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day 19 where is it?

Chinese HSK 1 in 30 days
unit 4 · things & places

Ask where something is, say where you live, and say what's in a room.

"Excuse me, where is…?" is the most useful question a traveller can ask.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
请问	qǐngwèn	excuse me (to ask)	请 please + 问 to ask
这里	zhèlǐ	here	这 this + 里 inside, place
那里	nàlǐ	there	那 that + 里 inside, place
哪里	nǎlǐ	where	哪 which + 里 inside, place
这儿	zhèr	here	这 this + 儿 child; the -r ending
那儿	nàr	there	那 that + 儿 child; the -r ending
哪儿	nǎr	where	哪 which + 儿 child; the -r ending
住	zhù	to live; to stay	"Zoo?" No, I live in a flat: zhù.
房间	fángjiān	room	房 house + 间 space between; room
桌子	zhuōzi	table; desk	桌 table + 子 child; noun ending
椅子	yǐzi	chair	椅 chair + 子 child; noun ending

pattern what's there (有, 是) and where it is (在)

place | 有 · 是 | thing

Place first, then 有, says what's there (房间里有电脑); thing first, then 在, says where it is (电脑在房间里). 是 after a place names what fills that spot: 学校后面是超市. To ask, say 请问，…在哪儿?

学校前面有一个商店。 **Xuéxiào qiánmiàn yǒu yí gè shāngdiàn.** There's a shop in front of the school.

商店在学校前面。 **Shāngdiàn zài xuéxiào qiánmiàn.** The shop is in front of the school.

学校后面是超市。 **Xuéxiào hòumiàn shì chāoshì.** Behind the school is the supermarket.

请问，医院在哪里? **Qǐngwèn, yīyuàn zài nǎlǐ?** Excuse me, where's the hospital?

dialogue is there a supermarket?

anna 王老师，请问，这儿有超市吗？
Wáng lǎoshī, qǐngwèn, zhèr yǒu chāoshì ma? · Teacher Wang, excuse me, is there a supermarket around here?

teacher wang 有。超市在学校后面。
Yǒu. Chāoshì zài xuéxiào hòumiàn. · Yes. The supermarket is behind the school.

anna 学校后面？在那边吗？
Xuéxiào hòumiàn? Zài nàbiān ma? · Behind the school? Over there?

teacher wang 是，在那儿。你住在哪里？
Shì, zài nàr. Nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ? · Yes, right there. Where do you live?

anna 我住在医院前面。
Wǒ zhù zài yīyuàn qiánmiàn. · I live in front of the hospital.

teacher wang 医院那边有一个商店，东西很便宜。
Yīyuàn nàbiān yǒu yí gè shāngdiàn, dōngxi hěn piányi. · There's a shop over by the hospital. Things there are cheap.

anna 真的吗？谢谢您！
Zhēn de ma? Xièxie nín! · Really? Thank you!

teacher wang 不客气！
Búkèqi! · You're welcome!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

房
fáng
house

问
wèn
ask

good to know · 这儿, 那儿, 哪儿 are the Beijing-style twins of 这里, 那里, 哪里. Same meaning; the -r is more northern. Listen for the tone: nǎr (dipping) asks "where?", nàr (falling) answers "there".

With **请问** and **在哪儿**, any street in China can help you find your way.
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