Unit1

1. past and present 过去和现在 the present situation 现在的形势
2. in the past 在过去（过去时） at present 此刻
3. in the past/last few years 在过去的几年中 over these years 这些年（现完）
4. used to share food with me 过去常常和我分享食物

There used to be a factory near my home.

1. be kind to sb. 对某人善良
2. wait for sb. for a long time 等某人很长时间
3. know sth. very well 非常了解某事
4. in the northern part of town = in the north of town 在小镇北部
5. get married (to sb.) 结婚（短暂性词组） be married （to sb.）已婚的（延续）

The couple have been married since 1990/for twenty years.

The couple (got) married twenty years ago.

1. move into a new flat two blocks away 搬到两条街外的一栋新公寓
2. turn the open space into a park 把空地变成公园（空地可数）
3. part of the town center 镇中心的一部分
4. put the waste into the river 把废料倒进河里
5. realize the problem 意识到了问题 realize your dream 实现你的梦想=make your dream come true
6. take action to improve the situation 采取行动改善形势（improve放句首一般都是to do）
7. in some ways 在某种程度上
8. feel a bit lonely from time to time 时不时感到有点孤独
9. living conditions 生活条件
10. return from the USA 从美国回来 = come back from the USA（任务型）
11. go abroad 出国（abroad是副词，不加介词）注意任务型和foreign转换

My father has been abraod on business for two weeks.

1. since then = from then on = ever since 从那时起

We knew each other in primary school and since then we have been good friends.

1. keep in touch with sb. 与某人保持联系（延续）
2. communicate by e-mail 通过电子邮件交流

易混淆词汇：communicate 沟通交流（动词） communication 沟通交流（名词） community 社区，社会 conversation 交谈，会话 interview 采访，面试

1. make communication much easier 使交流容易得多

=make it much easier to communicate

1. get used to doing 习惯于做某事（短暂性） be used to doing （延续性）
2. narrow and dirty 狭窄肮脏
3. with green trees on both sides 道路两边绿树成荫（伴随）

Now the environment of my neighborhood has become much better, with green trees on both sides.

1. have their own cars 有他们自己的汽车
2. A lot of changes have taken place in Changzhou in the past 10 years.

Changzhou has changed a lot in the past 10 years.

There have been great changes in Changzhou in the past 10 years.

\*The past ten years has witnessed the great changes of Changzhou.

1. I used to go to work by bus but now I have been used to driving to work.
2. I have never been there before.我以前从来没有去过那儿。
3. It has become impossible for us to see each other as often as before.

我们要像以前那样经常地互相见面已经变得不可能了。