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day 1 oh, no way!

Chinese HSK 5 in 80 days
unit 1 · help, please!

Add your feelings to what you say: surprise, “as expected”, “not at all”, “after all” and “anyway”.

Native speakers colour almost every sentence with these little adverbs. Without them, your Chinese sounds like a textbook.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
哎	āi	hey; oh (surprise)	哎，你怎么也在这儿? Hey, what are you doing here?
哎呀	āiyā	oh no; oh my	哎呀，我的手机没电了！ Oh no, my phone’s dead!
唉	ài	sigh; oh well	唉，又下雨了，今天去不了{liao3-4}公园了。 Sigh, it’s raining again. No park today.
哈	hā	ha (laughter); aha	哈哈，你说得太有意思了！ Ha ha, that’s so funny!
哦	ò	oh, I see	哦，原来是这样，我明白了。 Oh, so that’s how it is. I get it now.
呀	yā	oh, ah (surprise)	呀，外面下雪了！ Oh, it’s snowing outside!
毕竟	bìjìng	after all	别生气了，他毕竟|还是{==still, after all}个孩子。 Don’t be cross. He’s only a child, after all.
居然	jūrán	to your surprise; actually	这么难的题，他居然一会儿就做完了。 Such a hard question, and he finished it in no time!
果然	guǒrán	sure enough, as expected	大家都说这家{=(measure word)}店好吃，果然不错。 Everyone said this place was good, and sure enough it is.
的确	díquè	indeed, really	这家{=(measure word)}店的菜的确不错，下{=next}次我还来。 The food here really is good. I’ll be back.
简直	jiǎnzhí	simply, practically	今天热得简直没法儿出门。 It’s so hot today you practically can’t go out.
根本	gēnběn	(not) at all; basic, root	这件事我根本不知道，你别问我。 I don’t know a thing about it. Don’t ask me.
绝对	juéduì	absolutely; absolute	放心吧，我绝对不会告诉别人。 Don’t worry, I absolutely won’t tell anyone.
反正	fǎnzhèng	anyway, in any case	你别着急，反正我们明天也没事。 No rush. We’re free tomorrow anyway.
反而	fǎnér	instead, on the contrary	吃了药，他的病不但没好，反而更重了。 He took the medicine, but instead of getting better he got worse.

白	bái	for nothing, in vain	银行今天不开门，我白跑了一趟。 The bank is closed today. I went all that way for nothing.
刚好	gānghǎo	just right; as it happens	我到车站的时候，车刚好来了。 The bus came just as I got to the stop.
不要紧	bùyàojǐn	it doesn't matter; not serious	不要紧，只是有点儿感冒。 It's nothing serious, just a bit of a cold.
没法儿	méifǎr	can't, there's no way to	雨这么大，我们没法儿出去了。 It's pouring. There's no way we can go out.
恭喜	gōngxǐ	congratulations	恭喜你找到了新工作！ Congratulations on your new job!
好运	hǎoyùn	good luck	明天就要考试了，祝你好运！ The exam's tomorrow. Good luck!
说不定	shuōbudìng	maybe, perhaps	你再找找，说不定在包里。 Have another look. It might be in your bag.
或许	huòxǔ	perhaps, maybe	他没回信息，或许只是太忙了。 He hasn't replied. Perhaps he's just very busy.
偶然	ǒurán	by chance; accidental	我在地铁上偶然遇到了一个老同学。 I ran into an old classmate on the underground by chance.
糟糕	zāogāo	terrible; oh no!	糟糕，我忘带钥匙了！ Oh no, I forgot my keys!

pattern how you feel about it: 居然, 果然, 根本, 毕竟, 反正...

who | 居然 · 果然 · 根本 · 毕竟 · 反正 | verb phrase

These adverbs go after the subject and before the verb, and show how you feel about the fact. 居然 is "to my surprise", 果然 is "just as expected", 根本 + 不/没 is "not at all", 毕竟 is "after all", 反正 is "anyway", and 反而 is "instead, the opposite".

我以为他不会来，他居然来了！ **wǒ yǐwéi tā bú huì lái tā jūrán lái le** I thought he wouldn't come, but he actually came!

吃了药，他的病不但没好，反而更重了。 **chī le yào tā de bìng búdàn méi hǎo fǎnér gèng zhòng le** He took the medicine, but instead of getting better he got worse.

雨这么大，简直没法儿出门。 **yǔ zhème dà jiǎnzhí méifǎr chūmén** It's pouring. You practically can't go out.

dialogue a monday like this

anna 哎呀，糟糕！我今天居然把手机忘在家里了。
āiyā zāogāo wǒ jīntiān jūrán bǎ shǒujī wàng zài jiā lǐ le · Oh no! I've actually left my phone at home today.

xiaoming 哈哈，不要紧，先用我的吧。你要给谁打电话？
hā hā búyàojǐn xiān yòng wǒ de ba nǐ yào gěi shéi dǎ diànhuà · Ha ha, it doesn't matter. Use mine for now. Who do you need to call?

anna 银行。我白跑了一趟，他们今天根本不开门。
yínháng wǒ bái pǎo le yí tàng tāmen jīntiān gēnběn bù kāi mén · The bank. I came all this way for nothing. They aren't even open today.

xiaoming 哦，我想起来了，银行昨天发过通知，今天下午才开门。
ò wǒ xiǎng qǐlai le yínháng zuótiān fā guo tōngzhī jīntiān xiàwǔ cái kāi mén · Oh, now I remember. The bank sent a notice yesterday: today they don't open until the afternoon.

anna 唉，我果然又没看清楚。这已经是这个月第二次了！
ài wǒ guǒrán yòu méi kàn qīngchu zhè yǐjīng shì zhège yuè dì èr cì le · Sigh. Just as I thought, I didn't read it properly again. That's the second time this month!

xiaoming 别生气，你最近毕竟太忙了，谁都会这样。
bié shēngqì nǐ zuìjìn bìjìng tài máng le shéi dōu huì zhèyàng · Don't be cross. You've been so busy lately, after all. It could happen to anyone.

anna 你的确说得对。哎，你今天怎么刚好也在这儿？
nǐ díquè shuō de duì āi nǐ jīntiān zěnme gānghǎo yě zài zhèr · You're right, really. Hey, how come you happen to be here today?

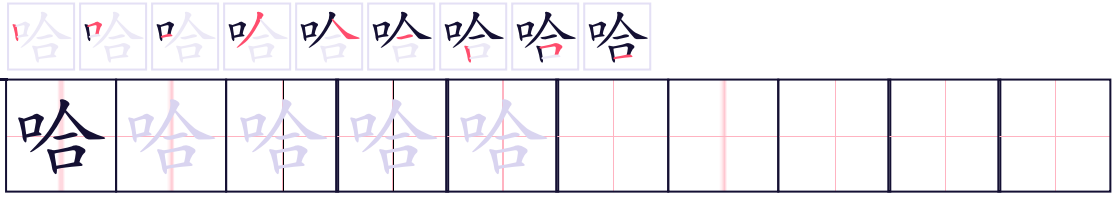
xiaoming 我偶然路过。反正我下午也没事，说不定还能陪你一起来。
wǒ ǒurán lùguò fǎnzhèng wǒ xiàwǔ yě méishì shuōbudìng hái néng péi nǐ yìqǐ lái · I was just passing by. I'm free this afternoon anyway, so I might even come with you.

anna 呀，那太好了！不过下午你绝对不能迟到。
yā nà tài hǎo le búguò xiàwǔ nǐ juéduì bù néng chídào · Oh, that's great! But you absolutely mustn't be late this afternoon.

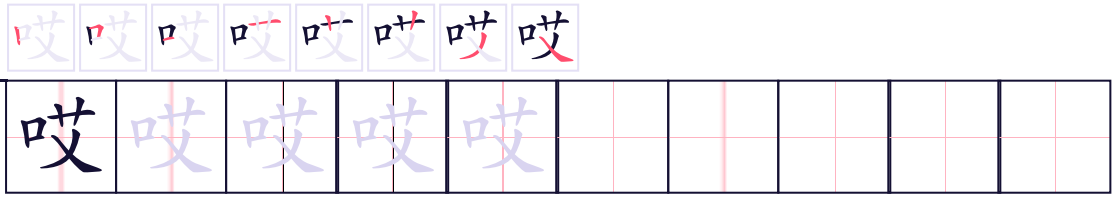
xiaoming 放心吧，或许我比你还早到呢！
fàngxīn ba huòxǔ wǒ bǐ nǐ hái zǎo dào ne · Don't worry. I might even get there before you!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

哈
hā
ha (laughter); aha



哎
āi
hey; oh (surprise)



good to know · 居然 and 果然 are opposites: 居然 for "I never expected that", 果然 for "just as I thought". 空 (kōng) can work like 白 before a verb: 空跑一趟 is a wasted trip, the same as 白跑一趟. 可 isn't only "but": before a verb or adjective it adds force: 你可别忘了 "whatever you do, don't forget", 这可不容易 "this really isn't easy".

Your Chinese now has feelings: surprise, relief, “I knew it” and “oh well”. That’s how friends really talk.
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day 2 at the bank

Open an account, renew a card, top up your phone and get through the paperwork at a bank.

Banks, phone shops and offices run on forms and formal words: 本人, 填单, 手续. Know them and the queue gets shorter.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
存款	cúnkuǎn	savings; to deposit money	她工作了三年，已经有了一些存款。 She's worked for three years and already has some savings.
账户	zhànghù	(bank) account	我想在这家{=(measure word)}银行开一个账户。 I'd like to open an account at this bank.
账号	zhànghào	account number; user name	我忘了我的账号，没法儿上网买东西。 I've forgotten my user name, so I can't shop online.
押金	yājīn	deposit (money you get back)	租这个房子要先交一个月的押金。 To rent this flat you pay a month's deposit first.
充值	chōngzhí	to top up (a card, a phone)	我的交通卡没钱了，得{dei3}去充值。 My travel card is empty. I need to top it up.
话费	huàfèi	phone charges, phone credit	我每个月的话费大概一百块。 My phone bill is about 100 yuan a month.
到期	dàoqī	to expire, fall due	我的银行卡下{=next}个月就到期了。 My bank card expires next month.
手续	shǒuxù	procedures, formalities, paperwork	办这个手续需要带护照。 You need your passport for this paperwork.
登记	dēngjì	to register, sign in	请先在这儿登记一下您的名字。 Please sign in here with your name first.
注册	zhùcè	to register, sign up	上网买东西以前，你得{dei3}先注册一个账号。 Before you shop online, you need to sign up for an account.
填	tián	to fill in (a form)	请把这张表填一下，然后去三号窗口。 Please fill in this form, then go to window 3.
单	dān	form, list; single; only	我们想要一个单人间，住两个晚上。 We'd like a single room for two nights.
咨询	zīxún	to ask for information, consult	有问题可以打这个电话咨询。 If you have questions, you can call this number for information.
等候	děnghòu	to wait (formal)	请在这里等候，叫到您的号再过去。 Please wait here and go over when your number is called.
等待	děngdài	to wait (for)	等待了两个星期，我终于收到了好消息。 After waiting two weeks, I finally got good news.

领取	lǐngqǔ	to collect, receive	新的银行卡下{=next}周一就能领取了。 You can collect your new bank card next Monday.
信用	xìnyòng	credit; trustworthiness	他很讲信用，说到就会做到。 He keeps his word: if he says he'll do it, he does.
本	běn	this, our (formal); own	本{ben3-5}店今天休息，明天见。 We're closed today. See you tomorrow.
本人	běnrén	oneself, in person; I myself	这个手续需要本人来办。 You have to do this paperwork in person.
某	mǒu	a certain, some	听说某家{=(measure word)}公司正在找新同事。 I hear a certain company is looking for new staff.
其	qí	his, her, its, their (written)	每个城市都有其特点。 Every city has its own character.
各自	gèzì	each, respective(ly)	吃完饭，大家就各自回家了。 After dinner, everyone went their own way home.
彼此	bǐcǐ	each other	我们认识很多年了，彼此都很了解。 We've known each other for years and understand each other well.
如此	rúcǐ	so, such, like this	没想到这里的手续如此复杂。 I never expected the paperwork here to be so complicated.

pattern 本, 如此, 彼此: this / our own, so, each other

本 + noun | 如此 + adjective | 彼此

本 before a noun is formal "this, our own": 本店 this shop, 本公司 our company, 本人 the person themself. 如此 is the written cousin of 这么: 如此麻烦, so much trouble. 彼此 means "each other": 彼此帮助, 彼此了解.

本公司每周六休息。 **běn gōngsī měi zhōu liù xiūxi** Our company is closed on Saturdays.

我没想到北京的冬天如此冷。 **wǒ méi xiǎng dào Běijīng de dōngtiān rúcǐ lěng** I never expected Beijing winters to be so cold.

我们认识很多年了，彼此都很了解。 **wǒmen rènshi hěn duō nián le bǐcǐ dōu hěn liǎojiě** We've known each other for years and understand each other well.

听说某家银行周末也开门。 **tīngshuō mǒu jiā yínháng zhōumò yě kāi mén** I hear a certain bank opens at weekends too.

dialogue in the queue

xiaoming 你今天来银行办什么手续?
nǐ jīntiān lái yínháng bàn shénme shǒuxù · What paperwork are you doing at the bank today?

anna 我的银行卡下个月就到期了，我想换张新的，再开一个账户。
wǒ de yínhángkǎ xià gè yuè jiù dàoqī le wǒ xiǎng huàn zhāng xīn de zài kāi yí gè zhànghù · My bank card expires next month. I want a new one, and to open another account.

xiaoming 那得本人来，还要先填单。你带护照了吗?
nà děi běnrén lái hái yào xiān tián dān nǐ dài hùzhào le ma · You have to come in person for that, and fill in a form first. Did you bring your passport?

anna 带了。可是新卡要一个星期才能领取，我只能耐心等待。
dài le kěshì xīn kǎ yào yí gè xīngqī cái néng lǐngqǔ wǒ zhǐ néng nàixīn děngdài · I did. But the new card takes a week to collect, so I'll just have to wait patiently.

xiaoming 这很正常。对了，你不是要租新房子吗？押金准备好了吗?
zhè hěn zhèngcháng duì le nǐ bú shì yào zū xīn fángzi ma yājīn zhǔnbèi hǎo le ma · That's normal. By the way, aren't you renting a new flat? Have you got the deposit ready?

anna 准备好了，我有一些存款。哎，那个窗口能给手机充值吗？我的话费快用完了。
zhǔnbèi hǎo le wǒ yǒu yìxiē cúnkuǎn āi nàge chuāngkǒu néng gěi shǒujī chōngzhí ma wǒ de huàfèi kuài yòng wán le · Yes, I've got some savings. Hey, can I top up my phone at that window? My credit's nearly gone.

xiaoming 能。不过你在网上注册一个账号，自己充值更方便，不用在这儿等候。
néng búguò nǐ zài wǎngshang zhùcè yí gè zhànghào zìjǐ chōngzhí gèng fāngbiàn búyòng zài zhèr děnghòu · Yes. But if you sign up for an account online, it's easier to top up yourself, with no waiting here.

anna 没想到办个手续如此麻烦，我已经等了四十分钟了!
méi xiǎng dào bàn gè shǒuxù rúcǐ máfan wǒ yǐjīng děng le sìshí fēnzhōng le · I never thought the paperwork would be such a hassle. I've been waiting forty minutes already!

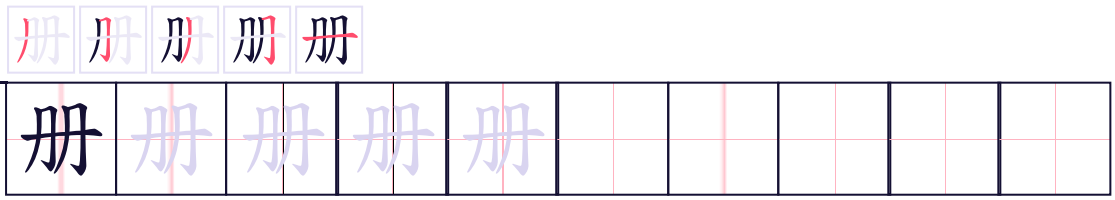
xiaoming 排队的人这么多，大家都有各自的事，谁也不想等。
páiduì de rén zhème duō dàjiā dōu yǒu gèzì de shì shéi yě bù xiǎng děng · Look at the queue. Everyone has their own things to do, and nobody wants to wait.

anna 也是。下次我先打电话咨询一下，问清楚了再来。
yě shì xià cì wǒ xiān dǎ diànhuà zīxún yíxià wèn qīngchu le zài lái · True. Next time I'll call first and ask, and only come once I know exactly what to bring.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

充
chōng
to fill





册
cè
volume; measure word for books



领
lǐng
collar; to lead; to receive



某
mǒu
a certain, some

good to know · Signs and notices love 本: 本店 this shop, 本站 this station, 本人 the person themself. In conversation you'd say 这家店 or 我们公司. 账户 is the account; 账号 is its number, and also your user name on a website or app.

Forms, queues and counters no longer scare you. You can sort out real life in Chinese.
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day 3 parcels & post

Send and chase a parcel at the post office, and say “once this happens, then…”.

Online shopping and parcels from home are part of every expat’s life in China, and so is chasing the ones that go missing.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
包裹	bāoguǒ	parcel; to wrap	你有一个包裹，在楼下的门口。 There’s a parcel for you at the door downstairs.
邮寄	yóujì	to post, send by mail	这些书可以邮寄到英国吗? Can these books be posted to the UK?
邮局	yóujú	post office	邮局几点关门? What time does the post office close?
邮票	yóupiào	(postage) stamp	寄这封信要多少钱的邮票? How much postage does this letter need?
信封	xìnfēng	envelope	请把照片放在信封里。 Please put the photos in the envelope.
住址	zhùzhǐ	home address	请在这儿写上你的住址和电话。 Please write your address and phone number here.
配送	pèisòng	to deliver (goods)	这家{=(measure word)}超市可以送货上门，一般两个小时以内配送。 This supermarket delivers to your door, usually within two hours.
运费	yùnfèi	shipping cost, delivery fee	买一百块以上就不要运费。 Spend over 100 yuan and delivery is free.
丢失	diūshī	to lose, go missing (formal)	我的包裹在路上丢失了。 My parcel went missing on the way.
存放	cúnfàng	to leave (for safe keeping), store	你可以把行李存放在这里。 You can leave your luggage here.
物品	wùpǐn	articles, items	这些物品不能邮寄。 These items can’t be sent by post.
用品	yòngpǐn	articles, supplies (for a use)	超市二楼卖运动用品。 The supermarket sells sports goods on the first floor.
日用品	rìyòngpǐn	everyday necessities	我下班去超市买一些日用品。 After work I’m going to the supermarket for a few everyday things.
锁	suǒ	lock; to lock	出门的时候别忘了锁门。 Don’t forget to lock the door when you go out.
便	biàn	then, and so (written 就)	他吃完早饭便出门了。 He finished breakfast and then went out.
一旦	yīdàn	once, the moment (something happens)	一旦决定了，就别再改了。 Once you’ve decided, don’t change your mind again.

拆	chāi	to open up, take apart	他一收到包裹，就马上拆开了。 As soon as he got the parcel, he tore it open.
插	chā	to insert, plug in	把这个插在电脑上就能用了。 Plug this into the computer and it'll work.
递	dì	to hand, pass	你把那本书递给我，好吗? Could you pass me that book?
贴	tiē	to stick, paste	别忘了在信封上贴邮票。 Don't forget to put a stamp on the envelope.
捡	jiǎn	to pick up (from the ground)	我在路上捡到了一个钱包。 I found a wallet in the street.
盖	gài	lid; to cover, put on (a lid, a stamp)	下雨了，快把东西盖起来! It's raining! Quick, cover everything up!
处理	chǔlǐ	to deal with, handle	别担心，这件事我来处理。 Don't worry, I'll deal with it.
催	cuī	to hurry, chase (someone)	包裹三天还没到，我打电话催了一下。 The parcel still hadn't come after three days, so I called to chase it.
转告	zhuǎngào	to pass on (a message)	请你转告他，明天的会{hui4-3}改到下午了。 Please tell him tomorrow's meeting has moved to the afternoon.

pattern 一旦 (once, the moment) and 便 (then)

一旦 | something happens | 就 / 便 | result

一旦 means "once, the moment (something happens)", usually something that might happen, often something unwelcome. The result follows with 就, or with 便 in writing. 便 on its own is simply the written 就: 他吃完饭便出门了.

一旦东西丢失，就很难找回来了。 **yídàn dōngxi diūshī jiù hěn nán zhǎo huilai le** Once something's lost, it's hard to get it back.

他收到消息，便马上出发了。 **tā shōudào xiāoxi biàn mǎshàng chūfā le** He got the message and set off at once.

他在路上捡到一个钱包，便马上交给了警察。 **tā zài lùshang jiǎn dào yí gè qián bāo biàn mǎshàng jiāo gěi le jǐngchá** He found a wallet in the street and handed it straight to the police.

dialogue a parcel from home

ms zhang 安娜？这么巧，你也来邮局？
Ānnà zhème qiǎo nǐ yě lái yóujú · Anna? What a coincidence, you're at the post office too?

anna 张阿姨好！我妈妈从英国给我寄了一个包裹，一个星期了还没到。
zhāng āyí hǎo wǒ māma cóng Yīngguó gěi wǒ jì le yí gè bāoguǒ yí gè xīngqī le hái méi dào · Hello, Auntie Zhang! My mum sent me a parcel from the UK, and it still hasn't come after a week.

ms zhang 你催过吗？包裹一旦丢失，就得早一点儿处理。
nǐ cuī guo ma bāoguǒ yídàn diūshī jiù děi zǎo yìdiǎnr chǔlǐ · Have you chased it? If a parcel goes missing, you need to deal with it early.

anna 催了两次，他们说正在处理。我今天顺便也给我妈妈寄一些东西。
cuī le liǎng cì tāmen shuō zhèngzài chǔlǐ wǒ jīntiān shùnbiàn yě gěi wǒ māma jì yìxiē dōngxi · Twice. They say they're dealing with it. While I'm here, I'm sending my mum a few things too.

ms zhang 寄什么？有些物品是不能邮寄的。
jì shénme yǒuxiē wùpǐn shì bù néng yóujì de · What are you sending? Some items can't go by post.

anna 一些书和一些厨房用品，她最近很喜欢做中国菜。运费贵吗？
yìxiē shū hé yìxiē chúfáng yòngpǐn tā zuìjìn hěn xǐhuan zuò Zhōngguó cài yùnfèi guì ma · Some books and some kitchen things. She's really into Chinese cooking these days. Is the postage expensive?

ms zhang 不太贵。你把箱子递给我，我帮你把箱子盖好。住址写了吗？
bú tài guì nǐ bǎ xiāngzi dì gěi wǒ wǒ bāng nǐ bǎ xiāngzi gài hǎo zhùzhǐ xiě le ma · Not too bad. Pass me the box and I'll close it up for you. Have you written the address?

anna 写了。哎呀，我的手机没电了，这里能插电吗？
xiě le āiyā wǒ de shǒujī méi diàn le zhèlǐ néng chā diàn ma · Yes. Oh no, my phone's dead. Can I plug it in here?

ms zhang 那边可以。对了，请你转告小明，今天晚上回家吃饭。
nàbiān kěyǐ duì le qǐng nǐ zhuǎngào Xiǎomíng jīntiān wǎnshang huí jiā chī fàn · Over there. Oh, and please tell Xiaoming to come home for dinner tonight.

anna 好的，我一定转告他。阿姨，谢谢您！
hǎo de wǒ yídìng zhuǎngào tā āyí xièxie nín · Sure, I'll tell him. Thank you, Auntie!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

局
jú
office, bureau

配
pèi
to match, go with; to deserve

旦
dàn
dawn, day

good to know · Calling an older woman 阿姨 (auntie) and an older man 叔叔 (uncle) is warm and polite, even if you're not related. 一旦 is mostly for things that might go wrong: 一旦丢失, 一旦生病. For good news, 要是 or 等…以后 sounds more natural.

Lost parcels, forms and postage: you can now sort them out at the counter, in Chinese, and still have a chat.
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day 4 call the police!

Spot a scam call, say what to do “just in case”, and talk about rules, fines and the police.

Phone scams are common everywhere. Knowing 骗, 报警 and 万一 helps you protect yourself and help others.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
报警	bàojǐng	to call the police	有人拿走了我的包，我马上报警了。 Someone took my bag, so I called the police straight away.
派出所	pàichūsuǒ	local police station	我的钱包丢了，就去派出所问了问。 I lost my wallet, so I went to ask at the police station.
罚	fá	to punish; to fine	他开车太快，被罚了两百块。 He was driving too fast and got a 200-yuan fine.
罚款	fákuǎn	a fine; to fine	在这儿停车要罚款。 You’ll be fined for parking here.
法院	fǎyuàn	court (of law)	两家{=(measure word)}公司没谈好，最后去了法院。 The two companies couldn’t agree and ended up in court.
违法	wéifǎ	to break the law; illegal	开车的时候打电话是违法的。 Using your phone while driving is against the law.
违反	wéifǎn	to break, go against (rules)	他违反了公司的规定，被经理批评了。 He broke company rules and was told off by the manager.
骗	piàn	to cheat, trick, lie to	别相信那个电话，他是骗你的。 Don’t trust that call. He’s trying to trick you.
证据	zhèngjù	evidence, proof	你说他拿了你的钱，有证据吗? You say he took your money. Do you have any proof?
救	jiù	to save, rescue	是一个年轻人跳下水救了那个孩子。 It was a young man who jumped into the water and saved the child.
意外	yìwài	accident; unexpected	路上出了个意外，所以我来晚了。 There was an accident on the way, so I’m late.
在场	zàichǎng	to be present (at the scene)	事情发生的时候，你在场吗? Were you there when it happened?
赔	péi	to pay for (damage), compensate	你弄坏了我的杯子，得{dei3}赔我一个新的。 You broke my cup, so you owe me a new one.
保安	bǎoān	security guard; to keep safe	楼下的保安人很好，每天都跟我打招呼。 The security guard downstairs is lovely and says hello every day.
保险	bǎoxiǎn	insurance; safe	出国旅行以前，最好买一份保险。 It’s best to buy insurance before you travel abroad.

平安	píngān	safe and sound	听到你平安到家，我就放心了。 Now I know you got home safely, I can stop worrying.
安	ān	safe, calm; to install, fit	我们家新安了一个空调。 We've just had an air conditioner put in at home.
万一	wànyī	just in case; if by any chance	带上雨伞吧，万一下雨呢? Take an umbrella. What if it rains?
避免	bìmiǎn	to avoid	为了避免迟到，我早上六点就出门了。 To avoid being late, I left at six in the morning.
采取	cǎiqǔ	to take (steps, action), adopt	我们得{dei3}采取一些办法，避免这种问题。 We need to take some steps to avoid this kind of problem.
难以	nányǐ	hard to, difficult to	这件事真让人难以相信。 It's really hard to believe.
控制	kòngzhì	to control	他太生气了，控制不了{liao3-4}自己。 He was so angry he couldn't control himself.
遵守	zūnshǒu	to obey, keep to (rules)	大家都应该遵守公司的规定。 Everyone should follow the company's rules.
合法	héfǎ	legal, lawful	在中国工作，需要合法的签证。 To work in China you need a legal visa.
阻止	zǔzhǐ	to stop, prevent	我想阻止他，可是已经来不及了。 I wanted to stop him, but it was too late.

pattern 万一……，（就）……: just in case, what if

万一 | unlikely (bad) thing | （就） | what to do

万一 is "one chance in ten thousand": if, by any chance, something unwelcome happens. Put the plan after it with 就. Or say your plan first and add 万一……呢? to give the reason: 带上雨伞吧，万一下雨呢?

带上雨伞吧，万一下雨呢? **dài shàng yǔ sǎn ba wànyī xià yǔ ne** Take an umbrella. What if it rains?

万一出了意外，保险公司会赔。 **wànyī chū le yìwài bǎoxiǎn gōngsī huì péi** If there's an accident, the insurance company will pay.

万一签证到期了，你在这儿工作就不合法了。 **wànyī qiānzhèng dàoqī le nǐ zài zhèr gōngzuò jiù bù héfǎ le** If your visa runs out, working here won't be legal any more.

万一有人进来呢? 我们还是安一把新锁吧。 **wànyī yǒu rén jìnlái ne wǒmen háishi ān yì bǎ xīn suǒ ba** What if someone gets in? Let's fit a new lock.

dialogue a strange phone call

zhao yang 安娜，你怎么了？看起来很不高兴。
Ānnà nǐ zěnme le kàn qǐlai hěn bù gāoxìng · Anna, what's wrong? You look upset.

anna 刚才有人打电话，说是银行的，要我的账号和密码。
gāngcái yǒu rén dǎ diànhuà shuō shì yínháng de yào wǒ de zhànghào hé mìmǎ · Someone just called saying he was from the bank and asked for my account number and password.

zhao yang 你没告诉他吧？那绝对是骗人的！
nǐ méi gàosu tā ba nà juéduì shì piàn rén de · You didn't tell him, did you? That's definitely a scam!

anna 没有，我觉得很奇怪，就挂了。
méiyǒu wǒ juéde hěn qíguài jiù guà le · No. It felt strange, so I hung up.

zhao yang 做得对。我最近在做一个新闻，很多人都被这种电话骗过。
zuò de duì wǒ zuìjìn zài zuò yí gè xīnwén hěn duō rén dōu bèi zhè zhǒng diànhuà piàn guo · Good. I'm doing a news story at the moment, and lots of people have been tricked by calls like that.

anna 那万一下次他们再打来，我该怎么办？
nà wànyī xià cì tāmen zài dǎ lái wǒ gāi zěnme bàn · So what should I do if they call again?

zhao yang 别跟他们说话，马上报警。也可以去派出所，把电话号码给警察，这就是证据。
bié gēn tāmen shuōhuà mǎshàng bàojǐng yě kěyǐ qù pàichūsuǒ bǎ diànhuà hàomǎ gěi jǐngchá zhè jiùshì zhèngjù · Don't talk to them. Call the police at once. Or go to the police station and give them the number: that's evidence.

anna 骗人是违法的，警察能找到他们吗？
piàn rén shì wéifǎ de jǐngchá néng zhǎo dào tāmen ma · Scamming people is illegal. Can the police find them?

zhao yang 很多都找到了，有的还上了法院。我们得采取办法，阻止更多人被骗。
hěn duō dōu zhǎo dào le yǒude hái shàng le fǎyuàn wǒmen děi cǎiqǔ bànfǎ zǔzhǐ gèng duō rén bèi piàn · They've found a lot of them, and some have gone to court. We need to take steps to stop more people being tricked.

anna 所以你才做这个新闻。我一定告诉我的朋友们！
suǒyǐ nǐ cái zuò zhège xīnwén wǒ yídìng gàosu wǒ de péngyoumen · So that's why you're doing this story. I'll tell all my friends!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

派
pài
to send (someone); school, group

采
cǎi
to pick, gather

制
zhì
to restrict; system



守
shǒu
to guard, stay by; to keep

good to know · In China, 110 is the police, 120 an ambulance and 119 the fire service. Save them in your phone. A real bank never asks for your password on the phone. If someone does, hang up: 挂了.

You can now protect yourself and your friends: spot the scam, say “just in case”, and know who to call.
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Make calls, book, leave messages and say exactly when: at once, long ago, all along, soon, gradually.

Work in China moves fast and plans change at short notice. These time words keep you one step ahead.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
拨打	bōdǎ	to dial, call (a number)	有问题请拨打这个电话。 If you have a problem, please call this number.
占线	zhànxiàn	(the line is) busy	我给他打了三次电话，一直占线。 I called him three times, and the line was busy every time.
留言	liúyán	to leave a message; a message	他现在不在，你可以给他留言。 He's not here right now. You can leave him a message.
约定	yuēdìng	to agree on, arrange; an agreement	我们约定好了，明天早上八点见。 We've agreed to meet at eight tomorrow morning.
预约	yùyuē	to make an appointment, book	看这个医生要先在网上预约。 To see this doctor, you have to book online first.
预订	yùdìng	to book, reserve (a room, a table)	我已经在网上预订了酒店。 I've already booked the hotel online.
改天	gǎitiān	another day, some other time	今天太晚了，我们改天再聊吧。 It's too late today. Let's talk another time.
临时	línshí	at short notice; temporary	经理临时有事，会议改到明天了。 Something came up for the manager, so the meeting has moved to tomorrow.
事先	shìxiān	beforehand, in advance	你要来的话，最好事先打个电话。 If you're coming, it's best to call beforehand.
随时	suíshí	at any time	有问题随时给我打电话。 Call me any time if there's a problem.
闹钟	nàozhōng	alarm clock	我的闹钟没响，所以起晚了。 My alarm didn't go off, so I overslept.
铃	líng	bell	门铃响了，快去开门吧。 That's the doorbell. Go and open the door.
时刻	shíkè	moment; at every moment	开车的时候要时刻注意安全。 When you're driving, you must think about safety every moment.
曾经	céngjīng	once, at one time (in the past)	我曾经在|上海{==Shanghai}住过{guo}两年。 I once lived in Shanghai for two years.
立刻	lìkè	at once, immediately	听到这个消息，他立刻给妈妈打了电话。 When he heard the news, he called his mum at once.

立即	lìjí	immediately (formal)	发现问题，请立即和我们联系。 If you find a problem, please contact us immediately.
连忙	liánmáng	hastily, promptly	看到老人上车，他连忙站{zhan4-3}了起来。 Seeing an old man get on the bus, he quickly stood up.
始终	shǐzhōng	from start to finish, all along	他始终没告诉我真正的原因。 He never did tell me the real reason.
早已	zǎoyǐ	long since, long ago	我到的时候，他们早已走了。 By the time I arrived, they had long gone.
即将	jíjiāng	about to, soon	飞机即将起飞，请关上手机。 The plane is about to take off. Please switch off your phone.
急忙	jímáng	in a hurry, hastily	下雨了，她急忙把衣服拿进来。 It started raining, and she rushed to bring the washing in.
渐渐	jiànjiàn	gradually, little by little	天气渐渐冷了，你多穿一点儿衣服。 It's slowly getting colder. Wear something warmer.
尽快	jǐnkuài	as soon as possible	收到信息以后，请尽快给我回电话。 When you get this message, please call me back as soon as you can.
早晚	zǎowǎn	sooner or later; morning and evening	这件事他早晚|会知道的。 He'll find out sooner or later.
抓紧	zhuājǐn	to hurry, make the most of	时间不多了，我们得{dei3}抓紧。 We haven't got much time. We need to get a move on.

pattern when: 立刻, 连忙, 曾经, 早已, 始终, 即将...

who | **立刻 · 连忙 · 曾经 · 早已 · 始终 · 即将** | **verb phrase**

These go after the subject, before the verb. 立刻 and 立即 mean "at once" and work in orders too; 连忙 and 急忙 describe someone's hurried reaction in a story, never an order. 曾经 is "once, in the past", 早已 "long since", 始终 "all along", 即将 "about to", 渐渐 "little by little".

他曾经来过这儿两次。 **tā céngjīng lái guo zhèr liǎng cì** He's been here twice before.

看到老人上车，他连忙站了起来。 **kàn dào lǎorén shàng chē tā liánmáng zhàn le qǐlai** Seeing an old man get on the bus, he quickly stood up.

飞机即将起飞，请关上手机。 **fēijī jíjiāng qǐfēi qǐng guān shàng shǒujī** The plane is about to take off. Please switch off your phone.

别着急，这件事他早晚会知道的。 **bié zháojí zhè jiàn shì tā zǎowǎn huì zhīdào de** Don't worry. He'll find out sooner or later.

dialogue the meeting moves

manager lin 安娜，那家公司临时改了时间，会议提前到明天上午九点。
Ānnà nà jiā gōngsī línshí gǎi le shíjiān huìyì tíqián dào míngtiān shàngwǔ jiǔ diǎn · Anna, that company has changed the time at short notice. The meeting is now tomorrow at nine.

anna 明天上午？那我们得抓紧了。我立刻给他们打电话问清楚。
míngtiān shàngwǔ nà wǒmen děi zhuājǐn le wǒ lìkè gěi tāmen dǎ diànhuà wèn qīngchu · Tomorrow morning? Then we need to get a move on. I'll call them right away and check the details.

manager lin 我刚才拨打了两次，一直占线。
wǒ gāngcái bōdǎ le liǎng cì yìzhí zhànxiàn · I just tried twice. The line's been busy.

anna 那我先给他们留言，再发一封邮件。
nà wǒ xiān gěi tāmen liúyán zài fā yì fēng yóujiàn · Then I'll leave them a message first and send an email.

manager lin 好。另外，事先预订一个会议室，再预订一家饭店，明天中午请他们吃饭。
hǎo lìngwài shìxiān yùdìng yí gè huìyì shì zài yùdìng yì jiā fàndiàn míngtiān zhōngwǔ qǐng tāmen chī fàn · Good. Also, book a meeting room in advance, and a restaurant: we're taking them to lunch tomorrow.

anna 没问题。有一家饭店我曾经去过，菜很好，环境也安静。
méi wèntí yǒu yì jiā fàndiàn wǒ céngjīng qù guo cài hěn hǎo huánjìng yě ānjìng · No problem. There's a restaurant I've been to: great food, and quiet too.

manager lin 有问题随时找我。这家公司很重要，一旦这次谈好了，以后的机会就多了。
yǒu wèntí suíshí zhǎo wǒ zhè jiā gōngsī hěn zhòngyào yídàn zhè cì tán hǎo le yǐhòu de jīhuì jiù duō le · Come to me any time if there's a problem. This company matters: once this deal is done, there'll be plenty more chances.

anna 明白。我今天晚上定好闹钟，明天早一点儿来。
míngbai wǒ jīntiān wǎnshang dìng hǎo nàozhōng míngtiān zǎo yìdiǎnr lái · Understood. I'll set my alarm tonight and come in early tomorrow.

manager lin 你上次也这么说，结果铃一响你便关了，又睡着了！
nǐ shàng cì yě zhème shuō jiéguǒ líng yì xiǎng nǐ biàn guān le yòu shuì zháo le · You said that last time, and the moment it rang you switched it off and went back to sleep!

anna 哈哈，那是很早以前的事了！我们约定好：明天我绝对不迟到。
hā hā nà shì hěn zǎo yǐqián de shì le wǒmen yuēdìng hǎo míngtiān wǒ juéduì bù chídào · Ha ha, that was ages ago! It's a deal: I absolutely won't be late tomorrow.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

占
zhàn
to take up, account for

立
lì
to stand

抓
zhuā
to grab, catch; to scratch

good to know · 立刻 can give an order (请立刻回来); 连忙 and 急忙 can't. They only describe what someone hurried to do. On the phone, 占线 means the line is busy. If nobody answers, say 没人接.

Plans change, phones ring, meetings move. Now you can keep up, and say exactly when.
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day 6 mission: a very busy monday

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chapter 1 the alarm that didn't ring

xiaoming 喂，安娜？你怎么还没到？我们约定八点在银行门口见。
wèi Ānnà nǐ zěnme hái méi dào wǒmen yuēdìng bā diǎn zài yínháng ménkǒu jiàn · Hello, Anna? Where are you? We agreed to meet outside the bank at eight.

anna 哎呀，糟糕！我的闹钟居然没响，我刚起床！
āiyā zāogāo wǒ de nàozhōng jūrán méi xiǎng wǒ gāng qǐchuáng · Oh no! My alarm didn't go off. I've only just got up!

xiaoming 果然！我就知道你会迟到。别急，银行九点才开门。
guǒrán wǒ jiù zhīdào nǐ huì chídào bié jí yínháng jiǔ diǎn cái kāi mén · I knew it! I just knew you'd be late. Don't panic, the bank doesn't open until nine.

anna 唉，我昨天晚上定了闹钟，可是铃根本没响。说不定是手机没电了。
ài wǒ zuótiān wǎnshang dìng le nàozhōng kěshì líng gēnběn méi xiǎng shuōbudìng shì shǒujī méi diàn le · Sigh. I did set my alarm last night, but it didn't ring at all. Maybe my phone ran out of battery.

xiaoming 你的手机毕竟太旧了，早晚得换一个。我事先在网上预约了九点的号，你别担心。
nǐ de shǒujī bìjìng tài jiù le zǎowǎn děi huàn yí gè wǒ shìxiān zài wǎngshang yùyuē le jiǔ diǎn de hào nǐ bié dānxīn · Your phone is old, after all: sooner or later you'll need a new one. I booked a nine o'clock slot online in advance, so don't worry.

anna 哦，原来你预约了！你可帮了我大忙。要是我一个人去，说不定又空跑一趟。
ò yuánlái nǐ yùyuē le nǐ kě bāng le wǒ dà máng yàoshi wǒ yí gè rén qù shuōbudìng yòu kōng pǎo yí tàng · Oh, you booked a slot! You've really saved me. On my own I might have made a wasted trip again.

anna 那太好了，我立刻出门，二十分钟就到。
nà tài hǎo le wǒ lìkè chūmén èrshí fēnzhōng jiù dào · Oh good. I'll leave right now and be there in twenty minutes.

xiaoming 你别跑，路上注意安全。反正时间还早。
nǐ bié pǎo lùshang zhùyì ānquán fǎnzhèng shíjiān hái zǎo · Don't run. Be careful on the way. It's still early anyway.

anna 好。对了，今天可以领取我的新银行卡了，我得带上护照。
hǎo duì le jīntiān kěyǐ lǐngqǔ wǒ de xīn yínhángkǎ le wǒ děi dài shàng hùzhào · OK. Oh, and I can collect my new bank card today, so I need my passport.

xiaoming 到了给我打电话，万一我在里面排队呢？
dào le gěi wǒ dǎ diànhuà wànyī wǒ zài lǐmiàn páiduì ne · Call me when you get here, in case I'm inside in the queue.

chapter 2 the card and the parcel

anna 新卡拿到了！手续比上次简单多了。

xīn kǎ ná dào le shǒuxù bǐ shàng cì jiǎndān duō le · I've got the new card! The paperwork was much simpler than last time.

xiaoming 那当然，上次你是开账户，这次只是领取。等候的人如此多，你居然半个小时就办完了！

nà dāngrán shàng cì nǐ shì kāi zhànghù zhè cì zhǐshì lǐngqǔ děnghòu de rén rúcǐ duō nǐ jūrán bàn gè xiǎoshí jiù bàn wán le · Of course: last time you were opening an account, this time you're just collecting. With so many people waiting, you were done in half an hour!

anna 我先填了单，又咨询了一下怎么在网上注册账号。以后查存款、交话费，在手机上就行了。

wǒ xiān tián le dān yòu zīxún le yíxià zěnme zài wǎngshang zhùcè zhànghào yǐhòu chá cúnkuǎn jiāo huàfèi zài shǒujī shàng jiù xíng le · I filled in the form first, then asked how to register an account online. From now on I can check my savings and pay my phone bill on my phone.

xiaoming 对了，你房子的押金交了吗？你的旧银行卡是不是下个月到期？

duì le nǐ fángzi de yājīn jiāo le ma nǐ de jiù yínhángkǎ shì bu shì xià gè yuè dàoqī · By the way, have you paid the deposit on your flat? And doesn't your old bank card expire next month?

anna 交了。房东说我信用好，我们彼此都很放心。接下来去邮局吧，我妈妈的包裹终于到了，他们让我本人去拿。

jiāo le fángdōng shuō wǒ xìnyòng hǎo wǒmen bǐcǐ dōu hěn fàngxīn jiēxialai qù yóujú ba wǒ māma de bāoguǒ zhōngyú dào le tāmen ràng wǒ běnrén qù ná · I have. The landlord says my record is good, so we both feel safe. Next, the post office: my mum's parcel has finally arrived, and they want me to collect it in person.

xiaoming 你催了那么多次，他们果然处理了。

nǐ cuī le nàme duō cì tāmen guǒrán chǔlǐ le · You chased it so many times, and sure enough they sorted it out.

anna 是啊。我妈妈把住址写错了一个字，所以包裹一直没配送，差点儿就丢失了。

shì a wǒ māma bǎ zhùzhǐ xiě cuò le yí gè zì suǒyǐ bāoguǒ yìzhí méi pèisòng chàdiǎnr jiù diūshī le · Yes. My mum got one character of the address wrong, so it was never delivered and nearly went missing.

xiaoming 包裹一旦丢失就麻烦了。里面是什么物品？

bāoguǒ yídàn diūshī jiù máfan le lǐmiàn shì shénme wùpǐn · Once a parcel is lost, it's a real headache. What's inside?

anna 我拆开看看……都是日用品，还有一把锁。东西都在！妈妈说运费比东西还贵，的确如此。

wǒ chāi kāi kàn kan dōu shì rìyòngpǐn hái yǒu yì bǎ suǒ dōngxi dōu zài māma shuō yùnfèi bǐ dōngxi hái guì díquè rúcǐ · Let me open it… it's all everyday things, and a lock. Everything's there! Mum said the postage cost more than what's inside, and she was right.

xiaoming 这个箱子太满了，盖不上了。这些东西你先存放在我的车里吧。

zhège xiāngzi tài mǎn le gài bú shàng le zhèxiē dōngxi nǐ xiān cúnfàng zài wǒ de chē lǐ ba · This box is too full to close. Leave these things in my car for now.

anna 好。我还想顺便给手机充值，再买几张邮票和一个信封。

hǎo wǒ hái xiǎng shùnbiàn gěi shǒujī chōngzhí zài mǎi jǐ zhāng yóupiào hé yí gè xìnfēng · OK. While I'm here I also want to top up my phone and buy a few stamps and an envelope.

xiaoming 邮票？现在居然还有人寄信！

yóupiào xiànzài jūrán hái yǒu rén jì xìn · Stamps? People still post letters these days?

anna 我奶奶喜欢收信，她说信比手机里的信息有意思多了。你把信封递给我，我贴上邮票，便可以寄了。

wǒ nǎinai xǐhuan shōu xìn tā shuō xìn bǐ shǒujī lǐ de xìnxī yǒu yìsi duō le nǐ bǎ xìnfēng dì gěi wǒ wǒ tiē shàng yóupiào biàn kěyǐ jì le · My grandma loves getting letters. She says they're much nicer than messages on a phone. Pass me the envelope: once I've stuck the stamp on, it can go.

xiaoming 好吧，你奶奶的确说得对。哦，我妈妈让我转告你，周末来家里吃饭。
hǎo ba nǐ nǎinai díquè shuō de duì ò wǒ māma ràng wǒ zhuǎngào nǐ zhōumò lái jiā lǐ chī fàn · Fair enough. Your grandma has a point. Oh, my mum asked me to tell you: come over for dinner at the weekend.

chapter 3 the wallet in the street

anna 小明，你看，地上有一个钱包！
Xiǎomíng nǐ kàn dì shàng yǒu yí gè qián bāo · Xiaoming, look, there's a wallet on the ground!

xiaoming 里面有钱，还有一张银行卡。丢钱包的人一定很着急。
lǐmiàn yǒu qián hái yǒu yì zhāng yínhángkǎ diū qián bāo de rén yídìng hěn zháojí · There's money in it, and a bank card. Whoever lost it must be worried sick.

anna 我们把它交给派出所吧，就在前面。
wǒmen bǎ tā jiāo gěi pàichūsuǒ ba jiù zài qiánmiàn · Let's take it to the police station. It's just up ahead.

xiaoming 好。哎，赵阳刚好在附近，他是记者，我叫他过来。
hǎo āi ZhàoYáng gānghǎo zài fùjìn tā shì jìzhě wǒ jiào tā guòlái · OK. Hey, Zhao Yang happens to be nearby. He's a journalist. I'll ask him to come over.

zhao yang 你们好！听说你们捡到了一个钱包？你们做得对。
nǐmen hǎo tīngshuō nǐmen jiǎn dào le yí gè qián bāo nǐmen zuò de duì · Hi, you two! I hear you found a wallet? You did the right thing.

anna 我们在路上捡到的，里面的东西都没动。你怎么也在这儿？
wǒmen zài lùshang jiǎn dào de lǐmiàn de dōngxi dōu méi dòng nǐ zěnme yě zài zhèr · We found it in the street. We haven't touched anything inside. Why are you here too?

zhao yang 刚才前面路口出了个意外：一辆车开得太快，没控制好，开到了路边。
gāngcái qiánmiàn lùkǒu chū le gè yìwài yí liàng chē kāi de tài kuài méi kòngzhì hǎo kāi dào le lùbiān · There was an accident at the crossing just now: a car was going too fast, lost control and went off the road.

anna 天啊！有人受伤吗？
tiān a yǒu rén shòushāng ma · Goodness! Was anyone hurt?

zhao yang 大家都平安。一个保安刚好在场，立刻报警了，还把司机救了出来。
dàjiā dōu píngān yí gè bǎoān gānghǎo zàichǎng lìkè bàojǐng le hái bǎ sījī jiù le chulai · Everyone's safe. A security guard happened to be there: he called the police at once and got the driver out.

xiaoming 他违反了交通规定，一定会被罚款吧？
tā wéifǎn le jiāotōng guīdìng yídìng huì bèi fákuǎn ba · He broke the traffic rules. He'll get a fine, won't he?

zhao yang 会的，他被罚了两千块，还得赔路边的东西。好在他有保险。
huì de tā bèi fá le liǎngqiān kuài hái děi péi lùbiān de dōngxi hǎozài tā yǒu bǎoxiǎn · Yes: a two-thousand-yuan fine, and he has to pay for the damage at the roadside. Luckily he's insured.

anna 所以开车一定要遵守规定，才能避免意外。
suǒyǐ kāichē yídìng yào zūnshǒu guīdìng cái néng bìmiǎn yìwài · So when you drive, you really have to keep to the rules to avoid accidents.

zhao yang 对。到了派出所，要登记一下你们的名字和电话，警察找你们也方便。
duì dào le pàichūsuǒ yào dēngjì yíxià nǐmen de míngzi hé diànhuà jǐngchá zhǎo nǐmen yě fāngbiàn · Right. At the police station they'll take your names and numbers, so the police can reach you.

xiaoming 没问题。希望丢钱包的人尽快拿回去。
méi wèntí xīwàng diū qián bāo de rén jǐnkuài ná huiqu · No problem. I hope the owner gets it back soon.

chapter 4 a call from the boss

manager lin 安娜，今天下午的会议怎么样？那家公司满意吗？
Ānnà jīntiān xiàwǔ de huìyì zěnmeyàng nà jiā gōngsī mǎnyì ma · Anna, how was this afternoon's meeting? Were they happy?

anna 很满意！一开始他们好像没什么兴趣，后来渐渐愿意听我说了。他们说下个月就可以开始一起工作。
hěn mǎnyì yì kāishǐ tāmen hǎoxiàng méi shénme xìngqù hòulái jiànjiàn yuànyì tīng wǒ shuō le tāmen shuō xià gè yuè jiù kěyǐ kāishǐ yìqǐ gōngzuò · Very! At first they didn't seem interested, but little by little they were willing to listen. They say we can start working together next month.

manager lin 太好了，恭喜你！我早已知道你能做好。今天辛苦你了。
tài hǎo le gōngxǐ nǐ wǒ zǎoyǐ zhīdào nǐ néng zuò hǎo jīntiān xīnkǔ nǐ le · Wonderful, congratulations! I knew all along you'd do well. You've worked hard today.

anna 不辛苦。我本来担心自己白准备了，没想到他们反而问了很多问题。
bù xīnkǔ wǒ běnlái dānxīn zìjǐ bái zhǔnbèi le méi xiǎng dào tāmen fǎnér wèn le hěn duō wèntí · Not at all. I was worried I'd prepared for nothing, but instead they asked lots of questions.

manager lin 他们的人即将来北京，到时候你来负责。临时有事的话，随时给我留言。
tāmen de rén jíjiāng lái Běijīng dàoshíhou nǐ lái fùzé línshí yǒu shì dehuà suíshí gěi wǒ liúyán · Someone from their side is about to come to Beijing, and you'll be in charge. If anything comes up at short notice, leave me a message any time.

anna 好的，我会抓紧准备。今天我还捡到了一个钱包，交给派出所了。
hǎo de wǒ huì zhuājǐn zhǔnbèi jīntiān wǒ hái jiǎn dào le yí gè qián bāo jiāo gěi pàichūsuǒ le · Sure, I'll get preparing. I also found a wallet today and handed it in at the police station.

manager lin 你今天简直太忙了！
nǐ jīntiān jiǎnzhí tài máng le · You've had a crazy day!

anna 是啊，从早上到现在，我始终没停过。早上起晚了，我连忙拨打小明的电话，可是一直占线。
shì a cóng zǎoshang dào xiànzài wǒ shǐzhōng méi tíng guo zǎoshang qǐ wǎn le wǒ liánmáng bōdǎ Xiǎomíng de diànhuà kěshì yìzhí zhànxiàn · I know. From this morning until now, I haven't stopped once. I got up late, rushed to call Xiaoming, and his line was busy the whole time.

manager lin 那明天你就晚一点儿来吧。不过你可别忘了定闹钟！
nà míngtiān nǐ jiù wǎn yìdiǎnr lái ba búguò nǐ kě bié wàng le dìng nàozhōng · Then come in a bit later tomorrow. But whatever you do, don't forget to set your alarm!

anna 哈哈，这次绝对不会忘了！
hā hā zhè cì juéduì bú huì wàng le · Ha ha, this time I absolutely won't forget!

chapter 5 the evening news

xiaoming 安娜，快来看！赵阳做的新闻上电视了。
Ānnà kuài lái kàn ZhàoYáng zuò de xīnwén shàng diànshì le · Anna, come and look! Zhao Yang's news story is on TV.

zhao yang 最近很多人接到骗人的电话。下面是派出所给大家的提醒：
zuìjìn hěn duō rén jiē dào piàn rén de diànhuà xiàmiàn shì pàichūsuǒ gěi dàjiā de tíxǐng · Lately many people have had scam calls. Here is a reminder from the police station for everyone:

zhao yang “最近有人打电话说自己是银行或法院的，要大家的账号和密码。这是违法的！一旦接到这种电话，请立即挂掉，不要说出任何信息。请记好电话号码，这就是证据，并随时拨打110报警。万一被骗了，也别着急，请尽快到派出所登记。大家彼此提醒，平安每一天！”
zuìjìn yǒu rén dǎ diànhuà shuō zìjǐ shì yínháng huò fǎyuàn de yào dàjiā de zhànghào hé mìmǎ zhè shì wéifǎ de yídàn jiē dào zhè zhǒng diànhuà qǐng lìjí guà diào búyào shuō chū rènhé xìnxī qǐng jì hǎo diànhuà hàomǎ zhè jiùshì zhèngjù bìng suíshí bōdǎ bàojǐng wànyī bèi piàn le yě bié zháojí qǐng jǐnkuài dào pàichūsuǒ dēngjì dàjiā bǐcǐ tíxǐng píngān měi yì tiān · “Lately people have been calling and saying they're from a bank or a court, asking for account numbers and passwords. This is illegal! The moment you get a call like this, hang up at once and give no information. Write down the phone number: it is evidence. Call 110 at any time. If you have been tricked, don't panic: come to the police station as soon as you can. Remind each other, and stay safe every day!”

anna 这就是我上次接到的电话！好在我根本没说账号。
zhè jiùshì wǒ shàng cì jiē dào de diànhuà hǎozài wǒ gēnběn méi shuō zhànghào · That's exactly the call I got last time! Luckily I didn't say my account number at all.

dr li 我们医院有个老人被骗了一万块，钱难以找回来了。
wǒmen yīyuàn yǒu gè lǎorén bèi piàn le yí wàn kuài qián nányǐ zhǎo huilai le · An old man at our hospital was tricked out of ten thousand yuan, and it's hard to get the money back.

ms zhang 所以我们必须采取办法，阻止这种事。我给奶奶的手机安了一个新东西，骗人的电话打不进来。
suǒyǐ wǒmen bìxū cǎiqǔ bànfǎ zǔzhǐ zhè zhǒng shì wǒ gěi nǎinai de shǒujī ān le yí gè xīn dōngxi piàn rén de diànhuà dǎ bu jinlai · So we have to take steps to stop this. I've installed something new on Grandma's phone: scam calls can't get through.

xiaoming 放心，这是合法的，银行也让大家用。
fàngxīn zhè shì héfǎ de yínháng yě ràng dàjiā yòng · Don't worry, it's perfectly legal: the banks tell everyone to use it too.

anna 那我也安一个。对了，或许警察已经找到那些人了？
nà wǒ yě ān yí gè duì le huòxǔ jǐngchá yǐjīng zhǎo dào nàxiē rén le · Then I'll install one too. By the way, maybe the police have found those people already?

ms zhang 听说找到了，下个月就要上法院。
tīngshuō zhǎo dào le xià gè yuè jiù yào shàng fǎyuàn · I hear they have: they're going to court next month.

anna 呀，太好了！今天偶然捡到钱包，晚上又看到这个新闻，真是忙了一整天。
yā tài hǎo le jīntiān ǒurán jiǎn dào qián bāo wǎnshang yòu kàn dào zhège xīnwén zhēn shì máng le yì zhěng tiān · Oh, great! A wallet found by chance today, and this story tonight: what a full day.

dr li 不要紧，没法儿休息的日子毕竟不多。祝你明天好运！
búyàojǐn méifǎr xiūxi de rìzi bìjìng bù duō zhù nǐ míngtiān hǎoyùn · Never mind: days with no rest are rare, after all. Good luck tomorrow!

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