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day 13 at the market

Chinese HSK 5 in 80 days
unit 3 · food & shopping

Shop for fruit and vegetables at a market, ask for prices by the jin, and compare with 他大我三岁.

The morning market is where Chinese cooking starts: fresher, cheaper, and full of chat.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
蔬菜	shūcài	vegetables	多吃蔬菜对身体好。 Eating plenty of vegetables is good for you.
番茄	fānqié	tomato	番茄鸡蛋面{=noodles}又简单又好吃。 Tomato and egg noodles are simple and tasty.
黄瓜	huángguā	cucumber	天热的时候，我喜欢吃凉的黄瓜。 When it's hot, I like eating cold cucumber.
土豆	tǔdòu	potato	这家{=(measure word)}店的土豆做得特别好吃。 The potatoes at this place are especially good.
玉米	yùmǐ	maize, sweetcorn	路边有人在卖玉米，闻起来很香。 Someone is selling corn by the road, and it smells wonderful.
大米	dàmǐ	(uncooked) rice	家里的大米快吃完了，得{dei3}再买一些。 We're nearly out of rice. We need to buy some more.
粮食	liángshi	grain, food crops	我们应该节约粮食，不要浪费。 We should save food and not waste it.
橙子	chéngzi	orange (fruit)	这些橙子很甜，你尝一个。 These oranges are really sweet. Try one.
橘子	júzi	tangerine, mandarin	过年的时候，很多人家里都放着橘子。 At New Year, lots of homes have tangerines out.
梨	lí	pear	感冒的时候，妈妈常让我多吃梨。 When I had a cold, Mum often told me to eat lots of pears.
桃	táo	peach	这个季节的桃又大又甜。 Peaches are big and sweet at this time of year.
豆腐	dòufu	tofu	我不吃肉，但是很喜欢吃豆腐。 I don't eat meat, but I love tofu.
海鲜	hǎixiān	seafood	这个城市在海边，海鲜又新鲜又便宜。 This city is by the sea, so seafood is fresh and cheap.
称	chēng	to weigh	师傅，请帮我称{cheng1}一下这些苹果。 Excuse me, could you weigh these apples for me?
主食	zhǔshí	staple food	北方人的主食是面条和饺子，南方人多吃米饭。 In the north the staple foods are noodles and dumplings; in the south people eat more rice.
种类	zhǒnglèi	kind, type	这家{=(measure word)}超市水果的种类很多。 This supermarket has lots of kinds of fruit.
品种	pǐnzhǒng	variety, breed	这种苹果是新品种，特别甜。 This apple is a new variety, really sweet.

挑	tiāo	to choose, pick out	你帮我挑几个新鲜的番茄吧。 Could you pick out a few fresh tomatoes for me?
挑选	tiāoxuǎn	to choose, select	她在店里挑选了很久，才买了一件。 She spent ages choosing in the shop before she bought one.
买卖	mǎimai	business, trade	他在市场做水果买卖，已经十年了。 He's been in the fruit trade at the market for ten years.
售价	shòujià	selling price	这台电脑的售价是五千块。 This computer sells for 5,000 yuan.
便利店	biànlìdiàn	convenience store	楼下有一家{=(measure word)}便利店，二十四小时都开。 There's a convenience store downstairs that's open 24 hours.
节省	jiéshěng	to save, economise	自己做饭可以节省很多钱。 Cooking for yourself saves a lot of money.
省	shěng	to save, economise	坐地铁又快又省{sheng3-5}钱。 The underground is quick and saves money.
物价	wùjià	prices (of goods)	这几年大城市的物价越来越高。 Prices in big cities keep going up these days.

pattern a + adjective + b + amount: 他大我三岁

A | 大·小·早·重·贵 | B | amount

Chinese can compare without 比: A + a short adjective + B + the amount. 他大我三岁 means "he's three years older than me", just like 他比我大三岁. It works best with one-syllable adjectives (大, 小, 早, 晚, 重, 贵), and the amount must be there.

我早他一年来北京。 **wǒ zǎo tā yì nián lái Běijīng** I came to Beijing a year before him.

这个玉米重那个半斤。 **zhège yùmǐ zhòng nàge bàn jīn** This corn cob is 250 grams heavier than that one.

这家的海鲜贵那家二十块，可是更新鲜。 **zhè jiā de hǎixiān guì nà jiā èrshí kuài kěshì gèng xīnxiān**
Seafood at this stall costs twenty yuan more than that one, but it's fresher.

dialogue the morning market

ms zhang 安娜，早上的市场最热闹，东西也最新鲜。
Ānnà zǎoshang de shìchǎng zuì rènao dōngxi yě zuì xīnxiān · Anna, the market is at its liveliest in the morning, and everything is freshest.

anna 人已经这么多了！我们晚别人一步，好东西不会被买完吧?
rén yǐjīng zhème duō le wǒmen wǎn biérén yí bù hǎo dōngxi bú huì bèi mǎi wán ba · It's packed already! We're a step behind everyone: the good stuff won't all be gone, will it?

anna 是啊，蔬菜的种类比超市多多了！这些番茄和黄瓜看起来都很新鲜。
shì a shūcài de zhǒnglèi bǐ chāoshì duō duō le zhèxiē fānqié hé huángguā kàn qǐlai dōu hěn xīnxiān · It is! There are far more kinds of vegetables than at the supermarket. These tomatoes and cucumbers look so fresh.

ms zhang 我们挑几个番茄，晚上做番茄鸡蛋面。土豆家里还有。
wǒmen tiāo jǐ gè fānqié wǎnshang zuò fānqié jīdàn miàn tǔdòu jiā lǐ hái yǒu · Let's pick a few tomatoes for tomato and egg noodles tonight. We've still got potatoes at home.

anna 阿姨，您通常在哪儿买菜?
āyí nín tōngcháng zài nǎr mǎi cài · Auntie, where do you usually buy your vegetables?

ms zhang 通常来这儿。这家做了二十年买卖了，从来不骗人。师傅，请帮我称一下这些桃。
tōngcháng lái zhèr zhè jiā zuò le èrshí nián mǎimai le cónglái bú piàn rén shīfu qǐng bāng wǒ chēng yíxià zhèxiē táo · Usually here. This stall has been in business for twenty years and never cheats anyone. Excuse me, could you weigh these peaches for me?

anna 这些橘子和橙子哪个甜?
zhèxiē júzi hé chéngzi nǎge tián · Which are sweeter, the tangerines or the oranges?

ms zhang 橙子甜一些，不过橙子一斤贵橘子两块。
chéngzi tián yìxiē búguò chéngzi yì jīn guì júzi liǎng kuài · The oranges are a bit sweeter, but they're two yuan a jin more than the tangerines.

anna 那我们买橘子吧，省一点儿钱。听说最近物价又高了。
nà wǒmen mǎi júzi ba shěng yìdiǎnr qián tīngshuō zuìjìn wùjià yòu gāo le · Then let's get tangerines and save a bit. I hear prices have gone up again.

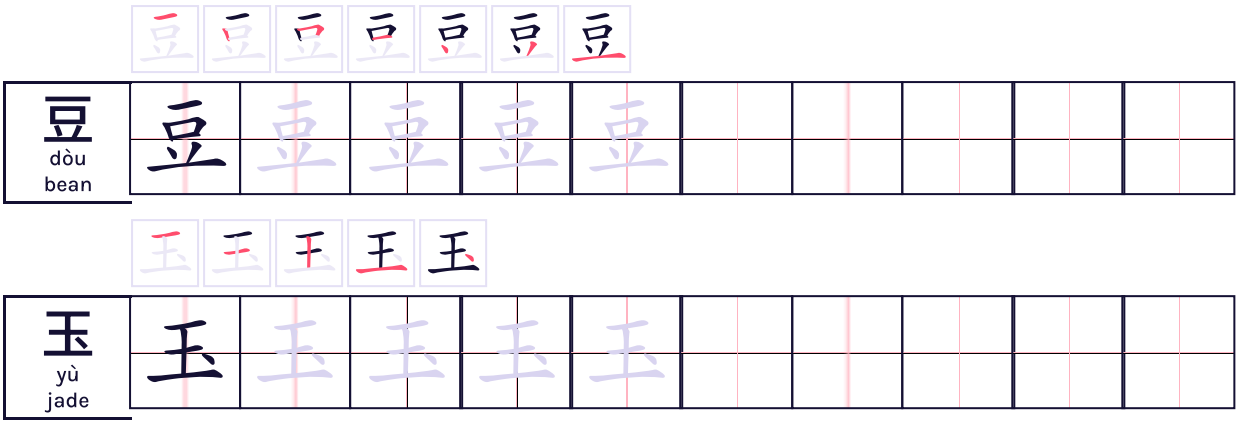
ms zhang 对，所以我很少去便利店买菜，那里的东西比较贵。
duì suǒyǐ wǒ hěn shǎo qù biànlìdiàn mǎi cài nàlǐ de dōngxi bǐjiào guì · Yes, so I hardly ever buy vegetables at convenience stores. Things there are pricier.

anna 我明白了。下次我也来这儿挑选。
wǒ míngbai le xià cì wǒ yě lái zhèr tiāoxuǎn · I see. Next time I'll come and choose here too.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

陆
lù
land (here: continuous)

依
yī
to depend on; as before



good to know · Markets sell by the 斤, half a kilo. 三块钱一斤 means 3 yuan per 500 grams. 师傅 is a friendly, respectful way to address a stallholder, a driver or a repair person.

You can now shop a Chinese market like a local: pick, weigh, compare and save.
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day 14 cooking at home

Cook and talk about food at home: chop, stir-fry, boil, taste, and say how strongly you feel it with 辣得一直喝水.

Being invited to cook in a Chinese kitchen is a real honour, and food talk is the easiest way into any conversation.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
炒	chǎo	to stir-fry	先把鸡蛋炒一下，再放番茄。 Stir-fry the eggs first, then add the tomatoes.
煮	zhǔ	to boil, cook in water	饺子煮好了，快来吃吧！ The dumplings are ready. Come and eat!
炸	zhá	to deep-fry	炸的东西太油了，别吃太多。 Fried food is very greasy. Don't eat too much.
烧	shāo	to cook, braise; to burn	我妈妈烧的鱼特别好吃。 The fish my mum cooks is especially good.
切	qiē	to cut, slice	你把黄瓜切一下，我来炒菜。 Slice the cucumber and I'll do the stir-fry.
加热	jiārè	to heat up	饭有点儿凉了，我帮你加热一下。 The food's gone a bit cold. Let me heat it up for you.
锅	guō	pot, pan, wok	锅里的水开了，可以放面条了。 The water in the pot is boiling. You can put the noodles in.
叉子	chāzi	fork	我还不太会用筷子，能给我一把{=(measure word: things with a handle)}叉子吗? I'm not great with chopsticks yet. Could I have a fork?
吸管	xīguǎn	(drinking) straw	为了保护环境，很多店不再给吸管了。 To protect the environment, lots of shops no longer give out straws.
开水	kāishuǐ	boiled water, boiling water	很多中国人喜欢喝热开水，不喝冰水。 Many Chinese people like drinking hot boiled water rather than ice water.
淡	dàn	bland, light; weak (tea)	这个汤有点儿淡，再放一点儿盐吧。 This soup is a bit bland. Add a little more salt.
浓	nóng	strong, thick (tea, coffee, smell)	晚上别喝太浓的茶，会睡不着{zhao2}。 Don't drink strong tea in the evening, or you won't sleep.
臭	chòu	smelly, stinking	臭豆腐闻起来很臭，吃起来很香。 Stinky tofu smells awful but tastes delicious.
口味	kǒuwèi	taste, flavour; personal taste	这家{=(measure word)}店的菜很适合我的口味。 The food here is just to my taste.
美味	měiwèi	delicious; delicious food	这道菜又简单又美味。 This dish is simple and delicious.

营养	yíngyǎng	nutrition	牛奶和鸡蛋都很有营养。 Milk and eggs are both very nutritious.
热量	rèliàng	calories; heat	这种点心很好吃，可是热量太高了。 These snacks are tasty, but they're far too high in calories.
饮食	yǐnshí	food and drink, diet	医生说他得{dei3}注意饮食，少吃油的。 The doctor says he must watch his diet and eat less greasy food.
食用	shíyòng	to eat, be edible (formal)	这种水果洗干净以后就可以食用。 This fruit can be eaten once it's been washed.
豆浆	dòujiāng	soy milk	早上我常喝一杯热豆浆。 In the morning I often have a cup of hot soy milk.
油条	yóutiáo	youtiao (fried dough stick)	豆浆和油条是很多人的早饭。 Soy milk and fried dough sticks are breakfast for lots of people.
饼	bǐng	flatbread, pancake, cake	街角{=corner}那家{=(measure word)}店的饼刚做好，还热着呢。 The flatbreads at the shop on the corner are fresh out of the pan, still hot.
点心	diǎnxin	snack, pastry; dim sum	下午三点，我们吃点心喝茶吧。 Let's have some snacks and tea at three this afternoon.
咬	yǎo	to bite	我咬了一口饼，太好吃了！ I took a bite of the flatbread. So good!
酸甜苦辣	suāntiánkǔlà	sour, sweet, bitter, spicy; ups and downs	生活就像做菜，酸甜苦辣都有。 Life is like cooking: there's sour, sweet, bitter and spicy.

pattern verb / adjective + 得 + what happens: so … that …

who | **辣 · 饿 · 高兴 · 笑** | **得** | **verb phrase (the result)**

After 得 you can put a whole action that shows how strong a feeling or state is: 辣得一直喝水, so spicy you keep drinking water; 高兴得跳了起来, so happy you jump up. It's more vivid than 很辣 or 非常高兴.

他听到这个消息，高兴得跳了起来。 **tā tīng dào zhège xiāoxi gāoxìng de tiào le qǐlai** When he heard the news, he jumped for joy.

孩子们笑得肚子都疼了。 **háizimen xiào de dùzi dōu téng le** The children laughed so hard their tummies hurt.

我饿得没等饭加热，就吃了起来。 **wǒ è de méi děng fàn jiārè jiù chī le qǐlai** I was so hungry I started eating before the food was even heated up.

dialogue in ms zhang's kitchen

ms zhang 安娜，你帮我切一下黄瓜吧，我来炒菜。
Ānnà nǐ bāng wǒ qiē yíxià huángguā ba wǒ lái chǎo cài · Anna, could you slice the cucumber for me? I'll do the stir-fry.

anna 好。阿姨，番茄鸡蛋面怎么做?
hǎo āyí fānqié jīdàn miàn zěnme zuò · Sure. Auntie, how do you make tomato and egg noodles?

ms zhang 先把番茄切好，鸡蛋在锅里炒一下，再加水煮面。很简单！
xiān bǎ fānqié qiē hǎo jīdàn zài guō lǐ chǎo yíxià zài jiā shuǐ zhǔ miàn hěn jiǎndān · Chop the tomatoes, stir-fry the eggs in the wok, then add water and boil the noodles. Easy!

anna 真香！我闻得都饿了。
zhēn xiāng wǒ wén de dōu è le · It smells wonderful! Just the smell is making me hungry.

dr li 这个汤是不是有点儿淡?
zhège tāng shì bu shì yǒudiǎnr dàn · Isn't this soup a bit bland?

ms zhang 你是医生，老是让我少放盐，现在又说淡了！
nǐ shì yīshēng lǎoshì ràng wǒ shǎo fàng yán xiànzài yòu shuō dàn le · You're the doctor who's always telling me to use less salt, and now you say it's bland!

dr li 哈哈，好吧。注意饮食对身体好，炸的东西也没什么营养。
hā hā hǎo ba zhùyì yǐnshí duì shēntǐ hǎo zhá de dōngxi yě méi shénme yíngyǎng · Ha ha, fair enough. Watching what you eat is good for you, and fried food has hardly any nutrition.

anna 我在英国常吃炸的东西。自从来了中国，酸甜苦辣都爱吃了。
wǒ zài Yīngguó cháng chī zhá de dōngxi zìcóng lái le Zhōngguó suān tián kǔ là dōu ài chī le · In the UK I ate a lot of fried food. Since coming to China, I love every flavour: sour, sweet, bitter and spicy.

ms zhang 那你尝尝这个鱼，是我烧的。饮料我也冰好了。
nà nǐ cháng chang zhège yú shì wǒ shāo de yǐnliào wǒ yě bīng hǎo le · Then try this fish. I cooked it myself. And I've chilled the drinks.

anna 太美味了，很适合我的口味！我吃得都停不下来了。
tài měiwèi le hěn shìhé wǒ de kǒuwèi wǒ chī de dōu tíng bu xialai le · Delicious, just my kind of taste! I can't stop eating.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

称
chēng
to weigh

类
lèi
kind, type; class

挑
tiāo
to choose, pick out



叉										
chā fork; to stab with a fork	叉	叉	叉	叉	叉					

good to know · 冰 (ice) is also a verb at this level: 冰一下, to chill something. 饮料冰好了: the drinks are chilled. Many Chinese people drink hot or warm water, 开水, even in summer, and see ice-cold drinks as bad for the stomach.

Chop, stir-fry, taste and praise the cook: you can now join a Chinese family in the kitchen.
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day 15 eating out

Eat out: get a recommendation, read the reviews, use a discount, take away the rest, and say "it'd be a waste not to".

Eating out is how friends meet in China. Hot pot, night markets and set lunches are all part of the fun.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
餐饮	cānyǐn	catering, food and drink (business)	我朋友在一家{=(measure word)}餐饮公司工作。 My friend works for a catering company.
西餐	xīcān	Western food	你想吃中餐还是西餐? Do you fancy Chinese or Western food?
火锅	huǒguō	hot pot	天冷了，我们去吃火锅吧! It's got cold. Let's go for hot pot!
烧烤	shāokǎo	barbecue (skewers)	夏天的晚上，很多人在路边吃烧烤。 On summer evenings, lots of people eat barbecue at roadside stalls.
盒饭	héfàn	boxed meal, lunch box	中午太忙了，我们就在办公室吃盒饭。 We were so busy at lunchtime that we ate boxed lunches in the office.
夜市	yèshì	night market	周末的夜市特别热闹。 The night market is really lively at the weekend.
甜品	tiánpǐn	dessert, sweets	吃完饭，我们再点{dian3-2}一个甜品吧。 After the meal, let's order a dessert.
雪糕	xuěgāo	ice lolly, ice cream bar	天这么热，来一个雪糕吧! It's so hot. Have an ice lolly!
打包	dǎbāo	to take away; to pack up	菜点{dian3-2}多了，剩下的我们打包带走吧。 We ordered too much. Let's take the rest away.
特色	tèsè	special feature, character	这家{=(measure word)}店的特色是北京菜。 This restaurant specialises in Beijing food.
特产	tèchǎn	local speciality (product)	我给你带了一些家乡的特产。 I've brought you some specialities from my home town.
推荐	tuījiàn	to recommend	服务员，你们有什么菜可以推荐吗? Excuse me, what would you recommend?
好评	hǎopíng	good review, praise	这家{=(measure word)}饭店在网上的好评很多。 This restaurant has lots of good reviews online.
酒吧	jiǔbā	bar	这条街上有饭店、咖啡店和酒吧。 This street has restaurants, cafés and bars.
醉	zuì	drunk; to get drunk	喝醉了就不能开车。 If you're drunk, you can't drive.
光临	guānglín	to visit (polite: your presence)	欢迎光临，请问几位? Welcome! How many of you are there?

贵姓	guìxìng	your (honourable) surname	您贵姓？我姓林。 May I ask your surname? Mine is Lin.
尝试	chángshì	to try, attempt	来中国以后，我尝试了很多新的菜。 Since coming to China, I've tried lots of new dishes.
满足	mǎnzú	to satisfy, meet (needs)	这家{=(measure word)}店的菜能满足不同客人的口味。 This restaurant's food caters to all kinds of tastes.
分享	fēnxiǎng	to share	她把旅行的照片分享给了朋友们。 She shared her travel photos with her friends.
难得	nándé	rare, hard to come by	这是一个难得的机会，你别错过。 This is a rare chance. Don't miss it.
独特	dútè	unique, distinctive	这家{=(measure word)}店的火锅味道很独特。 The hot pot here has a really distinctive flavour.
优惠	yōuhuì	discounted; preferential	周一到周五中午，这里的午饭很优惠。 Lunch here is good value from Monday to Friday.
折扣	zhékòu	discount	这家{=(measure word)}店今天有折扣，衣服便宜了很多。 This shop has a discount on today, and the clothes are much cheaper.
消费	xiāofèi	to consume, spend; spending	年轻人的消费习惯和老人很不一样。 Young people's spending habits are very different from older people's.

pattern 不x白不x: it'd be a waste not to

不 verb 白不 same verb

不X白不X says: if you don't do it, you simply lose out, so do it! 不吃白不吃: it's free or cheap, so it'd be a waste not to eat. The same short verb goes in both places. It's casual and a little cheeky.

免费的点心，不吃白不吃！ **miǎnfèi de diǎnxin bù chī bái bù chī** Free snacks? It'd be rude not to!

今天门票免费，不去白不去。 **jīntiān ménpiào miǎnfèi bú qù bái bú qù** Entry is free today. It'd be a waste not to go.

夏天的雪糕买一送一，不买白不买！ **xiàtiān de xuěgāo mǎi yī sòng yī bù mǎi bái bù mǎi** Summer ice lollies are buy one get one free. It'd be silly not to buy some!

dialogue hot pot on camera

zhao yang 欢迎大家来到我的美食节目！今天我们来吃火锅。
huānyíng dàjiā lái dào wǒ de měishí jiémù jīntiān wǒmen lái chī huǒguō · Welcome to my food show! Today we're having hot pot.

xiaoming 赵阳，你又在拍视频啊?
ZhàoYáng nǐ yòu zài pāi shìpín a · Zhao Yang, are you filming again?

zhao yang 当然。这家店在网上好评很多，我想推荐给大家。
dāngrán zhè jiā diàn zài wǎngshang hǎopíng hěn duō wǒ xiǎng tuījiàn gěi dàjiā · Of course. This place has loads of good reviews online, and I want to recommend it to everyone.

anna 我看了，今天晚上消费两百块以上，所有的菜都有折扣。
wǒ kàn le jīntiān wǎnshang xiāofèi liǎngbǎi kuài yǐshàng suǒyǒu de cài dōu yǒu zhékòu · I checked: tonight, if you spend over 200 yuan, every dish is discounted.

xiaoming 那不吃白不吃！我们多点几个菜。
nà bù chī bái bù chī wǒmen duō diǎn jǐ gè cài · Then it'd be a crime not to! Let's order a few more dishes.

zhao yang 别点太多，吃不完就浪费了。小明，你大我两岁，怎么还像个孩子?
bié diǎn tài duō chī bu wán jiù làngfèi le Xiǎomíng nǐ dà wǒ liǎng suì zěnme hái xiàng gè háizi · Don't order too much. We'll waste it. Xiaoming, you're two years older than me, so why do you act like a kid?

anna 吃不完可以打包。这家的特色是什么?
chī bu wán kěyǐ dǎbāo zhè jiā de tèsè shì shénme · We can take away what we don't finish. What's the speciality here?

zhao yang 他们的汤很独特，别的地方很难吃到。
tāmen de tāng hěn dútè biéde dìfang hěn nán chī dào · Their broth is really distinctive. You won't find it anywhere else.

xiaoming 吃完我们再去夜市吃甜品吧!
chī wán wǒmen zài qù yèshì chī tiánpǐn ba · After this, let's go to the night market for dessert!

anna 好啊！难得大家都有空，今天我们吃个够!
hǎo a nándé dàjiā dōu yǒu kòng jīntiān wǒmen chī gè gòu · Yes! It's rare that we're all free. Tonight we eat our fill!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

臭
chòu
smelly, stinking

咬
yǎo
to bite

独
dú
alone, only

good to know · Staff greet you with 欢迎光临 and may ask 您贵姓？ for a booking. Answer 我姓..., never 我贵姓. Asking to 打包 the leftovers is normal and polite in China. Wasting food is what's frowned upon.

Reviews, deals, specialities and doggy bags: you can now eat out in China like a regular.
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day 16 shopping for clothes

Shop for clothes: brands, quality, colours, trying on, returns and refunds; and use 把 with two objects.

Shopping centres, markets and second-hand apps are a big part of city life in China, and returns are easy if you know the words.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
品牌	pǐnpái	brand	这个品牌的衣服质量很好。 This brand's clothes are good quality.
名牌	míngpái	famous brand, designer label	她不喜欢买名牌，觉得太贵了。 She doesn't like buying designer labels. She thinks they're too expensive.
品质	pǐnzhì	quality	我们店的东西不便宜，但是品质有保证。 Our things aren't cheap, but the quality is guaranteed.
品	pǐn	article, product (suffix); to taste	孙教授喜欢慢慢地品茶。 Professor Sun likes to savour his tea slowly.
高档	gāodàng	high-end, top quality	这家{=(measure word)}商店卖的都是高档服装。 This shop only sells high-end clothes.
二手	èrshǒu	second-hand	我在网上买了一辆二手自行车。 I bought a second-hand bike online.
服装	fúzhuāng	clothing, garments	商场三楼是女士服装。 Women's clothing is on the second floor of the shopping centre.
牛仔裤	niúzǎikù	jeans	他平时最喜欢穿牛仔裤。 He usually loves wearing jeans.
西装	xīzhuāng	suit (Western-style)	明天去见那家{=(measure word)}公司，你最好穿西装。 You'd better wear a suit to see that company tomorrow.
围巾	wéijīn	scarf	外面很冷，戴上围巾吧。 It's cold out. Put a scarf on.
领带	lǐngdài	tie, necktie	这条领带很好看，跟你的西装一起穿正好。 This tie looks great. It goes perfectly with your suit.
手套	shǒutào	gloves	北京的冬天很冷，出门要戴手套。 Beijing winters are cold. Wear gloves when you go out.
口袋	kǒudai	pocket	我的手机在口袋里，你帮我拿一下。 My phone is in my pocket. Could you get it for me?
样式	yàngshì	style, design	这件衣服的样式有点儿老。 This top is a bit old-fashioned in style.
彩色	cǎisè	colour, multicoloured	我小时候家里的电视还不是彩色的。 When I was little, our TV wasn't even in colour.

紫	zǐ	purple	这些花有蓝的，也有紫的。 Some of these flowers are blue, and some are purple.
灰色	huīsè	grey	我想买一件灰色的大衣。 I want to buy a grey coat.
灰	huī	dust, ash; grey	书架上都是灰，好久没打扫了。 The bookshelf is covered in dust. It hasn't been cleaned for ages.
试用	shìyòng	to try out (a product)	这种新的牙膏可以免费试用。 You can try this new toothpaste for free.
退	tuì	to return (goods); to move back	这双鞋太小了，我想退了。 These shoes are too small. I want to return them.
退还	tuìhuán	to give back, refund	离开的时候，押金会全部退还给您。 When you leave, your deposit will be returned in full.
出售	chūshòu	to sell, offer for sale (formal)	这家{=(measure word)}店出售各种二手书。 This shop sells all kinds of second-hand books.
包装	bāozhuāng	packaging; to package	这个礼物的包装太漂亮了，我都不想打开。 The wrapping on this present is so pretty I don't want to open it.
保质期	bǎozhìqī	shelf life, best-before period	这种牛奶的保质期只有七天。 This milk only keeps for seven days.
过期	guòqī	to expire, be past its date	这瓶牛奶已经过期了，别喝了。 This milk is past its date. Don't drink it.

pattern 把 + thing + verb + second object

who | 把 + thing | verb + 了 | second object (part, amount, new version)

Sometimes 把 has two objects: the thing you handle, and what you do to it: 我把工资存了一半, I banked half my pay; 她把礼物包了一层纸, she wrapped the present in a layer of paper. The second object is often a part, an amount or a new version of the first.

我把工资存了一半。 **wǒ bǎ gōngzī cún le yíbàn** I put half my pay into savings.

她把礼物包了一层漂亮的纸。 **tā bǎ lǐwù bāo le yì céng piàoliang de zhǐ** She wrapped the present in pretty paper.

他把蛋糕吃了一半，剩下的留给妹妹。 **tā bǎ dàngāo chī le yíbàn shèng xià de liú gěi mèimei** He ate half the cake and saved the rest for his sister.

dialogue something smart

manager lin 安娜，下周的会议很重要，你得穿得正式一点儿。
Ānnà xià zhōu de huìyì hěn zhòngyào nǐ děi chuān de zhèngshì yìdiǎnr · Anna, next week's meeting is important. You need to dress a bit more formally.

anna 我知道，所以想买一件西装。
wǒ zhīdào suǒyǐ xiǎng mǎi yí jiàn xīzhuāng · I know. That's why I want to buy a suit jacket.

manager lin 这家店的服装样式不老，品质也好。你看这件灰色的怎么样？
zhè jiā diàn de fúzhuāng yàngshì bù lǎo pǐnzhì yě hǎo nǐ kàn zhè jiàn huīsè de zěnmeyàng · This shop's clothes aren't old-fashioned, and the quality is good. How about this grey one?

anna 不错，可是太贵了！我通常不买名牌，有时候还买二手的。
búcuò kěshì tài guì le wǒ tōngcháng bù mǎi míngpái yǒu shíhou hái mǎi èrshǒu de · Nice, but it's too expensive! I don't usually buy designer labels. Sometimes I even buy second-hand.

manager lin 哈哈，我老是跟我老公说，好衣服可以穿很多年。
hā hā wǒ lǎoshì gēn wǒ lǎogōng shuō hǎo yīfu kěyǐ chuān hěn duō nián · Ha ha, I'm always telling my husband: good clothes last for years.

anna 那我试试。哎，这个口袋上都是灰。
nà wǒ shì shi āi zhège kǒudai shàng dōu shì huī · Then I'll try it on. Oh, this pocket is all dusty.

manager lin 那就换一件。要是回家发现不合适，七天以内还可以退。
nà jiù huàn yí jiàn yàoshi huí jiā fāxiàn bù héshì qī tiān yǐnèi hái kěyǐ tuì · Then get another one. And if you find it doesn't suit you at home, you can return it within seven days.

anna 好，我把这件换一件新的。
hǎo wǒ bǎ zhè jiàn huàn yí jiàn xīn de · OK, I'll swap this one for a new one.

anna 太好了。钱会退还到我的卡上吗？
tài hǎo le qián huì tuìhuán dào wǒ de kǎ shàng ma · Great. Will the money go back on my card?

manager lin 会的。对了，你看那条紫的领带，包装也很漂亮，送给小明做生日礼物吧。
huì de duì le nǐ kàn nà tiáo zǐ de lǐngdài bāozhuāng yě hěn piàoliang sòng gěi Xiǎomíng zuò shēngrì lǐwù ba · Yes. Oh, look at that purple tie, beautifully wrapped too. Get it for Xiaoming's birthday.

anna 好主意！不过他喜欢品茶，我再送他一些好茶。
hǎo zhǔyi búguò tā xǐhuan pǐn chá wǒ zài sòng tā yìxiē hǎo chá · Good idea! He loves a good cup of tea too, so I'll add some nice tea.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

退
tuì
to return (goods); to move back

档
dàng
grade, level

good to know · Online shops in China must let you 退 (return) within 7 days, and many shops let you 退 or 换 (exchange) too if you keep the receipt and tags. 品 alone means "to taste, savour": 品茶 is to sip and enjoy tea slowly, like a connoisseur.

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day 17 a bunch, a pair, a batch

Chinese HSK 5 in 80 days
unit 3 · food & shopping

Count almost anything the Chinese way: a bunch of flowers, a pair of gloves, a batch of goods, a glance.

Measure words are where Chinese sounds natural or not. The right one makes you sound fluent; the wrong one makes people smile.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
册	cè	volume; measure word for books	这套书一共有十册。 This set of books has ten volumes.
朵	duǒ	measure word for flowers, clouds	她头上戴着一朵小花。 She's wearing a little flower in her hair.
届	jiè	measure word for events, graduating years	这是我们学校第十届运动会。 This is our school's tenth sports day.
颗	kē	measure word for small round things	今天晚上一颗星星也看不见。 You can't see a single star tonight.
匹	pǐ	measure word for horses	草地上有两匹白{=white}马。 There are two white horses in the meadow.
行	háng	row, line; line of business	你看，信上只{zhi3}写了一行{hang2}字。 Look, there's just one line written in the letter.
架	jià	frame, rack; measure word for planes, pianos	一架飞机从我们头上飞过。 A plane flew over our heads.
群	qún	group, crowd, flock	公园里有一群孩子在玩。 There's a group of children playing in the park.
支	zhī	measure word for pens, songs, teams	我借你一支笔，你写一下名字。 I'll lend you a pen. Write your name here.
根	gēn	root; measure word for long thin things	他一天只{zhi3}吃一根香蕉和一个面包。 All he eats in a day is a banana and a bread roll.
批	pī	a batch, a lot (measure word)	超市今天来了一批{pi1}新鲜水果。 A batch of fresh fruit came into the supermarket today.
束	shù	a bunch (of flowers); a beam (of light)	我买了一束花送给妈妈。 I bought a bunch of flowers for my mum.
副	fù	a pair, a set (glasses, gloves, cards)	我的眼镜坏了，得{dei3}再买一副新的。 My glasses are broken. I need a new pair.
集	jí	episode; collection; market	这个电视剧太好看了，我一晚上看了五集。 This TV series is so good I watched five episodes in one night.
套	tào	a set, a suite; cover; to put on	他们在城里买了一套房子。 They've bought a flat in town.

所	suǒ	measure word for schools, hospitals	这是一所{suo3-5b}有一百年历史的大学。 This is a university with a hundred years of history.
阵	zhèn	a spell, a burst (of rain, wind)	刚才下了一阵大雨，现在停了。 There was a burst of heavy rain just now, but it's stopped.
眼	yǎn	measure word for looks, glances	他看了我一眼，什么也没说。 He glanced at me without a word.
吨	dūn	ton, tonne	这辆车可以装五吨东西。 This lorry can carry five tonnes.
厘米	límǐ	centimetre	我弟弟一年长{zhang3}高了十厘米。 My little brother grew ten centimetres in a year.
伙	huǒ	a group, a gang (casual)	门口来了一伙年轻人，说是来找你的。 A bunch of young people turned up at the door, saying they're looking for you.
团	tuán	group, tour group; a ball, a lump	去年我们跟着旅游团去了很多城市。 Last year we visited lots of cities with a tour group.
重量	zhòngliàng	weight	坐飞机的时候，行李的重量不能超过二十公斤。 When you fly, your luggage can't weigh more than 20 kilos.
长度	chángdù	length	这条裤子的长度刚好。 These trousers are just the right length.
宽度	kuāndù	width	这张桌子的宽度是八十厘米。 This table is eighty centimetres wide.

pattern more measure words: 束, 颗, 根, 副, 群, 批... and 看一眼

number | **束 · 颗 · 根 · 副 · 群 · 批** | **thing**

Each measure word fits a kind of thing: 一束花 a bunch of flowers, 一颗星 a star (small and round), 一根香蕉 a banana (long and thin), 一副眼镜 a pair of glasses, 一群人 a crowd, 一批货 a batch. 眼 counts looks: 看了一眼, took a quick look.

晚上能看到几颗星星，还有一架飞机飞过。 **wǎnshang néng kàn dào jǐ kē xīngxing hái yǒu yí jià fēijī fēi guò** At night you can see a few stars, and a plane flying past.

草地上有两匹马，还有几朵小花。 **cǎodì shàng yǒu liǎng pǐ mǎ hái yǒu jǐ duǒ xiǎo huā** There are two horses on the grass, and a few little flowers.

这是我们学校第十届运动会。 **zhè shì wǒmen xuéxiào dì shí jiè yùndònghuì** This is our school's tenth sports day.

你借我一支笔，我写一行字。 **nǐ jiè wǒ yì zhī bǐ wǒ xiě yì háng zì** Lend me a pen and I'll write a line.

门口挂着一面大镜子。 **ménkǒu guà zhe yí miàn dà jìngzi** There's a big mirror hanging by the door.

我买了两管牙膏，买一送一。 **wǒ mǎi le liǎng guǎn yágāo mǎi yī sòng yī** I bought two tubes of toothpaste: buy one, get one free.

dialogue getting ready for the party

little sister 安娜，我哥哥的生日晚会准备得怎么样了？
Ānnà wǒ gēge de shēngrì wǎnhuì zhǔnbèi de zěnmeyàng le · Anna, how are the plans for my brother's birthday party going?

anna 差不多了。我买了一束花，还有一套他最喜欢的书，一共三册。
chàbuduō le wǒ mǎi le yí shù huā hái yǒu yí tào tā zuì xǐhuan de shū yígòng sān cè · Nearly done. I've bought a bunch of flowers and a set of his favourite books, three volumes.

little sister 他一定会很高兴！我买了一副手套，冬天就要到了。
tā yídìng huì hěn gāoxìng wǒ mǎi le yí fù shǒutào dōngtiān jiù yào dào le · He'll love that! I got him a pair of gloves. Winter's nearly here.

anna 晚会上会来一群朋友，还有他的几个大学同学。
wǎnhuì shàng huì lái yì qún péngyou hái yǒu tā de jǐ gè dàxué tóngxué · A whole crowd of friends is coming, plus a few of his university classmates.

little sister 我们订的蛋糕有多大？
wǒmen dìng de dàngāo yǒu duō dà · How big is the cake we ordered?

anna 长度和宽度都是三十厘米，够十几个人吃。
chángdù hé kuāndù dōu shì sānshí límǐ gòu shí jǐ gè rén chī · Thirty centimetres long and thirty wide: enough for a dozen or so people.

little sister 太好了！自从我哥哥工作以来，他好久没好好过生日了。
tài hǎo le zìcóng wǒ gēge gōngzuò yǐlái tā hǎojiǔ méi hǎohǎo guò shēngrì le · Great! Ever since my brother started working, he hasn't had a proper birthday.

anna 是啊，所以这次一定要热闹一点儿。我还请了一伙老同学。
shì a suǒyǐ zhè cì yídìng yào rènao yìdiǎnr wǒ hái qǐng le yì huǒ lǎo tóngxué · I know, so this time it has to be a real party. I've invited a bunch of his old schoolmates too.

little sister 晚会结束得晚的话，我们可以坐最后一班地铁回家。
wǎnhuì jiéshù de wǎn dehuà wǒmen kěyǐ zuò zuìhòu yì bān dìtiě huí jiā · If the party ends late, we can take the last train home.

anna 没问题。我刚才看了一眼时间，我们得快一点儿去拿蛋糕了！
méi wèntí wǒ gāngcái kàn le yì yǎn shíjiān wǒmen děi kuài yìdiǎnr qù ná dàngāo le · Sure. I just looked at the time: we need to hurry and pick up the cake!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

匹
pǐ
measure word for horses

吨
dūn
ton, tonne



团
tuán
group, tour group; a ball, a lump



宽
kuān
wide, broad

good to know · Old words, new uses: 一班车 one (scheduled) bus or train, 一笔钱 a sum of money, 一面镜子 a mirror, 一管牙膏 a tube of toothpaste, 一等奖 first prize. 条 can also be a noun: a note or slip of paper, 纸条. 留个条 means “leave a note”.

Bunches, pairs, batches and glances: your Chinese now counts the world like a native.
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day 18 mission: the night market

Spend an evening at a night market in Chinese: compare prices, taste the snacks, bargain for a scarf and count what you bought.

Night markets are China at its liveliest: food, shopping and friends, all in one noisy, happy street.

chapter 1 a market by night

zhao yang 大家好，今天我们来逛北京的夜市！
dàjiā hǎo jīntiān wǒmen lái guàng Běijīng de yèshì · Hi everyone, today we're exploring a Beijing night market!

xiaoming 你又在拍视频！昨天是我的生日，今天你还不让我休息。
nǐ yòu zài pāi shìpín zuótiān shì wǒ de shēngrì jīntiān nǐ hái bú ràng wǒ xiūxi · You're filming again! It was my birthday yesterday, and you still won't let me rest.

zhao yang 你大我两岁，应该多运动，多走走。
nǐ dà wǒ liǎng suì yīnggāi duō yùndòng duō zǒu zou · You're two years older than me. You should get more exercise and walk more.

anna 门口的牌子上写有夜市的介绍，你读给大家听听吧。
ménkǒu de páizi shàng xiě yǒu yèshì de jièshào nǐ dú gěi dàjiā tīng ting ba · The sign at the entrance has a description of the market. Read it out for everyone.

zhao yang “欢迎光临！本夜市每天晚上六点到十二点开门，共有两百多家餐饮店：火锅、烧烤、西餐、甜品，还有各地的特产。所有的食品都写有售价和保质期，过期的东西绝对不出售，大家可以放心食用。请少用一次性吸管。喝醉了的客人，请不要开车。”
huānyíng guānglín běn yèshì měi tiān wǎnshang liù diǎn dào shíèr diǎn kāi mén gòng yǒu liǎngbǎi duō jiā cānyǐn diàn huǒguō shāokǎo xīcān tiánpǐn hái yǒu gèdì de tèchǎn suǒyǒu de shípǐn dōu xiě yǒu shòujià hé bǎozhìqī guòqī de dōngxi juéduì bù chūshòu dàjiā kěyǐ fàngxīn shíyòng qǐng shǎo yòng yícìxìng xīguǎn hē zuì le de kèrén qǐng búyào kāichē · “Welcome! The night market opens every evening from six to midnight, with over two hundred food stalls: hot pot, barbecue, Western food, desserts and specialities from all over the country. All food is labelled with its price and best-before date; nothing past its date is ever sold, so you can eat with confidence. Please use fewer disposable straws. Guests who have been drinking: please don't drive.”

anna 哈哈，你们看，这里的人真多，吃的吃，买的买。
hā hā nǐmen kàn zhèlǐ de rén zhēn duō chī de chī mǎi de mǎi · Ha ha, look how busy it is: some people eating, some shopping.

xiaoming 今天很多店都有优惠，不吃白不吃！
jīntiān hěn duō diàn dōu yǒu yōuhuì bù chī bái bù chī · Lots of stalls have deals on tonight. It'd be a crime not to eat!

zhao yang 先说好，每个人最多消费一百块。
xiān shuō hǎo měi gè rén zuì duō xiāofèi yìbǎi kuài · Let's agree first: a hundred yuan each, tops.

chapter 2 snacks and stalls

anna 这是什么味道？好臭啊！
zhè shì shénme wèidào hǎo chòu a · What's that smell? It stinks!

xiaoming 这是臭豆腐，闻起来很臭，吃起来很香。你尝试一下吧！
zhè shì chòu dòufu wén qǐlai hěn chòu chī qǐlai hěn xiāng nǐ chángshì yíxià ba · That's stinky tofu. It smells awful but tastes amazing. Give it a try!

anna 好吧……嗯，真的很美味！不过太辣了，我辣得一直喝水。
hǎo ba ǹg zhēn de hěn měiwèi búguò tài là le wǒ là de yìzhí hē shuǐ · OK... Mmm, it really is delicious! But so spicy I keep drinking water.

xiaoming 师傅，饮料帮我们冰一下，再给我们三根吸管。
shīfu yǐnliào bāng wǒmen bīng yíxià zài gěi wǒmen sān gēn xīguǎn · Could you chill the drinks for us, please, and give us three straws?

zhao yang 来，再尝尝烧烤。这家的特色是羊肉，好评很多。
lái zài cháng chang shāokǎo zhè jiā de tèsè shì yáng ròu hǎopíng hěn duō · Here, try the barbecue too. This stall is famous for its lamb, with loads of good reviews.

anna 我饿得一口就咬了半个！
wǒ è de yì kǒu jiù yǎo le bàn gè · I'm so hungry I ate half of it in one bite!

anna 那边有人在锅里炸油条，还有人在炒面。玉米是煮的还是烧的？
nàbiān yǒu rén zài guō lǐ zhá yóutiáo hái yǒu rén zài chǎo miàn yùmǐ shì zhǔ de háishi shāo de · Over there someone's deep-frying dough sticks in a wok, and someone's stir-frying noodles. Is the corn boiled or roasted?

xiaoming 是煮的。早上吃油条、喝豆浆，晚上吃烧烤，这就是北京人的饮食！
shì zhǔ de zǎoshang chī yóutiáo hē dòujiāng wǎnshang chī shāokǎo zhè jiùshì Běijīng rén de yǐnshí · Boiled. Dough sticks and soy milk in the morning, barbecue at night: that's the Beijing diet!

zhao yang 这家的饼也很有名。师傅把饼切了一半，再加热一下，特别香。
zhè jiā de bǐng yě hěn yǒumíng shīfu bǎ bǐng qiē le yíbàn zài jiārè yíxià tèbié xiāng · This stall's flatbread is famous too. The cook cuts it in half and heats it up again: so tasty.

anna 我还不太会用筷子，有叉子吗？这个汤也太浓了。
wǒ hái bú tài huì yòng kuàizi yǒu chāzi ma zhège tāng yě tài nóng le · I'm still not great with chopsticks. Is there a fork? And this soup is very strong.

xiaoming 有。汤里加一点儿开水就淡了。
yǒu tāng lǐ jiā yìdiǎnr kāishuǐ jiù dàn le · Here. Add a little hot water to the soup and it'll be milder.

zhao yang 这些东西营养不多，热量很高。不过今天我们就尝一尝酸甜苦辣！
zhèxiē dōngxi yíngyǎng bù duō rèliàng hěn gāo búguò jīntiān wǒmen jiù cháng yi chang suān tián kǔ là · There isn't much goodness in this food, and it's high in calories. But tonight we're tasting every flavour!

anna 这家的口味很独特，能满足不同客人的需要。我要拍下来跟朋友分享。
zhè jiā de kǒuwèi hěn dútè néng mǎnzú bù tóng kèrén de xūyào wǒ yào pāi xialai gēn péngyou fēnxiǎng · This stall's flavours are really distinctive: they can please every kind of customer. I'm going to take a picture to share with friends.

xiaoming 吃完了我们再去买甜品和雪糕。吃不完的，就打包带回家。
chī wán le wǒmen zài qù mǎi tiánpǐn hé xuěgāo chī bu wán de jiù dǎbāo dài huí jiā · After that we'll get dessert and ice lollies. Whatever we can't finish, we'll take home.

chapter 3 a scarf for auntie zhang

anna 你们看，这里有很多围巾和手套，样式都很好看。
nǐmen kàn zhèlǐ yǒu hěn duō wéijīn hé shǒutào yàngshì dōu hěn hǎokàn · Look, there are lots of scarves and gloves here, and they're really nice styles.

zhao yang 这些服装都是名牌吗？还有西装呢！
zhèxiē fúzhuāng dōu shì míngpái ma hái yǒu xīzhuāng ne · Are these clothes all designer labels? There are even suits!

xiaoming 有的是二手的。品质不错，可是并不是高档品牌。
yǒude shì èrshǒu de pǐnzhì búcuò kěshì bìng bú shì gāodàng pǐnpái · Some are second-hand. Good quality, but not top-end brands.

anna 我上次送了小明一条领带。今天我想给自己买一条灰色的牛仔裤。
wǒ shàng cì sòng le Xiǎomíng yì tiáo lǐngdài jīntiān wǒ xiǎng gěi zìjǐ mǎi yì tiáo huīsè de niúzǎikù · Last time I gave Xiaoming a tie. Today I want to buy myself some grey jeans.

anna 哎，这条牛仔裤的口袋上都是灰。
āi zhè tiáo niúzǎikù de kǒudai shàng dōu shì huī · Oh, the pocket on these jeans is all dusty.

xiaoming 没关系，师傅说不合适可以退，钱也会退还给你。
méi guānxi shīfu shuō bù héshì kěyǐ tuì qián yě huì tuìhuán gěi nǐ · No problem: the stallholder says you can return them if they don't fit, and you'll get your money back.

xiaoming 我妈妈最喜欢紫的。那条紫的围巾怎么样？
wǒ māma zuì xǐhuan zǐ de nà tiáo zǐ de wéijīn zěnmeyàng · My mum loves purple. How about that purple scarf?

anna 颜色不错，可是这条有点儿短。长度够吗？
yánsè búcuò kěshì zhè tiáo yǒudiǎnr duǎn chángdù gòu ma · Nice colour, but this one is a bit short. Is it long enough?

zhao yang 那我们把这条换一条长的。再问问有没有折扣。
nà wǒmen bǎ zhè tiáo huàn yì tiáo cháng de zài wèn wen yǒu méiyǒu zhékòu · Then let's swap it for a longer one, and ask if there's a discount.

xiaoming 师傅说买两条可以便宜二十块。
shīfu shuō mǎi liǎng tiáo kěyǐ piányi èrshí kuài · The stallholder says it's twenty yuan off if we buy two.

anna 那我也买一条，给我外婆寄回英国去。彩色的那条包装也很漂亮。
nà wǒ yě mǎi yì tiáo gěi wǒ wàipó jì huí Yīngguó qù cǎisè de nà tiáo bāozhuāng yě hěn piàoliang · Then I'll buy one too and post it home to my grandma in the UK. The multicoloured one is beautifully wrapped too.

zhao yang 旁边那家在出售新的牙膏，可以免费试用，还有人在品茶。
pángbiān nà jiā zài chūshòu xīn de yágāo kěyǐ miǎnfèi shìyòng hái yǒu rén zài pǐn chá · The stall next door is selling a new toothpaste you can try for free, and there are people tasting tea.

anna 我买两管牙膏吧，买一送一，不买白不买！
wǒ mǎi liǎng guǎn yágāo ba mǎi yī sòng yī bù mǎi bái bù mǎi · I'll get two tubes of toothpaste: buy one, get one free. It'd be silly not to!

chapter 4 counting the haul

zhao yang 好，我们看一看今天买了什么。
hǎo wǒmen kàn yi kan jīntiān mǎi le shénme · Right, let's see what we bought tonight.

anna 两条围巾、一副手套，还有一束花，是送给张阿姨的。我还买了一面小镜子。
liǎng tiáo wéijīn yí fù shǒutào hái yǒu yí shù huā shì sòng gěi zhāng āyí de wǒ hái mǎi le yí miàn xiǎo jìngzi · Two scarves, a pair of gloves and a bunch of flowers for Auntie Zhang. And I bought a little mirror.

xiaoming 我还买了一盒点心和几根玉米，还有一套书，一共两册。
wǒ hái mǎi le yì hé diǎnxin hé jǐ gēn yùmǐ hái yǒu yí tào shū yígòng liǎng cè · And I bought a box of pastries, a few corn cobs, and a set of books: two volumes.

zhao yang 今天花了一大笔钱！不过这个视频可以做两集。
jīntiān huā le yí dà bǐ qián búguò zhège shìpín kěyǐ zuò liǎng jí · We've spent a tidy sum tonight! But I can make two episodes out of this video.

zhao yang 刚才刮了一阵大风，我的视频拍得怎么样？
gāngcái guā le yí zhèn dà fēng wǒ de shìpín pāi de zěnmeyàng · There was a gust of wind just now. How did my video turn out?

anna 我看了一眼，拍得很好！一群人都在后面看你。
wǒ kàn le yì yǎn pāi de hěn hǎo yì qún rén dōu zài hòumiàn kàn nǐ · I had a quick look. It's great! A whole crowd was watching you from behind.

xiaoming 那边还来了一个旅游团，一伙年轻人在唱歌。听说这个夜市一天能卖出一吨烧烤！
nàbiān hái lái le yí gè lǚyóu tuán yì huǒ niánqīng rén zài chàng gē tīngshuō zhège yèshì yì tiān néng mài chū yì dūn shāokǎo · A tour group has turned up over there too, and a bunch of young people are singing. They say this market sells a tonne of barbecue a day!

zhao yang 这是第三届夜市美食节，人当然多。我上个月的美食视频还拿了一等奖呢！
zhè shì dì sān jiè yèshì měishí jié rén dāngrán duō wǒ shàng gè yuè de měishí shìpín hái ná le yī děng jiǎng ne · It's the third night-market food festival, so of course it's busy. My food video even won first prize last month!

anna 你看，有几颗星星，还有一架飞机飞过。
nǐ kàn yǒu jǐ kē xīngxing hái yǒu yí jià fēijī fēi guò · Look, there are a few stars in the sky, and a plane flying past.

xiaoming 这个箱子的重量……我拿不动了！它的宽度有五十厘米。
zhège xiāngzi de zhòngliàng wǒ ná bu dòng le tā de kuāndù yǒu wǔshí límǐ · The weight of this box… I can't carry it! It's fifty centimetres wide.

xiaoming 这么晚了，你给你妈妈留条了吗？
zhème wǎn le nǐ gěi nǐ māma liú tiáo le ma · It's so late: did you leave your mum a note?

zhao yang 留了。快走吧，最后一班地铁十一点就开了。
liú le kuài zǒu ba zuìhòu yì bān dìtiě shíyī diǎn jiù kāi le · I did. Let's hurry: the last train leaves at eleven.

xiaoming 下次我们还来。今天晚上真难得！
xià cì wǒmen hái lái jīntiān wǎnshang zhēn nándé · Let's come again. Tonight was a rare treat!

chapter 5 fruit for tomorrow

xiaoming 回家以前，我们去那家水果店看看吧，我妈妈让我买一点儿水果。
huí jiā yǐqián wǒmen qù nà jiā shuǐguǒ diàn kàn kan ba wǒ māma ràng wǒ mǎi yìdiǎnr shuǐguǒ · Before we go home, let's look in that fruit shop: my mum asked me to buy some fruit.

anna 这里的种类真多：橙子、橘子、梨、桃，还有很多新品种。
zhèlǐ de zhǒnglèi zhēn duō chéngzi júzi lí táo hái yǒu hěn duō xīn pǐnzhǒng · There's such a choice here: oranges, tangerines, pears, peaches, and lots of new varieties.

zhao yang 晚上的售价比白天便宜，可以节省不少钱。我们挑几个梨吧。
wǎnshang de shòujià bǐ báitiān piányi kěyǐ jiéshěng bù shǎo qián wǒmen tiāo jǐ gè lí ba · Prices are lower at night than in the daytime, so you can save a fair bit. Let's pick a few pears.

xiaoming 师傅，请帮我称一下。这些桃看起来很甜，比梨贵吗？
shīfu qǐng bāng wǒ chēng yíxià zhèxiē táo kànqǐlai hěn tián bǐ lí guì ma · Could you weigh these, please? These peaches look sweet. Are they dearer than the pears?

zhao yang 桃一斤贵梨三块，不过很新鲜。这家做了十年买卖，最近物价高了，他们的价格却没怎么变。
táo yì jīn guì lí sān kuài búguò hěn xīnxiān zhè jiā zuò le shí nián mǎimai zuìjìn wùjià gāo le tāmen de jiàgé què méi zěnme biàn · Peaches are three yuan a jin more than pears, but they're very fresh. This shop has been trading for ten years, and prices have gone up lately, but theirs have hardly changed.

ms zhang 喂，小明？顺便在便利店买一袋大米。家里的蔬菜也不多了，再挑几个番茄、黄瓜和土豆。
wèi Xiǎomíng shùnbiàn zài biànlìdiàn mǎi yí dài dàmǐ jiā lǐ de shūcài yě bù duō le zài tiāo jǐ gè fānqié huángguā hé tǔdòu · Hello, Xiaoming? Pick up a bag of rice at the convenience store on the way. We're low on vegetables too: choose a few tomatoes, cucumbers and potatoes.

xiaoming 好的。妈妈，明天还要海鲜吗？
hǎo de māma míngtiān hái yào hǎixiān ma · OK. Mum, do you want seafood for tomorrow too?

ms zhang 不用了，海鲜太贵，我们省一点儿。米饭是我们的主食，粮食可不能浪费。
búyòng le hǎixiān tài guì wǒmen shěng yìdiǎnr mǐfàn shì wǒmen de zhǔshí liángshi kě bù néng làngfèi · No need: seafood is too expensive, let's save a bit. Rice is our staple, and we really mustn't waste food.

anna 我也是，自从来中国以来，几乎每天都吃米饭。我早我的英国朋友一年学会了用筷子！
wǒ yě shì zìcóng lái Zhōngguó yǐlái jīhū měi tiān dōu chī mǐfàn wǒ zǎo wǒ de Yīngguó péngyou yì nián xuéhuì le yòng kuàizi · Me too: ever since I came to China I've had rice nearly every day. I learnt to use chopsticks a year before my British friends did!

xiaoming 哈哈，可是你刚才还要叉子呢！
hā hā kěshì nǐ gāngcái hái yào chāzi ne · Ha ha, but you were asking for a fork just now!

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