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I am Wenshin Lin. Sophia is my English name. I am eighteen years old, studying in a public girlsâ€™ high school. I come from a well-to-do family. My father works in a bank and mother works in a bookstore. I am the only child in the family; however, I am not the so-called spoiled child. My parents make very sure of that by training me to be independent.

Throughout my academic career, I have not only getting good grades but also being very active on sport field and in various societies. I play volleyball and enjoy the team spirit. I have joined the drama club and participated in many speech English contests. I really like to take part in school activities. Through them I make many friends, have lots of fun, and gain many valuable experiences.

I have been the class English tutor for almost three years. I love to discuss and share the experience of learning English with my classmates. We often read China Post and Time Magazine, and then discuss the content, word usage and practice speaking English on the basis of the English materials. At the beginning we found it was quite hard because we could hardly understand what the content was about, but we encouraged each other not to give up. Gradually we found that we had made improvement, which made us extremely excited. Later the group discussion of English books and magazines has become one of the most enjoyable things for us every week. Thanks to all these experiences, I won the first prize for school English speech contest in my second year of high school and many of my English articles had been published on China Post.

My fondness of English has been developed since my childhood. Being the only child, I was lonely, with no one to play with. My mother understood how I felt, so she brought me with her all the time. Hence the bookstore where my mom worked my childhood playground, and books have been my playmates since then. When we were in the bookstore, my mom would show me those fancy books with cute illustrations on it. At first I was drawn by the pictures and then curious about those strange symbols called words. This was my first contact with English. As I was interested in knowing what those symbols meant, my parents taught me a bit. After they felt that I was eager to learn, they found me an English tutor. By starting learning English at really early age, I had an advantage in learning it. And I have to thank my parents for this.

My interest in English brought me to the world of English literature. I have been enchanted by the creative world since then, so I decided to major in English literature. My aim is to explore the world of literature and the world of great writers and thus to open my eyes and cultivate my mind.

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