

# M6U5 Using language

## The Lake of Heaven Reading & writing



# Pre-reading

## A quiz about Changbaishan

- ❑ Changbaishan is named after a great poet.
- ❑ Changbaishan was formed after volcano eruptions.
- ❑ Tianchi lies on the top of Chabaishan with an altitude of more than 2000 meters.
- ❑ Tianchi is the largest crater lake in China and the deepest mountain lake around the world.
- ❑ The best time to visit Tianchi is in winter.

## Get the background

- ✗ Changbaishan is named after a great poet. **iconic scenery**
- ✓ Changbaishan was formed after volcano eruptions.
- ✓ Tianchi lies on the top of Chabaishan with an altitude of over 2000 meters.
- ✓ Tianchi is the largest crater lake in China and the deepest mountain lake around the world.
- ✗ The best time to visit Tianchi is in winter. **after mid-July**



## Read for operation (写作目的)

This article is written to \_\_\_\_\_

- ☒ introduce a place
- ☐ explain an opinion
- ☐ compare and contrast two places
- ☐ argue for and against a position



*If I'd like to introduce a place...*  
What aspects to cover?  
How to organize the details?





# Read for content

para.1

What has the writer introduced about Changbaishan?  
How does the writer lead to the following paragraph?

**Order**

Changbai **Location** Jilin Province, Northeast China. Much of this beautiful mountain is covered in virgin forest. **position(地位)** China's largest nature reserve and it is a national park. **height** The peak of Changbaishan is over 2,000 meters high. **height** The land varies in height from 700, meters above, sea level to over 2,000 meters and is rare species **diversity of rare plants and animals** It has a great diversity of rare plants and animals, including the tourist **people's aim of visiting** Many people visit Changbaishan to study its unique plants and animals, Others **the most attractive** Changbaishan is famous for its many waterfalls, hot springs and the most attractive **the most attractive** bathes in the hot water pools. **However, the attraction** appreciation in the reserve is Tianchi or the Lake.

Use the linking sentence(s) to make sure of the coherence between paragraphs.

## Read for content

para.2

However, the attraction that arouses **the greatest appreciation** is Tianchi or **the Lake of Heaven**.

- Why is the lake called “the Lake of Heaven”?
- Considering the above-mentioned disadvantages, is Tianchi worth visiting?

general

specific

**position**

**height/depth**

**iconic scenery**

**time consumption**

When

a natural  
landscape

you arrive you are rewarded not only with the sight also by the view of the other sixteen mountain peaks

Use transition words to connect ideas.



## Read for content

### para.3

- What is the main idea of this paragraph?
- What is the connection between the Manchu people and Tianchi?

There are many stories told about Tianchi. The most well-known concerns three young women from heaven. They were bathing in Tianchi when a bird flew above them and dropped a fruit onto the dress of the youngest girl. When she picked up the fruit and smelled it, it flew into her mouth. Having swallowed the fruit, the girl became pregnant and later gave birth to a handsome boy. It is said that this boy, who had a great gift for languages and persuasion, is the father of the Manchu.

a cultural  
landscape

## Read for content

para.4

If you are lucky enough to visit the Lake of Heaven with your loved one, don't forget to drop a coin into the blue water to **a wish** guarantee your love will be as deep and lasting as the lake itself.

- What's advised to do when we reach the Lake of Heaven?
- What's the meaning of dropping a coin into Tianchi?



# Read for structure

**introduction**

**Body**

**conclusion**

How to  
organize  
the details



## THE LAKE OF HEAVEN

Changbaishan is in Jilin Province, Northeast China. Much of this beautiful, mountainous area is thick forest. Changbaishan is China's largest nature reserve and it is kept in



Para.1 The introduction of Changbaishan

people come to Changbaishan to study its unique plants and animals. Others come to walk in the mountains, to see the spectacular waterfalls or to bathe in the hot water pools. However, the attraction that arouses the greatest appreciation in the reserve is Tianchi or the Lake of Heaven.

Para.2 The introduction of Tianchi

Para.3 Stories about Tianchi

The article is  
developed in  
the order of  
space



Para.4 guarantee love

to drop a coin into the clear blue water to guarantee your love will be as deep and lasting as the lake itself.

## Read for writing

Dear Li Hua,

In our last letter I introduced my school as well as the beautiful sightseeing places in the neighborhood to you. And you once told me that the place you studied is a real heaven. So I can't wait to learn more about your school. Would you please tell me more about it, such as its main geographic features and the most attractive scenic spot around it ?

Looking forward to your reply email!



A letter of introducing a scenic spot

Sincerely yours,  
Joe

# structure

## Greeting

1. The pleasure of introducing the school.

## Body

2. The main geographic features of the school and the most attractive scenic spot.

## Ending

3. Best wishes and the hope of his visiting someday.

# content

the location

the position

height

rare species

people's aims of visiting

the most attraction

depth

stories

wish

...

# Order

general

space

specific

## writing tips



Use the linking sentence(s) to make sure of the coherence between paragraphs.

Use transition words to connect ideas.

Use logical order to develop the article

## Read for language

Words/expressions you may use:

引人入胜的 spectacular

由...到...不等 vary from...to...

是...的家园 be home to

据说... it is said that ...

最能激起人们欣赏欲望的是...

the attraction that arouses the greatest appreciation ...is ...

...要...多少时间 it takes about ...to....

不仅可以看到清澈的湖水还可以看到... be rewarded not only with the sight of its clean waters, but also by the view of...

最著名的是关于... the most well-known concerns...

如果你有幸...别忘了... if you are lucky enough to...don't forget to...

Dear Joe,

Knowing that you are interested in my school, I'm more than pleased to introduce it.

Located beside the Baima Lake, Chunhui high school is widely-known for its profound cultural background and breathtaking scenery, which attracts people throughout the country. But among all the attractions, Baima Lake is the most spectacular. With a horse-like shape, placid crystal water and picturesque views within sight, it is a perfect place to have fun and soothe our pressure of daily study.

If you have the chance to visit it, you are sure to have a good time. Looking forward to your coming.

Yours sincerely,  
Li Hua



# homework



1. Retell the introduction of *the Lake of Heaven*
2. Complete and polish your writing.



The end