

Note. The materials were originally in Chinese. The critical utterances were divided into three segments with slashes for English version translated word-by-word. If the English version translated word-by-word does not confirm to English grammar, the English version translated by meanings is presented.

All experiment materials: 74 sets

1. Direct reply:

A: Where did Mr. Zhang park his car?

B: His car / is parked / downstairs.

Indirect reply:

A: Can Mr. Zhang drive?

B: His car / is parked / downstairs.

2. Direct reply:

A: What's that noise at Uncle Wang's house?

B: His house's / TV / is playing.

B: The TV is playing at his house.

Indirect reply:

A: Is anyone at Uncle Wang's house?

B: His house's / TV / is playing.

B: The TV is playing at his house.

3. Direct reply:

A: What is that noise in Li Liang's room?

B: In his room / There is the sound / of playing video games

B: There is the sound of playing video games in his room.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Li Liang working overtime in his room?

B: In his room / There is the sound / of playing video games

B: There is the sound of video games in his room.

4. Direct reply:

A: Why didn't you go out during the holiday?

B: I'm worried about / all / the people.

Indirect reply:

A: Did you go out to play during the holidays?

B: I'm worried about / all / the people.

5. Direct reply:

A: What's that noise in the office next door?

B: Their / landline / keeps ringing.

Indirect reply:

A: Is there anyone in the office next door?

B: Their / landline / keeps ringing.

6. Direct reply:

A: What are you doing now?

B: I'm / making / cereal.

Indirect reply:

A: Do you have boiling water there?

B: I'm / making / cereal.

7. Direct reply:

A: How's the road outside?

B: The ground / is already / dry.

Indirect reply:

A: Is it still raining outside?

B: The ground / is already / dry.

8. Direct reply:

A: Why don't you go shopping?

B: I've / all the shopping malls around here / searched.

B: I've searched all the shopping malls around here.

Indirect reply:

A: Do you want to go shopping?

B: I've / all the shopping malls around here / searched.

B: I've been to all the shopping malls around here.

9. Direct reply:

A: Why aren't firecrackers allowed here?

B: Around here / are always / strictly forbidding Fireworks.

B: Fireworks are always strictly forbidden around here.

Indirect reply:

A: Are there any mountains around here?

B: Around here / are always / strictly forbidding Fireworks.

B: Fireworks are strictly forbidden around here.

10. Direct reply:

A: How do you eat lunch at work?

B: Everyone / all / orders take-out.

Indirect reply:

A: Is there a canteen in the unit?

B: Everyone / all / orders take-out.

11. Direct reply:

A: How do they cool down in the dormitory?

B: They every day / in the room / sprinkle cold water.

B: They sprinkle cold water in the room every day.

Indirect reply:

A: Do they have air conditioning in their dorm?

B: They every day / in the room / sprinkle cold water.

B: They sprinkle cold water in the room every day.

12. Direct reply:

A: What does Meimei do on the Internet?

B: She every day / checks for a long time / micro blog.

B: She checks micro blog for a long time every day.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Meimei pay attention to entertainment news?

B: She every day / checks for a long time / micro blog.

B: She checks micro blog for a long time every day.

13. Direct reply:

A: What does Lulu do at the weekend?

B: She every weekend / has to / work overtime.

B: She has to work overtime every weekend.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Lulu go back to her hometown on weekends?

B: She every weekend / has to / work overtime.

B: She has to work overtime every weekend.

14. Direct reply:

A: Why isn't he married yet?

B: He now / hasn't / bought a house.

B: He hasn't bought a house now.

Indirect reply:

A: Is it clear that she is getting married?

B: He now / hasn't / bought a house.

B: He hasn't bought a house now.

15. Direct reply:

A: How is your health now?

B: I've been lately / my stomach / having trouble with.

B: I've been having trouble with my stomach lately.

Indirect reply:

A: Are you going out for a big dinner today?

B: I've been lately / my stomach / having trouble with.

B: I've been having trouble with my stomach lately.

16. Direct reply:

A: Why can't Xiao Shu draw well?

B: When she picks up / the drawing board / She takes a nap.

B: She takes a nap when she picks up the drawing board.

Indirect reply:

A: How are Xiao Shu's paintings?

B: When she picks up / the drawing board / She takes a nap.

B: She takes a nap when she picks up the drawing board.

17. Direct reply:

A: What about the security in the community?

B: There are / all the time / security guards patrolling here.

B: There are security guards patrolling here all the time.

Indirect reply:

A: Is this an upscale neighborhood?

B: There are / all the time / security guards patrolling here.

B: There are security guards patrolling here all the time.

18. Direct reply:

A: What are the restrictions in the dormitory?

B: To enter the dormitory / You need to / swipe your card.

B: You need to swipe your card to enter the dormitory.

Indirect reply:

A: Is it safe in the dormitory?

B: To enter the dormitory / You need to / swipe your card.

B: You need to swipe your card to enter the dormitory.

19. Direct reply:

A: What does Zhang Yu do in his spare time?

B: He every day / is / working.

B: He is working every day.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Zhang Yu interesting?

B: He every day / is / working.

B: He works every day.

20. Direct reply:

A: What does Jing think about the entrance exam?

B: She is thinking about / if / taking the exam again.

Indirect reply:

A: Did Jing get into the graduate school?

B: She is thinking about / if / taking the exam again.

21. Direct reply:

A: What's Lao Luo doing?

B: He just now / is going through / the formalities.

B: He is going through the formalities just now.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Lao Luo free now?

B: He just now / is going through / the formalities.

B: He is going through the formalities just now.

22. Direct reply:

A: What does Li Shuai often do?

B: Now he / every day / shows his baby.

B: Now he shows his baby every day.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Li Shuai busy with his work?

B: Now he / every day / shows his baby.

B: Now he shows his baby every day.

23. Direct reply:

A: What's going on in Beijing recently?

B: Recently / there is an / international conference.

Indirect reply:

A: Are the subway checks in Beijing strict these days?

B: Recently / there is an / international conference.

24. Direct reply:

A: What is Zheng Wei doing recently?

B: He recently / is still / raising money.

B: He is still raising money recently.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Zheng Wei run a barber shop?

B: He recently / is still / raising money.

B: He is still raising money recently.

25. Direct reply:

A: Why don't you order take-out?

B: These days / delivery fees / are too high.

Indirect reply:

A: Are you still ordering takeout these days?

B: These days / delivery fees / are too high.

26. Direct reply:

A: Why doesn't Jiao Jiao go skiing?

B: She is usually / so / afraid of falling.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Jiaojiao going skiing this time?

B: She is usually / so / afraid of falling.

27. Direct reply:

A: Why didn't Yanyan buy a coat?

B: She said the mall / is now full of / spring clothes.

Indirect reply:

A: Did Yanyan get a new coat?

B: She said the mall / is now full of / spring clothes.

28. Direct reply:

A: Why does Tingting wear high heels every day?

B: She's / too / short.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Tingting always buy high heels?

B: She's / too / short.

29. Direct reply:

A: Why did the school change the principal?

B: The current principal / recently has been / suspended.

Indirect reply:

A: Is the school looking for a principal?

B: The current principal / recently has been / suspended.

30. Direct reply:

A: What is your class doing this year?

B: This year everyone / is all / busy with internships.

Indirect reply:

A: Will your class still go on the spring outing this year?

B: This year everyone / is all / busy with internships.

31. Direct reply:

A: What did Jiang Jiang just get?

B: She again / got / flowers.

B: She got flowers again.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Jiang Jiang in a good mood recently?

B: She again / got / flowers.

B: She got flowers again.

32. Direct reply:

A: How is Liang Ning doing recently?

B: He now / every day / is smiling.

B: He is smiling every day now.

Indirect reply:

A: Has Liang Ning improved her performance?

B: He now / every day / is smiling.

B: He is smiling every day now.

33. Direct reply:

A: Why did Li Wei quit his job?

B: He has often / been / criticized by his leaders.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Li Wei a good worker?

B: He has often / been / criticized by his leaders.

34. Direct reply:

A: What's Lingling doing now?

B: She is / telling her classmates / maths problems.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Lingling doing well in school?

B: She is / telling her classmates / maths problems.

35. Direct reply:

A: What is Xu Bo going to do at the weekend?

B: He often goes to / the hospital / as a volunteer.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Xu Bo a doctor?

B: He often goes to / the hospital / as a volunteer.

36. Direct reply:

A: What did you do during your summer vacation?

B: I went to / many / beautiful places.

Indirect reply:

A: Did you have a good time during your summer vacation?

B: I went to / many / beautiful places.

37. Direct reply:

A: What about Cheng Jin?

B: He / person / is a very good.

B: He is a very good person.

Indirect reply:

A: Did Cheng Jin do anything wrong?

B: He / person / is a very good.

B: He is a very good person.

38. Direct reply:

A: What's the environment like outside?

B: At night / there are a lot of / mosquitoes.

Indirect reply:

A: Is it fun to go out in the wild?

B: At night / there are a lot of / mosquitoes.

39. Direct reply:

A: What about Yangyang?

B: He usually / very much / has his own mind.

B: He usually has his own mind very much.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Yangyang an easy child to control?

B: He usually / very much / has his own mind.

B: He usually has his own mind very much.

40. Direct reply:

A: Where are the students usually?

B: Students / usually / stay in the classroom.

Indirect reply:

A: Is there air conditioning in the student dormitory?

B: Students / usually / stay in the classroom.

41. Direct reply:

A: What do the students do in class?

B: They are / all the time / discussing problems.

B: They are discussing problems all the time.

Indirect reply:

A: Are the students listening well?

B: They are / all the time / discussing problems.

B: They are discussing problems all the time.

42. Direct reply:

A: Why isn't the program going well?

B: Now / the students enrolled / are too few.

Indirect reply:

A: Has the project come to fruition?

B: Now / the students enrolled / are too few.

43. Direct reply:

A: What's your hobby?

B: I / like / outdoor sports.

Indirect reply:

A: Do you want to get a gym membership?

B: I / like / outdoor sports.

44. Direct reply:

A: What does Li Jun do at the weekend?

B: He at the weekend / is going to / see a dentist.

B: He is going to see a dentist at the weekend.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Li Jun on duty at weekends?

B: He at the weekend / is going to / see a dentist.

B: He is going to see a dentist at the weekend.

45. Direct reply:

A: Why don't you see Dr. Zhou?

B: Her today's number / is already / out.

B: Her number is out today.

Indirect reply:

A: Did you see Dr. Zhou today?

B: Her today's number / is already / out.

B: Her number is out today.

46. Direct reply:

A: Where did the manager go?

B: He / now / is in a meeting.

B: He is in a meeting now.

Indirect reply:

A: Can the manager handle clients?

B: He / now / is in a meeting.

B: He is in a meeting now.

47. Direct reply:

A: Why has tonight's lecture been canceled?

B: The lecture teacher's / plane / has been delayed.

Indirect reply:

A: Has tonight's lecture started yet?

B: The lecture teacher's / plane / has been delayed.

48. Direct reply:

A: What about Wang Tao?

B: He / since he was a child / has been down-to-earth.

B: He has been down-to-earth since he was a child.

Indirect reply:

A: Did Wang Tao get good grades as a child? B: He / since he was a child / has been down-to-earth.

B: He has been down-to-earth since he was a child.

49. Direct reply:

A: What did you do?

B: I / just went to/ return some books.

Indirect reply:

A: Is the library open yet?

B: I / just went to / return some books.

50. Direct reply:

A: What religion does Liu Liang believe in?

B: He is a / devout / Christian.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Liu Liang go to church on weekends?

B: He is a / devout / Christian.

51. Direct reply:

A: What does Sasha do on weekends?

B: She often / asks her friends / to go to KTV.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Sasha a boisterous person?

B: She often / asks her friends / to go to KTV.

52. Direct reply:

A: What is Xian Xian doing recently?

B: She is planning to / send her child / to study abroad.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Xian Xian conservative in her educational philosophy?

B: She is planning to / send her child / to study abroad.

53. Direct reply:

A: Where is the boss these days?

B: He usually / until the end of the month / is out of town.

B: He is usually out of town until the end of the month.

Indirect reply:

A: Is the boss going to a meeting these days?

B: He usually / until the end of the month / is out of town.

B: He is usually out of town until the end of the month.

54. Direct reply:

A: How do your employees get to work?

B: People / usually / drive cars.

Indirect reply:

A: Is there a subway near your company?

B: People / usually / drive cars.

55. Direct reply:

A: Why isn't Ningning here?

B: She today / is kind of / not feeling well.

B: She is kind of not feeling well today.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Ningning go to make up lessons?

B: She today / is kind of / not feeling well.

B: She is kind of not feeling well today.

56. Direct reply:

A: What season is it in Beijing now?

B: It feels like / already / summer.

Indirect reply:

A: Is it hot in Beijing now?

B: It feels like / already / summer.

57. Direct reply:

A: How is life in the village now?

B: In the village now / life / is good.

B: Life in the village is good now.

Indirect reply:

A: Is there a road in the village now?

B: In the village now / life / is good.

B: Life in the village is good now.

58. Direct reply:

A: What does Wu Xia like to do in her spare time?

B: She often / whenever she is free / watches TV series.

B: She often watches TV series whenever she is free.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Wu Xia doing well in her studies?

B: She often / whenever she is free / watches TV series.

B: She often watches TV series whenever she is free.

59. Direct reply:

A: What's the weather like today?

B: Today / out / it's sunny.

B: It's sunny out today.

Indirect reply:

A: Shall I take an umbrella with me today?

B: Today / out / it's sunny.

B: It's sunny out today.

60. Direct reply:

A: What did Grandpa do?

B: At this time / Grandpa usually / goes fishing.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Grandpa busy at home?

B: At this time / Grandpa usually / goes fishing.

61. Direct reply:

A: What does Aunt Zhang do every day?

B: She now / every day has to / pick up her grandson.

B: She has to pick up her grandson every day now.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Aunt Zhang still go to the square dance?

B: She now / every day has to / pick up her grandson.

B: She has to pick up her grandson every day now.

62. Direct reply:

A: Why is there so much traffic now?

B: Now / It's / the evening rush hour.

Indirect reply:

A: Are you going out for a drive now?

B: Now / It's / the evening rush hour.

63. Direct reply:

A: Why did you move out of the dormitory?

B: I want to / have / my own space.

Indirect reply:

A: Can you live in the dormitory with others?

B: I want to / have / my own space.

64. Direct reply:

A: What's Lingling going to do?

B: She tomorrow / at home / is organizing a party.

B: She's organizing a party at home tomorrow.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Lingling like making friends?

B: She tomorrow / at home / is organizing a party.

B: She's organizing a party at home tomorrow.

65. Direct reply:

A: What is Xiaoyun doing recently?

B: She / recently / has been working on her paper.

Indirect reply:

A: Has Xiaoyun gone for an internship recently?

B: She / recently / has been working on her paper.

66. Direct reply:

A: What do you usually do in your spare time?

B: I almost / every day / visit the library.

B: I visit the library almost every day.

Indirect reply:

A: Do you have a girlfriend now?

B: I almost / every day / visit the library.

B: I visit the library almost every day.

67. Direct reply:

A: Why doesn't Jia Jia eat cake?

B: She's / a little / worried about getting fat.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Jia Jia often eat cake?

B: She's / a little / worried about getting fat.

68. Direct reply:

A: Why did you have your hair cut short?

B: I think / I'd rather / like being clean.

Indirect reply:

A: Do you want to have your hair cut short?

B: I think I'd rather / like being clean.

69. Direct reply:

A: What did Xiaolu do?

B: She has to / make an appointment / for the lab.

Indirect reply:

A: Has Xiao Lu got all the materials ready?

B: She has to / make an appointment / for the lab.

70. Direct reply:

A: What's wrong with Guo Min recently?

B: Recently / the corners of her mouth / have blistered.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Guo Min under a lot of pressure recently?

B: Recently / the corners of her mouth / have blistered.

71. Direct reply:

A: How do you like dinner today?

B: Your cooking / I / really like.

B: I really like your cooking.

Indirect reply:

A: Are we having dinner at home tonight?

B: Your cooking / I / really like.

B: I really like your cooking.

72. Direct reply:

A: How was Juan's birthday?

B: She / now is / very happy.

B: She is very happy now.

Indirect reply:

A: Does Juan have a birthday present?

B: She / now is / very happy.

B: She is very happy now.

73. Direct reply:

A: What's Xiao Wei up to these days?

B: He now / every day / goes to rehearsals.

B: He goes to rehearsals every day now.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Xiao Wei going to take part in the show?

B: He now / every day / goes to rehearsals.

B: He goes to rehearsals every day now.

74. Direct reply:

A: What does Yuan Jun do on weekends?

B: He every weekend / always / goes out to socialize.

B: He always goes out to socialize every weekend.

Indirect reply:

A: Is Yuan Jun well connected?

B: He every weekend / always / goes out to socialize.

B: He always goes out to socialize every weekend.