day 21 learning chinese

Say why you learn Chinese, how you study, and what you can understand or still get wrong.

“Why are you learning Chinese?” is the question every Chinese speaker will ask you, in the test and in real life.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
学习	xuéxí	to study, learn	我们学习汉字。 We’re studying Chinese characters.
汉语	Hànyǔ	Chinese (language)	我学习汉语。 I study Chinese.
中文	Zhōngwén	Chinese (language)	你会说中文吗? Can you speak Chinese?
汉字	Hànzì	Chinese character	我学汉字。 I’m learning Chinese characters.
说	shuō	to speak, say	你说什么? What did you say?
写	xiě	write	你会写这个字吗? Can you write this character?
读	dú	read (aloud), study	老师读，我们听。 The teacher reads, we listen.
懂	dǒng	to understand	我懂了! I get it!
觉得	juéde	to think; to feel	我觉得汉语很好玩儿。 I think Chinese is fun.
知道	zhīdào	know	我不知道。 I don’t know.

pattern verb + result: 听懂, 写错, 看完

verb | 懂 / 错 / 完 | 了

Chinese adds the result straight after the verb: 听 listen + 懂 understand = 听懂, to understand what you hear. 写错 is to write it wrong, 看完 to finish reading. Say “can’t” with 不 in the middle (听不懂), and “didn’t” with 没 in front (没听懂).

你说的我都听懂了。 **nǐ shuō de wǒ dōu tīng dǒng le** I understood everything you said.

对不起，这个字我写错了。 **duìbuqǐ zhège zì wǒ xiě cuò le** Sorry, I wrote this character wrong.

这本书我看完了。 **zhè běn shū wǒ kàn wán le** I’ve finished this book.

老师说得太快，我听不懂。 **lǎoshī shuō de tài kuài wǒ tīng bu dǒng** The teacher speaks too fast; I can’t follow.

dialogue how is your chinese?

teacher wang 安娜，你学汉语多长时间了？
Ānnà nǐ xué Hànyǔ duō cháng shíjiān le · Anna, how long have you been learning Chinese?

anna 一年了。我每天都学习一个小时。
yì nián le wǒ měi tiān dōu xuéxí yí gè xiǎoshí · A year now. I study for an hour every day.

teacher wang 你觉得汉语怎么样？
nǐ juéde Hànyǔ zěnmeyàng · What do you think of Chinese?

anna 说汉语很有意思，但是汉字太多了！
shuō Hànyǔ hěn yǒu yìsi dànshì Hànzì tài duō le · Speaking Chinese is great fun, but there are so many characters!

teacher wang 你能看懂中文书吗？
nǐ néng kàn dǒng Zhōngwén shū ma · Can you read Chinese books?

anna 能看懂一些。有的字我还不认识，有时也写错。
néng kàn dǒng yìxiē yǒude zì wǒ hái bú rènshi yǒushí yě xiě cuò · Some. There are characters I still don't know, and sometimes I write them wrong.

teacher wang 没关系。每天读一点儿，你就会读得很好。
méi guānxi měi tiān dú yìdiǎnr nǐ jiù huì dú de hěn hǎo · That's fine. Read a little every day and you'll read well.

anna 谢谢老师！我知道了，今天晚上就读。
xièxie lǎoshī wǒ zhīdào le jīntiān wǎnshang jiù dú · Thank you! Got it, I'll start reading tonight.

repeat listen, then say it back

这个汉字我写错了。 **zhège Hànzì wǒ xiě cuò le** I wrote this character wrong.

我每天学习一个小时。 **wǒ měi tiān xuéxí yí gè xiǎoshí** I study for an hour every day.

老师说的我都听懂了。 **lǎoshī shuō de wǒ dōu tīng dǒng le** I understood everything the teacher said.

我觉得汉语很有意思。 **wǒ juéde Hànyǔ hěn yǒu yìsi** I think Chinese is really interesting.

我每天晚上都读中文书。 **wǒ měi tiān wǎnshang dōu dú Zhōngwén shū** I read Chinese books every evening.

我学汉语，因为我很喜欢中国。 **wǒ xué Hànyǔ yīnwèi wǒ hěn xǐhuan Zhōngguó** I learn Chinese because I really like China.

reply answer out loud

你学汉语多长时间了？ **nǐ xué Hànyǔ duō cháng shíjiān le** How long have you been learning Chinese?
→ 我学了一年汉语了。 **wǒ xué le yì nián Hànyǔ le**
→ 一年了。 **yì nián le**

你为什么学汉语？ **nǐ wèi shénme xué Hànyǔ** Why are you learning Chinese?
→ 因为我很喜欢中国，所以我学汉语。 **yīnwèi wǒ hěn xǐhuan Zhōngguó suǒyǐ wǒ xué Hànyǔ**

老师说汉语，你能听懂吗？ **lǎoshī shuō Hànyǔ nǐ néng tīng dǒng ma** When the teacher speaks Chinese, can you understand?
→ 我能听懂一些。 **wǒ néng tīng dǒng yìxiē**
→ 老师说得慢，我就能听懂。 **lǎoshī shuō de màn wǒ jiù néng tīng dǒng**

你每天读中文书吗？ **nǐ měi tiān dú Zhōngwén shū ma** Do you read Chinese books every day?
→ 我每天晚上读半个小时。 **wǒ měi tiān wǎnshang dú bàn gè xiǎoshí**

你每天几点起床？ **nǐ měi tiān jǐ diǎn qǐchuáng** What time do you get up every day?
→ 我每天早上七点起床。 **wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang qī diǎn qǐchuáng**

talk 90 seconds

Why are you learning Chinese? How do you study each day? Talk for a minute and a half.

你为什么学汉语？你每天怎么学？ **nǐ wèi shénme xué Hànyǔ nǐ měi tiān zěnme xué**

因为……，所以…… **yīnwèi suǒyǐ**

我能听懂……，有时写错…… **wǒ néng tīng dǒng yǒushí xiě cuò**

model answer

我学汉语，因为我很喜欢中国。 **wǒ xué Hànyǔ yīnwèi wǒ hěn xǐhuan Zhōngguó**

我现在住在北京，每天都说汉语。 **wǒ xiànzài zhù zài Běijīng měi tiān dōu shuō Hànyǔ**

我每天早上读半个小时中文书，晚上写汉字。 **wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang dú bàn gè xiǎoshí Zhōngwén shū wǎnshang xiě Hànzì**

老师说得慢的时候，我都能听懂。 **lǎoshī shuō de màn de shíhou wǒ dōu néng tīng dǒng**

汉字很多，我有时写错，但是我觉得很有意思。 **Hànzì hěn duō wǒ yǒushí xiě cuò dànshì wǒ juéde hěn yǒu yìsi**

我知道，每天都学一点儿，我就会说得很好。 **wǒ zhīdào měi tiān dōu xué yìdiǎnr wǒ jiù huì shuō de hěn hǎo**

I learn Chinese because I really like China. I live in Beijing now and speak Chinese every day. Every morning I read a Chinese book for half an hour, and in the evening I write characters. When the teacher speaks slowly, I understand everything. There are lots of characters and sometimes I write them wrong, but I think it's great fun. I know that if I learn a little every day, I'll speak well.

good to know · 听懂 is "hear and understand", 看懂 "read and understand". 我听不懂 is the most useful sentence in this course: say it, then ask 你能说得慢一点儿吗？ In the talk, one reason with 因为……所以…… and one example of how you study already make a good answer.

You just talked about your Chinese, in Chinese, for a minute and a half. That is the whole idea.
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day 22 classes & teachers

Chinese HSKK beginner in 32 days
unit 5 · school & work

Talk about your class and a teacher: what the teacher asks you to do, and what is coming up soon.

A teacher you remember is one of the easiest things to talk about for a minute and a half.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
老师	lǎoshī	teacher	王老师好！ Hello, Teacher Wang!
上课	shàngkè	have class, start class	我们八点上课。 We have class at eight.
下课	xiàkè	finish class	我们十二点下课。 Our class finishes at twelve.
教室	jiàoshì	classroom	教室里有很多桌子和椅子。 There are lots of desks and chairs in the classroom.
班	bān	class (a group of students)	我们班有二十个学生。 There are twenty students in our class.
教	jiāo	to teach	王|老师教我们汉语。 Teacher Wang teaches us Chinese.
问	wèn	ask	我想问一个问题。 I'd like to ask a question.
问题	wèntí	question, problem	老师，我有一个问题。 Teacher, I have a question.
考试	kǎoshì	exam; to take an exam	快要考试了。 The exam is coming up soon.
准备	zhǔnbèi	to prepare; to get ready	你准备好了吗? Are you ready?

pattern 让/请/叫 someone do something

who asks | 让 / 请 / 叫 | who | does what

One person makes, asks or tells another to do something: 老师让我们说汉语, the teacher has us speak Chinese. 请 is polite (please ask), 叫 is everyday “tell”. The second person is both the one asked and the one who acts. 快要……了 says something is coming soon; 已经……了 says it is already done.

老师让我们读这本书。 **lǎoshī ràng wǒmen dú zhè běn shū** The teacher has us read this book.

我没听懂，就请老师再说一次。 **wǒ méi tīng dǒng jiù qǐng lǎoshī zài shuō yí cì** I didn’t catch it, so I asked the teacher to say it again.

妈妈叫我早上七点起床。 **māma jiào wǒ zǎoshang qī diǎn qǐchuáng** Mum tells me to get up at seven in the morning.

快要上课了，老师已经在教室了。 **kuàiyào shàngkè le lǎoshī yǐjīng zài jiàoshì le** Class is about to start; the teacher is already in the classroom.

dialogue anna’s teacher

xiaoming 安娜，你们的汉语老师怎么样？
Ānnà nǐmen de Hànyǔ lǎoshī zěnmeyàng · Anna, what’s your Chinese teacher like?

anna 王老师很好。她上课的时候经常笑。
Wáng lǎoshī hěn hǎo tā shàngkè de shíhou jīngcháng xiào · Teacher Wang is great. She laughs a lot in class.

xiaoming 她让你们做什么？
tā ràng nǐmen zuò shénme · What does she have you do?

anna 她让我们多说汉语，有问题就问她。
tā ràng wǒmen duō shuō Hànyǔ yǒu wèntí jiù wèn tā · She has us speak lots of Chinese and ask her when we have a question.

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

anna 十二个，都是外国人。
shíèr gè dōu shì wàiguó rén · Twelve, all from other countries.

xiaoming 你们快要考试了吧？
nǐmen kuàiyào kǎoshì le ba · You’ve got an exam coming up soon, right?

anna 是啊，下星期三。我已经准备了一个星期了！
shì a xià xīngqīsān wǒ yǐjīng zhǔnbèi le yí gè xīngqī le · Yes, next Wednesday. I’ve already been preparing for a week!

repeat listen, then say it back

王老师教我们汉语。 **Wáng lǎoshī jiāo wǒmen Hànyǔ** Teacher Wang teaches us Chinese.

老师让我们多说汉语。 **lǎoshī ràng wǒmen duō shuō Hànyǔ** The teacher has us speak lots of Chinese.

我们班的教室在三楼。 **wǒmen bān de jiàoshì zài sān lóu** Our classroom is on the third floor.

快要考试了，我们都很忙。 **kuàiyào kǎoshì le wǒmen dōu hěn máng** The exam is coming soon; we’re all busy.

有问题的时候，我就问老师。 **yǒu wèntí de shíhou wǒ jiù wèn lǎoshī** When I have a question, I ask the teacher.

下课后，老师让我们写汉字。 **xiàkè hòu lǎoshī ràng wǒmen xiě Hànzì** After class, the teacher has us write characters.

reply answer out loud

你的汉语老师是谁？ nǐ de Hànyǔ lǎoshī shì shéi Who is your Chinese teacher?
→ 我的汉语老师是王老师。 wǒ de Hànyǔ lǎoshī shì Wáng lǎoshī

老师让你们做什么？ lǎoshī ràng nǐmen zuò shénme What does your teacher have you do?
→ 老师让我们多说汉语。 lǎoshī ràng wǒmen duō shuō Hànyǔ

你们班有多少个学生？ nǐmen bān yǒu duōshao gè xuéshēng How many students are there in your class?
→ 我们班有十二个学生。 wǒmen bān yǒu shíèr gè xuéshēng

考试你准备好了吗？ kǎoshì nǐ zhǔnbèi hǎo le ma Are you ready for the exam?
→ 我已经准备好了。 wǒ yǐjīng zhǔnbèi hǎo le
→ 还没有，我今天晚上准备。 hái méiyǒu wǒ jīntiān wǎnshang zhǔnbèi

你为什么学汉语？ nǐ wèi shénme xué Hànyǔ Why are you learning Chinese?
→ 因为我喜欢中国，所以学汉语。 yīnwèi wǒ xǐhuan Zhōngguó suǒyǐ xué Hànyǔ

talk 90 seconds

Tell us about one of your teachers. Do you like their class? Why? Talk for a minute and a half.

说一说你的一个老师。你喜欢他的课吗？为什么？ shuō yi shuo nǐ de yí gè lǎoshī nǐ xǐhuan tā de kè ma wèi shénme

老师让我们…… lǎoshī ràng wǒmen

我喜欢他的课，因为…… wǒ xǐhuan tā de kè yīnwèi

model answer

我想说一说我的汉语老师，王老师。 wǒ xiǎng shuō yi shuo wǒ de Hànyǔ lǎoshī Wáng lǎoshī

她教我们班汉语，已经教了一年了。 tā jiāo wǒmen bān Hànyǔ yǐjīng jiāo le yì nián le

上课的时候，她让我们多说汉语，有问题就问她。 shàngkè de shíhou tā ràng wǒmen duō shuō Hànyǔ yǒu wèntí jiù wèn tā

她说得很慢，所以我都能听懂。 tā shuō de hěn màn suǒyǐ wǒ dōu néng tīng dǒng

我很喜欢她的课，因为她的课很有意思。 wǒ hěn xǐhuan tā de kè yīnwèi tā de kè hěn yǒu yìsi

快要考试了，王老师让我们好好准备，我觉得我能考得很好。 kuàiyào kǎoshì le Wáng lǎoshī ràng wǒmen hǎo hǎo zhǔnbèi wǒ juéde wǒ néng kǎo de hěn hǎo

I'd like to talk about my Chinese teacher, Teacher Wang. She teaches our class Chinese and has been teaching us for a year. In class she has us speak lots of Chinese, and we ask her when we have a question. She speaks slowly, so I understand everything. I really like her class because it's interesting. The exam is coming soon; Teacher Wang tells us to prepare well, and I think I can do well.

good to know · In 老师让我们说汉语, 我们 does two jobs: the teacher asks us, and we speak. No extra word is needed between them. 上课 is to have class (or to start class), 下课 is when class ends. Students all over China wait for the 下课 bell.

You can now describe a teacher, a class and what is coming up. That is a full part-three answer.
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day 23 my job

Say what you do for work (or want to do), when you start, and what you like about it even when it's hard.

"What do you do?" comes up in every first conversation, and in the test's talk part.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
工作	gōngzuò	to work; job	我在医院工作。 I work at a hospital.
公司	gōngsī	company	我妈妈在公司工作。 My mum works at a company.
医生	yīshēng	doctor	小明的爸爸是医生。 Xiaoming's dad is a doctor.
大学	dàxué	university	你在哪个大学学习? Which university do you study at?
中学	zhōngxué	secondary school	她是中学老师。 She's a secondary school teacher.
小学	xiǎoxué	primary school	他在小学工作。 He works at a primary school.
虽然	suīrán	although	虽然很冷，但是天气很好。 It's cold, but the weather is lovely.
但是	dànshì	but	我想去，但是我很忙。 I'd like to go, but I'm busy.
开始	kāishǐ	to start, to begin	考试九点开始。 The exam starts at nine.
希望	xīwàng	to hope; a hope	我希望明天是晴天。 I hope it's sunny tomorrow.

pattern 虽然……但是……: even though..., still...

虽然 **the hard part** 但是 **the good part**

English uses one word ("although" or "but"); Chinese likes both: 虽然 in the first half, 但是 in the second. It is the easiest way to sound balanced in a talk: 虽然很累，但是很有意思. For the job you want, use 想 (want to) or 希望 (hope to).

虽然我的工作很累，但是我很喜欢。 **suīrán wǒ de gōngzuò hěn lèi dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan** My job is tiring, but I really like it.

虽然公司很远，但是我每天都走路去。 **suīrán gōngsī hěn yuǎn dànshì wǒ měi tiān dōu zǒulù qù** The company is far away, but I walk there every day.

我想做老师，教中学生汉语。 **wǒ xiǎng zuò lǎoshī jiāo zhōngxuéshēng Hànyǔ** I want to be a teacher and teach Chinese to secondary school students.

我希望明年能去大学学习。 **wǒ xīwàng míngnián néng qù dàxué xuéxí** I hope I can go to university next year.

dialogue what do you do?

anna 张女士，您在哪儿工作?
Zhāng nǚshì nín zài nǎr gōngzuò · Ms Zhang, where do you work?

ms zhang 我在一家公司工作，已经工作十年了。
wǒ zài yì jiā gōngsī gōngzuò yǐjīng gōngzuò shí nián le · I work at a company. I've been there ten years.

anna 您的工作忙吗?
nín de gōngzuò máng ma · Is your job busy?

ms zhang 虽然很忙，但是我很喜欢。安娜，你想做什么工作?
suīrán hěn máng dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan Ānnà nǐ xiǎng zuò shénme gōngzuò · It's busy, but I like it a lot. Anna, what work would you like to do?

anna 我希望明年能在北京的大学工作。
wǒ xīwàng míngnián néng zài Běijīng de dàxué gōngzuò · I hope I can work at a university in Beijing next year.

ms zhang 小明，你呢?
Xiǎomíng nǐ ne · And you, Xiaoming?

xiaoming 我想做医生。但是爸爸说，医生的工作很累。
wǒ xiǎng zuò yīshēng dànshì bàba shuō yīshēng de gōngzuò hěn lèi · I want to be a doctor. But Dad says a doctor's work is tiring.

dr li 虽然很累，但是很有意思!
suīrán hěn lèi dànshì hěn yǒu yìsi · It's tiring, but it's very interesting!

repeat listen, then say it back

李医生在医院工作。 **Lǐ yīshēng zài yīyuàn gōngzuò** Dr Li works at a hospital.

我在一家公司工作。 **wǒ zài yì jiā gōngsī gōngzuò** I work at a company.

我姐姐在中学教汉语。 **wǒ jiějie zài zhōngxué jiāo Hànyǔ** My older sister teaches Chinese at a secondary school.

我希望明年去中国工作。 **wǒ xīwàng míngnián qù Zhōngguó gōngzuò** I hope to go and work in China next year.

我每天早上九点开始工作。 **wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang jiǔ diǎn kāishǐ gōngzuò** I start work at nine every morning.

虽然工作很忙，但是我很喜欢。 **suīrán gōngzuò hěn máng dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan** Work is busy, but I really like it.

reply answer out loud

你做什么工作？ nǐ zuò shénme gōngzuò What do you do for work?
→ 我是老师，在中学工作。 wǒ shì lǎoshī zài zhōngxué gōngzuò
→ 我是学生，在大学学习。 wǒ shì xuéshēng zài dàxué xuéxí

你每天几点开始工作？ nǐ měi tiān jǐ diǎn kāishǐ gōngzuò What time do you start work every day?
→ 我每天早上九点开始工作。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang jiǔ diǎn kāishǐ gōngzuò

你喜欢你的工作吗？ nǐ xǐhuan nǐ de gōngzuò ma Do you like your job?
→ 虽然很忙，但是我很喜欢。 suīrán hěn máng dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan

你想做什么工作？ nǐ xiǎng zuò shénme gōngzuò What job would you like to do?
→ 我想做医生。 wǒ xiǎng zuò yīshēng
→ 我希望在公司工作。 wǒ xīwàng zài gōngsī gōngzuò

老师让你们做什么？ lǎoshī ràng nǐmen zuò shénme What does your teacher have you do?
→ 老师让我们多说汉语。 lǎoshī ràng wǒmen duō shuō Hànyǔ

talk 90 seconds

What do you do for work? Do you like it? Why? (Still studying? Say what work you want to do.) Talk for a minute and a half.

你做什么工作？你喜欢你的工作吗？为什么？ nǐ zuò shénme gōngzuò nǐ xǐhuan nǐ de gōngzuò ma wèi shénme

虽然……，但是…… suīrán dànshì

我希望…… wǒ xīwàng

model answer

我在一家公司工作，已经工作三年了。 wǒ zài yì jiā gōngsī gōngzuò yǐjīng gōngzuò sān nián le

我每天早上九点开始工作，下午六点下班。 wǒ měi tiān zǎoshang jiǔ diǎn kāishǐ gōngzuò xiàwǔ liù diǎn xiàbān

虽然工作很忙，但是我很喜欢。 suīrán gōngzuò hěn máng dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan

因为公司里的人都很好，工作也很有意思。 yīnwèi gōngsī lǐ de rén dōu hěn hǎo gōngzuò yě hěn yǒu yìsi

公司离我家很近，我每天走路去上班。 gōngsī lí wǒ jiā hěn jìn wǒ měi tiān zǒulù qù shàngbān

我希望明年能去中国工作。 wǒ xīwàng míngnián néng qù Zhōngguó gōngzuò

I work at a company and have been there three years. I start at nine every morning and finish at six in the afternoon. Work is busy, but I really like it, because the people at the company are all nice and the work is interesting. The company is close to my home, so I walk to work every day. I hope I can go and work in China next year.

good to know · Not working yet? Answer 你想做什么工作？ instead: 我想做……, 因为…… is a full, good answer. Schools: 小学 primary, 中学 secondary, 大学 university. 上小学 means to be at primary school.

Busy but happy, tired but interested: with 虽然……但是…… your answers now have two sides, like real opinions.
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day 24 busy days, ill days

Say how you feel when you are ill, what you can and can't do, and give advice with 别.

Feeling unwell abroad is when you most need simple, clear Chinese.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
身体	shēntǐ	body; health	您身体好吗? How is your health?
生病	shēngbìng	fall ill, be sick	我生病了，今天不能去上课。 I'm ill, I can't go to class today.
头	tóu	head	我的头有点儿疼。 My head hurts a bit.
疼	téng	to hurt; sore	我的手很疼。 My hand really hurts.
舒服	shūfu	comfortable; to feel well	你哪儿不舒服? Where don't you feel well?
药	yào	medicine	你吃药了吗? Have you taken your medicine?
医院	yīyuàn	hospital	李先生在医院工作。 Mr Li works at a hospital.
看病	kànbìng	see a doctor	我想去医院看病。 I want to go to the hospital to see a doctor.
能	néng	can, be able to	我今天不能去上课。 I can't go to class today.
别	bié	don't	别走! Don't go!

pattern 能, 可以 and 别: can, may, don't

能 / 可以 / 不能 | verb | 别 / 不要 | verb

能 is "can" (you are able to), 可以 is "may" (it's allowed or fine). Put 不能 before a verb for "can't". To tell someone not to do something, use 别 or 不要 before the verb: 别去上班了, don't go to work.

我生病了，今天不能去上课。 **wǒ shēngbìng le jīntiān bù néng qù shàngkè** I'm ill, so I can't go to class today.

医生说你可以回家休息。 **yīshēng shuō nǐ kěyǐ huí jiā xiūxi** The doctor says you can go home and rest.

你别去上班了，在家休息吧。 **nǐ bié qù shàngbān le zài jiā xiūxi ba** Don't go to work; stay home and rest.

晚上不要喝咖啡。 **wǎnshang búyào hē kāfēi** Don't drink coffee in the evening.

dialogue a phone call

xiaoming 喂，安娜，你怎么还没来？
wèi Ānnà nǐ zěnme hái méi lái · Hello, Anna? Why aren't you here yet?

anna 对不起，我今天身体不舒服，头很疼。
duìbuqǐ wǒ jīntiān shēntǐ bù shūfu tóu hěn téng · Sorry, I'm not feeling well today. I've got a bad headache.

xiaoming 你生病了？去医院看病了吗？
nǐ shēngbìng le qù yīyuàn kànbìng le ma · You're ill? Have you seen a doctor?

anna 没有，我在家休息呢。
méiyǒu wǒ zài jiā xiūxi ne · No, I'm resting at home.

xiaoming 我问问我爸爸……他说你要多喝水，多休息。
wǒ wèn wen wǒ bàba tā shuō nǐ yào duō hē shuǐ duō xiūxi · Let me ask my dad… He says drink lots of water and rest.

anna 我能吃药吗？
wǒ néng chī yào ma · Can I take some medicine?

xiaoming 可以吃一点儿。明天还疼，就去医院吧。别太累了！
kěyǐ chī yìdiǎnr míngtiān hái téng jiù qù yīyuàn ba bié tài lèi le · A little is fine. If it still hurts tomorrow, go to the hospital. And don't overdo it!

anna 好的，谢谢你和李医生！
hǎo de xièxie nǐ hé Lǐ yīshēng · OK, thank you, and thank Dr Li!

repeat listen, then say it back

我今天头疼，不舒服。 **wǒ jīntiān tóu téng bù shūfu** I've got a headache today; I don't feel well.

我下午要去医院看病。 **wǒ xiàwǔ yào qù yīyuàn kànbìng** I'm going to the hospital to see a doctor this afternoon.

生病了就别去上班了。 **shēngbìng le jiù bié qù shàngbān le** If you're ill, don't go to work.

医生让我多喝水，多休息。 **yīshēng ràng wǒ duō hē shuǐ duō xiūxi** The doctor told me to drink lots of water and rest.

我身体不舒服，不能去上课。 **wǒ shēntǐ bù shūfu bù néng qù shàngkè** I'm not feeling well, so I can't go to class.

别太累了，今天早一点儿睡觉。 **bié tài lèi le jīntiān zǎo yìdiǎnr shuìjiào** Don't overdo it; go to bed a bit earlier tonight.

reply answer out loud

你今天身体怎么样？ nǐ jīntiān shēntǐ zěnmeyàng How are you feeling today?
→ 我身体很好。 wǒ shēntǐ hěn hǎo
→ 我有点儿不舒服。 wǒ yǒudiǎnr bù shūfu

你生病了去医院吗？ nǐ shēngbìng le qù yīyuàn ma When you're ill, do you go to the hospital?
→ 头很疼的时候，我就去医院。 tóu hěn téng de shíhou wǒ jiù qù yīyuàn

头疼的时候，你吃药吗？ tóu téng de shíhou nǐ chī yào ma Do you take medicine when you have a headache?
→ 我吃一点儿药，多休息。 wǒ chī yìdiǎnr yào duō xiūxi

生病了，你能去上班吗？ shēngbìng le nǐ néng qù shàngbān ma When you're ill, can you go to work?
→ 不能，我在家休息。 bù néng wǒ zài jiā xiūxi

你喜欢你的工作吗？ nǐ xǐhuan nǐ de gōngzuò ma Do you like your job?
→ 虽然很忙，但是我很喜欢。 suīrán hěn máng dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan

talk 90 seconds

What do you do when you are ill? Do you go to the hospital? Talk for a minute and a half.

你生病的时候做什么？你会去医院吗？ nǐ shēngbìng de shíhou zuò shénme nǐ huì qù yīyuàn ma

生病的时候，我不能……，可以…… shēngbìng de shíhou wǒ bù néng kěyǐ

别……，要多休息 bié yào duō xiūxi

model answer

我的身体很好，很少生病。 wǒ de shēntǐ hěn hǎo hěn shǎo shēngbìng

生病的时候，我不能去上班，就在家休息。 shēngbìng de shíhou wǒ bù néng qù shàngbān jiù zài jiā xiūxi

我多喝水，早一点儿睡觉，睡觉前再喝一杯热水。 wǒ duō hē shuǐ zǎo yìdiǎnr shuìjiào shuìjiào qián zài hē yì bēi rè shuǐ

头疼的时候，我就吃一点儿药。 tóu téng de shíhou wǒ jiù chī yìdiǎnr yào

很不舒服的时候，我就去医院看病。 hěn bù shūfu de shíhou wǒ jiù qù yīyuàn kànbìng

医生经常说："别太累了，你要多休息。" yīshēng jīngcháng shuō bié tài lèi le nǐ yào duō xiūxi

I'm very healthy and rarely ill. When I am ill, I can't go to work, so I rest at home. I drink lots of water and go to bed a bit earlier, with a cup of hot water before bed. When I have a headache, I just take a little medicine. When I feel really unwell, I go to the hospital to see a doctor. Doctors often say: "Don't overdo it; you need plenty of rest."

good to know · 看病 is "to see a doctor" (for the patient) and also "to treat patients" (for the doctor). In China you usually go to a hospital, not a family doctor. 多 before a verb means "do more of it": 多喝水, 多休息, 多说汉语.

You can now say you are unwell, understand advice and pass it on: Chinese for real life.
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day 25 mission: exam week

Chinese HSKK beginner in 32 days
unit 5 · school & work

Talk through a busy week of study and work: what you remember, what you forget, and how you help each other.

A mock round on unit 5: the test likes school, work and busy days, and so does real conversation.

chapter 1 the night before

xiaoming 明天就要考试了，我还没准备好！
míngtiān jiù yào kǎoshì le wǒ hái méi zhǔnbèi hǎo · The exam's tomorrow and I'm not ready yet!

ms zhang 没事，你已经读了一个星期的书了。
méishì nǐ yǐjīng dú le yí gè xīngqī de shū le · Don't worry, you've been studying for a whole week.

anna 我明天也有考试。王老师说要考三十个汉字。
wǒ míngtiān yě yǒu kǎoshì Wáng lǎoshī shuō yào kǎo sānshí gè Hànzì · I've got a test tomorrow too. Teacher Wang says it's thirty characters.

xiaoming 那我们一起学吧！我说一个词，你写汉字。
nà wǒmen yìqǐ xué ba wǒ shuō yí gè cí nǐ xiě Hànzì · Let's study together, then! I say a word, you write the characters.

anna 好！……啊，“读书”的“读”我写错了。
hǎo a dúshū de dú wǒ xiě cuò le · OK! … Oh, I got the 读 of 读书 wrong.

xiaoming 没关系，你都记得，就是这个字写错了。
méi guānxi nǐ dōu jìde jiù shì zhège zì xiě cuò le · Never mind, you remember them all; it's just this one you wrote wrong.

chapter 2 test day

teacher wang 同学们，快要考试了，请大家写好名字。
tóngxuémen kuàiyào kǎoshì le qǐng dàjiā xiě hǎo míngzi · Everyone, the test is about to start. Please write your names.

anna 王老师，对不起，我忘了拿笔！
Wáng lǎoshī duìbuqǐ wǒ wàng le ná bǐ · Teacher Wang, sorry, I forgot to bring a pen!

teacher wang 没关系，我这儿有。考试的时候别说话。
méi guānxi wǒ zhèr yǒu kǎoshì de shíhou bié shuōhuà · That's fine, I have one here. No talking during the test.

anna 老师，这个题我看不懂。
lǎoshī zhège tí wǒ kàn bu dǒng · Teacher, I don't understand this question.

teacher wang 考试的时候我不能告诉你，你再看看。
kǎoshì de shíhou wǒ bù néng gàosu nǐ nǐ zài kàn kan · I can't tell you during the test. Read it again.

chapter 3 home late

ms zhang 都十点了，你爸爸还没回来。
dōu shí diǎn le nǐ bàba hái méi huílái · It's ten already and your dad still isn't back.

dr li 我回来了！今天医院里看病的人很多。
wǒ huílái le jīntiān yīyuàn lǐ kànbìng de rén hěn duō · I'm home! There were lots of patients at the hospital today.

xiaoming 爸爸，我今天考得很好！我都记得！
bàba wǒ jīntiān kǎo de hěn hǎo wǒ dōu jìde · Dad, my exam went really well! I remembered everything!

anna 我也考完了，就写错了一个字。
wǒ yě kǎo wán le jiù xiě cuò le yí gè zì · I've finished my test too, and I only got one character wrong.

dr li 太好了！我呢，今天忘了吃晚饭。
tài hǎo le wǒ ne jīntiān wàng le chī wǎnfàn · Great! As for me, I forgot to have dinner today.

ms zhang 饭已经做好了，快来吃吧！
fàn yǐjīng zuò hǎo le kuài lái chī ba · Dinner's already made. Come and eat!

repeat listen, then say it back

快要考试了，你准备好了吗？ **kuàiyào kǎoshì le nǐ zhǔnbèi hǎo le ma** The exam's coming soon. Are you ready?

我记得这个字，但是写错了。 **wǒ jìde zhège zì dànshì xiě cuò le** I remember this character, but I wrote it wrong.

生病的时候，别去学校上课。 **shēngbìng de shíhou bié qù xuéxiào shàngkè** When you're ill, don't go to school.

老师让我们好好准备考试。 **lǎoshī ràng wǒmen hǎo hǎo zhǔnbèi kǎoshì** The teacher tells us to prepare well for the exam.

虽然考试很多，但是我不累。 **suīrán kǎoshì hěn duō dànshì wǒ bú lèi** There are lots of exams, but I'm not tired.

reply answer out loud

上课你都能听懂吗？ shàngkè nǐ dōu néng tīng dǒng ma Can you understand everything in class?
→ 我能听懂一些。 wǒ néng tīng dǒng yìxiē
→ 老师说得慢，我都能听懂。 lǎoshī shuō de màn wǒ dōu néng tīng dǒng

你每天写汉字吗？ nǐ měi tiān xiě Hànzì ma Do you write characters every day?
→ 我每天写半个小时汉字。 wǒ měi tiān xiě bàn gè xiǎoshí Hànzì
→ 不是每天都写，有时写。 bú shì měi tiān dōu xiě yǒushí xiě

你为什么喜欢你的工作？ nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan nǐ de gōngzuò Why do you like your job?
→ 因为我的工作很有意思。 yīnwèi wǒ de gōngzuò hěn yǒu yìsi
→ 我不太喜欢，因为太忙了。 wǒ bú tài xǐhuan yīnwèi tài máng le

生病的时候，你做什么？ shēngbìng de shíhou nǐ zuò shénme What do you do when you're ill?
→ 我在家休息，多喝水。 wǒ zài jiā xiūxi duō hē shuǐ

你经常忘东西吗？ nǐ jīngcháng wàng dōngxi ma Do you often forget things?
→ 我经常忘拿笔！ wǒ jīngcháng wàng ná bǐ
→ 不，我都记得。 bù wǒ dōu jìde

talk 90 seconds

Are your studies and work busy? Tell us about a busy day. Talk for a minute and a half.

你每天的学习和工作忙吗？说一说你很忙的一天。 nǐ měi tiān de xuéxí hé gōngzuò máng ma shuō yi shuo nǐ hěn máng de yì tiān

快要……了，我已经…… kuàiyào le wǒ yǐjīng

虽然很累，但是…… suīrán hěn lèi dànshì

model answer

我每天的学习和工作都很忙。 wǒ měi tiān de xuéxí hé gōngzuò dōu hěn máng

上个星期五是我最忙的一天。 shàng gè xīngqīwǔ shì wǒ zuì máng de yì tiān

我早上七点起床，八点就有课。 wǒ zǎoshang qī diǎn qǐchuáng bā diǎn jiù yǒu kè

因为快要考试了，下课后我跟同学一起在学校读书。 yīnwèi kuàiyào kǎoshì le xiàkè hòu wǒ gēn tóngxué yìqǐ zài xuéxiào dúshū

晚上我去公司工作，十一点回家。 wǎnshang wǒ qù gōngsī gōngzuò shíyī diǎn huí jiā

虽然很累，但是我觉得很快乐。 suīrán hěn lèi dànshì wǒ juéde hěn kuàilè

My studies and work are busy every day. Last Friday was my busiest day. I got up at seven and had class at eight. The exams were coming soon, so after class I studied at school with my classmates. In the evening I went to work and didn't get home until eleven. It was tiring, but I felt happy.

Unit 5 done: school, teachers, work and health. You can now talk about the busiest parts of life, for a minute and a half each.
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