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第一册

# Unit 1 Back to school

Welcome to the unit & Reading



1. How did you feel on your first day at *Senior* High?

 $\Box$  excited  $\Box$  curious

 $\square$  nervous  $\square$  proud

☐ happy ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

n.印象;感想

2. What was your first *impression* of your new school?

3. What do you like most about your new school?

□ the *campus* □ its traditions

□ your teacher □ its facilities □ n.设施

### Watch a video



## Wendy:

- feels a bit nervous;
- plans to work harder

in her studies and join

the Art Club

## **Stephen:**

- feels very excited
- plans to spend more

time on **English and Physics** 

## A principal's speech transcript

# Realizing your potential



# Listening and scanning

## Read the text and find the topic sentence for each paragraph.

Para. 1	Welcome to senior high school!
Para. 2	I can't wait to describe to you what senior high school life is like.
Para. 3	Put simply, potential is your natural ability that can be developed when you try hard enough.
Para. 4	To fully realize your potential, it is important for you to make the most of our school resources.
Para. 5	Of equal importance are good study habits, useful skills and a positive attitude.
Para. 6	Be confident, do your best and make us proud.



# The structure of the speech

Para. 1	Welcome of students' arrival
Para. 2	Description of school life
Para. 3	Definition of potential
Para. 4	Advice on realizing potential
Para. 5	
Para. 6	Expectation of students

#### A2 Read the speech transcript again carefully and answer the following questions.

- 1 What challenges will students face at senior high school?

  A new environment, new knowledge and new ways of thinking.

  (L6-L7)
- 2 What does the principal have confidence in?
  - He has confidence in students' ability to make a difference to their family, to their community and to our country. (L17-L19)
- 3What school resources are mentioned in the speech?

  Classes, teachers and classmates, school facilities and activities. (para.4)
- 4 What positive attitude should students develop?
  - Always look on the bright side and never lose hope, even in difficult situations. (L28-29)

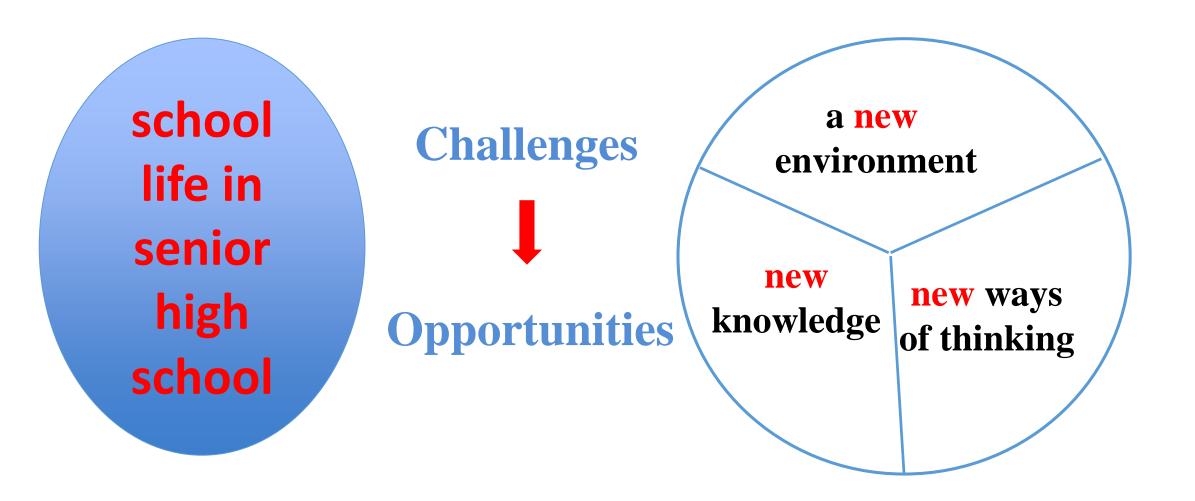
## Para 1: Welcome to senior high school!

Today is the start of <u>a new term</u>, the start of <u>a three-year journey</u>, the start of <u>a promising future</u>,



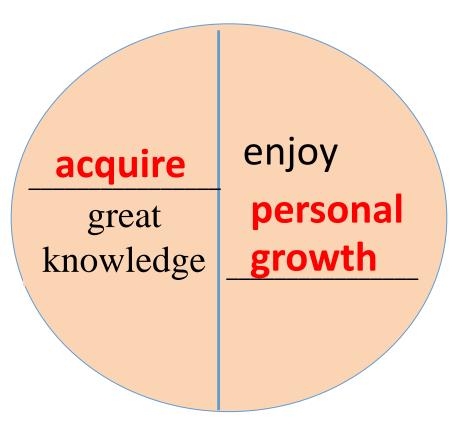
Parallelism (排比) use the same pattern of words or sentences. They can add balance to sentences and make the language more powerful and effective.

## Para 2: I can't wait to describe to you what senior high school life is like.



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How to discover one's potential?



Para 3-4: What is potential and <u>how to realize your potential</u>.

What is potential?

Put simply, <u>potential</u> is your natural ability <u>that can</u> <u>be developed when you try hard enough</u>.

## Read paras. 4-6 Understand how to realize potential

Para4 External factors (外部因素)

#### **School resources:**

- 1. take advantage of classes
- 2. <u>learn from</u> teachers & classmates
- 3. make use oschool facilities
- 4. take an active part in school activities

## Para5 Internal factors(内部因素)

### **Good study habits:**

- 1. plan your study
- 2. set goals
- 3. **balance** schoolwork with other activities

#### **Useful skills:**

- 1. communicatin skills
- 2. problem-solving skills

#### A positive attitude:

- 1. look on the **bright side**
- 2. never lose hope

#### Intensive reading: Read and answer questions

## Para 6: Send a good blessing!

As Lao-Tzu said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

Facing the three-year journey, what other useful characters or skills do you think you can develop?



### **Post-Reading**

Understanding a speech: What is the character of a speech? Read the tip of A3.

How to keep the audience interested?

- \* interesting stories
- \* questions
- \*quotations 引用
- \*metaphor 隐喻
- \*repetition 重复
- \*parallelism 排比

### **Post-Reading**

## Quotation (引用)

They who love it are better than those who know it, and they who delight in it are better than those who love it. ---Confucius



The diamond department was the **heart** and center of the store.

### Repetition (重复)

"Stop it, stop it, stop it." the woman cried.

Parallelism (排比) An Englishman seated; <u>a Frenchman</u> standing; an American pacing...

### A3 Group discussion

What rhetorical devices (修辞手法) does he use? Find examples from the speech.

Para. 1: Today is the start of a new term, the start of a three-year journey and the start of a promising future.

parallelism

Para. 2: Most importantly, your time and effort at senior high school will open the door to your potential.

metaphor

Para. 3: "What is potential?" you may ask.

asking questions

Para. 6: As Lao-Tzu wisely said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

quotation

Thank you