕士

源 doctorate ( doctor 's degree ) 博士学位

# Lesson 1

## Option of School

### ☆ Key Words and Expressions for Comprehension

option	选项	n.	选择
accredit	认可, 授权	v.	摇
M. I. T. ( Massachusetts Institute of Technology )	麻省理工学院		
grant	授给物, 如补助、拨款等	n.	摇
renown	声望	n.	摇
cluster	一群, 一伙	n.	摇

### ☆ Tapescript

The characteristics of higher education in the West , especially in the United States , are expensive tuition fees , large scholarships , a high rate of enrollment and elimination through competition. So , how are you going to choose an ideal school ? What kind of school are you going to attend ? This is the very first question to answer for those who plan to go to study abroad.

Different people have different ideas about it. Some consider the advantages of highly qualified faculty staff , a good library and advanced teaching equipment ; some take the geographical location and the reputation of the school into consideration , while some others simply make





is the cradle of scientists”?

## Lesson 2

### Application for Admission

#### ☆ Key Words for Comprehension

status	/'steɪtəs/	n.	资格 状况
forward	转交 寄出	v.	转交 寄出
recommendation letter			推荐信
apparatus	转音 仪器	n.	仪器
algebra	转音 代数	n.	代数学
calculus	转音 微积分	n.	微积分
formula	转音 公式	n.	公式 程式
pursue	转音 攻读	v.	攻读

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Dear Sir ,

I am responding to your letter of September 圆, 圆月 concerning my application status. I have requested ETS that official reports of my TOEFL and GRE scores be forwarded to you as soon as possible. I believe you will receive them in the near future. For the recommendation letters , please advise me of the letters you have received , and I shall have the rest checked with my references. If it 's necessary , I believe they would be willing to rewrite them.

Your answer and kind assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

Kao Yong

Now you are going to listen to a personal statement , which is usually submitted at the same time.

My name is Kao Yong. I was born on August 1954 in Hengyang , Hunan Province. In 1976 I graduated from Harbin Technical Institute where I majored in electronic engineering , and then I was assigned to work in an electronic apparatus factory as a technician for four years. During this period I gained some practical experience in designing and manufacturing several varieties of electronic apparatus. In the fall of 1980, I was admitted to the Department of Mathematics , Zhejiang University as a graduate student. Six months before I took the examinations , I had started to study higher algebra and analysis by myself in my leisure time. Since enrollment I have completed all the courses required by the graduate program , making straight A 's both in my undergraduate and graduate courses. My performance in the graduate seminars of Differential Calculus and Mathematical and Physical Formulas shows that I have got a good grasp of the fundamentals of mathematics.

I have been studying English intensively for six months. I have attended an English class taught by an American professor , Ms. Kathy Swift , from the City University of New York. According to her , within a few weeks of my arrival abroad , I should have no difficulty either in functioning on a daily basis or in participating fully in graduate studies.

Presently I am interested in applied mathematics and later would like to do research in control theory. If I am accepted as a graduate student , I plan to stay for 3 years pursuing a Ph. D. degree. If he is willing to take me as



# Assignments

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### ☆ Key Words for Comprehension

release	v.	发表,披露,公布
undergrad = undergraduate	n.	本科生
recruit	v.	吸收
to make up for		弥补
to account for		占(比例)
influx	n.	涌入,汇集

### ☆ Tapescript

According to a United Nations study released today, a college education is more easily attained in the United States than in any other major nations. The U. N. report showed that fifty-two out of every one thousand American attained a college or university this year. The proportion of Americans enrolled in colleges or universities was 猿园 percent higher than in Great Britain and 员园 percent higher than in Russia. The report said that 员园 猿 million students, including a record high of 猿园 园 园 园 foreign students, attained American colleges this year. Also, there are more blacks and women in colleges than ever before. Nine percent of today's undergrads are black and 缘园 percent are women.

As more students find they need to work while attending school, part-time enrollment has grown. Steep rises in tuition and cuts in federal aid may turn more students away from college in the future.

As a result, many universities are trying to recruit foreign

students to make up for the potential drop in American students. Right now foreign students account for nearly 10 percent of the college population, and experts predict that in the near future foreign students will represent 15 percent of the college population. This influx of foreign students is bringing an additional 1 billion dollars a year to the American economy.

And now let's talk about the examinations in college. This subject is something of which all we have strong opinions.

Examinations can be analyzed from two main points of view. The first of these is how the examinations are marked or scored; the second is what the examination tests. Today I am going to have a brief look at the former, and I shall start by suggesting what, to me, seems to be a useful classification.

Examinations can be divided into two types—objective and subjective. The objective test is designed in such a way as to require one and only one correct answer. It's often considered, therefore, to be a good test of factual knowledge. It's easy to mark—it can be done by machine. But it can be very difficult to set. Examples of objective tests would be those which consist of multiple-choice and true-false questions.

The subjective test, on the other hand, allows for many possible ways of expressing an answer. Sometimes it even accepts completely different answers from different people. Examples of subjective tests are essays, and interviews ...

☆ 1. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions.

(1) Why does part-time enrollment grow?

Read the passage and answer the questions.









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☆ **Key Words for Comprehension**

trade	<i>n.</i>	专业技能
postdoc ( = postdoctoral student )		博士后( 学生 )
fellowship	<i>n.</i>	科研奖学金
tranquil	<i>adj.</i>	安宁的 , 平静的
interlude	<i>n.</i>	插曲

☆ **Tapescript**

Although possession of a Ph. D. is supposed to signify that a scientist has learned his trade as a researcher , it is now very common for young scientists to continue in a quasi-student status for a year or two after they get their doctorates.

Older scientists as a rule are very happy to take on postdoctoral students. The postdoc , as he is sometimes called , is like an advanced graduate student in that he does research under the general direction of an older man. But he usually needs much less direction , and he can therefore be much more helpful to an experienced scientist who is eager to see his work pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Postdoctoral trainees can have the further advantage of serving a professor as a middleman in his dealings with his graduate students.

For young scientists themselves , a year or two of post-doctoral study and research has many attractions. For some it is a chance to make up for what they didn 't learn in graduate school. For scientists whose graduate training has been good , the chief advantage of doing postdoctoral research is that it gives them a couple of years in what they





