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day 23 on the phone

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

Answer the phone, ask for someone, and say who you give things to, do things for and talk to.

A phone call is the bravest Chinese test there is: no pictures, no pointing, just words.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
电话	diànhuà	phone, phone call	电 electricity + 话 speech, words
打电话	dǎdiànhuà	make a phone call	打 hit, strike + 电 electricity + 话 speech, words
喂	wèi	hello (on the phone)	Pick up the phone and ask: "Wéi? Who's there?"
说话	shuōhuà	speak, talk	说 speak, say + 话 speech, words
找	zhǎo	look for, find	Your hand 扌 searching everywhere for your spear 戈: where is it?
给	gěi	give; for, to	Hold out your hand and say 给你! "Here you go!"
对	duì	right; to, towards	Duì! Nod hard: you're right.
还	hái	also, still	Hái, and one more thing!
小姐	xiǎojiě	Miss; young lady	小 small; young + 姐 older sister

pattern 给 + person + thing · 给 / 对 + person + verb

who | 给 · 对 | person | thing, or verb / adjective

给 + person + thing is "give someone something": 我给你一本书. Put 给 or 对 + person before a verb or adjective to aim it at them: 给妈妈打电话 "call Mum", 老师对我说 "the teacher said to me", 他对我很好 "he's good to me". Either way, the person comes right after 给 or 对.

我给你一本书。 **Wǒ gěi nǐ yì běn shū.** I'll give you a book.

他对我很好。 **Tā duì wǒ hěn hǎo.** He's very good to me.

老师对我说："你的汉字很漂亮！" **Lǎoshī duì wǒ shuō: nǐ de Hànzì hěn piàoliang!** The teacher said to me: "Your characters are beautiful!"

我想吃饺子，还想吃包子。 **Wǒ xiǎng chī jiǎozi, hái xiǎng chī bāozi.** I want dumplings, and baozi as well.

dialogue ring ring!

ms zhang 喂，你好！
Wèi, nǐhǎo! · Hello?

anna 您好！我是安娜，我找小明。
Nín hǎo! Wǒ shì Ānnà, wǒ zhǎo Xiǎomíng. · Hello! This is Anna. May I speak to Xiaoming?

ms zhang 小明和他妹妹在超市买东西。晚上他给你打电话，好吗？
Xiǎomíng hé tā mèimei zài chāoshì mǎi dōngxi. Wǎnshang tā gěi nǐ dǎ diànhuà, hǎo ma? · Xiaoming is at the supermarket with his sister. He'll call you this evening, OK?

anna 好，谢谢您！
Hǎo, xièxie nín! · OK, thank you!

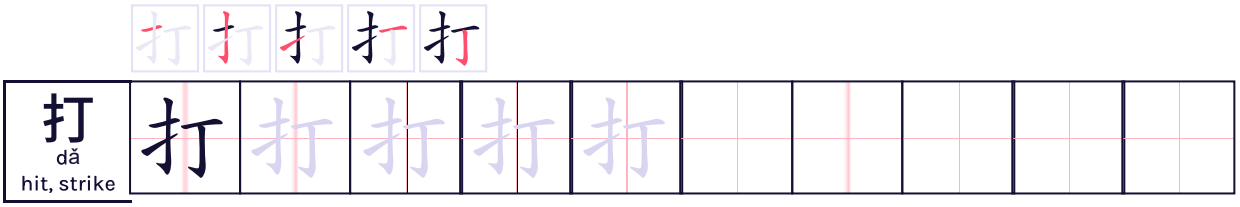
xiaoming 喂，安娜，我是小明。你找我？
Wèi, Ānnà, wǒ shì Xiǎomíng. Nǐ zhǎo wǒ? · Hello, Anna, it's Xiaoming. You were looking for me?

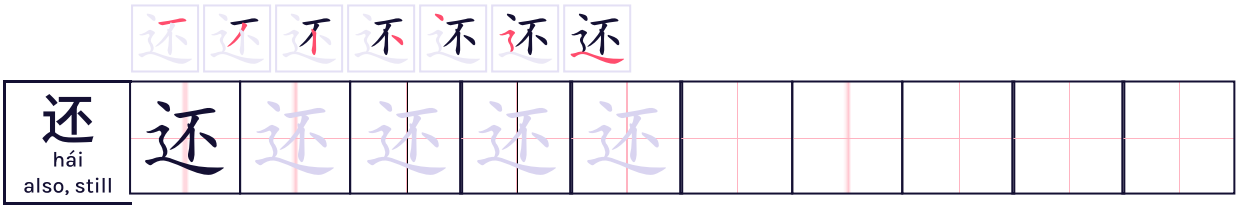
anna 对！星期六我们去饭馆吃饭，好吗？王老师也去。
Duì! Xīngqīliù wǒmen qù fànguǎn chī fàn, hǎo ma? Wáng lǎoshī yě qù. · Yes! Shall we eat out on Saturday? Teacher Wang is coming too.

xiaoming 好！我和妹妹也都想去。
Hǎo! Wǒ hé mèimei yě dōu xiǎng qù. · Great! My sister and I would both love to come too.

anna 好！我想吃饺子，还想吃包子！
Hǎo! Wǒ xiǎng chī jiǎozi, hái xiǎng chī bāozi! · Great! I want dumplings, and baozi as well!

write it trace the grey, then write your own





good to know · The word list writes 喂 as wèi, but on the phone people usually say wéi, rising like a question: "Wéi?" Asking for someone on the phone? 请问王小姐在吗？ is polite and safe. Say 小姐 with a surname, not on its own.

You can now pick up a phone in China, ask for a friend and promise to call back. That's real confidence!
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