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### Compréhension à la lecture – Anglais

#### LIVING ABROAD...or in this case, on “Planet China”

##### Contexte

Pour des raisons professionnelles, le père d'un de tes amis va bientôt séjourner en Chine avec sa famille. Ton ami est un peu inquiet car il ne connaît rien à la vie quotidienne en Chine. Il se pose beaucoup de questions sur l'**école internationale** qu'il va fréquenter, la **nourriture** et **les loisirs possibles pour lui qui n'a que 16 ans**.

##### Tâche

Justement, tu découvres un article de blog où un expatrié anglais témoigne de son expérience en Chine. Lis le texte du blog et liste **13** éléments d'informations **utiles pour ton ami**.

Rédige ta réponse de manière structurée en français.



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A teenager's point of view and advice



Hello to all the teens out there who may be moving to China in a near future !

Let me tell you a little about my life in China as a teenager.



### **Living in China is like living a fast life**

The people, the traffic and of course, the bikes, everything goes fast ! Just learning to cross a street in a Chinese town is a skill everyone must master. Most cities are easy to get around. Taxis are inexpensive and easily available, and although taxi drivers don't speak English, foreigners quickly learn the names of common destinations or rely on taxi cards, cards with the names of destinations written in Chinese. Don't hesitate to use the subway either ! The underground system is clean, modern and equally easy to navigate.





## Be cautious of fake items

Shopping in China is great fun and also a very common free time activity. It is interesting and challenging. Shops are usually open from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, although others stay open until 9:00 pm. 'Night Market' may remain open until midnight or even all-night during weekdays. However, opening hours vary according to the season: shops close later in summer and earlier in winter.

Of course, you can expect to be able to buy many things at a much better price than at home. Be warned, however, that if a bargain price for a world-famous brand seems too good to be true... it probably is!

Indoors or outdoors?

If you want to have a good time and to meet other people, there are numerous clubs where many European teens gather. For those that do not go clubbing, you can also spend your free time outdoors, in parks for instance. There, a lot of Chinese people, both young and old, are engaged all day long in various Chinese sports and leisure activities like table tennis or badminton or tai chi. These sports develop good defense skills, relax the body and reduce stress. Foreigners are welcome to join !



In their free time Chinese people enjoy the ancient art of calligraphy and often practise it in a public park. Chinese parents will also take their children outside to play board games outside. But, of course, you must be able to speak Chinese if you want to participate: difficult for us, European people!



### **Chinese food is even better than you can imagine.**

Of course, everybody imagines Chinese people eating rice with sticks. However, Chinese food in China is very different from the one that you can eat in Chinese restaurants in Western countries. The basic elements of Chinese food are noodles and oil with fresh vegetables. Chinese dishes are fresh and diverse even if you don't always recognize what it is because it looks strange. For example, it is common to see poultry served with its head or feet still attached. You could need some time getting used to it.

There are thousands of different dishes to try and eating out is cheaper than trying to cook at home. A lot of Chinese people don't even have a kitchen because they rarely cook. Personally, after 6 months here, I must admit that I love Chinese food!

Your lungs will hate you!

If you decide to live in a Chinese big city, avoid taking deep breaths because the air quality in China is as bad as you've heard — maybe worse.

### **Do you speak Mandarin?**

In most cases, international schools are non-Chinese speaking. Which usually means that Mandarin-Chinese is taken as a language option. If you want to be fluent in Chinese, follow extra lessons. The class size at these private schools is usually between 25-35 students whereas in Chinese schools there are often 40 to 50 students in a classroom. There can even be up to 60 kids in a class! The school day in Chinese schools often begins with the teacher tapping their pointer on the desk and the students getting up all together shouting, "Hello, teacher!". Then the teacher signals everyone to sit down and leads them like a conductor as they shout out memorization drills. In my international school, on the other hand, students are more encouraged to take part in interactive activities and discussions.



