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day 28 running late

Chinese HSK 4 in 69 days
unit 5 · travel & transport

Talk about being on time, running late and flight changes at the airport.

Flights get delayed and trains don't wait: these words get you through any airport in China.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
按时	ànshí	on time, on schedule	医生说要按时吃药。 The doctor says to take the medicine on time.
赶紧	gǎnjǐn	hurry, quickly	快下雨了，我们赶紧回家吧。 It's about to rain, let's hurry home.
赶快	gǎnkuài	quickly, at once	车要开了，赶快上车！ The bus is leaving, get on quickly!
已	yǐ	already (written)	航班已推迟|到下午三点。 The flight has been delayed until 3 pm.
将	jiāng	will, be going to (formal)	我们将在上海转机。 We will change planes in Shanghai.
将要	jiāngyào	be about to, will	飞机将要降落，请大家坐好。 The plane is about to land, please stay seated.
准时	zhǔnshí	punctual, on time	她每天都准时上班。 She gets to work on time every day.
迟	chí	late	对不起，我来迟了。 Sorry, I'm late.
赶	gǎn	rush to catch, hurry	我得{dei3}赶八点的飞机。 I have to catch the eight o'clock flight.
错过	cuòguò	miss (a train, a chance)	快一点儿，否则我们会错过火车的。 Hurry up, or we'll miss the train.
提前	tíqián	do earlier, in advance	最好提前两个小时到机场。 It's best to get to the airport two hours early.
推迟	tuīchí	postpone, delay	由于天气不好，航班推迟了。 The flight was delayed because of bad weather.
取消	qǔxiāo	cancel	雪太大了，今天的航班都取消了。 The snow is too heavy, all of today's flights are cancelled.
航班	hángbān	flight	你的航班几点起飞? What time does your flight take off?
登机	dēngjī	board a plane	请大家准备登机。 Everyone, please get ready to board.
降落	jiàngluò	land (a plane)	飞机已经降落了，我们去接他吧。 The plane has landed, let's go and meet him.
安检	ānjiǎn	security check	过安检的时候，要把电脑拿出来。 At security, you have to take your computer out.
转机	zhuǎnjī	change planes	去云南要在上海转机吗? Do you change planes in Shanghai to get to Yunnan?

pattern time words (2): 按时, 赶紧, 赶快, 已, 将, 将要

who | 赶紧 / 按时 / 将要 | verb

These adverbs sit right before the verb. 赶紧 and 赶快 mean “hurry, at once”; 按时 means “on schedule”. 已 is the written 已经, and 将 / 将要 mean “will, be about to”: you hear them in announcements.

请按时登机。 **qǐng ànshí dēngjī** Please board on time.

我们赶快走吧，否则会错过航班的。 **wǒmen gǎnkuài zǒu ba fǒuzé huì cuòguò hángbān de** Let’s go quickly, or we’ll miss the flight.

我们的航班将在上海降落。 **wǒmen de hángbān jiāng zài Shànghǎi jiàngluò** Our flight will land in Shanghai.

飞机已降落，请大家不要着急。 **fēijī yǐ jiàngluò qǐng dàjiā búyào zháojí** The plane has landed, please don’t rush.

dialogue the screen turns red

anna 对不起，陈经理，我来迟了！路上车太多了。
duìbuqǐ Chénjīnglǐ wǒ lái chí le lùshang chē tài duō le · Sorry, Manager Chen, I’m late! The traffic was terrible.

manager chen 没关系，我们的航班推迟了，你来得正好。
méi guānxi wǒmen de hángbān tuīchí le nǐ lái de zhènghǎo · That’s fine, our flight is delayed. You’re just in time.

anna 推迟到几点？我们还得赶下午的会呢。
tuīchí dào jǐ diǎn wǒmen hái děi gǎn xiàwǔ de huì ne · Delayed until when? We still have to make the afternoon meeting.

manager chen 通知上说，将在十点起飞。要是十点能起飞，就没问题；否则我们只好坐火车了。
tōngzhī shàng shuō jiāng zài shí diǎn qǐfēi yàoshi shí diǎn néng qǐfēi jiù méi wèntí fǒuzé wǒmen zhǐhǎo zuò huǒchē le · The notice says it will take off at ten. If it can leave at ten, we’re fine; otherwise we’ll have to take the train.

anna 这个航班要不要转机？
zhège hángbān yào búyào zhuǎnjī · Do we have to change planes on this flight?

manager chen 不用转机。别担心，在这儿等着就是了。
búyòng zhuǎnjī bié dānxīn zài zhèr děng zhe jiùshì le · No change. Don’t worry, we just wait here.

anna 您看，航班没有取消，已经可以登机了！
nín kàn hángbān méiyǒu qǔxiāo yǐjīng kěyǐ dēngjī le · Look, the flight isn’t cancelled, we can board already!

manager chen 那我们赶快过安检吧。下次我们得再提前一点儿出门。
nà wǒmen gǎnkuài guò ānjiǎn ba xià cì wǒmen děi zài tíqián yìdiǎnr chūmén · Then let’s hurry through security. Next time we need to leave a bit earlier.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

推
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to push



转 zhuǎn turn											

good to know · Chinese airports often call boarding very early. When you hear 开始登机, go to the gate straight away. On screens you'll read 已取消 (cancelled) and 已推迟 (delayed): the written 已 is everywhere.

Next time a flight is delayed, you can ask what's going on and change your plans, all in Chinese.
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day 29 at the station

Say whether there's still time, and find your way around a train station.

China's fast trains are the best way to travel, and stations are huge: you need to read the boards and hear the announcements.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
来得及	láidejí	there's still time	别着急，现在走还来得及。 Don't worry, there's still time if we leave now.
来不及	láibují	too late, no time	来不及吃早饭了，我在路上买个包子吧。 No time for breakfast, I'll buy a bun on the way.
于是	yúshì	so, and so	火车晚点了，于是我们去吃了一点儿东西。 The train was late, so we went to get something to eat.
赶上	gǎnshàng	catch (in time)	我们跑得很快，终于赶上了最后一班车。 We ran fast and finally caught the last bus.
动车	dòngchē	bullet train (D train)	坐动车比坐大巴快多了。 The bullet train is much faster than the coach.
大巴	dàbā	coach, large bus	机场有大巴到火车站。 There's a coach from the airport to the train station.
乘	chéng	ride, take (transport)	我们乘飞机去，乘火车回来。 We'll fly there and come back by train.
乘坐	chéngzuò	ride, take (formal)	乘坐地铁去机场又快又便宜。 Taking the metro to the airport is fast and cheap.
乘客	chéngkè	passenger	车上的乘客都在看手机。 All the passengers on the bus are looking at their phones.
旅客	lǚkè	traveller, passenger	请旅客们按时登机。 Passengers, please board on time.
换乘	huànchéng	transfer, change (lines)	去机场要在下一站换乘。 To get to the airport, change at the next station.
售票员	shòupiàoyuán	ticket seller	售票员说动车票已经卖完了。 The ticket seller says the bullet train tickets are sold out.
时间表	shíjiānbiǎo	timetable	你看一下时间表，下一班车几点开? Have a look at the timetable: when does the next one leave?
广播	guǎngbō	broadcast; announcement	广播说，去杭州的旅客可以|上车了。 The announcement says passengers for Hangzhou can board now.
大厅	dàtīng	hall, lobby	我在车站大厅等你。 I'll wait for you in the station hall.

座	zuò	seat; measure for buildings, hills	这座楼一共有三十层。 This building has thirty floors.
座位	zuòwèi	seat	不好意思，这是我的座位。 Excuse me, this is my seat.
列	liè	measure for trains; line up	一列动车从我们面前开了过去。 A bullet train went past right in front of us.

pattern in time or too late: 来得及, 来不及

(还) | 来得及 / 来不及 | verb

来得及 means “there’s still time”; 来不及 means “too late, no time”. Put the action after them: 来得及吃饭, 来不及说再见. Today’s other joiner, 于是, tells what happened next because of it: “so, and so”.

只有十分钟了，还来得及吃饭吗？ **zhǐyǒu shí fēnzhōng le hái láidejí chī fàn ma** Only ten minutes left: is there still time to eat?

来不及了，我们乘出租车去吧！ **láibují le wǒmen chéng chūzūchē qù ba** There’s no time, let’s take a taxi!

大巴晚点了，于是我们乘坐了动车。 **dàbā wǎndiǎn le yúshì wǒmen chéngzuò le dòngchē** The coach was late, so we took the bullet train.

dialogue the last train home

anna 陈经理，现在三点十分了，我们还来得及吗？
Chénjīnglǐ xiànzài sān diǎn shí fēn le wǒmen hái láidejí ma · Manager Chen, it’s ten past three. Can we still make it?

manager chen 来得及。时间表上写着，动车三点半才开。
láidejí shíjiānbiǎo shàng xiě zhe dòngchē sān diǎn bàn cái kāi · We can. The timetable says the train doesn’t leave till half past three.

anna 您听，广播说去北京的旅客可以上车了！
nín tīng guǎngbō shuō qù Běijīng de lǚkè kěyǐ shàng chē le · Listen, the announcement says passengers for Beijing can board now!

manager chen 那我们赶快走吧。大厅里乘客这么多，热死了。
nà wǒmen gǎnkuài zǒu ba dàtīng lǐ chéngkè zhème duō rè sǐ le · Let’s hurry, then. With so many people in this hall, it’s boiling.

anna 我们赶上了！我的座位在这儿，您的在我后面。
wǒmen gǎnshàng le wǒ de zuòwèi zài zhèr nín de zài wǒ hòumiàn · We made it! My seat is here, and yours is behind me.

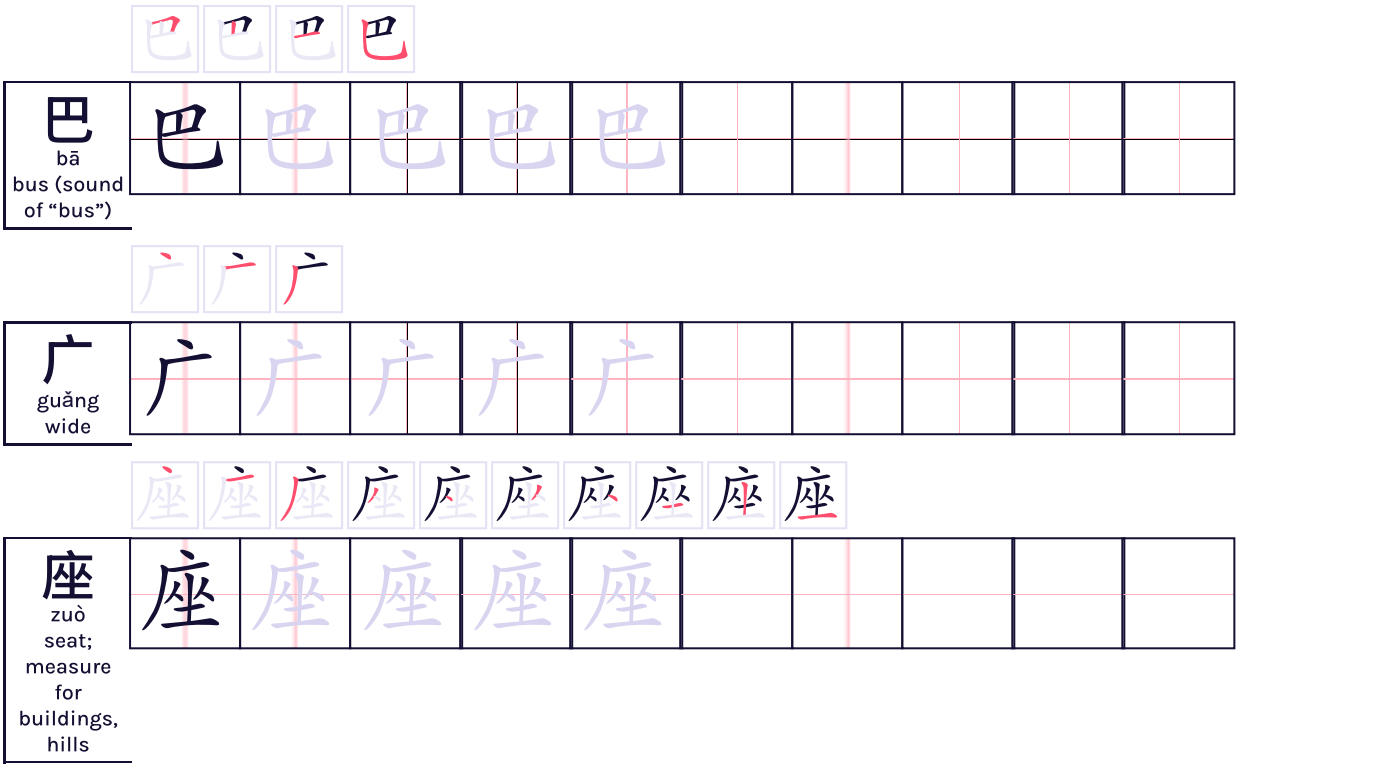
manager chen 好。到了北京，你坐地铁回家吧，只要换乘一次。
hǎo dào le Běijīng nǐ zuò dìtiě huí jiā ba zhǐyào huànchéng yí cì · Good. In Beijing, take the metro home; you only need to change once.

anna 好的。早上差点儿来不及，于是今天我一点儿东西都没吃。
hǎo de zǎoshang chàdiǎnr láibují yúshì jīntiān wǒ yìdiǎnr dōngxi dōu méi chī · OK. This morning I nearly didn’t make it, so I haven’t eaten a thing all day.

manager chen 车上有吃的，我请你。坐动车比坐大巴舒服多了。
chē shàng yǒu chī de wǒ qǐng nǐ zuò dòngchē bǐ zuò dàbā shūfu duō le · They sell food on the train, my treat. The bullet train is so much more comfortable than the coach.

anna 谢谢！在外面工作，同事之间就应该互相照顾。
xièxie zài wàimiàn gōngzuò tóngshì zhījiān jiù yīnggāi hùxiāng zhàogù · Thank you! When we’re working away from home, colleagues should look after each other.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · At big Chinese stations you show your ID or passport at the gate (检票口); you don’t need a paper ticket any more. In speech 坐 is the usual verb for transport. 乘 and 乘坐 are what you hear in announcements: 欢迎乘坐……

Now you can catch your train, find your seat and plan your change in Chinese.
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day 30 how far is it?

Give and ask for rough distances, times and directions.

Nobody says “37 minutes” in real life: you say “about half an hour”. Rough numbers make you sound natural.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
大约	dàyuē	about, roughly	从这儿到机场大约要一个小时。 It takes about an hour from here to the airport.
左右	zuǒyòu	about, or so (after a number)	我们八点左右出发。 We’ll leave at about eight.
前后	qiánhòu	around (a time); before and after	春节前后，火车票特别难买。 Around the Spring Festival, train tickets are really hard to get.
公里	gōnglǐ	kilometre	我家离公司有十来公里。 My home is ten-odd kilometres from the office.
距离	jùlí	distance; be … away from	这里距离火车站不到两公里。 It’s less than two kilometres from here to the station.
速度	sùdù	speed	高铁的速度非常快。 High-speed trains are incredibly fast.
车速	chēsù	speed (of a vehicle)	下雨天开车要注意车速。 When it rains, watch your speed.
高速	gāosù	high-speed; the expressway	我们走高速吧，大约两个小时就到了。 Let’s take the expressway, we’ll be there in about two hours.
公路	gōnglù	road, highway	这条公路通到山里。 This road goes up into the mountains.
道路	dàolù	road (formal)	下大雪以后，道路情况不太好。 After the heavy snow, the roads aren’t in good shape.
前方	qiánfāng	ahead	前方路口请右转。 Turn right at the next junction.
十字路口	shízìlùkǒu	crossroads	到了十字路口往左走。 Go left when you get to the crossroads.
对面	duìmiàn	opposite, across from	银行就在超市对面。 The bank is right across from the supermarket.
指	zhǐ	point (at), point to	他指着地图说：“我们在这儿。” He pointed at the map and said: “We’re here.”
转	zhuǎn	turn	往前走，到红绿灯左转。 Go straight on and turn left at the lights.
直接	zhíjiē	direct(ly)	这趟车直接到机场，不用换乘。 This one goes straight to the airport, no need to change.

路过	lùguò	pass by (on the way)	我每天上班都路过这家咖啡店。 I pass this café every day on my way to work.
目的地	mùdìdì	destination	还有五公里就到目的地了。 Five more kilometres to our destination.

pattern about: 大约, 左右, 前后, and 十来个

大约 | number + measure | 左右 / 前后

大约 goes before a number, 左右 after it. 前后 is only for times and dates (春节前后). Number + 来 + measure word means “a bit over, -odd”: 十来个, 二十来公里. It works with round numbers like 十, 二十, 一百.

这趟车直接到机场，大约四十分钟。 **zhè tàng chē zhíjiē dào jīchǎng dàyuē sìshí fēnzhōng** This one goes straight to the airport, about forty minutes.

我们晚上八点左右到。 **wǒmen wǎnshang bā diǎn zuǒyòu dào** We’ll arrive at about eight in the evening.

中秋节前后，月饼卖得特别好。 **Zhōngqiūjié qiánhòu yuèbing mài de tèbié hǎo** Mooncakes sell really well around the Mid-Autumn Festival.

教室里有二十来个学生。 **jiàoshì lǐ yǒu èrshí lái gè xuéshēng** There are twenty-odd students in the classroom.

dialogue are we nearly there?

xiaoming 安娜，我们的目的地到底还有多远？
Ānnà wǒmen de mùdìdì dàodǐ hái yǒu duō yuǎn · Anna, how far is it to where we’re going, really?

anna 地图上说，距离目的地还有三十来公里。
dìtú shàng shuō jùlí mùdìdì hái yǒu sānshí lái gōnglǐ · The map says it’s another thirty-odd kilometres.

xiaoming 还有这么远？难道我们走错了吗？刚才好像路过这里了。
hái yǒu zhème yuǎn nándào wǒmen zǒu cuò le ma gāngcái hǎoxiàng lùguò zhèlǐ le · That far? Surely we haven’t gone the wrong way? I think we passed here earlier.

anna 没走错。前方的十字路口右转，就上高速了。
méi zǒu cuò qiánfāng de shízì lùkǒu yòu zhuǎn jiù shàng gāosù le · We haven’t. Turn right at the crossroads ahead and we’re on the expressway.

xiaoming 好。上了高速，车速可以快一点儿，大约二十分钟就到了。
hǎo shàng le gāosù chēsù kěyǐ kuài yìdiǎnr dàyuē èrshí fēnzhōng jiù dào le · Great. On the expressway we can go a bit faster: about twenty minutes and we’re there.

anna 别开太快，安全第一。这条公路两边都是树，真漂亮。
bié kāi tài kuài ānquán dì yī zhè tiáo gōnglù liǎng biān dōu shì shù zhēn piàoliang · Don’t drive too fast, safety first. This road has trees on both sides, it’s so pretty.

xiaoming 你看我指的那座山，那就是我们要去的地方。
nǐ kàn wǒ zhǐ de nà zuò shān nà jiùshì wǒmen yào qù de dìfang · Look at the mountain I’m pointing at: that’s where we’re going.

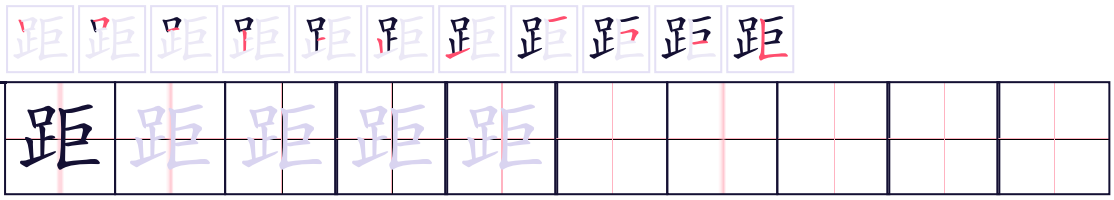
anna 太好了！那我们十一点半左右就能到吧？
tài hǎo le nà wǒmen shíyī diǎn bàn zuǒyòu jiù néng dào ba · Brilliant! So we’ll get there at about half past eleven?

xiaoming 对。我才不想再走错路呢！
duì wǒ cái bù xiǎng zài zǒu cuò lù ne · Yes. I’m certainly not taking a wrong turn again!

write it trace the grey, then write your own



指
zhǐ
point (at), point to



距
jù
distance, gap

good to know · Don’t double up 大约 and 左右 in careful writing: 大约十分钟 or 十分钟左右 is enough. In China you often hear directions by compass: 往东走 (go east). Look at the map if you’re not sure!

Rough numbers are real-life numbers: now you can plan a trip without a calculator.
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day 31 on the road

Talk about traffic, parking and getting around a city by car or e-bike.

Traffic is everyone's favourite complaint: it's the small talk of every Chinese city.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
自	zì	from (formal)	自明天起，这条路上禁止停车。 From tomorrow, parking on this road is not allowed.
当	dāng	when; work as, be	当我到车站的时候，车已经开走了。 When I got to the station, the bus had already left.
由	yóu	by (who does it); from	这件事由小刘负责。 Xiao Liu is in charge of this.
随着	suízhe	along with, as	随着生活变好，买车的人越来越多。 As life gets better, more and more people buy cars.
等到	děngdào	by the time, when	等到我们到了，电影已经开始了。 By the time we arrived, the film had already started.
交通	jiāotōng	traffic, transport	北京的交通很方便，但是常常堵车。 Getting around Beijing is easy, but the traffic jams are frequent.
堵车	dǔchē	traffic jam; be stuck in traffic	路上堵车，我可能要晚到一会儿。 I'm stuck in traffic, I might be a bit late.
交警	jiāojǐng	traffic police	交警让我们把车停在路边。 The traffic police told us to pull over.
电动车	diàndòngchē	e-bike, electric scooter	我每天骑电动车上班。 I ride an e-bike to work every day.
停	tíng	stop; park	雨停了，我们走吧。 The rain has stopped, let's go.
停车	tíngchē	park (a car)	对不起，这里不能停车。 Sorry, you can't park here.
停车场	tíngchēchǎng	car park	商场下面有一个很大的停车场。 There's a big car park under the shopping centre.
车位	chēwèi	parking space	周末商场的车位很难找。 Parking spaces at the mall are hard to find at weekends.
加油站	jiāyóuzhàn	petrol station	车快没油了，前面有加油站吗？ We're almost out of petrol. Is there a petrol station ahead?
师傅	shīfu	master; driver (way to address)	师傅，麻烦您在路口停一下。 Excuse me, could you stop at the junction, please?
出口	chūkǒu	exit; export	我在地铁站出口等你。 I'll wait for you at the metro exit.

入口	rùkǒu	entrance	停车场的入口在大楼后面。 The car park entrance is behind the building.
进入	jìnrù	enter, get into	我们已经进入杭州市了。 We're already in Hangzhou city.

pattern from, when, along with: 自, 当, 由, 随着, 等

当 / 等(到) / 随着 **something happens** **,** **result**

These words set the time or the starting point. 当……的时候 = when; 等(到)…… = once, by the time; 随着…… = as, along with a change. 自 and 由 mean "from" in written Chinese, and 由 + person says who does a job.

当我到家的时候，大家已经吃完饭了。 **dāng wǒ dào jiā de shíhou dàjiā yǐjīng chī wán fàn le** When I got home, everyone had already eaten.

等到雨停了，我们再走吧。 **děngdào yǔ tíng le wǒmen zài zǒu ba** Let's go once the rain stops.

这趟动车由北京开往上海。 **zhè tàng dòngchē yóu Běijīng kāi wǎng Shànghǎi** This bullet train runs from Beijing to Shanghai.

随着天气变冷，骑电动车的人少了。 **suízhe tiānqì biàn lěng qí diàndòngchē de rén shǎo le** As the weather gets colder, fewer people ride e-bikes.

dialogue saturday night traffic

anna 小明，前面怎么不动了？
Xiǎomíng qiánmiàn zěnme bú dòng le · Xiaoming, why isn't anything moving?

xiaoming 又堵车了。随着车越来越多，北京的交通越来越麻烦了。
yòu dǔchē le suízhe chē yuè lái yuè duō Běijīng de jiāotōng yuè lái yuè máfan le · Another jam. With more and more cars, Beijing traffic just keeps getting worse.

anna 尽管堵车，我们还是来得及。电影七点才开始。
jǐnguǎn dǔchē wǒmen háishi láidejí diànyǐng qī diǎn cái kāishǐ · Even with the jam, we'll make it. The film doesn't start till seven.

xiaoming 等到了商场，还得找车位。周末停车特别难。
děngdào le shāngchǎng hái děi zhǎo chēwèi zhōumò tíngchē tèbié nán · Once we get to the mall, we still have to find a space. Parking at weekends is so hard.

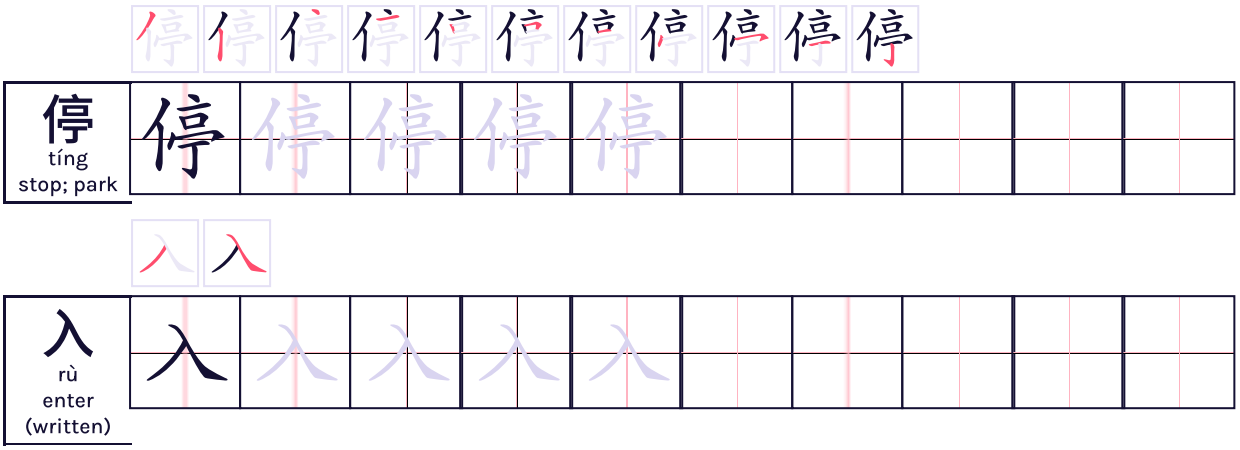
anna 你看，那边有个交警。我们问问他停车场的入口在哪儿吧。
nǐ kàn nàbiān yǒu gè jiāojǐng wǒmen wèn wen tā tíngchēchǎng de rùkǒu zài nǎr ba · Look, there's a traffic officer. Let's ask him where the car park entrance is.

xiaoming 他说入口在大楼后面。对了，车也快没油了。
tā shuō rùkǒu zài dà lóu hòumiàn duì le chē yě kuài méi yóu le · He says the entrance is behind the building. Oh, and we're nearly out of petrol.

anna 看完电影再去加油站吧。商场出口旁边就有一个。
kàn wán diànyǐng zài qù jiāyóuzhàn ba shāngchǎng chūkǒu pángbiān jiù yǒu yí gè · Let's go to the petrol station after the film. There's one right by the mall exit.

xiaoming 好主意。你看，车开始动了，我们马上就能进入停车场了。
hǎo zhǔyi nǐ kàn chē kāishǐ dòng le wǒmen mǎshàng jiù néng jìnrù tíngchēchǎng le · Good idea. Look, we're moving: we'll be in the car park in a minute.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · 等 can also mean “once, when”: 等他来了再说 (let’s talk when he’s here). You already know the verb, so this one is free! Say 师傅 to a taxi driver: 师傅，到火车站 is all you need to start the ride.

Next time you’re stuck in traffic, you can complain about it like a local.
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day 32 a trip away

Plan a trip: say how long, how many, how often, and book a place to stay.

Planning a holiday with friends is half the fun, and it's full of "at least", "only" and "usually".

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
共	gòng	in total (written)	这家旅馆共有二十个房间。 This guesthouse has twenty rooms in total.
全	quán	whole, all	我们全家都去云南度假了。 Our whole family went to Yunnan on holiday.
光	guāng	light; only; used up	光坐车就坐了八个小时。 The bus ride alone took eight hours.
仅	jǐn	only (formal)	这家旅馆离车站仅五百米。 The guesthouse is only 500 metres from the station.
仅仅	jǐnjǐn	only, merely	我们仅仅休息了一天，就又开始工作了。 We rested for just one day before going back to work.
至少	zhìshǎo	at least	去云南至少要玩一个星期。 You need at least a week to see Yunnan.
重新	chóngxīn	again, all over again	航班取消了，我们只好重新订机票。 The flight was cancelled, so we had to book tickets all over again.
往往	wǎngwǎng	usually, tend to	节假日的时候，火车票往往很难买。 Train tickets are usually hard to get during the holidays.
偶尔	ǒuěr	occasionally, once in a while	我偶尔一个人去旅行。 Once in a while I travel on my own.
再次	zàicì	once again	欢迎您再次来杭州！ Welcome back to Hangzhou!
旅行	lǚxíng	travel, trip	我很喜欢一个人旅行。 I love travelling alone.
出行	chūxíng	go out, travel (somewhere)	春节的时候，出行的人特别多。 Huge numbers of people travel at the Spring Festival.
外出	wàichū	go out (on business)	经理外出了，下午才回来。 The manager is out and won't be back until the afternoon.
度假	dùjià	go on holiday	他们一家去海边度假了。 Their family has gone to the seaside on holiday.
假日	jiàrì	holiday, day off	假日的时候，公园里人很多。 On days off, the park is full of people.
节假日	jiéjiàrì	public holidays	节假日的机票往往比平时贵。 Plane tickets are usually dearer on public holidays.

订	dìng	book, order	我已经在网上订好了酒店。 I've already booked the hotel online.
旅馆	lǚguǎn	guesthouse, small hotel	这家旅馆不大，但是很干净。 This guesthouse isn't big, but it's very clean.

pattern how much and how often: 共, 光, 仅, 至少 · 往往, 偶尔, 重新, 再次

who | 至少 / 光 / 往往 / 偶尔 | verb

Some adverbs say how much: 共 (in total), 全 (all), 光, 仅, 仅仅 (only, just), 至少 (at least). Others say how often: 往往 (usually, from experience), 偶尔 (now and then), 重新 and 再次 (again). They go before the verb; 老 + verb means "always, keeps on", often as a complaint.

从北京去杭州，坐高铁至少要四个多小时。 **cóng Běijīng qù Hángzhōu zuò gāotiě zhìshǎo yào sì gè duō xiǎoshí** From Beijing to Hangzhou, the high-speed train takes at least four hours.

周末的时候，商场往往人很多。 **zhōumò de shíhou shāngchǎng wǎngwǎng rén hěn duō** Shopping centres are usually crowded at weekends.

仅仅一个周末，怎么玩得完？ **jǐnjǐn yí gè zhōumò zěnme wán de wán** Just one weekend? How could we see it all?

我们全家都喜欢旅行。 **wǒmen quán jiā dōu xǐhuan lǚxíng** Our whole family loves travelling.

dialogue a plan for the holiday

xiao liu 下个月有个节假日，我们一起去杭州旅行吧！
xià gè yuè yǒu gè jiéjiàrì wǒmen yìqǐ qù Hángzhōu lǚxíng ba · There's a public holiday next month. Let's all go to Hangzhou!

anna 好啊！可是节假日出行的人往往特别多，票好买吗？
hǎo a kěshì jiéjiàrì chūxíng de rén wǎngwǎng tèbié duō piào hǎo mǎi ma · Great! But there are always crowds on holidays. Can we still get tickets?

xiao liu 别担心，我先帮大家订票。旅馆我也认识一家，又便宜又干净。
bié dānxīn wǒ xiān bāng dàjiā dìng piào lǚguǎn wǒ yě rènshi yì jiā yòu piányi yòu gānjìng · Don't worry, I'll book the tickets for everyone first. And I know a guesthouse, cheap and clean.

xiaoming 那我们去几天？光坐车就要四五个小时吧。
nà wǒmen qù jǐ tiān guāng zuò chē jiù yào sìwǔ gè xiǎoshí ba · So how many days? The journey alone takes four or five hours.

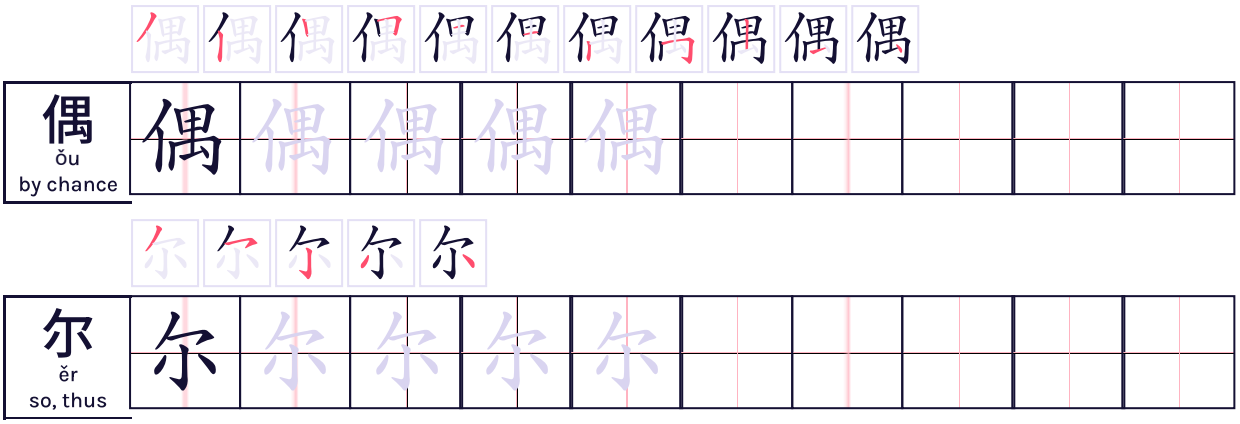
xiao liu 至少去三天。我们共三个人，订两个房间就够了。
zhìshǎo qù sān tiān wǒmen gòng sān gè rén dìng liǎng gè fángjiān jiù gòu le · Three days at least. There are three of us in total, so two rooms will do.

anna 我偶尔一个人外出度假，跟朋友一起去还是第一次！
wǒ ǒuěr yí gè rén wàichū dùjià gēn péngyou yìqǐ qù hái shì dì yī cì · I go away on my own now and then, but this is my first trip with friends!

xiaoming 我妈妈老说我不爱出门。这次我全听你们的！
wǒ māma lǎo shuō wǒ bú ài chūmén zhè cì wǒ quán tīng nǐmen de · My mum always says I never go anywhere. This time I'll do whatever you two say!

xiao liu 太好了！去过杭州的人，往往还想再次去。
tài hǎo le qù guo Hángzhōu de rén wǎngwǎng hái xiǎng zàicì qù · Great! People who've been to Hangzhou usually want to go back.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · 老 is also an adverb: 他老迟到 (he's always late). Like 老是, it often sounds a bit annoyed. 每 can open a sentence too: 每到周末，…… means "every time the weekend comes, …".

You can now plan a whole trip with friends: dates, rooms, tickets and all.
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day 33 seeing the sights

Talk about sights and scenery, add “besides” and “but”, and find what you need at a scenic spot.

Every trip needs these words: where to go, what’s worth seeing, and where the toilets are.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
此外	cǐwài	besides, in addition	这个景区很美。此外，门票也不贵。 This scenic area is beautiful. Besides, the tickets aren’t expensive.
并且	bìngqiě	and also, moreover	导游给我们介绍了景点，并且回答了大家的问题。 The guide told us about the sights and answered everyone’s questions too.
不过	bùguò	but, however; only	这里的风景很美，不过人太多了。 The scenery here is lovely, but there are too many people.
入住	rùzhù	check in (at a hotel)	下午两点以后可以入住。 Check-in is from 2 pm.
导游	dǎoyóu	tour guide; guide	小刘是导游，他对杭州很熟悉。 Xiao Liu is a tour guide, he knows Hangzhou very well.
参观	cānguān	visit, look around	欢迎大家来我们学校参观。 You’re all welcome to visit our school.
游玩	yóuwán	go sightseeing, have fun	春天是去杭州游玩的好季节。 Spring is a great season to visit Hangzhou.
景点	jǐngdiǎn	tourist sight	这个景点不收门票。 This sight is free to enter.
景区	jǐngqū	scenic area	景区里不能骑电动车。 You can’t ride e-bikes in the scenic area.
景色	jǐngsè	scenery, view	山上的景色太美了！ The view from the mountain is stunning!
风景	fēngjǐng	scenery, landscape	我们一边走一边看风景。 We enjoyed the scenery as we walked.
美景	měijǐng	beautiful view	这样的美景，我从来没见过{guo}。 I’ve never seen a view like this.
顺便	shùnbiàn	while you’re at it, on the way	你去超市的时候，顺便帮我买瓶水。 When you go to the supermarket, could you grab me a bottle of water?
暂时	zànshí	for the moment, temporary	这个景点暂时关门了。 This sight is closed for the moment.
厕所	cèsuǒ	toilet	请问，厕所在哪儿? Excuse me, where’s the toilet?
入	rù	enter (written)	买好门票以后，请从这边入园。 Once you have your tickets, please enter the park this way.

背	bēi	carry on your back	他背着一个大包去旅行。 He went travelling with a big bag on his back.
背包	bēibāo	backpack	我的背包里有水和雨伞。 I've got water and an umbrella in my backpack.

pattern ……，不过……: but, only (and 此外, 并且)

something good **，不过** **a small catch**

不过 adds a softer "but": the first part stays true, the second adds a small catch. It's lighter than 但是 and very common in speech. Two more joiners for today: 此外 (besides, in addition) starts a new point; 并且 (and also) adds a second action.

这家旅馆很干净，不过离景点有点儿远。 **zhè jiā lǚguǎn hěn gānjìng búguò lí jǐngdiǎn yǒudiǎnr yuǎn**
This guesthouse is clean, but it's a bit far from the sights.

东西不错，不过有点儿贵。 **dōngxi búcuò búguò yǒudiǎnr guì** It's nice stuff, but a bit pricey.

门票不贵。此外，景区里还有免费的车。 **ménpiào bú guì cǐwài jǐngqū lǐ hái yǒu miǎnfèi de chē** The tickets aren't expensive. Besides, there are free buses inside the area.

dialogue a day with a real guide

xiao liu 大家好！今天由我来当导游，带大家参观这个景区。
dàjiā hǎo jīntiān yóu wǒ lái dāng dǎoyóu dài dàjiā cānguān zhège jǐngqū · Hi everyone! Today I'm your guide, and I'll show you around this scenic area.

anna 这里的景色真美！不过我背着这么大的背包，有点儿累。
zhèlǐ de jǐngsè zhēn měi búguò wǒ bēi zhe zhème dà de bēibāo yǒudiǎnr lèi · The view here is gorgeous! But I'm carrying such a big backpack, I'm a bit tired.

xiao liu 你可以暂时把背包存在入口那儿，那里是免费的。
nǐ kěyǐ zànshí bǎ bēibāo cún zài rùkǒu nàr nàlǐ shì miǎnfèi de · You can leave your backpack at the entrance for now. It's free.

xiaoming 小刘，请问厕所在哪儿？我得先去一下。
XiǎoLiú qǐngwèn cèsuǒ zài nǎr wǒ děi xiān qù yíxià · Xiao Liu, where are the toilets? I need to go first.

xiao liu 就在前面。这里的美景这么多，没有人不喜欢的。
jiù zài qiánmiàn zhèlǐ de měijǐng zhème duō méiyǒu rén bù xǐhuan de · Just ahead. There are so many beautiful views here, nobody leaves without loving it.

anna 我们还有时间去山上看看吗？
wǒmen hái yǒu shíjiān qù shān shàng kàn kan ma · Do we still have time to go up the hill?

xiao liu 有。山上的风景最好。此外，上面还有很多好吃的小吃。
yǒu shān shàng de fēngjǐng zuì hǎo cǐwài shàngmiàn hái yǒu hěn duō hǎochī de xiǎochī · We do. The best scenery is at the top. Besides, there are loads of tasty snacks up there.

xiaoming 太好了！那我们上去吧，顺便在上面吃午饭。
tài hǎo le nà wǒmen shàngqù ba shùnbiàn zài shàngmiàn chī wǔfàn · Brilliant! Let's go up, and have lunch there while we're at it.

write it trace the grey, then write your own



good to know · Big scenic areas in China are graded from A to AAAAA (5A): the 5A ones are the most famous, and the busiest. 不过 also means “only, no more than” before a number: 不过十分钟 (only ten minutes).

Now you can enjoy the view and still say what’s not perfect, politely.
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day 34 a weekend in hangzhou

Follow a whole trip in Chinese: the train, the guesthouse, the sights, a cancelled train and the race back to the station.

This is unit 5 for real: everything you learned about travel, in one long weekend.

chapter 1 where is xiaoming?

anna 小刘，小明怎么还没到？他老是迟到！动车七点就开了。
XiǎoLiú Xiǎomíng zěnme hái méi dào tā lǎoshì chídào dòngchē qī diǎn jiù kāi le · Xiao Liu, why isn't Xiaoming here yet? He's always late! The train leaves at seven.

xiao liu 他刚才发短信说，路上堵车，大约十分钟以后到。
tā gāngcái fā duǎnxìn shuō lùshang dǔchē dàyuē shí fēnzhōng yǐhòu dào · He just texted: he's stuck in traffic and will be here in about ten minutes.

anna 要是他七点以前还没到，我们就会错过这趟车。
yàoshi tā qī diǎn yǐqián hái méi dào wǒmen jiù huì cuòguò zhè tàng chē · If he can't get here before seven, we'll miss this train.

xiao liu 别着急，现在才六点半，还来得及。我们先过安检，去大厅等他吧。
bié zháojí xiànzài cái liù diǎn bàn hái láidejí wǒmen xiān guò ānjiǎn qù dàtīng děng tā ba · Don't worry, it's only half past six, there's still time. Let's go through security and wait for him in the hall.

xiaoming 对不起，我来迟了！当我到地铁站的时候，地铁刚开走。我怕来不及，于是打了个车，没想到路上又堵车。
duìbuqǐ wǒ lái chí le dāng wǒ dào dìtiě zhàn de shíhou dìtiě gāng kāi zǒu wǒ pà láibují yúshì dǎ le gè chē méi xiǎng dào lùshang yòu dǔchē · Sorry I'm late! When I got to the metro station, the train had just left. I was afraid I wouldn't make it, so I took a taxi, and then got stuck in traffic.

xiao liu 没关系，你还是赶上了。你听，广播说去杭州的旅客可以检票了。我们赶紧走吧。
méi guānxi nǐ háishi gǎnshàng le nǐ tīng guǎngbō shuō qù Hángzhōu de lǚkè kěyǐ jiǎnpiào le wǒmen gǎnjǐn zǒu ba · Never mind, you made it. Listen, the announcement says passengers for Hangzhou can go through. Let's hurry.

anna 我们的座位在一起吗？
wǒmen de zuòwèi zài yìqǐ ma · Are our seats together?

xiao liu 在一起。我提前一个星期就订好了。节假日出行的人往往特别多，晚了就买不到了。
zài yìqǐ wǒ tíqián yí gè xīngqī jiù dìng hǎo le jiéjiàrì chūxíng de rén wǎngwǎng tèbié duō wǎn le jiù mǎi bu dào le · They are. I booked them a week ahead. Loads of people travel on public holidays; leave it late and there's nothing left.

xiaoming 我在网上看了时间表，这趟车不用换乘，直接到杭州。
wǒ zài wǎngshang kàn le shíjiānbiǎo zhè tàng chē búyòng huànchéng zhíjiē dào Hángzhōu · I checked the timetable online: this train doesn't need a change, it goes straight to Hangzhou.

anna 太好了。乘坐动车比坐大巴舒服多了，速度也快得多。
tài hǎo le chéngzuò dòngchē bǐ zuò dàbā shūfu duō le sùdù yě kuài de duō · Great. The bullet train is much more comfortable than the coach, and much faster too.

xiao liu 是啊。广播说动车将要出发了，大家坐好吧。我们中午前后就能到杭州。
shì a guǎngbō shuō dòngchē jiāngyào chūfā le dàjiā zuò hǎo ba wǒmen zhōngwǔ qiánhòu jiù néng dào Hángzhōu · Exactly. The announcement says the train is about to leave, so sit tight. We'll be in Hangzhou around noon.

chapter 2 from the station to the guesthouse

xiaoming 终于到杭州了！我们的旅馆离车站有多远？
zhōngyú dào Hángzhōu le wǒmen de lǚguǎn lí chēzhàn yǒu duō yuǎn · Hangzhou at last! How far is our guesthouse from the station?

xiao liu 不太远，大约十来公里。我们坐地铁去，不用换乘。
bú tài yuǎn dàyuē shí lái gōnglǐ wǒmen zuò dìtiě qù búyòng huànchéng · Not too far, ten-odd kilometres. We'll take the metro, no need to change.

anna 下了地铁以后呢？
xià le dìtiě yǐhòu ne · And after we get off the metro?

xiao liu 出口对面有一个十字路口，往右转，走五分钟左右就到了。
chūkǒu duìmiàn yǒu yí gè shízì lùkǒu wǎng yòu zhuǎn zǒu wǔ fēnzhōng zuǒyòu jiù dào le · Opposite the exit there's a crossroads. Turn right, and it's about five minutes' walk.

xiaoming 杭州骑电动车的人真多！
Hángzhōu qí diàndòngchē de rén zhēn duō · So many people ride e-bikes in Hangzhou!

xiao liu 是啊。随着地铁越来越多，这里的交通比以前好多了。
shì a suízhe dìtiě yuè lái yuè duō zhèlǐ de jiāotōng bǐ yǐqián hǎo duō le · They do. And as more metro lines open, the traffic here is much better than it used to be.

xiaoming 你们看我指的那座白色的楼，是不是我们的旅馆？
nǐmen kàn wǒ zhǐ de nà zuò báisè de lóu shì bu shì wǒmen de lǚguǎn · Look at that white building I'm pointing at. Is that our guesthouse?

xiao liu 不是，那是个停车场。我们刚才路过的加油站，你们看见了吗？旅馆就在它后面。
bú shì nà shì gè tíngchēchǎng wǒmen gāngcái lùguò de jiāyóuzhàn nǐmen kànjiàn le ma lǚguǎn jiù zài tā hòumiàn · No, that's a car park. Did you see the petrol station we just passed? The guesthouse is right behind it.

anna 地图上说，距离目的地还有两百米，就在前方。
dìtú shàng shuō jùlí mùdìdì hái yǒu liǎngbǎi mǐ jiù zài qiánfāng · The map says the destination is two hundred metres away, straight ahead.

anna 到了！现在能入住吗？
dào le xiànzài néng rùzhù ma · We're here! Can we check in now?

xiao liu 他们说两点以后才能入住。我们可以暂时把背包放在这儿。
tāmen shuō liǎng diǎn yǐhòu cái néng rùzhù wǒmen kěyǐ zànshí bǎ bēibāo fàng zài zhèr · They say check-in is only after two. We can leave our backpacks here for now.

xiaoming 太好了，背着这么大的包，我真受不了。那我们先去景区吧！
tài hǎo le bēi zhe zhème dà de bāo wǒ zhēn shòubuliǎo nà wǒmen xiān qù jǐngqū ba · Great, I can't stand carrying this huge bag. Let's go to the scenic area first!

xiao liu 好！这三天由我来当你们的导游。等到下午回来，我们再入住。
hǎo zhè sān tiān yóu wǒ lái dāng nǐmen de dǎoyóu děngdào xiàwǔ huílái wǒmen zài rùzhù · OK! For these three days I'll be your guide. We'll check in when we get back this afternoon.

chapter 3 a cup of tea, while we're at it

anna 这里的风景太美了！我从来没见过这样的美景。
zhèlǐ de fēngjǐng tài měi le wǒ cónglái méi jiàn guo zhèyàng de měijǐng · The scenery here is stunning! I've never seen a view like this.

xiao liu 春天和秋天来杭州游玩的人往往最多。不过今天人不太多。
chūntiān hé qiūtiān lái Hángzhōu yóuwán de rén wǎngwǎng zuì duō búguò jīntiān rén bú tài duō · Spring and autumn are usually the busiest times in Hangzhou. But it's not too crowded today.

xiaoming 这个景区要门票吗？
zhège jǐngqū yào ménpiào ma · Do we need tickets for this area?

xiao liu 不要，是免费的。此外，景区里共有二十来个景点，并且每个都很有意思。
búyào shì miǎnfèi de cǐwài jǐngqū lǐ gòng yǒu èrshí lái gè jǐngdiǎn bìngqiě měi gè dōu hěn yǒu yìsi · No, it's free. Besides, there are twenty-odd sights in the area, and every one is worth seeing.

anna 二十来个？光这个景区，我们就至少要玩一天！
èrshí lái gè guāng zhège jǐngqū wǒmen jiù zhìshǎo yào wán yì tiān · Twenty-odd? This scenic area alone will take us at least a day!

xiao liu 那我们先去参观最有名的几个景点吧，那里的景色最美。
nà wǒmen xiān qù cānguān zuì yǒumíng de jǐ gè jǐngdiǎn ba nàlǐ de jǐngsè zuì měi · Then let's visit the most famous sights first. That's where the views are best.

xiaoming 北京已经很冷了，而杭州还一点儿也不冷。来这儿度假真舒服！
Běijīng yǐjīng hěn lěng le ér Hángzhōu hái yìdiǎnr yě bù lěng lái zhèr dùjià zhēn shūfu · It's already cold in Beijing, while Hangzhou isn't cold at all. A holiday here is so nice!

anna 我想去喝杯茶。听说杭州的茶叶很有名。
wǒ xiǎng qù hē bēi chá tīngshuō Hángzhōu de cháyè hěn yǒumíng · I'd love a cup of tea. I hear Hangzhou tea is famous.

xiao liu 我叔叔家就在附近，他做的茶特别好喝。我们顺便去他家看看吧！
wǒ shūshu jiā jiù zài fùjìn tā zuò de chá tèbié hǎo hē wǒmen shùnbiàn qù tā jiā kàn kan ba · My uncle lives nearby, and the tea he makes is wonderful. Let's drop in on him while we're here!

xiaoming 好啊！不过我得先去一下厕所。
hǎo a búguò wǒ děi xiān qù yíxià cèsuǒ · Great! But I need to find a toilet first.

xiao liu 厕所就在入口旁边。我们在那儿等你。
cèsuǒ jiù zài rùkǒu pángbiān wǒmen zài nàr děng nǐ · The toilets are right by the entrance. We'll wait for you there.

chapter 4 the train is cancelled

anna 叔叔的茶真好喝！在北京往往买不到这么好的茶。
shūshu de chá zhēn hǎo hē zài Běijīng wǎngwǎng mǎi bu dào zhème hǎo de chá · Your uncle's tea is delicious! You can rarely get tea this good in Beijing.

xiao liu 你喜欢的话，可以多买一些带回去。叔叔平时很少出门，只是偶尔去市里卖茶。
nǐ xǐhuan dehuà kěyǐ duō mǎi yìxiē dài huiqu shūshu píngshí hěn shǎo chūmén zhǐshì ǒuěr qù shì lǐ mài chá · If you like it, you can buy some more to take back. My uncle hardly ever goes out; he only goes into town to sell tea now and then.

xiaoming 你们看，我刚收到短信：由于天气原因，明天上午的动车已取消。
nǐmen kàn wǒ gāng shōudào duǎnxìn yóuyú tiānqì yuányīn míngtiān shàngwǔ de dòngchē yǐ qǔxiāo · Look, I've just had a text: because of the weather, tomorrow morning's train is cancelled.

anna 那怎么办？我后天还得按时上班。
nà zěnme bàn wǒ hòutiān hái děi ànshí shàngbān · What do we do? I have to be at work on time the day after tomorrow.

xiaoming 坐飞机也不行，明天的航班全推迟了。
zuò fēijī yě bùxíng míngtiān de hángbān quán tuīchí le · Flying won't work either: all of tomorrow's flights are delayed.

xiao liu 别担心，我们重新订票就是了。下午还有一列动车，现在订还来得及。
bié dānxīn wǒmen chóngxīn dìng piào jiùshì le xiàwǔ hái yǒu yí liè dòngchē xiànzài dìng hái láidejí · Don't worry, we'll just book again. There's another train in the afternoon, and we can still get on it if we book now.

anna 订好了！下午三点的车仅有几张票了，差点儿就买不到了。
dìng hǎo le xiàwǔ sān diǎn de chē jǐn yǒu jǐ zhāng piào le chàdiǎnr jiù mǎi bu dào le · Booked! There were only a few tickets left for the three o'clock train. We nearly missed out.

xiao liu 师傅，我们要赶三点的动车，走高速的话来得及吗？
shīfu wǒmen yào gǎn sān diǎn de dòngchē zǒu gāosù dehuà láidejí ma · (The next day, in a taxi) Excuse me, we need to catch the three o'clock train. Will we make it if we take the expressway?

xiao liu 师傅说，走高速四十分钟左右就到，比走公路快多了。
shīfu shuō zǒu gāosù sìshí fēnzhōng zuǒyòu jiù dào bǐ zǒu gōnglù kuài duō le · The driver says it's about forty minutes on the expressway, much faster than the ordinary road.

anna 师傅，请在前面停一下。我们就在这儿下车吧。
shīfu qǐng zài qiánmiàn tíng yíxià wǒmen jiù zài zhèr xià chē ba · Could you stop just ahead, please? We'll get out here.

xiao liu 车站门口不能停车，交警不让停。师傅把我们送到停车场，从那儿进入车站只要五分钟。
chēzhàn ménkǒu bù néng tíngchē jiāojǐng bú ràng tíng shīfu bǎ wǒmen sòng dào tíngchēchǎng cóng nàr jìnrù chēzhàn zhǐyào wǔ fēnzhōng · You can't stop outside the station, the traffic police won't allow it. The driver will drop us at the car park; it's only five minutes from there into the station.

anna 你看，那儿写着：自十月一日起，车站门口禁止停车。
nǐ kàn nàr xiě zhe zì shí yuè yī rì qǐ chēzhàn ménkǒu jìnzhǐ tíngchē · Look, the sign says: from 1 October, no parking outside the station.

xiaoming 我们准时到了！广播说，开往北京的动车将在十分钟后检票，请乘客们做好准备。
wǒmen zhǔnshí dào le guǎngbō shuō kāi wǎng Běijīng de dòngchē jiāng zài shí fēnzhōng hòu jiǎnpiào qǐng chéngkèmen zuò hǎo zhǔnbèi · We made it on time! The announcement says the train to Beijing will start boarding in ten minutes, and passengers should get ready.

anna 仅仅三天，我已经爱上杭州了。这是我最开心的一次旅行，下次我们一定要再次来！
jǐnjǐn sān tiān wǒ yǐjīng ài shàng Hángzhōu le zhè shì wǒ zuì kāixīn de yí cì lǚxíng xià cì wǒmen yídìng yào zàicì lái · Just three days, and I've already fallen for Hangzhou. It's the best trip I've ever had. We have to come back next time!

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