- A. 在上次的节目中,我们一起了解了在买方过程中买方可能会问卖方的一些问题,除了关于房子的问题之外,买方还经常会问其它一些问题。
- V. 例如关于房子周围交通、生活设施等方面的问题,这些都是人们在选择房屋时要考虑的因素。
- A. 在今天的节目中,我们将这些问题融入一段对话之中,来具体了解这些问句在实际运用中的情况。
- V. 和往常一样,我们先来听一下今天的对话内容:
  - -- This area seems to be very residential.
  - -- Yes, it is. It's a quiet, safe and friendly neighborhood.
  - -- That's exactly what we are looking for. What sort of public transportation is nearby?
- -- There are two buses about three blocks away. They take you to most of the places you need to go on a regular basis.
  - -- Like shopping mall, library, downtown?
  - -- Absolutely! Actually, the library is only 10-15 minutes away. You can even walk there.
  - -- That's nice. What about other conveniences in the neighborhood?
  - -- There is a convenience store nearby. We always get our small and urgent groceries there.
  - -- Is it within walking distance too?
  - -- Yes, it is. It's between this street and Robinson Avenue over there.
  - -- Good. I am sure such a grocery store will come very handy.
- -- You bet. Do you have kids? There are two elementary schools in this area. Both of them rank pretty high in the province.
  - -- Our kids are in high school already, but thanks for the info.
  - -- No problem
  - -- Well, this is great. We'll think it over and get back to you ASAP.
  - -- That works for me.
- A. 下面我们来一句一句地学习和了解对话内容。
- V. 对话第一句是:This area seems to be very residential.
- A. 意思是: 这一地区似乎住宅化非常强,应该就是说人们常说的住宅区。
- V. 这里的单词 residential 是形容词,意思就是"居住的、住宅的",拼法是[ ],它是从名词 residence 的形容词形式,residence 意思是"住宅、住所",拼法是[ ]。
- A. 以此类推,是否还有一个单词,表示住在住所里的人呢?
- V. 有的,这个单词就是 resident,拼法是[ ]。
- A. 谈到区域特点,除了住宅区,人们还经常提及商业区及工业区,这两种如何用英语表达?
- V. 商业区可以使用 commercial area 来表达,而工业区可以说 industrial area。
- A. 回到住宅区,既然是住宅区,它的一大特点应该是比较安静、温馨、友善了,我们来看一下对话中另一方的回答。

- V. 他先是可能这里是住宅区,然后补充道:It's a quiet, safe and friendly neighborhood.
- A. 这一地段安静、安全并且友善。出现的单词 neighborhood 我们在上次的节目中说过,意思是"地段、街坊、四邻"等等。
- V. 听到 quiet, safe, friendly 这几个形容词,对话中的人回应道: That's exactly what we are looking for.
- A. 那正是我们要找的,也就是说他们希望房子所在区域是属于比较安静的住宅区。
- V. 既然比较中意房子所在区域,那对话中的人是否有些什么问题呢?她下一句是:What sort of public transportation is nearby?
- A. 附近有什么样的公共交通?这句话和我们上次介绍的 What's the public transportation like in this area? 是类似的意思,观众朋友们可以多加掌握,以丰富自己的语言表达。
- V. 来看对话中的回答:There are two buses about three blocks away. 三个街区远的地方有两路公共汽车。
- A. 公共汽车站就在附近,那肯定很方便了,不过这两路公共汽车究竟去哪些地方呢?
- V. 对话下一句就是进行补充:They take you to most of the places you need to go on a regular basis.
- A. 这句话的意思是:它们开往你经常要去的大多数地方,也就是经常需要去的一些地方,这两路公共汽车都会经过。
- V. 这句话中出现的短语表达 on a regular basis 可以学习使用,它的意思相当于 regularly,表示"经常的、定期的"。
- A. 类似的表达还有 on a daily basis (每天) 、on a weekly basis (每周)等等。
- V. 我们来看几个简单的例句,第一个例句是:Jack goes to the gym on a regular basis. Jack goes to the gym on a regular basis.
- A. Jack 定期去健身房,这句话也可以说成 Jack goes to the gym regularly.
- V. 第二个例句是:She has to deal with customer complaints on a daily basis. She has to deal with customer complaints on a daily basis.
- A. 她每天都得和顾客的投诉打交道,这句话也可以说成 She has to deal with customer complaints every day.
- V. 回到对话内容,生活中经常要去的地方一般包括购物、就餐等地,对话中另一方顺着这话接着问道:Like shopping mall, library, downtown?
- A. 是不是诸如购物商场、图书馆、市中心等地?她想确认这几个地方公车是否能到。
- V. 回答是肯定的:Absolutely.,然后对方用 actually 一转话锋,说道:the library is only 10-15 minutes away. You can even walk there.
- A. 图书馆仅有 10-15 分钟远, 你甚至可以步行去那。