

Grammar point: 文法

1. Care to explain a little?

Dean asks if Cooper could elaborate on what eco-friendly dragon boats are, but it is noticeable that this sentence is completely abbreviated. The original sentence would have been: “Could you explain to me a little bit more on what this is?” It is common in colloquial speaking—in all languages—that we speak quickly, efficiently, and clearly. This is a useful sentence structure to use when speaking to friends and family, but avoid it in writing or speaking in more formal occasions.

2. take care of

Unlike the “care” mentioned above, this “care” takes on a different definition. When used as “Care to explain,” the speaker usually means, “Could you explain.” Here, “to take care of something” takes on the more traditional definition of “care.” When one cares for someone else, he looks after that person, he provides what is needed. To take care of a matter is also similar, which is making sure the matter is resolved and whatever is needed to make everything right is done.

