**The Power of Dash**

**破折号的妙用**

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【导语】

要写出一篇漂亮的英文文章，除了词汇、句式、语法的丰富之外，事实上，标点符号也是不容小觑的一个重要方面，因为它不仅关乎着句子的正确与否，而且善用一些特殊的标点符号如破折号等，可以起到言简意赅、纸短情长的意料之外的功效。

洪笑英老师的本堂课着力突破写作微技能之破折号的妙用，通过情境化的教学方式，选取关于篮球明星科比的生平及他人评价等语言佳句，融破折号的多种用途于其中，在语言欣赏中感悟破折号的妙用，在铭记、缅怀一代巨星的人格魅力中塑造正确的人生观和价值观；而且精美的语言输入对于之后的高质量语言输出做了自然的铺垫。然后结合写作的三大语体进行分项应用，在具体的语篇材料中进一步夯实破折号的使用功能。最后通过四大时事情境设计，既贴近学生当前的生活和学习实际，让他们有话可说；也让学生从运用破折号来改写句子到更高层级的篇章创写，逐级提升自由写作的语言能力和水平。

总而言之，本课话题新颖，时代感突出，语言精美地道，教学设计从感知理解到运用表达，环环相扣，衔接自然紧密。

**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.