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ENGLISH EXERCISE

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Exercise-1

Chinese Style	It's seven *twenty o'clock*.
American Style	It's seven *twenty*.
Chinese Style	Your coat is *broken*.
American Style	Your coat is *torn*.
Chinese Style	Susan didn't make a *fault* anyway.
American Style	Susan didn't make a *mistake* anyway.
Chinese Style	Would you mind posting this letter for me ? *Yes, certainly*.
American Style	Would you mind mailing this letter for me ? *Of course not*. OR *(Not at all)*
Chinese Style	He *becomes* better.
American Style	He *got* better.

Chinese Style	We'll have a *hearing* test tomorrow.
American Style	We'll have a *listening* test tomorow.

Chinese Style	I recommend you *to* take a long vacation.
American Style	I recommend *that* you take a long vacation.

Chinese Style	The last bus leaves at eleven o'clock. It's *about* eleven now, Hurry up!
American Style	The last bus leaves at eleven o'clock. It's *nearly* (*almost*) eleven now, Hurry up!

Chinese Style	It was still *bright* outside.
American Style	It was still *light* outside.

Exercise-2

Chinese Style	Come *to here*.
American Style	Come *here*.
Chinese Style	*Common* students in US don't wear a uniform.
American Style	The *average* students in US don't wear a uniform.
Chinese Style	Who *cooked* this salad ?
American Style	Who *made* this salad ?
Chinese Style	*Different from* me, she is proficient in English.
American Style	*Unlike* me, she is proficient in English.
Chinese Style	*Little children are difficult* to understand that.
American Style	*It is difficult for children* to understand that.

Exercise-3

Chinese Style	*Don't step on* the grass.
American Style	*Keep off* the grass.
Chinese Style	I *get* my *salary* twice a month.
American Style	I *get paid* twice a month..
Chinese Style	Would you like *a drink* ?
American Style	Would you like *something to drink* ?
Chinese Style	Let me *examine* your pulse.
American Style	Let me *feel* your pulse.
Chinese Style	I have *no exercise talent*.
American Style	I am not athletic.
Chinese Style	Don't *expect me too much*.
American Style	Don't *expect too much from* (of) me.
Chinese Style	I *forget* my hat in the house.
American Style	I *left* my hat in the house.
Chinese Style	Lend me some money, *for instance* 500 dollars, Lin
American Style	Lend me some money, *say* 500 dollars, Lin
Chinese Style	I *have a free time*.
American Style	I am *free*.
Chinese Style	The sun rises *from* the East.
American Style	The sun rises *in* the East.
Chinese Style	The thief got in *from* the window.
American Style	The thief got in *through* the window.

Exercise-4

Chinese Style	Let's begin *from* page 10.
American Style	Let's begin *at (on)* page 10.
Chinese Style	I wanted to go to Europe last summer, but it was too expensive so I *gave up to go*.
American Style	I wanted to go to Europe last summer, but it was too expensive so I *gave up the idea*.
Chinese Style	I am going *back my home*.
American Style	I am going *home*.
Chinese Style	His temperature *went* down.
American Style	His temperature *came* down.
Chinese Style	I like *green color*.
American Style	I like *green*.
Chinese Style	Today's newspapers *has* his articles on Taiwan.
American Style	Today's newspapers *carries* his articles on Taiwan.
Chinese Style	Give me money, if you have.
American Style	Give me money, if you *have any*.
Chinese Style	You'll *have* a cold if you sleep with your window open.
American Style	You'll *catch* a cold if you sleep with your window open.
Chinese Style	Somebody's knocking on the door. Go and see who *he is*.
American Style	Somebody's knocking on the door. Go and see who *it is*.

Exercise-5

Chinese Style	He cannot read *and* write.
American Style	He cannot read *or* write.
Chinese Style	Where is here.
American Style	Where *are we*.
Chinese Style	*How heavy* are you ?
American Style	How much *do you weigh* ?
Chinese Style	He was talking *in a high voice*.
American Style	He was talking *loud*.
Chinese Style	Most Westerners have *high* noses.
American Style	Most Westerners have *long* noses.
Chinese Style	Are you *home* tomorrow.
American Style	Are you *at home* tomorrow.
Chinese Style	*How* does she look like ?
American Style	*What* does she look like ?
Chinese Style	This is *the way how* I did it.
American Style	This is *how* I did it. or This is *the way* I did it.
Chinese Style	*How* do you think about Taiwan.
American Style	*What* do you think about Taiwan.
Chinese Style	*How* can I do ?
American Style	*What* can I do ?

Chinese Style	" How long have you been in Taiwan ?" " Six months " " *How about* Chinese food ?"
American Style	" How long have you been in Taiwan ? " " Six months " " *Do you like* Chinese food ?"

Exercise-6

Chinese Style	I visited her *ill* mother in the hospital.
American Style	I visited her *sick* mother in the hospital.
Chinese Style	There is a limit *in* my patience.
American Style	There is a limit *to* my patience.
Chinese Style	Please wait *inside* the white line.
American Style	Please wait *behind* the white line.
Chinese Style	Is your house insured *for* fire ?
American Style	Is your house insured *against* fire ?
Chinese Style	*I introduce* Mr. Smith to you !
American Style	*May I introduce* Mr. Smith to you !
Chinese Style	She *was* first prize.
American Style	She *took* first prize.
Chinese Style	Do you have any automatic camera ? Yes I have *it* .
American Style	Do you have any automatic camera ? Yes, I have *one*.
Chinese Style	That was a traffic accident on my way here. *It is* why I was late.
American Style	That was a traffic accident on my way here. *That is* why I was late.
Chinese Style	She is wearing blue *jeans pants*.
American Style	She is wearing blue *jeans*.
Chinese Style	*Keep* the right.
American Style	*Keep to* the right.

Chinese Style	Last night I didn't *keep my diary*.
American Style	Last night I didn't *write anything in my diary*.

Chinese Style	The train was *late about an hour*.
American Style	The train was *about an hour late*.

Exercise-7

Chinese Style	*Leave your hand from* the end of the wire.
American Style	*Let go of* the end of the wire.
Chinese Style	I was ten minutes late for the English *lesson*.
American Style	I was ten minutes late for the English *class*.
Chinese Style	How many Chinese *letters* do you know ?
American Style	How many Chinese *characters* do you know ?
Chinese Style	He is fighting for his *life*.
American Style	He is fighting for his *bread*.
Chinese Style	Why do you say *like that*.
American Style	Why do you say *that*.
Chinese Style	I have no house to *live*.
American Style	I have no house to *live in*.
Chinese Style	What a dirty face ! Look *at* the mirror.
American Style	What a dirty face ! Look *in* the mirror.
Chinese Style	He *lost conciousness* for a long time.
American Style	He *was unconcious* for a long time.
Chinese Style	He *made* a world record.
American Style	He *set* a world record.
Chinese Style	Her *marriage* was happy.
American Style	Her *married life* was happy.

Chinese Style	*Maybe* I think so.
American Style	*I think so*.

Chinese Style	The *club's members* are 55.
American Style	There are 55 *members in the club*.

Exercise-8

Chinese Style	They didn't understand *my mind*.
American Style	They didn't understand *what I was thinking*.
Chinese Style	This is where you *mistake*.
American Style	This is where you *are mistaken*.
Chinese Style	I *felt good mood*.
American Style	I am *in a good mood*.
Chinese Style	Please allow me *more two hours*.
American Style	Please allow me *two more hours*.
Chinese Style	My watch *doesn't move* at all. I must get it checked up.
American Style	My watch *isn't running*, I must get it checked up.
Chinese Style	We *moved house* to Johor last month.
American Style	We *moved* to Johor last month.
Chinese Style	He is our *common* friend.
American Style	He is our *mutual* friend.
Chinese Style	It was *my first time* to go abroad.
American Style	It was *the first time* I had gone abroad.
Chinese Style	While walking along the street, I met *my friend*.
American Style	While walking along the street, I met *a friend of mine*.
Chinese Style	*My this book* cost me nearly 300 dollars.
American Style	*This book of mine* cost me nearly 300 dollars.

Chinese Style	My room is *narrow*.
American Style	My room is *small*.

Chinese Style	I'll visit my *native* place for the first time in ten years this summer.
American Style	I'll visit my *birth* place for the first time in ten years this summer.

Exercise-9

Chinese Style	Here is a *pair of nice shoes*.
American Style	Here is a *nice pair of shoes*.
Chinese Style	Is this seat *empty*.
American Style	Is this seat *taken*.
Chinese Style	*Don't be noisy.*
American Style	*Be quiet*.
Chinese Style	It is *not of only* your business.
American Style	It is *none of* your business.
Chinese Style	I will do anything I *can do* for you.
American Style	I will do anything I *can* for you.
Chinese Style	This is the key *of* my room.
American Style	This is the key *to* my room.
Chinese Style	I am going to take a two-year course *of* English.
American Style	I am going to take a two-year course *in* English.
Chinese Style	He treated me *very friendly*.
American Style	He treated me *in a friendly way*.
Chinese Style	This is the largest department store *of* the world.
American Style	This is the largest department store *in* the world.
Chinese Style	It's a novel *of* three volumes.
American Style	It's a novel *in* three volumes.

Chinese Style	He is a student *of* Harvard University.
American Style	He is a student *at* Harvard University.

Chinese Style	Do you know the meaning of the word *of bumpy* ?
American Style	Do you know the meaning of the word *bumpy* ?

Chinese Style	He had a child *of* his former wife.
American Style	He had a child *by* his former wife.

Exercise-10

Chinese Style	She married *old*.
American Style	She married *late in life*.
Chinese Style	I saw it *on* the newspapers.
American Style	I read (saw) it *in* the newspapers.
Chinese Style	He is a liar, and you are *one too*.
American Style	He is a liar, and you are *too*.
Chinese Style	Open *page 20 of your books*.
American Style	Open *your books to page 20*.
Chinese Style	*Our* Chinese students are diligent.
American Style	*We* Chinese students are diligent.
Chinese Style	Don't *make* the office *out of order*.
American Style	Don't *leave* the office *in a mess*.
Chinese Style	I like to paint this door *to black*.
American Style	I'd like to paint this door *black*.
Chinese Style	I have a Chinese pen *friend*.
American Style	I have a Chinese pen *pal*.
Chinese Style	Give me a *phone*.
American Style	Give me a *phone call*.
Chinese Style	Is there any *place* for me in the car.
American Style	Is there any *room* for me in the car.

Chinese Style	*Let's play together*.
American Style	*Why don't you come over* ?

Chinese Style	I *was very pleasant* today.
American Style	I *had a very good time* today.

Exercise-11

Chinese Style	He *got 87 points* in chemistry.
American Style	He *got an 87* in chemistry.
Chinese Style	Chang is a *popular* name in Taiwan.
American Style	Chang is a *common* name in Taiwan.
Chinese Style	*I'm a public servant*.
American Style	*I work for the government.*
Chinese Style	She is *pure*.
American Style	She is *naive*.
Chinese Style	I have a question *to you*.
American Style	I have a question *to ask you*.
Chinese Style	This book deserves *to read* several times.
American Style	This book deserves *to be read* several times.
Chinese Style	I like *red* tea.
American Style	I like *black* tea.
Chinese Style	History *repeats*.
American Style	History *repeats itself*.
Chinese Style	I make a rule of *going to bed early* and get up early.
American Style	I make a rule to *keep early hours*.
Chinese Style	I went to the *sea*.
American Style	I went to the *beach*.

Chinese Style	The door was *shut* when I returned home.
American Style	The door was *closed* when I returned home.

Chinese Style	Shall we sit *in* that sofa ?
American Style	Shall we sit *on* that sofa ?

Exercise-12

Chinese Style	This steak is *soft*.
American Style	This steak is *tender*.
Chinese Style	His new book *will be sold* well.
American Style	His new book *will sell* well.
Chinese Style	There're a lot of sparrows *stopping* on the telephone lines.
American Style	There're a lot of sparrows *sitting* on the telephone lines.
Chinese Style	He hit me *strongly*.
American Style	He hit me *hard*.
Chinese Style	My pay *cannot support my living*.
American Style	My pay *is not enough to live on*.
Chinese Style	He wants to establish a *sweet* home.
American Style	He wants to establish a *happy* home.
Chinese Style	Why don't you *take* a driving license.
American Style	Why don't you *get* a driving license.
Chinese Style	Last year I went to Seattle. I liked *there* very much.
American Style	Last year I went to Seattle. I liked *it* very much.
Chinese Style	My mother likes to drink *thick* tea.
American Style	My mother likes her tea *strong*.
Chinese Style	*I think it will not rain tomorrow*.
American Style	*I don't think it will rain tomorrow*.

Chinese Style	Is your camera *this kind* ?
American Style	Is your camera *like this* ?

Chinese Style	His house was struck by *thunder* last night.
American Style	His house was struck by *lightning* last night.

Exercise-13

Chinese Style	My grandmother lived *to* eighty-five.
American Style	My grandmother lived *to be* eighty-five.
Chinese Style	I have a lot of work *to be done*.
American Style	I have a lot of work *to do*.
Chinese Style	*To drink* too much is bad for one's health.
American Style	*Drinking* too much is bad for one's health.
Chinese Style	*Today is hot.*
American Style	*It's hot today*.
Chinese Style	My father will be home *today* afternoon.
American Style	My father will be home *this* afternoon.
Chinese Style	*What is the total sum* ?
American Style	*How much does it come to* ?
Chinese Style	We changed *our train* at Woodland.
American Style	We changed *trains* at Woodland.
Chinese Style	I *traveled* to Europe.
American Style	I *made a trip* to Europe.
Chinese Style	I *very like* swimming.
American Style	I like swimming *very much*.
Chinese Style	*Wait for* your turn, please.
American Style	*Wait* your turn, please.

Chinese Style	What time *is your watch*.
American Style	What time is it by your watch.

Chinese Style	I don't know what *did he say*.
American Style	I don't know what he *said*.

Exercise-14

Chinese Style	*What* do you feel now ?
American Style	*How* do you feel now ?
Chinese Style	*What* season do you like best ?
American Style	*Which* season do you like best ?
Chinese Style	*Welcome you* to Taiwan.
American Style	*Welcome* to Taiwan.
Chinese Style	*Where* is the capital of Australia.
American Style	*What* is the capital of Australia.
Chinese Style	He has a *wide* shoulders.
American Style	He has a *broad* shoulders.
Chinese Style	We enjoyed the cool *wind*.
American Style	We enjoyed the cool *breeze*.
Chinese Style	I bought this book *with* 50 dollars.
American Style	I bought this book *for* 50 dollars.
Chinese Style	He played all yesterday *without working*.
American Style	He played all yesterday *instead of working*.
Chinese Style	Don't work too hard. *Yes*, I won't
American Style	Don't work too hard. *All right*, I won't
Chinese Style	What *will* you do over the weekend ? I *will* play tennis with Tom on Sunday.
American Style	What *are you going* to do over the weekend ? I *am going to* play tennis with Tom on Sunday.

Exercise-15

Chinese Style	My father bought me a *black small* leather wallet yesterday.
American Style	My father bought me a *small black* leather wallet yesterday.
Chinese Style	Most of the time, it is difficult for Sam *in finishing* his work on time.
American Style	Most of the time, it is difficult for Sam *to finish* his work on time.
Chinese Style	These thugs are quite capable *to do* really hasty things.
American Style	These thugs are quite capable *of doing* really hasty things.
Chinese Style	I *very* enjoyed it.
American Style	I *really* enjoyed it.
Chinese Style	If you *determine* to make the grade in the entrance examination, you must work extra hard.
American Style	If you *are determined* to make the grade in the entrance examination, you must work extra hard.
Chinese Style	Please handle this gold watch carefully. It *worths* more than five thousand dollars.
American Style	Please handle this gold watch carefully. It *is worth* more than five thousand dollars.
Chinese Style	I ran into Maria yesterday morning. She looked *healthily*.
American Style	I ran into Maria yesterday morning. She looked *healthy*.
Chinese Style	I am the only son in the family. I have *not* brothers.
American Style	I am the only son in the family. I have *no* brothers.
Chinese Style	My borther has been busy *in preparing* for his final examination.
American Style	My brother has been busy *preparing* for his final examination.

Chinese Style	As the citizens of Hong Kong, *we are necessary* to help the police in their fight against crime.
American Style	As the citizens of Hong Kong, *it is necessary for us* to help the police in their fight against crime.

Chinese Style	The children *were very dangerous* as the knife-wielding madman was running amok in the kindergarten.
American Style	The children *were in great danger* as the knife-wielding madman was running amok in the kindergarten.

Exercise-16

Chinese Style	Mr. Teow arrived at the office *lately* this morning.
American Style	Mr. Teow arrived at the office *late* this morning.
Chinese Style	Joseph did not go to the concert last week, I did not go *too*.
American Style	Joseph did not go to the concert last week, I did not go *either*.
Chinese Style	We have been waiting for half an hour. She has *still not* come.
American Style	We have been waiting for half an hour. She has *not* come *yet*.
Chinese Style	The hinges of the door had rusted. We had to push *hardly* to open it.
American Style	The hinges of the door had rusted. We had to push *hard* to open it.
Chinese Style	The sea was *very* rough that the ferry service had to be suspended.
American Style	The sea was *so* rough *that* the ferry service had to be suspended.
Chinese Style	It is unkind of him to ask a little child to do *such* many things in a day.
American Style	It is unkind of him to ask a little child to do *so* many things in a day.
Chinese Style	The three women *quarrelled* for more than an hour *angrily* outside the boutique.
American Style	The three women *quarrelled angrily* for more than an hour outside the boutique.
Chinese Style	You should describe what has happened *detailly*.
American Style	You should describe what has happened *in detail*.
Chinese Style	I received a letter from my sister two days *before*.
American Style	I received a letter from my sister two days *ago*.
Chinese Style	The driver, as well as four passengers, *were* injured in the head-on collision.
American Style	The driver, as well as four passengers, *was* injured in the head-on collision.

Exercise-17

Chinese Style	More than one convict *were* sentenced to death.
American Style	More than one convict *was* sentenced to death.
Chinese Style	One of my students *have* sent me a birthday card.
American Style	One of my students *has* sent me a birthday card.
Chinese Style	Sophie is one of the most intelligent students that *has* ever existed in our school.
American Style	Sophie is one of the most intelligent students that *have* ever existed in our school.
Chinese Style	Reading detective stories *are* my favorite passtime.
American Style	Reading detective stories *is* my favorite passtime.
Chinese Style	" Snow White and the seven Dwarfs " *are* a very popular fairy tale.
American Style	" Snow White and the seven Dwarfs " *is* a very popular fairy tale.
Chinese Style	Five hundred miles *are* a long distance.
American Style	Five hundred miles *is* a long distance.
Chinese Style	Either you or he *are* the one who stole the watch.
American Style	Either you or he *is* the one who stole the watch.
Chinese Style	The quality of these products is *more superior than* that of the others.
American Style	The quality of these products is *superior to* that of the others.
Chinese Style	The living standard in Japan is higher *than* Korea.
American Style	The living standard in Japan is higher *than that* in Korea.
Chinese Style	My younger brother is taller than *me*.
American Style	My younger brother is taller than *I*.
Chinese Style	Which of the two girls is *the most* intelligent.
American Style	Which of the two girls is *more* intelligent.

Exercise-18

Chinese Style	The patient felt much better in the morning than *afternoon*.
American Style	The patient felt much better in the morning than *in the afternoon*.
Chinese Style	What we need is *the* most perfect plan.
American Style	What we need is *a* most perfect plan.
Chinese Style	Which of these two shirts do you *prefer more*.
American Style	Which of these two shirts do you *prefer*.
Chinese Style	No sooner had I arrived home *when* it began to rain.
American Style	No sooner had I arrived home *than* it began to rain.
Chinese Style	Mike found it *more easier* to work out a mathematical problem than to write a poem.
American Style	Mike found it *easier* to work out a mathematical problem than to write a poem.
Chinese Style	Charles loves Angel more than Simpson.
American Style	Charles loves Angel more than Simpson *does*.
Chinese Style	I saw where my mistakes lay and *how to* make up for them.
American Style	I saw where my mistakes lay and *how I could* make up for them.
Chinese Style	My archrival, Frankie, *he* scored very high marks in the last test..
American Style	Frankie, my archrival, *scored* very high marks in the last test.
Chinese Style	I *felt very difficult* to deal with this physics problem.
American Style	I *found it very difficult* to deal with this physics problem.
Chinese Style	The general meeting is scheduled to be held *this afternoon at three*.
American Style	The general meeting is scheduled to be held *at three this afternoon*.

Exercise-19

Chinese Style	*Having not* finished her housework, Mrs. Smith could not go window-shopping with her friends.
American Style	*Not having* finished her housework, Mrs. Smith could not go window-shopping with her friends.
Chinese Style	*All the students are* in interested in joining the club.
American Style	*No student is* interested in joining the club.
Chinese Style	I do not understand what *is he* talking about.
American Style	I do not understand what *he is* talking about.
Chinese Style	There were three *thousands of spectators* watching the final match.
American Style	There were three *thousand spectators* watching the final match.
Chinese Style	I've got *many homeworks* to do.
American Style	I've got *a lot of homework* to do.
Chinese Style	I went shopping at CauseWay Bay yesterday and bought *a trousers*.
American Style	I went shopping at CauseWay Bay yesterday and bought *a pair of trousers.*
Chinese Style	There are more than four million *peoples* in Singapore..
American Style	There are more than four million *people* in Singapore.
Chinese Style	I feel *boring*.
American Style	I feel *bored*.
Chinese Style	Would you give me some *advices* before I go to the interview.
American Style	Would you give me some *advice* before I go to the interview.

Chinese Style	We went fishing last Saturday and John got five *fishes*.
American Style	We went fishing last Saturday and John got five *fish*.

Chinese Style	Typhoon Andrew has caused widespread *damages* to the crops.
American Style	Typhoon Andrew has caused widespread *damage* to the crops.

Exercise-20

Chinese Style	*Congratulation* ! You have passed the driving test at long last.
American Style	*Congratulations* ! You have passed the driving test at long last.
Chinese Style	I am afraid that this is the dirty mean to gain success.
American Style	I am afraid that this is the dirty *means* to gain success.
Chinese Style	*Chinese* are more conservative than English.
American Style	*The Chinese* are more conservative than the English.
Chinese Style	Cow is a useful animal.
American Style	*The cow* is a useful animal.
Chinese Style	I have got *headache*.
American Style	I have got *a headache*.
Chinese Style	*Comparing* with that in Singapore, the living standard in Hong Kong is very high.
American Style	*Compared* with that in Singapore, the living standard in Hong Kong is very high.
Chinese Style	*Finishing* his homework, Walters went to the football pitch with his friends.
American Style	*After finishing* his homework, Walters went to the football pitch with his friends.
Chinese Style	Sophia felt *embarassing* when I asked her how old she was.
American Style	Sophia felt *embarassed* when I asked her how old she was.
Chinese Style	It is more hygenic to drink *boiling* water.

American Style	It is more hygenic to drink *boiled* water.
Chinese Style	I have *cut my hair* at the barber's once a month.
American Style	I have *my hair cut* at he barber's once a month.
Chinese Style	I am sorry to have kept you *waited*.
American Style	I am sorry to have kept you *waiting*.

Exercise-21

Chinese Style	There is a stranger *stand* at the door.
American Style	There is a stranger *standing* at the door.
Chinese Style	The robbers run into goldsmith's shop, *shouted*, " This is a robbery ".
American Style	The robbers run into goldsmith's shop, *shouting*, " This is a robbery ".
Chinese Style	Anybody is found picking the flowers will be prosecuted.
American Style	Anybody *who* is found picking the flowers will be prosecuted.
Chinese Style	Being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.
American Style	*There* being no other business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.
Chinese Style	Laura has spent half a day *to revise* his lessons.
American Style	Laura has spent half a day *revising* his lessons.
Chinese Style	Finally, Ricky succeeded *to enter* the University.
American Style	Finally, Ricky succeeded *in entering* the University.
Chinese Style	I am used to *watch* television with the light on.
American Style	I am used to *watching* television with the light on.
Chinese Style	After dinner, my mother suggested *to go* for a walk.
American Style	After dinner, my mother suggested *going* for a walk.
Chinese Style	The government is considering the possibility *to build* a new airport on Lantau island.
American Style	The government is considering the possibility *of building* a new airport on Lantau island.
Chinese Style	Would you mind to *pass* me the salt, please ?
American Style	Would you mind to *passing* me the salt, please ?

Exercise-22

Chinese Style	I am going to *watch the cinema* tonight.
American Style	I am going to *a movie* tonight.
Chinese Style	My son will marry next month.
American Style	My son will *get married* next month.
Chinese Style	My sister is going to *marry with* a doctor.
American Style	My sister is going to *marry* a doctor.
Chinese Style	You can sit my next seat.
American Style	You can sit *next to* me.
Chinese Style	I think you cheat me !
American Style	I think you are *lying to* me !
Chinese Style	My head is sick.
American Style	I have *a headache.*
Chinese Style	Which team you support hah.
American Style	Which team do you *root for*.
Chinese Style	This is my *older* brother.
American Style	This is my *elder* brother.
Chinese Style	Thanks *to see me.*
American Style	Thanks *for dropping by.* (coming).
Chinese Style	Where *are* you come from ?
American Style	Where *do* you come from ?
Chinese Style	I want to *reduce* my weight.
American Style	I want to *lose* weight.

Exercise-23

Chinese Style	Bobby is a *black beautiful* dog.
American Style	Bobby is a *beautiful black* dog.
Chinese Style	We had a lot of difficulty *to find* the place
American Style	We had a lot of *difficulty (in) finding* the place.
Chinese Style	Killing the robbers *are* something the detective would not do.
American Style	Killing the robbers *is* something the detective would not do.
Chinese Style	*I was difficult* to get a good job.
American Style	*It was difficult* to get a good job.
Chinese Style	*It is capable* of getting his work done without help.
American Style	*He is capable* of getting his work done without help.
Chinese Style	Rose is *capable* to cook Indian food
American Style	Rose is *able* to cook Indian food.
Chinese Style	My father is busy *in* his business.
American Style	My father is busy *with* his business.
Chinese Style	Sorry, Jane is *busy with* cleaning up her room.
American Style	Sorry, Jane is *busy* cleaning up her room.
Chinese Style	Some people argue that fate *is determining* everything.
American Style	Some people argue that fate *determines* everything.
Chinese Style	Every one of us *determines* to win this match.
American Style	Every one of us is *determined* to win this match.

Exercise-24

Chinese Style	This film is worth *being watched*.
American Style	This film is worth *watching*.
Chinese Style	These stamps *worth* nothing now.
American Style	These stamps *are worth* nothing now.
Chinese Style	He looked *fearfully* because he had seen a ghost.
American Style	He looked *frightened* because he had seen a ghost.
Chinese Style	Tom looked *angry* at me because I had broken his valuable vase.
American Style	Tom looked *angrily* at me because I had broken his valuable vase.
Chinese Style	I am *no* afraid of any threats.
American Style	I am *not* afraid of any threats.
Chinese Style	We have *not* money left.
American Style	We have *no* money left.
Chinese Style	Tims was *dangerous* because his sampan had overturned.
American Style	Tims was *in danger* because his sampan had overturned.
Chinese Style	Joanna was *painful* when her boyfriend left her.
American Style	Joanna was *in pain* when her boyfriend left her.
Chinese Style	*We are necessary* to help the poor in our community.
American Style	*It is necessary for us* to help the poor in our community.
Chinese Style	*We are not easy* to find a good school in Singapore.
American Style	*It is not easy* to find a good school in Singapore.

Exercise-25

Chinese Style	I have watched some films *late*.
American Style	I have watched some films *lately*.
Chinese Style	I was only *late five minutes* but Mary was already gone.
American Style	I was only *five minutes late* but Mary was already gone.
Chinese Style	Lorna likes the kitten. I like it *either*
American Style	Lorna likes the kitten. I like it *too*.
Chinese Style	Edward never went to a party, so did David.
American Style	Edward never went to a party, *neither* did David.
Chinese Style	I will go but I have not finished my homework *too*.
American Style	I will go but I have not finished my homework *yet*.
Chinese Style	She is *yet* talking on the phone.
American Style	She is *still* talking on the phone.
Chinese Style	Michelle is working *hardly* for the test.
American Style	Michelle is working *hard* for the test.
Chinese Style	Veronica is a *hard* student.
American Style	Veronica is a *hard-working* student
Chinese Style	He worked *enough* hard that he finally became a billionaire.
American Style	He worked *so* hard that he finally became a billionaire.
Chinese Style	We have never been to *so* a nice place.
American Style	We have never been to *such* a nice place.

Exercise-26

Chinese Style	We have got *such* much to do but only so many hours in a day.
American Style	We have got *so* much to do but only so many hours in a day.
Chinese Style	The old man was *walking* towards the entrance although it had closed *slowly*.
American Style	The old man was *walking slowly* towards the entrance although it had closed.
Chinese Style	He has completed the course *satisfactory*.
American Style	He has completed the course *satisfactorily*.
Chinese Style	My sister treats the baby *motherly*.
American Style	My sister treats the baby *in a motherly way.*
Chinese Style	Please give me a *detail* description of the robbery.
American Style	Please give me a *detailed* description of the robbery.
Chinese Style	I want to know the *detail* of the plan.
American Style	I want to know the *details* of the plan.
Chinese Style	It was a long time *before* when I met her for the first time.
American Style	It was a long time *ago* when I met her for the first time.
Chinese Style	She has not told him her name *ago*.
American Style	She has not told him her name *before*.
Chinese Style	Judy, as well as Joei, *play* the piano.
American Style	Judy, as well as Joei, *plays* the piano.
Chinese Style	It is *me* who won the first prize last year.
American Style	It is *I* who won the first prize last year.

Exercise-27

Chinese Style	The standard of living of Singapore people *are* reasonably high.
American Style	The standard of living of Singapore people *is* reasonably high.
Chinese Style	I like *apple*.
American Style	I like *apples*.
Chinese Style	An *American old couple* visited him last week.
American Style	An *old American couple* visited him last week.
Chinese Style	Ball games *is* my hobby.
American Style	Ball games *are* my hobby.
Chinese Style	Ten thousand dollars *are* a large sum of money.
American Style	Ten thousand dollars *is* a large sum of money.
Chinese Style	Five years *are* much too long for me. I cannot wait.
American Style	Five years *is* much too long for me. I cannot wait.
Chinese Style	The clerk and typist *have* been with this company for two years.
American Style	The clerk and typist *has* been with this company for two years.
Chinese Style	The manager and the secretary *was* out.
American Style	The manager and the secretary *were* out.
Chinese Style	Neither they nor I *are* to blame for this mistake.
American Style	Neither they nor I *am* to blame for this mistake.
Chinese Style	Either of you *have* given me the gift.
American Style	Either of you *has* given me the gift.

Exercise-28

Chinese Style	Many people prefer to buy *Malaysia* products.
American Style	Many people prefer to buy *Malaysian* products.
Chinese Style	*Japan* spare parts are rather expensive nowadays.
American Style	*Japanese* spare parts are rather expensive nowadays.
Chinese Style	My cousin *dead* in that accident.
American Style	My cousin *died* in that accident.
Chinese Style	You have to *on* the switch before putting the disk in the computer.
American Style	You have to *turn on* the switch before putting the disk in the computer.
Chinese Style	My aim is to communicate *clear* and *concise* with my colleagues.
American Style	My aim is to communicate *clearly* and *concisely* with my colleagues.
Chinese Style	He gave me useful *advices*.
American Style	He gave me useful *advice*.
Chinese Style	I like to eat good *foods*.
American Style	I like to eat good *food*.
Chinese Style	She bought *two photos albums.*
American Style	She bought *two photo albums.*
Chinese Style	He has *three son-in-laws.*
American Style	He has *three sons-in-law.*
Chinese Style	The *passengers's* luggage was misplaced.
American Style	The *passengers'* luggage was misplaced.

Exercise-29

Chinese Style	The *football's players wives* often watch them play.
American Style	The *football players' wives* often watch them play.
Chinese Style	Please supply us with *12 pieces of cushion covers.*
American Style	Please supply us with *12 cushion covers.*
Chinese Style	Do you like to play *the badminton.*
American Style	Do you like to play *badminton*.
Chinese Style	I looked at *me* in the mirror.
American Style	I looked at *myself* in the mirror.
Chinese Style	He has *a little interesting* shop.
American Style	He has *an interesting little* shop.
Chinese Style	The *frigthen* women screamed.
American Style	The *frightened* women screamed.
Chinese Style	James is a *matured* man of forty.
American Style	James is a *mature* man of forty.
Chinese Style	Pak Dollah is *very* loved by his grandchildren.
American Style	Pak Dollah is *much* loved by his grandchildren.
Chinese Style	My report will *stress on* the problem of 'junk food'.
American Style	My report will *stress* the problem of 'junk food'.
Chinese Style	You shouldn't worry *of* getting married.
American Style	You shouldn't worry *about* getting married.

Exercise-30

Chinese Style	My writing *needs to be improving.*
American Style	My writing *needs to be improved.*
Chinese Style	Since that incident, I *followed* my friend's advice.
American Style	Since that incident, I *have followed* my friend's advice.
Chinese Style	Some badminton players face problems such as *do not have a job.*
American Style	Some badminton players face problems such as *not having a job.*
Chinese Style	I think there will never be another singer *as* Sudirman.
American Style	I think there will never be another singer *like* Sudirman.
Chinese Style	You may need English *in correspondence or meet foreigners.*
American Style	You may need to know English when *writing to or meeting foreigners.*
Chinese Style	This rice is not the same quality *like* you sold before.
American Style	This rice is not the same quality *that* you sold before.
Chinese Style	If we *practice* sports we will *enjoy* together.
American Style	If we *play* sports we will *enjoy ourselves.* OR If we *play* sports we will *enjoy it together.*
Chinese Style	Mary's friends advised her *don't be so proud.*
American Style	Mary's friends advised her *not to be so proud.*
Chinese Style	I do not know why *did this happen.*
American Style	I do not know why *this happened.*
Chinese Style	University life is not *that hard as* school life.
American Style	University life is not *as hard as* school life.