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day 21 a night out

Chinese HSK 1 in 30 days
unit 5 · fun, school & talk

Plan a night out: a film, a song and a meal, and say what someone is doing right now.

Films, songs and restaurants are how friends in China spend an evening together.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
电影	diànyǐng	film, movie	电 electricity + 影 shadow, image
电影院	diànyǐngyuàn	cinema	电 electricity + 影 shadow, image + 院 courtyard, institution
电视	diànshì	TV, television	电 electricity + 视 look at, view
看	kàn	look, watch, read	Hold your hand over your eyes like a sailor: kàn, look over there!
见	jiàn	see, meet	The old form of 见 was a big eye on two legs: someone who sees.
看见	kànjiàn	see, catch sight of	看 look + 见 see, perceive
听	tīng	listen	Tīng! Like a tiny bell ringing: are you listening?
听见	tīngjiàn	hear	听 listen + 见 see, perceive
歌	gē	song	Big brother 哥 opens his mouth 欠 wide: here comes a song!
唱	chàng	sing	A mouth 口 beside 昌 chāng: open up and sing, chàng!
好听	hǎotīng	nice-sounding, lovely	好 good + 听 listen
饭店	fàndiàn	restaurant; hotel	饭 meal, cooked rice + 店 shop
饭馆	fànguǎn	restaurant	饭 meal, cooked rice + 馆 house, hall

pattern 在 + verb (...呢): what's happening now

who | 在 | verb + what | (呢)

You know 在 as "at" a place. Put it right before a verb and it means "in the middle of doing": 爸爸在看电视 "Dad is watching TV". A 呢 at the end makes it sound chatty and natural.

爸爸在看电视呢。 **Bàba zài kàn diànshì ne.** Dad's watching TV.

我在听歌。 **Wǒ zài tīng gē.** I'm listening to a song.

你在做什么呢？ **Nǐ zài zuò shénme ne?** What are you doing?

她在唱歌呢。 **Tā zài chàng gē ne.** She's singing.

dialogue film night

xiaoming 安娜，你在做什么呢？
Ānnà, nǐ zài zuò shénme ne? · Anna, what are you up to?

anna 我在家看电视呢。今天晚上我们去看电影吧！
Wǒ zài jiā kàn diànshì ne. Jīntiān wǎnshang wǒmen qù kàn diànyǐng ba! · I'm at home watching TV. Let's go and see a film tonight!

xiaoming 好！我们七点去饭馆吃饭，八点看电影。
Hǎo! Wǒmen qī diǎn qù fànguǎn chī fàn, bā diǎn kàn diànyǐng. · OK! We'll eat at a restaurant at seven and see the film at eight.

anna 小明，这个电影里的歌很好听！
Xiǎomíng, zhège diànyǐng lǐ de gē hěn hǎotīng! · Xiaoming, the songs in this film are lovely!

xiaoming 什么？我没听见。
Shénme? Wǒ méi tīngjiàn. · What? I didn't hear you.

anna 我说，电影里的歌很好听！
Wǒ shuō, diànyǐng lǐ de gē hěn hǎotīng! · I said, the songs in the film are lovely!

xiaoming 安娜，你看见我的手机了吗？
Ānnà, nǐ kànjiàn wǒ de shǒujī le ma? · Anna, have you seen my phone?

anna 在那儿，椅子上！
Zài nàr, yǐzi shàng! · Over there, on the seat!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

唱
chàng
sing

视
shì
look at, view

good to know · 看 and 听 are the action; add 见 for the result: 看见 see, 听见 hear. So you can 看 and still not 看见! And say 在看, never 在看见. Karaoke (KTV) is a classic night out in China. If a friend says you sing 很好听, take the mic!

Tonight you could pick a film, choose a restaurant and tell a friend their singing is **很好听**.
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