day 13 hungry!

Say what you'd like to eat and drink, and order it.

Food is the heart of life in China, and "I'd like…" gets you fed anywhere.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
吃	chī	to eat	A hungry mouth 口 asking for food: "Chee! Feed me!"
喝	hē	to drink	Huh! After a long walk, your mouth 口 just wants a drink.
想	xiǎng	would like to; to think; to miss	The heart 心 is at the bottom: wishes come from the heart.
要	yào	to want; I'll have	Yow! 要 is how you point at the menu and get what you want.
饭	fàn	meal; cooked rice	In China rice is so central that "rice" and "meal" are the same word.
米饭	mǐfàn	cooked rice	米 rice (grain) + 饭 meal, cooked rice
菜	cài	dish; vegetables	Pick the greens 艹 and cook them: a dish!
面条儿	miàntiáor	noodles	面 face; flour + 条 strip + 儿 child
包子	bāozi	steamed bun	包 to wrap; bag + 子 child
饺子	jiǎozi	dumpling	饺 dumpling + 子 child
鸡蛋	jīdàn	(hen's) egg	鸡 chicken + 蛋 egg
面包	miànbāo	bread	面 face; flour + 包 to wrap; bag
好吃	hǎochī	tasty; delicious	好 good + 吃 to eat

pattern 想 and 要: i'd like, i want

who | 想 / 要 | do what / what

想 + verb is a soft "would like to": 我想吃饺子. 要 + a thing is how you order: 我要米饭, "I'll have rice." 要 + verb is a firmer "want to".

我想吃面条儿。 **Wǒ xiǎng chī miàntiáor.** I'd like to eat noodles.

我要一个鸡蛋。 **Wǒ yào yí gè jīdàn.** I'll have an egg.

小明要吃饺子。 **Xiǎomíng yào chī jiǎozi.** Xiaoming wants to eat dumplings.

dialogue dumplings for lunch

xiaoming 安娜，现在十二点。你想吃饭吗？
Ānnà, xiànzài shí'èr diǎn. Nǐ xiǎng chī fàn ma? · Anna, it's twelve. Do you want to eat?

anna 想！我想吃饺子。你呢？
Xiǎng! Wǒ xiǎng chī jiǎozi. Nǐ ne? · Yes! I'd like dumplings. You?

xiaoming 我想吃面条儿。你要几个饺子？
Wǒ xiǎng chī miàntiáor. Nǐ yào jǐ gè jiǎozi? · I'd like noodles. How many dumplings do you want?

anna 二十个！
Èrshí gè! · Twenty!

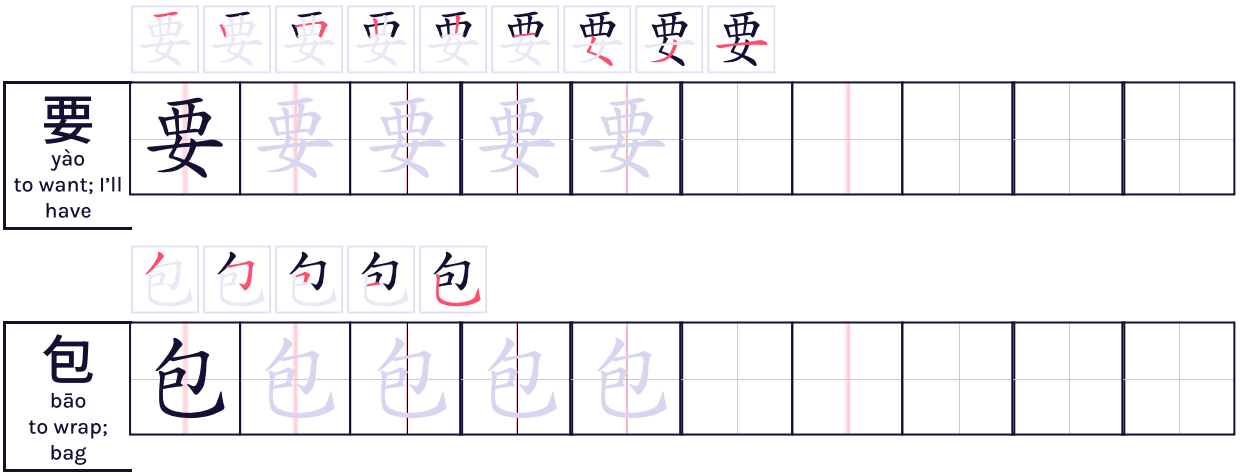
xiaoming 二十个？你吃二十个？
Èrshí gè? Nǐ chī èrshí gè? · Twenty? You'll eat twenty?

anna 我爱吃饺子！你想喝什么？
Wǒ ài chī jiǎozi! Nǐ xiǎng hē shénme? · I love dumplings! What would you like to drink?

xiaoming 我不想喝。饺子很好吃，我也想吃！
Wǒ bù xiǎng hē. Jiǎozi hěn hǎochī, wǒ yě xiǎng chī! · Nothing for me. Dumplings are delicious, I want some too!

anna 好，一半是你的！
Hǎo, yíbàn shì nǐ de! · OK, half are yours!

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · To say yes, repeat the verb: 你想吃饭吗？ 想！ Often the best "yes" in Chinese is the verb itself. 想 + a person means "to miss": 我想妈妈 is "I miss Mum", not "I want Mum".

You can order dumplings in Chinese. That works in Chinese restaurants all over the world!
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