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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/646/2021_2022__E6_89_98_E7_A6_8F_E9_98_85_E8_c81_646970.htm I must admit, I didnt like Tom in the begining. He live in the house that was adjacent to mine, and I knew he was addicted to painkillers. He had injured his back while building adobe houses in the countryside for the local government administration. The painkillers numbed his back pain and allowed him to continue performing his heavy construction work. However, it wasnt long before he got caught for failing to adhere to the drug laws. I still recall what the judge told him shortly before he adjourned the court, "Youll either have to adapt to a life without drugs or adjust to living in the prison that adjoins this courthouse." I was admittedly upset when the judge asked me to help administer Toms probation. I felt that the judge was making me an unwilling and unnecessary adjunct to the court system. But I had no choice. I thought to myself, "Adaptation is the key." So I change attitude towards Tom and I soon learned that Tom wad just as adaptable. Tom heeded the judges warning. He quit his construction job and stopped using painkillers. He put all of his time and effort into inventing a new adhesive for constructing brick houses. His dedication was admirable. He became quite adept at chemisty and before long, he discovered a key additive that made his glue superior to all another adhesives. Now, I greatly admire Tom and he was become a good friend. I guess adaptation really is the key! 我得承认，当初我并不喜欢汤姆。他住在我隔壁，而且我知道他吃止

痛药成瘾。他在乡下给当地政府盖泥砖房时伤了后背。止痛药麻木了他的后背，这样他就能继续从事那些繁重的建筑工作。然而不久，他便因不遵守药品法而被捕。我还记得法官在休庭前对汤姆说的话：“你要么就要适应没有止痛药的生活，要么就得适应与法庭相邻的监狱生活。”不可否认，当法官让我协助执行汤姆的缓刑时，我很烦恼。我觉得法官是在把我变成法律制度下的一个极不情愿又不必要的附庸。但我别无选择。我想：“适应是关键。”于是我改变了对汤姆的态度，而且我很快发现汤姆的适应能力很强。汤姆没把法官的警告当耳旁风。他辞掉了建筑工作，不再使用止痛药，并把全部时间和精力投入到发明盖砖瓦房所需的新型粘合剂中。他全身心的投入令人钦佩。他搞起化学来很有一手，不久他找到了关键的添加剂，加入它以后，他的胶水就成了最好的粘合剂。现在，我非常佩服汤姆，我们成为了好朋友。我猜适应真的是关键！

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