<u>Grammar point:</u> 文法

Westerners **prefer** precious metals and gems.

解析: The underlined words show the use of the expression <u>prefer</u>. Prefer means one likes a certain thing better. "Prefer" can be used in the patterns shown below:

• I prefer something.

例句:I prefer this color.

• I prefer something to something else.

例句: I prefer gold to silver.

I prefer doing something to doing something else.
例句: I prefer studying English to studying chemistry.

