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day 19 which way?

Chinese HSK 5 in 80 days
unit 4 · on the move

Give and follow directions: towards, along, how far, and how to get back on track.

Maps help, but in a maze of lanes you still need to ask, and understand the answer.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
朝	cháo	towards; to face	我家的窗户朝南，冬天也很暖和。 Our windows face south, so it's warm even in winter.
沿	yán	along	我们沿着河边走走吧。 Let's take a stroll along the river.
背后	bèihòu	behind; behind someone's back	别在背后说别人不好。 Don't talk about people behind their backs.
四周	sìzhōu	all around	房子四周都是高高的树。 The house is surrounded by tall trees.
四处	sìchù	everywhere, all over	我四处找我的钥匙，|还是{==still}没找到。 I looked everywhere for my keys and still couldn't find them.
位置	wèizhì	position, location; seat	你能把你的位置发给我吗? Can you send me your location?
位于	wèiyú	to be located in/at	我们学校位于城市的东边。 Our school is in the east of the city.
距	jù	to be … away from	酒店距机场只有十公里。 The hotel is only ten kilometres from the airport.
前往	qiánwǎng	to go to, head for	下{=next}个月他要前往北京工作。 Next month he's off to Beijing to work.
前来	qiánlái	to come (here)	谢谢大家前来参加今天的会议。 Thank you all for coming to today's meeting.
返回	fǎnhuí	to return, go back	点{=to tap, click}这里可以返回上{=previous}一页。 Tap here to go back to the previous page.
往返	wǎngfǎn	there and back; round trip	去北京的往返机票多少钱? How much is a return flight to Beijing?
到达	dàodá	to arrive, reach	飞机晚上九点到达北京。 The plane gets into Beijing at nine in the evening.
迷路	mílù	to get lost	第一次来这儿的人很容易迷路。 People who come here for the first time get lost easily.
路线	lùxiàn	route	这条路线更近，可是要走很多胡同。 This route is shorter, but you have to go through lots of lanes.
行走	xíngzǒu	to walk (written)	下雪天在路上行走要特别小心。 Take extra care walking on the roads when it snows.

步行	bùxíng	to go on foot	从这儿步行到车站要二十分钟。 It's a twenty-minute walk from here to the station.
行人	xíngrén	pedestrian	路口的行人很多，开车慢一点儿。 There are lots of pedestrians at the crossing. Drive slowly.
路人	lùrén	passer-by	我向一个路人问了路。 I asked a passer-by for directions.
广场	guǎngchǎng	square, plaza	晚上广场上有很多人跳舞。 In the evening lots of people dance in the square.
胡同	hútòng	hutong, narrow lane	老北京的胡同里有很多有意思的小店。 Old Beijing's hutongs are full of interesting little shops.
大厦	dàshà	tall building, tower	那座大厦有六十层。 That tower has sixty floors.
地下	dìxià	underground, basement	停车场在大厦的地下一层。 The car park is on the first basement level.
靠近	kàojìn	near; to move close to	我想租一套靠近地铁站的房子。 I want to rent a flat near a metro station.
绕	rào	to go around; detour	前面在修路，我们得{dei3}绕过去。 They're fixing the road ahead. We'll have to go round.

pattern 朝 towards and 沿着 along

朝 / 沿着 | direction or path | verb

朝 means "towards, facing": 朝北走 walk north, 朝我笑 smile at me. 沿（着） means "along": 沿着河边走 walk along the river. Both go before the verb. As a verb, 朝 also means "to face": 窗户朝南.

小明朝我笑了笑。 **Xiǎomíng cháo wǒ xiào le xiao** Xiaoming gave me a smile.

我们沿着河边走了一个小时。 **wǒmen yán zhe hé biān zǒu le yí gè xiǎoshí** We walked along the river for an hour.

老人们沿着小路慢慢行走。 **lǎorénmen yán zhe xiǎo lù màn màn xíngzǒu** The old people walk slowly along the path.

我的卧室朝南，阳光特别好。 **wǒ de wòshì cháo nán yángguāng tèbié hǎo** My bedroom faces south and gets lovely sunshine.

dialogue where is that tower?

zhao yang 安娜，我好像迷路了。你们的新大厦到底在哪儿?
Ānnà wǒ hǎoxiàng mílù le nǐmen de xīn dàshà dàodǐ zài nǎr · Anna, I think I'm lost. Where on earth is your new building?

anna 别着急。你现在在什么位置？四周有什么?
bié zháojí nǐ xiànzài zài shénme wèizhì sìzhōu yǒu shénme · Don't panic. Where are you right now? What's around you?

zhao yang 我背后是一个大广场，四处都是行人，旁边还有一个地下商场。
wǒ bèihòu shì yí gè dà guǎngchǎng sìchù dōu shì xíngrén pángbiān hái yǒu yí gè dìxià shāngchǎng · There's a big square behind me, people everywhere, and an underground shopping centre next to it.

anna 你走过了！大厦距地铁站只有五百米，步行十分钟就到。
nǐ zǒu guò le dàshà jù dìtiě zhàn zhǐyǒu wǔbǎi mǐ bùxíng shí fēnzhōng jiù dào · You've gone past it! The building is only five hundred metres from the metro, a ten-minute walk.

zhao yang 我是按手机上的路线走的，可是越走越远。
wǒ shì àn shǒujī shàng de lùxiàn zǒu de kěshì yuè zǒu yuè yuǎn · I followed the route on my phone, but I just kept getting further away.

anna 你先返回地铁站，然后朝东走，沿着大路一直走，别绕到胡同里去。
nǐ xiān fǎnhuí dìtiě zhàn ránhòu cháo dōng zǒu yán zhe dà lù yìzhí zǒu bié rào dào hútòng lǐ qù · Go back to the metro station first, then head east and keep to the main road. Don't wander into the lanes.

zhao yang 好。你把大厦的名字告诉我，我再问问路人。
hǎo nǐ bǎ dàshà de míngzi gàosu wǒ wǒ zài wèn wen lùrén · OK. Tell me the name of the building and I'll ask someone on the street.

anna 算了，我下去接你吧，你跟着我走就行。
suàn le wǒ xiàqù jiē nǐ ba nǐ gēn zhe wǒ zǒu jiù xíng · Never mind, I'll come down and get you. Just follow me.

zhao yang 太好了！等我到达以后，请你喝咖啡。
tài hǎo le děng wǒ dàodá yǐhòu qǐng nǐ hē kāfēi · Brilliant! Once I get there, the coffee's on me.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

胡
hú
beard; foreign (old)

靠
kào
to lean on; rely on; be near

good to know · 跟 is the "with" you know, but at this level it is also a verb, "to follow": 跟着我走 follow me, 跟不上 can't keep up. As a noun it means "heel". Northern Chinese often give directions by compass (朝北走, 往东拐); in the south people more often say left and right.

Lost in a maze of lanes? Now you can ask the way, and follow the answer.
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day 20 in the traffic

Talk about driving and traffic: jams, accidents, speeding, and what happened along the way.

Traffic is a favourite topic in every Chinese city, and the first excuse for being late.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
驾驶	jiàshǐ	to drive, to pilot	他驾驶这辆车已经十年了。 He's been driving this car for ten years.
驾照	jiàzhào	driving licence	我去年才拿到驾照。 I only got my driving licence last year.
车辆	chēliàng	vehicles, traffic	这条路上的车辆越来越多了。 There's more and more traffic on this road.
车主	chēzhǔ	car owner	这辆车挡住了路，车主去哪儿了? This car is blocking the road. Where's the owner?
车库	chēkù	garage	我们家的车库太小了，停不下两辆车。 Our garage is too small for two cars.
汽油	qìyóu	petrol, gasoline	现在的汽油越来越贵了。 Petrol keeps getting more expensive.
安全带	ānquándài	seat belt	这辆车后面的安全带坏了。 The back seat belt in this car is broken.
超速	chāosù	to speed	他开车超速，被罚了两百块钱。 He was fined two hundred yuan for speeding.
堵	dǔ	to block; jammed	下班的时候路上特别堵。 The roads are really jammed at rush hour.
车祸	chēhuò	car crash	他在一场车祸中受伤了。 He was hurt in a car crash.
事故	shìgù	accident	这个路口经常发生交通事故。 There are often traffic accidents at this junction.
撞	zhuàng	to hit, bump into	他走路看手机，撞到了一棵树。 He was looking at his phone while walking and walked into a tree.
行驶	xíngshǐ	to travel (of vehicles)	下雪的时候，车辆要慢慢行驶。 When it snows, vehicles should drive slowly.
通行	tōngxíng	to pass through (traffic)	这条路正在修，暂时不能通行。 This road is under repair and closed for now.
挤	jǐ	crowded; to squeeze	周末的商场总是很挤。 The shopping centre is always packed at the weekend.
人群	rénqún	crowd	他在人群中一眼就看到了我。 He spotted me in the crowd at a glance.
停留	tíngliú	to stay, stop over	我们在北京只{zhi3}停留两天。 We're only stopping in Beijing for two days.

开通	kāitōng	to open (a line, service)	这个城市去年开通了地铁。 This city opened its metro last year.
挡	dǎng	to block (way, view)	你站{zhan4-3}在这儿挡住我了，我什么都看不见。 You're standing in my way here. I can't see a thing.
冲	chōng	to rush, dash	听到声音，他马上冲了出去。 When he heard the noise, he dashed straight out.
倒	dǎo	to fall over; to change (trains)	风太大了，路边的一棵树倒{dao3}了。 The wind was so strong that a tree by the road fell over.
移动	yídòng	to move; mobile	请把你的车向前移动一点儿。 Please move your car forward a little.
一路	yīlù	all the way; along the way	他一路|上都在听音乐。 He listened to music the whole way.
长途	chángtú	long-distance	开长途车很累，要常常停下来休息。 Long-distance driving is tiring. Stop and rest often.
缓慢	huǎnmàn	slow (formal)	前面出了事故，车辆只能缓慢地向前开。 There's been an accident ahead, so the traffic is crawling.

pattern a着a着: while doing it, something happens

verb + 着 | verb + 着 | , | what happened

Say a verb with 着 twice, and you're in the middle of doing it for a while; the next part says what happened along the way, often a surprise: 走着走着就迷路了 we were walking along and got lost. 就 or 突然 often follows.

我开着开着，突然发现汽油快没了。 **wǒ kāi zhe kāi zhe tūrán fāxiàn qìyóu kuài méi le** I was driving along when I suddenly noticed we were almost out of petrol.

我们聊着聊着，就忘了时间。 **wǒmen liáo zhe liáo zhe jiù wàng le shíjiān** We got chatting and lost track of time.

孩子听着听着，就笑了起来。 **háizi tīng zhe tīng zhe jiù xiào le qǐlai** The child listened for a while and started to laugh.

dialogue stuck in traffic

anna 我们已经在这儿停了二十分钟了，车一点儿都没移动。
wǒmen yǐjīng zài zhèr tíng le èrshí fēnzhōng le chē yìdiǎnr dōu méi yídòng · We've been sitting here for twenty minutes and the car hasn't moved an inch.

xiaoming 听说前面两辆车撞了，一辆车倒在路中间，挡住了路。
tīngshuō qiánmiàn liǎng liàng chē zhuàng le yí liàng chē dǎo zài lù zhōngjiān dǎng zhù le lù · Apparently two cars crashed ahead. One's on its side in the middle of the road, blocking it.

anna 严重吗？有人受伤吗？
yánzhòng ma yǒu rén shòushāng ma · Is it serious? Is anyone hurt?

xiaoming 好像不严重。两位车主正在等交警，半个小时以后才能通行。
hǎoxiàng bù yánzhòng liǎng wèi chēzhǔ zhèngzài děng jiāojǐng bàn gè xiǎoshí yǐhòu cái néng tōngxíng · Doesn't seem serious. The two drivers are waiting for the police; it'll be half an hour before traffic gets through.

anna 你看那辆车，一直在超速，刚才差点儿冲到我们前面来。
nǐ kàn nà liàng chē yìzhí zài chāosù gāngcái chàdiǎnr chōng dào wǒmen qiánmiàn lái · Look at that car. It's been speeding the whole time; it nearly cut right in front of us.

xiaoming 那种司机最危险。上次我开长途，开着开着就困了，只好停在路边休息。
nà zhǒng sījī zuì wēixiǎn shàng cì wǒ kāi chángtú kāi zhe kāi zhe jiù kùn le zhǐhǎo tíng zài lùbiān xiūxi · Drivers like that are the most dangerous. Last time I drove long-distance, I got sleepy along the way and had to pull over for a rest.

anna 附近有新开通的地铁站，我们改坐地铁怎么样？
fùjìn yǒu xīn kāitōng de dìtiě zhàn wǒmen gǎi zuò dìtiě zěnmeyàng · There's a newly opened metro station nearby. How about taking the metro instead?

xiaoming 车怎么办？早知道我就把车留在车库里了。
chē zěnme bàn zǎo zhīdào wǒ jiù bǎ chē liú zài chēkù lǐ le · And the car? If I'd known, I'd have left it in the garage.

anna 没关系，我们在车里停留一会儿，就算是休息吧。
méi guānxi wǒmen zài chē lǐ tíngliú yíhuìr jiù suàn shì xiūxi ba · Never mind. We'll just stay in the car a while and call it a break.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

挤
jǐ
crowded; to squeeze

挡
dǎng
to block (way, view)

冲
chōng
to rush, dash

good to know · 带 is also a noun, “belt, band”: 安全带 seat belt. 这一带 means “this area, round here”. 差点儿 + verb is “nearly”: 差点儿冲到我们前面 nearly cut in front of us. 差点儿没 means the same for something bad. 起 is also a measure word for incidents: 一起交通事故 one traffic accident, 两起车祸 two crashes.

Next time you’re stuck in traffic, you can tell the whole story in Chinese.
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day 21 trains & planes

Get through stations, trains and flights, and say who does what for whom.

Holiday travel in China means booking early, finding your carriage, and maybe a long flight home.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
列车	lièchē	train (formal)	本{ben3-5}次列车开往北京。 This train is for Beijing.
铁路	tiělù	railway	这条铁路是去年修好的。 This railway was finished last year.
站台	zhàntái	platform	请到三号站台上车。 Please board at platform 3.
车厢	chēxiāng	carriage (of a train)	我们在八号车厢，你在几号? We're in carriage 8. Which one are you in?
乘务员	chéngwùyuán	train or flight attendant	有问题可以问乘务员。 If you have any questions, ask the attendant.
飞行	fēixíng	to fly; flight	这次飞行要十个小时。 This flight takes ten hours.
飞行员	fēixíngyuán	pilot	我哥哥是一名飞行员。 My brother is a pilot.
海关	hǎiguān	customs	过海关的时候要拿出护照。 You need to show your passport at customs.
时差	shíchā	time difference; jet lag	我刚回来，还在倒{dao3}时差。 I've just got back and I'm still getting over the jet lag.
行程	xíngchéng	itinerary, trip	我们的行程安排得太满了。 Our itinerary is far too packed.
运	yùn	to transport, carry	这些水果是从南方运来的。 This fruit was brought up from the south.
运输	yùnshū	to transport; transport	用火车运输东西，又便宜又安全。 Moving goods by train is cheap and safe.
替	tì	for, instead of; to replace	我今天不舒服，你能替我去开会吗? I'm not well today. Could you go to the meeting for me?
同	tóng	with; same	我同他是大学同学。 He and I were at university together.
较	jiào	compared with; fairly	今年的机票较去年贵了一些。 Flights are a bit more expensive than last year.
一路顺风	yīlùshùnfēng	have a good trip!	祝你一路顺风! Have a good trip!
幸运	xìngyùn	lucky; good luck	能认识你，我真幸运。 I'm so lucky to have met you.
首次	shǒucì	for the first time	这是我首次来中国。 This is my first time in China.

随后	suíhòu	soon after, then	你们先走，我随后就到。 You go ahead. I'll be right behind you.
期间	qījiān	period; during	会议期间，请大家关掉手机。 During the meeting, please switch off your phones.
延长	yáncháng	to extend, lengthen	我想把签证延长一个月。 I'd like to extend my visa by a month.
抢	qiǎng	to grab; to rush for	假期的火车票特别难抢。 Train tickets for the holidays are really hard to get.
系	jì	to tie, fasten	上车以后请系{ji4-5}好安全带。 Please fasten your seat belt once you're in.
登	dēng	to climb; to board	我们花{hua1}了三个小时才登上山。 It took us three hours to climb the mountain.

pattern 替 for, 同 with, 较 compared with

替 / 同 / 较 **someone or something** **verb or adjective**

替 + person + verb: do it for them, in their place (替我问好). 同 + person: a more formal "with" (我同他商量). 较 + B + adjective: written "compared with B" (今年较去年冷). All three go before the verb.

请替我向你父母问好。 **qǐng tì wǒ xiàng nǐ fùmǔ wèn hǎo** Please say hello to your parents for me.

这件事我要同大家商量一下。 **zhè jiàn shì wǒ yào tóng dàjiā shāngliang yíxià** I need to talk this over with everyone.

今年坐火车的人较去年多了不少。 **jīnnián zuò huǒchē de rén jiào qùnián duō le bù shǎo** Far more people are taking the train this year than last year.

我开车替你把行李运过去吧。 **wǒ kāichē tì nǐ bǎ xíngli yùn guoqu ba** I'll drive your luggage over for you.

dialogue platform 6, carriage 8

xiaoming 安娜，快一点儿！列车十分钟以后就开了。
Ānnà kuài yìdiǎnr lièchē shí fēnzhōng yǐhòu jiù kāi le · Anna, hurry! The train leaves in ten minutes.

anna 来了来了！我们在几号车厢?
lái le lai le wǒmen zài jǐ hào chēxiāng · Coming, coming! Which carriage are we in?

xiaoming 八号车厢。站台上人太多了，你同我一起走，别走丢了。
bā hào chēxiāng zhàntái shàng rén tài duō le nǐ tóng wǒ yìqǐ zǒu bié zǒu diū le · Carriage 8. The platform's packed, so stay with me and don't get lost.

anna 谢谢你替我买票。假期期间的票真难抢，我自己试了三天都没买到。
xièxie nǐ tì wǒ mǎi piào jiàqī qījiān de piào zhēn nán qiǎng wǒ zìjǐ shì le sān tiān dōu méi mǎi dào · Thanks for getting my ticket. Holiday tickets are so hard to get; I tried for three days on my own.

xiaoming 不客气。对了，你父母下个月来中国，是他们首次来吗?
búkèqi duì le nǐ fùmǔ xià gè yuè lái Zhōngguó shì tāmen shǒucì lái ma · No problem. Oh, your parents are coming to China next month. Is it their first time?

anna 对。要飞行十几个小时，下了飞机还要过海关、倒时差，一定很累。
duì yào fēixíng shí jǐ gè xiǎoshí xià le fēijī hái yào guò hǎiguān dǎo shíchā yídìng hěn lèi · Yes. It's a flight of over ten hours, then customs and jet lag. They'll be exhausted.

xiaoming 那就把行程安排得轻松一点儿。他们能延长假期吗?
nà jiù bǎ xíngchéng ānpái de qīngsōng yìdiǎnr tāmen néng yáncháng jiàqī ma · Then make the itinerary nice and relaxed. Can they make their holiday longer?

anna 已经延长了一个星期。我爸爸说，这么远的地方，不来白不来！
yǐjīng yáncháng le yí gè xīngqī wǒ bàba shuō zhème yuǎn de dìfang bù lái bái bù lái · They already added a week. My dad says it's so far that it would be a waste not to make the most of it!

xiaoming 说得对！你看，铁路两边的风景多美。这条铁路以前主要用来运输东西。
shuō de duì nǐ kàn tiělù liǎng biān de fēngjǐng duō měi zhè tiáo tiělù yǐqián zhǔyào yònglái yùnshū dōngxi · He's right! Look how beautiful it is on both sides of the line. This railway used to be mainly for freight.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

厢

xiāng
compartment, side room

替

tì
for, instead of; to replace

good to know · 关 is also a noun, "pass, checkpoint": 海关 customs, 过关 get through (a checkpoint, or a tough test). On Chinese trains, seats are listed by carriage (车厢) and seat number: 8车12A is carriage 8, seat 12A.

Platforms, carriages, customs and jet lag: you can now handle the whole journey in Chinese.
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day 22 home town & far away

Chinese HSK 5 in 80 days
unit 4 · on the move

Talk about home towns, regions and places near and far, and give two choices or a “once this happens…”.

“Where’s your home town?” is one of the first questions anyone asks you in China.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
故乡	gùxiāng	home town, native place	他离开故乡已经二十年了。 It’s twenty years since he left his home town.
本地	běndì	local, this area	我不是本地人，我是从南方来的。 I’m not from here. I’m from the south.
当地	dāngdì	local (there)	到了那儿，我们去当地的小饭馆吃饭吧。 When we get there, let’s eat at a local restaurant.
地区	dìqū	area, region	这个地区冬天特别冷。 Winters in this region are really cold.
区域	qūyù	zone, area	这个区域不能停车。 You can’t park in this area.
城区	chéngqū	city area, urban district	酒店在老城区，离火车站不远。 The hotel is in the old town, not far from the station.
省份	shěngfèn	province	你去过{guo}中国的哪些省份? Which Chinese provinces have you been to?
省会	shěnghuì	provincial capital	这座城市是省会，也是这个地区的中心。 This city is the provincial capital and the heart of the region.
县	xiàn	county	他老家在一个小县城。 His family home is in a small county town.
乡	xiāng	countryside; village	我姥姥一直住在|乡下{==the countryside}。 My grandma has always lived in the countryside.
乡村	xiāngcūn	village, countryside	越来越多的年轻人离开了乡村。 More and more young people have left the villages.
山区	shānqū	mountain area	山区的冬天来得特别早。 Winter comes really early in the mountains.
海外	hǎiwài	overseas, abroad	他在海外生活了很多年。 He lived abroad for many years.
欧洲	Ōuzhōu	Europe	安娜是从欧洲来的。 Anna comes from Europe.
非洲	Fēizhōu	Africa	我从来没去过{guo}非洲。 I’ve never been to Africa.
访问	fǎngwèn	to visit; to access (a site)	今天访问这个网站的人特别多。 Loads of people have visited this website today.

游览	yóulǎn	to tour, go sightseeing	我们花{hua1}了一整天游览老城区。 We spent a whole day touring the old town.
旅行社	lǚxíngshè	travel agency	这次旅行是旅行社帮我们安排的。 A travel agency arranged this trip for us.
或是	huòshì	or; either ... or	周末我们去爬山或是去看电影吧。 Let's go hiking or see a film this weekend.
中心	zhōngxīn	centre	我们的酒店就在市中心。 Our hotel is right in the city centre.
处	chù	place, spot	你的住处{chu4}离公司远吗? Is your place far from the office?
当中	dāngzhōng	among, in the middle of	我们几个|人当中，只有他去过{guo}海外。 Of all of us, only he has been abroad.
内部	nèibù	inside, internal	这是公司内部的事，你别问了。 That's an internal company matter. Don't ask.
外部	wàibù	outside, external	这座大厦的外部很普通，里面却很漂亮。 The outside of the building is plain, but inside it's beautiful.
里头	lǐtou	inside	盒子里头是什么? What's inside the box?

pattern 或是……或是…… either ... or ..., and 一旦……就…… once ...

或是 choice A ，或是 choice B

或是 A，或是 B lays out two choices: either A or B (a little more written than 或者). 一旦 A，就 B means "once A happens, B follows", often for something sudden or serious: 一旦下雪，就不能走了.

你或是坐火车，或是坐长途车，都能到。 **nǐ huòshì zuò huǒchē huòshì zuò chángtú chē dōu néng dào** You can get there either by train or by long-distance bus.

一旦决定了，就要坚持下去。 **yídàn juédìng le jiù yào jiānchí xiaqu** Once you've decided, you have to stick with it.

这个区域一旦停电，整个城区都会受影响。 **zhège qūyù yídàn tíng diàn zhěnggè chéngqū dōu huì shòu yǐngxiǎng** If the power goes off in this area, the whole district is affected.

dialogue grandma's home town

anna 我们聊着聊着就到了！这就是你姥姥的故乡吗?
wǒmen liáo zhe liáo zhe jiù dào le zhè jiùshì nǐ lǎolao de gùxiāng ma · We were so busy chatting that we're here already! So this is your grandma's home town?

xiaoming 对，也是我妈妈的故乡。这个县在山区，以前交通很不方便，现在好多了。
duì yě shì wǒ māma de gùxiāng zhège xiàn zài shānqū yǐqián jiāotōng hěn bù fāngbiàn xiànzài hǎo duō le · Yes, and my mum's too. The county is up in the mountains. Getting here used to be really hard, but it's much better now.

anna 当地人说话，我有点儿听不懂。
dāngdì rén shuōhuà wǒ yǒudiǎnr tīng bu dǒng · I can't quite follow what the locals are saying.

xiaoming 本地人说话特别快，连我也只能听懂一半。
běndì rén shuōhuà tèbié kuài lián wǒ yě zhǐ néng tīng dǒng yíbàn · People here talk really fast. Even I only get about half.

xiaoming 明天我们或是去城区的老街走走，或是去乡下看看姥姥的老房子。
míngtiān wǒmen huòshì qù chéngqū de lǎo jiē zǒu zou huòshì qù xiāngxià kàn kan lǎolao de lǎo fángzi · Tomorrow we can either wander round the old streets in town or go out to the countryside to see Grandma's old house.

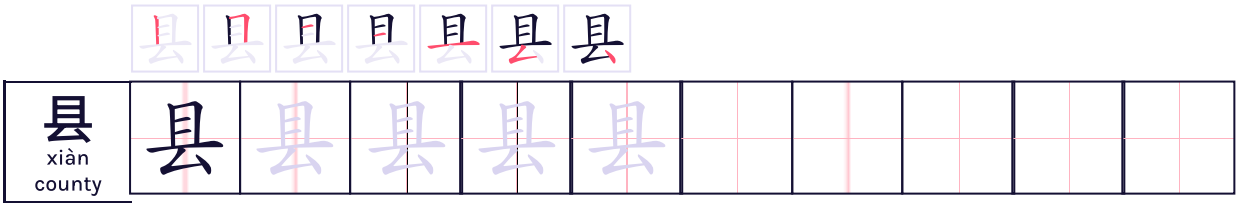
anna 我都想去！老房子里头现在还有人住吗?
wǒ dōu xiǎng qù lǎo fángzi lǐtou xiànzài hái yǒu rén zhù ma · I want to do both! Does anyone still live in the old house?

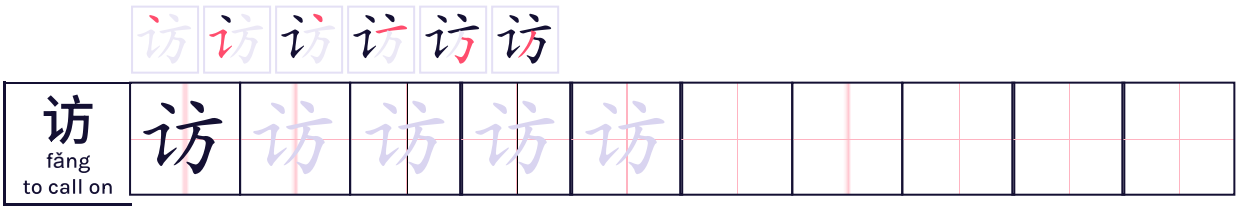
xiaoming 没有了。房子外部看起来很旧，内部去年刚装修过。
méiyǒu le fángzi wàibù kàn qǐlai hěn jiù nèibù qùnián gāng zhuāngxiū guo · Not any more. The outside looks old, but the inside was done up last year.

anna 听说这里的旅行社也开始带海外游客来了。
tīngshuō zhèlǐ de lǚxíngshè yě kāishǐ dài hǎiwài yóukè lái le · I hear the travel agencies here have started bringing in tourists from abroad.

xiaoming 是啊，去年还有一群欧洲学生来访问。一旦路修好了，来的人就会更多。
shì a qùnián hái yǒu yì qún Ōuzhōu xuéshēng lái fǎngwèn yídàn lù xiū hǎo le lái de rén jiù huì gèng duō · That's right. Last year a group of students from Europe came to visit. Once the road is finished, even more people will come.

write it trace the grey, then write your own





good to know · From big to small: 省 province → 市 city → 县 county → 乡 or 镇 township → 村 village. 省会 is a province's capital. 本地人 are "people from here", where you are now; 当地人 are "the locals" of the place you're talking about. You met 一旦 on day 3. Here it is with its partner: 一旦……，就……, "once A happens, B follows".

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day 23 weather on the way

Understand a weather forecast and pass on what you heard: “according to…”, “apparently…”.

Mountain weather changes fast, and a quick look at the forecast can save your day out.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
据	jù	according to	据他说，那家{=(measure word)}饭馆已经关门了。 According to him, that restaurant has closed down.
据说	jùshuō	it is said, people say	据说明天要下大雪。 Apparently it’s going to snow heavily tomorrow.
预报	yùbào	to forecast; forecast	天气预报说今天傍晚有雨。 The forecast says rain this evening.
暴雨	bàoyǔ	rainstorm, downpour	一场暴雨以后，路上全是水。 After the downpour, the streets were full of water.
雾	wù	fog, mist	早上雾很大，看不见前面的路。 The fog was thick this morning. You couldn’t see the road ahead.
降水	jiàngshuǐ	rainfall, precipitation	这个地区夏天降水比较多。 This region gets a lot of rain in summer.
雨水	yǔshuǐ	rain, rainwater	今年的雨水特别多。 We’ve had a lot of rain this year.
升温	shēngwēn	to warm up (temperature)	从明天开始，天气会慢慢升温。 From tomorrow it will slowly get warmer.
冻	dòng	to freeze; freezing	外面太冷了，我的手都冻疼了。 It’s so cold out that my hands hurt.
湿	shī	wet	我忘了带伞，衣服全湿了。 I forgot my umbrella and got soaked.
温暖	wēnnuǎn	warm	回到家里，我觉得特别温暖。 Back home, I felt so warm and cosy.
天空	tiānkōng	sky	雨停了，天空特别蓝。 The rain has stopped and the sky is so blue.
天上	tiānshàng	in the sky	你看，天上有一架飞机。 Look, there’s a plane in the sky.
光线	guāngxiàn	light (amount of)	这个房间光线不好，有点儿暗。 This room doesn’t get much light. It’s a bit dark.
暗	àn	dark, dim	天越来越暗了，我们快回家吧。 It’s getting darker. Let’s hurry home.
傍晚	bàngwǎn	dusk, early evening	傍晚的时候，我们常在河边散步。 We often walk by the river at dusk.
半夜	bànyè	the middle of the night	他昨天半夜才回家。 He didn’t get home until the middle of the night.

夜间	yèjiān	at night, night-time	夜间开车一定要小心。 Be very careful driving at night.
整整	zhěngzhěng	a whole, fully	雨整整下了三天。 It rained for three whole days.
怪	guài	strange; to blame	这几天的天气真怪，一会儿冷一会儿热。 The weather's been so odd lately: cold one minute, hot the next.
可怕	kěpà	frightening, terrible	昨天晚上的暴雨真可怕。 Last night's storm was terrifying.
糟	zāo	bad, terrible; oh no	糟了，我把伞忘在车上了！ Oh no, I left my umbrella in the car!
躲	duǒ	to hide; to shelter from	下雨了，我们先找个地方躲雨吧。 It's raining. Let's find somewhere to shelter first.
滑	huá	slippery; to slide	下过{guo}雨以后路很滑，小心别摔倒{dao3}。 The roads are slippery after the rain. Careful you don't fall.
沉	chén	heavy; to sink	你的包怎么这么沉? Why is your bag so heavy?

pattern 据: according to

据 | source | , | what you heard

据 + a source says where your information comes from: 据天气预报 according to the forecast, 据我了解 as far as I know. 据说 on its own means "apparently, people say", when you don't name the source. It usually starts the sentence.

据我了解，这条路晚上不能通行。 **jù wǒ liǎojiě zhè tiáo lù wǎnshang bù néng tōngxíng** As far as I know, this road is closed at night.

据预报，明天开始升温。 **jù yùbào míngtiān kāishǐ shēngwēn** According to the forecast, it starts warming up tomorrow.

据他说，山里早上的雾特别大。 **jù tā shuō shān lǐ zǎoshang de wù tèbié dà** According to him, the mornings in the mountains are very foggy.

dialogue here comes the storm

anna 你看天空，怎么突然变得这么暗?
nǐ kàn tiānkōng zěnme tūrán biàn de zhème àn · Look at the sky. Why has it suddenly gone so dark?

xiaoming 我刚才看了一眼天气预报，说傍晚有暴雨。我们快一点儿回去吧。
wǒ gāngcái kàn le yì yǎn tiānqì yùbào shuō bàngwǎn yǒu bàoyǔ wǒmen kuài yìdiǎnr huíqù ba · I just had a look at the forecast: there's a storm coming this evening. Let's get back quickly.

anna 糟了，我没带伞！我的包又这么沉，走不快。
zāo le wǒ méi dài sǎn wǒ de bāo yòu zhème chén zǒu bú kuài · Oh no, I didn't bring an umbrella! And my bag's so heavy I can't walk fast.

xiaoming 来，我替你拿。前面有家小店，我们先进去躲一躲。
lái wǒ tì nǐ ná qiánmiàn yǒu jiā xiǎo diàn wǒmen xiān jìnqù duǒ yi duo · Here, I'll carry it for you. There's a little shop ahead. Let's duck in there first.

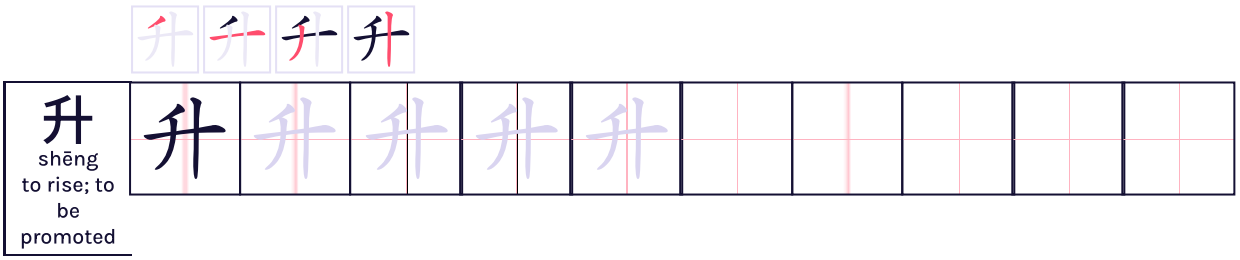
anna 这里的天气真怪，中午还那么热，现在突然这么冷。
zhèlǐ de tiānqì zhēn guài zhōngwǔ hái nàme rè xiànzài tūrán zhème lěng · The weather here is so strange. It was hot at noon, and now it's suddenly cold.

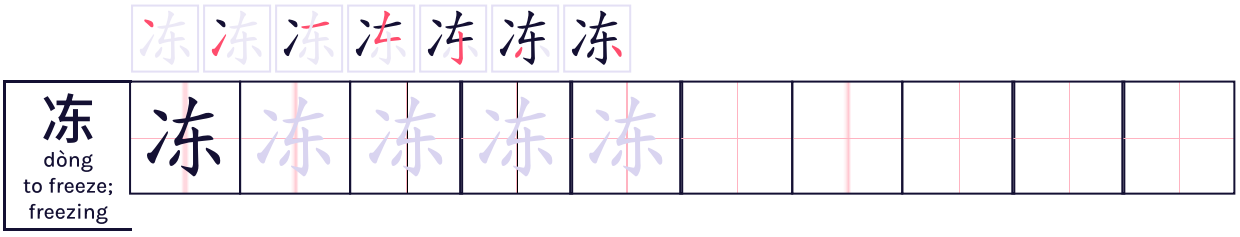
xiaoming 山区就是这样。据说昨天半夜特别冷，路上的水都冻住了。
shānqū jiùshì zhèyàng jùshuō zuótiān bànyè tèbié lěng lùshang de shuǐ dōu dòng zhù le · That's the mountains for you. Apparently it was freezing in the middle of last night; the puddles froze over.

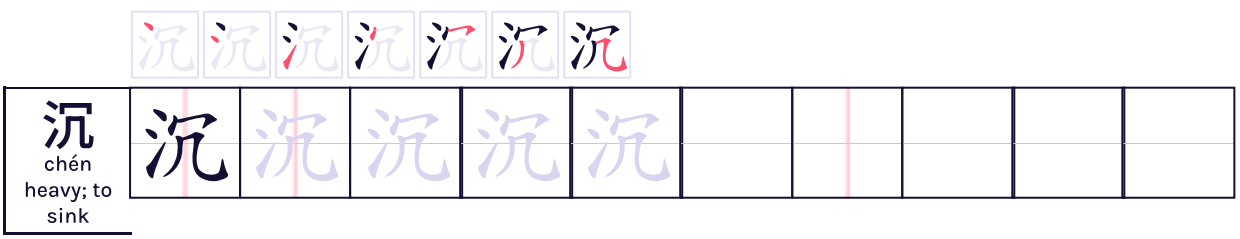
anna 真可怕！今年的雨水是不是特别多?
zhēn kěpà jīnnián de yǔshuǐ shì bu shì tèbié duō · How scary! Has there been a lot of rain this year?

xiaoming 是啊。不过别担心，姥姥家很温暖。等雨停了，光线好的时候，我带你去拍照。
shì a búguò bié dānxīn lǎolao jiā hěn wēnnuǎn děng yǔ tíng le guāngxiàn hǎo de shíhou wǒ dài nǐ qù pāizhào · Yes, loads. But don't worry, Grandma's house is nice and warm. When the rain stops and the light's good, I'll take you out for photos.

write it trace the grey, then write your own







good to know · Weather reports love formal words: 降水 precipitation, 升温 temperatures rising, 夜间 overnight. In conversation people just say 下雨, 变暖, 晚上. 整整 stresses a full amount: 整整三天 three whole days, 整整一个小时 a full hour. 准 "accurate" is also an adverb, "certainly, bound to": 明天准下雨 it's bound to rain tomorrow, 他准会来 he's sure to come.

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day 24 mission: lost in the old town

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chapter 1 the train to grandma's

anna 你听，车厢里在广播。
nǐ tīng chēxiāng lǐ zài guǎngbō · Listen, there's an announcement in the carriage.

xiaoming 我给你读一读：
wǒ gěi nǐ dú yi du · Let me read it to you:

xiaoming “各位乘客：本次列车即将到达县城站，请带好行李，从车厢的前门下车。据天气预报，今天傍晚当地有暴雨，夜间降水较多，明天开始升温。山区的路一旦下雨，就会很滑，请大家注意安全。下车以后，或是坐长途车，或是坐出租车，都可以前往城区。祝大家一路顺风！”
gèwèi chéngkè běn cì lièchē jíjiāng dàodá xiàn chéng zhàn qǐng dài hǎo xíngli cóng chēxiāng de qián mén xià chē jù tiānqì yùbào jīntiān bàngwǎn dāngdì yǒu bàoyǔ yèjiān jiàngshuǐ jiào duō míngtiān kāishǐ shēngwēn shānqū de lù yídàn xià yǔ jiù huì hěn huá qǐng dàjiā zhùyì ānquán xià chē yǐhòu huòshì zuò chángtú chē huòshì zuò chūzūchē dōu kěyǐ qiánwǎng chéngqū zhù dàjiā yílù shùnfēng · “Dear passengers: this train will shortly arrive at the county town. Please take all your luggage and leave by the front door of the carriage. According to the forecast, there will be heavy rain locally this evening, with a lot of rainfall overnight, and temperatures rising from tomorrow. Once it rains, the mountain roads become slippery: please take care. After you get off, you can reach the town centre either by long-distance bus or by taxi. Have a good trip!”

anna 这次行程真顺利。谢谢你替我抢到了票，假期期间的票太难买了。
zhè cì xíngchéng zhēn shùnlì xièxie nǐ tì wǒ qiǎng dào le piào jiàqī qījiān de piào tài nán mǎi le · This trip has gone so smoothly. Thanks for grabbing me a ticket: tickets in the holidays are so hard to get.

xiaoming 不客气。往返一共四百块，比坐飞机便宜多了。今年来这儿的游客较去年多了很多。
búkèqi wǎngfǎn yígòng sìbǎi kuài bǐ zuò fēijī piányi duō le jīnnián lái zhèr de yóukè jiào qùnián duō le hěn duō · No problem. It's four hundred return, much cheaper than flying. Far more tourists are coming here this year than last year.

anna 我同你们一起来，真幸运。上次我坐飞机回英国，过海关排了一个小时的队，还倒了三天时差。
wǒ tóng nǐmen yìqǐ lái zhēn xìngyùn shàng cì wǒ zuò fēijī huí Yīngguó guò hǎiguān pái le yí gè xiǎoshí de duì hái dǎo le sān tiān shíchā · I'm so lucky to be coming with you. Last time I flew back to the UK, I queued an hour at customs and had three days of jet lag.

little sister 这次考试我也过了关，所以妈妈才让我来玩！
zhè cì kǎoshì wǒ yě guò le guān suǒyǐ māma cái ràng wǒ lái wán · I got through my exams this time too, so that's why Mum let me come!

little sister 这是我首次坐这么快的列车！我长大了或是当飞行员，或是当乘务员。
zhè shì wǒ shǒucì zuò zhème kuài de lièchē wǒ zhǎng dà le huòshì dāng fēixíngyuán huòshì dāng chéngwùyuán · It's my first time on such a fast train! When I grow up, I'll be either a pilot or a flight attendant.

xiaoming 你上次还说要当医生呢。这条铁路以前主要用来运东西，县里的东西现在也主要用铁路运输。
nǐ shàng cì hái shuō yào dāng yīshēng ne zhè tiáo tiělù yǐqián zhǔyào yònglái yùn dōngxi xiàn lǐ de dōngxi xiànzài yě zhǔyào yòng tiělù yùnshū · Last time you said you wanted to be a doctor. This railway used to be mainly for freight, and the county still moves most of its goods by rail.

anna 我们先去姥姥家，随后去老城区，好吗？
wǒmen xiān qù lǎolao jiā suíhòu qù lǎo chéngqū hǎo ma · Shall we go to Grandma's first, and the old town after that?

xiaoming 好。我们的假期延长了两天，时间够了。明天还可以去登山。
hǎo wǒmen de jiàqī yáncháng le liǎng tiān shíjiān gòu le míngtiān hái kěyǐ qù dēng shān · Sure. We've added two days to our holiday, so there's plenty of time. Tomorrow we can climb the mountain too.

chapter 2 a walk in the old town

little sister 安娜姐姐，哥哥要替姥姥做饭，我们俩去老城区走走吧！
Ānnà jiějie gēge yào tì lǎolao zuòfàn wǒmen liǎ qù lǎo chéngqū zǒu zou ba · Anna, my brother's cooking for Grandma. Let's go and wander round the old town, just us two!

anna 好啊！据说老城区的胡同特别有意思。
hǎo a jùshuō lǎo chéngqū de hútòng tèbié yǒu yìsi · Great! I hear the lanes in the old town are really interesting.

little sister 对。老城区位于县城的中心，从这儿步行二十分钟就到了。
duì lǎo chéngqū wèiyú xiàn chéng de zhōngxīn cóng zhèr bùxíng èrshí fēnzhōng jiù dào le · They are. The old town is in the centre of the county town, a twenty-minute walk from here.

anna 那我们沿着河边走过去吧，我想看看风景。这里是你妈妈的故乡吧？这个地区真漂亮。
nà wǒmen yán zhe hé biān zǒu guoqu ba wǒ xiǎng kàn kan fēngjǐng zhèlǐ shì nǐ māma de gùxiāng ba zhège dìqū zhēn piàoliang · Then let's walk there along the river. I'd like to see the view. This is your mum's home town, isn't it? What a beautiful area.

little sister 对。我们这个省份有很多山区，这个县离省会有三个小时。很多海外游客也来这儿游览。
duì wǒmen zhège shěngfèn yǒu hěn duō shānqū zhège xiàn lí shěnghuì yǒu sān gè xiǎoshí hěn duō hǎiwài yóukè yě lái zhèr yóulǎn · Yes. Our province has lots of mountains, and this county is three hours from the provincial capital. Lots of visitors from abroad come to tour here too.

anna 你看，那个旅行社带着一群欧洲人，还有几个从非洲来访问的学生。
nǐ kàn nàge lǚxíngshè dài zhe yì qún Ōuzhōu rén hái yǒu jǐ gè cóng Fēizhōu lái fǎngwèn de xuéshēng · Look, that travel agency has a group of Europeans, and some students visiting from Africa.

little sister 他们当中有人还会说中文呢！
tāmen dāngzhōng yǒu rén hái huì shuō Zhōngwén ne · Some of them even speak Chinese!

anna 这个区域四处都是老房子，没有一座大厦。
zhège qūyù sìchù dōu shì lǎo fángzi méiyǒu yí zuò dàshà · There are old houses everywhere in this area, and not one tower block.

little sister 对，这一带不能盖高楼。房子外部很旧，里头却很漂亮，内部都装修过。
duì zhè yídài bù néng gài gāo lóu fángzi wàibù hěn jiù lǐtou què hěn piàoliang nèibù dōu zhuāngxiū guo · Right: you can't build tall buildings round here. The outsides of the houses are old, but they're lovely inside: the insides have all been done up.

little sister 不过天气预报说傍晚可能有雨，我们早一点儿返回。
búguò tiānqì yùbào shuō bàngwǎn kěnéng yǒu yǔ wǒmen zǎo yìdiǎnr fǎnhuí · But the forecast says it might rain this evening, so let's come back early.

anna 没问题，四点以前一定回来。
méi wèntí sì diǎn yǐqián yídìng huilai · No problem. We'll be back by four for sure.

chapter 3 lost in the lanes

anna 这些胡同怎么都一样？我们走着走着就不知道在哪儿了。
zhèxiē hútòng zěnme dōu yíyàng wǒmen zǒu zhe zǒu zhe jiù bù zhīdào zài nǎr le · Why do all these lanes look the same? We just kept walking, and now we've no idea where we are.

little sister 我们好像一直在绕，你看，我们背后就是刚才那家小商店。
wǒmen hǎoxiàng yìzhí zài rào nǐ kàn wǒmen bèihòu jiùshì gāngcái nà jiā xiǎo shāngdiàn · We seem to be going round in circles: look, the little shop from before is right behind us.

little sister 我也不认识路了。我看看手机上的位置……糟了，手机快没电了！
wǒ yě bú rènshi lù le wǒ kàn kan shǒujī shàng de wèizhì zāo le shǒujī kuài méi diàn le · I don't know the way either. Let me check my location on my phone... Oh no, my battery's nearly dead!

anna 别着急，我们问问路人吧。不过胡同里行人很少。
bié zháojí wǒmen wèn wen lùrén ba búguò hútòng lǐ xíngrén hěn shǎo · Don't worry, let's ask someone. Though there aren't many people about in the lanes.

little sister 那位阿姨说，朝南走，到了大路再往右走。
nà wèi āyí shuō cháo nán zǒu dào le dà lù zài wǎng yòu zǒu · That lady says to head south, then turn right when we get to the main road.

anna 可是哪边是南啊？四周都是房子，太阳也看不见。
kěshì nǎ biān shì nán a sìzhōu dōu shì fángzi tàiyáng yě kàn bújiàn · But which way is south? There are houses all around and we can't even see the sun.

little sister 哈哈，我们还是请一个当地人带我们出去吧。那位大爷说：“你们跟着我走吧！”
hā hā wǒmen háishi qǐng yí gè dāngdì rén dài wǒmen chūqù ba nà wèi dàye shuō nǐmen gēn zhe wǒ zǒu ba · Ha ha, we'd better ask a local to lead us out. That old man says, “Follow me!”

chapter 4 the storm

anna 天怎么突然暗了？天空一下子变暗了，光线这么差，我什么都看不清楚。
tiān zěnme tūrán àn le tiānkōng yíxiàzi biàn àn le guāngxiàn zhème chà wǒ shénme dōu kàn bu qīngchu · Why has it suddenly gone dark? The sky went dark all at once: the light is so poor I can't see a thing.

little sister 下雨了！快，我们进这家小店躲一躲。
xià yǔ le kuài wǒmen jìn zhè jiā xiǎo diàn duǒ yi duo · It's raining! Quick, let's shelter in this little shop.

anna 雨这么大，衣服都湿了。真可怕！你的包这么沉，我替你拿吧。
yǔ zhème dà yīfu dōu shī le zhēn kěpà nǐ de bāo zhème chén wǒ tì nǐ ná ba · It's pouring, and we're soaked. How awful! Your bag is so heavy: let me carry it.

little sister 据说这里的天气很怪，中午很热，半夜却冷得水都冻住了。今年雨水也特别多。
jùshuō zhèlǐ de tiānqì hěn guài zhōngwǔ hěn rè bànyè què lěng de shuǐ dōu dòng zhù le jīnnián yǔshuǐ yě tèbié duō · They say the weather here is strange: hot at noon, but so cold in the middle of the night that the water freezes. And there's been a lot of rain this year.

little sister 我给哥哥打个电话吧。哥哥，我们迷路了，现在在一家小店里躲雨。
wǒ gěi gēge dǎ gè diànhuà ba gēge wǒmen mílù le xiànzài zài yì jiā xiǎo diàn lǐ duǒ yǔ · I'll call my brother. Hi, it's me. We got lost, and now we're sheltering in a little shop.

xiaoming 你们在什么位置？把店的名字告诉我，我开车过来接你们。
nǐmen zài shénme wèizhì bǎ diàn de míngzi gàosu wǒ wǒ kāichē guòlái jiē nǐmen · Where are you? Tell me the name of the shop and I'll drive over and pick you up.

little sister 店的名字叫“老王饺子”。
diàn de míngzi jiào lǎo Wáng jiǎozi · It's called “Old Wang's Dumplings”.

xiaoming 我知道那儿，距姥姥家不远。这场雨准要下一整夜。路很滑，山上的雾也越来越大，你们别出来，我十分钟就到。
wǒ zhīdào nàr jù lǎolao jiā bù yuǎn zhè chǎng yǔ zhǔn yào xià yì zhěng yè lù hěn huá shān shàng de wù yě yuè lái yuè dà nǐmen bié chūlái wǒ shí fēnzhōng jiù dào · I know it, it's not far from Grandma's. This rain is sure to go on all night. The roads are slippery and the fog on the hill is getting thicker, so stay inside. I'll be there in ten minutes.

chapter 5 home at last

xiaoming 快上车，系好安全带。
kuài shàng chē jì hǎo ānquándài · Quick, get in and fasten your seat belts.

anna 谢谢你下这么大的雨还来接我们。
xièxie nǐ xià zhème dà de yǔ hái lái jiē wǒmen · Thanks for coming to get us in all this rain.

xiaoming 前面那条路堵了。听说刚才出了一起交通事故，两辆车撞了。
qiánmiàn nà tiáo lù dǔ le tīngshuō gāngcái chū le yì qǐ jiāotōng shìgù liǎng liàng chē zhuàng le · The road ahead is jammed. Apparently there's been an accident: two cars crashed.

anna 是车祸吗？严重吗？是不是有人超速？
shì chēhuò ma yánzhòng ma shì bu shì yǒu rén chāosù · A crash? Is it serious? Was someone speeding?

xiaoming 还好，没人受伤。一辆车倒在路边，挡住了一半的路，车辆只能慢慢通行。那个车主刚拿到驾照，驾驶经验太少了。
hái hǎo méi rén shòushāng yí liàng chē dǎo zài lùbiān dǎng zhù le yíbàn de lù chēliàng zhǐ néng màn màn tōngxíng nàge chēzhǔ gāng ná dào jiàzhào jiàshǐ jīngyàn tài shǎo le · Luckily nobody's hurt. One car is on its side by the road, blocking half of it, so the traffic can only get through slowly. That car's owner has only just got his licence: he hasn't much driving experience.

little sister 刚才车站门口人群特别挤，大家都冲进去躲雨。
gāngcái chēzhàn ménkǒu rénqún tèbié jǐ dàjiā dōu chōng jinqu duǒ yǔ · There was such a crush at the station entrance just now: everyone rushed in out of the rain.

xiaoming 我们绕一下，走另一条路。我这一路上几乎没移动，在路上停留了半个小时，汽油也快没了。
wǒmen rào yíxià zǒu lìng yì tiáo lù wǒ zhè yílù shàng jīhū méi yídòng zài lùshang tíngliú le bàn gè xiǎoshí qìyóu yě kuài méi le · Let's go round another way. I've barely moved the whole way, I was stuck for half an hour, and I'm nearly out of petrol.

xiaoming 雨太大，我只能缓慢行驶。我把车停在靠近家门的地下车库里吧。
yǔ tài dà wǒ zhǐ néng huǎnmàn xíngshǐ wǒ bǎ chē tíng zài kàojìn jiā mén de dìxià chēkù lǐ ba · The rain's so heavy I can only go slowly. I'll park in the underground garage near the house.

little sister 哥哥，我们今天在胡同里整整走了两个小时！
gēge wǒmen jīntiān zài hútòng lǐ zhěngzhěng zǒu le liǎng gè xiǎoshí · We walked round those lanes for two whole hours today!

xiaoming 哈哈，老城区的路线连本地人都会迷路。下个月县里要开通一条新的长途车路线，以后来这儿就方便了。
hā hā lǎo chéngqū de lùxiàn lián běndì rén dōu huì mílù xià gè yuè xiàn lǐ yào kāitōng yì tiáo xīn de chángtú chē lùxiàn yǐhòu lái zhèr jiù fāngbiàn le · Ha ha, even the locals get lost in the old town. Next month the county is opening a new long-distance bus route, so it'll be easier to get here.

anna 回到家里真温暖。在乡下住几天真舒服，我喜欢乡村生活。下次我一定先在地图上看好路线。
huí dào jiā lǐ zhēn wēnnuǎn zài xiāngxià zhù jǐ tiān zhēn shūfu wǒ xǐhuan xiāngcūn shēnghuó xià cì wǒ yídìng xiān zài dìtú shàng kàn hǎo lùxiàn · It's so cosy to be back. A few days in the countryside are lovely: I like village life. Next time I'll check the route on a map first.

little sister 明天我们或是去山上，或是去河边，我都愿意！
míngtiān wǒmen huòshì qù shān shàng huòshì qù hé biān wǒ dōu yuànyì · Tomorrow we can go up the mountain or down to the river: I'm happy either way!

xiaoming 不过一旦下雨，山路就很危险。
búguò yídàn xià yǔ shān lù jiù hěn wēixiǎn · But once it rains, the mountain road gets dangerous.

anna 据预报，明天开始升温，准是个好天气。我跟着你们走就行！
jù yùbào míngtiān kāishǐ shēngwēn zhǔn shì gè hǎo tiānqì wǒ gēn zhe nǐmen zǒu jiù xíng · According to the forecast it starts warming up tomorrow, so it's bound to be a lovely day. I'll just follow you two!

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