

READ Text 6 and then answer Question 5.

Text 6 – Slogans

- 如果把才华比作剑，勤奋就是磨刀石¹。
- 再长的路，一步步也能走完；再短的路，双脚不动也无法到达。
- 梦想不能实现都是因为不够现实。
- 竹子的优点是长得越高，弯得越低。
- 生活不是单行线。走不通的时候，你可以转弯。

1 磨刀石 mó dāo shí sharpener

5. 在中国旅游学习时，你看到学校教室的墙上贴着这些标语。为增加你的澳大利亚同学对中国文化的了解，写一篇演讲稿，给他们解释标语的意思和文化价值。答案字数大约用 250 个英文字。

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During a study tour in China, you saw the slogans above on the walls of a classroom. To promote awareness of Chinese culture among your Australian school mates, write a speech explaining the meanings and cultural values of these slogans. Write approximately 250 words in ENGLISH.

Good morning Ms Hughes, respective teachers and fellow classmates. Today, I come to you to talk about the values that we Chinese have come to respect, the values that have withstood the trials of time and hardship, the very same values that have molded my parents, and also ^{in turn} myself. The Chinese place an emphasis ~~on~~ that diligence and

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hard as a necessity for all accomplishments: "~~The~~ Talent is like sword, but hard work is the blacksmith who sharpens it," it is true, ladies and gentlemen. We may possess the brain of Einstein, but without a daily practice of a hundred sums a day, we are unable to achieve the ~~best~~ maths results we are stereotypes of today. "~~The~~ Regardless of how long the road is, with tiny steps, you will always reach the end." At the same time, we Chinese strive for the goals we are able to achieve; basketball for example, we neither have the genes or crowd for it, so it is unrealistic to have it as a dream — unless you are Yao Ming, that is. Last but not least, we believe that the advantage that the tall, bamboo trees have is ~~that~~ the further they can bend. We must be flexible, ladies and gentlemen, for the Chinese have faced many hardships and turmoil; but we have always come out on top regardless. It is similar to our lives; some times we ~~are unable~~ meet a deadend, then we turn over and start again. I leave you with a quote: "Life is not a straight road. When you cannot cross it, then take a detour."

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