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## Dialogue 1. Talking with Someone You are Meeting for the First Time

A: Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Harry, lái zì Yīngguó.

A: 你好，我叫 Harry，来自英国。

A: Hello, I'm Harry from UK.

B: Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Lisa, lái zì Zhōngguó Běijīng. Hěn gāo xìng rèn shi nǐ!

B: 你好，我叫 Lisa，来自中国北京。很高兴认识你！

B: Hi, I'm Lisa from Beijing, China. Nice to meet you!

A: Wǒ yě hěn kāi xīn, nǐ shì wǒ de dì yī gè Zhōngguó péng yǒu!

A: 我也很开心，你是我的第一个中国朋友！

A: Nice to meet you too. You are my first Chinese friend!

B: Róng xìng zhī zhì ! Xī wàng nǐ zài Zhōngguó wán de kāi xīn!

B: 荣幸之至！希望你在中国玩得开心！

B: My pleasure. Wishing you a good time in China!

A: Xiè xie nǐ, wǒ yī dìng huì guò de hěn kāi xīn, wǒ xǐ huān Zhōngguó!

A: 谢谢你，我一定会过得很开心，我喜欢中国！

A: Thank you! I will definitely have a good time. I love China!

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### Dialogue 2. Talking with a Friend You Haven't Seen in a Long Time

A: Hǎo jiǔ bú jiàn, zuì jìn zài máng shén me ne?

A: 好久不见，最近在忙什么呢？

A: Long time no see. What are you up to these days?

B: Wǒ zuì jìn zài máng zhe zhǔn bèi kǎo shì, nǐ ne?

B: 我最近在忙着准备考试，你呢？

B: I've been busy preparing for an exam recently. What about you?

A: Wǒ zuì jìn zài zhuī jù, yǒu gè xīn shàng yìng de diàn shì jù hěn hǎo kàn.

A: 我最近在追剧，有个新上映的电视剧很好看。

A: I've been binge-watching a TV series. There's new one that's really good.

B: Jiào shén me míng zi ? Gěi wǒ tuī jiàn tuī jiàn bei!

B: 叫什么名字？给我推荐推荐呗！

B: What's the name of it? Recommend it to me!

A: Hǎo ya.

A: 好呀。

A: Ok.

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### Dialogue 3. Talking with a Vendor at the Farmer's Market

A: Lǎo bǎn, nǐ hǎo!

A: 老板，你好！

A: Mister, hello!

B: Nǐ hǎo! Xiǎng yào mǎi xiē shén me ne?

B: 你好！想要买些什么呢？

B: Hello! What do you want to buy?

A: Wǒ xiǎng yào sì gè xī hóng shì, liǎng gè tǔ dòu, niú ròu xiàn zài duō shǎo qián yī jīn a?

A: 我想要四个西红柿，两个土豆，牛肉现在多少钱一斤啊？

A: Yes, I'd like to have four tomatoes and two potatoes. By the way, how much does it cost for half-kilo beef?

B: Hǎo lei ! Niú ròu xiàn zài wǔ shí bā yī jīn.

B: 好嘞！牛肉现在五十八一斤。

B: OK. Half-kilo beef now is 58 yuan.

A: Lǎo bǎn, pián yi diǎn bei, wǒ yào liǎng jīn niú ròu, wǔ shí yī jīn kě yǐ ma?

A: 老板，便宜点呗，我要两斤牛肉，五十一斤可以吗？

A: Mister, is there any discount? I want one-kilo beef. Can I have 50 yuan for half-kilo?

B: Bù xíng bù xíng, zuì shǎo wǔ shí wǔ yī jīn, nǐ kàn kě yǐ ma?

B: 不行不行，最少五十五一斤，你看可以吗？

B: No, no. At least 55 yuan for half-kilo. Do you think it is okay for you?

A: Hǎo ba, nà yī gòng duō shǎo qián?

A: 好吧，那一共多少钱？

A: Okay, then how much in total?

B: Yī bǎi èr shí yī yuán.

B: 一百二十一元。

B: 121 yuan.

A: Hǎo de, gěi nǐ, xiè xiè lǎo bǎn.

A: 好的，给你，谢谢老板。

A: Okay. Here's the money. Thank you Mister.

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B: Bú kè qì, màn zǒu ɑ.

B: 不客气，慢走啊。

B: You are welcome. Take care.

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### Dialogue 4. Talking with Someone Who is Walking a Dog

A: Liù gǒu ne, nǐ jiā gǒu gǒu zhēn kě ài! Tā jiào shén me míng zi a?

A: 遛狗呢，你家狗狗真可爱！它叫什么名字啊？

A: Hey are you walking your dog? How cute he is! What's his name?

B: Xiè xie kuā jiǎng, tā jiào Hēnglì.

B: 谢谢夸奖，它叫亨利。

B: Thank you. He is Henry.

A: Hǎo shuài qì de míng zi a!

A: 好帅气的名字啊！

A: Cool name!

B: Nǐ yě yǎng le gǒu gǒu me?

B: 你也养了狗狗么？

B: Do you have a dog, too?

A: Wǒ méi yǒu gǒu gǒu, wǒ yǎng le yī zhī māo mī, jiào Tángguǒ, hěn guāi hěn tīng huà.

A: 我没有狗狗，我养了一只猫咪，叫糖果。很乖很听话。

A: No. But I have a cat, and her name is Candy. She is a good girl.

B: Nǐ zhēn xìng fú a, wǒ jiā gǒu gǒu jiù shì gè tiáo pí dàn!

B: 你真幸福啊，我家狗狗就是个调皮蛋！

B: You are so lucky, my dog is just too naughty!

A: Hā hā hā, duō kě ài duō huó pō!

A: 哈哈，多可爱多活泼！

A: Haha, he's so cute and bouncing.

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### Dialogue 5. Talking with a Chinese Client or Business Partner

A: Hěn gāo xìng hé nín jiàn miàn!

A: 很高兴和您见面!

A: Nice to meet you!

B: Xìng huì xìng huì! Qǐng wèn zěn me chēng hu?

B: 幸会幸会! 请问怎么称呼?

B: Nice to meet you too. May I know your name, please?

A: Wǒ jiào Tom, zhè shì wǒ de míng piàn. Yǐ hòu qǐng duō duō guān zhào.

A: 我叫 Tom, 这是我的名片。以后请多多关照。

A: I'm Tom, and this is my business card. Let's keep in touch.

B: Tom nǐ hǎo, wǒ shì nǐ de Zhōngguó huǒ bàn, wǒ jiào Xuē Kǎi, zhè shì wǒ de míng piàn, xī wàng nǐ xǐ huan Zhōngguó.

B: Tom 你好, 我是你的中国伙伴, 我叫薛凯, 这是我的名片, 希望你喜欢中国。

B: Hello Tom. I am Xue Kai, your Chinese partner. And this is my business card. I hope you enjoy your life here in China!

A: Yī dìng huì de.

A: 一定会的。

A: I hope so, too.

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## Dialogue 6. Order Dishes

### Beginner Level/初级 chū jí

Fú wù yuán: Xiān sheng, nín hǎo, nín xū yào diǎn shén me?

服务员：先生，您好，您需要点什么？

Waiter: Sir, can I help you please?

Gù kè: Wǒ yào yī fèn niú pái.

顾客：我要一份牛排。

Customer: I'd like a steak.

Fú wù yuán: Hǎo de, qǐng shāo děng.

服务员：好的，请稍等。

Waiter: Ok, wait for a moment, please.

### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

Fú wù yuán: Huān yíng guāng lín! Xiān sheng, qǐng wèn nín xū yào diǎn shén me?

服务员：欢迎光临！先生，请问您需要点什么？

Waiter: Welcome! Sir, can I help you please?

Gù kè: Wǒ xiǎng diǎn yī xiē jiā cháng cài, nǐ men zhè dōu yǒu shén me?

顾客：我想点一些家常菜，你们这都有什么？

Customer: Do you have home-style dishes here? I want to order some.

Fú wù yuán: Zhè shì cài dān, qǐng nín kàn kàn.

服务员：这是菜单，请您看看。

Waiter: This is the menu, please have a look.

Gù kè: Ñg, wǒ yào gōng bǎo jī dīng, yú xiāng ròu sī, hái yǒu xī hóng shì chǎo jī dàn. Cài lǐ bú yào fàng wèi jīng, shǎo fàng là jiāo.

顾客：嗯，我要宫保鸡丁，鱼香肉丝，还有西红柿炒鸡蛋。菜里不要放味精，少放辣椒。

Customer: Well, I want Kung pao chicken, Fish-flavored shredded pork and Scrambled eggs with tomatoes. Please don't add MSG to the dish and have less hot pepper.

### Advanced Level/高级 gāo jí

Gù kè: Fú wù yuán, diǎn cài.

顾客：服务员，点菜。

Customer: Waiter, I want to order some dishes.

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Fú wù yuán: Hǎo de, xiān sheng. Qǐng wèn nín jǐ wèi?

服务员：好的，先生。请问您几位？

Waiter: Yes, sir. For how many people, please?

Gù kè: Liǎng wèi. Qǐng bǎ cài dān gěi wǒ. Ńng, zhè ge mǎ yǐ shàng shù shì shén me cài?

顾客：两位。请把菜单给我。嗯，这个蚂蚁上树是什么菜？

Customer: Two. Menu please. Uh, what is this dish: Ants climbing trees?

Fú wù yuán: Tā de zhǔ yào yuán liào shì ròu mò hé fěn tiáo, yīn wèi ròu mò zài fěn tiáo zhōng jiān, kàn qǐ lái jiù xiàng shì mǎ yǐ zài pá shù, suǒ yǐ jiù yǒu le zhè ge míng zì.

服务员：它的主要原料是肉末和粉条，因为肉末在粉条中间，看起来就像是蚂蚁在爬树，所以就有了这个名字。

Waiter: It is mainly made from minced meat and vermicelli. The vermicelli with spicy minced pork looks like ants climbing trees. Thus the dish is named "Ants climbing trees."

Gù kè: Tīng qǐ lái hěn yǒu qù, wǒ jiù yào tā le; zài lái ge má pó dòu fu, duō fàng diǎn là jiāo. Lìng wài, zài yào yí ge qīng zhēng lú yú.

顾客：听起来很有趣，我就要它了；再来个麻婆豆腐，多放点辣椒。另外，再要一个清蒸鲈鱼。

Customer: It sounds interesting and we'll take it. I also want Mapo Tofu (Stir-Fried Tofu in Hot Sauce) with enough hot pepper. Besides, I want steamed perch with scallion and black beans.

Fú wù yuán: Hǎo de, xiān sheng. Zài lái yí ge wǒ men diàn lǐ de tè sè cài – yù mǐ gēng zěn me yàng? Wǒ xiǎng bǐ jiào hé nín de kǒu wèi.

服务员：好的，先生。再来一个我们店里的特色菜—玉米羹怎么样？我想比较合先生您的口味。

Waiter: Ok, sir, how about our specialty Thick corn soup? It must suit your taste.

Gù kè: Hǎo, lái yí ge, zài ná liǎng píng pí jiǔ.

顾客：好，来一个，再拿两瓶啤酒。

Customer: Ok. We'll take it and please give us two bottles of beer.

Fú wù yuán: Hǎo, èr wèi qǐng shāo děng, cài yí huì'r jiù shàng lái le.

服务员：好。二位请稍等，菜一会儿就上来了。

Waiter: Yes, sir. Please wait for a minute. The dishes will be served very soon.

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### Dialogue 7. Hobbies

#### 初级 (Chū jí) Beginner Level

Lily: Mài ke, nǐ xǐ huan pá shān ma?

Lily: 迈克，你喜欢爬山吗？

Lily: Mike, do you like climbing mountains?

Mike: Nà dāng rán le, wǒ de ài hào jiù shì pá shān.

Mike: 那当然了，我的爱好就是爬山。

Mike: Of course, my hobby is mountain climbing.

#### 中级 (Zhōng jí) Intermediate Level

Lily: Mài ke, nǐ xián shí dōu xǐ huan gàn xiē shén me ne?

Lily: 迈克，你闲时都喜欢干些什么呢？

Lily: Mike, what do you like to do during your spare time?

Mike: Wǒ a, wǒ de xìng qù ài hào hěn duō o, zài méi yǒu kè de shí hou, wǒ xǐ huan kàn shū, tīng gē, tiào wǔ, hái yǒu hěn duō tǐ yù huó dòng.

Mike: 我啊，我的兴趣爱好很多哦，在没有课的时候，我喜欢看书、听歌、跳舞、还有很多体育活动。

Mike: Me, I have a lot of hobbies. I like reading, listening to songs, dancing and many physical activities.

Lily: Nà nǐ zuì xǐ huan de shì shén me ne?

Lily: 那你最喜欢的是什么呢？

Lily: Then what's your favorite?

Mike: Wǒ zuì xǐ huan de jiù shì pá shān le, nà shì wǒ zuì dà de ài hào.

Mike: 我最喜欢的就是爬山了，那是我最大的爱好。

Mike: My favorite is mountain climbing. That's my biggest hobby.

Lily: Wèi shén me ne?

Lily: 为什么呢？

Lily: Why is that?

Mike: Yīn wèi pá shān kě yǐ shǐ wǒ de shēn tǐ dé dào duàn liàn, bìng qiě wán quán de fàng sōng xīn qíng.

Mike: 因为爬山可以使我的身体得到锻炼，并且完全地放松心情。

Mike: Because mountain climbing is a good workout for my body, and it also helps me de-stress.

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### 高级 (Gāo jí) Advanced Level

Lily: Hēi, Mài ke!

Lily: 嗨, 迈克!

Lily: Hi, Mike!

Mike: Nǐ hǎo a, Lì lì.

Mike: 你好啊, 莉莉。

Mike: Hello, Lily.

Lily: Nǐ jià qī guò de zěn me yàng a, dōu gàn shén me le a?

Lily: 你假期过的怎么样啊, 都干什么了啊?

Lily: How was your holiday? What did you do?

Mike: Wǒ gēn bà ba mā ma qù pá Huà Shān le, hěn yǒu yì si.

Mike: 我跟爸爸妈妈去爬华山了, 很有意思。

Mike: I climbed Hua Mountain with my parents. It was very interesting.

Lily: Pá Huà Shān? Yī dìng hěn lèi ba?

Lily: 爬华山? 一定很累吧?

Lily: Climbed Hua Mountain? You must be so tired, right?

Mike: Ng, shì hěn lèi, dàn shì hěn duàn liàn rén de yì zhì, gèng hé kuàng pá shān shì wǒ gēn bà ba de gòng tóng ài hào, suǒ yǐ wǒ men dōu wán de hěn kāi xīn. Nà nǐ ne?

Mike: 嗯, 是很累, 但是很锻炼人的意志, 更何况爬山是我跟爸爸的共同爱好, 所以我们都玩地很开心, 那你呢?

Mike: Yes, it was very exhausting, but mountain climbing is helpful to exercise one's will. Moreover, mountain climbing is a hobby my dad and I both have in common, so we had a really good time. What about you?

Lily: Wǒ ma, jì xù xué xí xiǎo tí qín, nà yě shì wǒ zuì xǐ huan gàn de shì qing. Měi dāng wǒ yì lā qǐ xiǎo tí qín, wǒ jiù huì wàng jì yī qiè, jué de zì jǐ shì zuì xìng fú de rén. Jiǎng jiǎng nǐ men pá shān tú zhōng yǒu qù de jīng lì ba!

Lily: 我嘛, 继续学习小提琴, 那也是我最喜欢做的事情。每当我一拉起小提琴, 我就会忘记一切, 觉得自己是最幸福的人, 讲讲你们爬山途中有趣的经历吧!

Lily: I continued to learn to play the violin, which is my favorite thing to do. Whenever I play the violin, I forget everything around me and feel like the happiest person in the world. Please tell me about your interesting experience on the way to the peak of Hua Mountain.

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Mike: Hǎo a , pá shān de guò chéng zhōng, wǒ kàn dào le hǎo duō tiāo shān gōng, tiāo zhe jǐ shí gōng jīn zhòng de dōng xi, yí bù bù cóng shān jiǎo pá shàng shān dǐng, xiāng dāng xīn kǔ, ér qiě měi tàng jiù zhǐ néng zhuàn dé nà jǐn yǒu de yī diǎn diǎn qián.

Mike: 好啊，爬山的过程中，我看到了好多挑山工，挑着几十公斤重的东西，一步步从山脚爬上山顶，相当辛苦，而且每趟就只能赚得那仅有的一点点钱。

Mike: Ok, I saw many mount-carriers who carried several dozen kilograms of goods on the way up to the peak of Hua Mountain. It looked like rough work step by step all the way from the foot of the mountain to the peak. What's more, those mount-carriers only earn a little money each time.

Lily: Shì ma? Nà nǐ méi yǒu hé tā men jiāo tán ma?

Lily: 是吗？那你没有和他们交谈吗？

Lily: Really? Did you talk to them?

Mike: Dāng rán liáo le a, cóng nà shí qǐ, wǒ dǒng dé le rèn hé yī jiàn shì qing de chéng gōng jiù shì guì zài jiān chí a!

Mike: 当然聊了啊，从那时起，我懂得了任何一件事情的成功就是贵在坚持啊！

Mike: Of course I talked to them. From then on, I learned that the most important part to succeeding in anything is perseverance.

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### Dialogue 8. Take a Taxi

Sī jī: Zǎo shang hǎo. Huān yíng nín dào Běijīng lái. Nín yào qù nǎ?

司机：早上好。欢迎您到北京来。您要去哪？

Driver: Good morning! Welcome to Beijing. Can I help you?

Julia: Wǒ yào qù Běijīng jiǔ diàn. Wǒ kě yǐ bǎ xíng li fàng zài chē hòu xiāng ma?

Julia: 我要去北京酒店。我可以把行李放在车后厢吗？

Julia: Could you take me to the Beijing Hotel? By the way, can I put my luggage in the trunk?

Sī jī: Dāng rán kě yǐ. Wǒ lái bāng nín ba!

司机：当然可以。我来帮您吧！

Driver: Sure! Let me help you.

Sī jī: Kǒng pà wǒ men dǔ chē le.

司机：恐怕我们堵车了。

Driver: I am afraid we are in a traffic jam.

Julia: Nà dà gài yào dǔ duō cháng shí jiān?

Julia: 那大概要堵多长时间？

Julia: How long will we be held up?

Sī jī: Bù qīng chu. Yào bù wǒ men huàn yī tiáo lù zǒu ba! Zhè yàng dà gài èr shí fēn zhōng jiù néng dào le.

司机：不清楚。要不我们换一条路走吧！这样大概二十分钟就能到了。

Driver: I am not sure. Let's take another route. It would take twenty minutes to get to your hotel.

Julia: Tài hǎo le!

Julia: 太好了！

Julia: That's great!

Sī jī: Qǐng nín jì hǎo ān quán dài, wǒ yào zhuǎn wān le. Nín xiǎng tīng shōu yīn jī ma?

司机：请您系好安全带，我要转弯了。您想听收音机吗？

Driver: Please fasten your belt. I'm making a turn now. Can I turn on the radio?

Julia: Èng, kě yǐ yǒu diǎn yīn yuè.

Julia: 嗯，可以有点音乐。

Julia: Yea...let's have some music.

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Sī jī: Hǎo le, wǒ men dào le. Zhè shì nín de xiǎo piào, wǔ shí kuài.

司机: 好了, 我们到了。这是您的小票, 五十块。

Driver: Here we are! Fifty yuan please and here is your receipt.

Julia: Gěi nín qián, zài jiàn.

Julia: 给您钱, 再见。

Julia: OK. Here is the money. Bye!

Sī jī: Nín zǒu hǎo. Zài jiàn.

司机: 您走好。再见。

Driver: You have a good day. Bye!

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### Dialogue 9. Take a Bus

#### Beginner Level/初级 chū jí

A: Tīng shuō nǐ huàn gōng zuò le, xiàn zài zài nǎr shàng bān ne?

A: 听说你换工作了，现在在哪儿上班呢？

A: I heard that you changed jobs. Now where do you work?

B: Zài méi guī dà lóu fù jìn de yí gè ruǎn jiàn gōng sī.

B: 在玫瑰大楼附近的一个软件公司。

B: Now I am at a software company near Rose Mansion.

A: Méi guī dà lóu? Nà lí nǐ zhèr tǐng yuǎn de ya, zuò gōng jiāo fāng biàn ma?

A: 玫瑰大楼？那离你这儿挺远的呀，坐公交方便吗？

A: Rose Mansion? That's so far from here. Is it convenient to take a bus there?

B: Bú tài fāng biàn a, wǒ zhèr méi yǒu zhí jiē dào nàr de chē, suǒ yǐ yào dǎo liǎng cì chē ne.

B: 不太方便啊，我这儿没有直接到那儿的车，所以要倒两次车呢。

B: No, there is no direct bus to that place, so I have to change two buses.

#### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

A: Kàn jīn tiān de xīn wén le ma?

A: 看今天的新闻吗？

A: Have you watched today's news yet?

B: Hái méi lái de jí kàn ne, yǒu shén me xīn de xiāo xī ma?

B: 还没来得及看呢，有什么新的消息吗？

B: I haven't had time to watch it, was there any good news?

A: Yǒu a, hái shì hǎo xiāo xī ne, xīn wén shàng shuō yīn dào lù wéi xiū bù fēn gōng jiāo xiàn lù gǎi dào le, 210 lù gōng jiāo chē tōng dào zhèr le.

A: 有啊，还是好消息呢，新闻上说因道路维修部分公交线路改道了，210路公交车通到这儿了。

A: Yes, there's some good news. The news said that because of road maintenance and traffic diversion, some buses will change their routes and the #210 bus will pass by here.

B: 210? Ò, duì a, 210 kě yǐ zhí jiē dào méi guī dà lóu ne!

B: 210? 哦，对啊，210可以直接到玫瑰大楼呢！

B: The 210 bus? Oh, right, the 210 goes directly to the Rose Mansion!

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A: *Cái yì shì dào a, hē hē, kàn nǐ fǎn yìng màn de!*

A: 才意识到啊，呵呵，看你反应慢的！

A: Now you get it? Ho-ho, what a slow response!

B: *Duì wǒ lái shuō de què shì jiàn hǎo shì ò, yào shì yī zhí gǎi chéng zhè yàng jiù gèng hǎo le ya!*

B: 对我来说的确是件好事哦，要是一直改成这样就更好了呀！

B: For me, it is really a good thing. If it were to stay this way forever, that would be much better!

### Advanced Level/高级 gāo jí

A: *Hēi, nǐ jīn tiān xià bān tǐng zǎo de a!*

A: 嗨，你今天下班挺早的啊！

A: Hi, you got off work so early today!

B: *Bú shì xià bān zǎo, shì jīn tiān de chē bǐ jiào kuài a.*

B: 不是下班早，是今天的车比较快啊。

B: It's not that I got off work early. It's because of how fast the bus is.

A: *Shì ma? Zuò de 210 zhí jiē jiù dào nǐ zhèr le ba.*

A: 是吗？坐的 210 直接到你这儿了吧。

A: Really? You take the #210 bus, and it takes you here directly.

B: *Shì a, wǒ gāng zǒu dào 210 zhàn pái, chē jiù lái le.*

B: 是啊，我刚走到 210 站牌，车就来了。

B: Yes, the bus comes as soon as I get to the station.

A: *Chē shàng rén duō ma? Jǐ bù jǐ a?*

A: 车上人多吗？挤不挤啊？

A: Are there many people on the bus? Is it crowded or not?

B: *Yǒu diǎn duō, dàn shì wǒ fā xiàn zhǐ yào yǒu lǎo rén hé yùn fù shàng chē, dà jiā dōu huì zhǔ dòng ràng zuò.*

B: 有点多，但是我发现只要有老人和孕妇上车，大家都会主动让座。

B: A little bit more, but I have found that everybody will take the initiative to give their seats to the old and the pregnant.

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A: Jiù shì, wǒ jīng cháng zuò chē yě zhùyì dào le, wǒ jué de zhè zhǒng fēng qì tǐng hǎo de.

A: 就是，我经常坐车也注意到了，我觉得这种风气挺好的。

A: Yes, I've also found that when I take a bus. I think this kind of atmosphere is really good.

B: Shì a, wǒ yě shì, jǐn guǎn nà huìr wǒ tè lèi, dàn wǒ hái shì bǎ wǒ de zuò wèi gěi le yī wèi lǎo rén.

B: 是啊，我也是，尽管那会儿我特累，但我还是把我的座位给了一位老人。

B: Yes, even though I'm very tired, I still offer my seat to an old lady.

A: Ò, gǎo le bàn tiān nǐ shì zài chuī pěng zì jǐ ne! ( xiào )

A: 哦，搞了半天你是在吹捧自己呢(笑)!

A: Oh, turns out you're just talking yourself up! (Laugh)

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### Dialogue 10. Breakfast; Come a Bit Early

A: Nǐ men Zhōngguó dí què shì yí gè qín fèn de mín zú.

A: 你们中国的确是一个勤奋的民族。

A: You China really are a diligent nation.

B: Nǐ zěn me kàn chū lái de?

B: 你怎么看出来的?

B: How do you know that?

A: Wǒ zài jiē shàng zǒu de shí hou, cháng cháng kě yǐ kàn dào lù páng de zhāo pai xiě zhe "zǎo diǎn" liǎng gè dà zì, tí xǐng shàng bān de rén bú yào chí dào.

A: 我在街上走的时候，常常可以看到路旁的招牌写着“早点”两个大字，提醒上班的人不要迟到。

A: I can always see the two words “早点” on the signboard when walking on the street, reminding people not to be late (or “come a bit early”).

B: Nà bú shì tí xǐng shàng bān de rén bú yào chí dào, nà shì mài zǎo fàn de.

B: 那不是提醒上班的人不要迟到，那是卖早饭的。

B: Those are not reminding workers not to be late; those signs are for selling breakfast.

### Analysis

早点(zǎo diǎn) in Chinese has two meanings. One refers to breakfast and the other means “come early”. 早(zǎo) means early and 点(diǎn) means o'clock. In this conversation, the 早点(zǎo diǎn) which “A” sees on signs simply means “breakfast”, but “A” misunderstands and thinks it means “come a bit early”. Usually, telling someone to “come a bit early” is expressed orally, while the words displayed on signs refers to “breakfast”.

### Examples

Wǒ děi zǎo diǎn zǒu, bù rán jiù gǎn bú shàng gōng jiāo chē le.

我得早点走，不然就赶不上公交车了。

I should leave a bit earlier; otherwise, I will miss the bus.

Wǒ men yī qǐ chī zǎo diǎn ba?

我们一起吃早点吧?

How about having breakfast together?

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### Dialogue 11. When a Boy Meets a Girl

#### Beginner Level/初级 chū jí

Man: Nǐ hǎo! Wǒ jué de nǐ tǐng tè bié, néng zuò gè péng you ma?

Man: 你好！我觉得你挺特别，能做个朋友吗？

Man: Hello! You are really special. Can we be friends?

Woman: Hǎo de, wǒ hěn lè yì.

Woman: 好的，我很乐意。

Woman: Yes, it's my pleasure.

#### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

Man: Qǐng wèn yī xià, qián miàn shì bu shì yǒu yí gè yóu jú?

Man: 请问一下，前面是不是有一个邮局？

Man: Excuse me! Is there a post office ahead?

Woman: Shì de, yī zhí wǎng qián zǒu jiù dào le.

Woman: 是的，一直往前走就到了。

Woman: Yes, keep going straight and you will find it.

Man: Xiè xiè! Wǒ jué de nǐ rén zhēn hǎo.

Man: 谢谢！我觉得你人真好。

Man: Thank you. You are so kind.

Woman: Xiè xiè.

Woman: 谢谢。

Woman: Thanks.

Man: Kě yǐ gěi wǒ nǐ de diàn huà hào mǎ ma? Wǒ xiǎng hé nǐ zuò péng you.

Man: 可以给我你的电话号码吗？我想和你做朋友。

Man: Can I have your telephone number? I want to make friends with you.

#### Advanced Level/高级 gāo jí

Man: Qǐng wèn xiàn zài jǐ diǎn le?

Man: 请问现在几点了？

Man: Could you tell me what the time it is now?

Woman: Bā diǎn le.

Woman: 八点了。

Woman: It's eight o'clock.

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Man: Xiè xiè! Wǒ men zài nǎ lǐ jiàn guò ma? Wǒ jué de nǐ tǐng yǎn shú de.

Man: 谢谢！我们在哪里见过吗？我觉得你挺眼熟的。

Man: Thanks! Have we met each other before? You look very familiar.

Woman: Méi jiàn guò ba!

Woman: 没见过吧！

Woman: I don't think so.

Man: Fǎn zhèng wǒ jué de nǐ tǐng miàn shú de, gǎn jué hěn qīn qiè.

Man: 反正我觉得你挺面熟的，感觉很亲切。

Man: Anyway, you look very familiar and nice.

Woman: Xiè xiè!

Woman: 谢谢！

Woman: Thanks.

Man: Nǐ zhù de yuǎn ma? Zhè me wǎn le, yào bù wǒ sòng nǐ ba!

Man: 你住得远吗？这么晚了，要不我送你吧！

Man: Do you live far from here? It is so late. Can I walk you home?

### 用法(yòng fǎ) Usage:

“觉得”(jué de) is a commonly used term to express one's ideas or opinions. For example:

Wǒ jué de wǒ men xū yào qù mǎi xiē shí wù huí lái.

我觉得我们需要去买些食物回来。

I think we should buy some food.

Wǒ jué de tā hěn piào liang.

我觉得她很漂亮。

I think she is really beautiful.

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### Dialogue 12. When a Boy Invites a Girl

Boy: Zuì jìn máng shén me ne?

Boy: 最近忙什么呢?

Boy: What have you been busy doing recently?

Girl: Kuài kǎo shì le, máng zhe fù xí ne! Zhè jǐ tiān yī zhí mái zài shū duī lǐ ne!

Girl: 快考试了，忙着复习呢！这几天一直埋在书堆里呢！

Girl: Exams are approaching, and I'm busy reviewing the books to prepare for them. I'm buried in a pile of books these days.

Boy: Nǐ yě tài yòng gōng le ba! Xià wǔ chū qù sàn bù, zěn me yàng?

Boy: 你也太用功了吧！下午出去散步，怎么样？

Boy: You're too serious about your studies! What about going for a walk this afternoon?

Girl: Wǒ kě méi yǒu nǐ nà yàng de xián qíng yì zhì!

Girl: 我可没有你那样的闲情逸致！

Girl: I don't have the leisure time and carefree mood as you do.

Boy: Bié a! Nǐ méi tīng shuō "zhǐ gōng zuò bù wán shuǎ cōng míng hái zǐ yě biàn shǎ" ma? Nǐ xiǎng biàn chéng shǎ zǐ ma?

Boy: 别啊！你没听说“只工作不玩耍聪明孩子也变傻”吗？你想变成傻子吗？

Boy: Oh, come on. Haven't you ever heard "All work and no play make Jack a fool?" Do you want to become a fool?

Girl: Nà hǎo ba! Wǒ kě bù xiǎng bèi nǐ shuō chéng shǎ zǐ. Wǒ men chū qù sàn bù ba!

Girl: 那好吧！我可不想被你说成傻子。我们出去散步吧！

Girl: Ok! I don't want to be called a fool. Let's go for a walk!

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### Dialogue 13. When a Boy loves a Girl

#### Beginner level/初级 chū jí

Man: Wǒ hěn xǐ huān hé nǐ zài yī qǐ.

Man: 我很喜欢和你在一起。

Man: I like to be with you very much.

Woman: Zhēn de ma?

Woman: 真的吗?

Woman: Really?

Man: Hé nǐ zài yī qǐ, wǒ jué de fēi cháng kāi xīn.

Man: 和你在一起，我觉得非常开心。

Man: I feel very happy to be with you.

Woman: Wǒ yě shì, yīn wèi nǐ jiǎng huà hěn yōu mò.

Woman: 我也是，因为你讲话很幽默。

Woman: So do I. You are very humorous.

#### Intermediate level/中级 zhōng jí

Man: Wǒ jué de hé nǐ zài yī qǐ wǒ bǐ yǐ qián gèng kuài lè le.

Man: 我觉得和你在一起我比以前更快乐了。

Man: I'm happier now with you than before.

Woman: Wǒ yě hěn kuài lè. Nǐ yī zhí zài zhào gù wǒ, ràng wǒ jué de fēi cháng gǎn dòng.

Woman: 我也很快乐。你一直在照顾我，让我觉得非常感动。

Woman: I'm also very happy, and am moved that you often take care of me.

Man: Wǒ xí guàn le shēng huó zhōng yǒu nǐ de péi bàn, yǐ hòu nǐ néng yī zhí péi zhe wǒ ma?

Man: 我习惯了生活中有你的陪伴，以后你能一直陪着我吗?

Man: I have been used to being with you. Will you accompany me from now on?

Woman: Wǒ yuàn yì hé nǐ zài yī qǐ.

Woman: 我愿意和你在一起。

Woman: I do like to be with you.

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### Advanced level/高级 gāo jí

Man: Sòng nǐ yī shù méi guī huā, xǐ huan ma?

Man: 送你一束玫瑰花！喜欢吗？

Man: Here is a bundle of roses for you. Do you like it?

Woman: Xiè xiè, zhēn piào liang!

Woman: 谢谢，真漂亮！

Woman: Thanks! It's really beautiful!

Man: Bú guò rén bǐ huā gèng měi ā!

Man: 不过人比花更美啊！

Man: But you are more beautiful than flowers!

Woman: Dōu ràng nǐ kuā de bù hǎo yì si le! nǐ jīn tiān yǒu shí jiān ma?

Woman: 都让你夸得不好意思了！你今天有时间吗？

Woman: I feel a little shy of your compliment. Are you free today?

Man: Yǒu ā! Yǒu shén me shì ma?

Man: 有啊！有什么事吗？

Man: Yes, do you have something important?

Woman: Dāng rán yǒu, ér qiě shì yī jiàn dà shì ne!

Woman: 当然有，而且是一件大事呢！

Woman: Of course, it's a big event!

Man: Nà kuài shuō ā! Bú yào mài guān zi ma!

Man: 那快说啊！不要卖关子嘛！

Man: Please tell me, don't keep me guessing!

Woman: Wǒ xiǎng jīn tiān dài nǐ huí jiā qù jiàn wǒ fù mǔ.

Woman: 我想今天带你回家去见我父母。

Woman: I'd like to bring you back home to visit my parents.

Man: Ā, Kàn lái "chǒu nǚ xu yě děi jiàn gōng pó" le!

Man: 啊？看来“丑女婿也得见公婆”了！

Man: Ah? It seems that "The ugly son-in-law will have to see his parents-in-law in the end!"

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Woman: Bié dān xīn, nǐ zhè me yīng jùn xiāo sǎ, yòu hěn tǐ tiē, yī dìng néng shùn lì guò guān de!

Woman: 别担心，你这么英俊潇洒，又很体贴，一定能顺利过关的！

Woman: Don't worry! You are so handsome and considerate, and you will pass the test successfully!

Man: Nà wǒ kě yào hǎo hǎo zhǔn bèi yī xià lā!

Man: 那我可要好好准备一下啦！

Man: I will make a full preparation for this visit.

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### Dialogue 14. In a Bar

#### Beginner Level/初级 chūjí

A: Nǐ tīng shuō méi yǒu, shì zhōng xīn kāi le yī jiā xīn jiǔ bā?

A: 你听说没有，市中心开了一家新酒吧？

A: You know that a new bar opened in the city center?

B: Tīng shuō le, hái tǐng bú cuò de. Zán zhōu mò qù qiáo qiáo ba.

B: 听说了，还挺不错的。咱周末去瞧瞧吧。

B: I've heard it's pretty nice. Want to go this weekend?

A: Hǎo ya.

A: 好呀。

A: Ok.

#### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

A: Zhè jiǔ bā hái zhēn bú cuò, huán jìng tǐng hǎo.

A: 这酒吧还真不错，环境挺好。

A: This bar is pretty good, and the environment is good too.

B: Jiù shì, jīn tiān kě děi hǎo hao xiǎng shòu.

B: 就是，今天可得好好享受。

B: Yes, we had better enjoy it fully today.

A: Xiān lái píng jiǔ ba, nǐ hē shén me?

A: 先来瓶酒吧，你喝什么？

A: I want to have a bottle of beer. What about you?

B: Lái píng Qīngdǎo pí jiǔ ba! Tiān hái tǐng rè, yào bīng de.

B: 来瓶青岛啤酒吧！天还挺热，要冰的。

B: A bottle of Tsingtao beer! Since the weather is so hot, I'd like it cold.

A: Nǐ hǎo xiàng tǐng ài hē Qīngdǎo pí jiǔ, hěn hǎo hē ma?

A: 你好像挺爱喝青岛啤酒，很好喝吗？

A: It seems that you are fond of Tsingtao beer. How is it?

B: Nà shì, tā kě shì Zhōngguó pí jiǔ de jīng diǎn pǐn pái, xiǎng yù guó jì ne.

B: 那是，它可是中国啤酒的经典品牌，享誉国际呢。

B: Of course. It is a famous brand in China, known all over the world.

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A: Shì ma? Nà wǒ yě lái yī píng.

A: 是吗？那我也来一瓶。

A: Really? Then I'll take a bottle as well.

### Advanced Level/高级 gāo jí

A: Zhè yīn yuè bú cuò, tǐng hǎo tīng de.

A: 这音乐不错，挺好听的。

A: The music here is nice.

B: Nà shì, zhè shǒu gē jiǔ bā lǐ cháng fàng, jiào "Loving You," yī shǒu hěn bàng de yīng wén gē.

B: 那是，这首歌酒吧里常放，叫 Loving You，一首很棒的英文歌。

B: Definitely. This song is always played in bars. "Loving You", is a great English song.

A: Shì ma? Wǒ huí qù děi xué xue. Zhè Qīngdǎo pí jiǔ hái zhēn hǎo hē, zài gěi wǒ lái yī píng.

A: 是吗？我回去得学学。这青岛啤酒还真好喝，再给我来一瓶。

A: Really? I will learn to sing the song. This Tsingtao beer is tasty, so I'd like to have another bottle.

B: Nǐ kě shǎo hē diǎn, bié xiàng shàng cì hái yào wǒ tái nǐ chū jiǔ bā.

B: 你可少喝点，别像上次还要我抬你出酒吧。

B: Don't drink so much that I have to carry you out of the bar like I did last time.

A: Bié sǔn wǒ le, wǒ jiǔ liàng kě méi nà me chà jìn.

A: 别损我了，我酒量可没那么差劲。

A: Don't deride me. My capacity for liquor is not so bad.

B: Nǐ hái bié bù chéng rèn, wàng le wǒ sòng nǐ huí jiā le?

B: 你还别不承认，忘了我送你回家了？

B: You should admit the truth and not forget that I have taken you home last time.

A: Āi ya, bié shuō le, hē jiǔ hē jiǔ, yī zuì fāng xiū.

A: 哎呀，别说了，喝酒喝酒，一醉方休。

A: Don't say that. Cheers. Let's get drunk.

B: Nǐ zhè rén, wǒ kě zhēn shì fú le nǐ le.

B: 你这人，我可真是服了你了。

B: Well, I have to admire you.

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### Dialogue 15. Borrow a Book

#### Beginner Level/初级 chū jí

A: Hēi, Lili, nǐ qù nǎr ya?

A: 嗨，莉莉，你去哪儿呀？

A: Hi, Lily, where are you going?

B: Ò, wǒ zhǔn bèi qù tú shū guǎn ne , tīng shuō tú shū guǎn zuì jìn jìn le yī pī xīn shū, wǒ qù kàn kan yǒu méi yǒu Dù Lālā Shēng Zhí Jì.

B: 哦，我准备去图书馆呢，听说图书馆最近进了一批新书，我去看看有没有《杜拉拉升职记》。

B: Oh, I am going to the library. It's said that the library has bought a number of new books. I want to have a look if there is a book called The Story of Du Lala Getting Promoted.

A: Dù Lālā Shēng Zhí Jì? Tīng shuō nà shì yī běn chàng xiāo shū, yīng gāi yǒu de.

A: 《杜拉拉升职记》？听说那是一本畅销书，应该有的。

A: The Story of Du Lala Getting Promoted? I heard it's a bestseller, they should have it.

B: Xī wàng yǒu ba.

A: 希望有吧。

A: I hope so.

#### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

A: Wèi, shì Lìlì ma? Wǒ shì Àilā.

A: 喂，是莉莉吗？我是艾拉。

A: Hello, is that Lily? This is Ira.

B: Shì wǒ, yǒu shì ma, Àilā?

B: 是我，有事吗，艾拉？

B: Yes, this is. What can I do for you, Ira?

A: Wǒ xiǎng wèn wèn nǐ nà tiān jiè dào shū le ma?

A: 我想问问你那天借到书了吗？

A: I wonder if you borrowed the book on that day.

B: Shū? Nǐ shuō de shì Dù Lālā Shēng Zhí Jì ba, jiè dào le, wǒ jiè de shí hou gāng hǎo shèng xià zuì hòu yī běn.

B: 书？你说的是《杜拉拉升职记》吧，借到了，我借的时候刚好剩下最后一本。

B: Book? You mean The Story of Du Lala Getting Promoted? I did. That was just the last copy when I borrowed.

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A: Yùn qì zhēn hǎo! Nán guài wǒ qù jiè de shí hou méi yǒu le, tīng shuō nà běn shū shì guān yú zhí yè shēng yá de, wǒ men yě kuài zhǎo gōng zuò le, kàn kan duì wǒ men hěn yǒu qǐ fā de. Suǒ yǐ wǒ xiǎng wèn wèn nǐ, nǐ kàn wán hòu kě yǐ jiè gěi wǒ kàn kan ma?

A: 运气真好！难怪我去借的时候没有了，听说那本书是关于职业生涯的，我们也快找工作了，看看对我们很有启发的。所以我想问问你，你看完后可以借给我看看吗？

A: So lucky! No wonder there wasn't that book when I went there. I heard that it's about career and can help us when we do job-hunting. So I wonder if you can lend me after complete it.

B: Méi wèn tí ya, wǒ zhèng hǎo kuài kàn wán le, hái yǒu shí jǐ yè, nǐ míng tiān guò lái qǔ ba!

B: 没问题呀，我正好快看完了，还有十几页，你明天过来取吧！

B: No problem. I just need to read over ten pages until I finish the book. You can take it tomorrow.

A: Tài hǎo le, wǒ míng tiān jiù qù qǔ, xiè xie le.

A: 太好了，我明天就去取，谢谢了。

A: It's very kind of you. I will take it tomorrow. Thanks.

B: Bú kè qì.

B: 不客气。

B: My pleasure.

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### Dialogue 16. Go to an Internet Cafe

#### Beginner Level/初级 chū jí

A: Dǎ rǎo yī xià, qǐng wèn "Internet Cafe" yòng hàn yǔ zěn me shuō?

A: 打扰一下，请问"Internet Cafe" 用汉语怎么说？

A: Excuse me, how to say "Internet Cafe" in Chinese?

B: Ò, zhè ge ya, wǒ men jiào wǎng bā.

B: 哦，这个呀，我们叫网吧。

B: Well, we say "wǎng bā."

#### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

A: Hēi Lùxī, nǐ wǎn shàng shàng wǎng de jīng lì duō ma?

A: 嗨，露西，你晚上上网的经历多吗？

A: Hi, Lucy, have you had many experiences surfing on Internet in the evening?

B: Shì de, hěn duō, ér qiě wǒ jīng cháng shàng dào shēn yè.

B: 是的，很多，而且我经常上到深夜。

B: Yes, many, I often surf the Internet late at night.

A: Wā, nǐ jīng lì zhēn wàng shèng, shuì nà me shǎo nán dào nǐ bù jué de lèi ma?

A: 哇，你精力真旺盛，睡那么少难道你不觉得累吗？

A: Wow, you are really full of energy and won't you feel tired as you sleep so little?

B: Méi yǒu, wǒ jué de tǐng yǒu qù de.

B: 没有，我觉得挺有趣的。

B: No, because I think it's very interesting to do that.

#### Advanced level/高级 gāo jí

A: Hēi, Jiékè, zěn me zhè me chóu méi kǔ liǎn de?

A: 嗨，杰克，怎么这么愁眉苦脸的？

A: Hi, Jack, what's wrong with you since you look very worried?

B: Āi, bié tí le, zuì jìn máng zhe fā bù wén zhāng, wǒ de diàn nǎo què wú fǎ lián wǎng le.

B: 哎，别提了，最近忙着发布文章，我的电脑却无法联网了。

B: Oh, don't mention it. I am busy with publishing an media article, but the Internet doesn't work.

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A: Ò, yuán lái shì zhè me huí shì. Shì qing hěn jǐn jí ma?

A: 哦，原来是这么回事。事情很紧急吗？

A: I see. Is that very urgent?

B: Shì de, zài guò liǎng tiān jiù yào fā bù le.

B: 是的，再过两天就要发布了。

B: Yes, the article will be released in two days.

A: Rú guǒ nǐ zhāo jí de huà, kě yǐ qù wǎng bā.

A: 如果你着急的话，可以去网吧。

A: If you are worried, you can go to an Internet cafe.

B: Wǎng bā? Wǒ duì zhèr bù shú, nǐ zhī dào fù jìn nǎ lǐ yǒu wǎng bā ma?

B: 网吧？我对这儿不熟，你知道附近哪里有网吧吗？

B: Internet cafe? I am not familiar about the area here; do you know any Internet cafe nearby?

A: Wényì lù dōng biān yǒu gè xiǎo mǎ yǐ wǎng bā, nǐ kě yǐ qù nà lǐ shàng wǎng.

A: 文艺路东边有个小蚂蚁网吧，你可以去那里上网。

A: There is an Internet Cafe called Little Ants on the east of Wenyi Road and you can go there.

B: Tài hǎo le, xiè xiè nǐ de tǐ xǐng. Duì le, nà ge wǎng bā wǎng sù zěn me yàng?

B: 太好了，谢谢你的提醒。对了，那个网吧网速怎么样？

B: Great, thank you for reminding me. By the way, what about the Internet connection speed?

A: Wǎng sù hěn kuài, wǒ jīng cháng qù nà lǐ.

A: 网速很快，我经常去那里。

A: The internet is fast and I go there often.

B: Nà jiù hǎo. Nà me yí gè xiǎo shí duō shǎo qián?

B: 那就好。那么一个小时多少钱？

B: That is fine. And how much does it cost per hour?

A: Bú shì hěn guì, sān kuài qián yí gè xiǎo shí.

A: 不是很贵，三块钱一个小时。

A: It is not so expensive, three yuan per hour.

B: Hǎo de, wǒ xià wǔ jiù qù.

B: 好的，我下午就去。

B: Okay, I will go to the Internet Cafe this afternoon.

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### 用法 (yòng fǎ) Usage:

哪里(nǎ lǐ) & 那里(nà lǐ)

"哪里(nǎ lǐ)" is usually used in the following situations:

a. To ask about the location, i.e. where. For example:

Tā qù nǎ lǐ le?

他去哪儿了?

Where is he?

b. To express modesty, i.e. not at all or it's nothing. For example:

Nǐ de xīn niáng zhēn piào liang!

你的新娘真漂亮!

Your bride is really beautiful.

Nǎ lǐ nǎ lǐ, guò jiǎng le.

哪里哪里，过奖了。

Not at all. You are flattering me.

"那里(nà lǐ)" refers to a place, i.e. there. For example:

Wǒ de shū zài nǎ lǐ?

我的书在哪里?

Where is my book?

Bú jiù zài nà lǐ me!

不就在那里么!

It is right over there!

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### Dialogue 17. Where is My Girlfriend?

#### Situation:

Carl has promised his girlfriend May to have dinner with her after work in a new restaurant. But the taxi driver dropped him off at a wrong place and he had troubles in finding the restaurant.

#### Beginner Level/初级 chū jí

Carl: Nǐ hǎo! Néng sòng wǒ qù Xiān Zōng Lín cān tīng ma?

Carl: 你好！能送我去仙踪林餐厅吗？

Carl: Hi! Could you take me to the RBT restaurant?

Passerby: Òng, dà gài shí wǔ fēn zhōng jiù dào le.

Passerby: 嗯，大概十五分钟就到了。

Passerby: OK. It will take you about fifteen minutes.

#### Intermediate Level/中级 zhōng jí

Carl: Qǐng wèn Xiān Zōng Lín cān tīng zài zhè tiáo jiē shàng ma?

Carl: 请问仙踪林餐厅在这条街上吗？

Carl: Excuse me, is the RBT restaurant on this street?

Passerby: Xiān zōng lín cān tīng méi zài zhè tiáo jiē shàng, dàn lí zhè lǐ yě bù yuǎn le.

Passerby: 仙踪林餐厅没在这条街上，但离这里也不远了。

Passerby: No, it's not on this street, but not far away from here.

Carl: Nà nín néng gào su wǒ zěn me qù ma?

Carl: 那您能告诉我怎么去吗？

Carl: Could you tell me how I can get there?

Passerby: Wǎng qián zǒu wǔ shí mǐ yǒu yí gè lù kǒu, rán hòu zuǒ zhuǎn wān jiù kuài dào le.

Passerby: 往前走五十米有一个路口，然后左转弯就快到了。

Passerby: Go straight about fifty meters and there is an intersection. Turn left here and you will be almost there.

#### Advanced Level/高级 gāo jí

Carl: Dǎ rǎo yí xià, qǐng wèn Xiān Zōng Lín cān tīng lí zhè lǐ hái yǒu duō yuǎn?

Carl: 打扰一下，请问仙踪林餐厅离这里还有多远？

Carl: Excuse me, could you tell me how far away the RBT restaurant is from here?

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Passerby: Nǐ hái xū yào zǒu liǎng gè jiē kǒu, dà gài èr shí fēn zhōng néng dào.

Passerby: 你还需要走两个街口，大概二十分钟能到。

Passerby: You have to walk two intersections and it would take you about twenty minutes.

Carl: Zhè tiáo jiē shàng méi yǒu chū zū chē, shì ma?

Carl: 这条街上没有出租车，是吗？

Carl: There is no taxi on this street, right?

Passerby: Shì de. Nǐ bì xū zǒu guò qù. Zhè tiáo jiē shàng bù yǔn xǔ chē liàng xíng shǐ.

Passerby: 是的。你必须走过去。这条街上不允许车辆行驶。

Passerby: Yes, you have to walk there. Taxi is not allowed on this street.

Carl: Yǒu qí tā bàn fǎ guò qù ma?

Carl: 有其它办法过去吗？

Carl: Any other ways I can get there?

Passerby: Nǐ kě yǐ zǒu huí dōng dà jiē rán hòu dǎ chē guò qù.

Passerby: 你可以走回东大街然后打车过去。

Passerby: You can walk back to the East Street and take a taxi.

### 用法(yòng fǎ) Usage:

打扰(dǎ rǎo) is a verb and used broadly in China.

It can be used as to show politeness when you need others' help and this term means "I am sorry to bother you" and "Excuse me."

Duì bu qǐ dǎ rǎo yī xià, qǐng wèn chē zhàn zěn me zǒu?

对不起打扰一下，请问车站怎么走？

I'm sorry to bother you, but could you tell me the way to the station?

It can be used as a transitive verb with the meaning of "disturb."

Tā lǎo shì dǎ rǎo wǒ.

他老是打扰我。

He's constantly disturbing me.

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