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day 13 i'm starving!

Chinese HSK 3 in 36 days
unit 3 · food, shopping & fun

Say how hungry, thirsty or full you are, read a menu and order food and drinks.

Food is the heart of daily life in China, and "are you hungry?" is how people look after each other.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
饿	è	hungry	你饿不饿? Are you hungry?
饱	bǎo	full (after eating)	我吃饱了。 I'm full.
渴	kě	thirsty	我有点儿渴。 I'm a bit thirsty.
菜单	càidān	menu	请给我看一下菜单。 Could I see the menu, please?
尝	cháng	to taste, try (food)	你尝尝这个菜。 Try this dish.
甜	tián	sweet	这个西瓜很甜。 This watermelon is very sweet.
新鲜	xīnxiān	fresh	这里的鱼很新鲜。 The fish here is very fresh.
鸡	jī	chicken	我喜欢吃鸡肉。 I like chicken.
牛	niú	cow, ox; awesome (slang)	我不吃牛肉。 I don't eat beef.
羊	yáng	sheep, goat	北方人冬天喜欢吃羊肉。 In the north, people love lamb in winter.
蛋糕	dàngāo	cake	生日快乐！我们一起吃蛋糕吧。 Happy birthday! Let's have some cake.
冰激凌	bīngjīlíng	ice cream	夏天我总是想吃冰激凌。 In summer I always want ice cream.
方便面	fāngbiànmiàn	instant noodles	别总是吃方便面。 Don't live on instant noodles.
糖	táng	sugar; sweets	我喝咖啡不放糖。 I take my coffee without sugar.
西瓜	xīguā	watermelon	我买了一个大西瓜。 I bought a big watermelon.
香蕉	xiāngjiāo	banana	这些香蕉很便宜。 These bananas are cheap.
外卖	wàimài	takeaway, food delivery	今天晚上我们点外卖吧。 Let's order takeaway tonight.
饮料	yǐnliào	drink, beverage	你想喝什么饮料? What would you like to drink?

pattern 极了, 得很, 坏了: really, really

adjective 极了 得很 坏了

Put the strength after the adjective. 好吃极了 is “absolutely delicious”, and 甜得很 is “really sweet”. 坏了 is “to bits” and goes with strong feelings: 饿坏了 starving, 累坏了 worn out, 高兴坏了 over the moon.

这个冰激凌好吃极了！ **zhège bīngjīlíng hǎochī jí le** This ice cream is amazing!

外面热得很。 **wàimiàn rè de hěn** It’s really hot outside.

我累坏了。 **wǒ lèi huài le** I’m worn out.

孩子们高兴坏了。 **háizimen gāoxìng huài le** The kids were over the moon.

dialogue lunch at the office

xiao chen 安娜，十二点了，你饿不饿?
Ānnà shíèr diǎn le nǐ è bu è · Anna, it’s twelve. Are you hungry?

anna 饿极了！我早上只吃了一个香蕉。
è jí le wǒ zǎoshang zhǐ chī le yí gè xiāngjiāo · Starving! I only had a banana this morning.

xiao chen 我们点外卖吧。你看看菜单。
wǒmen diǎn wàimài ba nǐ kàn kan càidān · Let’s order takeaway. Have a look at the menu.

anna 鸡肉饭、牛肉饭、羊肉饺子……都很好吃吧?
jī ròu fàn niú ròu fàn yáng ròu jiǎozi dōu hěn hǎochī ba · Chicken rice, beef rice, lamb dumplings… all good, right?

xiao chen 羊肉饺子好吃得很！我常常点。你要饮料吗?
yáng ròu jiǎozi hǎochī de hěn wǒ chángcháng diǎn nǐ yào yǐnliào ma · The lamb dumplings are really good! I order them all the time. Do you want a drink?

anna 要一杯冰奶茶，少糖。我渴坏了。
yào yì bēi bīng nǎichá shǎo táng wǒ kě huài le · An iced milk tea, less sugar. I’m dying of thirst.

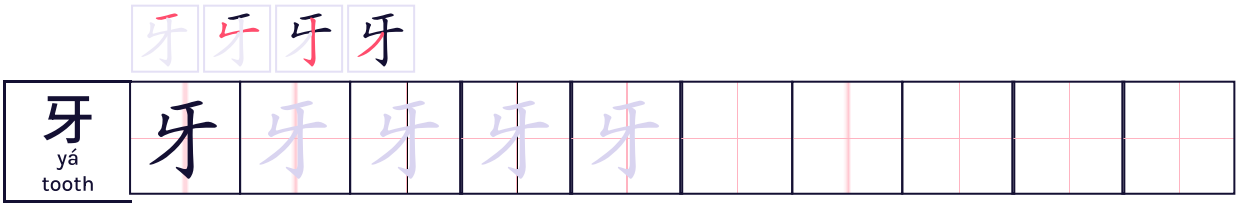
xiao chen 好。你别总是吃方便面，今天要吃饱！
hǎo nǐ bié zǒngshì chī fāngbiànmiàn jīntiān yào chī bǎo · OK. Don’t always live on instant noodles: today you eat properly!

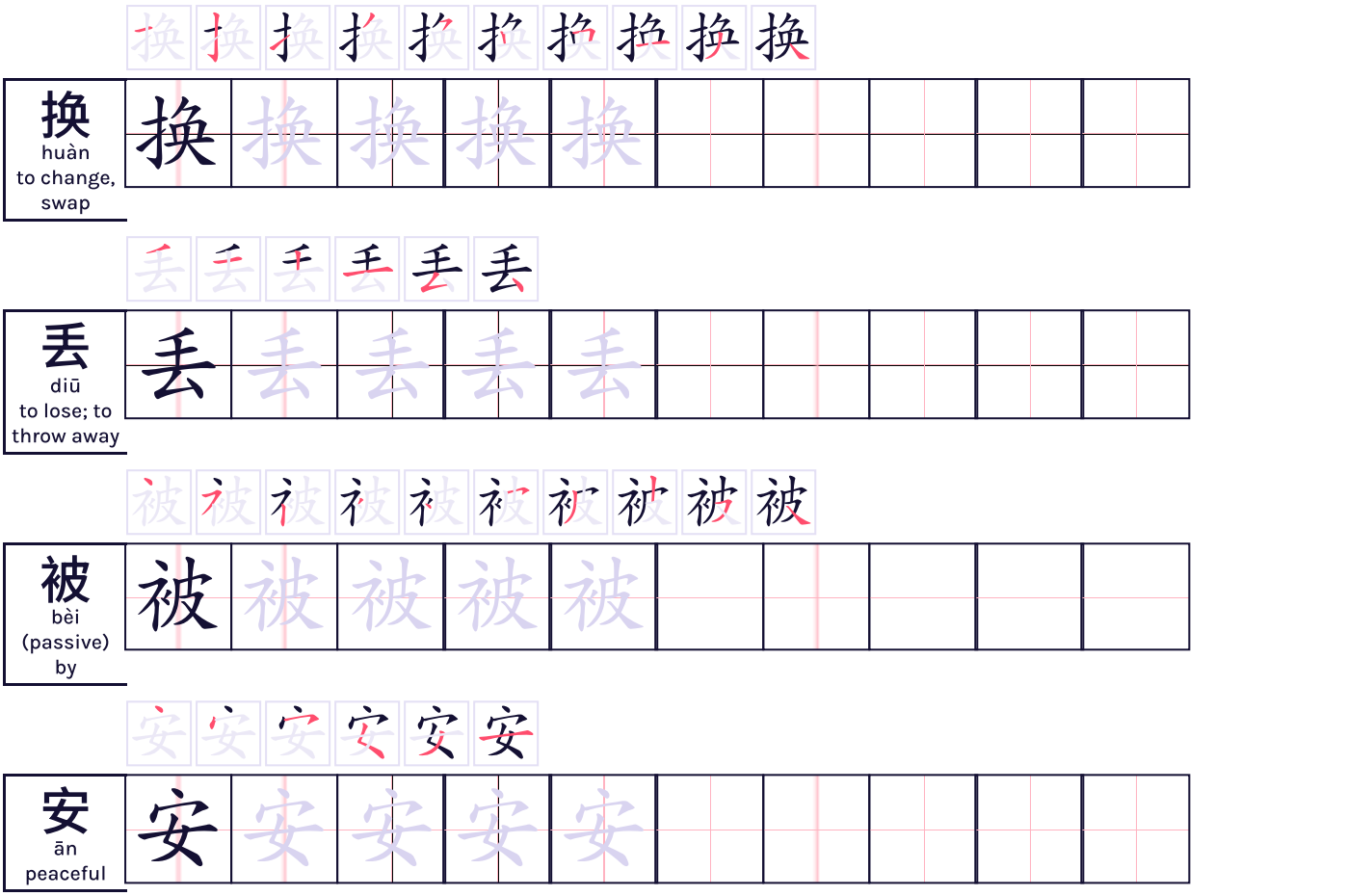
anna 你说得对。外卖到了！
nǐ shuō de duì wàimài dào le · Ha… you’re right. The food’s here!

xiao chen 怎么样?
zěnmeyàng · How is it?

anna 好吃极了！我吃饱了。
hǎochī jí le wǒ chī bǎo le · Absolutely delicious! I’m full.

write it trace the grey, then write your own





good to know · 吃了吗? "Have you eaten?" is a friendly hello in China. You can just say 吃了 or 还没呢. At milk-tea shops you choose ice and sugar: 少冰 less ice, 少糖 less sugar, 热的 hot.

Hungry, thirsty, full: now you can say exactly how you feel at the table, and order the food to fix it. Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 14 eating out

Order by the bowl, plate and bottle, ask for chopsticks or a spoon, and say if you are happy with the service.

Chinese restaurants share dishes for the table, and you order them by the plate and the bowl.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
筷子	kuàizi	chopsticks	你会用筷子吗? Can you use chopsticks?
勺子	sháozi	spoon	小孩儿吃饭用勺子。 Little kids eat with a spoon.
盘子	pánzi	plate, dish	这个盘子很大。 This plate is big.
碗	wǎn	bowl	我要一碗米饭。 A bowl of rice for me, please.
瓶子	píngzi	bottle	这个瓶子里有水吗? Is there any water in this bottle?
矿泉水	kuàngquánshuǐ	mineral water	请给我们两瓶矿泉水。 Two bottles of mineral water, please.
啤酒	píjiǔ	beer	菜单上有啤酒，也有矿泉水。 The menu has beer, and mineral water too.
酒	jiǔ	alcohol, alcoholic drink	这个超市不卖酒。 This supermarket doesn't sell alcohol.
服务	fúwù	to serve; service	这家饭馆的服务很好。 The service in this restaurant is very good.
满意	mǎnyì	satisfied, pleased	你对这家饭馆满意吗? Are you happy with this restaurant?
张	zhāng	(measure word for flat things)	桌子上有一张菜单。 There's a menu on the table.
种	zhǒng	kind, type	这种水果很甜。 This kind of fruit is very sweet.
用	yòng	to use	我用手机买东西。 I buy things with my phone.
要求	yāoqiú	to require; requirement	我对吃的要求不高。 I'm not fussy about food.
方便	fāngbiàn	convenient, handy	住在这儿很方便。 Living here is very convenient.
简单	jiǎndān	simple, easy	这个菜很简单，我也会做。 This dish is simple: even I can make it.
好多	hǎoduō	lots of, a great many	今天饭馆里有好多人。 There are loads of people in the restaurant today.
收	shōu	to receive, accept; to collect	他们收了我五十块钱。 They charged me fifty yuan.

pattern 一碗, 一盘, 一瓶: containers as measure words

number | 碗 / 盘 / 瓶 / 杯 | food or drink

The container itself becomes the measure word: 一碗米饭 a bowl of rice, 一盘饺子 a plate of dumplings, 一瓶水 a bottle of water. Double a measure word and it means “every one”: 个个都好吃, 张张都好看.

我们要两碗面条儿。 **wǒmen yào liǎng wǎn miàntiáor** Two bowls of noodles, please.

桌子上有一盘水果。 **zhuōzi shàng yǒu yì pán shuǐguǒ** There’s a plate of fruit on the table.

这些照片张张都很漂亮。 **zhèxiē zhàopiàn zhāng zhang dōu hěn piàoliang** Every one of these photos is beautiful.

dialogue dinner with auntie liu

anna 刘阿姨，谢谢您帮我搬家。今天我请客！
Liúāyí xièxie nín bāng wǒ bānjiā jīntiān wǒ qǐngkè · Auntie Liu, thank you for helping me move. Dinner’s on me tonight!

auntie liu 好啊！这家饭馆我常来，菜个个都好吃。
hǎo a zhè jiā fànguǎn wǒ cháng lái cài gè gè dōu hǎochī · Lovely! I come here a lot: every dish is good.

anna 您想吃什么？您有什么要求？
nín xiǎng chī shénme nín yǒu shénme yāoqiú · What would you like? Anything you need?

auntie liu 我对吃的要求不高，简单一点儿就好。来一盘羊肉饺子，两碗米饭。
wǒ duì chī de yāoqiú bù gāo jiǎndān yìdiǎnr jiù hǎo lái yì pán yáng ròu jiǎozi liǎng wǎn mǐfàn · I’m not fussy about food: something simple is fine. A plate of lamb dumplings and two bowls of rice.

anna 喝什么？菜单后面有茶、啤酒和矿泉水。
hē shénme càidān hòumiàn yǒu chá píjiǔ hé kuàngquánshuǐ · And to drink? The back of the menu has tea, beer and mineral water.

auntie liu 两瓶矿泉水就好。
liǎng píng kuàngquánshuǐ jiù hǎo · Two bottles of mineral water will do.

auntie liu 安娜，你用筷子用得真好！
Ānnà nǐ yòng kuàizi yòng de zhēn hǎo · Anna, you’re really good with chopsticks!

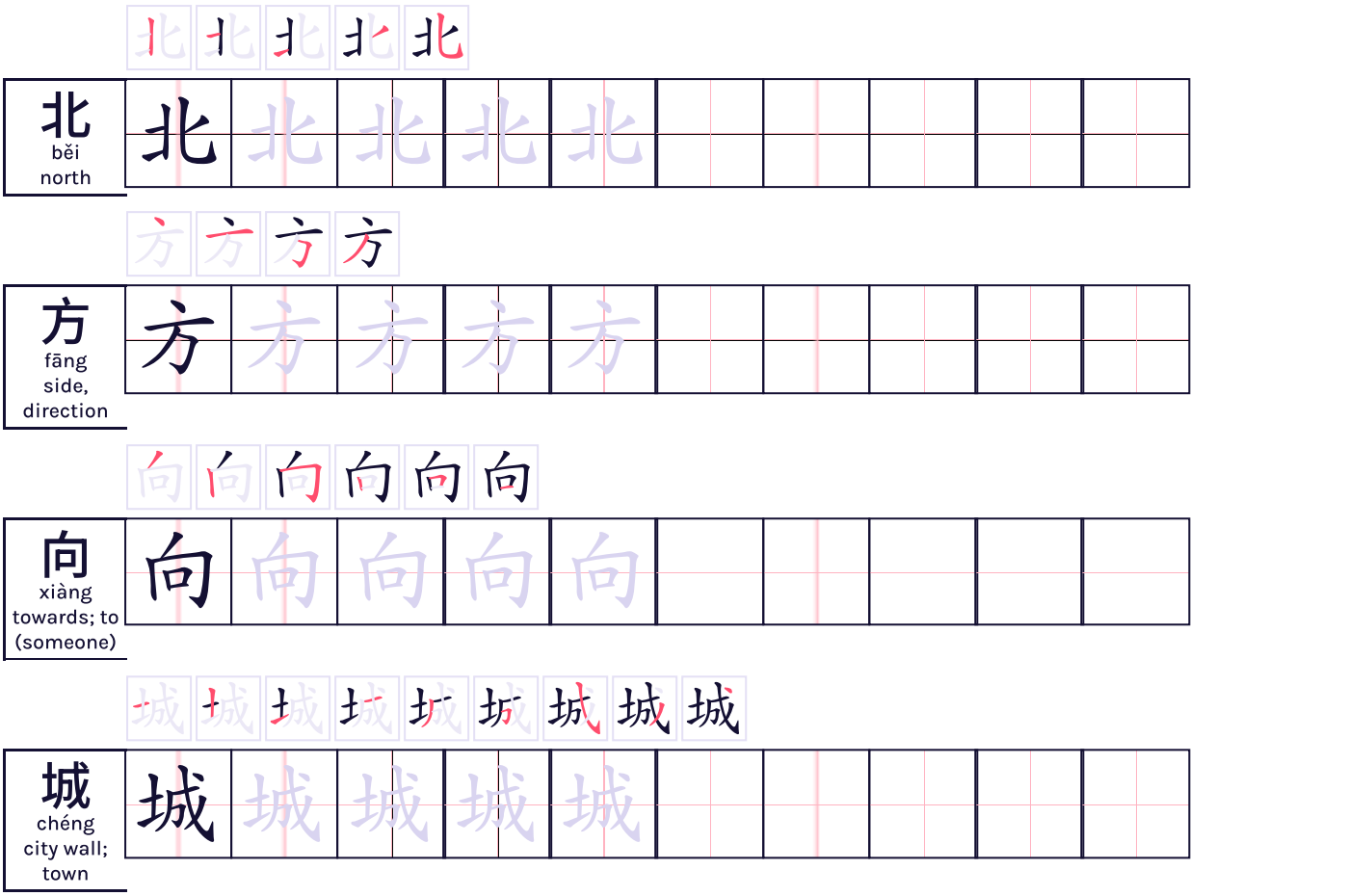
anna 以前我只会用勺子，现在我觉得筷子很方便。
yǐqián wǒ zhǐ huì yòng sháozi xiànzài wǒ juéde kuàizi hěn fāngbiàn · I used to only manage a spoon. Now I find chopsticks really handy.

auntie liu 这里的服务也很好。你满意吗？
zhèlǐ de fúwù yě hěn hǎo nǐ mǎnyì ma · The service is good here too. Are you happy?

anna 很满意！他们只收了我们八十块。
hěn mǎnyì tāmen zhǐ shōu le wǒmen bāshí kuài · Very! And they only charged us eighty yuan.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

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good to know · In China one person often pays for the whole table: 我请客 “it’s on me”. Next time, the other person treats. Dishes are shared in the middle of the table; each person gets their own bowl of rice.

A bowl, a plate, a bottle: you can now order for a whole table, and thank your host properly.
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day 15 what to wear

Compare clothes (even nicer, the same as, no more expensive than), try them on and say if the size is right.

Shopping with friends is all comparing: this one or that one, bigger or smaller, the same or different.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
衬衫	chènshān	shirt	这件衬衫很好看。 This shirt looks nice.
大衣	dàyī	overcoat, winter coat	冬天要穿大衣。 In winter you need a coat.
短裤	duǎnkù	shorts	夏天我常常穿短裤。 In summer I often wear shorts.
裙子	qúnzi	skirt, dress	这条裙子太长了。 This skirt is too long.
上衣	shàngyī	top, jacket	这件上衣不大不小。 This top is just the right size.
鞋	xié	shoe	这双鞋多少钱? How much are these shoes?
雨衣	yǔyī	raincoat	要下雨了，带雨衣吧。 It's going to rain: take a raincoat.
黄色	huángsè	yellow	我喜欢黄色的衣服。 I like yellow clothes.
蓝	lán	blue	北京秋天的天很蓝。 In autumn the sky in Beijing is very blue.
合适	héshì	suitable, the right fit	这件衣服你穿正合适。 This fits you perfectly.
大小	dàxiǎo	size	这双鞋大小合适吗? Are these shoes the right size?
短	duǎn	short (in length or time)	这条裤子有点儿短。 These trousers are a bit short.
试	shì	to try, try on	我可以试一下吗? Can I try it on?
选	xuǎn	to choose, pick	你帮我选一件吧。 Help me pick one.
选择	xuǎnzé	to choose; choice	这里有好多种，你可以自己选择。 There are lots of kinds here: you can choose for yourself.
旧	jiù	old, worn (of things)	我的鞋太旧了。 My shoes are too worn out.
双	shuāng	pair	我买了一双鞋。 I bought a pair of shoes.
带	dài	to bring, take along	出门要带伞。 Take an umbrella when you go out.

pattern 比……更 / 还, 不比, 跟……一样: comparing

A | 比 | B | 更 / 还 | adjective

A 比 B 更 + adjective: A is even more so than B. 还 instead of 更 sounds a little surprised. A 不比 B + adjective means A is no more so than B. A 跟 B 一样 (+ adjective): the same (as big, as nice).

今天比昨天还冷。 **jīntiān bǐ zuótiān hái lěng** Today is even colder than yesterday.

我的大衣跟你的大小一样。 **wǒ de dàyī gēn nǐ de dàxiǎo yíyàng** My coat is the same size as yours.

这件上衣不大不小，正合适。 **zhè jiàn shàngyī bú dà bù xiǎo zhèng héshì** This top is neither too big nor too small: just right.

蓝的不比黄色的好看。 **lán de bù bǐ huángsè de hǎokàn** The blue one doesn't look any better than the yellow one.

dialogue which skirt?

little sister 安娜姐姐，你帮我选一条裙子吧。
Ānnà jiějie nǐ bāng wǒ xuǎn yì tiáo qúnzi ba · Anna, help me pick a skirt.

anna 这条黄色的和那条蓝的，你喜欢哪条？
zhè tiáo huángsè de hé nà tiáo lán de nǐ xǐhuan nǎ tiáo · This yellow one or that blue one: which do you like?

little sister 两条我都喜欢！怎么选择啊？
liǎng tiáo wǒ dōu xǐhuan zěnme xuǎnzé a · I like them both! How do I choose?

anna 先试一下吧。
xiān shì yíxià ba · Try them on first.

little sister 怎么样？
zěnmeyàng · What do you think?

anna 蓝的不长不短，大小也合适，比黄色的更好看。
lán de bù cháng bù duǎn dàxiǎo yě héshì bǐ huángsè de gèng hǎokàn · The blue one is just the right length and the right size too: it looks even better than the yellow one.

little sister 可是蓝的比黄色的贵五十块。
kěshì lán de bǐ huángsè de guì wǔshí kuài · But the blue one is fifty yuan more than the yellow one.

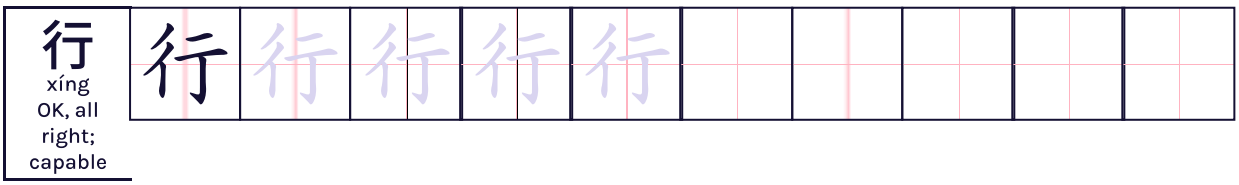
anna 你的旧裙子都是黄色的，这次选蓝的吧！
nǐ de jiù qúnzi dōu shì huángsè de zhè cì xuǎn lán de ba · All your old skirts are yellow: go for the blue one this time!

little sister 好！我还想买一双鞋，跟你的一样。
hǎo wǒ hái xiǎng mǎi yì shuāng xié gēn nǐ de yíyàng · OK! I want a pair of shoes too, the same as yours.

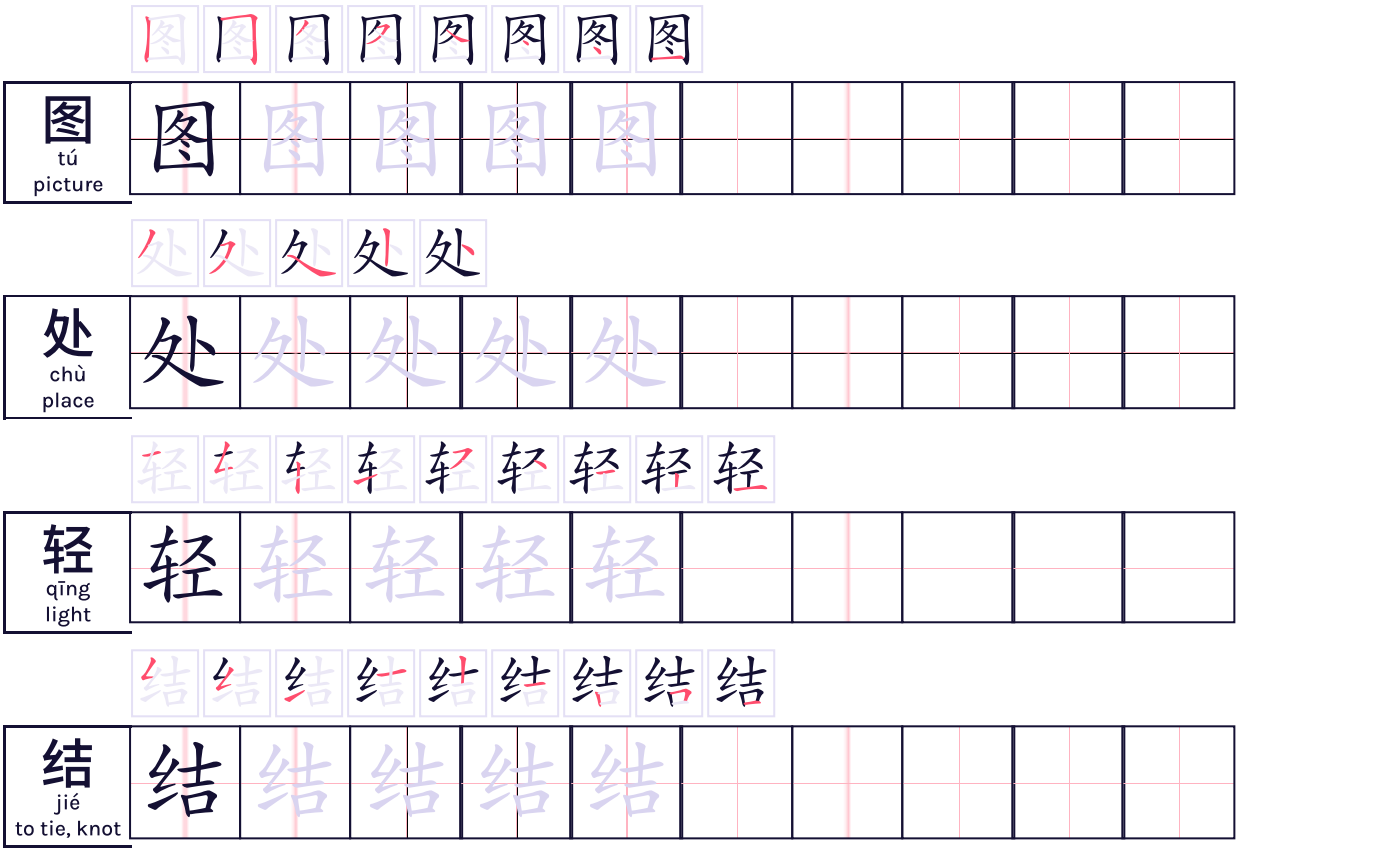
anna 没问题，我们去看看！
méi wèntí wǒmen qù kàn kan · No problem, let's go and look!

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good to know · Never put 很 after 比: say 这件比那件好看 or 更好看, not 很好看. Clothes have their measure words: 一件衬衫 / 大衣 / 上衣, 一条裙子 / 裤子 / 短裤, 一双鞋.

Better, the same, no more expensive, just right: you can shop like a local and help a friend choose. Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 16 money & numbers

Buy by the jin, count money in 块 and 毛, say “altogether”, borrow and pay back, and compare amounts.

Markets, prices, phone numbers, bus times: numbers are everywhere, and Chinese has its own ways to count them.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
斤	jīn	jin (half a kilo)	苹果五块钱一斤。 Apples are five yuan a jin.
公斤	gōngjīn	kilogram	大白有三十公斤。 Dabai weighs thirty kilos.
角	jiǎo	jiao (0.1 yuan)	一块是十角。 One yuan is ten jiao.
毛	máo	mao (0.1 yuan, spoken); hair, fur	这个三块五毛钱。 This one is three yuan fifty.
米	mǐ	metre	从这儿到银行大概五百米。 It’s about 500 metres from here to the bank.
加	jiā	to add; plus	二加三是五。 Two plus three is five.
借	jiè	to borrow; to lend	你能借我一百块吗? Could you lend me a hundred yuan?
还	huán	to give back, return	我明天还{huan2}你。 I’ll pay you back tomorrow.
银行卡	yínhángkǎ	bank card	我的银行卡在哪儿? Where’s my bank card?
信用卡	xìnyòngkǎ	credit card	这里可以用信用卡吗? Can I pay by credit card here?
卡	kǎ	card	我忘了带卡。 I forgot my card.
号码	hàomǎ	number (phone, room, seat)	你的手机号码是多少? What’s your mobile number?
一共	yīgòng	altogether, in total	一共多少钱? How much is it altogether?
以上	yǐshàng	above, more than	这里的衣服都在五百块以上。 The clothes here all cost over 500 yuan.
以下	yǐxià	below, under	六岁以下的孩子不用买票。 Children under six don’t need a ticket.
差	chà	to be short of; poor, bad	现在差一刻八点。 It’s a quarter to eight.
刻	kè	quarter (of an hour)	我们七点一刻见。 See you at a quarter past seven.

所	suǒ	(measure word for schools, hospitals)	这个城市有好多所大学。 This city has lots of universities.

pattern 比 + 多 / 少 / 早 / 晚 + verb + amount

A | 比 | B | 多 / 少 / 早 / 晚 | verb | amount

To say how much more or less someone did, put 多, 少, 早 or 晚 before the verb and the amount after it: 我比你多买了两斤, I bought two jin more than you. 早 and 晚 compare times: 他比我晚到了半个小时.

我比你多买了两斤。 **wǒ bǐ nǐ duō mǎi le liǎng jīn** I bought two jin more than you.

他比我晚到了半个小时。 **tā bǐ wǒ wǎn dào le bàn gè xiǎoshí** He got there half an hour later than me.

我比他多跑了五百米。 **wǒ bǐ tā duō pǎo le wǔbǎi mǐ** I ran 500 metres more than him.

dialogue at the morning market

grandma 安娜，这里的苹果很新鲜，五块钱一斤。
Ānnà zhèlǐ de píngguǒ hěn xīnxiān wǔ kuài qián yì jīn · Anna, the apples here are really fresh: five yuan a jin.

anna 一斤是多少?
yì jīn shì duōshao · How much is a jin?

grandma 一斤就是半公斤。
yì jīn jiù shì bàn gōngjīn · A jin is exactly half a kilo.

anna 那我买三四斤吧。还要一个西瓜。
nà wǒ mǎi sānsì jīn ba hái yào yí gè xīguā · Then I'll take three or four jin. And a watermelon.

grandma 西瓜十斤以下的十块，十斤以上的加五块。你看，这个大概有八斤。
xīguā shí jīn yǐxià de shí kuài shí jīn yǐshàng de jiā wǔ kuài nǐ kàn zhège dàgài yǒu bā jīn · Watermelons under ten jin are ten yuan; over ten jin, add five. Look, this one's about eight jin.

anna 好，要这个！奶奶，这里可以用银行卡或者信用卡吗？我的手机没电了，我就带了二十块钱。
hǎo yào zhège nǎinai zhèlǐ kěyǐ yòng yínhángkǎ huòzhě xìnyòngkǎ ma wǒ de shǒujī méi diàn le wǒ jiù dài le èrshí kuài qián · Great, this one! Grandma, can I pay by bank card or credit card here? My phone's dead, and I've only brought twenty yuan.

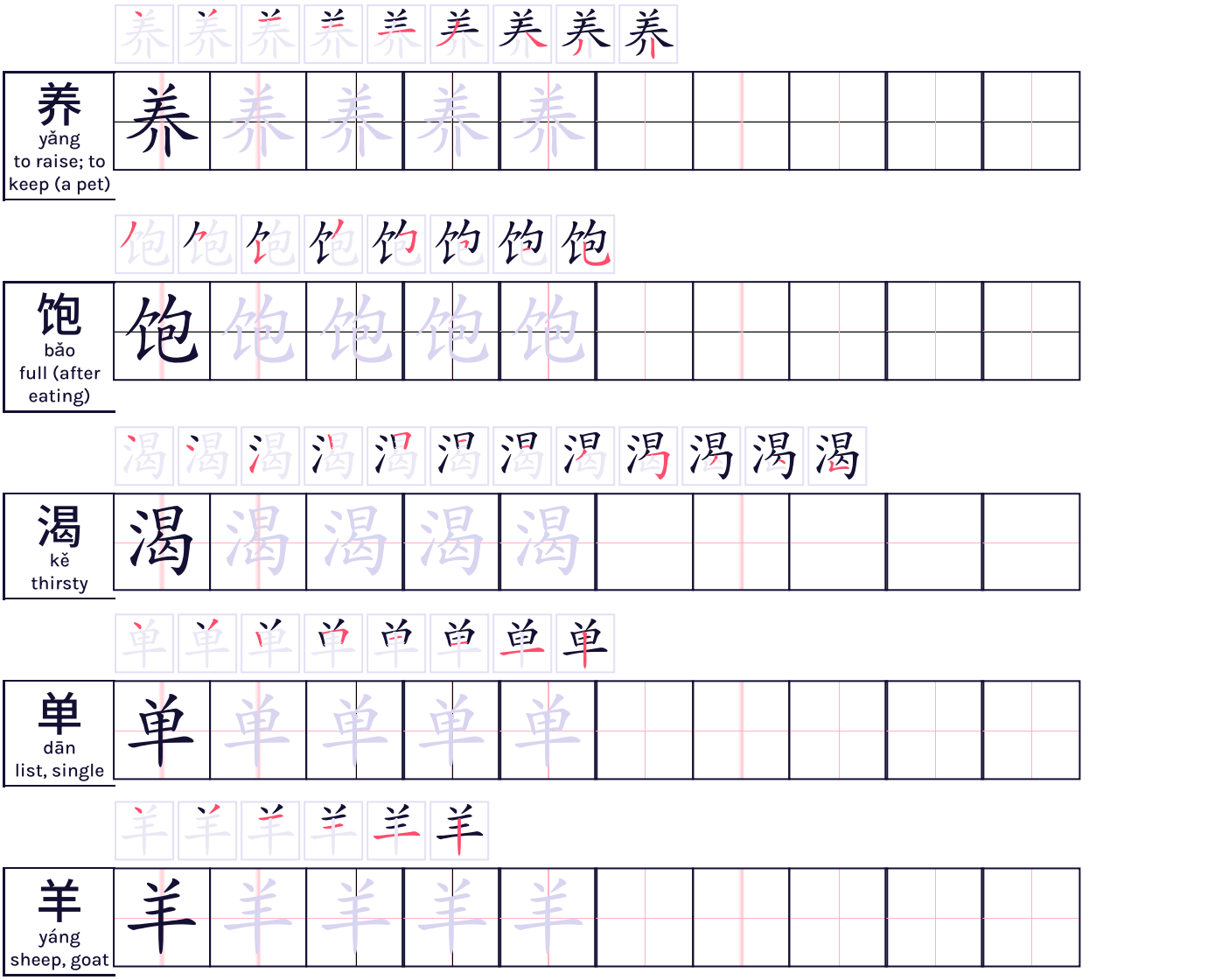
grandma 小店不收卡。没事，我借你五十块。
xiǎo diàn bù shōu kǎ méishì wǒ jiè nǐ wǔshí kuài · Little stalls don't take cards. Never mind, I'll lend you fifty yuan.

anna 谢谢奶奶！四斤苹果二十块，西瓜十块，一共三十块。我明天就还您。
xièxie nǎinai sì jīn píngguǒ èrshí kuài xīguā shí kuài yígòng sānshí kuài wǒ míngtiān jiù huán nín · Thank you, Grandma! Four jin of apples is twenty, the watermelon ten: thirty altogether. I'll pay you back tomorrow.

grandma 没事。你看，我买了六斤，比你多买了两斤！
méishì nǐ kàn wǒ mǎi le liù jīn bǐ nǐ duō mǎi le liǎng jīn · No rush. Look, I bought six jin: two more than you!

anna 下雨了！还好我带了一把伞。咱们坐下一班车回家吧！
xià yǔ le hái hǎo wǒ dài le yì bǎ sǎn zánmen zuò xià yì bān chē huí jiā ba · It's raining! Luckily I brought an umbrella. Let's take the next bus home!

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · Money: written 元 and 角, spoken 块 and 毛. 三块五毛 is 3.50, and people often just say 三块五. Level 3 measure words: 一所学校, 一层楼, 一辆车, 一页书, 一句话, 一段路, 一节课, 一封信, 一把伞 (things you hold by a handle), 一班车 (one run of a bus or train), 一头牛 (big animals). New at HSK 3: 头 "head" also counts big animals: 两头牛. And 就 before an amount can mean "only": 我就带了二十块钱 = 我只带了二十块钱. 大概 + amount is "about": 大概八斤.

Prices, weights, "altogether", "about three or four": you can shop at any Chinese market and get your sums right.
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day 17 music & stories

Say you do two things at once, count how many times you heard or saw something, and talk about music, games and stories.

Free time is where friendships grow: music in the park, games with kids, stories you have heard a hundred times.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
音乐	yīnyuè	music	你喜欢听什么音乐? What music do you like?
游戏	yóuxì	game	孩子们在玩游戏。 The kids are playing a game.
跳	tiào	to jump	大白跳{tiao4}上了沙发。 Dabai jumped up onto the sofa.
开心	kāixīn	happy, cheerful	今天我很开心! I'm so happy today!
声音	shēngyīn	sound, voice	你的声音真好听! You have a lovely voice!
声	shēng	sound; (counts sounds)	大白叫了两声。 Dabai barked twice.
可爱	kěài	cute, lovely	这只猫真可爱! This cat is so cute!
热情	rèqíng	warm, enthusiastic	我的邻居很热情。 My neighbours are really welcoming.
有名	yǒumíng	famous	北京有很多有名的饭馆。 Beijing has lots of famous restaurants.
名人	míngrén	celebrity, famous person	很多名人来过{guo}这个饭馆。 Lots of famous people have eaten at this restaurant.
画家	huàjiā	painter, artist	她是一个有名的画家。 She's a famous painter.
故事	gùshi	story	这个故事很有意思。 This story is really interesting.
遍	biàn	time (start to finish)	这个电影我看了三遍。 I've watched this film three times.
一边	yībiān	while, at the same time	他一边吃饭，一边看手机。 He looks at his phone while he eats.

pattern 一边……，一边……: two things at once

一边 action 1 一边 action 2

Put 一边 before each of two actions done at the same time. Another way: verb + 着 + verb, where the first action is the way you do the second: 笑着说, say with a smile. To count times, 遍 is the whole thing start to finish, 声 counts sounds, 口 bites or sips, and 回 is like 次.

奶奶一边喝茶，一边看电视。 **nǎinai yìbiān hē chá yìbiān kàn diànshì** Grandma drinks tea while she watches TV.

我们一边走，一边说话。 **wǒmen yìbiān zǒu yìbiān shuōhuà** We talked as we walked.

他笑着说：“没问题！” **tā xiào zhe shuō méi wèntí** He said with a smile: “No problem!”

我只吃了一口。 **wǒ zhǐ chī le yì kǒu** I only had one bite.

dialogue music in the park

anna 小明，你听！那边有音乐。
Xiǎomíng nǐ tīng nàbiān yǒu yīnyuè · Xiaoming, listen! There’s music over there.

xiaoming 是我奶奶！她每个周末都在这儿一边听音乐，一边跳舞。
shì wǒ nǎinai tā měi gè zhōumò dōu zài zhèr yìbiān tīng yīnyuè yìbiān tiàowǔ · It’s my grandma! Every weekend she dances here to music.

anna 奶奶跳得真好，大家都很开心！
nǎinai tiào de zhēn hǎo dàjiā dōu hěn kāixīn · Grandma dances so well, and everyone looks so happy!

grandma 安娜，来！跟我们一起跳吧！
Ānnà lái gēn wǒmen yìqǐ tiào ba · Anna, come on! Dance with us!

anna 我只跳过一回……好吧，我试一下！
wǒ zhǐ tiào guo yì huí hǎo ba wǒ shì yíxià · I’ve only danced once before… oh, all right, I’ll give it a go!

xiaoming 我奶奶很热情吧？在这个公园，她是一个“名人”。
wǒ nǎinai hěn rèqíng ba zài zhège gōngyuán tā shì yí gè míngrén · My grandma’s really outgoing, isn’t she? In this park she’s a bit of a celebrity.

grandma 安娜跳得不错！再跳一遍！
Ānnà tiào de búcuò zài tiào yí biàn · Anna’s not bad at all! Once more, from the top!

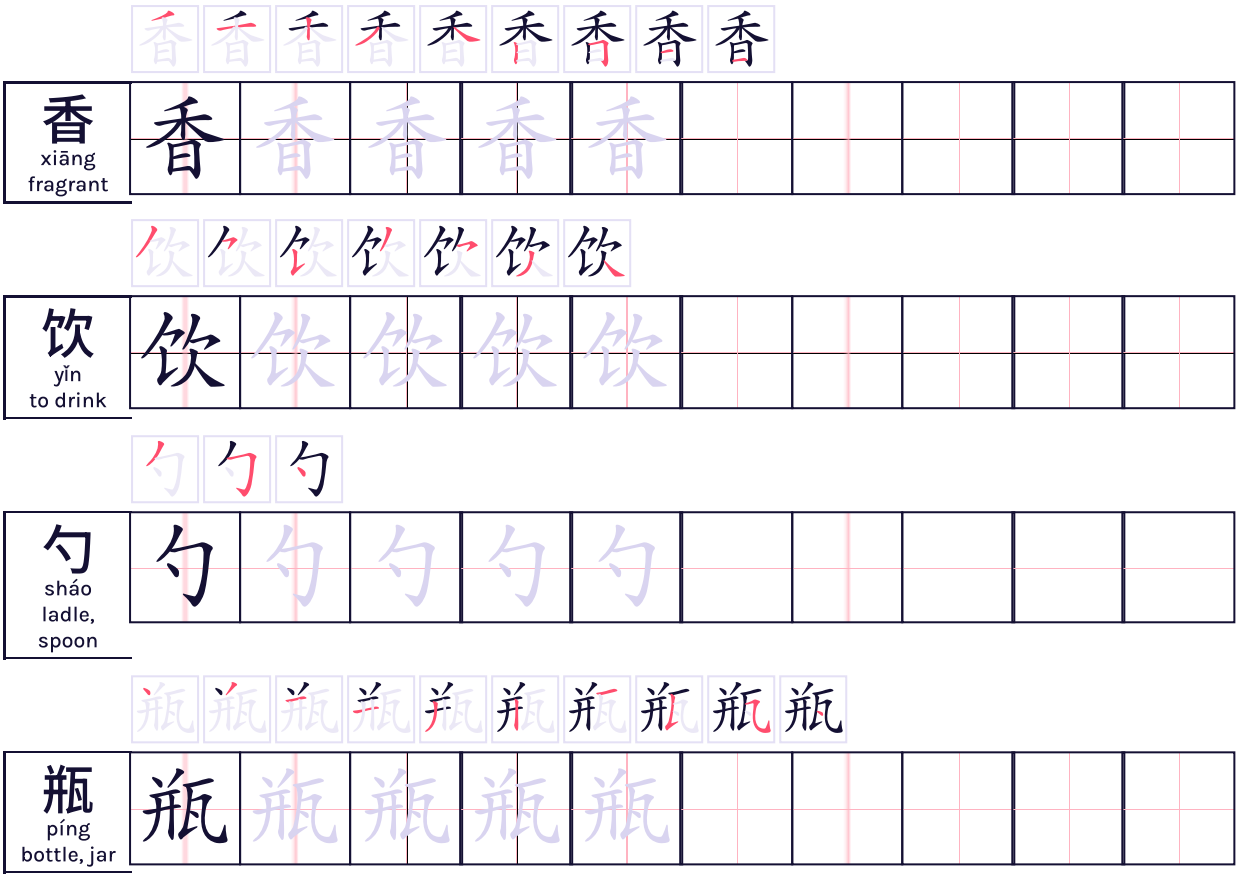
anna 奶奶，我累坏了！我们一边喝茶，一边休息吧。
nǎinai wǒ lèi huài le wǒmen yìbiān hē chá yìbiān xiūxi ba · Grandma, I’m worn out! Let’s have some tea and rest.

grandma 好！我有一个可爱的故事，你想听吗？
hǎo wǒ yǒu yí gè kěài de gùshi nǐ xiǎng tīng ma · All right! I’ve got a sweet story: want to hear it?

xiaoming 又是那个故事？我听了一百遍了！
yòu shì nàge gùshi wǒ tīng le yìbǎi biàn le · That story again? I’ve heard it a hundred times!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

瓜 guā melon



good to know · 请再说一遍 “please say it again” is one of the most useful lines for a learner. Use it without shame! In Chinese parks, groups dance together most mornings and evenings to music from a portable speaker: 广场舞, “square dancing”. New at HSK 3: 回 “go back” is also a measure word for times, like 次: 我来过两回, I’ve been twice.

Two things at once, the same story for the hundredth time: you can share the fun parts of life in Chinese now.
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day 18 mission: dinner for friends

Chinese HSK 3 in 36 days
unit 3 · food, shopping & fun

Shop for a dinner, get ready, host your friends at the table and keep the evening going with games and stories.

Inviting people home is a big step in any friendship, and this mission uses everything from days 13 to 17.

chapter 1 1. shopping for dinner

anna 刘阿姨，晚上我请朋友来家里吃饭。我们买什么？
Liúāyí wǎnshang wǒ qǐng péngyou lái jiā lǐ chī fàn wǒmen mǎi shénme · Auntie Liu, I've invited friends over for dinner tonight. What should we buy?

auntie liu 先买鱼吧。你看，这些鱼新鲜极了！
xiān mǎi yú ba nǐ kàn zhèxiē yú xīnxiān jí le · Fish first. Look, this fish is super fresh!

anna 好。再买两斤鸡肉，一斤牛肉。小陈不吃羊肉，羊肉就不买了。
hǎo zài mǎi liǎng jīn jī ròu yì jīn niú ròu XiǎoChén bù chī yáng ròu yáng ròu jiù bù mǎi le · OK. And two jin of chicken and one jin of beef. Xiao Chen doesn't eat lamb, so we'll skip the lamb.

auntie liu 你们几个人？四个人的话，做三四个菜就可以了。我对吃的要求不高，简单一点儿就好。
nǐmen jǐ gè rén sì gè rén dehuà zuò sānsì gè cài jiù kěyǐ le wǒ duì chī de yāoqiú bù gāo jiǎndān yìdiǎnr jiù hǎo · How many of you? For four people, three or four dishes will do. I'm not fussy about food: simple is fine.

anna 我还想买一个西瓜，饭后吃。
wǒ hái xiǎng mǎi yí gè xīguā fàn hòu chī · I'd like a watermelon too, for after the meal.

auntie liu 你看那儿写着："西瓜两元五角一斤，十斤以上两元一斤。"这个大概有八斤，很甜。
nǐ kàn nàr xiě zhe xīguā liǎng yuán wǔ jiǎo yì jīn shí jīn yǐshàng liǎng yuán yì jīn zhège dàgài yǒu bā jīn hěn tián · Look, the sign there says: "Watermelon 2.50 yuan a jin; over 10 jin, 2 yuan a jin." This one is about eight jin, and very sweet.

anna 再买一些香蕉吧。一公斤多少钱？
zài mǎi yìxiē xiāngjiāo ba yì gōngjīn duōshao qián · Let's get some bananas too. How much is a kilo?

auntie liu 在这儿买东西，大家都说"斤"，不说"公斤"。香蕉三块八毛一斤，这种比那种便宜两毛。
zài zhèr mǎi dōngxi dàjiā dōu shuō jīn bù shuō gōngjīn xiāngjiāo sān kuài bā máo yì jīn zhè zhǒng bǐ nà zhǒng piányi liǎng máo · Round here everyone says "jin", not "kilo". Bananas are 3.80 a jin, and this kind is twenty cents cheaper than that one.

anna 啊，我把手机忘在家里了，只带了银行卡和信用卡。这儿能刷卡吗？
a wǒ bǎ shǒujī wàng zài jiā lǐ le zhǐ dài le yínhángkǎ hé xìnyòngkǎ zhèr néng shuā kǎ ma · Oh, I've left my phone at home and only brought my cards. Can I pay by card here?

auntie liu 小店一般不收卡。没关系，一共一百零五块。我先给吧，你回家再还我。
xiǎo diàn yìbān bù shōu kǎ méi guānxi yígòng yìbǎilíngwǔ kuài wǒ xiān gěi ba nǐ huí jiā zài huán wǒ · Little stalls don't usually take cards. Never mind: 105 yuan in all. I'll pay for now; you can pay me back at home.

chapter 2 2. what shall i wear?

anna 小明，你说我穿这件衬衫还是那条裙子？
Xiǎomíng nǐ shuō wǒ chuān zhè jiàn chènshān háishi nà tiáo qúnzi · Xiaoming, should I wear this shirt or that skirt, do you think?

xiaoming 在家里吃饭，简单一点儿就好。
zài jiā lǐ chī fàn jiǎndān yìdiǎnr jiù hǎo · It's dinner at home: keep it simple.

anna 那我穿蓝衬衫吧，它比裙子更方便。那条裙子有点儿短。可是这件衬衫有点儿旧了。
nà wǒ chuān lán chènshān ba tā bǐ qúnzi gèng fāngbiàn nà tiáo qúnzi yǒudiǎnr duǎn kěshì zhè jiàn chènshān yǒudiǎnr jiù le · Then I'll wear the blue shirt: it's more practical than the skirt, which is a bit short. But this shirt is getting a bit worn.

anna 上个星期我买了一件黄色的上衣，大小跟这件衬衫一样，很合适，不大不小。
shàng gè xīngqī wǒ mǎi le yí jiàn huángsè de shàngyī dàxiǎo gēn zhè jiàn chènshān yíyàng hěn héshì bú dà bù xiǎo · Last week I bought a yellow top. It's the same size as this shirt and fits well: not too big, not too small.

xiaoming 那就穿黄色的吧。你试的时候，我觉得它比蓝的还好看。
nà jiù chuān huángsè de ba nǐ shì de shíhou wǒ juéde tā bǐ lán de hái hǎokàn · Then wear the yellow one. When you tried it on, I thought it looked even better than the blue.

anna 好，就选它了！今天天气怎么样？我穿哪双鞋？
hǎo jiù xuǎn tā le jīntiān tiānqì zěnmeyàng wǒ chuān nǎ shuāng xié · OK, that's the one! What's the weather like today? Which shoes should I wear?

xiaoming 今天不比昨天热，外面还刮风。别穿短裤，我也得穿大衣。
jīntiān bù bǐ zuótiān rè wàimiàn hái guā fēng bié chuān duǎnkù wǒ yě děi chuān dàyī · It's no warmer than yesterday, and it's windy out. No shorts: I'll need my coat too.

xiaoming 我带什么？带一瓶饮料，还是一个蛋糕？
wǒ dài shénme dài yì píng yǐnliào háishi yí gè dàngāo · What shall I bring? A bottle of something to drink, or a cake?

anna 带蛋糕吧！小陈不喝酒，他说带矿泉水。
dài dàngāo ba XiǎoChén bù hē jiǔ tā shuō dài kuàngquánshuǐ · Bring a cake! Xiao Chen doesn't drink alcohol; he says he'll bring mineral water.

xiaoming 好的。要下雨了，我还要带雨衣。对了，你家是几零几？我只知道在十二层。
hǎo de yào xià yǔ le wǒ hái yào dài yǔyī duì le nǐ jiā shì jǐ líng jǐ wǒ zhǐ zhīdào zài shíèr céng · OK. It's going to rain, so I'll bring my raincoat too. By the way, what's your flat number? I only know it's on the twelfth floor.

anna 1203。七点一刻见！
qī diǎn yí kè jiàn · 1203. See you at a quarter past seven!

chapter 3 3. dinner is served

anna 欢迎欢迎！快来坐。就差小陈了。
huānyíng huānyíng kuài lái zuò jiù chà XiǎoChén le · Welcome, welcome! Come and sit down. We're only waiting for Xiao Chen.

xiao chen 我来了！路上下雨，我跑着来的。
wǒ lái le lùshang xià yǔ wǒ pǎo zhe lái de · Here I am! It was raining on the way, so I ran all the way here.

anna 这是筷子，这是盘子和碗。你们渴吗？桌子上有两瓶矿泉水，喝完的瓶子放在门口吧。
zhè shì kuàizi zhè shì pánzi hé wǎn nǐmen kě ma zhuōzi shàng yǒu liǎng píng kuàngquánshuǐ hē wán de píngzi fàng zài ménkǒu ba · Here are chopsticks, and plates and bowls. Are you thirsty? There are two bottles of mineral water on the table; just leave the empty bottles by the door.

xiao chen 这么多菜！我饿极了。今天的菜单上还有什么？
zhème duō cài wǒ è jí le jīntiān de càidān shàng hái yǒu shénme · So many dishes! I'm starving. What else is on today's menu?

anna 还有一个鸡肉菜，马上就好。没什么菜，你们慢慢吃。
hái yǒu yí gè jī ròu cài mǎshàng jiù hǎo méi shénme cài nǐmen màn màn chī · There's a chicken dish still to come. It's nothing much: take your time and enjoy it.

anna 刘阿姨，您先尝一口鱼。
Liúāyí nín xiān cháng yì kǒu yú · Auntie Liu, you have the first taste of the fish.

auntie liu 好吃得很！安娜，这个菜是我教你做的吧？
hǎochī de hěn Ānnà zhège cài shì wǒ jiāo nǐ zuò de ba · Really good! Anna, I taught you this one, didn't I?

xiaoming 菜个个都好吃，比饭馆的还好吃！
cài gè gè dōu hǎochī bǐ fànguǎn de hái hǎochī · Every dish is great: even better than a restaurant!

xiao chen 对！你家的服务也比饭馆好。我平时一个人，总是吃方便面或者点外卖，以后天天来你家！
duì nǐ jiā de fúwù yě bǐ fànguǎn hǎo wǒ píngshí yí gè rén zǒngshì chī fāngbiànmiàn huòzhě diǎn wàimài yǐhòu tiān tiān lái nǐ jiā · So true! And the service is better than a restaurant's. I'm on my own most of the time, always eating instant noodles or ordering takeaway: from now on I'm coming here every day!

xiao chen 安娜，有勺子吗？这个菜用勺子吃更方便。
Ānnà yǒu sháozi ma zhège cài yòng sháozi chī gèng fāngbiàn · Anna, is there a spoon? This dish is easier with a spoon.

anna 给你。你们满意吗？还要米饭吗？
gěi nǐ nǐmen mǎnyì ma hái yào mǐfàn ma · Here you are. Is everyone happy? More rice?

auntie liu 不要了，我吃饱了，谢谢！
búyào le wǒ chī bǎo le xièxie · No more, thanks: I'm full!

xiaoming 小陈比我多吃了两碗米饭，他一定饱得很！
XiǎoChén bǐ wǒ duō chī le liǎng wǎn mǐfàn tā yídìng bǎo de hěn · Xiao Chen has had two more bowls of rice than me: he must be stuffed!

chapter 4 4. something sweet

xiaoming 我带的蛋糕来了！大家尝尝，甜不甜?
wǒ dài de dàngāo lái le dàjiā cháng chang tián bu tián · Here's the cake I brought! Have a taste: is it sweet?

auntie liu 蛋糕里的糖不多，不太甜，我很喜欢。
dàngāo lǐ de táng bù duō bú tài tián wǒ hěn xǐhuan · There isn't much sugar in it, so it's not too sweet. I love it.

anna 冰箱里还有冰激凌和西瓜。你们喝茶吗？要加糖吗?
bīngxiāng lǐ hái yǒu bīngjīlíng hé xīguā nǐmen hē chá ma yào jiā táng ma · There's ice cream and watermelon in the fridge too. Would you like some tea? With sugar?

auntie liu 好，喝茶。我们中国人喝茶不加糖！你们坐着吃吧，我来洗碗。
hǎo hē chá wǒmen Zhōngguó rén hē chá bù jiā táng nǐmen zuò zhe chī ba wǒ lái xǐ wǎn · Tea, yes please. We Chinese don't put sugar in tea! You all stay sitting and eat; I'll do the washing-up.

anna 不用不用！阿姨，谢谢您借给我这么多盘子和碗，明天我还给您。
búyòng búyòng āyí xièxie nín jiè gěi wǒ zhème duō pánzi hé wǎn míngtiān wǒ huán gěi nín · No, no! Auntie, thank you for lending me so many plates and bowls; I'll give them back tomorrow.

auntie liu 什么时候还都可以。你的朋友个个都这么热情，我今天特别开心。
shénme shíhou huán dōu kěyǐ nǐ de péngyou gè gè dōu zhème rèqíng wǒ jīntiān tèbié kāixīn · Whenever suits you. Your friends are all so warm; I've had a lovely time today.

xiao chen 我吃了一大口冰激凌，太冷了！
wǒ chī le yí dà kǒu bīngjīlíng tài lěng le · I just ate a big mouthful of ice cream: so cold!

xiaoming 你慢一点儿！这么大的西瓜，我们只吃了一半。
nǐ màn yìdiǎnr zhème dà de xīguā wǒmen zhǐ chī le yíbàn · Slow down! A watermelon this big, and we've only eaten half.

chapter 5 5. games and stories

xiao chen 我们一边吃西瓜，一边玩游戏吧！
wǒmen yìbiān chī xīguā yìbiān wán yóuxì ba · Let's play a game while we eat the watermelon!

xiaoming 好！我先放一点儿音乐。这儿有好多张卡，每张卡上写着一个名人的名字。
hǎo wǒ xiān fàng yìdiǎnr yīnyuè zhèr yǒu hǎoduō zhāng kǎ měi zhāng kǎ shàng xiě zhe yí gè míngrén de míngzi · Great! I'll put on some music first. Here's a pile of cards, and each card has a famous person's name on it.

auntie liu 这个音乐真好听。我年轻的时候在一所学校工作，天天唱这个歌。
zhège yīnyuè zhēn hǎotīng wǒ niánqīng de shíhou zài yì suǒ xuéxiào gōngzuò tiān tiān chàng zhège gē · This music is lovely. When I was young I worked at a school, and I sang this song every day.

anna 阿姨，您唱一遍吧！
āyí nín chàng yí biàn ba · Auntie, sing it for us!

auntie liu 好吧……
hǎo ba · All right then…

xiao chen 阿姨的声音太好听了！再唱一遍！
āyí de shēngyīn tài hǎotīng le zài chàng yí biàn · Auntie, what a voice! Sing it again!

auntie liu 不唱了，不唱了！我告诉你们这个歌的故事吧。这个歌很有名。写这个歌的人以前是个画家，后来变成了名人。
bú chàng le bú chàng le wǒ gàosu nǐmen zhège gē de gùshi ba zhège gē hěn yǒumíng xiě zhège gē de rén yǐqián shì gè huàjiā hòulái biànchéng le míngrén · No more singing! Let me tell you the story of this song instead. It's a famous song. The man who wrote it used to be a painter; later he became a celebrity.

xiaoming 我只听过一回，可是很喜欢。听说阿姨在公园跳舞跳得很好，给我们跳一个吧！
wǒ zhǐ tīng guo yì huí kěshì hěn xǐhuan tīngshuō āyí zài gōngyuán tiàowǔ tiào de hěn hǎo gěi wǒmen tiào yí gè ba · I've only heard it once, but I love it. I hear you dance beautifully in the park, Auntie: give us a dance!

auntie liu 你们真可爱！太晚了，下次吧。
nǐmen zhēn kěài tài wǎn le xià cì ba · You lot are lovely! It's too late now: next time.

anna 今天大家都很开心。谢谢你们来！到家了跟我说一声！
jīntiān dàjiā dōu hěn kāixīn xièxie nǐmen lái dào jiā le gēn wǒ shuō yì shēng · Everyone's had such a happy time today. Thank you all for coming! Let me know when you get home!

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