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前言

When we began our professional careers in the biological sciences more than 50 years ago, like most academics in higher education, we had written primarily research papers and theses. These are necessarily rather limited in style to the expectations of standard style manuals, major professors and editors of journals to which we submitted our research accounts. We assumed that our writing through the years would be primarily in science, and we felt we had adequately met professional expectations when our writing was accepted by editorial guardians. From time to time we wrote papers or books with fewer style restrictions, but still recognizable as "academic." About 30 years ago we became involved in international study programs, first in Mexico and later in China. Some of our writing became less scientific in nature. There are more informal reports and accounts of experiences which stretched our cross-cultural interests and required less stylistic writing. The most radical change in our writing experience occurred about 12 to 15 years ago when we were invited to join a team of professors at Zhejiang University to write a series of textbooks in English for Chinese university level students: New College English (NCE).

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内容概要

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Blitzen IV, our Labrador Retriever, is an unusual dog. In part, this is because she spends SO much time with US that she knows what to expect at any time of the day. Another way of looking at this is that she knows she has US trained to do the things she wants: i.e., feeding her immediately after her early morning walk 7:00am, and again, just as she hears the last musical strains of the theme song for the TV program "Jeopardy" 5:00pm; taking her outside for her "toilet time" on the noon hour, and again just after supper; giving her the medication.

she needs twice a day, and on each of these occasions expecting to receive a small dog treat as a reward. She tells US when it is time to go to bed 9:30pm, wakes in time to tell me it's time to get up for her walk 6:00am, and when we return, goes in to greet Maxine, who is allowed to stay in bed until the dog jumps on the bed, sniffs her to make sure she is still alive and breathing, and then goes to the kitchen to see if her breakfast is prepared on time 7:00am. She scolds "US" if our plans for the day interfere with her routine, and talks to US when she is pleased with our punctuality. Because she is more punctual than our paper boy or mail deliveryman, she barks softly to tell US they have arrived.

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