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day 1 a rainy morning

Chinese HSKK intermediate in 37 days
unit 1 · people

Describe a person in a picture: who they are, how they look, what they are doing, and guess what is going on.

Part 2 of the test shows you a picture and gives you about a minute and a half to talk about it. Saying how someone looks and what they are doing is where every answer starts.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
样子	yàngzi	look, appearance	我不知道他现在长{zhang3}什么样子。 I don't know what he looks like now.
年轻	niánqīng	young	王老师很年轻。 Teacher Wang is very young.
头发	tóufa	hair (on the head)	她的头发很长。 She has long hair.
短	duǎn	short (in length or time)	这条裤子有点儿短。 These trousers are a bit short.
雨衣	yǔyī	raincoat	要下雨了，带雨衣吧。 It's going to rain: take a raincoat.
伞	sǎn	umbrella	下雨了，别忘了伞！ It's raining: don't forget your umbrella!
着急	zháojí	worried, anxious; in a hurry	别着急，我们还有时间。 Don't worry, we still have time.
迟到	chídào	to be late	对不起，我迟到了。 Sorry I'm late.
好像	hǎoxiàng	to seem, look like	他好像生病了。 He seems to be ill.
黄色	huángsè	yellow	我喜欢黄色的衣服。 I like yellow clothes.

pattern 看起来..... and 正在.....呢: how people look, what is going on

她 | 看起来 / 看上去 | (有点儿 / 很) + adjective | ·正在 | verb | 呢

看起来 (or 看上去) plus an adjective says how someone looks: 她看起来很着急. It is the safest way to talk about a picture, because you say what you see, not what you know. For what is happening right now, put 正在 before the verb and 呢 at the end: 她正在等车呢.

他看起来很年轻。 **tā kàn qǐlai hěn niánqīng** He looks young.

她看上去有点儿累。 **tā kàn shangqu yǒudiǎnr lèi** She looks a little tired.

那个人正在打电话呢。 **nàge rén zhèngzài dǎ diànhuà ne** That person is on the phone.

她一直看手表，好像快迟到了。 **tā yìzhí kàn shǒubiǎo hǎoxiàng kuài chídào le** She keeps looking at her watch; she seems to be running late.

dialogue where are you?

xiaoming 喂，安娜，你在哪儿呢？九点上课，你快迟到了！
wèi Ānnà nǐ zài nǎr ne jiǔ diǎn shàngkè nǐ kuài chídào le · Hello? Anna, where are you? Class is at nine, you're going to be late!

anna 我正在等公交车呢。刚才下大雨，车都很慢。
wǒ zhèngzài děng gōngjiāochē ne gāngcái xià dà yǔ chē dōu hěn màn · I'm waiting for the bus. There was a downpour just now and all the buses are slow.

xiaoming 你带伞了吗？
nǐ dài sǎn le ma · Have you got an umbrella?

anna 带了，我还穿着雨衣呢。
dài le wǒ hái chuān zhe yǔyī ne · Yes, and I'm wearing a raincoat too.

xiaoming 车站人多吗？
chēzhàn rén duō ma · Are there many people at the stop?

anna 很多。我旁边有一个年轻人，看起来比我还着急。
hěn duō wǒ pángbiān yǒu yí gè niánqīng rén kàn qǐlai bǐ wǒ hái zháojí · Lots. There's a young man next to me who looks even more anxious than I am.

xiaoming 为什么？
wèi shénme · Why?

anna 他一直在看手表，好像有很重要的事。
tā yìzhí zài kàn shǒubiǎo hǎoxiàng yǒu hěn zhòngyào de shì · He keeps looking at his watch. He seems to have something important to do.

xiaoming 别着急，我先跟老师说一下。
bié zháojí wǒ xiān gēn lǎoshī shuō yíxià · Don't worry, I'll tell the teacher first.

anna 谢谢！公交车来了，我九点零五分到。再见！
xièxie gōngjiāochē lái le wǒ jiǔ diǎn língwǔ fēn dào zàijiàn · Thanks! The bus is here, I'll be there at five past nine. Bye!

repeat listen, then say it back

她的头发很短，很好看。 **tā de tóufa hěn duǎn hěn hǎokàn** Her hair is short, and it looks nice.

他看起来有点儿着急。 **tā kàn qǐlai yǒudiǎnr zháojí** He looks a bit anxious.

你带伞了吗？外面在下雨。 **nǐ dài sǎn le ma wàimiàn zài xià yǔ** Have you got an umbrella? It's raining outside.

她穿着一件黄色的雨衣。 **tā chuān zhe yí jiàn huángsè de yǔyī** She is wearing a yellow raincoat.

公交车还没来，我快迟到了。 **gōngjiāochē hái méi lái wǒ kuài chídào le** The bus still hasn't come, and I'm going to be late.

我们正在等车呢，你别着急。 **wǒmen zhèngzài děng chē ne nǐ bié zháojí** We're waiting for the bus; don't worry.

reply answer out loud

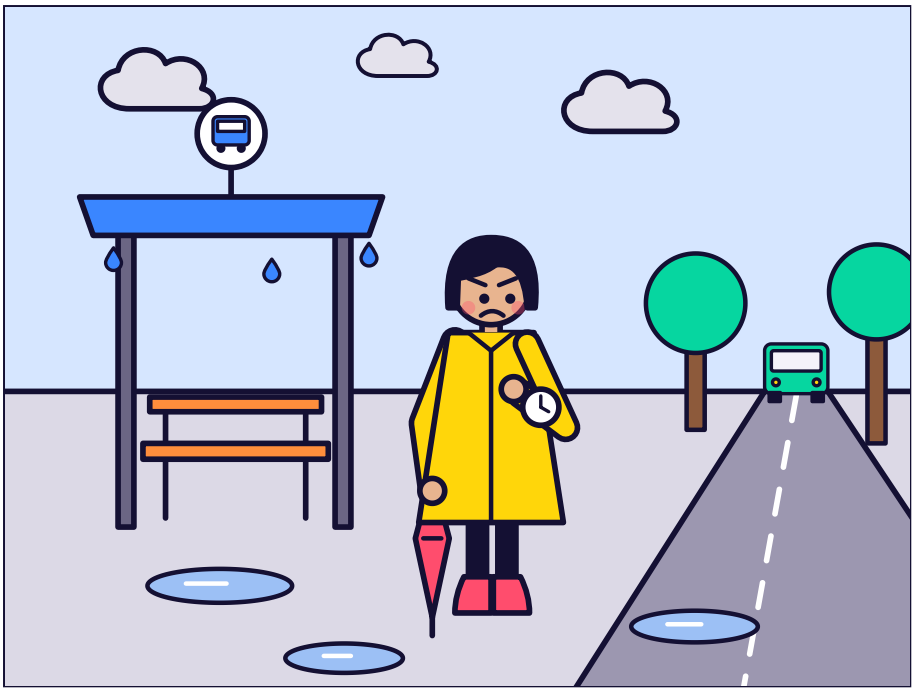
你觉得下雨天怎么样？ nǐ juéde xià yǔ tiān zěnmeyàng What do you think of rainy days?
→ 我觉得下雨天有点儿麻烦。 wǒ juéde xià yǔ tiān yǒudiǎnr máfan
→ 不过空气很好，街上也很安静。 búguò kōngqì hěn hǎo jiē shàng yě hěn ānjìng

你常常迟到吗？ nǐ chángcháng chídào ma Are you often late?
→ 我几乎不迟到。 wǒ jīhū bù chídào
→ 对我来说，迟到是很不好意思的事。 duì wǒ lái shuō chídào shì hěn bù hǎoyìsi de shì

你喜欢短头发还是长头发？ nǐ xǐhuan duǎn tóufa háishi cháng tóufa Do you prefer short hair or long hair?
→ 我更喜欢短头发。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan duǎn tóufa
→ 因为短头发很方便，看起来也很年轻。 yīnwèi duǎn tóufa hěn fāngbiàn kàn qǐlai yě hěn niánqīng

你出门的时候带伞吗？ nǐ chūmén de shíhou dài sǎn ma Do you take an umbrella when you go out?
→ 我包里一直有一把伞。 wǒ bāo lǐ yìzhí yǒu yì bǎ sǎn
→ 因为我怕突然下雨。 yīnwèi wǒ pà tūrán xià yǔ

describe the picture 60 seconds



Describe the picture: say who is there, where they are and what they are doing, add some details, guess what is going on and why, and link it to yourself. Talk for a minute.

图上有谁？她在哪儿？她在做什么？你觉得她怎么了？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tā zài nǎr tā zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde tā zěnme le wèi shénme

这张图片上有…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng yǒu

她穿着……，手里拿着…… tā chuān zhe shǒu lǐ ná zhe

她正在……呢。 tā zhèngzài ne

她看起来……，好像…… tā kàn qǐlai hǎoxiàng

如果我是她，我会…… rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì

model answer

这张图片上有一个车站，车站旁边站着一个年轻的女人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng yǒu yí gè chēzhàn chēzhàn pángbiān zhàn zhe yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén

她的头发很短，穿着一件黄色的雨衣，手里拿着一把伞。 tā de tóufa hěn duǎn chuān zhe yí jiàn huángsè de yǔyī shǒu lǐ ná zhe yì bǎ sǎn

她正在等公交车呢，一边等一边看手表。 tā zhèngzài děng gōngjiāochē ne yìbiān děng yìbiān kàn shǒubiǎo

车站里有一把椅子，很远的地方有一辆公交车，旁边还有两棵树。 chēzhàn lǐ yǒu yì bǎ yǐzi hěn yuǎn de dìfang yǒu yí liàng gōngjiāochē pángbiān hái yǒu liǎng kē shù

她看起来有点儿着急，好像快迟到了，因为公交车离她还很远。 tā kàn qǐlai yǒudiǎnr zháojí hǎoxiàng kuài chídào le yīnwèi gōngjiāochē lí tā hái hěn yuǎn

如果我是她，我会早一点儿出门，或者坐出租车去。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì zǎo yìdiǎnr chūmén huòzhě zuò chūzūchē qù

In this picture there is a bus stop, and a young woman is standing next to it. Her hair is short, she is wearing a yellow raincoat and she has an umbrella in her hand. She is waiting for the bus and looking at her watch while she waits. There is a bench at the stop, a bus far away, and two trees beside it. She looks a bit anxious; she seems to be running late, because the bus is still far away. If I were her, I would leave a bit earlier, or take a taxi.

talk 60 seconds

Do you think the way a person looks is important? Why? Talk for a minute.

你觉得一个人的样子重要吗？为什么？ nǐ juéde yí gè rén de yàngzi zhòngyào ma wèi shénme

我觉得……，但是…… wǒ juéde dànshì

第一次见面的时候，…… dì yī cì jiànmiàn de shíhou

有的人看起来……，可是…… yǒude rén kàn qǐlai kěshì

比如…… bǐrú

所以我觉得……比……更重要。 suǒyǐ wǒ juéde bǐ gèng zhòngyào

model answer

我觉得一个人的样子有一点儿重要，但不是最重要的。 wǒ juéde yí gè rén de yàngzi yǒuyìdiǎnr zhòngyào dàn bú shì zuì zhòngyào de

第一次见面的时候，我们常常先看一个人的样子。 dì yī cì jiànmiàn de shíhou wǒmen chángcháng xiān kàn yí gè rén de yàngzi

比如，衣服干净的人看起来很认真。 bǐrú yīfu gānjìng de rén kàn qǐlai hěn rènzhēn

可是有的人样子很好看，性格却不太好。 kěshì yǒude rén yàngzi hěn hǎokàn xìnggé què bú tài hǎo

也有的人样子很普通，可是非常热情，也很愿意帮助别人。 yě yǒude rén yàngzi hěn pǔtōng kěshì fēicháng rèqíng yě hěn yuànyì bāngzhù biérén

所以我觉得，跟一个人做朋友，性格比样子更重要。 suǒyǐ wǒ juéde gēn yí gè rén zuò péngyou xìnggé bǐ yàngzi gèng zhòngyào

I think the way a person looks matters a little, but it isn't the most important thing. When we meet someone for the first time, we often look at their appearance first. For example, people in clean clothes look serious. But some people look great and aren't very nice. And some people look quite ordinary but are really warm and happy to help others. So I think that when you make friends with someone, their character matters more than their looks.

good to know · Talk about a picture in the same order every time: the place, the person, what they are doing, two details, one guess, then you. With a fixed order you never run out of things to say. A guess needs its reason: 她好像快迟到了 is good; 她好像快迟到了，因为她一直看手表 is better. 看起来 is "looks (to me)": it is a guess. 好像 works the same way, and also before a whole sentence: 好像要下雨了.

One minute about one picture, in Chinese. In the test you get two of them: you have just done the first.
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day 2 new clothes

Describe what people are wearing and holding, and say what you look for when you buy clothes.

Clothes are the easiest details in any picture: 穿着 and 拿着 give you two sentences about every person you see.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
衬衫	chènshān	shirt	这件衬衫很好看。 This shirt looks nice.
裙子	qúnzi	skirt, dress	这条裙子太长了。 This skirt is too long.
试	shì	to try, try on	我可以试一下吗? Can I try it on?
合适	héshì	suitable, the right fit	这件衣服你穿正合适。 This fits you perfectly.
选择	xuǎnzé	to choose; choice	这里有好多种，你可以自己选择。 There are lots of kinds here: you can choose for yourself.
注意	zhùyì	to pay attention, be careful	天冷了，注意身体。 It's getting cold: look after yourself.
流行	liúxíng	be popular, in fashion	今年流行这种颜色。 This colour is in fashion this year.
镜子	jìngzi	mirror	出门前，我照了照镜子。 Before going out, I checked myself in the mirror.
大小	dàxiǎo	size	这双鞋大小合适吗? Are these shoes the right size?
蓝	lán	blue	北京秋天的天很蓝。 In autumn the sky in Beijing is very blue.

pattern verb + 着 and 又……又……: what people wear and hold; two points at once

她 | 穿着 / 拿着 / 戴着 | thing | ·又 | A | 又 | B

着 after a verb means the state goes on: 穿着 wearing, 拿着 holding, 戴着 wearing (glasses, a watch). In a picture talk it gives you the people: 她手里拿着一条裙子. 又A又B joins two qualities of one thing, both good or both bad: 又便宜又好看, 又大又长.

他身上穿着一件白色的衬衫。 **tā shēn shàng chuān zhe yí jiàn báisè de chènshān** He is wearing a white shirt.

妈妈戴着眼镜，手里拿着一件衣服。 **māma dài zhe yǎnjìng shǒu lǐ ná zhe yí jiàn yīfu** Mum is wearing glasses and holding a piece of clothing.

这条裙子又便宜又好看。 **zhè tiáo qúnzi yòu piányi yòu hǎokàn** This dress is cheap and pretty.

这件衬衫又大又长，不合适。 **zhè jiàn chènshān yòu dà yòu cháng bù héshì** This shirt is too big and too long: it doesn't fit.

dialogue too long

anna 妹妹，你看这条蓝裙子怎么样?
mèimei nǐ kàn zhè tiáo lán qúnzi zěnmeyàng · What do you think of this blue dress?

little sister 又漂亮又流行！你去试试吧。
yòu piàoliang yòu liúxíng nǐ qù shì shi ba · It's pretty and it's in fashion! Go and try it on.

anna 我穿着有点儿长。你觉得大小合适吗?
wǒ chuān zhe yǒudiǎnr cháng nǐ juéde dàxiǎo héshì ma · It feels a bit long on me. Do you think it's the right size?

little sister 太长了！你看镜子，裙子都到地上了。
tài cháng le nǐ kàn jìngzi qúnzi dōu dào dì shàng le · Far too long! Look in the mirror: it touches the floor.

anna 是啊。那我还是买这件白色的衬衫吧。
shì a nà wǒ háishi mǎi zhè jiàn báisè de chènshān ba · True. Then I'll go for this white shirt instead.

little sister 白色的衬衫又便宜又舒服，才一百块，上课的时候也能穿。
báisè de chènshān yòu piányi yòu shūfu cái yìbǎi kuài shàngkè de shíhou yě néng chuān · A white shirt is cheap and comfortable, only a hundred yuan, and you can wear it to class too.

anna 你手里拿着什么?
nǐ shǒu lǐ ná zhe shénme · What have you got there?

little sister 一条短裙子。我也想试一下！
yì tiáo duǎn qúnzi wǒ yě xiǎng shì yíxià · A short skirt. I want to try one on too!

anna 好，我在这儿等你。要注意大小，别像我一样！
hǎo wǒ zài zhèr děng nǐ yào zhùyì dàxiǎo bié xiàng wǒ yíyàng · OK, I'll wait here. Check the size, don't do what I did!

repeat listen, then say it back

你可以去那边试一下。 nǐ kěyǐ qù nàbiān shì yíxià You can go and try it on over there.

她手里拿着一件衬衫。 tā shǒu lǐ ná zhe yí jiàn chènshān She is holding a shirt.

这件衣服的大小合适吗? zhè jiàn yīfu de dàxiǎo héshì ma Is this the right size?

这条蓝裙子又便宜又好看。 zhè tiáo lán qúnzi yòu piányi yòu hǎokàn This blue dress is cheap and pretty.

现在流行什么颜色的衣服? xiànzài liúxíng shénme yánsè de yīfu What colour is in fashion now?

我在镜子前面试了一下衬衫。 wǒ zài jìngzi qiánmiàn shì le yíxià chènshān I tried the shirt on in front of the mirror.

reply answer out loud

你喜欢穿裙子还是裤子? nǐ xǐhuan chuān qúnzi háishi kùzi Do you prefer wearing skirts or trousers?

→ 我更喜欢穿裤子。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan chuān kùzi

→ 比如骑自行车的时候，穿裤子方便多了。 bǐrú qí zìxíngchē de shíhou chuān kùzi fāngbiàn duō le

买衣服你会先试吗? mǎi yīfu nǐ huì xiān shì ma Do you try clothes on before you buy them?

→ 会，我一定先试一试。 huì wǒ yídìng xiān shì yi shi

→ 因为每个商店衣服的大小都不一样。 yīnwèi měi gè shāngdiàn yīfu de dàxiǎo dōu bù yíyàng

你觉得流行的衣服怎么样? nǐ juéde liúxíng de yīfu zěnmeyàng What do you think of fashionable clothes?

→ 有的很好看，有的我穿着不合适。 yǒude hěn hǎokàn yǒude wǒ chuān zhe bù héshì

→ 所以我只买适合自己的。 suǒyǐ wǒ zhǐ mǎi shìhé zìjǐ de

你出门的时候带伞吗? nǐ chūmén de shíhou dài sǎn ma Do you take an umbrella when you go out?

→ 下雨的时候我才带伞。 xià yǔ de shíhou wǒ cái dài sǎn

→ 因为伞太大，拿着很不方便。 yīnwèi sǎn tài dà ná zhe hěn bù fāngbiàn

describe the picture 60 seconds



Describe the picture: say who is there, where they are and what they are doing, add some details, guess what is going on and why, and link it to yourself. Talk for a minute.

图上有谁？她们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得她们怎么了？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde tāmen zěnme le wèi shénme

这张图片上是…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì

左边的……穿着…… zuǒbian de chuān zhe

右边的……戴着……，手里拿着…… yòubian de dài zhe shǒu lǐ ná zhe

……好像觉得……，可是…… hǎoxiàng juéde kěshì

如果我是她，我会…… rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì

model answer

这张图片上是一个卖衣服的商店，里面有两个人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè mài yīfu de shāngdiàn lǐmiàn yǒu liǎng gè rén

左边的女孩子很年轻，头发很长，身上穿着一条蓝裙子。 zuǒbian de nǚ háizi hěn niánqīng tóufa hěn cháng shēn shàng chuān zhe yì tiáo lán qúnzi

她正站在镜子前面试这条裙子。 tā zhèng zhàn zài jìngzi qiánmiàn shì zhè tiáo qúnzi

右边的女人戴着眼镜，手里拿着一件白色的衬衫。 yòubian de nǚrén dài zhe yǎnjìng shǒu lǐ ná zhe yí jiàn báisè de chènshān

她们可能是妈妈和女儿，妈妈好像觉得裙子很合适，可是女儿看起来不太满意，因为裙子太长了。 tāmen kěnéng shì māma hé nǚér māma hǎoxiàng juéde qúnzi hěn héshì kěshì nǚér kàn qǐlai bú tài mǎnyì yīnwèi qúnzi tài cháng le

如果我是她，我会选择短一点儿的裙子。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì xuǎnzé duǎn yìdiǎnr de qúnzi

This picture shows a clothes shop with two people in it. The girl on the left is young, has long hair and is wearing a blue dress. She is standing in front of the mirror trying the dress on. The woman on the right wears glasses and is holding a white shirt. They may be mother and daughter: the mother seems to think the dress fits well, but the daughter doesn't look happy with it, because it is too long. If I were her, I would choose a shorter dress.

talk 60 seconds

When you buy clothes, what do you pay most attention to? Why? Talk for a minute.

买衣服的时候，你最注意什么？为什么？ mǎi yīfu de shíhou nǐ zuì zhùyì shénme wèi shénme

我最注意的是…… wǒ zuì zhùyì de shì

因为…… yīnwèi

所以我每次都…… suǒyǐ wǒ měi cì dōu

又……又…… yòu yòu

我不太注意…… wǒ bú tài zhùyì

model answer

买衣服的时候，我最注意的是大小合适不合适。 mǎi yīfu de shíhou wǒ zuì zhùyì de shì dàxiǎo héshì bù héshì

因为衣服再好看，太大或者太小都不舒服。 yīnwèi yīfu zài hǎokàn tài dà huòzhě tài xiǎo dōu bù shūfu

所以我每次都先试一试；在网上买衣服不能试，这是一个很大的缺点。 suǒyǐ wǒ měi cì dōu xiān shì yi shi zài wǎngshang mǎi yīfu bù néng shì zhè shì yí gè hěn dà de quēdiǎn

我也注意颜色，尤其喜欢蓝颜色的衣服，又简单又好看。 wǒ yě zhùyì yánsè yóuqí xǐhuan lán yánsè de yīfu yòu jiǎndān yòu hǎokàn

我不太注意流行不流行，因为流行的东西变得很快。 wǒ bú tài zhùyì liúxíng bù liúxíng yīnwèi liúxíng de dōngxi biàn de hěn kuài

我觉得穿着舒服最重要。 wǒ juéde chuān zhe shūfu zuì zhòngyào

When I buy clothes, what I pay most attention to is whether the size is right. However nice the clothes are, they aren't comfortable if they're too big or too small. So I always try them on first; online you can't, and that's a big drawback. I also pay attention to colour, especially blue clothes, which are simple and nice-looking. I don't care much about fashion, because fashion changes fast. I think being comfortable matters most.

good to know · Measure words make you sound fluent: 一条裙子 (long, soft things), 一件衬衫 (clothes for the top half). In a picture with two people, describe one at a time: 左边的..... then 右边的..... You never lose your place. 蓝 on its own is "blue": 一条蓝裙子, 蓝颜色的衣服. White is 白色: 白色的衬衫.

Two people, two sets of clothes, one disagreement, one minute. Pictures get easier every time you do one.
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day 3 old friends

Guess what is going on between people from what you see, and say what matters most between friends.

“What matters between friends?” is the kind of people question part 3 asks, and a guess with its reason (好像……，大概是因为……) is what makes a picture talk sound clever.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
好久	hǎojiǔ	a long time	我好久没看电影了。 I haven’t seen a film in ages.
遇见	yùjiàn	to meet (by chance)	昨天我在超市遇见了王老师。 Yesterday I bumped into Teacher Wang at the supermarket.
聊	liáo	to chat	有时间我们聊一聊。 Let’s have a chat when you have time.
开心	kāixīn	happy, cheerful	今天我很开心！ I’m so happy today!
性格	xìnggé	personality, character	她性格很好，大家都喜欢她。 She has a lovely personality; everyone likes her.
热情	rèqíng	warm, enthusiastic	我的邻居很热情。 My neighbours are really welcoming.
相信	xiāngxìn	to believe, trust	我相信你！ I believe you!
互相	hùxiāng	each other	好朋友应该互相帮助。 Good friends should help each other.
关系	guānxì	relationship; connection	我和邻居的关系很好。 I get on well with my neighbours.
见面	jiànmiàn	to meet (up)	我们明天见面吧。 Let’s meet up tomorrow.

pattern 好像 and 大概 for a guess; 对……来说 for your view

她们 + 好像 + what you guess + ，大概是因为 + the cue you see + ·对我来说， + your view

好像 is “it seems”: a guess from what you see. 大概 is “probably”; add the reason with 是因为. A good guess in a picture talk names its cue: 她们好像好久没见面了，因为两个人都笑得很开心. 对我来说 (“for me”) opens your own view: 对我来说，最重要的是……

她们好像好久没见面了。 **tāmen hǎoxiàng hǎojiǔ méi jiànmiàn le** They seem not to have seen each other for a long time.

他今天没来上课，大概是生病了。 **tā jīntiān méi lái shàngkè dàgài shì shēngbìng le** He didn’t come to class today; he’s probably ill.

对我来说，朋友比钱重要。 **duì wǒ lái shuō péngyou bǐ qián zhòngyào** For me, friends matter more than money.

对孩子来说，玩也很重要。 **duì háizi lái shuō wán yě hěn zhòngyào** For children, playing matters too.

dialogue guess who i met

xiaoming 安娜，你猜我昨天在地铁上遇见谁了？
Ānnà nǐ cāi wǒ zuótiān zài dìtiě shàng yùjiàn shéi le · Anna, guess who I ran into on the metro yesterday?

anna 谁啊？看你的样子，好像很开心。
shéi a kàn nǐ de yàngzi hǎoxiàng hěn kāixīn · Who? You look really happy about it.

xiaoming 我中学的好朋友！我们好久不见了，一直聊到晚上。
wǒ zhōngxué de hǎo péngyou wǒmen hǎojiǔ bújiàn le yìzhí liáo dào wǎnshang · My best friend from middle school! We hadn't seen each other for ages, and we talked until the evening.

anna 他的性格怎么样？
tā de xìnggé zěnmeyàng · What's he like?

xiaoming 他很热情，也很爱笑。我们的爱好一样，上中学的时候每天一起踢足球。
tā hěn rèqíng yě hěn ài xiào wǒmen de àihào yíyàng shàng zhōngxué de shíhou měi tiān yìqǐ tī zúqiú · He's really warm and laughs a lot. We like the same things: at middle school we played football together every day.

anna 你们的关系一定很好吧。
nǐmen de guānxì yídìng hěn hǎo ba · You two must be really close.

xiaoming 对。对我来说，他是最好的朋友，我们互相相信，什么都可以说。
duì duì wǒ lái shuō tā shì zuìhǎo de péngyou wǒmen hùxiāng xiāngxìn shénme dōu kěyǐ shuō · Yes. For me he's my best friend: we trust each other and can talk about anything.

anna 那你们应该常常见面！
nà nǐmen yīnggāi chángcháng jiànmiàn · Then you should meet up often!

xiaoming 他下个月结婚，我们说好了，下个星期六再一起吃饭。
tā xià gè yuè jiéhūn wǒmen shuō hǎo le xià gè xīngqīliù zài yìqǐ chī fàn · He's getting married next month. We've agreed to have dinner again next Saturday.

repeat listen, then say it back

我们好久没有见面了。 **wǒmen hǎojiǔ méiyǒu jiànmiàn le** We haven't seen each other for ages.

他的性格很好，很热情。 **tā de xìnggé hěn hǎo hěn rèqíng** He has a lovely personality; he's very warm.

你们俩一般在哪儿见面？ **nǐmen liǎ yìbān zài nǎr jiànmiàn** Where do you two usually meet?

对我来说，朋友比钱重要。 **duì wǒ lái shuō péngyou bǐ qián zhòngyào** For me, friends matter more than money.

我昨天在路上遇见了老师。 **wǒ zuótiān zài lùshang yùjiàn le lǎoshī** I ran into my teacher in the street yesterday.

我们在咖啡店聊了一个下午。 **wǒmen zài kāfēi diàn liáo le yí gè xiàwǔ** We chatted in the café all afternoon.

reply answer out loud

你有几个好朋友？ **nǐ yǒu jǐ gè hǎo péngyou** How many good friends do you have?

→ 我有三四个好朋友。 **wǒ yǒu sānsì gè hǎo péngyou**

→ 我觉得好朋友不用很多，有几个就够了。 **wǒ juéde hǎo péngyou búyòng hěn duō yǒu jǐ gè jiù gòu le**

你觉得网上交朋友怎么样？ **nǐ juéde wǎngshang jiāo péngyou zěnmeyàng** What do you think of making friends online?

→ 可以试一试，能认识很多人。 **kěyǐ shì yi shi néng rènshi hěn duō rén**

→ 不过第一次见面，最好在人多的地方。 **búguò dì yī cì jiànmiàn zuìhǎo zài rén duō de dìfang**

你常跟朋友见面吗？ **nǐ cháng gēn péngyou jiànmiàn ma** Do you often meet up with friends?

→ 不经常，一个月见一两次。 **bù jīngcháng yí gè yuè jiàn yìliǎng cì**

→ 因为大家都很忙。 **yīnwèi dàjiā dōu hěn máng**

朋友迟到了，你会生气吗？ **péngyou chídào le nǐ huì shēngqì ma** If a friend is late, do you get angry?

→ 有时会有一点儿生气。 **yǒushí huì yǒuyìdiǎnr shēngqì**

→ 不过如果他先打电话告诉我，我就能理解。 **búguò rúguǒ tā xiān dǎ diànhuà gàosu wǒ wǒ jiù néng lǐjiě**

describe the picture 60 seconds



Describe the picture: say who is there, where they are and what they are doing, add some details, guess what is going on and why, and link it to yourself. Talk for a minute.

图上有谁？她们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得她们是什么关系？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde tāmen shì shénme guānxì wèi shénme

这张图片上是…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì

左边的……，右边的…… zuǒbian de yòubian de

桌子上有…… zhuōzi shàng yǒu

她们好像……，大概是因为…… tāmen hǎoxiàng dàgài shì yīnwèi

我也有一个…… wǒ yě yǒu yí gè

model answer

这张图片上是一个咖啡店的门口，那儿有两个女人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè kāfēi diàn de ménkǒu nàr yǒu liǎng gè nǚrén

左边的女人穿着绿色的裤子，右边的女人头发很短，穿着大衣，背着一个包。 zuǒbian de nǚrén chuān zhe lǜsè de kùzi yòubian de nǚrén tóufa hěn duǎn chuān zhe dàyī bēi zhe yí gè bāo

两个人都笑得很开心，张开了手，好像要抱在一起。 liǎng gè rén dōu xiào de hěn kāixīn zhāng kāi le shǒu hǎoxiàng yào bào zài yìqǐ

旁边有一张小桌子和两把椅子，桌子上有两杯咖啡和一块蛋糕。 pángbiān yǒu yì zhāng xiǎo zhuōzi hé liǎng bǎ yǐzi zhuōzi shàng yǒu liǎng bēi kāfēi hé yí kuài dàngāo

她们大概是好久没见面的老朋友，所以特别开心。 tāmen dàgài shì hǎojiǔ méi jiànmiàn de lǎo péngyou suǒyǐ tèbié kāixīn

我也有一个好朋友在英国，如果我们见面，我也会这么开心。 wǒ yě yǒu yí gè hǎo péngyou zài Yīngguó rúguǒ wǒmen jiànmiàn wǒ yě huì zhème kāixīn

This picture shows the front of a café, with two women there. The woman on the left is wearing green trousers; the woman on the right has short hair, wears a coat and has a bag over her shoulder. They are both laughing and holding their arms out, as if they are about to hug. Beside them there is a small table with two chairs, and on the table are two cups of coffee and a piece of cake. They are probably old friends who haven't seen each other for a long time, so they are especially happy. I have a good friend in the UK too: if we met, I would be just as happy.

talk 60 seconds

What do you think matters most between good friends? Why? Talk for a minute.

你觉得好朋友之间最重要的是什么？为什么？ nǐ juéde hǎo péngyou zhījiān zuì zhòngyào de shì shénme wèi shénme

对我来说，……最重要。 duì wǒ lái shuō zuì zhòngyào

因为如果……，就…… yīnwèi rúguǒ jiù

比如我有一个朋友…… bǐrú wǒ yǒu yí gè péngyou

我们常常…… wǒmen chángcháng

所以我觉得…… suǒyǐ wǒ juéde

model answer

对我来说，好朋友之间最重要的是互相相信。 duì wǒ lái shuō hǎo péngyou zhījiān zuì zhòngyào de shì hùxiāng xiāngxìn

因为如果朋友之间不能互相相信，关系就不会好。 yīnwèi rúguǒ péngyou zhījiān bù néng hùxiāng xiāngxìn guānxì jiù bú huì hǎo

比如我有一个好朋友在英国，我们好久没见面了。 bǐrú wǒ yǒu yí gè hǎo péngyou zài Yīngguó wǒmen hǎojiǔ méi jiànmiàn le

可是我们常常在网上聊天，什么都可以跟对方说。 kěshì wǒmen chángcháng zài wǎngshang liáotiān shénme dōu kěyǐ gēn duìfāng shuō

她开心的时候我也开心，我有问题的时候她也一定会帮我。 tā kāixīn de shíhou wǒ yě kāixīn wǒ yǒu wèntí de shíhou tā yě yídìng huì bāng wǒ

所以我觉得，好朋友不一定每天见面，但是一定要互相相信。 suǒyǐ wǒ juéde hǎo péngyou bù yídìng měi tiān jiànmiàn dànshì yídìng yào hùxiāng xiāngxìn

For me, what matters most between good friends is trusting each other. If friends can't trust each other, the friendship won't be good. For example, I have a good friend in the UK, and we haven't seen each other for a long time. But we often chat online, and we can tell each other anything. When she's happy, I'm happy, and when I have a problem she always helps me. So I think good friends don't have to see each other every day, but they do have to trust each other.

good to know · One clear example beats three general ideas: "I have a friend who…" gives you two or three sentences for free. 遇见 is meeting by chance (I ran into him); 见面 is meeting up on purpose (we met for coffee). 好久不见！ is "long time no see!", the first thing to say when you meet an old friend.

A guess with its reason is the sentence examiners love. You made one today, in a minute of Chinese. Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 4 neighbours

Say what is where in a picture, and give a view with two sides: neighbours, help and the people around you.

门口站着一位老人 is how a good picture talk opens: the place first, then what is in it. And 虽然……但是…… lets you show both sides of an opinion, which part 3 rewards.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
邻居	línjū	neighbour	刘阿姨是我的新邻居。 Auntie Liu is my new neighbour.
小区	xiǎoqū	housing estate	我住在这个小区。 I live on this estate.
老人	lǎorén	old person, the elderly	公园里有很多老人。 There are lots of older people in the park.
照顾	zhàogù	to look after	她照顾她的奶奶。 She looks after her grandma.
帮助	bāngzhù	to help; help	谢谢你的帮助！ Thank you for your help!
提	tí	to carry (in the hand); to raise	我帮你提这个包吧。 Let me carry this bag for you.
打招呼	dǎzhāohu	say hello, greet	见到邻居应该打招呼。 You should say hello when you see your neighbours.
应该	yīnggāi	should, ought to	你应该多休息。 You should rest more.
叔叔	shūshu	uncle	叔叔好！ Hello, uncle!
关心	guānxīn	to care about, look out for	谢谢你这么关心我。 Thank you for caring about me so much.

pattern place + verb + 着 + someone or something; 虽然……但是……

门口 | 站着 / 放着 | 一位老人 | ·虽然 | fact | ，但是 | the other side

To say what is where, start with the place, then verb + 着, then who or what is there: 门口站着一位老人, 桌子上放着两本书. It is the classic way to open a picture. 虽然……但是…… means “although”: one fact, then the other side of it. You can drop 虽然, but never 但是.

门口站着一个孩子。 **ménkǒu zhàn zhe yí gè háizi** A child is standing at the door.

桌子上放着两杯咖啡。 **zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe liǎng bēi kāfēi** There are two cups of coffee on the table.

门口走过来一个孩子。 **ménkǒu zǒu guolai yí gè háizi** A child comes walking over to the gate.

虽然他是新邻居，但是对大家很热情。 **suīrán tā shì xīn línjū dànshì duì dàjiā hěn rèqíng** Although he’s a new neighbour, he’s very warm with everyone.

dialogue at the gate

anna 奶奶，您好！您提着这么多东西，我来帮您。
nǎinai nín hǎo nín tí zhe zhème duō dōngxi wǒ lái bāng nín · Hello, Grandma! You're carrying so much. Let me help.

grandma 谢谢你，安娜！虽然东西不少，但是不太重。
xièxie nǐ Ānnà suīrán dōngxi bù shǎo dànshì bú tài zhòng · Thank you, Anna! It's quite a lot, but it isn't very heavy.

anna 门口站着的那位叔叔是谁？
ménkǒu zhàn zhe de nà wèi shūshu shì shéi · Who's the man standing at the gate?

grandma 他是我们的邻居，住在三楼。他每天早上都跟我打招呼。
tā shì wǒmen de línjū zhù zài sān lóu tā měi tiān zǎoshang dōu gēn wǒ dǎ zhāohu · He's our neighbour, he lives on the third floor. He says hello to me every morning.

anna 你们小区的邻居关系真好。
nǐmen xiǎoqū de línjū guānxì zhēn hǎo · The neighbours on your estate really get on.

grandma 是啊。我们这儿老人很多，大家都互相照顾。
shì a wǒmen zhèr lǎorén hěn duō dàjiā dōu hùxiāng zhàogù · Yes. There are lots of old people here, and everyone looks after each other.

anna 在英国，有的人住了好几年，都不认识邻居。
zài Yīngguó yǒude rén zhù le hǎo jǐ nián dōu bú rènshi línjū · In the UK, some people live somewhere for years and never get to know their neighbours.

grandma 虽然大家都很忙，但是邻居之间应该互相关心。
suīrán dàjiā dōu hěn máng dànshì línjū zhījiān yīnggāi hùxiāng guānxīn · Everyone's busy, but neighbours should still look out for each other.

anna 您说得对。我以后也要多跟邻居打招呼。
nín shuō de duì wǒ yǐhòu yě yào duō gēn línjū dǎ zhāohu · You're right. From now on I'll say hello to my neighbours more too.

repeat listen, then say it back

他每天都跟邻居打招呼。 **tā měi tiān dōu gēn línjū dǎ zhāohu** He says hello to the neighbours every day.

小区门口站着一位老人。 **xiǎoqū ménkǒu zhàn zhe yí wèi lǎorén** An old man is standing at the gate of the estate.

邻居之间应该互相照顾。 **línjū zhījiān yīnggāi hùxiāng zhàogù** Neighbours should look after each other.

你认识住在楼上的邻居吗？ **nǐ rènshi zhù zài lóu shàng de línjū ma** Do you know the neighbours who live upstairs?

这么多东西，我来帮您提吧。 **zhème duō dōngxi wǒ lái bāng nín tí ba** That's a lot of shopping. Let me carry it for you.

虽然他是新邻居，但是很热情。 **suīrán tā shì xīn línjū dànshì hěn rèqíng** He's a new neighbour, but he's very friendly.

reply answer out loud

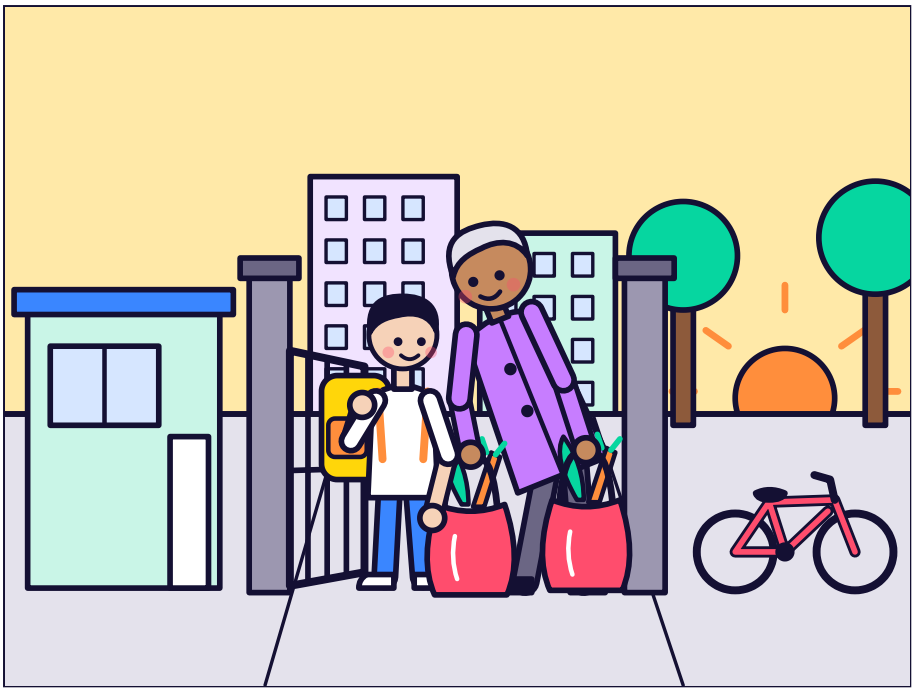
你认识你的邻居吗？ nǐ rènshi nǐ de línjū ma Do you know your neighbours?
→ 我认识几个。 wǒ rènshi jǐ gè
→ 因为我们常常在电梯里遇见。 yīnwèi wǒmen chángcháng zài diàntī lǐ yùjiàn

楼上声音太大，怎么办？ lóu shàng shēngyīn tài dà zěnme bàn What do you do if it's too noisy upstairs?
→ 我会先上楼跟他们聊一聊。 wǒ huì xiān shàng lóu gēn tāmen liáo yi liao
→ 我觉得说清楚了，大家都能理解。 wǒ juéde shuō qīngchu le dàjiā dōu néng lǐjiě

你觉得你住的地方怎么样？ nǐ juéde nǐ zhù de dìfang zěnmeyàng What do you think of where you live?
→ 我觉得还不错，很安静。 wǒ juéde hái búcuò hěn ānjìng
→ 就是离地铁站有点儿远，每天要走十五分钟。 jiùshì lí dìtiě zhàn yǒudiǎnr yuǎn měi tiān yào zǒu shíwǔ fēnzhōng

你有几个好朋友？ nǐ yǒu jǐ gè hǎo péngyou How many good friends do you have?
→ 我有两个特别好的朋友。 wǒ yǒu liǎng gè tèbié hǎo de péngyou
→ 我觉得有两三个好朋友就够了。 wǒ juéde yǒu liǎngsān gè hǎo péngyou jiù gòu le

describe the picture 60 seconds



Describe the picture: say who is there, where they are and what they are doing, add some details, guess what is going on and why, and link it to yourself. Talk for a minute.

图上有谁？他们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得现在是什么时候？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde xiànzài shì shénme shíhou wèi shénme

这张图片上是……，门口站着…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì ménkǒu zhàn zhe

他手里提着…… tā shǒu lǐ tí zhe

左边有……，右边放着…… zuǒbian yǒu yòubian fàng zhe

……大概……，因为…… dàgài yīnwèi

如果我遇见……，我也会…… rúguǒ wǒ yùjiàn wǒ yě huì

model answer

这张图片上是一个小区的门口，门口站着一位老人和一个孩子。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè xiǎoqū de ménkǒu ménkǒu zhàn zhe yí wèi lǎorén hé yí gè háizi

老人的头发是白色的，他两只手提着两个很重的袋子，袋子里有菜。 lǎorén de tóufa shì báisè de tā liǎng zhī shǒu tí zhe liǎng gè hěn zhòng de dàizi dàizi lǐ yǒu cài

孩子背着一个黄色的书包，他一只手拉着门，另一只手去帮老人提袋子。 háizi bēi zhe yí gè huángsè de shūbāo tā yì zhī shǒu lā zhe mén lìng yì zhī shǒu qù bāng lǎorén tí dàizi

右边放着一辆自行车，旁边还有两棵树。 yòubian fàng zhe yí liàng zìxíngchē pángbiān hái yǒu liǎng kē shù

太阳快下山了，所以这个孩子大概刚放学回家。 tàiyáng kuài xià shān le suǒyǐ zhège háizi dàgài gāng fàngxué huí jiā

我觉得他很关心别人，如果我遇见需要帮助的老人，我也会帮他。 wǒ juéde tā hěn guānxīn biérén rúguǒ wǒ yùjiàn xūyào bāngzhù de lǎorén wǒ yě huì bāng tā

This picture shows the gate of a housing estate, with an old man and a child standing at the gate. The old man's hair is white, and he is carrying two heavy bags of vegetables. The child has a yellow school bag on his back; he holds the gate open with one hand and reaches to help the old man with a bag with the other. On the right a bicycle is parked, with two trees beside it. The sun is about to set, so the child has probably just come home from school. I think he cares about other people; if I met an old person who needed help, I would help too.

talk 60 seconds

Tell us about a time with a neighbour that you will never forget. Why is it so memorable? Talk for a minute.

说说你和邻居之间一次难忘的经历。为什么难忘？ shuō shuo nǐ hé línjū zhījiān yí cì nánwàng de jīnglì wèi shénme nánwàng

……的时候，有一次…… de shíhou yǒu yí cì

后来…… hòulái

虽然以前……，但是…… suīrán yǐqián dànshì

我第一次感到…… wǒ dì yī cì gǎndào

从那以后，…… cóng nà yǐhòu

model answer

我刚来北京的那年冬天，有一次经历让我很难忘。 wǒ gāng lái Běijīng de nà nián dōngtiān yǒu yí cì jīnglì ràng wǒ hěn nánwàng

有一天晚上回家的时候，我找不到钥匙了，外面又特别冷。 yǒu yì tiān wǎnshang huí jiā de shíhou wǒ zhǎo bu dào yàoshi le wàimiàn yòu tèbié lěng

后来对面的邻居看到了，马上请我去她家，给我倒了一杯热水，还帮我找人来开门。 hòulái duìmiàn de línjū kàn dào le mǎshàng qǐng wǒ qù tā jiā gěi wǒ dào le yì bēi rè shuǐ hái bāng wǒ zhǎo rén lái kāi mén

虽然以前我们只是见面打招呼，但是那天晚上她一直陪着我、照顾我。 suīrán yǐqián wǒmen zhǐshì jiànmiàn dǎ zhāohu dànshì nà tiān wǎnshang tā yìzhí péi zhe wǒ zhàogù wǒ

我第一次感到，邻居也可以像家人一样。 wǒ dì yī cì gǎndào línjū yě kěyǐ xiàng jiārén yíyàng

从那以后，我也经常关心身边的邻居。 cóng nà yǐhòu wǒ yě jīngcháng guānxīn shēnbiān de línjū

The winter I first came to Beijing, something happened that I'll never forget. One night I came home and couldn't find my keys, and it was freezing outside. Then the neighbour across the hall saw me: she asked me into her flat straight away, poured me a glass of hot water and found someone to open my door. Before that we had only said hello when we met, but that night she stayed with me and looked after me. For the first time I felt that neighbours can be like family. Since then I've often looked out for the neighbours around me too.

good to know · Open every picture the same way: the place, then 站着 / 坐着 / 放着, then who or what. 门口站着一位老人 sounds far more natural than 有一位老人在门口. In Chinese you can call an older man you don't know 叔叔 (about your parents' age) or 爷爷 (your grandparents' age), even a neighbour. 提 is carrying something hanging from your hand, like a bag; 拿 is any holding. A story question (说说……一次……的经历) wants a story, not an opinion: when it was, what happened (with 了), what happened 后来, and why you still remember it.

Four days, four pictures. Tomorrow is the unit's mission: two pictures and a question in a row, like the real test.
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day 5 mission: anna's birthday

Chinese HSKK intermediate in 37 days
unit 1 · people

Describe two pictures back to back and then talk about a good friend: three one-minute talks in a row, like parts 2 and 3 of the test.

A mock round on unit 1: people, looks, clothes, friends and neighbours, all in one evening.

chapter 1 getting ready

little sister 哥哥，安娜几点到？蛋糕准备好了吗？
gēge Ānnà jǐ diǎn dào dàngāo zhǔnbèi hǎo le ma · What time is Anna coming? Is the cake ready?

xiaoming 七点到。蛋糕在冰箱里，礼物也买好了。
qī diǎn dào dàngāo zài bīngxiāng lǐ lǐwù yě mǎi hǎo le · Seven. The cake's in the fridge, and the present is bought.

grandma 你们给安娜买了什么礼物？
nǐmen gěi Ānnà mǎi le shénme lǐwù · What present did you get Anna?

little sister 一条蓝裙子，是我选的！上次她试的那条太长了，这条一定合适。
yì tiáo lán qúnzi shì wǒ xuǎn de shàng cì tā shì de nà tiáo tài cháng le zhè tiáo yídìng héshì · A blue dress, and I chose it! The one she tried last time was too long; this one will fit for sure.

grandma 好。今天是她的生日，我们要好好给她庆祝。
hǎo jīntiān shì tā de shēngrì wǒmen yào hǎohǎo gěi tā qìngzhù · Good. It's her birthday today, so let's celebrate properly.

little sister 我也给她画了一张画，她一定会喜欢！
wǒ yě gěi tā huà le yì zhāng huà tā yídìng huì xǐhuan · I've drawn her a picture too. She's going to love it!

chapter 2 someone new

grandma 我刚才带大白出去，在电梯里遇见了一个新邻居。
wǒ gāngcái dài Dàbái chūqù zài diàntī lǐ yùjiàn le yí gè xīn línjū · I just took Dabai out, and I met a new neighbour in the lift.

ms zhang 是那个刚搬来的年轻人吗？
shì nàge gāng bān lái de niánqīng rén ma · The young woman who's just moved in?

grandma 对。她抱着一个很大的箱子，里面还有一个灯。我给了她一个苹果。
duì tā bào zhe yí gè hěn dà de xiāngzi lǐmiàn hái yǒu yí gè dēng wǒ gěi le tā yí gè píngguǒ · Yes. She was carrying a huge box with a lamp in it. I gave her an apple.

xiaoming 她是怎样的人？
tā shì zěnyàng de rén · What's she like?

grandma 看起来很活泼，也很热情。大白一直跟着她，她一点儿也不怕！
kàn qǐlai hěn huópō yě hěn rèqíng Dàbái yìzhí gēn zhe tā tā yìdiǎnr yě bú pà · She seems lively and friendly. Dabai kept following her and she wasn't scared at all!

ms zhang 那我们请她来参加安娜的聚会吧，大家互相认识一下。
nà wǒmen qǐng tā lái cānjiā Ānnà de jùhuì ba dàjiā hùxiāng rènshi yíxià · Then let's invite her to Anna's party, so everyone can get to know each other.

grandma 好主意！我这就去叫她。
hǎo zhǔyi wǒ zhè jiù qù jiào tā · Good idea! I'll go and fetch her now.

chapter 3 the party

little sister 安娜姐姐，欢迎欢迎！生日快乐！
Ānnà jiějie huānyíng huānyíng shēngrì kuàilè · Anna, welcome! Happy birthday!

anna 谢谢！啊，这么大的蛋糕！
xièxie a zhème dà de dàngāo · Thank you! Oh, what a big cake!

xiaoming 这是我们给你的礼物，快打开看看。
zhè shì wǒmen gěi nǐ de lǐwù kuài dǎkāi kàn kan · This is our present for you. Open it!

anna 是一条蓝裙子！又漂亮又合适，谢谢你们！还有一张画，真可爱！
shì yì tiáo lán qúnzi yòu piàoliang yòu héshì xièxie nǐmen hái yǒu yì zhāng huà zhēn kěài · A blue dress! It's lovely and it fits. Thank you! And a picture too, how sweet!

grandma 今天还有一位客人，是我们的新邻居，她就住在楼上。
jīntiān hái yǒu yí wèi kèrén shì wǒmen de xīn línjū tā jiù zhù zài lóu shàng · There's one more guest today: our new neighbour. She lives just upstairs.

anna 欢迎你！人越多越热闹。我们一起吃蛋糕吧！
huānyíng nǐ rén yuè duō yuè rènao wǒmen yìqǐ chī dàngāo ba · Welcome! The more the merrier. Let's all have some cake!

repeat listen, then say it back

我们给她准备了一个蛋糕。 **wǒmen gěi tā zhǔnbèi le yí gè dàngāo** We've got a cake ready for her.

欢迎你来参加我们的聚会！ **huānyíng nǐ lái cānjiā wǒmen de jùhuì** Welcome to our party!

新来的邻居看起来很活泼。 **xīn lái de línjū kàn qǐlai hěn huópō** The new neighbour seems very lively.

你们是怎样成为好朋友的？ **nǐmen shì zěnyàng chéngwéi hǎo péngyou de** How did you two become good friends?

这个礼物是我和妹妹买的。 **zhège lǐwù shì wǒ hé mèimei mǎi de** My sister and I bought this present together.

reply answer out loud

生日你想怎么过？ shēngrì nǐ xiǎng zěnme guò How would you like to spend your birthday?
→ 我想跟家人一起吃顿饭。 wǒ xiǎng gēn jiārén yìqǐ chī dùn fàn
→ 因为我出生的那天，妈妈最辛苦。 yīnwèi wǒ chūshēng de nà tiān māma zuì xīnkǔ

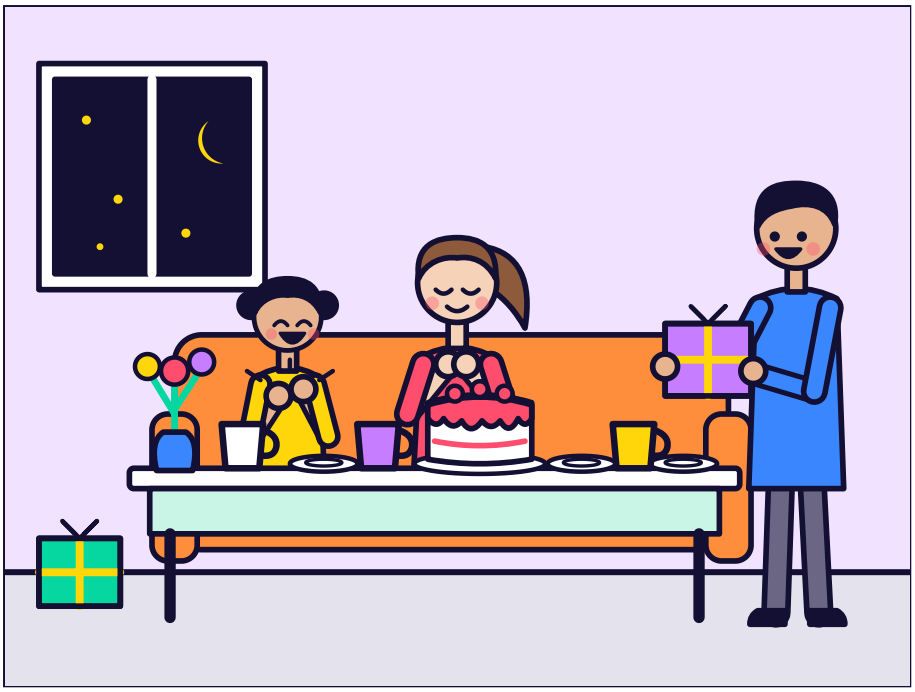
你喜欢送什么礼物？ nǐ xǐhuan sòng shénme lǐwù What do you like to give as a present?
→ 我喜欢送书。 wǒ xǐhuan sòng shū
→ 因为书又便宜又有用。 yīnwèi shū yòu piányi yòu yǒuyòng

你喜欢参加聚会吗？ nǐ xǐhuan cānjiā jùhuì ma Do you like going to parties?
→ 我挺喜欢的。 wǒ tǐng xǐhuan de
→ 因为可以认识很多新朋友。 yīnwèi kěyǐ rènshi hěn duō xīn péngyou

你觉得邻居重要吗？ nǐ juéde línjū zhòngyào ma Do you think neighbours matter?
→ 很重要。 hěn zhòngyào
→ 因为有事的时候，邻居可以互相帮助。 yīnwèi yǒu shì de shíhou línjū kěyǐ hùxiāng bāngzhù

你喜欢猫还是狗？ nǐ xǐhuan māo háishi gǒu Do you prefer cats or dogs?
→ 我更喜欢猫。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan māo
→ 我在英国的家里就有一只猫，又聪明又可爱。 wǒ zài Yīngguó de jiā lǐ jiù yǒu yì zhī māo yòu cōngmíng yòu kěài

describe the picture 60 seconds



Picture 1 of 2. Describe the picture: say who is there, where they are and what they are doing, add some details, guess what is going on and why, and link it to yourself. Talk for a minute.

图上有谁？他们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得今天是什么日子？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde jīntiān shì shénme rìzi wèi shénme

这张图片上有…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng yǒu

……坐在……，前面放着…… zuò zài qiánmiàn fàng zhe

……手里拿着…… shǒu lǐ ná zhe

今天大概是……，因为…… jīntiān dàgài shì yīnwèi

我过生日的时候，…… wǒ guò shēngrì de shíhou

model answer

这张图片上是晚上，三个人在一个客厅里。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì wǎnshang sān gè rén zài yí gè kètīng lǐ

一个年轻的女人坐在沙发上，前面放着一个很大的蛋糕。 yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén zuò zài shāfā shàng qiánmiàn fàng zhe yí gè hěn dà de dàngāo

她两只手放在一起，眼睛往下看，笑得很开心。 tā liǎng zhī shǒu fàng zài yìqǐ yǎnjing wǎng xià kàn xiào de hěn kāixīn

旁边的男人拿着一个礼物，一个小女孩儿在拍手。 pángbiān de nánrén ná zhe yí gè lǐwù yí gè xiǎo nǚháir zài pāi shǒu

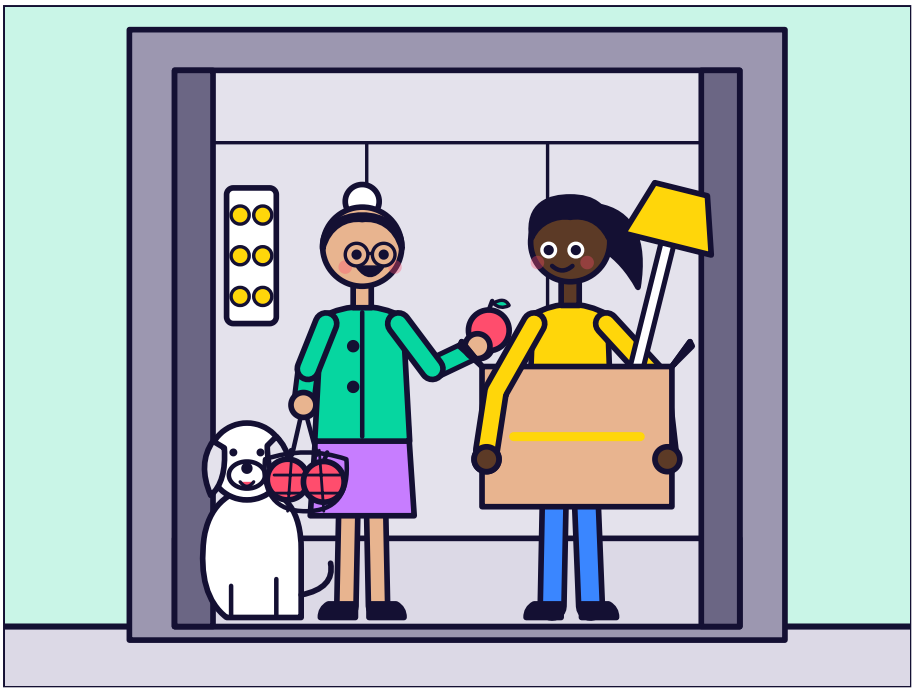
桌子上还有三个杯子和三个盘子，地上也放着一个礼物。 zhuōzi shàng hái yǒu sān gè bēizi hé sān gè pánzi dì shàng yě fàng zhe yí gè lǐwù

有蛋糕也有礼物，今天大概是她的生日。 yǒu dàngāo yě yǒu lǐwù jīntiān dàgài shì tā de shēngrì

我过生日的时候，也喜欢跟好朋友一起吃蛋糕。 wǒ guò shēngrì de shíhou yě xǐhuan gēn hǎo péngyou yìqǐ chī dàngāo

It is evening in this picture, and three people are in a living room. A young woman is sitting on the sofa with a big cake in front of her. She has her hands together, her eyes are looking down and she is smiling happily. The man beside her is holding a present, and a little girl is clapping. There are also three cups and three plates on the table, and another present on the floor. There is a cake and there are presents, so it is probably her birthday today. On my birthday I like eating cake with good friends too.

describe the picture 60 seconds



Picture 2 of 2. Describe the picture: say who is there, where they are and what they are doing, add some details, guess what is going on and why, and link it to yourself. Talk for a minute.

图上有谁？她们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得那个年轻人是谁？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde nàge niánqīng rén shì shéi wèi shénme

这张图片上……在电梯里。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng zài diàntī lǐ

老奶奶戴着……，手里拿着…… lǎo nǎinai dài zhe shǒu lǐ ná zhe

那个女人抱着…… nàge nǚrén bào zhe

她可能是……，因为…… tā kěnéng shì yīnwèi

如果我有新邻居，我会…… rúguǒ wǒ yǒu xīn línjū wǒ huì

model answer

这张图片上，电梯里有一位老奶奶、一只白色的狗和一个年轻的女人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng diàntī lǐ yǒu yí wèi lǎo nǎinai yì zhī báisè de gǒu hé yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén

老奶奶戴着眼镜，手里拿着一个苹果，正要把苹果给她。 lǎo nǎinai dài zhe yǎnjìng shǒu lǐ ná zhe yí gè píngguǒ zhèng yào bǎ píngguǒ gěi tā

老奶奶另一只手还提着一袋苹果。 lǎo nǎinai lìng yì zhī shǒu hái tí zhe yí dài píngguǒ

那个女人抱着一个很大的箱子，箱子里有一个灯。 nàge nǚrén bào zhe yí gè hěn dà de xiāngzi xiāngzi lǐ yǒu yí gè dēng

那只狗很安静地坐在老奶奶旁边。 nà zhī gǒu hěn ānjìng de zuò zài lǎo nǎinai pángbiān

那个女人可能是新搬来的邻居，因为她拿着这么大的箱子。 nàge nǚrén kěnéng shì xīn bān lái de línjū yīnwèi tā ná zhe zhème dà de xiāngzi

如果我有新邻居，我也会像老奶奶一样欢迎她。 rúguǒ wǒ yǒu xīn línjū wǒ yě huì xiàng lǎo nǎinai yíyàng huānyíng tā

In this picture, there are an old woman, a white dog and a young woman in a lift. The old woman wears glasses and is holding an apple, about to give it to the young woman. In her other hand the old woman is carrying a bag of apples. The young woman is holding a big box with a lamp in it. The dog is sitting quietly next to the old woman. The young woman may be a neighbour who has just moved in, because she is carrying such a big box. If I had a new neighbour, I would welcome her like the old woman does.

talk 60 seconds

What kind of person is your good friend? Why did you become good friends? Talk for a minute.

你的好朋友是怎样的一个人？你们为什么能成为好朋友？ nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì zěnyàng de yí gè rén nǐmen wèi shénme néng chéngwéi hǎo péngyou

我的好朋友是……，是一个……的人。 wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì shì yí gè de rén

……看起来…… kàn qǐlai

我刚……的时候，…… wǒ gāng de shíhou

虽然我们的性格……，但是…… suīrán wǒmen de xìnggé dànshì

所以我们…… suǒyǐ wǒmen

model answer

我的好朋友是小明，他是一个很热情、很活泼的人。 wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì Xiǎomíng tā shì yí gè hěn rèqíng hěn huópō de rén

他个子很高，头发很短，看起来总是很开心。 tā gèzi hěn gāo tóufa hěn duǎn kàn qǐlai zǒngshì hěn kāixīn

我刚来北京的时候，什么都不懂，是他一直帮助我。 wǒ gāng lái Běijīng de shíhou shénme dōu bù dǒng shì tā yìzhí bāngzhù wǒ

我们常常一起吃饭、聊天，他教我说汉语，我教他做英国菜。 wǒmen chángcháng yìqǐ chī fàn liáotiān tā jiāo wǒ shuō Hànyǔ wǒ jiāo tā zuò Yīngguó cài

虽然我们的性格不太一样，他很活泼，我比较安静，但是我们互相相信。 suīrán wǒmen de xìnggé bú tài yíyàng tā hěn huópō wǒ bǐjiào ānjìng dànshì wǒmen hùxiāng xiāngxìn

所以我们成为了很好的朋友。 suǒyǐ wǒmen chéngwéi le hěn hǎo de péngyou

My good friend is Xiaoming. He's a very warm, lively person. He's tall with short hair, and he always looks cheerful. When I first came to Beijing I didn't understand anything, and he helped me all along. We often eat and chat together: he teaches me Chinese and I teach him to cook English food. Our personalities are quite different — he's lively and I'm quieter — but we trust each other. That's why we became good friends.

Unit 1 done: people, clothes, friends and neighbours, and three one-minute talks in a row. Unit 2 brings the talks up to a minute and a quarter.
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