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### My Spring Break

This spring break I was very busy. Every day there were always things to do. Two weeks ago, I had told my boss that I would write some software for him. Even though I had promised him that I would do it, at that time I really didn't have the knowledge to do such a task! So this spring break I had to go out and buy a book (on writing software) and learn many new things!

I spent three days, three nights in front of the computer. Only when I needed to eat or sleep did I leave the computer. These three days I worked painstakingly hard. There were times when I became so frustrated that I wanted to throw the computer out<sup>1</sup>! However, in the end I finally succeeded<sup>2</sup>!

I spent another three days attending to my own matters. These matters had to do with computer things as well. I spent close to thirty hours in order to understand them. Another three days I spent watching movies, drawing, and doing homework. Even though this spring break I didn't travel like other people did, I feel that the knowledge I gained was more valuable (than traveling). In our lives, we often don't have enough time to do everything we want to do. So we need to vigilantly use every passing minute (and make the most of what we have)!<sup>^</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Originally written as '*throw the computer out the window*', but '*out the window*' must be an English-specific idiom so it was corrected in the Chinese version.

<sup>2</sup> Succeeded in writing the software, not in throwing the expensive computer out the window.

<sup>^</sup> I wasn't sure how we were supposed to translate. Were we supposed to translate literally, or just capture the meaning? As such, I tried to translate as literally as possible and use parentheses and footnotes to clear up ambiguities.