day 6 good morning

Say when you get up and walk through your morning, one step after another.

“When do you get up, and what do you do next?” is a favourite speaking question: it needs clock times and a chain of actions, which you build today.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
每	měi	every, each	我每天学汉语。 I study Chinese every day.
起床	qǐchuáng	to get up	你几点起床? What time do you get up?
早上	zǎoshang	early morning	我早上七点起床。 I get up at seven in the morning.
早	zǎo	early; morning!	王老师早! Morning, Teacher Wang!
点	diǎn	o’clock; dot	现在三点。 It’s three o’clock.
半	bàn	half; half past	现在三点半。 It’s half past three.
洗	xǐ	to wash	我去洗手。 I’m going to wash my hands.
早饭	zǎofàn	breakfast	你几点吃早饭? What time do you have breakfast?
上班	shàngbān	to go to work	爸爸八点上班。 Dad starts work at eight.
上学	shàngxué	go to school	妹妹七点去上学。 My little sister goes to school at seven.

pattern 我每天早上……点…… (clock times in your day)

我每天早上 | number | 点（半） | verb

The time goes before the verb: 我七点起床. 点 is “o’clock” and 半 is “half past”: 七点半. Then link the steps: 起床后 (after getting up), ……了就…… (as soon as … then), and 再 (and then).

我早上六点半起床。 **wǒ zǎoshang liù diǎn bàn qǐchuáng** I get up at half past six in the morning.

起床后，我喝一杯茶。 **qǐchuáng hòu wǒ hē yì bēi chá** After I get up, I have a cup of tea.

吃了早饭，我就去上班。 **chī le zǎofàn wǒ jiù qù shàngbān** As soon as I’ve had breakfast, I go to work.

我喝一杯水，再吃早饭。 **wǒ hē yì bēi shuǐ zài chī zǎofàn** I drink a glass of water, then I have breakfast.

dialogue early birds

anna 小明，早上好！你每天几点起床?
Xiǎomíng zǎoshang hǎo nǐ měi tiān jǐ diǎn qǐchuáng · Morning, Xiaoming! What time do you get up every day?

xiaoming 六点半。我家早上很忙！
liù diǎn bàn wǒ jiā zǎoshang hěn máng · Half past six. Mornings at my place are busy!

anna 为什么?
wèi shénme · Why?

xiaoming 我妈妈八点上班，妹妹七点半上学，大家都很早起床。
wǒ māma bā diǎn shàngbān mèimei qī diǎn bàn shàngxué dàjiā dōu hěn zǎo qǐchuáng · My mum starts work at eight and my sister starts school at half past seven, so everyone gets up early.

anna 你起床后做什么?
nǐ qǐchuáng hòu zuò shénme · What do you do after you get up?

xiaoming 我洗了手就吃早饭。奶奶每天做包子！
wǒ xǐ le shǒu jiù chī zǎofàn nǎinai měi tiān zuò bāozi · I wash my hands and go straight to breakfast. Grandma makes steamed buns every day!

anna 真好！我早上就喝一杯咖啡，再吃一个面包。
zhēn hǎo wǒ zǎoshang jiù hē yì bēi kāfēi zài chī yí gè miànbāo · Lucky you! In the morning I just have a coffee and then some bread.

xiaoming 那明天早上来我家吃包子吧！
nà míngtiān zǎoshang lái wǒ jiā chī bāozi ba · Then come to my place for buns tomorrow morning!

repeat listen, then say it back

我七点起床。 **wǒ qī diǎn qǐchuáng** I get up at seven.

你几点起床? **nǐ jǐ diǎn qǐchuáng** What time do you get up?

我早上喝咖啡。 **wǒ zǎoshang hē kāfēi** I drink coffee in the morning.

我七点半吃早饭。 **wǒ qī diǎn bàn chī zǎofàn** I have breakfast at half past seven.

妹妹七点去上学。 **mèimei qī diǎn qù shàngxué** My little sister goes to school at seven.

吃了早饭就去上班。 **chī le zǎofàn jiù qù shàngbān** Right after breakfast, I go to work.

reply answer out loud

你每天几点起床？ nǐ měi tiān jǐ diǎn qǐchuáng What time do you get up every day?
→ 我每天七点起床。 wǒ měi tiān qī diǎn qǐchuáng
→ 六点半。 liù diǎn bàn

起床后你做什么？ qǐchuáng hòu nǐ zuò shénme What do you do after you get up?
→ 我喝一杯水，再吃早饭。 wǒ hē yì bēi shuǐ zài chī zǎofàn

你早上吃什么？ nǐ zǎoshang chī shénme What do you have for breakfast?
→ 我吃面包，喝咖啡。 wǒ chī miànbāo hē kāfēi

你早上几点去上课？ nǐ zǎoshang jǐ diǎn qù shàngkè What time do you go to class in the morning?
→ 我八点十分去上课。 wǒ bā diǎn shí fēn qù shàngkè
→ 吃了早饭就去，八点。 chī le zǎofàn jiù qù bā diǎn

你住在哪里？ nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ Where do you live?
→ 我住在大学旁边。 wǒ zhù zài dàxué pángbiān

talk 60 seconds

What time do you get up every morning? What do you do after you get up?

你每天早上几点起床？起床后做什么？ nǐ měi tiān zǎoshang jǐ diǎn qǐchuáng qǐchuáng hòu zuò shénme

我每天早上……点起床。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang diǎn qǐchuáng

起床后，我…… qǐchuáng hòu wǒ

……了就……。 le jiù

我再…… wǒ zài

model answer

我每天早上六点半起床。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang liù diǎn bàn qǐchuáng

起床后，我喝一杯水。 qǐchuáng hòu wǒ hē yì bēi shuǐ

七点我吃早饭，我喜欢吃面包，喝咖啡。 qī diǎn wǒ chī zǎofàn wǒ xǐhuan chī miànbāo hē kāfēi

吃了早饭，我就去上课。 chī le zǎofàn wǒ jiù qù shàngkè

我家离大学很近，我走路去，八点就到了。 wǒ jiā lí dàxué hěn jìn wǒ zǒulù qù bā diǎn jiù dào le

星期天我不上课，所以起床很晚！ xīngqītiān wǒ bú shàngkè suǒyǐ qǐchuáng hěn wǎn

I get up at half past six every morning. After I get up, I drink a glass of water. At seven I have breakfast: I like bread and coffee. Once I've had breakfast, I go to class. My place is close to the university, so I walk and I'm there by eight. On Sundays I have no classes, so I get up late!

good to know · 2 o'clock is 两点, not 二点; 12 o'clock is 十二点. 上班 is going to work, 上学 going to school, 上课 starting class: the same 上, "go up to". 先 and 然后 ("first … then") are not HSK 1–2 words, so this course leaves them out on purpose: ……后, ……了就…… and 再 do the same job. Their partner ……前, "before …", comes on day 8.

Clock times plus a chain of steps: that's a whole morning in Chinese. Try it tomorrow while you make your coffee.
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day 7 lunch, with whom?

Say where you eat lunch, who with, and what you do while you eat.

Meals are the heart of the day in China, and “where and with whom?” questions test your word order: who, when, where, then what.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
中午	zhōngwǔ	noon, midday	现在是中午十二点。 It’s twelve noon.
午饭	wǔfàn	lunch	我们吃午饭吧！ Let’s have lunch!
晚饭	wǎnfàn	dinner, supper	晚饭吃饺子吧！ Let’s have dumplings for dinner!
吃	chī	to eat	你吃什么？ What are you eating?
饭	fàn	meal; cooked rice	你想吃饭吗？ Do you want to eat?
喝	hē	to drink	你想喝什么？ What would you like to drink?
时候	shíhou	time; moment	你什么时候工作？ When do you work?
一起	yīqǐ	together	我们一起去吧！ Let’s go together!
跟	gēn	with; and	我跟妈妈一起去超市。 I’m going to the supermarket with Mum.
面包	miànbāo	bread	我早上吃面包。 I eat bread in the morning.

pattern 跟……一起 (who you do it with)

我 | 跟 | person | 一起 | verb

跟 + person + 一起 + verb: “do it with someone”. The order in a Chinese sentence is who, when, where, then what: 我中午在饭馆吃饭. ……的时候 means “when” or “while”: 吃饭的时候.

我跟小明一起吃午饭。 **wǒ gēn Xiǎomíng yìqǐ chī wǔfàn** I have lunch with Xiaoming.

中午我在大学吃饭。 **zhōngwǔ wǒ zài dàxué chī fàn** At lunchtime I eat at the university.

吃饭的时候，我们不看手机。 **chī fàn de shíhou wǒmen bú kàn shǒujī** We don’t look at our phones while we eat.

你跟谁一起吃晚饭？ **nǐ gēn shéi yìqǐ chī wǎnfàn** Who do you have dinner with?

dialogue not just bread!

xiaoming 安娜，十二点了，你吃午饭了吗?
Ānnà shíèr diǎn le nǐ chī wǔfàn le ma · Anna, it's twelve. Have you had lunch?

anna 还没有。我们一起去吃吧!
hái méiyǒu wǒmen yìqǐ qù chī ba · Not yet. Let's go and eat together!

xiaoming 好啊！你中午经常在哪儿吃饭?
hǎo a nǐ zhōngwǔ jīngcháng zài nǎr chī fàn · Sure! Where do you usually eat at lunchtime?

anna 在大学旁边的饭馆。有时候我就吃一个面包。
zài dàxué pángbiān de fànguǎn yǒu shíhou wǒ jiù chī yí gè miànbāo · At the restaurant next to the university. Sometimes I just have some bread.

xiaoming 就吃面包？太少了！跟我一起去吃米饭吧。
jiù chī miànbāo tài shǎo le gēn wǒ yìqǐ qù chī mǐfàn ba · Just bread? That's not enough! Come and have some rice with me.

anna 好。你喝什么？我想喝茶。
hǎo nǐ hē shénme wǒ xiǎng hē chá · OK. What will you drink? I'd like tea.

xiaoming 我也喝茶。吃饭的时候，我们说汉语吧!
wǒ yě hē chá chī fàn de shíhou wǒmen shuō Hànyǔ ba · Tea for me too. Let's speak Chinese while we eat!

anna 没问题!
méi wèntí · No problem!

repeat listen, then say it back

中午吃什么? **zhōngwǔ chī shénme** What's for lunch?

你吃午饭了吗? **nǐ chī wǔfàn le ma** Have you had lunch yet?

晚饭我在家吃。 **wǎnfàn wǒ zài jiā chī** I have dinner at home.

我跟朋友一起吃。 **wǒ gēn péngyou yìqǐ chī** I eat with friends.

我们一起吃饭吧! **wǒmen yìqǐ chī fàn ba** Let's eat together!

中午我在大学吃饭。 **zhōngwǔ wǒ zài dàxué chī fàn** At lunchtime I eat at the university.

reply answer out loud

你中午在哪儿吃饭？ nǐ zhōngwǔ zài nǎr chī fàn Where do you eat at lunchtime?
→ 我在大学旁边的饭馆吃饭。 wǒ zài dàxué pángbiān de fànguǎn chī fàn
→ 在家吃。 zài jiā chī

你跟谁一起吃午饭？ nǐ gēn shéi yìqǐ chī wǔfàn Who do you have lunch with?
→ 我跟小明一起吃。 wǒ gēn Xiǎomíng yìqǐ chī
→ 我经常跟同学一起吃。 wǒ jīngcháng gēn tóngxué yìqǐ chī

你晚饭在哪儿吃？ nǐ wǎnfàn zài nǎr chī Where do you have dinner?
→ 晚饭我经常在家吃。 wǎnfàn wǒ jīngcháng zài jiā chī

你每天几点起床？ nǐ měi tiān jǐ diǎn qǐchuáng What time do you get up every day?
→ 我每天七点起床。 wǒ měi tiān qī diǎn qǐchuáng

你的好朋友是谁？ nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì shéi Who is your good friend?
→ 我的好朋友是小明。 wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì Xiǎomíng

talk 60 seconds

Where do you eat lunch every day? Who do you eat with?

你每天中午在哪儿吃饭？跟谁一起吃？ nǐ měi tiān zhōngwǔ zài nǎr chī fàn gēn shéi yìqǐ chī

我每天中午在……吃饭。 wǒ měi tiān zhōngwǔ zài chī fàn

我经常跟……一起吃。 wǒ jīngcháng gēn yìqǐ chī

……的时候，我们……。 de shíhou wǒmen

我喜欢吃……，喝……。 wǒ xǐhuan chī hē

model answer

我每天中午十二点吃午饭。 wǒ měi tiān zhōngwǔ shíèr diǎn chī wǔfàn

我经常在大学旁边的饭馆吃饭。 wǒ jīngcháng zài dàxué pángbiān de fànguǎn chī fàn

我跟小明一起吃，有时候也跟同学一起吃。 wǒ gēn Xiǎomíng yìqǐ chī yǒu shíhou yě gēn tóngxué yìqǐ chī

我们喜欢吃米饭，喝茶。 wǒmen xǐhuan chī mǐfàn hē chá

吃饭的时候，我们说汉语，也说很多有意思的事。 chī fàn de shíhou wǒmen shuō Hànyǔ yě shuō hěn duō yǒu yìsi de shì

晚饭我经常在家吃。 wǎnfàn wǒ jīngcháng zài jiā chī

I have lunch at twelve every day. I usually eat at a restaurant next to the university. I eat with Xiaoming, and sometimes with my classmates too. We like rice and tea. While we eat, we speak Chinese and talk about lots of fun things. I usually have dinner at home.

good to know · 你吃饭了吗？ (Have you eaten?) is also a friendly greeting around mealtimes; 吃了 or 还没有 is all you need to answer. Time and place go before the verb, never at the end: 我中午在饭馆吃饭, not 我吃饭在饭馆中午.

Who, when, where, then what: you now have the backbone of every Chinese sentence about your day.
Have lunch with someone today and say it in Chinese.
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day 8 evenings

Say what you are doing right now, what you like doing in the evening before bed, and why.

"What are you doing?" starts half of all phone calls, and "what do you like doing, and why?" is a classic speaking question.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
晚上	wǎnshang	evening, night	晚上我学习汉语。 I study Chinese in the evening.
晚	wǎn	late; evening	现在十点，不晚。 It's ten o'clock. Not late.
下班	xiàbān	to finish work	妈妈下午五点下班。 Mum finishes work at 5 p.m.
回	huí	to return; go back	我晚上七点回家。 I go home at seven in the evening.
电视	diànshì	TV, television	爸爸在看电视。 Dad is watching TV.
看	kàn	look, watch, read	我在看书。 I'm reading a book.
书	shū	book	这是我的书。 This is my book.
休息	xiūxi	to rest; to have time off	星期天我休息。 I'm off on Sunday.
睡觉	shuìjiào	to sleep; go to bed	我晚上十点睡觉。 I go to bed at ten at night.
累	lèi	tired	我今天很累。 I'm really tired today.

pattern 在 / 正在 + verb (what's going on)

我 | 在 / 正在 | verb | 呢

Put 在 or 正在 before a verb to say something is happening right now; 呢 at the end makes it sound chatty. It's the same 在 as "at": 我在家看书 is "I read at home", 我在看书 is "I'm reading".

我正在看书呢。 **wǒ zhèngzài kàn shū ne** I'm reading at the moment.

小明在看电视。 **Xiǎomíng zài kàn diànshì** Xiaoming is watching TV.

妈妈正在做饭呢。 **māma zhèngzài zuòfàn ne** Mum is cooking right now.

因为很累，所以我在家休息。 **yīnwèi hěn lèi suǒyǐ wǒ zài jiā xiūxi** I'm tired, so I'm resting at home.

dialogue an evening call

anna 喂，小明，你在做什么呢?
wèi Xiǎomíng nǐ zài zuò shénme ne · Hi, Xiaoming, what are you up to?

xiaoming 我正在看电视呢。你呢?
wǒ zhèngzài kàn diànshì ne nǐ ne · I'm watching TV. And you?

anna 我在看书。今天上了很多课，很累。
wǒ zài kàn shū jīntiān shàng le hěn duō kè hěn lèi · I'm reading. I had lots of classes today, so I'm tired.

xiaoming 那你今天早一点儿睡觉吧。
nà nǐ jīntiān zǎo yìdiǎnr shuìjiào ba · Then get to bed a bit early tonight.

anna 好。你爸爸回家了吗?
hǎo nǐ bàba huí jiā le ma · OK. Is your dad home yet?

xiaoming 还没有。他经常很晚下班，九点回家。
hái méiyǒu tā jīngcháng hěn wǎn xiàbān jiǔ diǎn huí jiā · Not yet. He often finishes late and gets home at nine.

anna 医生真忙啊!
yīshēng zhēn máng a · Doctors are so busy!

xiaoming 是啊。明天见!
shì a míngtiān jiàn · They sure are. See you tomorrow!

repeat listen, then say it back

我正在看书。 wǒ zhèngzài kàn shū I'm reading.

今天我很累。 jīntiān wǒ hěn lèi I'm tired today.

你在做什么呢? nǐ zài zuò shénme ne What are you doing?

睡觉前我喜欢看书。 shuìjiào qián wǒ xǐhuan kàn shū Before bed I like reading.

晚上我在家休息。 wǎnshang wǒ zài jiā xiūxi In the evening I rest at home.

妈妈下班回家很晚。 māma xiàbān huí jiā hěn wǎn Mum gets home from work late.

reply answer out loud

你晚上喜欢做什么? nǐ wǎnshang xǐhuan zuò shénme What do you like doing in the evening?
→ 我喜欢在家看书。 wǒ xǐhuan zài jiā kàn shū
→ 我喜欢看电视。 wǒ xǐhuan kàn diànshì

你现在在做什么? nǐ xiànzài zài zuò shénme What are you doing now?
→ 我正在学汉语呢。 wǒ zhèngzài xué Hànyǔ ne

睡觉前你做什么? shuìjiào qián nǐ zuò shénme What do you do before bed?
→ 睡觉前我看一会儿书。 shuìjiào qián wǒ kàn yíhuìr shū
→ 我给妈妈打电话。 wǒ gěi māma dǎ diànhuà

你中午跟谁一起吃饭? nǐ zhōngwǔ gēn shéi yìqǐ chī fàn Who do you eat with at lunchtime?
→ 我跟同学一起吃。 wǒ gēn tóngxué yìqǐ chī

起床后你做什么? qǐchuáng hòu nǐ zuò shénme What do you do after you get up?
→ 我喝一杯咖啡，再吃早饭。 wǒ hē yì bēi kāfēi zài chī zǎofàn

talk 60 seconds

What do you like doing in the evening before bed? Why?

你晚上睡觉前喜欢做什么？为什么？ nǐ wǎnshang shuìjiào qián xǐhuan zuò shénme wèi shénme

睡觉前，我经常…… shuìjiào qián wǒ jīngcháng

因为……，所以……。 yīnwèi suǒyǐ

有时候我…… yǒu shíhou wǒ

我觉得…… wǒ juéde

model answer

我每天晚上十点半睡觉。 wǒ měi tiān wǎnshang shí diǎn bàn shuìjiào

睡觉前，我喜欢在家看一会儿书。 shuìjiào qián wǒ xǐhuan zài jiā kàn yíhuìr shū

因为看书很有意思，也能学很多汉语，所以我每天都看。 yīnwèi kàn shū hěn yǒu yìsi yě néng xué hěn duō Hànyǔ suǒyǐ wǒ měi tiān dōu kàn

有时候我也给妈妈打电话，跟她说说我的一天。 yǒu shíhou wǒ yě gěi māma dǎ diànhuà gēn tā shuō shuo wǒ de yì tiān

睡觉前我不看手机，因为看了手机就睡不好。 shuìjiào qián wǒ bú kàn shǒujī yīnwèi kàn le shǒujī jiù shuì bu hǎo

I go to bed at half past ten every evening. Before bed I like to read at home for a while. Reading is fun and I learn lots of Chinese from it, so I read every day. Sometimes I also call my mum and tell her about my day. I don't look at my phone before bed, because if I do, I don't sleep well.

good to know · On the phone, 喂 starts the call; many people say it with a rising tone, wéi. 回家 is going home, 回来 coming back: 他九点回家.

You can now say what's happening right now, what you do before bed, and why. Next time someone calls and asks 你在做什么呢? , you're ready.
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day 9 my week

Talk about your week: days, dates, how often you do things, and your favourite day.

"Which day do you like best, and why?" needs days of the week, how-often words and a reason: three tools that come up again and again.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
星期	xīngqī	week	今天星期几? What day is it today?
今天	jīntiān	today	今天星期五。 Today is Friday.
明天	míngtiān	tomorrow	明天是十月二十四号。 Tomorrow is 24 October.
昨天	zuótiān	yesterday	昨天是星期四。 Yesterday was Thursday.
上午	shàngwǔ	morning (before noon)	我上午学习汉语。 I study Chinese in the morning.
下午	xiàwǔ	afternoon	我下午工作。 I work in the afternoon.
经常	jīngcháng	often	我经常去超市。 I often go to the supermarket.
有时	yǒushí	sometimes	我有时在家吃饭。 Sometimes I eat at home.
忙	máng	busy	你今天忙吗? Are you busy today?
时间	shíjiān	time	你有时间吗? Do you have time?

pattern 经常, 有时, 每……都 (how often)

我 | 经常 / 有时 | verb | ……

How-often words go before the verb: 我经常跟朋友吃饭 (often), 我有时去商店 (sometimes). 每 + 天 / 个星期 usually takes 都: 我每天都学汉语. The days are 星期 + 一 to 六, plus 星期天 or 星期日; 星期几? asks which day.

我经常跟朋友一起吃饭。 **wǒ jīngcháng gēn péngyou yìqǐ chī fàn** I often eat with friends.

星期六我有时去超市。 **xīngqīliù wǒ yǒushí qù chāoshì** On Saturdays I sometimes go to the supermarket.

我每个星期都给妈妈打电话。 **wǒ měi gè xīngqī dōu gěi māma dǎ diànhuà** I call my mum every week.

今天星期几? **jīntiān xīngqī jǐ** What day is it today?

dialogue plans for the weekend

teacher wang 安娜，明天星期六，你忙吗？
Ānnà míngtiān xīngqīliù nǐ máng ma · Anna, tomorrow's Saturday. Are you busy?

anna 很忙！上午九点有课，中午跟小明吃饭，晚上给妈妈打电话。
hěn máng shàngwǔ jiǔ diǎn yǒu kè zhōngwǔ gēn Xiǎomíng chī fàn wǎnshang gěi māma dǎ diànhuà · Very! I have class at nine in the morning, lunch with Xiaoming at noon, and I call my mum in the evening.

teacher wang 你每个星期都给妈妈打电话吗？
nǐ měi gè xīngqī dōu gěi māma dǎ diànhuà ma · Do you call your mum every week?

anna 对，我经常打，有时一个星期打两次。
duì wǒ jīngcháng dǎ yǒushí yí gè xīngqī dǎ liǎng cì · Yes, I call her a lot. Sometimes twice a week.

teacher wang 真好。那你星期天有时间吗？我们班一起去吃饺子。
zhēn hǎo nà nǐ xīngqītiān yǒu shíjiān ma wǒmen bān yìqǐ qù chī jiǎozi · That's lovely. And are you free on Sunday? Our class is going out for dumplings together.

anna 有时间！几点？
yǒu shíjiān jǐ diǎn · I'm free! What time?

teacher wang 中午十二点，在学校旁边的饭馆。
zhōngwǔ shíèr diǎn zài xuéxiào pángbiān de fànguǎn · Twelve noon, at the restaurant next to the school.

anna 太好了！我最喜欢星期天了！
tài hǎo le wǒ zuì xǐhuan xīngqītiān le · Great! Sunday really is my favourite day!

repeat listen, then say it back

今天星期几？ **jīntiān xīngqī jǐ** What day is it today?

明天是星期六。 **míngtiān shì xīngqīliù** Tomorrow is Saturday.

我下午有时间。 **wǒ xiàwǔ yǒu shíjiān** I'm free in the afternoon.

我上午有汉语课。 **wǒ shàngwǔ yǒu Hànyǔ kè** I have Chinese class in the morning.

我最喜欢星期天。 **wǒ zuì xǐhuan xīngqītiān** Sunday is my favourite day.

我经常跟朋友吃饭。 **wǒ jīngcháng gēn péngyou chī fàn** I often eat out with friends.

reply answer out loud

今天星期几？ jīntiān xīngqī jǐ What day is it today?
→ 今天星期五。 jīntiān xīngqīwǔ

你星期几最忙？ nǐ xīngqī jǐ zuì máng Which day are you busiest?
→ 星期一最忙。 xīngqīyī zuì máng
→ 我星期三最忙，上午下午都有课。 wǒ xīngqīsān zuì máng shàngwǔ xiàwǔ dōu yǒu kè

你明天有时间吗？ nǐ míngtiān yǒu shíjiān ma Are you free tomorrow?
→ 有时间。 yǒu shíjiān
→ 上午没有，下午有。 shàngwǔ méiyǒu xiàwǔ yǒu

你晚上喜欢做什么？ nǐ wǎnshang xǐhuan zuò shénme What do you like doing in the evening?
→ 我喜欢在家看书。 wǒ xǐhuan zài jiā kàn shū

你跟谁一起吃午饭？ nǐ gēn shéi yìqǐ chī wǔfàn Who do you have lunch with?
→ 我经常跟小明一起吃。 wǒ jīngcháng gēn Xiǎomíng yìqǐ chī

talk 60 seconds

Which day of the week do you like best? Why?

一个星期里，你最喜欢星期几？为什么？ yí gè xīngqī lǐ nǐ zuì xǐhuan xīngqī jǐ wèi shénme

我最喜欢星期…… wǒ zuì xǐhuan xīngqī

因为…… yīnwèi

我经常……，有时……。 wǒ jīngcháng yǒushí

星期一到星期五我都很…… xīngqīyī dào xīngqīwǔ wǒ dōu hěn

model answer

一个星期里，我最喜欢星期天。 yí gè xīngqī lǐ wǒ zuì xǐhuan xīngqītiān

星期一到星期六我都很忙，上午有课，下午也要学习。 xīngqīyī dào xīngqīliù wǒ dōu hěn máng shàngwǔ yǒu kè xiàwǔ yě yào xuéxí

星期天我有时间，可以晚一点儿起床。 xīngqītiān wǒ yǒu shíjiān kěyǐ wǎn yìdiǎnr qǐchuáng

起床后，我经常去商店买东西，再跟朋友一起吃午饭。 qǐchuáng hòu wǒ jīngcháng qù shāngdiàn mǎi dōngxi zài gēn péngyou yìqǐ chī wǔfàn

下午我有时在家看书，有时出去玩。 xiàwǔ wǒ yǒushí zài jiā kàn shū yǒushí chūqù wán

因为星期天不忙，所以我很高兴！ yīnwèi xīngqītiān bù máng suǒyǐ wǒ hěn gāoxìng

My favourite day of the week is Sunday. From Monday to Saturday I'm busy: I have classes in the morning and I need to study in the afternoon too. On Sunday I have time, and I can get up a bit later. After I get up, I often go shopping, and then have lunch with friends. In the afternoon I sometimes read at home and sometimes go out. Sunday isn't busy, so I'm happy!

good to know · Sunday is 星期天 in speech and 星期日 in writing; both are right. Dates go big to small: 十月三十号 is 30 October. Ask with 几月几号?

Days, dates, how often and your favourite day: you can now plan a week out loud. Tomorrow: a whole Saturday in Chinese, hour by hour.
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unit 2 · my day

Talk through a whole day with clock times, from getting up to going to bed.

Unit 2 as a mock round: numbers and times are where speaking answers wobble most, so today you say them all day long.

chapter 1 a morning call

xiaoming 喂，安娜，你起床了吗?
wèi Ānnà nǐ qǐchuáng le ma · Hi Anna, are you up?

anna 起床了！我七点就起床了。九点我有汉语课。
qǐchuáng le wǒ qī diǎn jiù qǐchuáng le jiǔ diǎn wǒ yǒu Hànyǔ kè · I'm up! I got up at seven. I have Chinese class at nine.

xiaoming 下课后我们一起吃午饭吧。你几点下课?
xiàkè hòu wǒmen yìqǐ chī wǔfàn ba nǐ jǐ diǎn xiàkè · Let's have lunch together after class. What time do you finish?

anna 十一点。我们十二点在饭馆见，好吗?
shíyī diǎn wǒmen shíèr diǎn zài fànguǎn jiàn hǎo ma · At eleven. Shall we meet at the restaurant at twelve?

xiaoming 好！我跟妹妹一起去。
hǎo wǒ gēn mèimei yìqǐ qù · Great! I'll bring my little sister.

chapter 2 how many students?

little sister 安娜姐姐，你们上午上了几个小时的课?
Ānnà jiějie nǐmen shàngwǔ shàng le jǐ gè xiǎoshí de kè · Anna, how many hours of class did you have this morning?

anna 两个小时，九点到十一点。我们说了很多汉语!
liǎng gè xiǎoshí jiǔ diǎn dào shíyī diǎn wǒmen shuō le hěn duō Hànyǔ · Two hours, from nine to eleven. We spoke lots of Chinese!

xiaoming 你们班有多少学生?
nǐmen bān yǒu duōshao xuéshēng · How many students are in your class?

anna 八个：五个美国人，三个英国人。
bā gè wǔ gè Měiguó rén sān gè Yīngguó rén · Eight: five Americans and three Brits.

little sister 我们班有四十六个学生!
wǒmen bān yǒu sìshíliù gè xuéshēng · There are forty-six students in my class!

xiaoming 好了，我们点菜吧!
hǎo le wǒmen diǎn cài ba · Right, let's order!

chapter 3 good news from home

xiaoming 喂，安娜，你在做什么呢?
wèi Ānnà nǐ zài zuò shénme ne · Hi Anna, what are you up to?

anna 我给妈妈打电话了。北京晚上九点，英国是下午一点。
wǒ gěi māma dǎ diànhuà le Běijīng wǎnshang jiǔ diǎn Yīngguó shì xiàwǔ yī diǎn · I just called my mum. When it's nine in the evening in Beijing, it's one in the afternoon in the UK.

xiaoming 你家人都好吗?
nǐ jiārén dōu hǎo ma · Is everyone at home well?

anna 都很好！我哥哥下个月跟他的女朋友一起来北京，我太高兴了！
dōu hěn hǎo wǒ gēge xià gè yuè gēn tā de nǚpéngyou yìqǐ lái Běijīng wǒ tài gāoxìng le · Everyone's fine! My brother is coming to Beijing next month with his girlfriend. I'm so happy!

xiaoming 太好了！你今天累吗?
tài hǎo le nǐ jīntiān lèi ma · That's great! Are you tired today?

anna 有点儿累。今天我想早一点儿睡觉，十点就睡。
yǒudiǎnr lèi jīntiān wǒ xiǎng zǎo yìdiǎnr shuìjiào shí diǎn jiù shuì · A bit. I want an early night tonight; I'll be asleep by ten.

repeat listen, then say it back

我七点就起床了。 wǒ qī diǎn jiù qǐchuáng le I was up at seven.

我九点有汉语课。 wǒ jiǔ diǎn yǒu Hànyǔ kè I have Chinese class at nine.

我们十二点见吧。 wǒmen shíèr diǎn jiàn ba Let's meet at twelve.

北京现在晚上九点。 Běijīng xiànzài wǎnshang jiǔ diǎn It's nine in the evening in Beijing now.

我们班有八个学生。 wǒmen bān yǒu bā gè xuéshēng There are eight students in our class.

reply answer out loud

现在几点? xiànzài jǐ diǎn What time is it now?
→ 现在下午三点半。 xiànzài xiàwǔ sān diǎn bàn
→ 两点十分。 liǎng diǎn shí fēn

你早上几点吃早饭? nǐ zǎoshang jǐ diǎn chī zǎofàn What time do you have breakfast?
→ 我七点半吃早饭。 wǒ qī diǎn bàn chī zǎofàn

你中午跟谁一起吃饭? nǐ zhōngwǔ gēn shéi yìqǐ chī fàn Who do you have lunch with?
→ 我跟小明一起吃。 wǒ gēn Xiǎomíng yìqǐ chī

你晚上喜欢做什么？为什么? nǐ wǎnshang xǐhuan zuò shénme wèi shénme What do you like doing in the evening? Why?
→ 我喜欢看书，因为很有意思。 wǒ xǐhuan kàn shū yīnwèi hěn yǒu yìsi

你星期几最忙? nǐ xīngqī jǐ zuì máng Which day are you busiest?
→ 星期一最忙。 xīngqīyī zuì máng
→ 我星期六最忙，上午有课。 wǒ xīngqīliù zuì máng shàngwǔ yǒu kè

talk 90 seconds

Talk us through your day: what do you do, and when?

说一说你的一天：你几点做什么？ shuō yi shuo nǐ de yì tiān nǐ jǐ diǎn zuò shénme

我每天早上……点起床。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang diǎn qǐchuáng

……了就……。 le jiù

睡觉前，我…… shuìjiào qián wǒ

晚上……点…… wǎnshang diǎn

model answer

我每天早上七点起床。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang qī diǎn qǐchuáng

起床后，我喝一杯咖啡，再吃一个面包。 qǐchuáng hòu wǒ hē yì bēi kāfēi zài chī yí gè miànbāo

八点二十分我去大学，九点上课。 bā diǎn èrshí fēn wǒ qù dàxué jiǔ diǎn shàngkè

十二点我跟小明一起吃午饭。 shíèr diǎn wǒ gēn Xiǎomíng yìqǐ chī wǔfàn

下午两点到五点，我在家学习汉语。 xiàwǔ liǎng diǎn dào wǔ diǎn wǒ zài jiā xuéxí Hànyǔ

吃了晚饭，我就看一会儿书。 chī le wǎnfàn wǒ jiù kàn yíhuìr shū

睡觉前，我给妈妈打电话。 shuìjiào qián wǒ gěi māma dǎ diànhuà

晚上十点半我睡觉。 wǎnshang shí diǎn bàn wǒ shuìjiào

I get up at seven every morning. After I get up, I have a coffee and then a piece of bread. At twenty past eight I go to the university, and class starts at nine. At twelve I have lunch with Xiaoming. From two to five in the afternoon, I study Chinese at home. After dinner I read for a while. Before bed I call my mum. At half past ten I go to bed.

Unit 2 done: you can talk through a whole day, clock time by clock time. Next unit: food and drink, the tastiest topic in Chinese.

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