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day 15 how do you feel?

Chinese HSK 4 in 69 days
unit 3 · feelings & friendship

Say how you feel, from happy to fed up, and how strongly.

When you look down, Chinese friends ask 你怎么了？ Now you can really answer.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
厉害	lìhai	awesome; severe, terrible	你的汉语说得真厉害！ Your Chinese is really impressive!
死	sǐ	to die; extremely (…死了)	今天热死了，我们去吃冰激凌吧。 It's boiling today. Let's go and get ice cream.
故意	gùyì	on purpose	对不起，我不是故意的。 Sorry, I didn't mean to.
互相	hùxiāng	each other	好朋友应该互相帮助。 Good friends should help each other.
相互	xiānghù	mutual; each other	两个国家的学生相互学习。 Students from the two countries learn from each other.
心	xīn	heart; mind	她学汉语很用心，每天都练习。 She puts her heart into learning Chinese and practises every day.
心情	xīnqíng	mood	今天天气很好，我的心情也很好。 The weather's lovely today, and so is my mood.
感觉	gǎnjué	feeling; to feel	你现在感觉怎么样? How are you feeling now?
感受	gǎnshòu	to experience, feel; impressions	我想感受一下北京的冬天。 I want to experience a Beijing winter.
激动	jīdòng	excited, deeply moved	听到这个消息，他十分激动。 When he heard the news, he was really excited.
兴奋	xīngfèn	excited, thrilled	明天去旅游，孩子们兴奋极了。 We're going on a trip tomorrow, and the kids are thrilled.
愉快	yúkuài	happy, pleasant	祝你周末愉快！ Have a great weekend!
幸福	xìngfú	happiness; happy (in life)	他们一家人生活得很幸福。 Their family has a happy life.
伤心	shāngxīn	sad, heartbroken	小狗丢了，妹妹伤心得哭了。 The puppy got lost, and my little sister cried her eyes out.
失望	shīwàng	disappointed	他没来我的生日晚会，我有点儿失望。 He didn't come to my birthday party; I was a bit disappointed.
烦	fán	annoyed; to bother	别烦我，我在准备考试呢。 Stop bugging me, I'm studying for an exam.

烦恼	fánnǎo	worried; worries	每个人都有自己的烦恼。 Everyone has their own worries.
受不了	shòubuliǎo	can't stand	这么热的天气，我真受不了。 I really can't stand weather this hot.

pattern extremely: 累死了, 疼得厉害

feeling / adjective + 死了 or + 得厉害

Put 死了 after an adjective or a feeling to say "extremely", in a casual, dramatic way: 饿死了 I'm starving. 得厉害 says the same about something strong, often unpleasant: 疼得厉害 it really hurts. Both go after the word, not before it like 很. 故意 (on purpose) and 互相 / 相互 (each other) go before the verb.

饿死了，我们去吃饭吧！ **è sǐ le wǒmen qù chī fàn ba** I'm starving. Let's go and eat!

外面冷得厉害，多穿一件衣服吧。 **wàimiàn lěng de lìhai duō chuān yí jiàn yīfu ba** It's freezing outside. Put on another layer.

听说你要来，妹妹高兴死了。 **tīngshuō nǐ yào lái mèimei gāoxìng sǐ le** My sister was over the moon when she heard you were coming.

他故意不接我的电话。 **tā gùyì bù jiē wǒ de diànhuà** He's not answering my calls on purpose.

好朋友应该互相帮助。 **hǎo péngyou yīnggāi hùxiāng bāngzhù** Good friends should help each other.

dialogue a bad day for xiaoming

anna 小明，你怎么了？今天心情不好吗？
Xiǎomíng nǐ zěnme le jīntiān xīnqíng bù hǎo ma · Xiaoming, what's up? Are you in a bad mood today?

xiaoming 找工作找得我烦死了。今天又有一家公司说不要我。
zhǎo gōngzuò zhǎo de wǒ fán sǐ le jīntiān yòu yǒu yì jiā gōngsī shuō búyào wǒ · I'm so fed up with job hunting. Another company turned me down today.

anna 别伤心，也别把这件事放在心上。你找了多长时间了？
bié shāngxīn yě bié bǎ zhè jiàn shì fàng zài xīn shàng nǐ zhǎo le duō cháng shíjiān le · Don't be down, and don't take it to heart. How long have you been looking?

xiaoming 三个月了。我真的有点儿失望，头也疼得厉害。
sān gè yuè le wǒ zhēn de yǒudiǎnr shīwàng tóu yě téng de lìhai · Three months. I'm honestly a bit disappointed, and I've got a terrible headache.

anna 我知道你的感受。我去年找工作的时候，也找了很久。
wǒ zhīdào nǐ de gǎnshòu wǒ qùnián zhǎo gōngzuò de shíhou yě zhǎo le hěn jiǔ · I know how you feel. When I was job hunting last year, it took me ages too.

xiaoming 有时候我真受不了，觉得别人都比我厉害。
yǒu shíhou wǒ zhēn shòubuliǎo juéde biérén dōu bǐ wǒ lìhai · Sometimes I just can't take it. Everyone else seems better than me.

anna 每个人都有自己的烦恼。走，我请你吃饭！好朋友就应该相互帮助。
měi gè rén dōu yǒu zìjǐ de fánnǎo zǒu wǒ qǐng nǐ chī fàn hǎo péngyou jiù yīnggāi xiānghù bāngzhù · Everyone has their own worries. Come on, dinner's on me! Good friends help each other.

xiaoming 谢谢你，安娜。有你这样的朋友，我真幸福。跟你聊完，我的感觉好多了。
xièxie nǐ Ānnà yǒu nǐ zhèyàng de péngyou wǒ zhēn xìngfú gēn nǐ liáo wán wǒ de gǎnjué hǎo duō le · Thanks, Anna. I'm lucky to have a friend like you. I feel much better after talking to you.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · 死了 and 烦死了 are fine with friends and family. In a meeting or a job interview, say 非常 or 十分 instead. 互相 always goes before the verb: 互相帮助 help each other, 互相学习 learn from each other.

From “a bit down” to “dead tired”, you can now say how you really feel, and cheer up a friend.
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day 16 what on earth?

Press for the real answer, act surprised, and tell when someone's only joking.

到底, 难道 and 原来 are everywhere in real conversations, films and messages.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
究竟	jiūjìng	what on earth; after all	这究竟是谁的手机? Whose phone is this, exactly?
到底	dàodǐ	on earth; in the end	你到底去不去?快告诉我吧! Are you going or not? Just tell me!
难道	nándào	surely … not? (you mean …?)	难道你不认识我了吗? Don't tell me you don't recognise me!
并	bìng	(not) at all; and	这个题并不难,你再想想。 This question isn't hard at all. Think again.
吃惊	chījīng	surprised, shocked	听说他要搬到上海去,我们都很吃惊。 We were all surprised to hear he's moving to Shanghai.
怀疑	huáiyí	to doubt, suspect	我怀疑这个消息不是真的。 I doubt this news is true.
猜	cāi	to guess	你猜猜,我给你带了什么? Guess what I brought you!
原来	yuánlái	originally; so that's why	原来是你!我还以为是小刘呢。 Oh, it's you! I thought it was Xiao Liu.
原因	yuányīn	reason, cause	他迟到的原因是什么? Why was he late?
后悔	hòuhuǐ	to regret	我很后悔那天没跟他说对不起。 I really regret not saying sorry to him that day.
可惜	kěxī	a pity, too bad	真可惜,你昨天没来,晚会非常有意思。 Such a pity you didn't come yesterday. The party was great fun.
讨厌	tǎoyàn	to dislike; annoying	我最讨厌下雨天出门。 I hate going out on rainy days.
气	qì	air; anger; to annoy	他又迟到了,真气人! He's late again. So annoying!
实在	shízài	really, honestly	我实在太累了,今天不去了。 I'm honestly too tired. I'm not going today.
老是	lǎoshì	always (annoyingly)	你怎么老是忘带钥匙? How come you always forget your keys?
好笑	hǎoxiào	funny; ridiculous	这个故事太好笑了! This story is so funny!
笑话	xiàohua	joke; to laugh at	他给我们讲了一个笑话。 He told us a joke.
开玩笑	kāiwánxiào	to joke, kid	别生气,我是跟你开玩笑的。 Don't be cross, I was only kidding.

pattern surely not? 难道……吗?

难道 | what you can't believe | 吗?

难道……吗? turns a statement into a surprised "surely not?". The speaker already expects the answer "no": 难道你忘了吗? Don't tell me you forgot! 到底 and 究竟 push for the real answer instead, and never go with 吗. 才, 就 and 还 can add emphasis too: 我才不去呢 (no way am I going), 他就是不听 (he just won't listen), 他还真来了 (he really did come).

难道你不认识我了吗? **nándào nǐ bú rènshi wǒ le ma** Don't tell me you don't recognise me!

难道他又忘了吗? **nándào tā yòu wàng le ma** Surely he hasn't forgotten again?

你到底喜欢不喜欢这个礼物? **nǐ dàodǐ xǐhuan bù xǐhuan zhège lǐwù** Do you actually like this present or not?

这么冷的天，我才不去游泳呢！ **zhème lěng de tiān wǒ cái bú qù yóuyǒng ne** In weather this cold? No way am I going swimming!

我说了很多次，他就是不听。 **wǒ shuō le hěn duō cì tā jiùshì bù tīng** I've told him so many times, but he just won't listen.

我以为他不会来，他还真来了！ **wǒ yǐwéi tā bú huì lái tā hái zhēn lái le** I didn't think he'd come, but he really did!

dialogue what's up with xiaoming?

anna 你哥哥最近到底怎么了？老是不回我的消息。
nǐ gēge zuìjìn dàodǐ zěnme le lǎoshì bù huí wǒ de xiāoxi · What on earth is up with your brother lately? He never answers my messages.

little sister 什么？他不是很忙吗？
shénme tā bú shì hěn máng ma · What? Isn't he just busy?

anna 难道他在生我的气吗？我怀疑是我做错了什么。
nándào tā zài shēng wǒ de qì ma wǒ huáiyí shì wǒ zuò cuò le shénme · Surely he isn't angry with me? I suspect I did something wrong.

little sister 我猜他并没有生气。他昨天还说你是他最好的朋友呢。
wǒ cāi tā bìng méiyǒu shēngqì tā zuótiān hái shuō nǐ shì tā zuìhǎo de péngyou ne · I bet he isn't angry at all. Only yesterday he said you're his best friend.

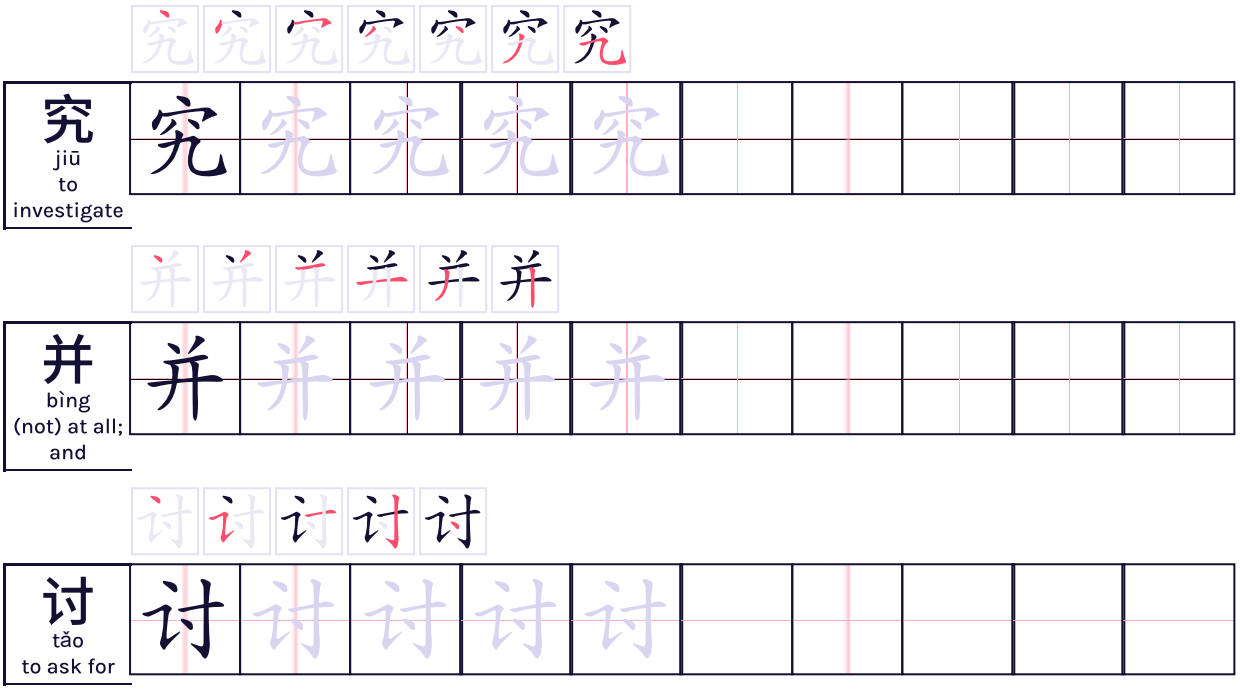
anna 那他究竟为什么不跟我说话？我实在想不明白。
nà tā jiūjìng wèi shénme bù gēn wǒ shuōhuà wǒ shízài xiǎng bu míngbai · Then why exactly won't he talk to me? I honestly can't work it out.

little sister 嗯……这个原因我不能告诉任何人。
ǹg zhège yuányīn wǒ bù néng gàosu rènhé rén · Hmm… the reason is something I can't tell anyone.

anna 原来你知道！你真讨厌，快说！
yuánlái nǐ zhīdào nǐ zhēn tǎoyàn kuài shuō · So you do know! You're awful. Tell me!

little sister 我就不告诉你！我是跟你开玩笑的。过几天你就知道了，你一定会很吃惊的。
wǒ jiù bú gàosu nǐ wǒ shì gēn nǐ kāi wánxiào de guò jǐ tiān nǐ jiù zhīdào le nǐ yídìng huì hěn chījīng de · I'm just not telling you! I'm only teasing. You'll find out in a few days, and you'll be so surprised.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · 到底 and 究竟 both mean “what on earth, exactly”. 究竟 is more formal and written; neither goes with 吗: 你到底去不去？ 一下 can also mean “all at once, in a flash”: 我一下就明白了, I got it straight away.

Now you can dig for the truth, sound properly surprised, and laugh it off when it’s a joke.
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day 17 what do you think?

Give your opinion, agree or disagree politely, and say “let me think about it”.

Big decisions in China are often talked over with family and friends. Now you can join in.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
尽管	jǐnguǎn	although; feel free to	尽管很累，她还是坚持跑步。 Although she’s tired, she keeps up her running.
然而	ránér	however	他很努力，然而还是没有通过考试。 He worked hard; however, he still didn’t pass the exam.
看法	kànfǎ	view, opinion	你对这件事有什么看法? What’s your view on this?
想法	xiǎngfǎ	idea, way of thinking	这个想法不错，我们试试吧。 That’s a good idea. Let’s try it.
说法	shuōfǎ	way of saying; version, claim	这只是一种说法，不一定是真的。 That’s only one version; it isn’t necessarily true.
主意	zhǔyi	idea, plan	我有一个好主意! I’ve got a good idea!
考虑	kǎolǜ	to consider, think over	这件事我要考虑一下。 I need to think this over.
商量	shāngliang	to discuss, talk over	我们商量一下周末去哪儿吧。 Let’s talk about where to go this weekend.
谈	tán	to talk, discuss	我想跟你谈谈工作的事。 I’d like to talk with you about work.
反对	fǎnduì	to oppose, be against	爸爸妈妈不反对我出国留学。 My parents aren’t against me studying abroad.
支持	zhīchí	to support	你想做什么，我都支持你。 Whatever you want to do, I’ll support you.
肯定	kěndìng	sure; certainly	他肯定会来的，别担心。 He’ll definitely come, don’t worry.
表示	biǎoshì	to express, show	我想送她一件礼物，表示感谢。 I’d like to give her a present to say thank you.
理解	lǐjiě	to understand	我理解你的心情。 I understand how you feel.
接受	jiēshòu	to accept	他接受了我们的邀请。 He accepted our invitation.
复杂	fùzá	complicated	这个问题太复杂了，我们慢慢谈。 This is too complicated. Let’s talk it through slowly.
再说	zàishuō	besides; deal with it later	今天太晚了，再说外面还在下雨，你别走了。 It’s too late, and besides, it’s still raining. Don’t go.

面对	miànduì	to face	我们要面对问题，不能害怕。 We have to face the problem, not be afraid of it.

pattern although: 尽管……，但是……

尽管 | a fact | ，但是 / 可是 | what happens anyway

尽管 means “although”. It starts the first half; 但是 or 可是 (often with 还是 or 却) starts the second half: what happens anyway. It’s a little stronger and more written than 虽然. 然而 “however” starts a second sentence, mostly in writing.

尽管工作很忙，但是她每天都学习汉语。 **jǐnguǎn gōngzuò hěn máng dànshì tā měi tiān dōu xuéxí Hànyǔ** Although work is busy, she studies Chinese every day.

尽管我们是好朋友，可是我们的看法常常不同。 **jǐnguǎn wǒmen shì hǎo péngyou kěshì wǒmen de kànfǎ chángcháng bù tóng** Although we’re good friends, we often see things differently.

他准备了很长时间，然而最后还是失败了。 **tā zhǔnbèi le hěn cháng shíjiān ránér zuìhòu háishi shībài le** He prepared for a long time; however, in the end he still failed.

dialogue a job in shanghai?

xiaoming 安娜，上海的一家公司给了我一个工作机会！我想跟你谈谈。
Ānnà Shànghǎi de yì jiā gōngsī gěi le wǒ yí gè gōngzuò jīhuì wǒ xiǎng gēn nǐ tán tan · Anna, a company in Shanghai has offered me a job! I’d like to talk it over with you.

anna 太好了！你肯定很高兴吧?
tài hǎo le nǐ kěndìng hěn gāoxìng ba · That’s great! You must be thrilled!

xiaoming 尽管我很高兴，但是我妈妈反对我去上海。事情有点儿复杂。
jǐnguǎn wǒ hěn gāoxìng dànshì wǒ māma fǎnduì wǒ qù Shànghǎi shìqing yǒudiǎnr fùzá · I am, but my mum is against me going to Shanghai. It’s a bit complicated.

anna 她的想法是什么?
tā de xiǎngfǎ shì shénme · What does she think?

xiaoming 她觉得上海太远了。我爸爸却支持我去，还表示会帮我找房子。
tā juéde Shànghǎi tài yuǎn le wǒ bàba què zhīchí wǒ qù hái biǎoshì huì bāng wǒ zhǎo fángzi · She thinks Shanghai is too far. My dad, though, is all for it, and he’s even offered to help me find a flat.

anna 我理解你妈妈的心情。上海的机会很好，然而离家太远，她当然会担心。再说，你在北京也有很多机会。
wǒ lǐjiě nǐ māma de xīnqíng Shànghǎi de jīhuì hěn hǎo ránér lí jiā tài yuǎn tā dāngrán huì dānxīn zàishuō nǐ zài Běijīng yě yǒu hěn duō jīhuì · I understand how your mum feels. Shanghai is a great opportunity; however, it’s a long way from home, so of course she worries. Besides, you have lots of chances in Beijing too.

xiaoming 你的意思是，你也不想让我去?
nǐ de yìsi shì nǐ yě bù xiǎng ràng wǒ qù · So you don’t want me to go either?

anna 我没这么说。这是你要面对的事，你要自己认真考虑。
wǒ méi zhème shuō zhè shì nǐ yào miànduì de shì nǐ yào zìjǐ rènzhēn kǎolǜ · I didn’t say that. It’s your decision to face; you need to think it over carefully yourself.

xiaoming 其实，我有点儿不敢一个人去那么远的地方。嗯，我再跟家人商量商量，然后决定接不接受。
qíshí wǒ yǒudiǎnr bù gǎn yí gè rén qù nàme yuǎn de dìfang ng wǒ zài gēn jiārén shāngliang shāngliang ránhòu juédìng jiē bu jiēshòu · Actually, I don’t quite dare to go somewhere so far on my own. Mm. I’ll talk it over with my family again, then decide whether to accept.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



管
guǎn
to be in charge of, look after



量
liáng
to measure



谈
tán
to talk, discuss



支
zhī
to prop up

good to know · 尽管 can also mean “feel free, go ahead”: 有问题尽管问 Ask anything you like. 然而 is written and formal. In conversation people say 但是 or 可是.

You can now share your view, disagree kindly and ask for time to think: real grown-up conversations. Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 18 good friends

Describe a friendship, correct a wrong idea, and invite friends to get together.

Friendships in China often start with a meal or a get-together, and these words keep them going.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
而	ér	and; but; while	哥哥喜欢运动，而妹妹喜欢画画。 The brother loves sport, while the sister loves drawing.
与	yǔ	and; with (written)	这本书讲的是中国与世界的关系。 This book is about China and the world.
友情	yǒuqíng	friendship (the feeling)	我们的友情是从中学开始的。 Our friendship started at secondary school.
友谊	yǒuyì	friendship	我们的友谊已经有十年了。 Our friendship goes back ten years.
友好	yǒuhǎo	friendly	这里的人对外国人很友好。 People here are very friendly to foreigners.
对方	duìfāng	the other person, the other side	朋友之间要尊重对方的想法。 Friends should respect each other's ideas.
共同	gòngtóng	common, shared; together	我们有很多共同的爱好。 We have a lot of hobbies in common.
交流	jiāoliú	to communicate, exchange	我常常用汉语跟中国朋友交流。 I often talk with Chinese friends in Chinese.
聚	jù	to get together	我们好久没聚了，周末出来吃个饭吧。 We haven't got together for ages. Let's have a meal this weekend.
聚会	jùhuì	party, get-together	周六晚上我家有个聚会，你来吗? I'm having people over on Saturday night. Will you come?
陪	péi	to keep someone company, go with	明天我陪你去医院吧。 I'll come to the hospital with you tomorrow.
熟悉	shúxi	familiar; to get to know	我对这个城市还不太熟悉。 I don't know this city very well yet.
适应	shìyìng	to adapt to, get used to	刚来北京的时候，我很不适应这里的冬天。 When I first came to Beijing, I struggled with the winters.
印象	yìnxiàng	impression	你对他的第一印象怎么样? What was your first impression of him?
之间	zhījiān	between, among	朋友之间应该互相帮助。 Friends should help each other.
鼓励	gǔlì	to encourage	老师常常鼓励我们多说汉语。 Our teacher often encourages us to speak more Chinese.
信心	xìnxīn	confidence	别担心，我对你有信心! Don't worry, I believe in you!

尊重	zūnzhòng	to respect	我们应该尊重别人的想法。 We should respect other people's views.

pattern not a but b: 不是……，而是……

不是 A (wrong) ，而是 B (right)

不是A，而是B corrects an idea: it isn't A, it's actually B. 而 is a written "and, but, while"; here it points to the right answer. It also contrasts two people (哥哥喜欢……，而妹妹喜欢……) or joins two qualities: 简单而有用.

他不是不想来，而是太忙了。 **tā bú shì bù xiǎng lái ér shì tài máng le** It's not that he doesn't want to come; he's just too busy.

我学汉语不是为了考试，而是因为我喜欢中国文化。 **wǒ xué Hànyǔ bú shì wèile kǎoshì ér shì yīnwèi wǒ xǐhuan Zhōngguó wénhuà** I learn Chinese not for exams, but because I love Chinese culture.

这不是你一个人的事，而是我们共同的事。 **zhè bú shì nǐ yí gè rén de shì ér shì wǒmen gòngtóng de shì** This isn't just your problem; it's something we share.

dialogue a party for a new neighbour

reporter zhou 安娜，谢谢你请我来参加聚会。
Ānnà xièxie nǐ qǐng wǒ lái cānjiā jùhuì · Anna, thanks for inviting me to your party.

anna 别客气！你刚搬来，我想让你多认识一些朋友。
bié kèqi nǐ gāng bān lái wǒ xiǎng ràng nǐ duō rènshi yìxiē péngyou · Not at all! You've just moved in, and I want you to meet some people.

reporter zhou 你的朋友们都很友好。我对小明的印象特别好。
nǐ de péngyoumen dōu hěn yǒuhǎo wǒ duì Xiǎomíng de yìnxiàng tèbié hǎo · Your friends are all so friendly. I really like Xiaoming.

anna 他是我在北京最好的朋友。我们不是普通朋友，而是像家人一样。
tā shì wǒ zài Běijīng zuìhǎo de péngyou wǒmen bú shì pǔtōng péngyou ér shì xiàng jiārén yíyàng · He's my best friend in Beijing. We're not just friends; we're like family.

reporter zhou 你们是怎么认识的？
nǐmen shì zěnme rènshi de · How did you meet?

anna 我刚来的时候，什么都不熟悉，也不适应这里的生活。是他陪我去办的手机卡。
wǒ gāng lái de shíhou shénme dōu bù shúxi yě bú shìyìng zhèlǐ de shēnghuó shì tā péi wǒ qù bàn de shǒujī kǎ · When I first arrived, nothing was familiar and I wasn't used to life here. He came with me to get a phone card.

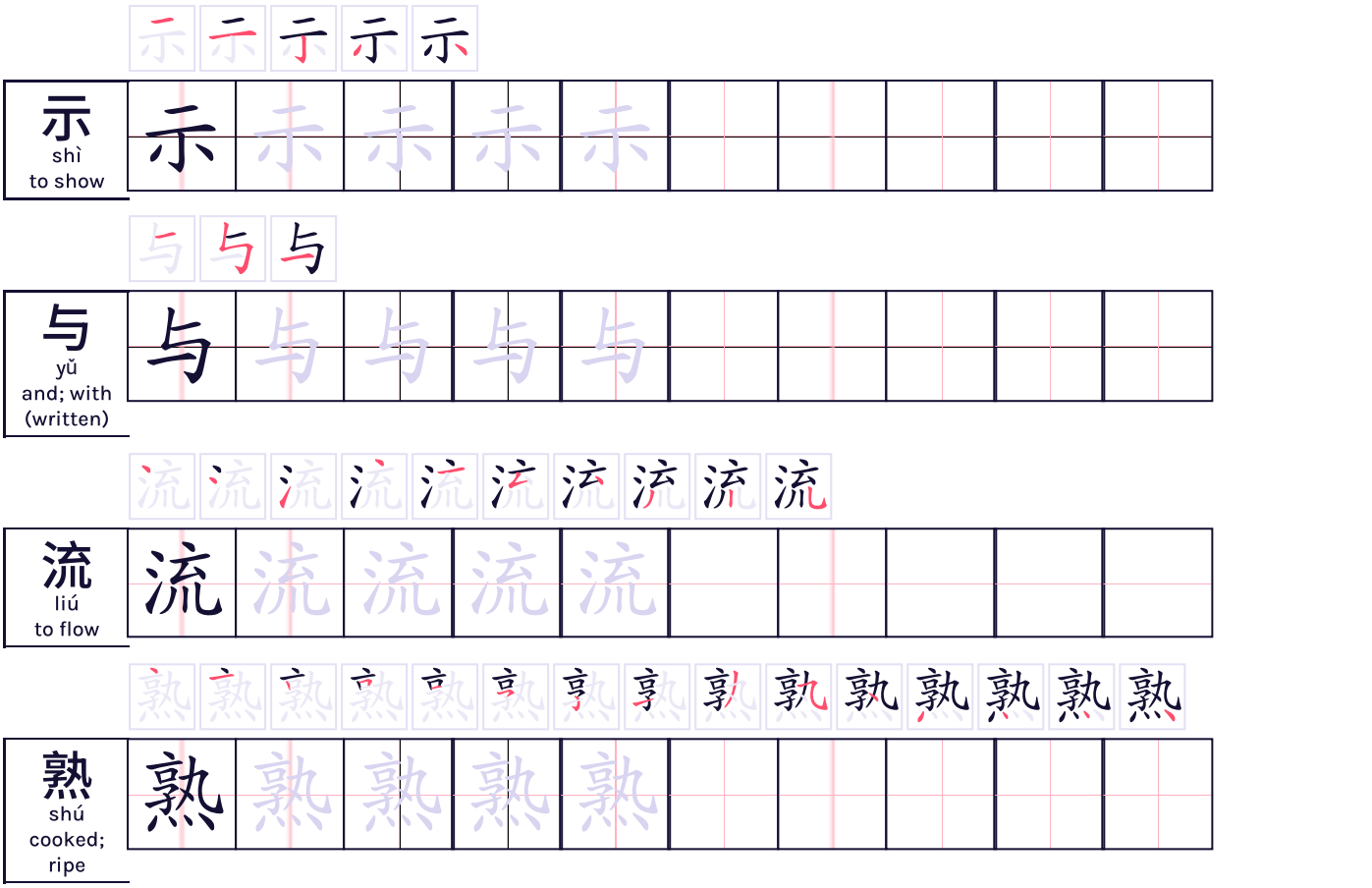
reporter zhou 他一定帮了你很多吧？
tā yídìng bāng le nǐ hěn duō ba · He must have helped you a lot.

anna 是啊。他还常常鼓励我多用汉语跟别人交流。
shì a tā hái chángcháng gǔlì wǒ duō yòng Hànyǔ gēn biérén jiāoliú · He did. And he always encouraged me to speak Chinese with people.

reporter zhou 跟新朋友相比，老朋友更让人放心。
gēn xīn péngyou xiāngbǐ lǎo péngyou gèng ràng rén fàngxīn · Compared with new friends, old friends are someone you can count on.

anna 对。可是新朋友也很重要啊！欢迎你！
duì kěshì xīn péngyou yě hěn zhòngyào a huānyíng nǐ · True. But new friends matter too! Welcome!

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · 关系 can also be a verb: 这关系到你的健康 This affects your health. 间 is also a noun for “between”: 之间, 中间. 朋友之间 means “between friends”. 对 is also a measure word for pairs of people or things: 一对好朋友, a pair of good friends.

Now you can welcome a new friend, say what a friendship means to you, and set the record straight. Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 19 love stories

Talk about a film or book that moved you, and say you had no choice.

Films and stories are the easiest way into a chat, and these words help you say what touched you.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
既	jì	both … (and); since	她既聪明又努力。 She's both clever and hard-working.
不得不	bùdébù	have to, have no choice but	雨太大了，我们不得不回家。 The rain was so heavy we had to go home.
爱情	àiqíng	love (romantic)	这是一个关于爱情的老故事。 It's an old love story.
爱心	àixīn	kindness, a caring heart	她很有爱心，常常帮助老人。 She's very caring and often helps elderly people.
浪漫	làngmàn	romantic	这个电影很浪漫。 This film is very romantic.
约	yuē	to arrange to meet; about	我约了小刘明天一起去爬山。 I've arranged to go hiking with Xiao Liu tomorrow.
约会	yuēhuì	date, appointment	电影里的那个男的第一次约会就迟到了。 In the film, the guy turns up late for their very first date.
抱	bào	to hug, hold in your arms	妹妹抱着大白，不想让它走。 My little sister hugged Dabai and didn't want to let him go.
美好	měihǎo	wonderful, lovely (life, memories)	大学生活是一段美好的回忆。 University life is a lovely memory.
感情	gǎnqíng	feelings; emotional bond	小明和他妹妹的感情很好。 Xiaoming and his sister are very close.
感动	gǎndòng	moved, touched	看到这封信，妈妈感动得哭了。 When Mum read the letter, she was moved to tears.
感人	gǎnrén	moving, touching	这个故事非常感人。 This story is really moving.
内心	nèixīn	inner self, heart	他笑着说没事，其实内心很难过。 He smiled and said he was fine, but inside he was really upset.
失去	shīqù	to lose	别失去信心，你一定能做到。 Don't lose heart. You can definitely do it.
真正	zhēnzhèng	real, true; truly	真正的朋友会在你困难的时候帮助你。 A true friend helps you when things are hard.
一切	yīqiè	everything, all	谢谢你为我做的一切。 Thank you for everything you've done for me.

日记	rìjì	diary	妹妹每天晚上都写日记。 My little sister writes in her diary every night.
日子	rìzi	day; days, life	那段日子虽然很累，但是很快乐。 Those days were tiring, but they were happy.

pattern both … and …: 既……又……

既 | quality 1 | 又 / 也 | quality 2

既A又B says something is both A and B, and both count: 既便宜又好吃 cheap, and tasty too. Use 又 with two short adjectives or verbs; 也 is common when the second part is longer. 既 and 又 go right before the words they join. Two negatives make a strong yes: 不得不 (have no choice but to), 没有人不…… (everyone).

这个电影既浪漫又感人。 **zhège diànyǐng jì làngmàn yòu gǎnrén** This film is romantic and moving.

他既是我的老师，也是我的朋友。 **tā jì shì wǒ de lǎoshī yě shì wǒ de péngyou** He's my teacher and my friend too.

她既有爱心，又有耐心。 **tā jì yǒu àixīn yòu yǒu nàixīn** She's kind and patient too.

这里的人没有不认识他的。 **zhèlǐ de rén méiyǒu bú rènshi tā de** Everyone here knows him.

dialogue after the film

little sister 这个电影太感人了！我哭了三次。
zhège diànyǐng tài gǎnrén le wǒ kū le sān cì · That film was so moving! I cried three times.

anna 是啊，既浪漫又有意思。我也很感动。
shì a jì làngmàn yòu yǒu yìsi wǒ yě hěn gǎndòng · Yes, it was romantic and fun too. I was really moved.

little sister 他们第一次约会的时候，下了很大的雪，太美了。
tāmen dì yī cì yuēhuì de shíhou xià le hěn dà de xuě tài měi le · On their first date it snowed and snowed. So beautiful.

anna 可是最后那个男的不得不离开她，我真受不了。
kěshì zuìhòu nàge nán de bùdébù líkāi tā wǒ zhēn shòubuliǎo · But in the end he had no choice but to leave her. I couldn't bear it.

little sister 还好十年以后，他们又见面了。他从来没有忘记她。
hái hǎo shí nián yǐhòu tāmen yòu jiànmiàn le tā cónglái méiyǒu wàngjì tā · Luckily they met again ten years later. He had never forgotten her.

anna 他抱着她说："我再也不想失去你了。"
tā bào zhe tā shuō wǒ zài yě bù xiǎng shīqù nǐ le · He held her and said, "I never want to lose you again."

little sister 电影院里没有一个人不哭的。真正的感情是时间带不走的。
diànyǐngyuàn lǐ méiyǒu yí gè rén bù kū de zhēnzhèng de gǎnqíng shì shíjiān dài bu zǒu de · There wasn't a single person in the cinema who didn't cry. Real feelings are something time can't take away.

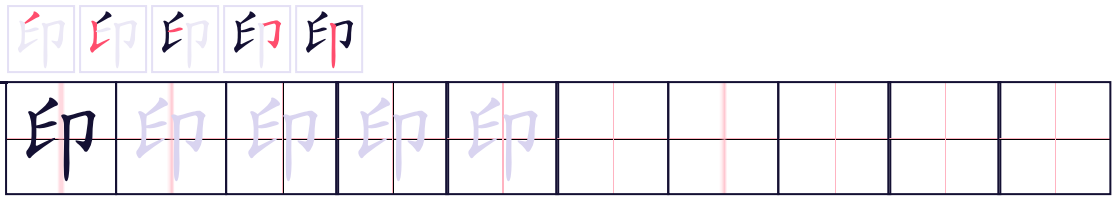
anna 说得好！
shuō de hǎo · Well said!

little sister 我要把今天的感受写在日记里。
wǒ yào bǎ jīntiān de gǎnshòu xiě zài rìjì lǐ · I'm going to write about today in my diary.

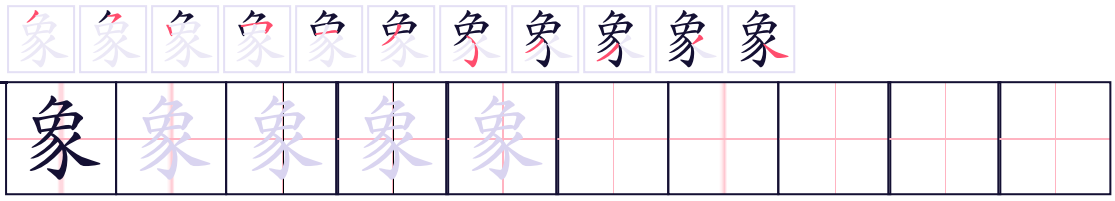
anna 好啊。以后再看日记，你还会想起这些美好的日子。
hǎo a yǐhòu zài kàn rìjì nǐ hái huì xiǎng qǐ zhèxiē měihǎo de rìzi · Good idea. When you read it again one day, you'll remember these lovely days.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

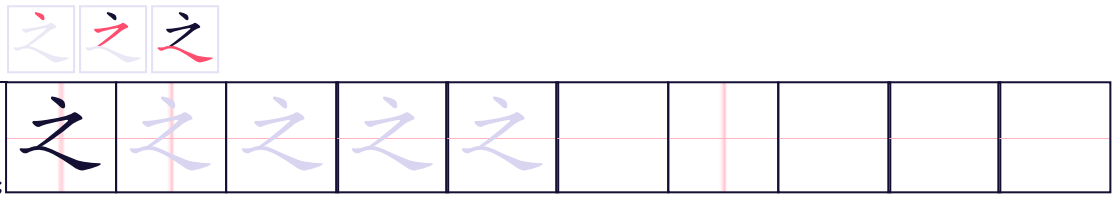
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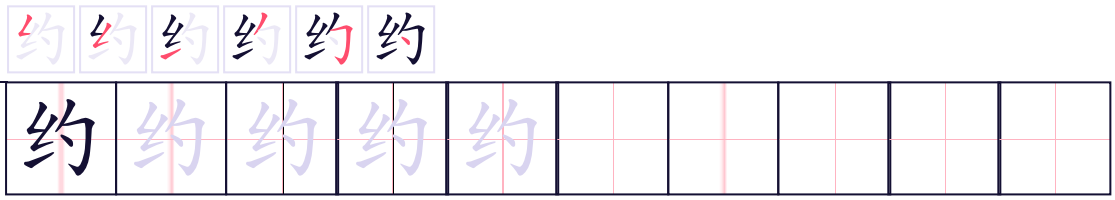
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to arrange to meet; about



good to know · Two negatives make a strong yes: 没有人不喜欢她 everyone likes her; 不得不 have no choice but to. 真 is also an adjective: 真的 real, 真正的朋友 a true friend.

Now you can share a story that moved you, and say "I had no choice" when life gets in the way.
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day 20 making up

Clear up a misunderstanding, make up, and promise “even if …, I’ll still …”.

Every friendship has a bumpy day. Saying sorry well in Chinese keeps friends close.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
即使	jíshǐ	even if	即使明天下雨，我们也要去。 Even if it rains tomorrow, we’re still going.
改变	gǎibiàn	to change	来中国以后，我的很多想法都改变了。 Since coming to China, a lot of my ideas have changed.
之后	zhīhòu	after, afterwards	下班之后，我们去吃饭吧。 Let’s go and eat after work.
之前	zhīqián	before	睡觉之前，我常常看一会儿书。 I often read for a while before bed.
仍	réng	still (written)	十年过去了，他仍在这家公司工作。 Ten years on, he still works at the same company.
仍然	réngrán	still	尽管很累，她仍然坚持学习。 Even though she’s tired, she still keeps studying.
另	lìng	other, another	这件衣服太小了，我想换另一件。 This top is too small. I’d like to swap it for another one.
巧	qiǎo	what a coincidence; skilful	真巧！我也在这儿吃饭。 What a coincidence! I’m eating here too.
眼前	yǎnqián	before your eyes; right now	别只{zhi3}看眼前，要多想想以后。 Don’t just think about now; think about the future too.
羡慕	xiànmù	to envy, admire	我很羡慕你能说这么多种语言。 I really envy you being able to speak so many languages.
点头	diǎntóu	to nod	老师问我们懂不懂，大家都点头了。 The teacher asked if we understood, and everyone nodded.
好好	hǎohǎo	properly, well; nicely	你累了，今天晚上好好休息吧。 You’re tired. Get a good rest tonight.
抬头	táitóu	to raise your head, look up	他抬头看了看天，说要下雨了。 He looked up at the sky and said it was going to rain.
拉	lā	to pull	妹妹拉着我的手，不让我走。 My little sister held onto my hand and wouldn’t let me go.
感	gǎn	sense of (…感)	这个小区很安静，让人很有安全感。 This neighbourhood is quiet; it makes you feel safe.

pattern even if: 即使……，也……

即使 / 就是 | even if … | ，(who) 也 | still …

即使A，也B: even if A happens, B is still true. In conversation people often say 就是A，也B. The 也 goes after the subject in the second half: 即使下雨，我们也去.

即使你不同意，我也要试试。 **jíshǐ nǐ bù tóngyì wǒ yě yào shì shi** Even if you don't agree, I want to give it a go.

就是再忙，他也会来看你。 **jiùshì zài máng tā yě huì lái kàn nǐ** However busy he is, he'll come and see you.

即使失败了，也没关系。 **jíshǐ shībài le yě méi guānxi** Even if it doesn't work out, that's OK.

即使大家都不相信你，我也仍然相信你。 **jíshǐ dàjiā dōu bù xiāngxìn nǐ wǒ yě réngrán xiāngxìn nǐ** Even if nobody else believes you, I still do.

dialogue making up

xiaoming 安娜，你还在生我的气吗?
Ānnà nǐ hái zài shēng wǒ de qì ma · Anna, are you still angry with me?

anna 没有，我只是有点儿失望。你说你很忙，我却看见你拉着小刘进了商场。
méiyǒu wǒ zhǐshì yǒudiǎnr shīwàng nǐ shuō nǐ hěn máng wǒ què kànjiàn nǐ lā zhe XiǎoLiú jìn le shāngchǎng · No, I'm just a bit disappointed. You said you were busy, but then I saw you dragging Xiao Liu into the mall.

xiaoming 真巧，你也在那儿！我们是在买东西……原因以后告诉你。
zhēn qiǎo nǐ yě zài nàr wǒmen shì zài mǎi dōngxi yuányīn yǐhòu gàosu nǐ · What a coincidence, you were there too! We were shopping... I'll tell you why later.

anna 你不想说，也没关系。
nǐ bù xiǎng shuō yě méi guānxi · If you don't want to say, that's fine.

xiaoming 别这样。即使我再忙，也不会故意不回你的消息。
bié zhèyàng jíshǐ wǒ zài máng yě bú huì gùyì bù huí nǐ de xiāoxi · Don't be like that. However busy I am, I'd never ignore your messages on purpose.

anna 那你抬头看着我，再说一次。
nà nǐ táitóu kàn zhe wǒ zài shuō yí cì · Then look up at me and say that again.

xiaoming 好。就是你不相信，我也要说：你仍是我最好的朋友。
hǎo jiùshì nǐ bù xiāngxìn wǒ yě yào shuō nǐ réng shì wǒ zuìhǎo de péngyou · OK. Even if you don't believe me, I'll say it: you're still my best friend.

anna 好吧，我相信你。也许是我想得太多了。
hǎo ba wǒ xiāngxìn nǐ yěxǔ shì wǒ xiǎng de tài duō le · OK, I believe you. Maybe I was overthinking it.

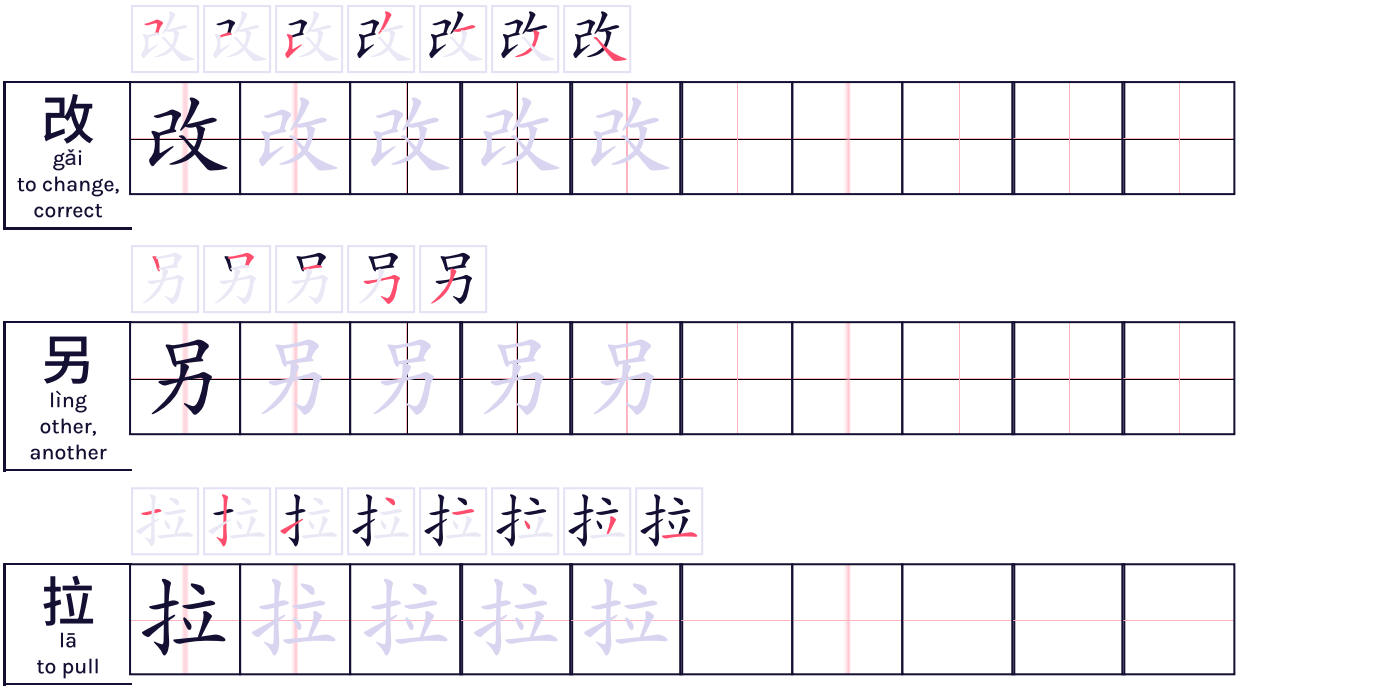
xiaoming 你点头了！今天晚上我们去另一家饭馆试试吧，听说那儿不光菜好吃，还很便宜。
nǐ diǎntóu le jīntiān wǎnshang wǒmen qù lìng yì jiā fànguǎn shì shi ba tīngshuō nàr bùguāng cài hǎochī hái hěn piányi · You nodded! Let's try a different restaurant tonight. I hear the food there isn't just good, it's cheap too.

anna 好啊！那这次你请客！
hǎo a nà zhè cì nǐ qǐngkè · Sure! Then this time it's your treat!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

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good to know · 即使 and 就是 both mean “even if”. 即使 works anywhere; 就是 is more spoken. 之前 and 之后 are like 以前 and 以后, a little more formal: 睡觉之前 before bed, 下班之后 after work.

Saying sorry, clearing things up and making a promise: you can now look after a friendship in Chinese.
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day 21 xiaoming's surprise

Follow a whole surprise story: hurt feelings, doubts, a surprise party and a big decision, and say how it all made you feel.

Feelings, opinions and friendship come together in one evening, just like in real life.

chapter 1 nobody remembers

manager chen 安娜，你今天的心情好像不太好。
Ānnà nǐ jīntiān de xīnqíng hǎoxiàng bú tài hǎo · Anna, you don't seem very cheerful today.

anna 今天是我的生日，可是好像没有人记得。
jīntiān shì wǒ de shēngrì kěshì hǎoxiàng méiyǒu rén jìde · It's my birthday today, but nobody seems to remember.

manager chen 生日快乐！别伤心，也许大家都太忙了。
shēngrì kuàilè bié shāngxīn yěxǔ dàjiā dōu tài máng le · Happy birthday! Don't be sad. Maybe everyone's just too busy.

anna 小明最近也老是很忙，一个消息都没有。我真的有点儿失望。
Xiǎomíng zuìjìn yě lǎoshì hěn máng yí gè xiāoxi dōu méiyǒu wǒ zhēn de yǒudiǎnr shīwàng · Xiaoming's always busy lately too. Not a single message. I'm honestly a bit disappointed.

manager chen 他会不会是故意不回你的？
tā huì bu huì shì gùyì bù huí nǐ de · Could he be ignoring you on purpose?

anna 我也怀疑过。可是即使他再忙，也应该回一个消息吧？他这样，我真受不了。
wǒ yě huáiyí guò kěshì jíshǐ tā zài máng yě yīnggāi huí yí gè xiāoxi ba tā zhèyàng wǒ zhēn shòubuliǎo · I've wondered that too. But even if he's really busy, he could send one message, right? I can't stand it when he's like this.

manager chen 我理解你的感受。可是朋友之间，有时候要多为对方想一想。也许他有自己的原因。
wǒ lǐjiě nǐ de gǎnshòu kěshì péngyou zhījiān yǒu shíhou yào duō wèi duìfāng xiǎng yi xiang yěxǔ tā yǒu zìjǐ de yuányīn · I understand how you feel. But between friends, sometimes you have to think from the other person's side. Maybe he has his reasons.

anna 希望是这样。我真不想失去这个朋友。说实在的，我现在烦死了。
xīwàng shì zhèyàng wǒ zhēn bù xiǎng shīqù zhège péngyou shuō shízài de wǒ xiànzài fán sǐ le · I hope so. I really don't want to lose him as a friend. Honestly, right now I'm totally fed up.

manager chen 别想那么多了。今天你早一点儿下班，好好休息吧。
bié xiǎng nàme duō le jīntiān nǐ zǎo yìdiǎnr xiàbān hǎohǎo xiūxi ba · Don't think about it so much. Leave a bit early today and have a proper rest.

anna 谢谢陈经理！您一直这么支持我。
xièxie Chénjīnglǐ nín yìzhí zhème zhīchí wǒ · Thank you, Manager Chen! You've always been so supportive.

manager chen 你工作这么认真，大家对你的印象都很好。去吧，祝你生日愉快！
nǐ gōngzuò zhème rènzhēn dàjiā duì nǐ de yìnxiàng dōu hěn hǎo qù ba zhù nǐ shēngrì yúkuài · You work so hard, everyone thinks highly of you. Off you go, and have a happy birthday!

chapter 2 come at seven

xiaoming 安娜，你下班了吗？我妈妈让你今天晚上来我家吃饭。
Ānnà nǐ xiàbān le ma wǒ māma ràng nǐ jīntiān wǎnshang lái wǒ jiā chī fàn · Anna, have you finished work? My mum wants you to come over for dinner tonight.

anna 今天？你到底在忙什么？这几天老是不回我的消息。
jīntiān nǐ dàodǐ zài máng shénme zhè jǐ tiān lǎoshì bù huí wǒ de xiāoxi · Tonight? What on earth have you been up to? You keep not answering my messages.

xiaoming 我并不是不想回，而是……你来了就知道了。
wǒ bìng bú shì bù xiǎng huí ér shì nǐ lái le jiù zhīdào le · It's not that I didn't want to reply, it's just… you'll see when you get here.

anna 你又在跟我开玩笑吧？你不说清楚，我才不去呢！
nǐ yòu zài gēn wǒ kāi wánxiào ba nǐ bù shuō qīngchu wǒ cái bú qù ne · You're kidding me again, aren't you? If you don't tell me what's going on, I'm not coming!

xiaoming 我妈妈说了，你就是不想来，也得来！七点，别迟到！
wǒ māma shuō le nǐ jiùshì bù xiǎng lái yě děi lái qī diǎn bié chídào · My mum says even if you don't want to come, you have to! Seven o'clock, don't be late!

anna 好吧。我总感觉你们有什么事。
hǎo ba wǒ zǒng gǎnjué nǐmen yǒu shénme shì · OK. I have a feeling you lot are up to something.

reporter zhou 安娜，真巧！你也要出去吗？
Ānnà zhēn qiǎo nǐ yě yào chūqù ma · Anna, what a coincidence! Are you going out too?

anna 是啊，小明家请我吃饭。你呢？
shì a Xiǎomíng jiā qǐng wǒ chī fàn nǐ ne · Yes, Xiaoming's family has invited me to dinner. And you?

reporter zhou 我约了一个朋友，晚上有个约会。你看起来好像有什么烦恼？
wǒ yuē le yí gè péngyou wǎnshang yǒu gè yuēhuì nǐ kàn qǐlai hǎoxiàng yǒu shénme fánnǎo · I'm meeting a friend, I've got plans tonight. You look like something's bothering you.

anna 也没什么。今天是我的生日，可是小明好像忘了。其实我内心有点儿难过。
yě méi shénme jīntiān shì wǒ de shēngrì kěshì Xiǎomíng hǎoxiàng wàng le qíshí wǒ nèixīn yǒudiǎnr nánguò · It's nothing really. It's my birthday today, but Xiaoming seems to have forgotten. Deep down I'm a bit hurt.

reporter zhou 别难过。真正的朋友不会忘记你的生日的。
bié nánguò zhēnzhèng de péngyou bú huì wàngjì nǐ de shēngrì de · Don't be sad. A real friend won't forget your birthday.

anna 希望是这样。祝你们玩得愉快！
xīwàng shì zhèyàng zhù nǐmen wán de yúkuài · I hope you're right. Have a lovely time!

chapter 3 happy birthday, anna!

anna 家里怎么没有人？灯也没开。
jiā lǐ zěnme méiyǒu rén dēng yě méi kāi · Why is nobody home? The lights aren't even on.

little sister 安娜姐姐，抬头看！生日快乐！
Ānnà jiějie táitóu kàn shēngrì kuàilè · Anna, look up! Happy birthday!

anna 原来是你们！我太吃惊了，真不敢相信眼前的一切。
yuánlái shì nǐmen wǒ tài chījīng le zhēn bù gǎn xiāngxìn yǎnqián de yíqiè · So it's all of you! I'm so surprised, I can't believe what I'm seeing.

reporter zhou 你看，我的“约会”就是这个！
nǐ kàn wǒ de yuēhuì jiùshì zhège · See? This was my “plans tonight”!

anna 你们真讨厌，都故意不告诉我！气死我了！
nǐmen zhēn tǎoyàn dōu gùyì bú gàosu wǒ qì sǐ wǒ le · You're awful, all of you, keeping it from me on purpose! You drive me mad!

xiao liu 你还真没猜到啊！这几天小明老是拉着我去商场，就是为了给你买礼物。
nǐ hái zhēn méi cāi dào a zhè jǐ tiān Xiǎomíng lǎoshì lā zhe wǒ qù shāngchǎng jiùshì wèile gěi nǐ mǎi lǐwù · Ha, you really didn't guess! Xiaoming kept dragging me to the mall all week, just to buy you a present.

anna 难道那天我在商场看见你们，就是在买这个吗？
nándào nà tiān wǒ zài shāngchǎng kànjiàn nǐmen jiùshì zài mǎi zhège ma · You mean the day I saw you at the mall, you were buying this?

xiaoming 对！对不起，那天我不得不说我很忙。你还在生我的气吗？
duì duìbuqǐ nà tiān wǒ bùdébù shuō wǒ hěn máng nǐ hái zài shēng wǒ de qì ma · Yes! Sorry, that day I had no choice but to say I was busy. Are you still cross with me?

anna 不生气了。我太激动了，我的心现在还跳得厉害呢！
bù shēngqì le wǒ tài jīdòng le wǒ de xīn xiànzài hái tiào de lìhai ne · Not any more. I'm so excited, my heart is still pounding!

little sister 我们准备了一个星期，我都兴奋死了！快打开礼物看看！
wǒmen zhǔnbèi le yí gè xīngqī wǒ dōu xīngfèn sǐ le kuài dǎkāi lǐwù kàn kan · We've been getting ready for a week, I'm so excited I could burst! Open your present!

anna 是一个漂亮的日记本！这究竟是谁的主意？
shì yí gè piàoliang de rìjì běn zhè jiūjìng shì shéi de zhǔyi · It's a beautiful diary! Whose idea was this, then?

xiaoming 这是我们大家共同的主意！以后你可以把美好的日子都写在日记里。
zhè shì wǒmen dàjiā gòngtóng de zhǔyi yǐhòu nǐ kěyǐ bǎ měihǎo de rìzi dōu xiě zài rìjì lǐ · It was all of our idea together! Now you can write all your happy days in it.

reporter zhou 你看，大家既准备了蛋糕，又准备了你最喜欢的菜。蛋糕是妹妹做的，里面都是她的爱心。
nǐ kàn dàjiā jì zhǔnbèi le dàngāo yòu zhǔnbèi le nǐ zuì xǐhuan de cài dàngāo shì mèimei zuò de lǐmiàn dōu shì tā de àixīn · Look, everyone's made a cake and your favourite dishes too. Your little sister made the cake, with all her love.

anna 我真的很感动。谢谢你们为我做的一切！妹妹，来，让我抱抱你！
wǒ zhēn de hěn gǎndòng xièxie nǐmen wèi wǒ zuò de yíqiè mèimei lái ràng wǒ bào bao nǐ · I'm really touched. Thank you all for everything! Come here, let me give you a hug!

chapter 4 xiaoming's news

xiaoming 安娜，我还有一个好消息要告诉你。
Ānnà wǒ hái yǒu yí gè hǎo xiāoxi yào gàosu nǐ · Anna, I've got another piece of good news for you.

anna 还有？快说吧！
hái yǒu kuài shuō ba · There's more? Go on, tell me!

xiaoming 北京的另一家公司也给了我一个工作机会。我跟他们谈了好几次，他们表示很欢迎我。我考虑了很久，最后决定接受。
Běijīng de lìng yì jiā gōngsī yě gěi le wǒ yí gè gōngzuò jīhuì wǒ gēn tāmen tán le hǎo jǐ cì tāmen biǎoshì hěn huānyíng wǒ wǒ kǎolǜ le hěn jiǔ zuìhòu juédìng jiēshòu · Another company in Beijing has offered me a job too. I talked to them several times, and they said they'd be glad to have me. I thought about it for ages and decided to accept.

anna 太好了！可是你之前不是很想去上海吗？是什么改变了你的想法？
tài hǎo le kěshì nǐ zhīqián bú shì hěn xiǎng qù Shànghǎi ma shì shénme gǎibiàn le nǐ de xiǎngfǎ · That's fantastic! But didn't you really want to go to Shanghai before? What changed your mind?

xiaoming 我跟家人商量了很多次。上海的工作很好，然而离家实在太远了。尽管我也很喜欢上海，但是我的家人和朋友都在北京。再说，北京的工作也很有意思。
wǒ gēn jiārén shāngliang le hěn duō cì Shànghǎi de gōngzuò hěn hǎo ránér lí jiā shízài tài yuǎn le jǐnguǎn wǒ yě hěn xǐhuan Shànghǎi dànshì wǒ de jiārén hé péngyou dōu zài Běijīng zàishuō Běijīng de gōngzuò yě hěn yǒu yìsi · I talked it over with my family lots of times. The Shanghai job was great, but it really is too far from home. Although I like Shanghai too, my family and friends are all in Beijing. Besides, the Beijing job is interesting too.

dr li 一家人应该相互尊重。他的看法跟我们不一样的时候，我们也支持他。
yì jiā rén yīnggāi xiānghù zūnzhòng tā de kànfǎ gēn wǒmen bù yíyàng de shíhou wǒmen yě zhīchí tā · A family should respect each other. Even when his view is different from ours, we still back him.

ms zhang 我早就让他告诉你，他就是不听，一定要到今天才说。这次我一点儿也不反对！
wǒ zǎo jiù ràng tā gàosu nǐ tā jiùshì bù tīng yídìng yào dào jīntiān cái shuō zhè cì wǒ yìdiǎnr yě bù fǎnduì · I told him ages ago to tell you, but he just wouldn't listen: he had to wait until today. This time I'm not against it at all!

anna 我真羡慕你有这么好的家人。做这个决定不容易吧？
wǒ zhēn xiànmù nǐ yǒu zhème hǎo de jiārén zuò zhège juédìng bù róngyì ba · I really envy you, having such a lovely family. That can't have been an easy decision.

xiaoming 是不容易，事情也挺复杂的。可是这是我自己要面对的事。你放心，我才不后悔呢！
shì bù róngyì shìqing yě tǐng fùzá de kěshì zhè shì wǒ zìjǐ yào miànduì de shì nǐ fàngxīn wǒ cái bú hòuhuǐ ne · It wasn't easy, and it was quite complicated. But it was mine to face. Don't worry, I don't regret it one bit!

anna 我刚来北京的时候，什么都不熟悉，也不适应这里的生活。是你们一直陪着我、鼓励我多跟别人交流，让我有了信心。
wǒ gāng lái Běijīng de shíhou shénme dōu bù shúxi yě bú shìyìng zhèlǐ de shēnghuó shì nǐmen yìzhí péi zhe wǒ gǔlì wǒ duō gēn biérén jiāoliú ràng wǒ yǒu le xìnxīn · When I first came to Beijing, nothing was familiar and I wasn't used to life here. You were always there with me, encouraging me to talk to people, and you gave me confidence.

reporter zhou 你们之间的友情真感人，朋友就是要互相帮助。我真想把你们的故事写下来，就叫“北京的朋友与家人”。
nǐmen zhījiān de yǒuqíng zhēn gǎnrén péngyou jiùshì yào hùxiāng bāngzhù wǒ zhēn xiǎng bǎ nǐmen de gùshi xiě xialai jiù jiào Běijīng de péngyou yǔ jiārén · The friendship between you is really moving. That's what friends are for: helping each other. I'd love to write your story, and call it "Friends and Family in Beijing".

xiao liu 可惜王老师今天有事，不能来参加我们的聚会。来，小明，给大家讲个笑话吧！
kěxī Wánglǎoshī jīntiān yǒu shì bù néng lái cānjiā wǒmen de jùhuì lái Xiǎomíng gěi dàjiā jiǎng gè xiàohua ba · Shame Teacher Wang couldn't come to the party today. Come on, Xiaoming, tell us a joke!

little sister 别让他讲，他的笑话一点儿也不好笑！
bié ràng tā jiǎng tā de xiàohua yìdiǎnr yě bù hǎoxiào · Don't let him, his jokes aren't funny at all!

anna

有你们这些朋友，我真幸福。即使过了很多年，我也仍然会记得今天。以后我们要常常聚！

yǒu nǐmen zhèxiē péngyou wǒ zhēn xìngfú jíshǐ guò le hěn duō nián wǒ yě réngrán huì jìde jīntiān yǐhòu wǒmen yào chángcháng jù · With friends like you, I'm so lucky. Even many years from now, I'll still remember today. Let's get together often from now on!

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