**The Power of Dash**

**破折号的妙用**

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**The Teaching Plan**

【Teaching purposes】

After the class, students can ：

1. understand the functions and effects of dashes；
2. apply dashes to suitable context to enhance the writing efficiency;
3. form correct concept of life and values to a certain extent.

【Teaching procedure】

**Step 1: Lead-in**

1. Describe a picture in diverse ways and introduce another writing strategy: dash

**Step 2: Functions of dash**

1. Discuss five different functions of dash by presenting five sentences about Kobe

Bryant’s life and comments on him.

Functions : list minor items; make a conclusion; make extra explanations, present

the speaker’s attitude; highlight something

**Step 3: Effects of dash**

1. Compare two sentences with the same meaning yet different expressions. And

ask students to conclude the effects of dash.

Effects: concise; closely-linked; clearly-structured; highlighted; eye-catching

**Step 4: Application**

1. Cite four sentences from Michael Jordan’s speech in Kobe’s memorial and ask

students to place dashes where necessary.

1. Present three sample writings in practical writing, summary writing and

continuation writing respectively and ask students to use dashes in them as well as

state their detailed functions.

1. Guide students to appreciate the usage of dashes in the textbooks.
2. Ask students to select one situation and create their own version using dashes.
3. Showcase students’ excellent writing and make comments.

**Step 5: Conclusion**

1. Cite a sentence from British Queen’s broadcast on Corona-virus: “We will

succeed — and that success will belong to every one of us.” Further highlight the powerful usage of dash. At the same time, convey beautiful wishes to students.

**Step 6: Arrangement**

1. Polish their writing using dashes.