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day 76 on stage

Chinese HSK 6 in 90 days
unit 11 · arts & sports

Talk about plays, films and shows: scripts, plots, roles, rehearsals and filming.

Films, TV dramas and comedy are the easiest way into Chinese culture, and the best small talk.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
文艺	wényì	literature and the arts	她从小就喜欢文艺，唱歌跳舞都会。 She's loved the arts since she was little: she can sing and dance.
戏曲	xìqǔ	traditional Chinese opera	京剧是中国最有名的戏曲之一。 Peking opera is one of China's best-known forms of opera.
相声	xiàngsheng	crosstalk (comic dialogue)	爷爷最爱听相声，一听就笑。 Grandpa loves crosstalk: he laughs the moment it starts.
喜剧	xǐjù	comedy	周末我们去看了一部喜剧，笑得肚子都疼了。 We saw a comedy at the weekend and laughed till our sides hurt.
悲剧	bēijù	tragedy	这部电影是一个悲剧，看完大家都哭了。 The film is a tragedy: everyone cried at the end.
剧本	jùběn	script, screenplay	演员们拿到剧本以后，开始认真准备。 Once the actors had the script, they got down to work.
情节	qíngjié	plot	这部小说情节很简单，但是很感人。 The novel's plot is simple, but very moving.
场景	chǎngjǐng	scene, setting	电影里下{=to fall (rain, snow)}雪的场景是在北京拍的。 The snowy scenes in the film were shot in Beijing.
场面	chǎngmiàn	scene, spectacle	开幕式的场面非常热闹。 The opening ceremony was a lively spectacle.
开头	kāitóu	beginning; to start	这部电影开头有点儿慢，后来越来越好看。 The film starts slowly but gets better and better.
结尾	jiéwěi	ending; to wind up	这个故事的结尾谁都没想到。 No one saw the ending of this story coming.
主角	zhǔjué	lead role, main character	她在这部电影里演主角。 She plays the lead in this film.
主演	zhǔyǎn	to star; lead actor	这部电影由两位年轻演员主演。 The film stars two young actors.
扮演	bànyǎn	to play (a role)	他在电视剧里扮演一位老医生。 He plays an old doctor in the TV series.
艺人	yìrén	performer, entertainer	她是一位很受欢迎的艺人。 She's a very popular entertainer.
出场	chūchǎng	to come on stage	主角一出场，台下就响起了掌声。 The moment the lead appeared, the audience burst into applause.

上台	shàngtái	to go on stage	第一次上台的时候，我紧张极了。 The first time I went on stage, I was incredibly nervous.
排练	páiliàn	to rehearse	演出前，他们每天排练到晚上十点。 Before the show they rehearsed until ten every night.
场次	chǎngcì	showing, performance (time)	周末的场次都卖完了，只能看周一的。 The weekend showings are sold out, so it'll have to be Monday.
字幕	zìmù	subtitles	我看外国电影喜欢开中文字幕。 I like watching foreign films with Chinese subtitles on.
镜头	jìngtóu	camera lens; shot	这个镜头拍了二十多次才成功。 That shot took over twenty takes to get right.
摄像	shèxiàng	to film (video)	婚礼上请了专业的人来摄像。 They hired a professional to film the wedding.
录像	lùxiàng	video recording; to videotape	演出的录像已经发到网上了。 The recording of the show is already online.
录制	lùzhì	to record (a programme)	这个节目每周三录制，周六播出。 The show is recorded on Wednesdays and airs on Saturdays.

pattern 一时……一时……: one moment …, the next …

一时 | A | ，一时（又） | B

一时A，一时B describes something that keeps switching: moods, weather, plans. It often adds 又 before the second part. On its own, 一时 means "for a moment": 我一时想不起来.

这几天的天气一时晴，一时下雨。 **zhè jǐ tiān de tiānqì yìshí qíng yìshí xià yǔ** The weather these days is sunny one moment and raining the next.

他一时说要去，一时又说不去，我也不知道他到底怎么想的。 **tā yìshí shuō yào qù yìshí yòu shuō bu qù wǒ yě bù zhīdào tā dàodǐ zěnme xiǎng de** First he says he's going, then he says he isn't: I've no idea what he really thinks.

这个剧本的情节一时让人紧张，一时又让人想笑。 **zhège jùběn de qíngjié yìshí ràng rén jǐnzhāng yìshí yòu ràng rén xiǎng xiào** The plot of this script keeps you on edge one moment and laughing the next.

dialogue a part for anna

little sister 安娜，我们话剧社要演一部喜剧，你能来扮演一个外国留学生吗?
Ānnà wǒmen huàjù shè yào yǎn yí bù xǐjù nǐ néng lái bànyǎn yí gè wàiguó liúxuéshēng ma · Anna, our drama club is doing a comedy. Could you play a foreign student?

anna 我？我从来没有上台表演过！
wǒ wǒ cónglái méiyǒu shàngtái biǎoyǎn guo · Me? I've never been on stage!

little sister 别怕，就几句台词。主角是我，主演还有我的两个同学。
bié pà jiù jǐ jù táicí zhǔjué shì wǒ zhǔyǎn hái yǒu wǒ de liǎng gè tóngxué · Don't worry, it's just a few lines. I'm the lead, and two of my classmates star too.

anna 剧本给我看看……这个情节特有意思！开头在火车站，结尾在婚礼上。
jùběn gěi wǒ kàn kan zhège qíngjié tè yǒu yìsi kāitóu zài huǒchēzhàn jiéwěi zài hūnlǐ shàng · Let me see the script… What a fun plot! It opens at a train station and ends at a wedding.

little sister 对。我们每天晚上七点排练，你能来吗?
duì wǒmen měi tiān wǎnshang qī diǎn páiliàn nǐ néng lái ma · Yes. We rehearse every evening at seven. Can you make it?

anna 能。可是我现在一时觉得兴奋，一时又觉得紧张。
néng kěshì wǒ xiànzài yìshí juéde xīngfèn yìshí yòu juéde jǐnzhāng · Yes. But right now I'm excited one moment and nervous the next.

little sister 哈哈，正常。演出那天有人摄像，录像会发到网上，还加中文字幕呢。
hā hā zhèngcháng yǎnchū nà tiān yǒu rén shèxiàng lùxiàng huì fā dào wǎngshang hái jiā Zhōngwén zìmù ne · Ha, that's normal. Someone's filming on the night; the video goes online, with Chinese subtitles.

anna 那我一出场，镜头就会对着我？我得好好练练！
nà wǒ yì chūchǎng jìngtóu jiù huì duì zhe wǒ wǒ děi hǎohǎo liàn lian · So the moment I come on, the camera will be on me? I'd better practise!

little sister 你肯定行！周六的两个场次，票已经卖得差不多了。
nǐ kěndìng xíng zhōu liù de liǎng gè chǎngcì piào yǐjīng mài de chàbuduō le · You'll be great! The two Saturday shows are almost sold out.

good to know · 相声 is a Beijing comic duo act, full of puns and fast talk. Learners love it, and it's great listening practice once you know the slang. 话剧 is a spoken play in the Western style; 戏曲 is traditional opera, sung, with painted faces and stylised moves.

You can now talk through a whole film, from 开头 to 结尾, and cheer your friends on before they go on stage.
Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 77 music and stars

Talk about music and musicians: instruments, rhythm, singers, idols and talent.

Music is a way into any friendship, and fans talk about their idols constantly.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
乐器	yuèqì	musical instrument	你会演奏什么乐器? What instrument do you play?
乐曲	yuèqǔ	piece of music	这首乐曲听起来很安静。 This piece sounds very peaceful.
曲	qǔ	tune, melody; song	这首歌的曲是她自己写的。 She wrote the music for this song herself.
演奏	yǎnzòu	to perform (on an instrument)	他在|音乐会{==concert}上演奏了一首古典乐曲。 He played a classical piece at the concert.
指挥	zhǐhuī	to conduct, direct; conductor	这位指挥只有三十岁。 The conductor is only thirty.
节奏	jiézòu	rhythm, pace	这首歌节奏很快，很适合跳舞。 This song has a fast beat, great for dancing.
歌唱	gēchàng	to sing (formal)	孩子们站{zhan4-3}在台上，一起歌唱美好的生活。 The children stood on stage and sang about a happy life.
民歌	míngē	folk song	这首民歌已经流传了几百年。 This folk song has been handed down for centuries.
动听	dòngtīng	pleasant to hear	她的声音特别动听。 She has a beautiful voice.
话筒	huàtǒng	microphone	请把话筒给下{=next}一位同学。 Please pass the mic to the next student.
麦克风	màikèfēng	microphone	麦克风好像坏了，后面的人听不见。 The microphone seems broken: people at the back can't hear.
古典	gǔdiǎn	classical	我做作业的时候喜欢听古典音乐。 I like listening to classical music while I do homework.
偶像	ǒuxiàng	idol	这位歌手是很多年轻人的偶像。 This singer is an idol to lots of young people.
名气	míngqi	fame, reputation	这家{=(measure word)}小饭馆名气很大，每天都要排队。 This little restaurant is famous: there's a queue every day.
出名	chūmíng	famous; to become famous	她十八岁就出名了。 She was famous by eighteen.
天才	tiāncái	genius	他五岁就会弹钢琴，大家都说他是天才。 He played the piano at five; everyone called him a genius.

才华	cáihuá	talent, brilliance	这位年轻作家很有才华。 This young writer is very talented.
多才多艺	duōcáiduōyì	multi-talented	妹妹多才多艺，会唱歌、画画，还会弹钢琴。 Xiaoming's sister is multi-talented: she sings, paints and plays the piano.
大师	dàshī	master (of an art)	他是一位书法大师。 He is a master of calligraphy.
高超	gāochāo	superb (skill)	这位医生的技术十分高超。 This doctor's skill is superb.
惊人	jīngrén	astonishing	他的|记忆力{==memory}惊人，看一遍就能|记住{==to remember}。 His memory is astonishing: one read and he's got it.
十足	shízú	full, out-and-out	他上台的时候信心十足。 He went on stage full of confidence.

pattern special measure words: 串, 滴, 枝, 扇, 卷

一 / 串 / 滴 / 枝 / 扇 / 卷 / noun

These measure words paint a picture of the thing: 串 a string or bunch (keys, grapes), 滴 a drop, 枝 a stem or stick (flowers, pens), 扇 a door or window, 卷 a roll (paper, film). 一滴……也没 means "not a single drop".

他的包上挂着一串钥匙。 **tā de bāo shàng guà zhe yí chuàn yàoshi** A bunch of keys hangs from his bag.

这几天一滴雨也没下。 **zhè jǐ tiān yì dī yǔ yě méi xià** There hasn't been a drop of rain these past few days.

演出结束后，她送给指挥一枝花。 **yǎnchū jiéshù hòu tā sòng gěi zhǐhuī yì zhī huā** After the concert, she gave the conductor a flower.

这扇门后面就是舞台。 **zhè shàn mén hòumiàn jiùshì wǔtái** The stage is right behind this door.

dialogue the young conductor

xiaoming 今天的指挥只有二十五岁，听说是个天才。
jīntiān de zhǐhuī zhǐyǒu èrshíwǔ suì tīngshuō shì gè tiāncái · Tonight's conductor is only twenty-five. They say he's a genius.

anna 我知道他！他三岁就开始学乐器，十几岁就出名了。
wǒ zhīdào tā tā sān suì jiù kāishǐ xué yuèqì shí jǐ suì jiù chūmíng le · I know him! He started on instruments at three and was famous in his teens.

xiaoming 第一首是古典乐曲，第二首是一首民歌，节奏比较慢。
dì yī shǒu shì gǔdiǎn yuèqǔ dì èr shǒu shì yì shǒu míngē jiézòu bǐjiào màn · The first piece is classical; the second is a folk song, slower.

anna 你看，那位演奏钢琴的是一位大师，名气特别大。
nǐ kàn nà wèi yǎnzòu gāngqín de shì yí wèi dàshī míngqi tèbié dà · Look, the man at the piano is a master: really famous.

xiaoming 他的技术真高超。我小时候也学过钢琴，学了三年，累透了，就放弃了。
tā de jìshù zhēn gāochāo wǒ xiǎoshíhou yě xué guo gāngqín xué le sān nián lèi tòu le jiù fàngqì le · His technique is superb. I learned the piano as a kid; after three years I was worn out and gave up.

anna 哈哈。你妹妹说，她的偶像下个月也来北京开演唱会。
hā hā nǐ mèimei shuō tā de ǒuxiàng xià gè yuè yě lái Běijīng kāi yǎnchànghuì · Ha! Your sister says her idol is giving a concert in Beijing next month.

xiaoming 那个多才多艺的歌手吧？又会唱歌，又会写曲。
nàge duōcái duōyì de gēshǒu ba yòu huì chàng gē yòu huì xiě qǔ · That multi-talented singer? He sings and writes his own music.

anna 对，他声音动听，才华惊人。上次麦克风坏了，他没用话筒也唱完了。
duì tā shēngyīn dòngtīng cáihuá jīngrén shàng cì màikèfēng huài le tā méi yòng huàtǒng yě chàng wán le · Yes: a beautiful voice and amazing talent. Last time the microphone broke, and he finished without a mic.

xiaoming 真是信心十足！好了，开始了。
zhēn shì xìnxīn shízú hǎo le kāishǐ le · That's real confidence! OK, it's starting.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

奏
zòu
to play music

筒
tǒng
tube

good to know · 乐 is yuè in music words (音乐, 乐器, 乐曲) and lè in "happy" words (快乐, 乐观). 俱乐部 (club) uses lè. 话筒 and 麦克风 both mean microphone. People also just say 麦: 把麦给我 (pass me the mic).

You can now gush about a concert, compare idols and say 累透了 after a long rehearsal.
Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 78 art and design

Describe art and design: colours, shapes, patterns, style and meaning.

Whether it's a painting, a phone or a dress, saying why something is beautiful is a skill you use every day.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
绘画	huìhuà	painting, drawing	她从小学习绘画，现在在一家{=(measure word)}广告公司工作。 She's studied painting since childhood and now works at an ad agency.
图案	túàn	pattern, design	这条裙子上的花图案很漂亮。 The flower pattern on this skirt is lovely.
造型	zàoxíng	shape, look, styling	这个杯子的造型很特别，像一只小猫。 This cup has an unusual shape, like a kitten.
塑造	sùzào	to shape, portray	这部小说塑造了一个勇敢的女孩子。 The novel portrays a brave girl.
审美	shěnměi	aesthetic taste	每个人的审美都不一样。 Everyone's taste is different.
美观	měiguān	good-looking (things)	这个设计既美观又实用。 This design is both good-looking and practical.
对称	duìchèn	symmetrical	中国传统建筑很讲究对称。 Traditional Chinese architecture pays great attention to symmetry.
精美	jīngměi	exquisite, beautifully made	这本书的图片非常精美。 The pictures in this book are exquisite.
精致	jīngzhì	delicate, refined	这家{=(measure word)}店的点心做得很精致。 The pastries at this shop are beautifully made.
鲜明	xiānmíng	bright; distinct	这幅画的颜色非常鲜明。 The colours in this painting are very bold.
鲜艳	xiānyàn	brightly coloured	孩子们穿着鲜艳的衣服。 The children are in brightly coloured clothes.
抽象	chōuxiàng	abstract	这幅画太抽象了，我看不懂。 This painting is too abstract for me.
新颖	xīnyǐng	original, fresh	他的设计很新颖，大家都很喜欢。 His design is original; everyone loves it.
创意	chuàngyì	creativity, creative idea	这个广告很有创意。 This ad is really creative.
时尚	shíshàng	fashion; fashionable	她穿得很时尚。 She dresses very fashionably.
模特儿	mótèr	(fashion) model	她大学的时候做过{guo}模特儿。 She modelled when she was at university.
收藏	shōucáng	to collect; collection	爷爷收藏了很多老邮票。 Grandpa has collected lots of old stamps.
宏大	hóngdà	grand, vast	这座新博物馆规模宏大。 The new museum is on a grand scale.

内涵	nèihán	depth, inner meaning	这首诗很短，但内涵很丰富。 The poem is short but rich in meaning.
趣味	qùwèi	interest, fun; taste	这本书|写得很有趣味，孩子们都爱看。 The book is great fun; children love it.
动漫	dòngmàn	anime and comics	我弟弟特别喜欢看动漫。 My little brother is crazy about anime.
漫画	mànhuà	comics, cartoon	这本漫画讲的是一只猫的故事。 This comic is about a cat.
圆满	yuánmǎn	successful, perfect	这次展览圆满结束了。 The exhibition came to a successful close.

pattern 好（不）容易: at last, with great difficulty

好容易 / 好不容易 **才** **did it**

Surprise: 好容易 and 好不容易 mean the same thing, “with great difficulty, finally”. They usually come with 才 and describe something you only just managed.

我好不容易才买到这个展览的票。 **wǒ hǎobùróngyì cái mǎi dào zhège zhǎnlǎn de piào** I had a real job getting tickets for this exhibition.

好容易等到周末，又下雨了。 **hǎoróngyì děngdào zhōumò yòu xià yǔ le** At long last the weekend came, and it rained again.

他好不容易才把这幅画画完。 **tā hǎobùróngyì cái bǎ zhè fú huà huà wán** He finally managed to finish this painting.

dialogue the big exhibition

anna 陈教授，我好不容易才买到这个展览的票，您也来了！
Chénjiàoshòu wǒ hǎobùróngyì cái mǎi dào zhège zhǎnlǎn de piào nín yě lái le · Professor Chen! It took me forever to get tickets, and you're here too!

professor chen 是啊，我特地从学校赶过来的。这次展览规模宏大，古代的、当代的都有。
shì a wǒ tèdì cóng xuéxiào gǎn guolai de zhè cì zhǎnlǎn guīmó hóngdà gǔdài de dāngdài de dōu yǒu · Yes, I came straight over from the university. It's a huge exhibition, ancient and contemporary.

anna 您看这幅抽象画，颜色这么鲜艳，可是我看不懂它的内涵。
nín kàn zhè fú chōuxiàng huà yánsè zhème xiānyàn kěshì wǒ kàn bu dǒng tā de nèihán · Look at this abstract painting: such bright colours, but I don't get what it means.

professor chen 抽象绘画不需要都看懂，你看到它有什么感觉，就够了。
chōuxiàng huìhuà bù xūyào dōu kàn dǒng nǐ kàn dào tā yǒu shénme gǎnjué jiù gòu le · You don't need to understand abstract painting. What you feel when you see it is enough.

anna 那边那个花瓶的造型很精致，图案也很对称。
nàbiān nàge huāpíng de zàoxíng hěn jīngzhì túàn yě hěn duìchèn · That vase over there has such a delicate shape, and the pattern is symmetrical too.

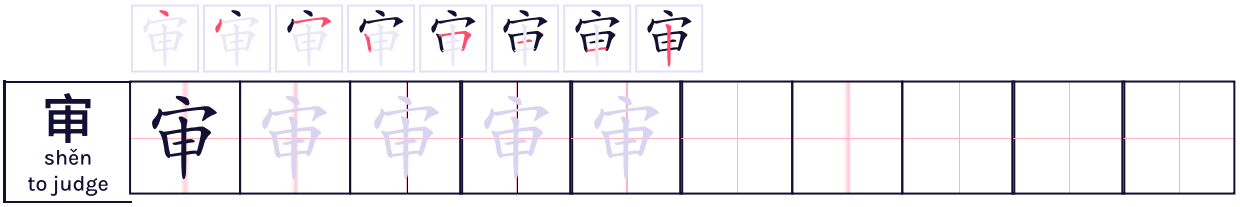
professor chen 那个花瓶已经有六百多年的历史了。那时候的人，审美真不简单。
nàge huāpíng yǐjīng yǒu liùbǎi duō nián de lìshǐ le nà shíhou de rén shěnměi zhēn bù jiǎndān · That vase is over six hundred years old. People back then had remarkable taste.

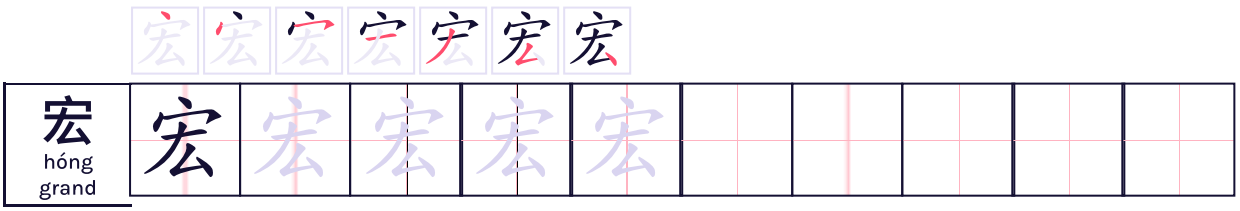
anna 我看着看着，不禁笑了起来：瓶子上画的猫好可爱！
wǒ kàn zhe kàn zhe bùjīn xiào le qǐlai píngzi shàng huà de māo hǎo kěài · I can't help smiling: the cat painted on it is so cute!

professor chen 以前的人也很有趣味嘛。走，楼上还有动漫和漫画的展览，很有创意。
yǐqián de rén yě hěn yǒu qùwèi ma zǒu lóu shàng hái yǒu dòngmàn hé mànhuà de zhǎnlǎn hěn yǒu chuàngyì · People back then had a sense of fun too. Come on, upstairs there's an anime and comics show; it's very creative.

anna 太好了！今天真是圆满的一天。
tài hǎo le jīntiān zhēn shì yuánmǎn de yì tiān · Great! What a perfect day.

write it trace the grey, then write your own





good to know · 好容易 and 好不容易 look like opposites but mean the same: "with great difficulty". Learners love this one. 精美 is beautifully made (books, gifts); 精致 is delicate and refined (food, small objects); 美观 is good-looking but practical (buildings, products).

You can now say why something is beautiful, and that you **好不容易** got the tickets.
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day 79 books and stories

Talk about books and writing: genres, describing and narrating, technique, adaptations and prizes.

Books are a favourite topic of conversation, and HSK 6 asks you to read and write about them.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
著作	zhùzuò	(written) work, book	陈教授写过{guo}|好几{==quite a few}部历史著作。 Professor Chen has written several history books.
散文	sǎnwén	prose, essay	我很喜欢读他的散文，写得又短又美。 I love reading his essays: short and beautiful.
章	zhāng	chapter	这本小说一共有二十章。 This novel has twenty chapters.
童话	tónghuà	fairy tale	小时候，妈妈每天晚上给我讲童话。 When I was small, Mum told me a fairy tale every night.
科幻	kēhuàn	science fiction	他最爱看科幻小说。 Sci-fi novels are his favourite.
题材	tícái	subject matter, theme	这部电影的题材很新颖。 The film has a very original subject.
描写	miáoxiě	to describe (in writing)	这段文字描写了秋天的北京。 This passage describes Beijing in autumn.
描绘	miáohuì	to depict, paint (a picture of)	作家描绘了一个美好的未来。 The writer paints a picture of a bright future.
叙述	xùshù	to narrate, recount	他把事情的经过叙述了一遍。 He went through what had happened.
手法	shǒufǎ	technique, method (in art)	作者用了很多新的写作手法。 The author uses lots of new writing techniques.
技巧	jìqiǎo	skill, technique	写作文也有很多技巧。 There are lots of techniques for writing essays, too.
改编	gǎibiān	to adapt (a work)	这部电影是根据一本小说改编的。 The film is adapted from a novel.
编	biān	to make up; compile; weave	别听他的，这个故事是他自己编的。 Don't listen to him: he made that story up.
模仿	mófǎng	to imitate, copy	小孩子喜欢模仿大人说话。 Little children love copying how grown-ups talk.
评选	píngxuǎn	to choose (by judging or voting)	学校每年都评选优秀学生。 Every year the school chooses its outstanding students.

入选	rùxuǎn	to be selected	她的小说入选了今年的十大好书。 Her novel made this year's top ten books.
荣誉	róngyù	honour	能得{de2}这个奖是我一生的荣誉。 Winning this award is the honour of my life.
工夫	gōngfu	time; effort	他没花{hua1}多少工夫就把问题解决了。 He solved the problem without much effort.
肯	kěn	to be willing to	只要你肯努力，就一定能学好。 As long as you're willing to work at it, you'll learn it well.
一模一样	yīmúyīyàng	exactly alike	这两个杯子一模一样，我分不清哪个是我的。 These two cups are identical: I can't tell which is mine.
贴近	tiējìn	close to; to draw near	这本书的故事很贴近生活。 The stories in this book are true to life.

pattern 要么……，要么……: either … or …

要么 A ，要么 B

要么A，要么B lays out two choices, and you must take one. It sounds practical and decisive, often a suggestion. Compare 或者 (or), which is softer.

周末我要么在家看书，要么去公园跑步。 **zhōumò wǒ yàome zài jiā kàn shū yàome qù gōngyuán pǎobù**
At weekends I either read at home or go running in the park.

要么现在走，要么明天一早走，你选吧。 **yàome xiànzài zǒu yàome míngtiān yì zǎo zǒu nǐ xuǎn ba**
Either we leave now or first thing tomorrow: your call.

这本书要么改编成电影，要么改编成电视剧，导演还没决定。 **zhè běn shū yàome gǎibiān chéng diànyǐng yàome gǎibiān chéng diànshìjù dǎoyǎn hái méi juédìng** The book will be adapted either as a film or as a TV series: the director hasn't decided yet.

dialogue writing advice

little sister 陈教授，祝贺您！您的新著作入选了今年的十大好书。
Chénjiàoshòu zhùhè nín nín de xīn zhùzuò rùxuǎn le jīnnián de shí dà hǎo shū · Professor Chen, congratulations! Your new book made this year's top ten.

professor chen 谢谢！能被评选上是很大的荣誉。我花了五年工夫才写完。
xièxie néng bèi píngxuǎn shàng shì hěn dà de róngyù wǒ huā le wǔ nián gōngfu cái xiě wán · Thank you! Being chosen is a great honour. It took me five years to write.

little sister 我最近也在写小说，要么写童话，要么写科幻，还没决定。
wǒ zuìjìn yě zài xiě xiǎoshuō yàome xiě tónghuà yàome xiě kēhuàn hái méi juédìng · I'm writing a novel too: either a fairy tale or sci-fi, I haven't decided.

professor chen 选题材的时候，最好贴近自己的生活。
xuǎn tícái de shíhou zuìhǎo tiējìn zìjǐ de shēnghuó · When you choose your subject, it's best to stay close to your own life.

little sister 可是我总是模仿别人，写得跟我喜欢的作家一模一样。
kěshì wǒ zǒngshì mófǎng biérén xiě de gēn wǒ xǐhuan de zuòjiā yìmú yíyàng · But I always copy others: what I write is exactly like my favourite authors.

professor chen 一开始模仿没关系，慢慢就有自己的手法了。写作的技巧要靠多写。
yì kāishǐ mófǎng méi guānxi màn màn jiù yǒu zìjǐ de shǒufǎ le xiězuò de jìqiǎo yào kào duō xiě · Copying at first is fine; your own style comes slowly. Writing technique comes from writing a lot.

little sister 那我要么每天写一章，要么每天写一千字，您觉得哪个好？
nà wǒ yàome měi tiān xiě yì zhāng yàome měi tiān xiě yìqiān zì nín juéde nǎge hǎo · So should I write a chapter a day, or a thousand characters a day?

professor chen 只要你肯坚持，哪个都行。对了，我的书要改编成电影，导演都找到我头上来了，让我帮忙改剧本！
zhǐyào nǐ kěn jiānchí nǎge dōu xíng duì le wǒ de shū yào gǎibiān chéng diànyǐng dǎoyǎn dōu zhǎo dào wǒ tóu shàng lái le ràng wǒ bāngmáng gǎi jùběn · Either works, as long as you stick with it. Oh, and my book is being made into a film: the director has even roped me in to help with the script!

little sister 太厉害了！到时候我一定去看。
tài lìhai le dào shíhou wǒ yídìng qù kàn · Amazing! I'll definitely go and see it.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

叙
xù
to narrate

誉
yù
reputation

good to know · 描写 is describing in words; 描绘 is painting a picture, in paint or in words; 叙述 is telling events in order. 工夫 is time and effort (花工夫). 功夫, same sound, is skill and kung fu. You will see both mixed up, even by native speakers.

You can now recommend a book, explain how it's written and give a friend a 要么……要么…… push to start writing.
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day 80 sports day

Talk about sports and outdoor fun: events, venues, gear, races and commentary.

Company sports days, ski trips and watching matches together are part of life in China.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
田径	tiánjìng	track and field, athletics	他是学校田径队的。 He's on the school athletics team.
体操	tǐcāo	gymnastics	小时候她练过{guo}五年体操。 She did gymnastics for five years as a child.
跳水	tiàoshuǐ	diving; to dive	我第一次跳水的时候特别紧张。 I was so nervous the first time I dived.
滑冰	huábīng	ice skating; to skate	冬天，很多人去公园的湖上滑冰。 In winter, lots of people skate on the park lake.
滑雪	huáxuě	skiing; to ski	今年冬天我们打算去东北滑雪。 This winter we're planning to go skiing in the northeast.
滑行	huáxíng	to glide, taxi	飞机在跑道上慢慢滑行。 The plane taxied slowly along the runway.
棒球	bàngqiú	baseball	棒球在美国很受欢迎。 Baseball is very popular in the US.
台球	táiqiú	billiards, pool	下班以后，他常和同事去打台球。 After work he often plays pool with colleagues.
射击	shèjī	shooting (sport)	射击比赛需要很强的|注意力{==concentration}。 Target shooting takes intense concentration.
射	shè	to shoot (a ball, an arrow)	他一脚把球射进了|球门{==goal}。 He fired the ball into the net with one kick.
奔跑	bēnpǎo	to run, race along	孩子们在草地上开心地奔跑。 The children ran happily across the grass.
起点	qǐdiǎn	starting point, start	运动员们已经站{zhan4-3}在了起点。 The athletes are already on the start line.
终点	zhōngdiǎn	finish, end point	他第一个跑到了终点。 He was first to the finish.
场地	chǎngdì	venue, ground	比赛场地已经准备好了。 The venue is all set for the match.
场馆	chǎngguǎn	stadium, sports venue	这座城市新建了很多体育场馆。 The city has built lots of new sports venues.
装备	zhuāngbèi	equipment, gear; to equip	滑雪的装备有点儿贵。 Ski gear is a bit pricey.
俱乐部	jùlèbù	club	我参加了一个跑步俱乐部。 I've joined a running club.

解说	jiěshuō	to commentate; commentary	这场比赛的解说特别精彩。 The commentary on this match was brilliant.
钓鱼	diàoyú	to fish (with a rod)	爸爸周末喜欢去河边钓鱼。 Dad likes fishing by the river at weekends.
盘	pán	plate (of); game (of chess)	他一个人吃了一盘{pan2}饺子。 He ate a whole plate of dumplings by himself.
局	jú	game, set (measure word)	这场乒乓球比赛一共打了五局{ju2}。 The table-tennis match went to five games.
飞速	fēisù	at full speed, rapidly	这几年，城市飞速发展。 The city has developed at lightning speed in recent years.
顾	gù	to attend to, care about	他忙得连饭都顾不上吃。 He's so busy he can't even find time to eat.

pattern 啦 and 嘛 at the end of a sentence

sentence	啦 (= 了 + 啊)	嘛 (it's obvious!)

啦 is 了 and 啊 squeezed together: lively news or excitement (我们赢啦！). 嘛 says "it's obvious" or gently urges: 别着急嘛 (come on, don't rush). Both are friendly, spoken and warm.

我们赢啦！ **wǒmen yíng la** We won!

别担心嘛，比赛就是玩玩。 **bié dānxīn ma bǐsài jiùshì wán wan** Don't worry, it's only a game.

他是新来的嘛，当然不知道规则。 **tā shì xīn lái de ma dāngrán bù zhīdào guīzé** He's new, so of course he doesn't know the rules.

吃完这盘饺子，我们就去打棒球啦！ **chī wán zhè pán jiǎozi wǒmen jiù qù dǎ bàngqiú la** Once we finish this plate of dumplings, we're off to play baseball!

dialogue sports day

manager liu 安娜，快来！公司运动会要开始啦！
Ānnà kuài lái gōngsī yùndònghuì yào kāishǐ la · Anna, hurry! The company sports day is starting!

anna 刘经理，今天的场地真大，是新建的场馆吧？
Liújīnglǐ jīntiān de chǎngdì zhēn dà shì xīn jiàn de chǎngguǎn ba · Ms Liu, this place is huge. Is it a new venue?

manager liu 对，这是一家体育俱乐部的场馆，田径、跳水都可以。你参加什么项目？
duì zhè shì yì jiā tǐyù jùlèbù de chǎngguǎn tiánjìng tiàoshuǐ dōu kěyǐ nǐ cānjiā shénme xiàngmù · Yes, it belongs to a sports club: athletics, diving, the lot. What are you doing?

anna 我参加的是一百米。可是我的装备都没带……
wǒ cānjiā de shì yìbǎi mǐ kěshì wǒ de zhuāngbèi dōu méi dài · I'm in the 100 metres. But I didn't bring any of my gear…

manager liu 没关系嘛，跑步又不需要什么装备。快去起点吧！
méi guānxi ma pǎobù yòu bù xūyào shénme zhuāngbèi kuài qù qǐdiǎn ba · No problem: running doesn't need gear! Off to the start line!

xiaoming 安娜，加油！人家都说你跑得特别快。
Ānnà jiāyóu rénjia dōu shuō nǐ pǎo de tèbié kuài · Go, Anna! Everyone says you're really fast.

anna 别给我压力啦！人家本来就紧张。
bié gěi wǒ yālì la rénjia běnlái jiù jǐnzhāng · Don't put pressure on me! I'm nervous enough already.

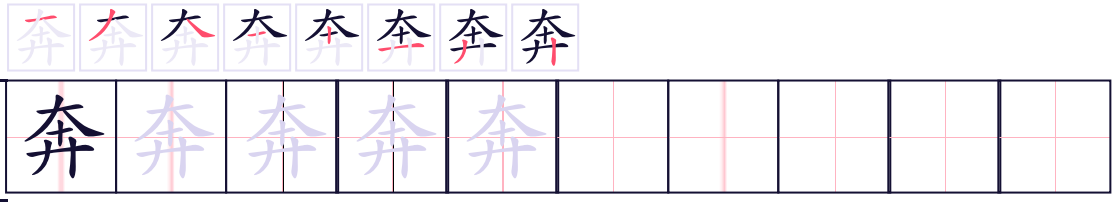
manager liu 来，大家齐声喊："安娜，加油！"
lái dàjiā qí shēng hǎn Ānnà jiāyóu · Come on, everyone, all together: "Go, Anna!"

xiaoming 你看她奔跑的样子，像在飞！马上要到终点啦！
nǐ kàn tā bēnpǎo de yàngzi xiàng zài fēi mǎshàng yào dào zhōngdiǎn la · Look at her run, she's flying! She's nearly at the finish!

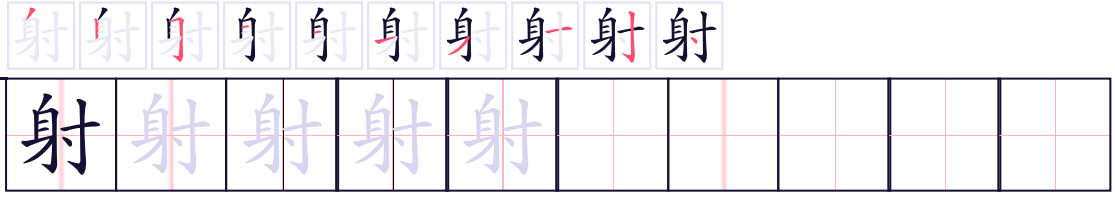
manager liu 第一名！好，比赛完了大家去吃饭，我请客。今天谁都顾不上减肥啦！
dì yī míng hǎo bǐsài wán le dàjiā qù chī fàn wǒ qǐngkè jīntiān shéi dōu gù bu shàng jiǎnféi la · First place! Right, after the races, dinner's on me. Nobody's dieting today!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

奔
bēn
to rush



射
shè
to shoot (a ball, an arrow)



good to know · 人家 can mean "other people" (人家都说……), a specific "he/she", or, said playfully, "me": 人家本来就紧张 (I'm nervous enough!). 局 counts games or sets in table tennis, chess and cards: 三局两胜 is "best of three". 盘 counts games of chess and plates of food. 周 is also a measure word for a circuit: 绕场一周 "a lap of the ground", 地球绕太阳一周 "one orbit of the sun". 齐 "even, all present" (人到齐了) also means "together": 齐声 "in unison", 一齐 "all at once", 齐心 "of one mind".

You can now cheer, commentate and celebrate in Chinese: 我们赢啦!
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day 81 winning and losing

Talk about competitions: rankings, knock-outs, medals, winning and losing, and board games.

From the Olympics to a game of Go in the park, winning and losing is a story everyone loves to tell.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
竞赛	jìngsài	contest, competition	他参加了全国数学竞赛。 He took part in the national maths competition.
赛事	sàishì	sporting event, tournament	今年夏天有很多国际赛事。 There are lots of international tournaments this summer.
选拔	xuǎnbá	to select (talent)	学校正在选拔参加比赛的学生。 The school is selecting students for the competition.
淘汰	táotài	to eliminate, knock out	我们队在第一轮{=round}就被淘汰了。 Our team was knocked out in the first round.
排名	páimíng	ranking; to rank	这所大学的排名每年都在上升。 This university climbs the rankings every year.
争夺	zhēngduó	to fight for, contend	两个队正在争夺冠军。 The two teams are battling for the title.
夺	duó	to seize; to win	她在比赛中夺得{de2}了第一名。 She took first place in the competition.
夺取	duóqǔ	to win, capture	他们希望在这次比赛中夺取冠军。 They hope to win the championship this time.
对抗	duìkàng	to oppose; face-off	今天晚上的比赛是两支强队的对抗。 Tonight's match is a clash of two strong teams.
击败	jībài	to defeat	他在决赛中击败了去年的冠军。 He beat last year's champion in the final.
战胜	zhànshèng	to overcome, beat	她战胜了自己的害怕，第一次上台演讲。 She overcame her fear and gave her first speech on stage.
败	bài	to lose, be defeated	这次比赛我们败了，但是学到了很多。 We lost this time, but we learned a lot.
超越	chāoyuè	to surpass, go beyond	他的水平已经超越了他的老师。 He's already better than his teacher.
高手	gāoshǒu	expert, ace	他是下{=to play (board games)}围棋的高手。 He's an ace at Go.
金牌	jīnpái	gold medal	她在国际比赛中拿了两块金牌。 She won two golds at an international competition.
银牌	yínpái	silver medal	只{zhi3}差零点一秒，他拿了银牌。 Just a tenth of a second behind, he took silver.
铜牌	tóngpái	bronze medal	这块铜牌对她来说意义很大。 This bronze means a lot to her.

奖牌	jiǎngpái	medal	我们学校在运动会上一共拿了十块奖牌。 Our school won ten medals in all at the sports meet.
亚军	yàjūn	runner-up, second place	我们班得{de2}了亚军，只{zhi3}比第一名少两分{=points}。 Our class came second, just two points behind first.
季军	jìjūn	third place	冠军、亚军和季军都上台领奖了。 The first, second and third-place winners all went up to collect their prizes.
象棋	xiàngqí	Chinese chess (xiangqi)	公园里常有老人在下{=to play (board games)}象棋。 There are often old people playing Chinese chess in the park.
围棋	wéiqí	Go (weiqi)	围棋看起来简单，其实非常难。 Go looks simple, but it's actually very hard.
棋子	qízǐ	game piece, chess piece	围棋的棋子只有黑白{=white}两种。 Go has only two kinds of piece: black and white.

pattern word-building suffixes: —化, —式, —型, —性

word	化 / 式 / 型 / 性

Four suffixes build new words: —化 "become, -ise" (现代化), —式 "style" (中国式), —型 "type, model" (新型), —性 "-ness, -ity" (个性). You can understand thousands of new words with them.

比赛越来越国际化了。 **bǐsài yuè lái yuè guójì huà le** Competitions are more and more international.

这是一种新型的运动，年轻人大都喜欢。 **zhè shì yì zhǒng xīnxíng de yùndòng niánqīng rén dàdū xǐhuan** It's a new kind of sport, and most young people love it.

中国式的教育和美国式的不太一样。 **Zhōngguó shì de jiàoyù hé Měiguó shì de bú tài yíyàng** Chinese-style education is quite different from the American style.

他是一个很有个性的运动员。 **tā shì yí gè hěn yǒu gèxìng de yùndòngyuán** He's an athlete with real personality.

dialogue the go final

xiaoming 爸爸，您又在看围棋比赛?
bàba nín yòu zài kàn wéiqí bǐsài · Dad, watching Go again?

dr li 这是今年最重要的赛事之一，两个高手在争夺冠军，是一场高水平的对抗。
zhè shì jīnnián zuì zhòngyào de sàishì zhī yī liǎng gè gāoshǒu zài zhēngduó guànjūn shì yì chǎng gāo shuǐpíng de duìkàng · It's one of the biggest events of the year: two top players fighting for the title, a real clash of masters.

xiaoming 现在人工智能都能击败世界冠军了，人还下什么围棋?
xiànzài réngōng zhìnéng dōu néng jībài shìjiè guànjūn le rén hái xià shénme wéiqí · AI can beat world champions now. Why do people still play?

dr li 这你就不懂了。下围棋不是为了战胜机器，是为了超越自己。
zhè nǐ jiù bù dǒng le xià wéiqí bú shì wèile zhànshèng jīqì shì wèile chāoyuè zìjǐ · That's where you're wrong. Playing Go isn't about beating machines; it's about going beyond yourself.

xiaoming 好吧。那个年轻人排名多少?
hǎo ba nàge niánqīng rén páimíng duōshao · Fine. Where's that young player ranked?

dr li 他去年净输，今年大都赢了，排名一下子升到了第三。
tā qùnián jìng shū jīnnián dàdū yíng le páimíng yíxiàzi shēng dào le dì sān · Last year he lost almost every game; this year he's won most of them and shot up to third.

xiaoming 我小时候也参加过选拔，第一轮就被淘汰了。
wǒ xiǎoshíhou yě cānjiā guo xuǎnbá dì yī lún jiù bèi táotài le · I tried out once as a kid and got knocked out in the first round.

dr li 你那时候净想着踢足球。
nǐ nà shíhou jìng xiǎng zhe tī zúqiú · Back then all you thought about was football.

xiaoming 那倒是。来，我们一同下一盘象棋吧，我就不信我会败给您!
nà dàoshì lái wǒmen yìtóng xià yì pán xiàngqí ba wǒ jiù bú xìn wǒ huì bài gěi nín · True. Come on, let's play a game of Chinese chess. I refuse to believe you'll beat me!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

汰
tài
to discard

夺
duó
to seize; to win

抗
kàng
to resist

good to know · 冠军, 亚军, 季军 are first, second and third place. 亚 means "second" (亚军), and 季 was once the word for the youngest of brothers. 下 is the verb for board games: 下围棋, 下象棋. Ball games take 打 or 踢.

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chapter 1 the last rehearsal

little sister 最后一次排练啦！安娜，你的台词都记住了吗?
zuìhòu yí cì páiliàn la Ānnà nǐ de táicí dōu jìzhù le ma · Last rehearsal! Anna, have you learned all your lines?

anna 记住了……可是我一时觉得没问题，一时又全忘了。
jìzhù le kěshì wǒ yìshí juéde méi wèntí yìshí yòu quán wàng le · I have… but one minute I'm fine, the next I've forgotten everything.

little sister 别紧张嘛。你一出场，大家就会笑。这是喜剧，又不是悲剧！
bié jǐnzhāng ma nǐ yì chūchǎng dàjiā jiù huì xiào zhè shì xǐjù yòu bú shì bēijù · Relax! The moment you come on, everyone will laugh. It's a comedy, not a tragedy!

anna 我扮演的是一个想当艺人的女孩子。开头那个场景，我最怕。
wǒ bànyǎn de shì yí gè xiǎng dāng yìrén de nǚ háizi kāitóu nàge chǎngjǐng wǒ zuì pà · I play a girl who wants to be an entertainer. The opening scene is the one I dread most.

little sister 别怕，结尾那段你演得特好，连主演都夸你呢。
bié pà jiéwěi nà duàn nǐ yǎn de tè hǎo lián zhǔyǎn dōu kuā nǐ ne · Don't worry, you're great in the ending: even the lead actor praised you.

xiaoming 不好了，话筒坏了，后面的人什么也听不见！
bù hǎo le huàtǒng huài le hòumiàn de rén shénme yě tīng bu jiàn · Oh no, the mic's broken: nobody at the back can hear a thing!

little sister 早不坏，晚不坏，就在这个时候坏了！还有别的麦克风吗?
zǎo bú huài wǎn bú huài jiù zài zhège shíhou huài le hái yǒu biéde màikèfēng ma · Of all the times to break! Is there another microphone?

xiaoming 我好不容易才借到一个，放在后台了。
wǒ hǎobùróngyì cái jiè dào yí gè fàng zài hòutái le · I managed to borrow one in the end; it's backstage.

little sister 太好了！摄像的同学也到了。今天的演出要全部录制，以后还要配上字幕。
tài hǎo le shèxiàng de tóngxué yě dào le jīntiān de yǎnchū yào quánbù lùzhì yǐhòu hái yào pèi shàng zìmù · Brilliant! The student filming has arrived too. The whole show is being recorded, and it'll get subtitles later.

xiaoming 今天一共两个场次，下午三点和晚上七点。镜头对着舞台，你别看它就行。
jīntiān yígòng liǎng gè chǎngcì xiàwǔ sān diǎn hé wǎnshang qī diǎn jìngtóu duì zhe wǔtái nǐ bié kàn tā jiù xíng · There are two performances today, at three and at seven. The camera points at the stage: just don't look at it.

anna 好。我们后面还有相声和戏曲，这个文艺节真热闹！
hǎo wǒmen hòumiàn hái yǒu xiàngsheng hé xìqǔ zhège wényìjié zhēn rènao · OK. After us there's crosstalk and Chinese opera too. What a lively arts festival!

chapter 2 on stage

anna 演完了！我上台的时候，手都是凉的。
yǎn wán le wǒ shàngtái de shíhou shǒu dōu shì liáng de · It's over! When I went on stage, my hands were ice-cold.

teacher wang 可是你演得特好！观众笑了好几次，场面异常热闹。
kěshì nǐ yǎn de tè hǎo guānzhòng xiào le hǎojǐ cì chǎngmiàn yìcháng rènao · But you were brilliant! The audience laughed again and again: what an atmosphere.

anna 王老师，您特地来看我们演出？
Wánglǎoshī nín tèdì lái kàn wǒmen yǎnchū · Teacher Wang, you came specially to see us?

teacher wang 当然。下面还有合唱，我是指挥。这首民歌歌唱的是家乡，你们一定会喜欢。
dāngrán xiàmiàn hái yǒu héchàng wǒ shì zhǐhuī zhè shǒu míngē gēchàng de shì jiāxiāng nǐmen yídìng huì xǐhuan · Of course. There's a choir next, and I'm conducting. This folk song sings of home: you'll love it.

little sister 王老师真是多才多艺！上次您演奏的古典乐曲，大家都说动听极了。
Wánglǎoshī zhēn shì duōcái duōyì shàng cì nín yǎnzòu de gǔdiǎn yuèqǔ dàjiā dōu shuō dòngtīng jí le · Teacher Wang, you can do everything! Everyone said the classical piece you played last time was gorgeous.

teacher wang 哪里哪里。今天真正的天才，是那位弹钢琴的同学，她才十六岁。
nǎlǐnǎlǐ jīntiān zhēnzhèng de tiāncái shì nà wèi tán gāngqín de tóngxué tā cái shíliù suì · Oh, not at all. Today's real genius is the girl at the piano: she's only sixteen.

anna 她的技巧太高超了！节奏那么快，却一点儿都没弹错，真惊人。
tā de jìqiǎo tài gāochāo le jiézòu nàme kuài què yìdiǎnr dōu méi tán cuò zhēn jīngrén · Her technique is superb! Such a fast rhythm, and not a single slip. Astonishing.

little sister 她一曲弹完，全场都安静了。听说她还会好几种乐器，才华十足！
tā yì qǔ tán wán quánchǎng dōu ānjìng le tīngshuō tā hái huì hǎojǐ zhǒng yuèqì cáihuá shízú · When she finished her piece, the whole hall went quiet. They say she plays several instruments too: real talent!

teacher wang 她的老师是一位音乐大师，在国内很有名气。
tā de lǎoshī shì yí wèi yīnyuè dàshī zài guó nèi hěn yǒu míngqi · Her teacher is a master musician, quite famous in China.

teacher wang 快去后台吧，大家都在等着跟你们这些新偶像拍照呢！
kuài qù hòutái ba dàjiā dōu zài děng zhe gēn nǐmen zhèxiē xīn ǒuxiàng pāizhào ne · Off you go backstage: everyone's waiting to take photos with their new idols!

chapter 3 the art and book fair

ms zhang 安娜，这边是绘画，那边是图书，我们先看哪个？
Ānnà zhèbiān shì huìhuà nàbiān shì túshū wǒmen xiān kàn nǎge · Anna, paintings over here and books over there. Which first?

anna 先看画吧。这幅画描绘的是北京的秋天，颜色真鲜艳，图案也很对称。
xiān kàn huà ba zhè fú huà miáohuì de shì Běijīng de qiūtiān yánsè zhēn xiānyàn túàn yě hěn duìchèn · The paintings first. This one depicts Beijing in autumn: such bright colours, and a symmetrical pattern.

ms zhang 我更喜欢旁边那幅抽象画，看起来简单，其实很有内涵。
wǒ gèng xǐhuan pángbiān nà fú chōuxiàng huà kànqǐlai jiǎndān qíshí hěn yǒu nèihán · I prefer the abstract one next to it. It looks simple, but it has real depth.

little sister 妈妈，您的审美一向很时尚嘛！
māma nín de shěnměi yíxiàng hěn shíshàng ma · Mum, you've always had fashionable taste!

ms zhang 你看这些动漫和漫画作品，造型精致，很有创意，也很有趣味。
nǐ kàn zhèxiē dòngmàn hé mànhuà zuòpǐn zàoxíng jīngzhì hěn yǒu chuàngyì yě hěn yǒu qùwèi · Look at these anime and comic works: refined designs, very creative, and fun too.

little sister 有一位同学还请了模特儿，把她漫画里的人物变成了真人。
yǒu yí wèi tóngxué hái qǐng le mótèr bǎ tā mànhuà lǐ de rénwù biànchéng le zhēn rén · One student even got a model to bring a character from her comic to life.

anna 那边有一位老先生，收藏了几百本古书，每一本都那么精美。
nàbiān yǒu yí wèi lǎo xiānsheng shōucáng le jǐ bǎi běn gǔ shū měi yì běn dōu nàme jīngměi · Over there an old gentleman has a collection of hundreds of old books, each one beautifully made.

ms zhang 这些新书也设计得很美观。这本是一部宏大的科幻著作，一共五十章。
zhèxiē xīn shū yě shèjì de hěn měiguān zhè běn shì yí bù hóngdà de kēhuàn zhùzuò yígòng wǔshí zhāng · These new books are well designed too. This one is a vast science-fiction work, fifty chapters long.

little sister 我小时候只看童话，现在更喜欢散文，题材越平凡越好。
wǒ xiǎoshíhou zhǐ kàn tónghuà xiànzài gèng xǐhuan sǎnwén tícái yuè píngfán yuè hǎo · As a kid I only read fairy tales; now I prefer essays, and the more ordinary the subject, the better.

ms zhang 这位作家描写人物的手法很特别，叙述得非常自然。
zhè wèi zuòjiā miáoxiě rénwù de shǒufǎ hěn tèbié xùshù de fēicháng zìrán · This writer has a special way of describing people, and he tells a story so naturally.

anna 他的小说入选了今年的好书，还被改编成了电影。
tā de xiǎoshuō rùxuǎn le jīnnián de hǎo shū hái bèi gǎibiān chéng le diànyǐng · His novel was picked as one of this year's best books, and it's been adapted into a film.

little sister 他肯花工夫，一个故事要编好几年。有人模仿他，可怎么也写不出那个味道。
tā kěn huā gōngfu yí gè gùshi yào biān hǎojǐ nián yǒu rén mófǎng tā kě zěnme yě xiě bu chū nàge wèidào · He's willing to put in the time: one story takes him years to make up. People imitate him, but they can never get that flavour.

chapter 4 the sports afternoon

little sister 下午是运动会！田径场地就在场馆旁边。
xiàwǔ shì yùndònghuì tiánjìng chǎngdì jiù zài chǎngguǎn pángbiān · The sports meet is this afternoon! The athletics ground is right next to the stadium.

xiaoming 今年的赛事真多：体操、跳水、射击，冬天还有滑冰和滑雪。
jīnnián de sàishì zhēn duō tǐcāo tiàoshuǐ shèjī dōngtiān hái yǒu huábīng hé huáxuě · So many events this year: gymnastics, diving, shooting, and skating and skiing in the winter.

dr li 开幕的时候，运动员们先绕场一周。
kāimù de shíhou yùndòngyuánmen xiān rào chǎng yì zhōu · At the opening, the athletes first do a lap of the ground.

little sister 快看！我们班的同学从起点开始飞速奔跑，第一个到了终点！
kuài kàn wǒmen bān de tóngxué cóng qǐdiǎn kāishǐ fēisù bēnpǎo dì yī gè dào le zhōngdiǎn · Look! Our classmate raced off from the start and got to the finish first!

xiaoming 来，大家齐声喊：“加油！”
lái dàjiā qí shēng hǎn jiāyóu · Come on, everyone, all together: “Go!”

dr li 他夺得了金牌！上次只拿了银牌，这次总算战胜了对手。
tā duó dé le jīnpái shàng cì zhǐ ná le yínpái zhè cì zǒngsuàn zhànshèng le duìshǒu · He’s won gold! Last time he only got silver; this time he finally beat his rival.

little sister 二班是季军，拿了铜牌。
èr bān shì jìjūn ná le tóngpái · Class Two came third and got bronze.

xiaoming 今年的选拔特别难，很多人第一轮就被淘汰了。
jīnnián de xuǎnbá tèbié nán hěn duō rén dì yī lún jiù bèi táotài le · The selection was really tough this year: lots of people were knocked out in the first round.

little sister 体育俱乐部的解说员说得太精彩了，我都顾不上看比赛了！
tǐyù jùlèbù de jiěshuō yuán shuō de tài jīngcǎi le wǒ dōu gùbùshàng kàn bǐsài le · The sports club’s commentator was so good I could hardly watch the races!

xiaoming 我的装备都带了，晚上我们去打台球吧。棒球我可不会。
wǒ de zhuāngbèi dōu dài le wǎnshang wǒmen qù dǎ táiqiú ba bàngqiú wǒ kě bú huì · I’ve brought all my gear. Let’s play pool tonight. Baseball I can’t do.

dr li 你们去吧。明天我要去钓鱼，好好休息一下。
nǐmen qù ba míngtiān wǒ yào qù diàoyú hǎohǎo xiūxi yíxià · You go. Tomorrow I’m going fishing for a good rest.

chapter 5 the go contest and the prizes

dr li 小明，你真的报名参加围棋比赛了？
Xiǎomíng nǐ zhēn de bàomíng cānjiā wéiqí bǐsài le · Xiaoming, did you really enter the Go contest?

xiaoming 是啊。上次我败给您以后，每天晚上都在练。
shì a shàng cì wǒ bài gěi nín yǐhòu měi tiān wǎnshang dōu zài liàn · Yes. After you beat me last time, I've practised every night.

dr li 围棋跟象棋不一样，棋子只有黑白两种。对手是谁？
wéiqí gēn xiàngqí bù yíyàng qízǐ zhǐ yǒu hēi bái liǎng zhǒng duìshǒu shì shéi · Go isn't like Chinese chess: the pieces are only black and white. Who's your opponent?

xiaoming 一个大学生，排名第一，是个高手。不过人家才十九岁，我不怕！
yí gè dàxuéshēng páimíng dì yī shì gè gāoshǒu búguò rénjia cái shíjiǔ suì wǒ bú pà · A student ranked number one: an ace. But he's only nineteen. I'm not scared!

dr li 下围棋要有耐心，别一开始就想着击败他。
xià wéiqí yào yǒu nàixīn bié yì kāishǐ jiù xiǎng zhe jībài tā · Go needs patience. Don't go in thinking only of beating him.

xiaoming 知道啦。三局两胜，第一局我输了，第二局我赢了！
zhīdào la sān jú liǎng shèng dì yī jú wǒ shū le dì èr jú wǒ yíng le · I know. It's best of three: I lost the first game and won the second!

dr li 最后一局了。不管胜败，你能走到这里，已经超越自己了。
zuìhòu yì jú le bùguǎn shèng bài nǐ néng zǒu dào zhèlǐ yǐjīng chāoyuè zìjǐ le · Last game. Win or lose, getting this far means you've gone beyond yourself.

professor chen 下面公布今年文艺节的评选结果！
xiàmiàn gōngbù jīnnián wényìjié de píngxuǎn jiéguǒ · And now, the results of this year's arts festival!

professor chen 最佳演出：话剧社的喜剧！剧本新颖，情节贴近生活，主角塑造得非常鲜明。
zuìjiā yǎnchū huàjù shè de xǐjù jùběn xīnyǐng qíngjié tiējìn shēnghuó zhǔjué sùzào de fēicháng xiānmíng · Best show: the drama club's comedy! An original script, a plot true to life and a vivid lead character.

little sister 我们赢啦！安娜，这份荣誉也有你一份！
wǒmen yíng la Ānnà zhè fèn róngyù yě yǒu nǐ yí fèn · We won! Anna, this honour is yours too!

professor chen 围棋竞赛：经过一番激烈的争夺，冠军是那位十九岁的同学，亚军是李小明！
wéiqí jìngsài jīngguò yì fān jīliè de zhēngduó guànjūn shì nà wèi shíjiǔ suì de tóngxué yàjūn shì Lǐ Xiǎomíng · The Go contest: after a fierce battle, the champion is our nineteen-year-old, and the runner-up is Li Xiaoming!

xiaoming 亚军也很好嘛！我拿到了人生中的第一块奖牌。
yàjūn yě hěn hǎo ma wǒ ná dào le rénshēng zhōng de dì yī kuài jiǎngpái · Second is great! It's the first medal of my life.

anna 这个周末过得真圆满。录像发到网上以后，我们都要出名啦！
zhège zhōumò guò de zhēn yuánmǎn lùxiàng fā dào wǎngshang yǐhòu wǒmen dōu yào chūmíng la · What a perfect weekend. Once the video's online, we'll all be famous!

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