day 16 sport

Talk about the sport you do: how often, how long and how well.

"What's your hobby?" is one of the most common questions in a speaking test, and sport gives you plenty to say.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
爱好	àihào	hobby; be fond of	我的爱好是看书。 My hobby is reading.
运动	yùndòng	sport, exercise	我很喜欢运动。 I really like doing sport.
跑步	pǎobù	run, go jogging	我早上|去跑步。 I go running in the morning.
游泳	yóuyǒng	swim	你会游泳吗? Can you swim?
篮球	lánqiú	basketball	他喜欢打篮球。 He likes playing basketball.
足球	zúqiú	football (soccer)	我们去踢足球吧! Let's go and play football!
踢	tī	kick	你踢足球吗? Do you play football?
打	dǎ	hit; play (ball games)	我们去打篮球吧! Let's go and play basketball!
快	kuài	fast, quick; soon	他跑得很快。 He runs fast.
慢	màn	slow	请说慢一点儿。 Please speak a bit more slowly.

pattern verb + 得: how fast, how well

他 跑 得 很快

Verb + 得 + adjective says how someone does something: 他跑得很快. With an object, say the verb twice: 游泳游得很慢. To say how long, put the time after the verb: 跑半个小时, 打两个小时篮球.

他跑得很快。 **tā pǎo de hěn kuài** He runs fast.

我踢足球踢得不太好。 **wǒ tī zúqiú tī de bú tài hǎo** I'm not very good at football.

她每天游一个小时。 **tā měi tiān yóu yí gè xiǎoshí** She swims for an hour every day.

昨天我打了一个小时篮球。 **zuótiān wǒ dǎ le yí gè xiǎoshí lánqiú** Yesterday I played basketball for an hour.

dialogue sporty xiaoming

anna 小明，你的爱好是什么？
Xiǎomíng nǐ de àihào shì shénme · Xiaoming, what are your hobbies?

xiaoming 运动！我喜欢踢足球，也喜欢打篮球。
yùndòng wǒ xǐhuan tī zúqiú yě xǐhuan dǎ lánqiú · Sport! I like football, and basketball too.

anna 你每天都运动吗？
nǐ měi tiān dōu yùndòng ma · Do you do sport every day?

xiaoming 每天都运动。早上我跑步，跑半个小时。
měi tiān dōu yùndòng zǎoshang wǒ pǎobù pǎo bàn gè xiǎoshí · Every day. In the morning I go running, for half an hour.

anna 你跑得快吗？
nǐ pǎo de kuài ma · Are you fast?

xiaoming 很快！你呢？你喜欢什么运动？
hěn kuài nǐ ne nǐ xǐhuan shénme yùndòng · Very! What about you? What sport do you like?

anna 我喜欢游泳，但是我游得很慢。
wǒ xǐhuan yóuyǒng dànshì wǒ yóu de hěn màn · I like swimming, but I'm slow.

xiaoming 慢一点儿没关系，运动就好！
màn yìdiǎnr méi guānxi yùndòng jiù hǎo · Slow is fine. Moving is what counts!

repeat listen, then say it back

我的爱好是运动。 wǒ de àihào shì yùndòng My hobby is sport.

我每天早上跑步。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang pǎobù I go running every morning.

我游泳游得很慢。 wǒ yóuyǒng yóu de hěn màn I swim slowly.

星期六我们去踢足球。 xīngqīliù wǒmen qù tī zúqiú On Saturday we're going to play football.

小明跑步跑得非常快。 Xiǎomíng pǎobù pǎo de fēicháng kuài Xiaoming runs really fast.

他每天打两个小时篮球。 tā měi tiān dǎ liǎng gè xiǎoshí lánqiú He plays basketball for two hours every day.

reply answer out loud

你喜欢什么运动？ nǐ xǐhuan shénme yùndòng What sport do you like?
→ 我喜欢跑步。 wǒ xǐhuan pǎobù

你每天运动几个小时？ nǐ měi tiān yùndòng jǐ gè xiǎoshí How many hours of sport do you do a day?
→ 我每天运动一个小时。 wǒ měi tiān yùndòng yí gè xiǎoshí

你跑得快吗？ nǐ pǎo de kuài ma Are you a fast runner?
→ 我跑得不太快。 wǒ pǎo de bú tài kuài

你会游泳吗？ nǐ huì yóuyǒng ma Can you swim?
→ 我会游泳，但是游得很慢。 wǒ huì yóuyǒng dànshì yóu de hěn màn

你会做饭吗？ nǐ huì zuòfàn ma Can you cook?
→ 我会做饭，做得还不错。 wǒ huì zuòfàn zuò de hái búcuò

talk 75 seconds

What sport do you like? Do you often do sport?

你喜欢什么运动？你经常运动吗？ nǐ xǐhuan shénme yùndòng nǐ jīngcháng yùndòng ma

我每个星期……次，每次……个小时 wǒ měi gè xīngqī cì měi cì gè xiǎoshí

我……得很…… wǒ de hěn

因为……，所以…… yīnwèi suǒyǐ

model answer

我最喜欢的运动是游泳。 wǒ zuì xǐhuan de yùndòng shì yóuyǒng

我每个星期游三次，每次游一个小时。 wǒ měi gè xīngqī yóu sān cì měi cì yóu yí gè xiǎoshí

我游得不快，但是我很喜欢。 wǒ yóu de bú kuài dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan

我也喜欢跑步，早上有时跑半个小时。 wǒ yě xǐhuan pǎobù zǎoshang yǒushí pǎo bàn gè xiǎoshí

因为运动对身体好，所以我经常运动。 yīnwèi yùndòng duì shēntǐ hǎo suǒyǐ wǒ jīngcháng yùndòng

My favourite sport is swimming. I swim three times a week, for an hour each time. I'm not fast, but I love it. I like running too: in the morning I sometimes run for half an hour. Sport is good for you, so I do it often.

good to know · 打 or 踢? Hands: 打篮球. Feet: 踢足球. And 游泳 and 跑步 need no extra verb. Time of day goes before the verb (早上跑步), how long goes after it (跑半个小时). Mixing them up is the most common slip.

Fast, slow, every day or now and then: you can talk about your sport in real sentences now.
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day 17 songs & films

Say what songs and films you like, and what you have seen or heard, with 过 and 次.

Films and songs are easy to talk about, and 过 lets you share experiences: “I’ve seen it three times!”

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
听	tīng	listen	我在听歌。 I’m listening to a song.
歌	gē	song	我很喜欢听歌。 I love listening to songs.
唱	chàng	sing	她唱歌很好听。 She sings beautifully.
跳舞	tiàowǔ	dance	奶奶很喜欢跳舞。 Grandma loves dancing.
电影	diànyǐng	film, movie	我喜欢看电影。 I like watching films.
好听	hǎotīng	nice-sounding, lovely	汉语很好听！ Chinese sounds lovely!
好看	hǎokàn	good-looking; nice	这件衣服很好看。 This top looks great.
有意思	yǒuyìsi	interesting, fun	这个电影很有意思。 This film is really interesting.
过	guo	(after a verb: have ever done)	我去过北京。 I’ve been to Beijing.
次	cì	time (how many times)	我去过两次。 I’ve been twice.

pattern verb + 过: have done it, and how many times

我 | 看 | 过 | thing | ...次

过 right after a verb means you have done it at some time: 我看过这个电影. Say “never” with 没 + verb + 过: 我没听过. Count the times with a number + 次: 看过两次.

- 我看过这个电影。 **wǒ kàn guo zhège diànyǐng** I’ve seen this film.
- 我没听过这个歌。 **wǒ méi tīng guo zhège gē** I’ve never heard this song.
- 他去过中国三次。 **tā qù guo Zhōngguó sān cì** He’s been to China three times.
- 你吃过饺子吗？ **nǐ chī guo jiǎozi ma** Have you ever had dumplings?

dialogue seen it twice

xiaoming 安娜，你看过这个电影吗?
Ānnà nǐ kàn guo zhège diànyǐng ma · Anna, have you seen this film?

anna 看过，我看过两次！非常好看。
kàn guo wǒ kàn guo liǎng cì fēicháng hǎokàn · Yes, twice! It's really good.

xiaoming 我还没看过。有意思吗?
wǒ hái méi kàn guo yǒu yìsi ma · I haven't seen it yet. Is it any good?

anna 很有意思！电影里的歌也很好听。
hěn yǒu yìsi diànyǐng lǐ de gē yě hěn hǎotīng · It's great fun! The songs in it are lovely too.

xiaoming 你会唱吗?
nǐ huì chàng ma · Can you sing them?

anna 会唱一点儿。你奶奶也喜欢唱歌吗?
huì chàng yìdiǎnr nǐ nǎinai yě xǐhuan chàng gē ma · A little. Does your grandma like singing too?

xiaoming 她喜欢跳舞！她每天晚上都去跳舞。
tā xǐhuan tiàowǔ tā měi tiān wǎnshang dōu qù tiàowǔ · She likes dancing! She goes dancing every evening.

anna 真好！下次我跟奶奶一起去跳舞。
zhēn hǎo xià cì wǒ gēn nǎinai yìqǐ qù tiàowǔ · How lovely! Next time I'll go dancing with her.

repeat listen, then say it back

这个歌非常好听。 zhège gē fēicháng hǎotīng This song is really nice.

我很喜欢听中国歌。 wǒ hěn xǐhuan tīng Zhōngguó gē I really like listening to Chinese songs.

你看过这个电影吗? nǐ kàn guo zhège diànyǐng ma Have you seen this film?

这个电影非常好看。 zhège diànyǐng fēicháng hǎokàn This film is really good.

奶奶每天晚上去跳舞。 nǎinai měi tiān wǎnshang qù tiàowǔ Grandma goes dancing every evening.

这个电影我看过三次了。 zhège diànyǐng wǒ kàn guo sān cì le I've seen this film three times now.

reply answer out loud

你喜欢听什么歌? nǐ xǐhuan tīng shénme gē What songs do you like?
→ 我喜欢听中国歌。 wǒ xǐhuan tīng Zhōngguó gē

你看过中国电影吗? nǐ kàn guo Zhōngguó diànyǐng ma Have you ever seen a Chinese film?
→ 看过，很有意思。 kàn guo hěn yǒu yìsi
→ 我没看过。 wǒ méi kàn guo

你会跳舞吗? nǐ huì tiàowǔ ma Can you dance?
→ 我不会跳舞。 wǒ bú huì tiàowǔ
→ 我会跳一点儿。 wǒ huì tiào yìdiǎnr

你会唱中国歌吗? nǐ huì chàng Zhōngguó gē ma Can you sing a Chinese song?
→ 我会唱一个中国歌。 wǒ huì chàng yí gè Zhōngguó gē

你喜欢什么运动? nǐ xǐhuan shénme yùndòng What sport do you like?
→ 我喜欢打篮球。 wǒ xǐhuan dǎ lánqiú

talk 75 seconds

What good films have you seen? Why do you like them?

你看过什么好看的电影？为什么喜欢它？ nǐ kàn guo shénme hǎokàn de diànyǐng wèi shénme xǐhuan tā

我看过……，看过……次 wǒ kàn guo kàn guo cì

这个电影很……，因为…… zhège diànyǐng hěn yīnwèi

电影里的…… diànyǐng lǐ de

model answer

我看过一个很好看的中国电影。 wǒ kàn guo yí gè hěn hǎokàn de Zhōngguó diànyǐng

我看过两次，第二次是跟朋友一起看的。 wǒ kàn guo liǎng cì dì èr cì shì gēn péngyou yìqǐ kàn de

电影里有一只小狗，非常有意思。 diànyǐng lǐ yǒu yì zhī xiǎo gǒu fēicháng yǒu yìsi

电影里的歌也很好听，我现在还会唱。 diànyǐng lǐ de gē yě hěn hǎotīng wǒ xiànzài hái huì chàng

我喜欢它，因为它让我很快乐。 wǒ xǐhuan tā yīnwèi tā ràng wǒ hěn kuàilè

I've seen a really good Chinese film. I've seen it twice; the second time I watched it with a friend. There's a little dog in it, and it's great fun. The songs in it are lovely too, and I can still sing them. I like it because it makes me happy.

good to know · 过 is about experience (have ever), 了 is about one finished event. 我看过 = I've seen it (at some point); 我看了 = I watched it (then). Can't remember a film's Chinese name? Just describe it: 一个很好看的美国电影. Talking around a gap is a real speaking skill.

Seen it, heard it, sung it: now you can share your experiences, not just your plans.
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day 18 phone & computer

Say what you are doing right now, and how long you spend on your phone or computer.

"What are you doing?" starts half the phone calls in the world, and screen time is a favourite speaking topic.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
手机	shǒujī	mobile phone	我想买一个新手机。 I want to buy a new phone.
电脑	diànnǎo	computer	我的电脑是新的。 My computer is new.
上网	shàngwǎng	to go online	我想上网。 I want to go online.
打电话	dǎdiànhuà	make a phone call	我晚上给你打电话。 I'll call you this evening.
说话	shuōhuà	speak, talk	妹妹想和你说话。 My little sister wants to talk to you.
正在	zhèngzài	in the middle of (doing)	我正在学习汉语。 I'm studying Chinese right now.
告诉	gàosu	tell	请告诉我你的名字。 Please tell me your name.
找	zhǎo	look for, find	喂，我找小明。 Hello, may I speak to Xiaoming?
小时	xiǎoshí	hour	我学习一个小时。 I study for an hour.
现在	xiànzài	now	现在几点? What time is it now?

pattern 在 / 正在 + verb: what's going on

我 | 在 / 正在 | verb | (呢)

在 or 正在 before a verb says it's happening right now: 我在上网. 正在 stresses "right at this moment", and 呢 at the end makes it sound relaxed and chatty. For how long, put the time after the verb: 看三个小时手机.

我在上网呢。 **wǒ zài shàngwǎng ne** I'm online.

爸爸正在打电话。 **bàba zhèngzài dǎ diànhuà** Dad's on the phone right now.

你现在在做什么? **nǐ xiànzài zài zuò shénme** What are you doing now?

我每天看两个小时电脑。 **wǒ měi tiān kàn liǎng gè xiǎoshí diànnǎo** I spend two hours a day on the computer.

dialogue what are you up to?

anna 喂，小明，你现在在做什么？
wèi Xiǎomíng nǐ xiànzài zài zuò shénme · Hi Xiaoming, what are you up to?

xiaoming 我正在上网呢。我在找一个电影。
wǒ zhèngzài shàngwǎng ne wǒ zài zhǎo yí gè diànyǐng · I'm online. I'm looking for a film.

anna 什么电影？
shénme diànyǐng · What film?

xiaoming 一个中国电影，很有意思。你想一起看吗？
yí gè Zhōngguó diànyǐng hěn yǒu yìsi nǐ xiǎng yìqǐ kàn ma · A Chinese film. It's really good. Do you want to watch it together?

anna 好啊！你每天上网几个小时？
hǎo a nǐ měi tiān shàngwǎng jǐ gè xiǎoshí · Sure! How many hours a day are you online?

xiaoming 三四个小时吧。你呢？
sānsì gè xiǎoshí ba nǐ ne · Three or four, I guess. You?

anna 我每天看两个小时手机，晚上不看电脑。
wǒ měi tiān kàn liǎng gè xiǎoshí shǒujī wǎnshang bú kàn diànnǎo · I spend two hours a day on my phone, and I stay off the computer in the evening.

xiaoming 好，明天我们在我家看电影吧。我告诉妹妹，她也想看！
hǎo míngtiān wǒmen zài wǒ jiā kàn diànyǐng ba wǒ gàosu mèimei tā yě xiǎng kàn · OK, let's watch the film at my place tomorrow. I'll tell my sister, she wants to see it too!

repeat listen, then say it back

你现在在做什么？ **nǐ xiànzài zài zuò shénme** What are you doing now?

我在找我的手机。 **wǒ zài zhǎo wǒ de shǒujī** I'm looking for my phone.

妈妈正在打电话呢。 **māma zhèngzài dǎ diànhuà ne** Mum's on the phone right now.

你能告诉我你的电话吗？ **nǐ néng gàosu wǒ nǐ de diànhuà ma** Can you tell me your phone number?

我每天看两个小时手机。 **wǒ měi tiān kàn liǎng gè xiǎoshí shǒujī** I spend two hours a day on my phone.

晚上我在电脑上看电影。 **wǎnshang wǒ zài diànnǎo shàng kàn diànyǐng** In the evening I watch films on my computer.

reply answer out loud

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

你每天看几个小时手机？ nǐ měi tiān kàn jǐ gè xiǎoshí shǒujī How many hours a day are you on your phone?
→ 我每天看三个小时手机。 wǒ měi tiān kàn sān gè xiǎoshí shǒujī

你经常给朋友打电话吗？ nǐ jīngcháng gěi péngyou dǎ diànhuà ma Do you often call your friends?
→ 我有时给朋友打电话。 wǒ yǒushí gěi péngyou dǎ diànhuà

你在电脑上做什么？ nǐ zài diànnǎo shàng zuò shénme What do you do on your computer?
→ 我在电脑上看电影。 wǒ zài diànnǎo shàng kàn diànyǐng

你看过中国电影吗？ nǐ kàn guo Zhōngguó diànyǐng ma Have you ever seen a Chinese film?
→ 看过，很好看。 kàn guo hěn hǎokàn

talk 75 seconds

How many hours a day are you on your phone? What do you do on it?

你每天看几个小时手机？你在手机上做什么？ nǐ měi tiān kàn jǐ gè xiǎoshí shǒujī nǐ zài shǒujī shàng zuò shénme

我每天看……个小时手机。 wǒ měi tiān kàn gè xiǎoshí shǒujī

我经常在手机上…… wǒ jīngcháng zài shǒujī shàng

……的时候，我…… de shíhou wǒ

model answer

我每天看三四个小时手机。 wǒ měi tiān kàn sānsì gè xiǎoshí shǒujī

早上我在手机上看时间和天气。 zǎoshang wǒ zài shǒujī shàng kàn shíjiān hé tiānqì

中午我经常在手机上听歌。 zhōngwǔ wǒ jīngcháng zài shǒujī shàng tīng gē

晚上我给家人打电话，有时上网看电影。 wǎnshang wǒ gěi jiārén dǎ diànhuà yǒushí shàngwǎng kàn diànyǐng

我觉得看手机的时间太多了，所以晚上十点后我不看手机。 wǒ juéde kàn shǒujī de shíjiān tài duō le suǒyǐ wǎnshang shí diǎn hòu wǒ bú kàn shǒujī

I spend three or four hours a day on my phone. In the morning I check the time and the weather on it. At lunchtime I often listen to songs on it. In the evening I call my family, and sometimes I go online and watch a film. I think it's too much time on my phone, so I don't look at it after ten at night.

good to know · 在 does two jobs: 在家 (at home) and 在看 (is watching). 我在家看电视 can mean both "I watch TV at home" and, with 呢, "I'm at home watching TV". Your phone number is just 电话 in speech: 你的电话是多少? Read the digits one by one, and 1 is often said yāo.

Now you can answer the phone in Chinese and say what you're up to, right now.
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day 19 out with friends

Tell someone what you did last weekend: where you went, what you did, when you came back.

"What did you do on Saturday?" comes up every Monday, and a little story in the past is exactly what a speaking test asks for.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
出去	chūqù	go out	我们出去玩吧！ Let's go out and have fun!
回来	huílái	come back	妈妈回来了！ Mum's back!
玩	wán	to play; have fun	我们玩吧！ Let's play!
好玩儿	hǎowánr	fun	北京很好玩儿。 Beijing is a lot of fun.
等	děng	wait (for)	请等一下。 Just a moment, please.
见	jiàn	see, meet	明天见！ See you tomorrow!
快乐	kuàilè	happy, joyful	生日快乐！ Happy birthday!
笑	xiào	to laugh; to smile	你笑什么？ What are you laughing at?
一会儿	yīhuìr	a moment; a little while	请等一会儿。 Please wait a moment.
就	jiù	just, right (there); then	车站就在前面。 The station is just ahead.

pattern verb + 了: what you did

when | 我 | verb | 了 | thing

了 after a verb says it happened, it's done: 我去了商场, 买了一些衣服. A time word (昨天, 上个星期六) tells when. For going out and coming back, use 出去 (go out) and 回来 (come back): 十点出去，八点回来.

昨天我去了电影院。 **zuótiān wǒ qù le diànyǐngyuàn** Yesterday I went to the cinema.

我们吃了饺子，喝了奶茶。 **wǒmen chī le jiǎozi hē le nǎichá** We had dumplings and milk tea.

我们十点出去，六点回来。 **wǒmen shí diǎn chūqù liù diǎn huílái** We went out at ten and came back at six.

dialogue how was your saturday?

teacher wang 安娜，上个星期六你做什么了？
Ānnà shàng gè xīngqīliù nǐ zuò shénme le · Anna, what did you do last Saturday?

anna 我跟小明和他妹妹出去玩了。
wǒ gēn Xiǎomíng hé tā mèimei chūqù wán le · I went out with Xiaoming and his little sister.

teacher wang 你们去哪儿了？
nǐmen qù nǎr le · Where did you go?

anna 我们去了商场，买了一些东西，还吃了饺子。
wǒmen qù le shāngchǎng mǎi le yìxiē dōngxi hái chī le jiǎozi · We went to the mall, bought a few things and had dumplings.

teacher wang 好玩儿吗？
hǎowánr ma · Was it fun?

anna 非常好玩儿！小明一说话，我们就笑。
fēicháng hǎowánr Xiǎomíng yì shuōhuà wǒmen jiù xiào · Great fun! Every time Xiaoming said something, we laughed.

teacher wang 你们几点回来的？
nǐmen jǐ diǎn huílái de · What time did you get back?

anna 晚上九点。那天我们都很快乐！
wǎnshang jiǔ diǎn nà tiān wǒmen dōu hěn kuàilè · Nine in the evening. We had such a happy day!

repeat listen, then say it back

明天下午三点见！ míngtiān xiàwǔ sān diǎn jiàn See you tomorrow at three!

我们一起出去玩吧。 wǒmen yìqǐ chūqù wán ba Let's go out together.

昨天我们去了电影院。 zuótiān wǒmen qù le diànyǐngyuàn Yesterday we went to the cinema.

我们晚上九点回来了。 wǒmen wǎnshang jiǔ diǎn huílái le We came back at nine in the evening.

请在门口等我一会儿。 qǐng zài ménkǒu děng wǒ yíhuìr Please wait for me at the door for a moment.

小明一说话，我们就笑了。 Xiǎomíng yì shuōhuà wǒmen jiù xiào le As soon as Xiaoming spoke, we laughed.

reply answer out loud

昨天晚上你做什么了？ zuótiān wǎnshang nǐ zuò shénme le What did you do last night?
→ 我在家看电视了。 wǒ zài jiā kàn diànshì le

你经常跟朋友出去玩吗？ nǐ jīngcháng gēn péngyou chūqù wán ma Do you often go out with friends?
→ 我经常跟朋友出去玩。 wǒ jīngcháng gēn péngyou chūqù wán

今天晚上你几点回来？ jīntiān wǎnshang nǐ jǐ diǎn huílái What time are you coming back tonight?
→ 我九点回来。 wǒ jiǔ diǎn huílái

你喜欢去商场吗？ nǐ xǐhuan qù shāngchǎng ma Do you like going to the mall?
→ 喜欢，商场很好玩儿。 xǐhuan shāngchǎng hěn hǎowánr

你每天看几个小时手机？ nǐ měi tiān kàn jǐ gè xiǎoshí shǒujī How many hours a day are you on your phone?
→ 我每天看两个小时手机。 wǒ měi tiān kàn liǎng gè xiǎoshí shǒujī

talk 75 seconds

Where did you go last Saturday? What did you do?

上个星期六你去哪儿了？做了什么？ shàng gè xīngqīliù nǐ qù nǎr le zuò le shénme

上个星期六我去了…… shàng gè xīngqīliù wǒ qù le

我们……点出去，……点回来。 wǒmen diǎn chūqù diǎn huílái

我们……了……，非常…… wǒmen le fēicháng

model answer

上个星期六我跟两个朋友出去玩了。 shàng gè xīngqīliù wǒ gēn liǎng gè péngyou chūqù wán le

我们上午十点出去，晚上八点回来。 wǒmen shàngwǔ shí diǎn chūqù wǎnshang bā diǎn huílái

我们去了商场，买了一些衣服。 wǒmen qù le shāngchǎng mǎi le yìxiē yīfu

中午我们在饭馆吃了面条儿，下午去电影院看了一个电影。 zhōngwǔ wǒmen zài fànguǎn chī le miàntiáor xiàwǔ qù diànyǐngyuàn kàn le yí gè diànyǐng

那天我们笑了很多次，大家都很快乐。 nà tiān wǒmen xiào le hěn duō cì dàjiā dōu hěn kuàilè

Last Saturday I went out with two friends. We went out at ten in the morning and came back at eight in the evening. We went to the mall and bought some clothes. At lunchtime we had noodles in a restaurant, and in the afternoon we saw a film at the cinema. We laughed a lot that day, and everyone was happy.

good to know · Tell a past story in time order: morning, lunchtime, afternoon, evening. The time words do the linking for you. 出去 and 回来 are seen from where the speaker is: 出 + 去 “out, away from me”, 回 + 来 “back, towards me”.

Monday-morning chat, sorted: you can tell a whole little story about your weekend.
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day 20 mission: a day off

Talk about your hobbies for a minute and a half: what you do, since when, how well, and why you like it.

A mock round on unit 4: repeat, answer and talk about sport, films, screens and going out.

chapter 1 what shall we do?

anna 小明，今天星期六，你想做什么？
Xiǎomíng jīntiān xīngqīliù nǐ xiǎng zuò shénme · Xiaoming, it's Saturday. What do you want to do?

xiaoming 我想去打球。我从小就喜欢打篮球。
wǒ xiǎng qù dǎ qiú wǒ cóngxiǎo jiù xǐhuan dǎ lánqiú · I want to play ball. I've loved basketball since I was little.

anna 你妹妹呢？她在做什么？
nǐ mèimei ne tā zài zuò shénme · And your sister? What's she doing?

xiaoming 她正在画画呢。她画得非常好。
tā zhèngzài huà huà ne tā huà de fēicháng hǎo · She's drawing. She's really good at it.

little sister 安娜，你看，这是我画的大白！
Ānnà nǐ kàn zhè shì wǒ huà de Dàbái · Anna, look, I drew Dabai!

anna 真好看！你画得真好。
zhēn hǎokàn nǐ huà de zhēn hǎo · It's lovely! You draw so well.

chapter 2 where's the ball?

xiaoming 安娜，你会打篮球吗？
Ānnà nǐ huì dǎ lánqiú ma · Anna, can you play basketball?

anna 不太会。我小时候踢过足球，没打过篮球。
bú tài huì wǒ xiǎoshíhou tī guo zúqiú méi dǎ guo lánqiú · Not really. I played football as a kid, but never basketball.

xiaoming 没关系，我来帮忙！你拿着球，往前跑！
méi guānxi wǒ lái bāngmáng nǐ ná zhe qiú wǎng qián pǎo · No problem, I'll help! Hold the ball and run forward!

anna 好！……啊，球呢？
hǎo a qiú ne · OK! ...Oh, where's the ball?

xiaoming 你看，大白去找球了！大白跑得真快！
nǐ kàn Dàbái qù zhǎo qiú le Dàbái pǎo de zhēn kuài · Look, Dabai's gone after it! He's so fast!

chapter 3 a happy day

little sister 我们去电影院吧！我在网上看了，四点有一个好看的电影。
wǒmen qù diànyǐngyuàn ba wǒ zài wǎngshang kàn le sì diǎn yǒu yí gè hǎokàn de diànyǐng · Let's go to the cinema! I looked online: there's a good film at four.

anna 好啊！电影院远吗？
hǎo a diànyǐngyuàn yuǎn ma · Great! Is the cinema far?

xiaoming 不远，走路十分钟就到了。我们走吧！
bù yuǎn zǒulù shí fēnzhōng jiù dào le wǒmen zǒu ba · No, it's ten minutes on foot. Let's go!

anna 这个电影的名字是什么意思？
zhège diànyǐng de míngzi shì shénme yìsi · What does the film's name mean?

xiaoming 意思是“快乐的一天”。
yìsi shì kuàilè de yì tiān · It means “A Happy Day”.

little sister 今天就是快乐的一天！
jīntiān jiù shì kuàilè de yì tiān · Today is a happy day!

repeat listen, then say it back

我小时候经常踢足球。 **wǒ xiǎoshíhou jīngcháng tī zúqiú** I often played football as a child.

她画的大白非常好看。 **tā huà de Dàbái fēicháng hǎokàn** Her drawing of Dabai is really good.

我们走路去电影院吧。 **wǒmen zǒulù qù diànyǐngyuàn ba** Let's walk to the cinema.

请告诉我这个字的意思。 **qǐng gàosu wǒ zhège zì de yìsi** Please tell me what this character means.

我从小就很喜欢打篮球。 **wǒ cóngxiǎo jiù hěn xǐhuan dǎ lánqiú** I've loved basketball since I was little.

reply answer out loud

你的爱好是什么？ **nǐ de àihào shì shénme** What are your hobbies?

→ 我的爱好是跑步。 **wǒ de àihào shì pǎobù**

你喜欢去电影院看电影吗？ **nǐ xǐhuan qù diànyǐngyuàn kàn diànyǐng ma** Do you like seeing films at the cinema?

→ 喜欢，我经常去电影院。 **xǐhuan wǒ jīngcháng qù diànyǐngyuàn**

你小时候喜欢做什么？ **nǐ xiǎoshíhou xǐhuan zuò shénme** What did you like doing as a child?

→ 我小时候喜欢画画。 **wǒ xiǎoshíhou xǐhuan huà huà**

你每天都上网吗？ **nǐ měi tiān dōu shàngwǎng ma** Do you go online every day?

→ 我每天都上网。 **wǒ měi tiān dōu shàngwǎng**

上个星期六你做什么了？ **shàng gè xīngqīliù nǐ zuò shénme le** What did you do last Saturday?

→ 我跟朋友出去玩了。 **wǒ gēn péngyou chūqù wán le**

talk 90 seconds

Talk about your hobbies: what do you like doing, and why?

说一说你的爱好：你喜欢做什么？为什么？ shuō yi shuo nǐ de àihào nǐ xǐhuan zuò shénme wèi shénme

我从小就喜欢…… wǒ cóngxiǎo jiù xǐhuan

因为……，所以…… yīnwèi suǒyǐ

model answer

我的爱好是画画。 wǒ de àihào shì huà huà

我从小就喜欢画画，小时候每天都画。 wǒ cóngxiǎo jiù xǐhuan huà huà xiǎoshíhou měi tiān dōu huà

我最喜欢画猫和狗，我画得还不错。 wǒ zuì xǐhuan huà māo hé gǒu wǒ huà de hái búcuò

星期六我经常在家画两三个小时。 xīngqīliù wǒ jīngcháng zài jiā huà liǎngsān gè xiǎoshí

因为画画的时候我很快乐，所以我觉得这是一个很好的爱好。 yīnwèi huà huà de shíhou wǒ hěn kuàilè suǒyǐ wǒ juéde zhè shì yí gè hěn hǎo de àihào

我也喜欢运动，有时跟朋友去打篮球。 wǒ yě xǐhuan yùndòng yǒushí gēn péngyou qù dǎ lánqiú

My hobby is drawing. I've loved drawing since I was little; as a child I drew every day. I like drawing cats and dogs best, and I'm not bad at it. On Saturdays I often draw at home for two or three hours. Drawing makes me happy, so I think it's a great hobby. I like sport too, and sometimes play basketball with friends.

Unit 4 done! Sport, songs, films, screens and days out: your free time now has a voice in Chinese.
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