Exercise 8

基礎英文寫作(一)

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- 1. Where is the nearest MRT station?
- $\rightarrow$ Tell me <u>where the nearest MRT station is</u>.
- 2. Why did Megan cry at the party?
- →Do you know why Megan cried at the party?
- 3. How do you make this work?
- $\rightarrow$ Show me<u>how you make this work</u>.
- 4. Is this information correct?
- $\rightarrow$ I'm not sure <u>if this information is correct</u>.
- 5. How much did this computer cost him?
- $\rightarrow$  Ask him <u>how much this computer cost him</u>.
- 6. Did he return the library books on time?
- $\rightarrow$ Ask him <u>if he returned the library books on time</u>.
- 7. Will your parents let you marry Frank?
- →I wonder if your parents will let you marry Frank.
- 8. Whose umbrella is this?
- →Do you know whose umbrella this is?
- 9. Does Nick need our help?
- →Let's ask Nick <u>if he needs our help</u>.
- 10. She told me,"Give me five hundred dollars."
- $\rightarrow$ She asked me to give her five hundred dollars.
- 11. "You can stay with us," they told us.
- →They told us <u>(that) we could stay with him</u>.
- 12. He said,"You should try to find your own apartment."
- $\rightarrow$ He said <u>(that) I should try to find my own apartment</u>.
- 13. She told me, "I need to go to the drugstore."
- $\rightarrow$ She told me <u>(that) she needed to go to the drugstore</u>.

- 14. "Don't go there alone," Jeff said to me.
- $\rightarrow$  Jeff told me <u>not to go there alone</u>.
- 15. They said to us, "You have to help us."
- $\rightarrow$ They told us <u>(that) we had to help them</u>.
- 16. "I'm leaving for Paris tomorrow," Helen told her boyfriend.
- →Helen told her boyfriend (that) she was leaving for Paris the next day.
- 17. He said, "I graduated from school last year."
- $\rightarrow$ He said <u>(that) he had graduated from school the year before</u>.
- 18. That the world is round is a well-known fact.
- $\rightarrow$ It is <u>well-known fact the world is round</u>.
- 19. To help the poor is right.
- $\rightarrow$ It is <u>right to help the poor</u>.
- 20. It is obvious that he can't speak English.
- →That <u>he can't speak English</u> is obvious.
- 21. To speak in public takes a lot of courage.
- $\rightarrow$ It takes a lot of courage to speak in public.
- 22. Talking to you was so good.
- $\rightarrow$ It was so good talking to you.
- 23. It is difficult to make the right choice.
- $\rightarrow$ To <u>make the right choice</u> is difficult.
- 24. It is strange that no one is here yet.
- $\rightarrow$ That <u>no one is here yet</u> is strange.
- 25. Calling her is no use. She won't answer the phone.
- $\rightarrow$  It <u>is no use calling her</u>. She won't answer the phone.

## Question 1-5: Translation

1. 我記得我開始使用字典是在小學五年級的時候。

(五年級 in the fifth grade、小學 elementary school)

I remember that it was when I was in the fifth grade of elementary school that I began to use a dictionary.

2. 當時媽媽要我讀一些童話或歷史故事。有些字我不認識,所以他就買了一本中文字典給我。

(童話 fairy tale)

At that time, my mother asked me to read some fairy tales and history stories. There were some words I didn't know. So she bought me a Chinese dictionary.

3. 進了國中,我開始使用英漢字典。媽媽要我查字典時,注意字的用法。

(國中 junior high school)

After entering junior high school, I began to use an English-Chinese dictionary. My mother asked me to give heed to the usage of words when consulting the dictionary.

4. 到了高中,我就能讀一些英文的文章。遇到不認識的字就查字典。我的英文進步神速。

(文章 article、遇到 come across、進步神速 make great (much) progress)

When I was in senior high school, I could read some articles in English. I looked the word up in the dictionary when I came across any new word. I made great progress in English.

5. 在學習語文的過程中,字典是不可或缺的。她是個不求報償的好老師。

(過程 process、不可或缺某物 can't do without something、求報償 ask reward)

In the process of learning a language, we can't do without a dictionary. It is a good teacher never to ask any reward.