

# UNIT 16

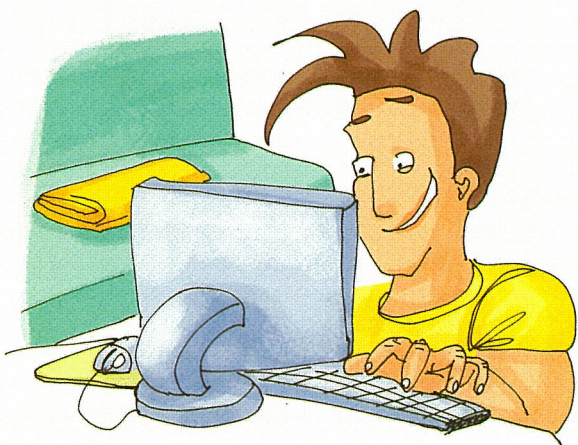
## Paul emails home

保罗给家里发电子邮件

### LESSON 31

#### Listening and Understanding 听力理解

Listen to the recording, and then answer this question: When will Paul be able to phone his parents? 听录音, 然后回答问题: 保罗什么时候能给父母打电话?



Dear Mum and Dad,

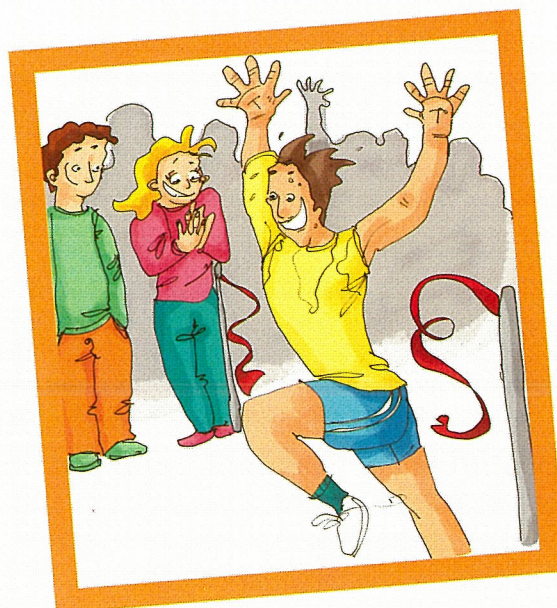
I'm emailing you through the Redstone Ranch website. You can email me back on [paul.bruce@redstoneranch.com](mailto:paul.bruce@redstoneranch.com). I'll call you next week, when I can use a Broadband phone.

5 My assessment at Redstone was a bit strange. They asked me to do a lot of tick-box tests. Then we did some outdoor activities. They told me to lead someone up an easy climb. Then they asked me to lead a small group, in kayaks, on white water.

After that, the main question was, 'Where did you learn all these "back-country skills"?' I said, 'I *grew up* in "back country". In Scotland, I sometimes skied to school.' They liked that. Also, my time in the London Marathon was big news. Three hours or less is magic!

I met the top guy, Ed, and he asked me to start next week. Of course I said yes. I won't be able to travel much in the US this time, but it's great to have  
15 this chance. I'll live free, too! Redstone will pay all my expenses.

Talk to you next week!  
Love,  
Paul



## New Words and Expressions 生词和短语

**Broadband phone** /'brɔ:dbænd ,fəʊn/

compound n. 宽频电话

**assessment** /ə'sesmənt/ n. 评估

**tick-box test** /'tɪk bɒks ,test/ compound n.

在框中画钩的测试

**outdoor activity** /,aʊt'dɔ: æk'tɪvəti/

compound n. 户外活动

**lead** /li:d/ v. 带领

**climb** /klaɪm/ n. 攀登, 攀爬

**kayak** /'kaɪæk/ n. 小皮艇, 轻型独木舟

**white water** /,waɪt 'wɔ:tə/ n. 湍流

**back country** /'bæk ,kʌntri/ n. 偏远山区

**skill** /skɪl/ n. 技巧

**grow up in** v. + adv. particle + prep.

(intransitive) 成长于……

**ski** /ski:/ v. 滑雪

**less** /les/ quantifier (comparative) 较少

**magic** /'mædʒɪk/ n. 奇迹

**unimportant** /,ʌnɪm'pɔ:ɪtənt/ adj. 不重要的

**cheaply** /'tʃi:pli/ adv. 便宜地

**score** /skɔ: / n. 分数

## Notes on the Text 课文注释

- 1 Dear Mum and Dad, —这是标准的书信和电子邮件称呼语, 结构为: Dear + 收件人 + 逗号。
- 2 email —作动词时用法与 give 相似, 后面可以接直接宾语和间接宾语, 如: I'm emailing you this.
- 3 They asked me to do a lot of tick-box tests — ask/tell somebody (not) to do something 表示“(不)让某人做某事”。
- 4 live free — free 在这里作副词, 表示“免费地”, live free 可以理解为“免费吃住”。注意区分 free 作副词时与 freely 的区别: freely 表示“无限制地, 自由地”, 如: speak freely (自由地发表言论)。

## 参考译文

亲爱的爸爸和妈妈,

我正通过雷德斯通牧场的网站给你们发邮件。你们可以往 [paul.bruce@redstoneranch.com](mailto:paul.bruce@redstoneranch.com) 给我回邮件。我下周就能给你们打宽频电话了。

在雷德斯通他们对我的测评方式有些独特。他们让我做了很多在框中画钩的测试。然后我们进行了一些室外活动。他们先让我带着一个人做了简单的登山活动, 然后让我带着一小组人在湍流中划了小皮艇。

之后, 主要的问题是: “你是在哪里学会这些野外技能的?” 我说: “我就是在偏远山区长大的。在苏格兰, 我有时滑雪去学校。” 他们听了很高兴。我在伦敦马拉松比赛上的成绩也很棒。3 小时以内已经是个奇迹了!

我见了负责人埃德。他让我下星期开始实习。我当然答应了。这回我在美国没什么时间旅游了, 但得到这个机会很不错, 我还可以免费吃住! 雷德斯通会支付我的所有费用。

下星期再和你们聊!

爱你们的,

保罗

## Guided Conversation 对话练习

## 1 Answer questions about the text. 根据课文回答问题。

## a) Example: Is Paul emailing his parents through the Redstone Ranch website?

Yes, he is.

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| 1 He'll call them next week, won't he?                              | 5 Was his time in the London Marathon big news?       |
| 2 Did they ask Paul to do a lot of tick-box tests?                  | 6 Did Ed ask him to start next week?                  |
| 3 Then they told him to lead someone up an easy climb, didn't they? | 7 Of course, Paul said yes, didn't he?                |
| 4 In Scotland, he sometimes skied to school, didn't he?             | 8 Will he be able to travel much in the US this time? |
|   | 9 And he'll live free, won't he?                      |

## b) Example: Is Paul emailing his sister? No, he isn't. He's emailing his parents.

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| 1 Will he call them next <i>month</i> ?                         | 5 Was his time in the London Marathon <i>unimportant</i> ? |
| 2 Was his assessment <i>ordinary</i> ?                          | 6 Did Ed ask him to start next <i>month</i> ?              |
| 3 Did they ask him to do <i>composition</i> tests?              | 7 Will he live <i>quite cheaply</i> ?                      |
| 4 Did they ask him to lead a <i>large</i> group on white water? | 8 Will <i>a friend</i> pay all his expenses?               |

## c) Example: How is Paul emailing his parents?

(He's emailing them) through the Redstone Ranch website.

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| 1 How can they email him back?         | 6 How many people did they tell him to lead up an easy climb? |
| 2 When will Paul call them?            | 7 Where did Paul grow up?                                     |
| 3 What was his assessment like?        | 8 Who did Paul meet?  |
| 4 What did they ask him to do?         | 9 Why won't Paul be able to travel much in the US this time?  |
| 5 What kind of activities did they do? |   |

## 2 Ask questions about the text. 根据课文提问。

Imagine you are talking to Paul about Redstone Ranch and his assessment. What questions can you ask him? 假设你在与保罗谈论雷德斯通牧场和那里对他的评价。你会问他些什么问题?

Examples: How long did the tick-box tests take? And what were they like?  
Did you get good scores in the outdoor activities?

## 3 Ask each other these questions. 互相提问。

- Do you email friends, relatives or colleagues? How often? What about?
- Has anyone *asked you* to do anything today? Who, and what? Has anyone *told you* to do anything today? Who, and what?
- What kinds of things do you ask other people to do for you? Why?