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day 22 at school

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

Talk about your classes, ask a question in class and count in order: first, second, third.

Whether you study Chinese or chat with students, school words come up all the time.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
上课	shàngkè	have class, start class	上 up, go to + 课 class
下课	xiàkè	finish class	下 down, get off + 课 class
课	kè	class, lesson	A good lesson: words 讠 that grow into fruit 果 in your head.
上学	shàngxué	go to school	上 up, go to + 学 study, learn
读	dú	read (aloud), study	Dú! Say the words out loud, like the class reading together.
读书	dúshū	read; study (at school)	读 read + 书 book
写	xiě	write	Xiě sounds like "sh, yeah": shh, I'm writing!
问	wèn	ask	A mouth at the door: knock knock, can I ask something?
问题	wèntí	question, problem	问 ask + 题 topic, question
知道	zhīdào	know	知 know + 道 way, road
第	dì	-th (first, second…)	Bamboo strips lined up one after another: first, second, third.
书店	shūdiàn	bookshop	书 book + 店 shop

pattern 第 + number: first, second, third

第 | number | measure word or thing

Put 第 before a number to count in order: 第一 first, 第二 second. Then add the thing: 第五课 lesson five, 第一天 the first day, 第一个问题 the first question.

今天是第一天。 **Jīntiān shì dì yī tiān.** Today is the first day.

我们今天学第五课。 **Wǒmen jīntiān xué dì wǔ kè.** Today we're doing lesson five.

这是我的第一个问题。 **Zhè shì wǒ de dì yī gè wèntí.** This is my first question.

dialogue anna's chinese class

teacher wang 大家好！现在上课。今天我们学第五课。
Dàjiā hǎo! Xiànzài shàngkè. Jīntiān wǒmen xué dì wǔ kè. · Hello, everyone! Class begins. Today we're doing lesson five.

teacher wang 安娜，请你读第一个字。
Ānnà, qǐng nǐ dú dì yī gè zì. · Anna, please read the first character.

anna 老师，这个字我不会读。
Lǎoshī, zhège zì wǒ bú huì dú. · Teacher, I don't know how to read this one.

teacher wang 没关系。这个字是书，读书的书。
Méi guānxi. Zhège zì shì shū, dúshū de shū. · That's OK. This character is shū, as in dúshū, "to read".

anna 老师，我想问一个问题。
Lǎoshī, wǒ xiǎng wèn yí gè wèntí. · Teacher, I'd like to ask a question.

teacher wang 好，请说。
Hǎo, qǐng shuō. · Sure, go ahead.

anna 您知道哪儿有书店吗？我想买汉语书。
Nín zhīdào nǎr yǒu shūdiàn ma? Wǒ xiǎng mǎi Hànyǔ shū. · Do you know where there's a bookshop? I'd like to buy Chinese books.

teacher wang 学校前面有一个书店。好，下课！
Xuéxiào qiánmiàn yǒu yí gè shūdiàn. Hǎo, xiàkè! · There's one in front of the school. Right, class is over!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

写
xiě
write

第
dì
-th (first, second…)

good to know · 上课 and 下课 already carry their object 课. To name the class, put it inside: 上汉语课 "have Chinese class". Chinese teachers often start with 上课！ and finish with 下课！ Some classes even stand up and say 老师好!

You can now ask a teacher a question in Chinese. Curious people learn fastest!
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