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day 7 moving house

Chinese HSK 3 in 36 days
unit 2 · home & neighbours

Talk about a new home, and say where to put things with 把.

Moving, tidying, “put it over there”: 把 is how Chinese gets things done around the house.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
搬	bān	to move (something heavy)	帮我搬一下桌子，好吗? Could you help me move the table?
搬家	bānjiā	to move house	我下个星期搬家。 I’m moving house next week.
房子	fángzi	house, flat	这个房子很大。 This flat is big.
屋子	wūzi	room	屋子里很热。 It’s hot in the room.
室	shì	room (in compounds)	这是我的工作室。 This is my studio.
小区	xiǎoqū	housing estate	我住在这个小区。 I live on this estate.
邻居	línjū	neighbour	刘阿姨是我的新邻居。 Auntie Liu is my new neighbour.
层	céng	floor, storey; layer	我家在十二层。 My flat is on the twelfth floor.
电梯	diàntī	lift, elevator	电梯坏了。 The lift is broken.
楼梯	lóutī	stairs	我们走楼梯吧。 Let’s take the stairs.
沙发	shāfā	sofa	这个沙发很舒服。 This sofa is very comfy.
冰箱	bīngxiāng	fridge	冰箱里有牛奶。 There’s milk in the fridge.
洗衣机	xǐyījī	washing machine	洗衣机在洗手间里。 The washing machine is in the bathroom.
空调	kōngtiáo	air conditioner	太热了，开空调吧。 It’s too hot: let’s turn on the air con.
灯	dēng	lamp, light	你开一下灯，好吗? Could you turn the light on?
欢迎	huānyíng	to welcome; welcome!	欢迎来我家! Welcome to my home!
把	bǎ	(brings the object before the verb)	把书放在桌子上吧。 Put the book on the table.
放	fàng	to put, place	沙发放在这儿吧。 Let’s put the sofa here.

pattern 把 + thing + verb + 在/到 + place

who	把	thing	放在 / 搬到	place

把 brings a definite thing (this sofa, my books) before the verb, so the verb can say where it ends up. After the verb comes 在 or 到 + the place: 把沙发放在这儿.

把沙发放在这儿吧。 **bǎ shāfā fàng zài zhèr ba** Let's put the sofa here.

我把书放在桌子上了。 **wǒ bǎ shū fàng zài zhuōzi shàng le** I put the book on the table.

请把冰箱搬到那边。 **qǐng bǎ bīngxiāng bān dào nàbiān** Please move the fridge over there.

dialogue the new flat

auntie liu 你就是安娜吧？欢迎欢迎！我是刘阿姨，王老师的朋友。
nǐ jiù shì Ānnà ba huānyíng huānyíng wǒ shì Liúāyí Wánglǎoshī de péngyou · You must be Anna! Welcome! I'm Auntie Liu, Teacher Wang's friend.

anna 刘阿姨好！谢谢您帮我找房子。
Liúāyí hǎo xièxie nín bāng wǒ zhǎo fángzi · Hello, Auntie Liu! Thank you for helping me find a flat.

auntie liu 不客气！这个小区很大，你的房子在十二层。
búkèqi zhège xiǎoqū hěn dà nǐ de fángzi zài shíèr céng · My pleasure! This estate is big; your flat is on the twelfth floor.

anna 有电梯吗？
yǒu diàntī ma · Is there a lift?

auntie liu 有，电梯在那边。走楼梯就太累了！
yǒu diàntī zài nàbiān zǒu lóutī jiù tài lèi le · Yes, over there. Taking the stairs would be far too tiring!

anna 屋子真漂亮！冰箱、洗衣机和空调都有！
wūzi zhēn piàoliang bīngxiāng xǐyījī hé kōngtiáo dōu yǒu · The rooms are lovely! There's a fridge, a washing machine and air con!

auntie liu 对，灯也是新的。你什么时候搬家？
duì dēng yě shì xīn de nǐ shénme shíhou bānjiā · Yes, and the lights are new too. When are you moving in?

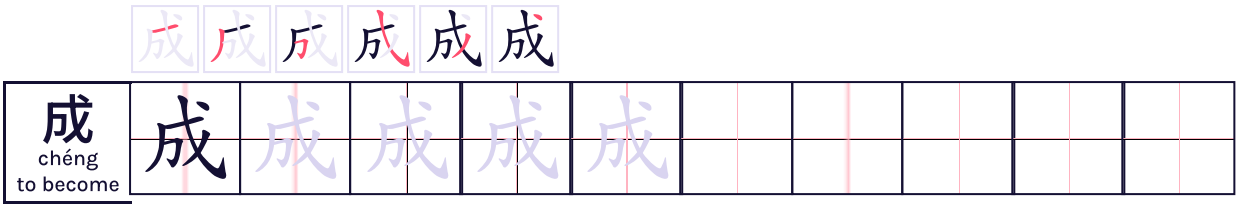
anna 星期六。我想把书都放在这个小屋子里，这儿就是我的工作室！
xīngqīliù wǒ xiǎng bǎ shū dōu fàng zài zhège xiǎo wūzi lǐ zhèr jiù shì wǒ de gōngzuò shì · Saturday. I'll put all my books in this little room: it'll be my study!

auntie liu 好！我就住在你楼下，以后我们是邻居了！
hǎo wǒ jiù zhù zài nǐ lóu xià yǐhòu wǒmen shì línjū le · Lovely! I live right below you, so we'll be neighbours!

anna 太好了！有您这个邻居真好！
tài hǎo le yǒu nín zhège línjū zhēn hǎo · Wonderful! It's so good to have you as a neighbour!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

化
huà
to transform



成
chéng
to become



伞
sǎn
umbrella



如
rú
like, as



或
huò
or (short form)

good to know · In a 把 sentence the verb never stands alone: it needs a place (放在这儿), a result, or at least 了. In China the ground floor is 一层, floor one, so 十二层 is eleven flights up. Many buildings skip floor 4: 四 sounds like 死 (death).

With 把 you can direct a whole moving day: put this here, carry that there!
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day 8 cleaning day

Talk about cleaning and daily routines, say how a job ends up (clean, shut, gone), and what happened to things with 被.

“Clean it up”, “turn it off”, “someone took it”: results and 被 make your Chinese sound finished, not half-way.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
打扫	dǎsǎo	to clean (a room)	我们今天打扫房间。 We’re cleaning the room today.
扫	sǎo	to sweep	我扫，你洗，好吗? I’ll sweep, you wash. OK?
干净	gānjìng	clean	屋子很干净。 The room is clean.
脏	zāng	dirty	你的衣服脏了。 Your clothes are dirty.
刷	shuā	to brush; to swipe	我每天刷两次牙。 I brush my teeth twice a day.
牙	yá	tooth	我牙疼。 I’ve got toothache.
牙刷	yáshuā	toothbrush	我的牙刷在哪儿? Where’s my toothbrush?
洗澡	xǐzǎo	to shower, bathe	我晚上洗澡。 I shower in the evening.
卫生间	wèishēngjiān	bathroom, toilet	卫生间在哪儿? Where’s the bathroom?
关	guān	to close; turn off	请关门。 Please close the door.
开机	kāijī	to switch on (a device)	我的电脑开机很慢。 My computer is slow to start up.
关机	guānjī	to switch off (a device)	他的手机关机了。 His phone is switched off.
电	diàn	electricity, power	我的手机没电了! My phone’s battery is dead!
换	huàn	to change, swap	我想换一个房间。 I’d like to change rooms.
完成	wánchéng	to complete, finish	工作完成了。 The work is done.
丢	diū	to lose; to throw away	我的伞丢了。 I’ve lost my umbrella.
被	bèi	(passive) by	我的牙刷被大白拿走了! My toothbrush has been taken by Dabai!
安静	ānjìng	quiet	这个小区很安静。 This estate is very quiet.

pattern 把 + thing + verb + result, and 被

把 | thing | verb | result: 干净 / 上 / 走

After 把 + thing, the verb can carry its result: 打扫干净 clean until clean, 关上 shut, 拿走 take away. 把……给 hands it to someone: 把书给我. Turn it round with 被 to say what happened to the thing: 我的牙刷被大白拿走了. If who did it doesn't matter, leave them out: 我的伞被拿走了.

我们把卫生间打扫干净了。 **wǒmen bǎ wèishēngjiān dǎsǎo gānjìng le** We've cleaned the bathroom.

我的伞被拿走了。 **wǒ de sǎn bèi ná zǒu le** My umbrella has been taken.

把手机给我。 **bǎ shǒujī gěi wǒ** Give me the phone.

我的牙刷被大白拿走了！ **wǒ de yáshuā bèi Dàbái ná zǒu le** Dabai has run off with my toothbrush!

dialogue who took my toothbrush?

xiaoming 安娜，我和大白来帮你打扫了！
Ānnà wǒ hé Dàbái lái bāng nǐ dǎsǎo le · Anna, Dabai and I have come to help you clean!

anna 太好了！屋子太脏了。咱们先打扫卫生间，然后打扫屋子。
tài hǎo le wūzi tài zāng le zánmen xiān dǎsǎo wèishēngjiān ránhòu dǎsǎo wūzi · Brilliant! The place is so dirty. Let's do the bathroom first, then the rooms.

xiaoming 好，我扫，你洗。你把脏衣服放在洗衣机里吧。
hǎo wǒ sǎo nǐ xǐ nǐ bǎ zāng yīfu fàng zài xǐyījī lǐ ba · OK: I'll sweep, you wash. Put the dirty clothes in the washing machine.

anna 小明，我的牙刷丢了！我刚才放在这儿了。
Xiǎomíng wǒ de yáshuā diū le wǒ gāngcái fàng zài zhèr le · Xiaoming, my toothbrush has gone! I put it here a moment ago.

xiaoming 你看！你的牙刷被大白拿走了！
nǐ kàn nǐ de yáshuā bèi Dàbái ná zǒu le · Look! Dabai's got it!

anna 大白！没关系，我换一个新的。
Dàbái méi guānxi wǒ huàn yí gè xīn de · Dabai! Never mind, I'll get a new one.

xiaoming 卫生间打扫干净了。我的手机没电了，关机了。
wèishēngjiān dǎsǎo gānjìng le wǒ de shǒujī méi diàn le guānjī le · The bathroom's clean. My phone's battery died; it's switched off.

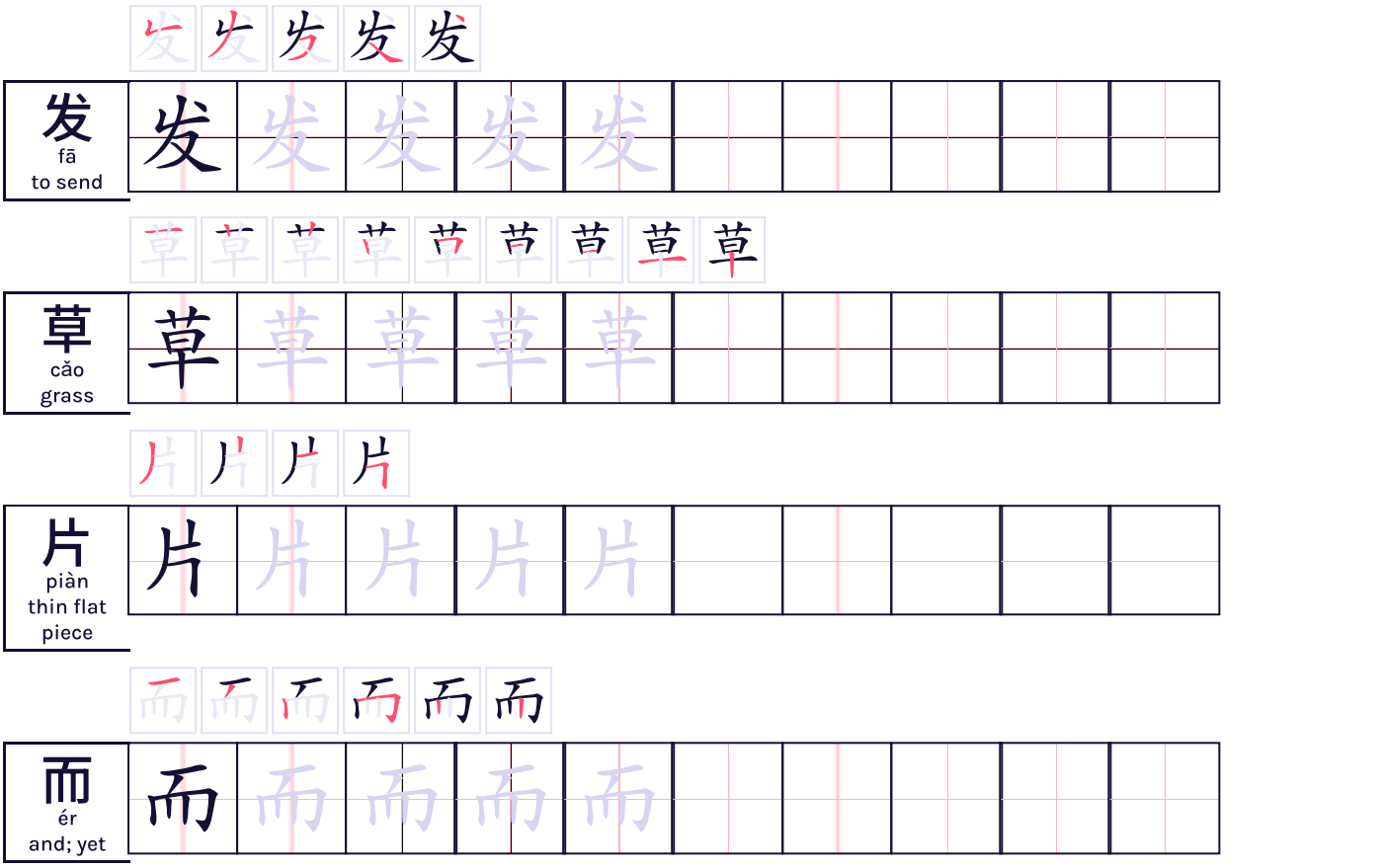
anna 没关系，我的手机还有电。我们的工作完成了！
méi guānxi wǒ de shǒujī hái yǒu diàn wǒmen de gōngzuò wánchéng le · No problem, mine still has battery. Job done!

xiaoming 屋子真干净！这个小区也很安静。
wūzi zhēn gānjìng zhège xiǎoqū yě hěn ānjìng · The flat is spotless! And this estate is so quiet.

anna 谢谢你！把灯关上，咱们去吃饭吧！
xièxie nǐ bǎ dēng guān shàng zánmen qù chī fàn ba · Thank you! Turn the lights off, and let's go and eat!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

者 zhě (an old word ending)



good to know · 被 often tells of something unlucky: lost, broken, taken. For good news, Chinese usually avoids it. Scan a QR code? In China you 扫一扫, “sweep” it, to pay for almost anything.

Clean it, shut it, take it away: now you can say how a job ends, and who did what to whom.
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day 9 which way is north?

Say where places are with north, south, east and west, and say what appeared or went missing.

Beijing is built on a grid, and locals give directions by the compass: 往北走, “head north”.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
东	dōng	east	我家在学校东边。 My home is to the east of the school.
南	nán	south	我家在公园南边。 My home is south of the park.
西	xī	west	超市在公园西边。 The supermarket is west of the park.
北	běi	north	小区的北门在那边。 The estate’s north gate is over there.
东北	dōngběi	northeast; Northeast China	小陈是东北人。 Xiao Chen is from the Northeast.
东南	dōngnán	southeast	上海在北京的东南边。 Shanghai is southeast of Beijing.
西北	xīběi	northwest	冬天北京常常刮西北风。 In winter Beijing often gets a northwest wind.
西南	xīnán	southwest	公园在小区的西南边。 The park is southwest of the estate.
北方	běifāng	the north; northern China	北方的冬天很冷。 Winters in the north are cold.
南方	nánfāng	the south; southern China	南方很少下雪。 It rarely snows in the south.
东方	dōngfāng	the east; the East	太阳从东方出来了。 The sun has come up in the east.
西方	xīfāng	the west; the West	很多西方人喜欢中国菜。 Lots of Westerners love Chinese food.
中间	zhōngjiān	middle, between	妹妹坐在爸爸和妈妈中间。 The little girl sits between her dad and mum.
中	zhōng	middle; among, in	在这些颜色中，我最喜欢红色。 Of all these colours, I like red best.
面前	miànqián	in front of (someone)	大白跑到我面前。 Dabai ran up to me.
身边	shēnbiān	by one’s side	大白总是在奶奶身边。 Dabai is always by Grandma’s side.
附近	fùjìn	nearby; the area around	附近有超市吗? Is there a supermarket nearby?
方向	fāngxiàng	direction	公园在哪个方向? Which way is the park?

pattern 东南西北: where is it?

thing | 在 | place | 的东边 / 西边

Compass words work like 前边 and 左边: 超市在小区的东边. Chinese names east or west first: 东北 northeast, 西南 southwest. 在……中 means “among”: 在这些房子中. For something that appears or goes, start with the place: 前面来了一个人, 楼下搬走了一家人.

上海在北京的东南边。 **Shànghǎi zài Běijīng de dōngnán biān** Shanghai is southeast of Beijing.

我家在超市和公园中间。 **wǒ jiā zài chāoshì hé gōngyuán zhōngjiān** My home is between the supermarket and the park.

在这些房子中，我最喜欢这个。 **zài zhèxiē fángzi zhōng wǒ zuì xǐhuan zhège** Of all these flats, I like this one best.

dialogue which way is north?

auntie liu 安娜，咱们在小区里走走吧。
Ānnà zánmen zài xiǎoqū lǐ zǒu zou ba · Anna, let’s have a walk round the estate.

anna 好啊！刘阿姨，北门在哪个方向?
hǎo a Liúāyí běi mén zài nǎge fāngxiàng · Sure! Auntie Liu, which way is the north gate?

auntie liu 在那边。北门附近有地铁站，东门旁边有超市，公园在南边。
zài nàbiān běi mén fùjìn yǒu dìtiě zhàn dōng mén pángbiān yǒu chāoshì gōngyuán zài nán biān · Over there. There’s an underground station by the north gate, a supermarket next to the east gate, and the park is to the south.

anna 在北京，我总是不知道哪儿是东，哪儿是西。
zài Běijīng wǒ zǒngshì bù zhīdào nǎr shì dōng nǎr shì xī · In Beijing I never know which way is east and which is west.

auntie liu 你看太阳：太阳从东方出来，晚上在西边。
nǐ kàn tàiyáng tàiyáng cóng dōngfāng chūlái wǎnshang zài xī biān · Look at the sun: it comes up in the east, and in the evening it’s in the west.

anna 啊，前面来了一只狗！它跑到我面前了！
a qiánmiàn lái le yì zhī gǒu tā pǎo dào wǒ miànqián le · Oh, a dog’s appeared up ahead! It’s run right up to me!

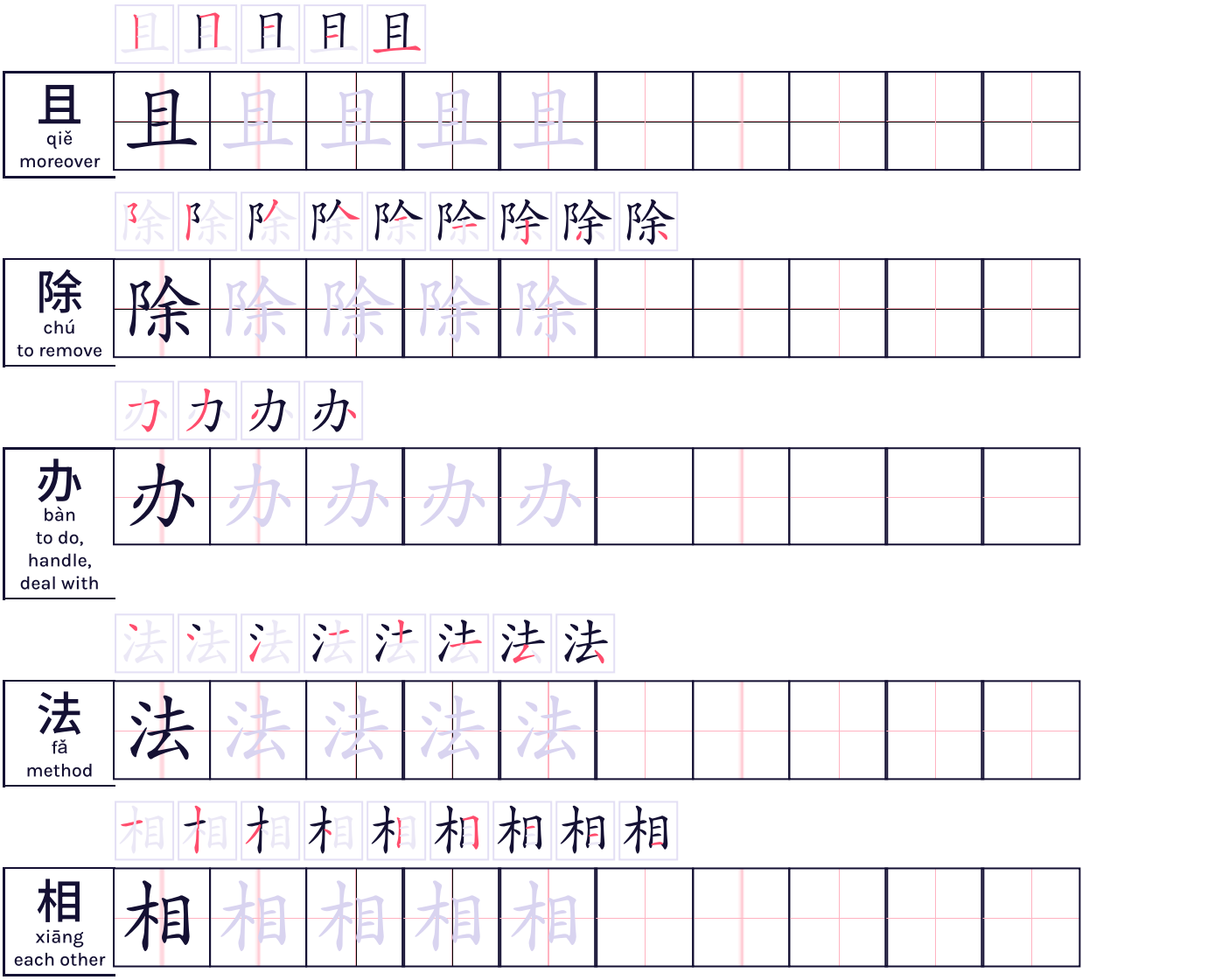
auntie liu 那是新邻居家的狗。上个月楼上搬走了一家人，又搬来了一家人。
nà shì xīn línjū jiā de gǒu shàng gè yuè lóu shàng bān zǒu le yì jiā rén yòu bān lái le yì jiā rén · That’s the new neighbours’ dog. Last month a family moved out upstairs, and another one moved in.

anna 刘阿姨，您是北方人吗?
Liúāyí nín shì běifāng rén ma · Auntie Liu, are you from the north?

auntie liu 我是东北人。我女儿在西南工作，她说南方的冬天不太冷。
wǒ shì dōngběi rén wǒ nǚér zài xīnán gōngzuò tā shuō nánfāng de dōngtiān bú tài lěng · I’m from the Northeast. My daughter works in the Southwest; she says winters in the south aren’t too cold.

anna 我身边的朋友都说北方的冬天太冷了！
wǒ shēnbiān de péngyou dōu shuō běifāng de dōngtiān tài lěng le · All my friends say northern winters are far too cold!

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · English says “north-east”; Chinese puts east or west first: 东北, 西南. Beijing’s streets mostly run north–south and east–west, so people often say 往北走 (head north) instead of left or right.

North, south, east, west: you can now find your way round a Chinese city like a local.
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day 10 around town

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Find your way around town: ask for places, give directions with 向, and say where you got to.
Banks, hotels, libraries, junctions: this is the Chinese you need the moment you step outside.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
城市	chéngshì	city	北京是一个很大的城市。 Beijing is a very big city.
市	shì	city; market	这是市图书馆。 This is the city library.
街	jiē	street	这条街有很多饭馆。 There are lots of restaurants on this street.
马路	mǎlù	road, street	过马路的时候，要看红绿灯。 When you cross the road, watch the lights.
路边	lùbiān	roadside	路边有很多自行车。 There are lots of bikes by the road.
路口	lùkǒu	crossing, junction	在前面的路口向左走。 Turn left at the next junction.
红绿灯	hónglǜdēng	traffic lights	前面路口有红绿灯。 There are traffic lights at the junction ahead.
银行	yínháng	bank	银行几点开门? What time does the bank open?
宾馆	bīnguǎn	hotel, guesthouse	这家宾馆不贵。 This hotel isn't expensive.
图书馆	túshūguǎn	library	我常常去图书馆看书。 I often go to the library to read.
地方	dìfang	place	这个地方真漂亮! This place is so pretty!
地点	dìdiǎn	location, venue	请告诉我时间和地点。 Please tell me the time and place.
地图	dìtú	map	手机上有地图。 There's a map on your phone.
向	xiàng	towards; to (someone)	一直向前走。 Go straight ahead.
经过	jīngguò	to pass by, through	我每天都经过这家银行。 I go past this bank every day.
离开	líkāi	to leave	他已经离开公司了。 He's already left the office.
到处	dàochù	everywhere	到处都是人! There are people everywhere!
自行车	zìxíngchē	bicycle	我的自行车丢了! My bike's been lost!

pattern 向 + direction + verb: towards

向 **前 / 左 / 右 / 东** **走 / 看**

向 means “towards”: 向前走 go forward, 向左走 turn left, 向东走 head east. A verb can also carry its result: 走到路口 walk as far as the junction, 找到 find, 叫住 call to a stop, 拿走 take away.

一直向前走。 **yìzhí xiàng qián zǒu** Go straight ahead.

在路口向右走。 **zài lùkǒu xiàng yòu zǒu** Turn right at the junction.

我们走到路口了。 **wǒmen zǒu dào lùkǒu le** We’ve got to the junction.

你找到地图了吗？ **nǐ zhǎo dào dìtú le ma** Did you find the map?

dialogue a hotel for mum

anna 小明，下个月我妈妈来北京，我想给她找一家宾馆。
Xiǎomíng xià gè yuè wǒ māma lái Běijīng wǒ xiǎng gěi tā zhǎo yì jiā bīnguǎn · Xiaoming, my mum’s coming to Beijing next month, and I want to find her a hotel.

xiaoming 这条街上就有一家，地点很好。我看一下地图……一直向前走，经过两个路口就到了。
zhè tiáo jiē shàng jiù yǒu yì jiā dìdiǎn hěn hǎo wǒ kàn yíxià dìtú yìzhí xiàng qián zǒu jīngguò liǎng gè lùkǒu jiù dào le · There’s one on this very street, in a great spot. Let me check the map… straight on, past two junctions, and we’re there.

anna 这个城市真大！到处都是人和自行车。
zhège chéngshì zhēn dà dàochù dōu shì rén hé zìxíngchē · This city is huge! There are people and bikes everywhere.

xiaoming 安娜，等一下！你看红绿灯！
Ānnà děng yíxià nǐ kàn hónglǜdēng · Anna, wait! Look at the lights!

anna 对不起！北京的马路太大了！
duìbuqǐ Běijīng de mǎlù tài dà le · Sorry! The roads in Beijing are so wide!

xiaoming 没关系。过了这个路口，向右走。你看，宾馆就在银行旁边。
méi guānxi guò le zhège lùkǒu xiàng yòu zǒu nǐ kàn bīnguǎn jiù zài yínháng pángbiān · No worries. After this junction we turn right. Look, the hotel’s right next to the bank.

anna 太好了！银行旁边那个大楼是什么？
tài hǎo le yínháng pángbiān nàge dà lóu shì shénme · Great! What’s that big building next to the bank?

xiaoming 那是市图书馆。我常常去那儿看书。
nà shì shì túshūguǎn wǒ chángcháng qù nàr kàn shū · That’s the city library. I often go there to read.

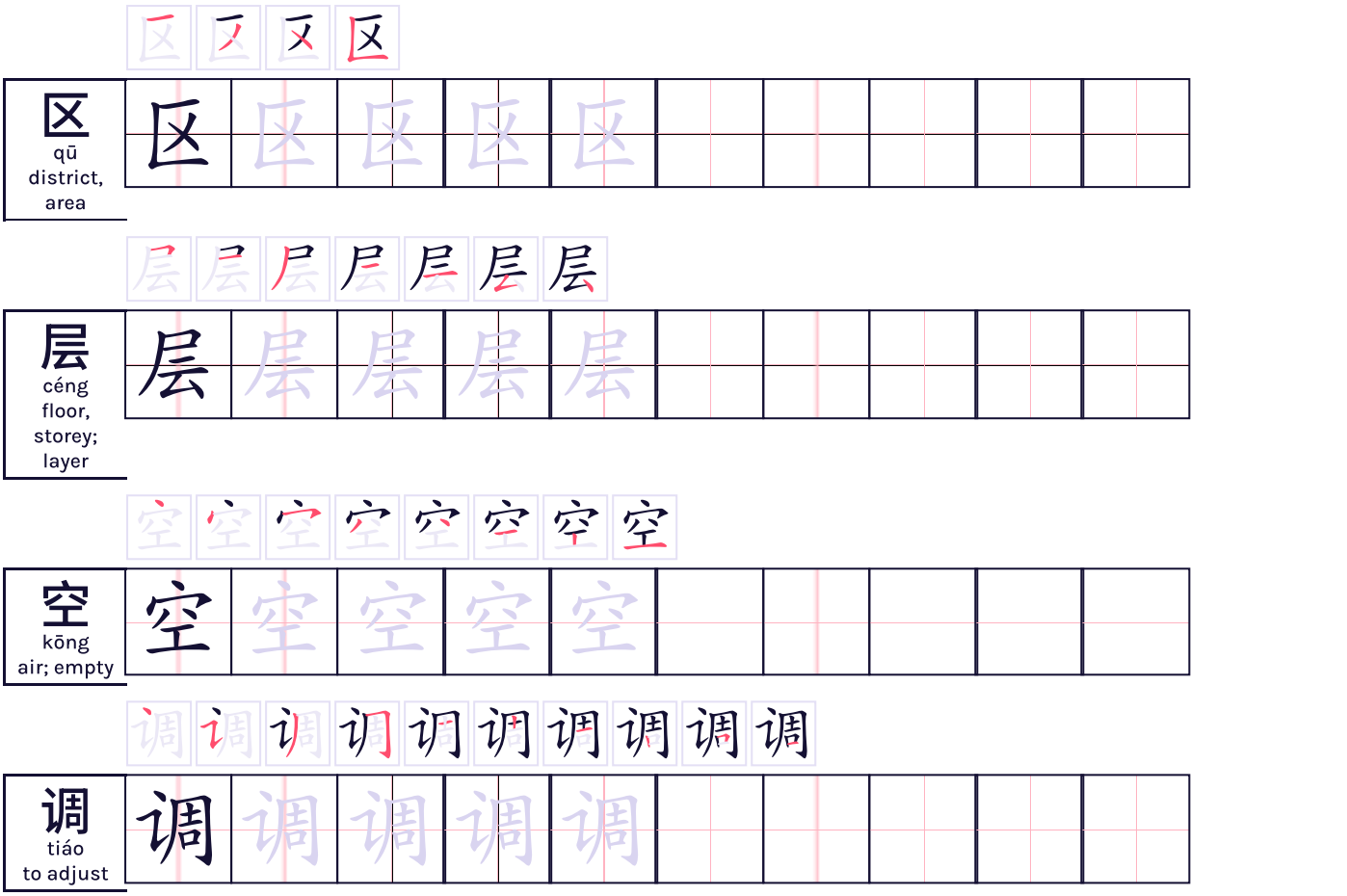
anna 离开这儿以前，我想去图书馆看看。
líkāi zhèr yǐqián wǒ xiǎng qù túshūguǎn kàn kan · Before we leave, I’d like to have a look at the library.

xiaoming 好！图书馆不远，咱们走过去吧。
hǎo túshūguǎn bù yuǎn zánmen zǒu guoqu ba · Sure! The library isn’t far; let’s walk over.

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good to know · 向 and 往 both mean “towards”: 向前走 = 往前走. 向 is a little more formal, and with a person it means “to”: 向他问路, ask him the way. The bikes “everywhere” in Chinese cities are mostly shared bikes: scan the code, ride, and leave it by the road.

Straight on, turn left, found it! You can now explore a Chinese city on your own two feet.
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day 11 the neighbours

Introduce and describe neighbours and family: who they are, their age, who looks after whom.

On a Chinese estate everyone knows everyone, and the first thing you learn is what to call them.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
阿姨	āyí	auntie	阿姨，您好！ Hello, auntie!
叔叔	shūshu	uncle	叔叔好！ Hello, uncle!
爱人	àiren	husband or wife	这是我爱人。 This is my wife.
夫妻	fūqī	husband and wife, a couple	他们是夫妻。 They're husband and wife.
姐妹	jiěmèi	sisters	她们是姐妹。 They're sisters.
大人	dàren	adult, grown-up	大人和孩子都喜欢大白。 Grown-ups and children all love Dabai.
老人	lǎorén	old person, the elderly	公园里有很多老人。 There are lots of older people in the park.
男人	nánrén	man	那个男人是谁? Who's that man?
女人	nǚrén	woman	那个女人是新邻居。 That woman is a new neighbour.
年轻	niánqīng	young	王老师很年轻。 Teacher Wang is very young.
老	lǎo	old; Old (before a surname)	老王是我的邻居。 Old Wang is my neighbour.
结婚	jiéhūn	to marry, get married	他们结婚十年了。 They've been married for ten years.
出生	chūshēng	to be born	我是在北京出生的。 I was born in Beijing.
养	yǎng	to raise; to keep (a pet)	我想养一只猫。 I'd like to have a cat.
照顾	zhàogù	to look after	她照顾她的奶奶。 She looks after her grandma.
客人	kèrén	guest	今天家里有客人。 We have guests at home today.
做客	zuòkè	to visit (as a guest)	欢迎来我家做客！ You're welcome to visit us any time!
请客	qǐngkè	to treat (pay for others)	今天我请客！ Today it's my treat!

pattern naming twice: 我邻居刘阿姨, and 老 + surname

我 邻居 / 朋友 name

Put who someone is right before their name, no comma: 我邻居刘阿姨, 我朋友小明. For people you know well, 老 + surname is warm: 老王, 老李. Several describers can stack before a noun: 楼下的年轻夫妻.

这是我朋友小明。 **zhè shì wǒ péngyou Xiǎomíng** This is my friend Xiaoming.

老李是我们的邻居。 **lǎo Lǐ shì wǒmen de línjū** Old Li is our neighbour.

楼上那个年轻的女人是老师。 **lóu shàng nàge niánqīng de nǚrén shì lǎoshī** That young woman upstairs is a teacher.

dialogue meet the neighbours

auntie liu 安娜，来！我给你介绍一下我们的邻居。
Ānnà lái wǒ gěi nǐ jièshào yíxià wǒmen de línjū · Anna, come here! Let me introduce you to our neighbours.

anna 好啊！那位叔叔是谁？
hǎo a nà wèi shūshu shì shéi · Lovely! Who's that gentleman?

auntie liu 那是老王。他和他爱人结婚四十年了，他还养了两只鸟。
nà shì lǎo Wáng tā hé tā àiren jiéhūn sìshí nián le tā hái yǎng le liǎng zhī niǎo · That's Old Wang. He and his wife have been married forty years, and he keeps two birds.

anna 王叔叔好！阿姨好！
Wáng shūshu hǎo āyí hǎo · Hello, Uncle Wang! Hello, auntie!

auntie liu 那两个年轻的女人是姐妹，住在我们楼上。
nà liǎng gè niánqīng de nǚrén shì jiěmèi zhù zài wǒmen lóu shàng · Those two young women are sisters; they live upstairs from us.

anna 那个男人呢？他身边有一个孩子。
nàge nánrén ne tā shēnbiān yǒu yí gè háizi · And that man? There's a little one with him.

auntie liu 他是我邻居小李。他的孩子是今年出生的，他每天在家照顾孩子。
tā shì wǒ línjū xiǎo Lǐ tā de háizi shì jīnnián chūshēng de tā měi tiān zài jiā zhàogù háizi · That's my neighbour Xiao Li. His baby was born this year, and he looks after the baby at home every day.

anna 这个小区的老人和孩子真多！大人呢？
zhège xiǎoqū de lǎorén hé háizi zhēn duō dàren ne · There are so many older people and children here! Where are the grown-ups?

auntie liu 大人都去上班了！安娜，星期天来我家做客吧，我还请了别的客人。
dàren dōu qù shàngbān le Ānnà xīngqītiān lái wǒ jiā zuòkè ba wǒ hái qǐng le biéde kèrén · They're all at work! Anna, come over on Sunday; I've invited some other guests too.

anna 谢谢阿姨！我一定去！
xièxie āyí wǒ yídìng qù · Thank you, Auntie! I'll definitely come!

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灯 dēng lamp, light



good to know · 老 + surname is for people you know well, usually 40 and up; 小 + surname for younger ones (小陈). With teachers keep the title: 王老师. Children and young people call any woman their parents' age 阿姨 and any man 叔叔, family or not.

Auntie, uncle, Old Wang, my neighbour Xiao Li: you can now introduce a whole neighbourhood.
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day 12 mission: moving day

Follow a whole moving day in Chinese, from packing up to the first party in the new flat.
A mission puts days 1–11 to work together, the way real conversations mix everything.

chapter 1 the night before

xiaoming 安娜，好久不见！最近怎么样？
Ānnà hǎojiǔ bújiàn zuìjìn zěnmeyàng · Anna, long time no see! How have you been lately?

anna 挺好的，就是比较忙。明天我就要搬家了！
tǐng hǎo de jiù shì bǐjiào máng míngtiān wǒ jiù yào bānjiā le · Pretty good, just rather busy. I'm moving house tomorrow!

xiaoming 这么快？发生什么事了？我以为你秋天才搬。
zhème kuài fāshēng shénme shì le wǒ yǐwéi nǐ qiūtiān cái bān · So soon? What's happened? I thought you weren't moving until autumn.

anna 以前我也这样打算。可是王老师的朋友帮我在公司附近找到了一个房子，不但更大，而且更便宜，我马上就决定搬了。
yǐqián wǒ yě zhèyàng dǎsuàn kěshì Wánglǎoshī de péngyou bāng wǒ zài gōngsī fùjìn zhǎo dào le yí gè fángzi búdàn gèng dà érqiě gèng piányi wǒ mǎshàng jiù juédìng bān le · That was my plan too. But Teacher Wang's friend found me a flat near the office, not only bigger but cheaper as well, so I decided to move straight away.

xiaoming 新房子怎样？以后你怎样去上班？
xīn fángzi zěnyàng yǐhòu nǐ zěnyàng qù shàngbān · What's the new flat like? How will you get to work?

anna 在北京市的东南边，比我现在住的地方安静多了。我平时坐地铁上班，以后只要走十分钟！
zài Běijīng shì de dōngnán biān bǐ wǒ xiànzài zhù de dìfang ānjìng duō le wǒ píngshí zuò dìtiě shàngbān yǐhòu zhǐ yào zǒu shí fēnzhōng · It's in the southeast of Beijing, and much quieter than where I live now. I usually take the underground to work; soon it'll be just a ten-minute walk!

xiaoming 需要我帮忙吗？我明天不用上课。
xūyào wǒ bāngmáng ma wǒ míngtiān búyòng shàngkè · Do you need a hand? I don't have class tomorrow.

anna 我正想找别人帮忙呢！搬家公司一般都很贵。你愿意来的话，我请你吃饭。
wǒ zhèng xiǎng zhǎo biérén bāngmáng ne bānjiā gōngsī yìbān dōu hěn guì nǐ yuànyì lái dehuà wǒ qǐng nǐ chī fàn · I was just thinking of asking someone! Removal firms are usually expensive. If you're happy to come, dinner's on me.

xiaoming 当然愿意！咱们几点出发？
dāngrán yuànyì zánmen jǐ diǎn chūfā · Of course I am! What time do we set off?

anna 早上八点吧。听说明天下午会刮大风，我们最好上午搬完。
zǎoshang bā diǎn ba tīngshuō míngtiān xiàwǔ huì guā dà fēng wǒmen zuìhǎo shàngwǔ bān wán · Eight in the morning. I hear it'll be very windy tomorrow afternoon, so we'd better finish moving by midday.

xiaoming 好，那我先睡觉了。明天见！
hǎo nà wǒ xiān shuìjiào le míngtiān jiàn · OK, then I'm off to bed. See you tomorrow!

chapter 2 packing up

xiaoming 安娜，我来了！东西都准备好了吗?
Ānnà wǒ lái le dōngxi dōu zhǔnbèi hǎo le ma · Anna, I'm here! Is everything ready?

anna 差不多了。我先把衣服放好了，然后把书都放在门口了。
chàbuduō le wǒ xiān bǎ yīfu fàng hǎo le ránhòu bǎ shū dōu fàng zài ménkǒu le · Almost. I packed my clothes first, then put all the books by the door.

xiaoming 这么多书！你一个人能搬吗?
zhème duō shū nǐ yí gè rén néng bān ma · So many books! Can you carry them on your own?

anna 当然不能！所以我请你来帮忙。除了书以外，别的东西都不多。
dāngrán bù néng suǒyǐ wǒ qǐng nǐ lái bāngmáng chúle shū yǐwài biéde dōngxi dōu bù duō · No way! That's why I asked you to help. Apart from the books, there isn't much else.

xiaoming 冰箱呢？洗衣机呢？也要搬吗?
bīngxiāng ne xǐyījī ne yě yào bān ma · What about the fridge? And the washing machine? Are they coming too?

anna 不用。新房子里有冰箱，也有洗衣机和空调。我把冰箱打扫干净了，牙刷也放进包里了。
búyòng xīn fángzi lǐ yǒu bīngxiāng yě yǒu xǐyījī hé kōngtiáo wǒ bǎ bīngxiāng dǎsǎo gānjìng le yáshuā yě fàng jìn bāo lǐ le · No need. The new flat has a fridge, plus a washing machine and air conditioning. I've cleaned out the fridge, and my toothbrush is in my bag.

xiaoming 我爸爸的车在楼下，咱们把东西都搬到车上吧。
wǒ bàba de chē zài lóu xià zánmen bǎ dōngxi dōu bān dào chē shàng ba · My dad's car is downstairs. Let's carry everything to the car.

anna 太好了！如果你爸爸不来，我就只能坐出租车了。
tài hǎo le rúguǒ nǐ bàba bù lái wǒ jiù zhǐ néng zuò chūzūchē le · Brilliant! If your dad weren't coming, I'd have to take a taxi.

xiaoming 电脑呢？应该放在包里吧?
diànnǎo ne yīnggāi fàng zài bāo lǐ ba · What about your computer? It should go in your bag, right?

anna 对，我先关机，再把它放在包里。走以前别忘了关灯，关空调。
duì wǒ xiān guānjī zài bǎ tā fàng zài bāo lǐ zǒu yǐqián bié wàng le guān dēng guān kōngtiáo · Yes, I'll switch it off first, then put it in my bag. Before we go, don't forget to turn off the lights and the air conditioning.

xiaoming 好。要离开这个屋子了，你还想再看一看吗?
hǎo yào líkāi zhège wūzi le nǐ hái xiǎng zài kàn yi kan ma · OK. You're leaving this room: do you want one last look?

anna 好，再看一下。好了，最后一个：我的伞。出发！
hǎo zài kàn yíxià hǎo le zuìhòu yí gè wǒ de sǎn chūfā · Yes, one more look. Right, one last thing: my umbrella. Let's go!

chapter 3 the lift is broken!

auntie liu 安娜，欢迎！可是……电梯坏了。
Ānnà huānyíng kěshì diàntī huài le · Welcome, Anna! But… the lift is broken.

anna 啊？我家在十二层！怎么办？
a wǒ jiā zài shíèr céng zěnme bàn · What? My flat is on the twelfth floor! What do we do?

auntie liu 门口写着：“今天上午电梯要换新的，只有下午两点以后才能坐。请大家走楼梯，不要把自行车放在楼梯上。”
ménkǒu xiě zhe jīntiān shàngwǔ diàntī yào huàn xīn de zhǐyǒu xiàwǔ liǎng diǎn yǐhòu cái néng zuò qǐng dàjiā zǒu lóutī búyào bǎ zìxíngchē fàng zài lóutī shàng · The sign by the door says: “The lift is being replaced this morning and can only be used after 2 pm. Please use the stairs, and do not leave bicycles on the stairs.”

xiaoming 看来我们必须走楼梯了。
kànlái wǒmen bìxū zǒu lóutī le · Looks like we’ll have to take the stairs.

auntie liu 你们先把小东西拿上去，大的一会儿再搬。
nǐmen xiān bǎ xiǎo dōngxi ná shangqu dà de yíhuìr zài bān · Take the small things up first, and move the big ones later.

anna 这个办法好！
zhège bànfǎ hǎo · Good idea!

xiaoming 我们走到几层了？我好累！
wǒmen zǒu dào jǐ céng le wǒ hǎo lèi · What floor are we on? I’m worn out!

anna 刚刚到八层……还有四层！
gānggāng dào bā céng hái yǒu sì céng · We’ve only just reached the eighth… four more to go!

xiaoming 越走越累了！夏天搬家真热，我的衣服都脏了，一会儿得洗澡。
yuè zǒu yuè lèi le xiàtiān bānjiā zhēn rè wǒ de yīfu dōu zāng le yíhuìr děi xǐzǎo · The more we climb, the more tired I get! Moving in summer is so hot, my clothes are filthy. I’ll have to shower later.

auntie liu 累了就休息一会儿。来，喝一点儿冰水。
lèi le jiù xiūxi yíhuìr lái hē yìdiǎnr bīng shuǐ · If you’re tired, have a rest. Here, have some iced water.

anna 谢谢阿姨！啊，真凉快！现在大概几点了？
xièxie āyí a zhēn liángkuai xiànzài dàgài jǐ diǎn le · Thank you, Auntie! Ah, that’s so cool! What time is it now, roughly?

auntie liu 你们看，两点了，电梯好了！
nǐmen kàn liǎng diǎn le diàntī hǎo le · Look, it’s two o’clock: the lift is working!

anna 真的？太好了！我们终于不用走楼梯了！
zhēn de tài hǎo le wǒmen zhōngyú búyòng zǒu lóutī le · Really? Great! At last, no more stairs!

chapter 4 where’s my phone?

anna 沙发放在哪儿?

shāfā fàng zài nǎr · Where shall we put the sofa?

xiaoming 把沙发放在屋子中间吧，桌子放在冰箱旁边。其他东西呢?

bǎ shāfā fàng zài wūzi zhōngjiān ba zhuōzi fàng zài bīngxiāng pángbiān qítā dōngxi ne · Put the sofa in the middle of the room, and the table next to the fridge. What about everything else?

anna 先放在门口。这个屋子好久没人住了，有点儿脏。你扫一扫屋子，我刷卫生间。

xiān fàng zài ménkǒu zhège wūzi hǎojiǔ méi rén zhù le yǒudiǎnr zāng nǐ sǎo yi sao wūzi wǒ shuā wèishēngjiān · By the door for now. Nobody has lived here for ages; it's a bit dirty. You sweep the room, and I'll scrub the bathroom.

anna 小明，我突然发现我的手机不见了！刚才我放在桌子上了。

Xiǎomíng wǒ tūrán fāxiàn wǒ de shǒujī bújiàn le gāngcái wǒ fàng zài zhuōzi shàng le · Xiaoming, I've just noticed my phone has vanished! I put it on the table a moment ago.

xiaoming 你看，大白把手机拿到你面前了！你的手机是被它拿走的。

nǐ kàn Dàbái bǎ shǒujī ná dào nǐ miànqián le nǐ de shǒujī shì bèi tā ná zǒu de · Look, Dabai has brought your phone right to you! It was Dabai who took it.

anna 大白！你又拿我的东西！我们找了半天！

Dàbái nǐ yòu ná wǒ de dōngxi wǒmen zhǎo le bàntiān · Dabai! You've taken my things again! We've been looking for ages!

xiaoming 它总这样。你看它，一会儿跑到这儿，一会儿跑到那儿，太高兴了。

tā zǒng zhèyàng nǐ kàn tā yíhuìr pǎo dào zhèr yíhuìr pǎo dào nàr tài gāoxìng le · It always does that. Look at it, running here one minute and there the next. It's so happy.

anna 没丢就好。可是手机没电了，关机了。门口好像来了两个人。

méi diū jiù hǎo kěshì shǒujī méi diàn le guānjī le ménkǒu hǎoxiàng lái le liǎng gè rén · At least it isn't lost. But the battery's dead: it's switched off. Oh, two people seem to have turned up at the door.

auntie liu 安娜，我给你介绍一下：这是我们的邻居老王。他和他爱人结婚四十年了！我们为你买了一点儿水果。

Ānnà wǒ gěi nǐ jièshào yíxià zhè shì wǒmen de línjū lǎo Wáng tā hé tā àiren jiéhūn sìshí nián le wǒmen wèi nǐ mǎi le yìdiǎnr shuǐguǒ · Anna, let me introduce you: this is our neighbour, Lao Wang. He and his wife have been married forty years! We've bought you some fruit.

anna 谢谢王叔叔，谢谢刘阿姨！你们是我新家最早的客人！

xièxie Wáng shūshu xièxie Liúāyí nǐmen shì wǒ xīn jiā zuì zǎo de kèrén · Thank you, Uncle Wang and Auntie Liu! You're the very first guests in my new home!

auntie liu 不必说谢谢，咱们是邻居。老王年轻的时候在银行工作，现在每天在家养鸟。他是个好男人，做饭、打扫都是他!

búbì shuō xièxie zánmen shì línjū lǎo Wáng niánqīng de shíhou zài yínháng gōngzuò xiànzài měi tiān zài jiā yǎng niǎo tā shì gè hǎo nánrén zuòfàn dǎsǎo dōu shì tā · There's no need to thank us: we're neighbours. Lao Wang worked at a bank when he was young; now he's at home every day, keeping birds. He's a good man: he does the cooking and the cleaning!

xiaoming 阿姨，附近有好饭馆吗？我们一会儿想去吃饭。

āyí fùjìn yǒu hǎo fànguǎn ma wǒmen yíhuìr xiǎng qù chī fàn · Auntie, are there any good restaurants nearby? We'd like to go and eat in a while.

auntie liu 有！出了小区北门，别向西走，一直向东走，经过图书馆，到了第二个红绿灯再向南走，过了马路就是。饭馆就在路边，宾馆旁边，饺子特别好吃。

yǒu chū le xiǎoqū běi mén bié xiàng xī zǒu yìzhí xiàng dōng zǒu jīngguò túshūguǎn dào le dì èr gè hónglǜdēng zài xiàng nán zǒu guò le mǎlù jiù shì fànguǎn jiù zài lùbiān bīnguǎn pángbiān jiǎozi tèbié hǎochī · Yes! Go out of the north gate of the estate. Don't head west: keep going east past the library, turn south at the second set of traffic lights, and it's just across the road. The restaurant is right by the road, next to the hotel, and its dumplings are amazing.

anna 阿姨，我到了新地方，一般不知道哪个方向是北……
āyí wǒ dào le xīn dìfang yìbān bù zhīdào nǎge fāngxiàng shì běi · Auntie, whenever I'm somewhere new, I usually have no idea which way is north…

auntie liu 没关系，我把地图给你看。你看，咱们小区在这条街的北边，饭馆在小区的东南边。先向东，再向南，别走错了。
méi guānxi wǒ bǎ dìtú gěi nǐ kàn nǐ kàn zánmen xiǎoqū zài zhè tiáo jiē de běi biān fànguǎn zài xiǎoqū de dōngnán biān xiān xiàng dōng zài xiàng nán bié zǒu cuò le · Never mind, let me show you on the map. Look, our estate is on the north side of this street, and the restaurant is southeast of the estate. East first, then south: don't go the wrong way.

chapter 5 the first guests

xiaoming 阿姨说的地点就是这儿吧？在宾馆旁边。
āyí shuō de dìdiǎn jiù shì zhèr ba zài bīnguǎn pángbiān · This must be the place Auntie told us about: next to the hotel.

xiao chen 安娜，听说你搬家了！我来看看你！
Ānnà tīngshuō nǐ bānjiā le wǒ lái kàn kan nǐ · Anna, I hear you've moved! I've come to see you!

anna 小陈，欢迎欢迎！这是我邻居刘阿姨，这是我朋友小明。小区里的人刘阿姨都认识，大人、孩子都喜欢她。
XiǎoChén huānyíng huānyíng zhè shì wǒ línjū Liúāyí zhè shì wǒ péngyou Xiǎomíng xiǎoqū lǐ de rén Liúāyí dōu rènshi dàren háizi dōu xǐhuan tā · Xiao Chen, welcome! This is my neighbour, Auntie Liu, and this is my friend Xiaoming. Auntie Liu knows everyone on the estate; grown-ups and children all love her.

auntie liu 你们好！小陈，你觉得我们小区怎么样？
nǐmen hǎo XiǎoChén nǐ juéde wǒmen xiǎoqū zěnmeyàng · Hello! Xiao Chen, what do you think of our estate?

xiao chen 我认为比安娜以前住的地方好多了，而且离公司特别近。到处都是花和草地，真是个好地方！我也打算不久以后搬到这儿来。
wǒ rènwéi bǐ Ānnà yǐqián zhù de dìfang hǎo duō le érqiě lí gōngsī tèbié jìn dàochù dōu shì huā hé cǎodì zhēn shì gè hǎo dìfang wǒ yě dǎsuàn bùjiǔ yǐhòu bān dào zhèr lái · I think it's much better than where Anna lived before, and it's really close to work. There are flowers and lawns everywhere: it's a lovely place! I'm planning to move here myself before long.

anna 是啊！搬家的事差不多都完成了。虽然今天很累，可是我特别高兴。
shì a bānjiā de shì chàbuduō dōu wánchéng le suīrán jīntiān hěn lèi kěshì wǒ tèbié gāoxìng · Exactly! The move is pretty much done. I'm tired today, but really happy.

auntie liu 我们小区什么人都有。楼上住着一个老人，他的孩子常常来照顾他；楼下的年轻夫妻刚结婚，女儿上个月出生了。
wǒmen xiǎoqū shénme rén dōu yǒu lóu shàng zhù zhe yí gè lǎorén tā de háizi chángcháng lái zhàogù tā lóu xià de niánqīng fūqī gāng jiéhūn nǚér shàng gè yuè chūshēng le · Our estate has all kinds of people. Upstairs there's an old man whose children often come to look after him; downstairs, the young couple only married recently, and their daughter was born last month.

xiao chen 刚才在路口，我看到一个穿得很漂亮的年轻女人，她也住在这儿吗？
gāngcái zài lùkǒu wǒ kàn dào yí gè chuān de hěn piàoliang de niánqīng nǚrén tā yě zhù zài zhèr ma · Just now at the junction I saw a smartly dressed young woman. Does she live here too?

auntie liu 那是我们楼上的邻居。她和她的姐妹住在一起。
nà shì wǒmen lóu shàng de línjū tā hé tā de jiěmèi zhù zài yìqǐ · That's one of our upstairs neighbours. She lives with her sister.

chapter 6 dinner's on me

xiao chen 安娜，你来北京多久了？去过中国哪些地方？
Ānnà nǐ lái Běijīng duō jiǔ le qù guo Zhōngguó nǎxiē dìfang · Anna, how long have you been in Beijing? Where in China have you been?

anna 快两年了。东北、西北、西南我都去过，每个地方都不一样。北京的四季变化特别大：春天常常刮风，夏天热极了，冬天几乎每天都有太阳。
kuài liǎng nián le dōngběi xīběi xīnán wǒ dōu qù guo měi gè dìfang dōu bù yíyàng Běijīng de sìjì biànhuà tèbié dà chūntiān chángcháng guā fēng xiàtiān rè jí le dōngtiān jīhū měi tiān dōu yǒu tàiyáng · Almost two years. I've been to the Northeast, the Northwest and the Southwest, and every place is different. Beijing's seasons change a lot: spring is often windy, summer is extremely hot, and in winter it's sunny almost every day.

auntie liu 是啊，北方的季节跟南方很不同。我是东北人，年轻的时候来北京工作，后来就变成北京人了！
shì a běifāng de jìjié gēn nánfāng hěn bù tóng wǒ shì dōngběi rén niánqīng de shíhou lái Běijīng gōngzuò hòulái jiù biànchéng Běijīng rén le · Yes, the seasons in the north are very different from the south. I'm from the Northeast: I came to Beijing for work when I was young, and later I turned into a Beijinger!

xiao chen 其实我是南方人。周末我常去公园跑步，或者跟朋友打篮球。
qíshí wǒ shì nánfāng rén zhōumò wǒ cháng qù gōngyuán pǎobù huòzhě gēn péngyou dǎ lánqiú · Actually, I'm a southerner. At weekends I often go running in the park, or play basketball with friends.

xiaoming 以后周末咱们可以一块儿去！
yǐhòu zhōumò zánmen kěyǐ yíkuàir qù · We can go together at weekends from now on!

anna 为了谢谢大家，今天我请客！你们一定都累了吧？多吃一点儿！
wèile xièxie dàjiā jīntiān wǒ qǐngkè nǐmen yídìng dōu lèi le ba duō chī yìdiǎnr · To thank you all, today it's my treat! You must all be tired. Eat up!

xiao chen 太好了！我不会做饭，只是喜欢吃。
tài hǎo le wǒ bú huì zuòfàn zhǐshì xǐhuan chī · Great! I can't cook; I just love eating.

auntie liu 安娜，以后只要有事，你就给我打电话或来找我。
Ānnà yǐhòu zhǐyào yǒu shì nǐ jiù gěi wǒ dǎ diànhuà huò lái zhǎo wǒ · Anna, from now on, whenever you need anything, just call me or come and find me.

anna 谢谢阿姨！以前我总是一个人，现在身边有这么多朋友！我真不相信，一天就把家搬完了！
xièxie āyí yǐqián wǒ zǒngshì yí gè rén xiànzài shēnbiān yǒu zhème duō péngyou wǒ zhēn bù xiāngxìn yì tiān jiù bǎ jiā bān wán le · Thank you, Auntie! I used to be on my own all the time; now I've got so many friends around me! I can't believe we moved everything in a single day!

xiao chen 在我看来，一个城市最好的地方就是朋友多。来，咱们一起拍照吧！
zài wǒ kànlái yí gè chéngshì zuìhǎo de dìfang jiù shì péngyou duō lái zánmen yìqǐ pāizhào ba · As I see it, the best thing about any city is having lots of friends. Come on, let's take a photo together!

anna 好！照片我一会儿给大家看。
hǎo zhàopiàn wǒ yíhuìr gěi dàjiā kàn · Sure! I'll show everyone the photos in a bit.

xiaoming 你们看，今天的月亮真大！
nǐmen kàn jīntiān de yuèliang zhēn dà · Look, the moon is so big tonight!

auntie liu 天不早了，咱们该回家了。
tiān bù zǎo le zánmen gāi huí jiā le · It's getting late; it's time we went home.

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