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day 6 cooking together

Chinese HSKK intermediate in 37 days
unit 2 · home & daily life

Describe several people doing different things at once, and say whether you prefer cooking or eating out, and why.

Pictures in the test often show more than one thing going on. 一边……一边…… and 先……然后…… let you cover them all without running out of words.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
厨房	chúfáng	kitchen	妈妈在厨房做饭。 Mum is cooking in the kitchen.
尝	cháng	to taste, try (food)	你尝尝这个菜。 Try this dish.
味道	wèidào	taste, flavour	这个菜的味道怎么样? How does this dish taste?
咸	xián	salty	汤太咸了，盐放多了。 The soup's too salty. Too much salt went in.
碗	wǎn	bowl	我要一碗米饭。 A bowl of rice for me, please.
新鲜	xīnxiān	fresh	这里的鱼很新鲜。 The fish here is very fresh.
勺子	sháozi	spoon	小孩儿吃饭用勺子。 Little kids eat with a spoon.
盘子	pánzi	plate, dish	这个盘子很大。 This plate is big.
筷子	kuàizi	chopsticks	你会用筷子吗? Can you use chopsticks?
一边	yībiān	while, at the same time	他一边吃饭，一边看手机。 He looks at his phone while he eats.

pattern 一边……一边…… and 先……然后……: at the same time; first, then

她 | 一边 | A | ，一边 | B | ，先 | A | ，然后 | B

一边A，一边B is one person doing two things at the same time: 她一边做饭，一边听音乐. 先A，然后B puts things in order: first A, then B. In a picture with several people, these two patterns let you say what everyone is doing.

爸爸一边做饭，一边跟女儿说话。 **bàba yìbiān zuòfàn yìbiān gēn nǚér shuōhuà** Dad is cooking and talking to his daughter at the same time.

他们一边吃饭一边聊天。 **tāmen yìbiān chī fàn yìbiān liáotiān** They chat while they eat.

先洗手，然后吃饭。 **xiān xǐ shǒu ránhòu chī fàn** Wash your hands first, then eat.

我先尝一尝，然后再放盐。 **wǒ xiān cháng yi chang ránhòu zài fàng yán** I'll taste it first, then add salt.

dialogue dumplings

ms zhang 安娜，来厨房帮我包饺子吧！
Ānnà lái chúfáng bāng wǒ bāo jiǎozi ba · Anna, come into the kitchen and help me make dumplings!

anna 好啊！我应该先做什么？
hǎo a wǒ yīnggāi xiān zuò shénme · Sure! What should I do first?

ms zhang 先洗手，然后看我怎么包。
xiān xǐ shǒu ránhòu kàn wǒ zěnme bāo · Wash your hands first, then watch how I do it.

anna 您包得又快又好看！我包的有点儿难看。
nín bāo de yòu kuài yòu hǎokàn wǒ bāo de yǒudiǎnr nánkàn · You're so quick, and yours look lovely! Mine look a bit ugly.

ms zhang 没关系，多包几个就好了。我们一边包一边聊天吧。
méi guānxi duō bāo jǐ gè jiù hǎo le wǒmen yìbiān bāo yìbiān liáotiān ba · Never mind, make a few more and they'll be fine. Let's chat while we work.

ms zhang 饺子好了。你先尝一个，看看味道怎么样。
jiǎozi hǎo le nǐ xiān cháng yí gè kàn kan wèidào zěnmeyàng · The dumplings are ready. Try one first and see how it tastes.

anna 嗯，很好吃！就是有一点儿咸。
ǹg hěn hǎochī jiùshì yǒuyìdiǎnr xián · Mm, delicious! Just a little salty.

ms zhang 是吗？那我下次少放一点儿盐。
shì ma nà wǒ xià cì shǎo fàng yìdiǎnr yán · Really? Then I'll use less salt next time.

anna 我来拿碗和筷子吧。
wǒ lái ná wǎn hé kuàizi ba · I'll get the bowls and chopsticks.

repeat listen, then say it back

你先尝一下，味道怎么样？ **nǐ xiān cháng yíxià wèidào zěnmeyàng** Have a taste first. How is it?

妈妈正在厨房里做饭呢。 **māma zhèngzài chúfáng lǐ zuòfàn ne** Mum is cooking in the kitchen.

我们一边吃饭一边聊天吧。 **wǒmen yìbiān chī fàn yìbiān liáotiān ba** Let's chat while we eat.

请把碗和筷子放到桌子上。 **qǐng bǎ wǎn hé kuàizi fàng dào zhuōzi shàng** Please put the bowls and chopsticks on the table.

这些菜都很新鲜，是早上买的。 **zhèxiē cài dōu hěn xīnxiān shì zǎoshang mǎi de** These vegetables are all fresh: they were bought this morning.

我先去洗手，然后帮你拿盘子。 **wǒ xiān qù xǐ shǒu ránhòu bāng nǐ ná pánzi** I'll wash my hands first, then help you with the plates.

reply answer out loud

你会做饭吗？ nǐ huì zuòfàn ma Can you cook?
→ 会一点儿。 huì yìdiǎnr
→ 因为我一个人住，常常自己做。 yīnwèi wǒ yí gè rén zhù chángcháng zìjǐ zuò

你喜欢吃甜的还是咸的？ nǐ xǐhuan chī tián de háishi xián de Do you prefer sweet or salty food?
→ 我更喜欢吃甜的。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan chī tián de
→ 不过吃太多甜的东西，对牙不好。 búguò chī tài duō tián de dōngxi duì yá bù hǎo

你饿的时候一般吃什么？ nǐ è de shíhou yìbān chī shénme What do you usually eat when you're hungry?
→ 我经常吃包子或者面条儿。 wǒ jīngcháng chī bāozi huòzhě miàntiáor
→ 又快又便宜，十块钱就够了。 yòu kuài yòu piányi shí kuài qián jiù gòu le

你喜欢参加聚会吗？ nǐ xǐhuan cānjiā jùhuì ma Do you like going to parties?
→ 喜欢，特别是朋友的生日聚会。 xǐhuan tèbié shì péngyou de shēngrì jùhuì
→ 因为大家可以一起吃饭、聊天。 yīnwèi dàjiā kěyǐ yìqǐ chī fàn liáotiān

describe the picture 75 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 and a quarter.

图上有谁？他们在哪儿？每个人在做什么？你觉得菜的味道怎么样？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr měi gè rén zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde cài de wèidào zěnmeyàng wèi shénme

这张图片上是……，……正在…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì zhèngzài

……一边……，一边…… yìbiān yìbiān

……看起来……，可能……，因为…… kàn qǐlai kěnéng yīnwèi

我小时候也…… wǒ xiǎoshíhou yě

model answer

这张图片上是一个厨房，一家三口正在一起做饭。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè chúfáng yì jiā sān kǒu zhèngzài yìqǐ zuòfàn

女儿站在一个小椅子上，手里拿着一把勺子，正在尝菜。 nǚér zhàn zài yí gè xiǎo yǐzi shàng shǒu lǐ ná zhe yì bǎ sháozi zhèngzài cháng cài

爸爸一只手拿着盘子，一只手拿着筷子，盘子里有西红柿。 bàba yì zhī shǒu ná zhe pánzi yì zhī shǒu ná zhe kuàizi pánzi lǐ yǒu xīhóngshì

妈妈手里拿着一个小瓶子，一边看着女儿，一边笑。 māma shǒu lǐ ná zhe yí gè xiǎo píngzi yìbiān kàn zhe nǚér yìbiān xiào

桌子上放着三个西红柿、两个碗和两个盘子，碗上还放着筷子。 zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe sān gè xīhóngshì liǎng gè wǎn hé liǎng gè pánzi wǎn shàng hái fàng zhe kuàizi

女儿的样子看起来很奇怪，菜可能太咸了，因为妈妈手里拿的好像是盐。 nǚér de yàngzi kàn qǐlai hěn qíguài cài kěnéng tài xián le yīnwèi māma shǒu lǐ ná de hǎoxiàng shì yán

我小时候也常常帮妈妈尝菜，我觉得一家人一起做饭特别有意思。 wǒ xiǎoshíhou yě chángcháng bāng māma cháng cài wǒ juéde yì jiā rén yìqǐ zuòfàn tèbié yǒu yìsi

This picture shows a kitchen, where a family of three is cooking together. The daughter is standing on a little stool with a spoon in her hand, tasting the food. Dad has a plate in one hand and chopsticks in the other, and there are tomatoes on the plate. Mum is holding a small jar, looking at her daughter and laughing. On the worktop there are three tomatoes, two bowls and two plates, with chopsticks resting on the bowls. The daughter's face looks funny: the food may be too salty, because what Mum is holding

seems to be salt. When I was little I often tasted food for my mum too; I think cooking together as a family is great fun.

talk 75 seconds

Do you prefer cooking yourself or eating out? Why? Talk for a minute and a quarter.

你喜欢自己做饭还是在外面吃？为什么？ nǐ xǐhuan zìjǐ zuòfàn háishi zài wàimiàn chī wèi shénme

我更喜欢……，第一，……；第二，…… wǒ gèng xǐhuan dì yī dì èr

我一般先……，然后…… wǒ yìbān xiān ránhòu

虽然……，但是…… suīrán dànshì

所以…… suǒyǐ

model answer

我更喜欢自己做饭。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan zìjǐ zuòfàn

第一，自己做饭比较便宜，在外面吃一次饭的钱，至少可以买三天的菜。 dì yī zìjǐ zuòfàn bǐjiào piányi zài wàimiàn chī yí cì fàn de qián zhìshǎo kěyǐ mǎi sān tiān de cài

第二，自己做的菜更新鲜，也不会太咸、太油。 dì èr zìjǐ zuò de cài gèng xīnxiān yě bú huì tài xián tài yóu

我一般先去超市买菜，然后回家一边听音乐一边做饭。 wǒ yìbān xiān qù chāoshì mǎi cài ránhòu huí jiā yìbiān tīng yīnyuè yìbiān zuòfàn

虽然有时候做得不太好吃，但是我觉得很有意思。 suīrán yǒu shíhou zuò de bú tài hǎochī dànshì wǒ juéde hěn yǒu yìsi

当然，跟朋友聚会的时候，我也喜欢去饭馆。 dāngrán gēn péngyou jùhuì de shíhou wǒ yě xǐhuan qù fànguǎn

所以平时我自己做饭，偶尔出去吃。 suǒyǐ píngshí wǒ zìjǐ zuòfàn ǒuěr chūqù chī

I prefer cooking for myself. First, it's cheaper: the money for one meal out buys at least three days of food. Second, home cooking is fresher, and not too salty or oily. I usually go to the supermarket first, then go home and cook while listening to music. Sometimes it doesn't turn out very tasty, but I enjoy it. Of course, when I get together with friends, I like going to a restaurant too. So normally I cook myself, and now and then I eat out.

good to know · Three people in a picture? Give each one a sentence, left to right: 女儿……，爸爸……，妈妈…… Then add the details. 锅 (wok), 炒 (stir-fry) and 切 (cut) are not HSK 1–4 words. You don't need them: 做饭, 做菜, 准备菜 and 尝 cover a kitchen. 第一……第二…… is the simplest way to give two reasons. On day 12 you will meet the longer 首先……其次……最后……

A minute and a quarter about a busy kitchen. One more talk this long and it will feel normal.
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day 7 moving day

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Say where people are moving things to, and talk about where you would like to live, with “if” and your reasons.

把……搬到…… is exactly what you need for any picture where something is being moved, and 如果……就…… turns a choice question into a real answer.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
搬	bān	to move (something heavy)	帮我搬一下桌子，好吗? Could you help me move the table?
箱子	xiāngzi	suitcase, box	这个箱子太大了。 This suitcase is too big.
房子	fángzi	house, flat	这个房子很大。 This flat is big.
沙发	shāfā	sofa	这个沙发很舒服。 This sofa is very comfy.
家具	jiājù	furniture	这个房子的家具都是新的。 All the furniture in this flat is new.
租	zū	to rent	我想在公司附近租一个房子。 I want to rent a flat near my office.
城市	chéngshì	city	北京是一个很大的城市。 Beijing is a very big city.
电梯	diàntī	lift, elevator	电梯坏了。 The lift is broken.
楼梯	lóutī	stairs	我们走楼梯吧。 Let’s take the stairs.
抬	tái	to lift, carry (together)	这个沙发太重，我们一起抬吧。 This sofa is too heavy; let’s lift it together.

pattern 把 + thing + verb + 到/在 + place; 如果……就……

他们 | 把 | 沙发 | 搬到 | 楼上 | ·如果 | condition | (的话)，就 | result

把 brings the thing forward so you can say where it ends up: 他们把沙发搬到楼上去 (they carry the sofa upstairs). After the verb comes 到 or 在 and a place. 如果……就…… is “if…, then…”. You can add 的话 to the end of the if-part, or use 的话 alone: 下雨的话，我们就不去了.

请把箱子放在门口。 **qǐng bǎ xiāngzi fàng zài ménkǒu** Please put the boxes by the door.

我们把沙发抬到客厅里吧。 **wǒmen bǎ shāfā tái dào kètīng lǐ ba** Let’s carry the sofa into the living room.

如果电梯坏了，我们就走楼梯。 **rúguǒ diàntī huài le wǒmen jiù zǒu lóutī** If the lift is broken, we’ll take the stairs.

下雨的话，我们就不去了。 **xià yǔ dehuà wǒmen jiù bú qù le** If it rains, we won’t go.

dialogue a flat to rent

anna 小明，我想在你家附近租一个房子。
Xiǎomíng wǒ xiǎng zài nǐ jiā fùjìn zū yí gè fángzi · Xiaoming, I want to rent a flat near your place.

xiaoming 太好了！你看好了吗?
tài hǎo le nǐ kàn hǎo le ma · Great! Have you found one?

anna 看了一个。房子不大，一个月三千块，有沙发和别的家具。
kàn le yí gè fángzi bú dà yí gè yuè sānqiān kuài yǒu shāfā hé biéde jiājù · I've seen one. It isn't big, it's three thousand a month, and it has a sofa and other furniture.

xiaoming 在几楼？有电梯吗?
zài jǐ lóu yǒu diàntī ma · Which floor is it on? Is there a lift?

anna 六楼，有电梯。如果没有电梯的话，我就不租了。
liù lóu yǒu diàntī rúguǒ méiyǒu diàntī dehuà wǒ jiù bù zū le · The sixth, and there's a lift. If there were no lift, I wouldn't rent it.

xiaoming 搬家的时候我来帮你。我们可以把箱子都放在电梯里。
bānjiā de shíhou wǒ lái bāng nǐ wǒmen kěyǐ bǎ xiāngzi dōu fàng zài diàntī lǐ · I'll help you move. We can put all the boxes in the lift.

anna 谢谢！我东西不多，就是书很多，有十几个箱子。
xièxie wǒ dōngxi bù duō jiùshì shū hěn duō yǒu shí jǐ gè xiāngzi · Thanks! I don't have much, it's just that I have lots of books: a dozen or so boxes.

xiaoming 没问题。如果电梯坏了，我们就走楼梯，一起抬上去！
méi wèntí rúguǒ diàntī huài le wǒmen jiù zǒu lóutī yìqǐ tái shangqu · No problem. If the lift breaks, we'll take the stairs and carry them up together!

anna 那我请你吃饭！
nà wǒ qǐng nǐ chī fàn · Then dinner's on me!

repeat listen, then say it back

电梯坏了，我们走楼梯吧。 **diàntī huài le wǒmen zǒu lóutī ba** The lift is broken. Let's take the stairs.

我想在学校附近租房子。 **wǒ xiǎng zài xuéxiào fùjìn zū fángzi** I want to rent a flat near the university.

你能帮我把箱子搬下去吗？ **nǐ néng bāng wǒ bǎ xiāngzi bān xiaqu ma** Can you help me carry the boxes downstairs?

我们把沙发抬到楼上去吧。 **wǒmen bǎ shāfā tái dào lóu shàng qù ba** Let's carry the sofa upstairs.

如果房子太贵，我就不租了。 **rúguǒ fángzi tài guì wǒ jiù bù zū le** If the flat is too expensive, I won't rent it.

大城市里的房子一般又贵又小。 **dà chéngshì lǐ de fángzi yìbān yòu guì yòu xiǎo** Flats in big cities are usually expensive and small.

reply answer out loud

大城市好还是小城市好？ dà chéngshì hǎo háishi xiǎo chéngshì hǎo Which is better, a big city or a small one?
→ 两个都有优点。 liǎng gè dōu yǒu yōudiǎn
→ 大城市工作机会多，小城市生活压力小。 dà chéngshì gōngzuò jīhuì duō xiǎo chéngshì shēnghuó yālì xiǎo

搬家的时候你最怕什么？ bānjiā de shíhou nǐ zuì pà shénme What do you dread most when you move house?
→ 我最怕东西太多。 wǒ zuì pà dōngxi tài duō
→ 比如我的书，一搬家就是十几个箱子。 bǐrú wǒ de shū yì bānjiā jiùshì shí jǐ gè xiāngzi

你喜欢住在高楼里吗？ nǐ xǐhuan zhù zài gāo lóu lǐ ma Do you like living in a high-rise?
→ 不太喜欢。 bú tài xǐhuan
→ 因为如果电梯坏了，走楼梯太累了。 yīnwèi rúguǒ diàntī huài le zǒu lóutī tài lèi le

你会做饭吗？ nǐ huì zuòfàn ma Can you cook?
→ 会做几个简单的菜。 huì zuò jǐ gè jiǎndān de cài
→ 因为在外面吃饭太贵了。 yīnwèi zài wàimiàn chī fàn tài guì le

describe the picture 75 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 and a quarter.

图上有谁？他们在做什么？他们要把东西搬到哪儿？你觉得他们为什么走楼梯？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài zuò shénme tāmen yào bǎ dōngxi bān dào nǎr nǐ juéde tāmen wèi shénme zǒu lóutī

他们正在把……搬到…… tāmen zhèngzài bǎ bān dào

上面的……，下面的…… shàngmiàn de xiàmiàn de

楼梯下面放着…… lóutī xiàmiàn fàng zhe

……好像……，所以……只好…… hǎoxiàng suǒyǐ zhǐhǎo

model answer

这张图片上，两个年轻人正在搬家。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng liǎng gè niánqīng rén zhèngzài bānjiā

他们正在把一个绿色的沙发抬到楼上去。 tāmen zhèngzài bǎ yí gè lǜsè de shāfā tái dào lóu shàng qù

上面是一个男人，他头上都是汗，看起来又累又渴；下面是一个女人，她两只手抬着沙发。 shàngmiàn shì yí gè nánrén tā tóu shàng dōu shì hàn kàn qǐlai yòu lèi yòu kě xiàmiàn shì yí gè nǚrén tā liǎng zhī shǒu tái zhe shāfā

楼梯下面放着四个箱子，还有一个灯和一把椅子。 lóutī xiàmiàn fàng zhe sì gè xiāngzi hái yǒu yí gè dēng hé yì bǎ yǐzi

左边的电梯门上有两条很长的红色的纸。 zuǒbian de diàntī mén shàng yǒu liǎng tiáo hěn cháng de hóngsè de zhǐ

电梯好像坏了，所以他们只好走楼梯，把沙发抬上去。 diàntī hǎoxiàng huài le suǒyǐ tāmen zhǐhǎo zǒu lóutī bǎ shāfā tái shangqu

如果是我搬家，我会先问问电梯什么时候能修好，或者请朋友来帮忙。 rúguǒ shì wǒ bānjiā wǒ huì xiān wèn wen diàntī shénme shíhou néng xiū hǎo huòzhě qǐng péngyou lái bāngmáng

In this picture, two young people are moving house. They are carrying a green sofa upstairs. At the top is a man, with sweat all over his head: he looks tired and thirsty; at the bottom is a woman holding the sofa with both arms. At the foot of the stairs there are four boxes, a lamp and a chair. On the lift door on the left there are two long red strips of paper. The lift seems to be broken, so they have no choice but to take the stairs and carry the sofa up. If I were moving, I would first ask when the lift would be fixed, or get some friends to help.

talk 75 seconds

If you could choose, would you rather live in the city or in the suburbs? Why? Talk for a minute and a quarter.

如果可以选，你想住在城市里还是郊区？为什么？ rúguǒ kěyǐ xuǎn nǐ xiǎng zhù zài chéngshì lǐ háishi jiāoqū wèi shénme

如果可以选，我想…… rúguǒ kěyǐ xuǎn wǒ xiǎng

因为…… yīnwèi

虽然……，但是…… suīrán dànshì

当然，…… dāngrán

model answer

如果可以选，我想住在城市里。 rúguǒ kěyǐ xuǎn wǒ xiǎng zhù zài chéngshì lǐ

因为城市里生活很方便，坐地铁去哪儿都很快。 yīnwèi chéngshì lǐ shēnghuó hěn fāngbiàn zuò dìtiě qù nǎr dōu hěn kuài

我现在在大学学习，如果住在郊区，每天路上就要花两个小时。 wǒ xiànzài zài dàxué xuéxí rúguǒ zhù zài jiāoqū měi tiān lùshang jiù yào huā liǎng gè xiǎoshí

城市里饭馆、超市、电影院都很多，周末也有很多地方可以去。 chéngshì lǐ fànguǎn chāoshì diànyǐngyuàn dōu hěn duō zhōumò yě yǒu hěn duō dìfang kěyǐ qù

虽然在城市租一个小房子，一年也要好几万块，但是我觉得值得。 suīrán zài chéngshì zū yí gè xiǎo fángzi yì nián yě yào hǎo jǐ wàn kuài dànshì wǒ juéde zhídé

当然，郊区的空气比城市好，也更安静。 dāngrán jiāoqū de kōngqì bǐ chéngshì hǎo yě gèng ānjìng

所以将来等我老了，也许会搬到郊区去住。 suǒyǐ jiānglái děng wǒ lǎo le yěxǔ huì bān dào jiāoqū qù zhù

If I could choose, I'd live in the city. City life is convenient: you can get anywhere quickly by metro. I'm studying at university now; if I lived in the suburbs, I'd spend two hours a day on the road. The city has lots of restaurants, supermarkets and cinemas, and plenty of places to go at the weekend. Even a small flat in the city costs tens of thousands a year to rent, but I think it's worth it. Of course, the air in the suburbs is better than in the city, and it's quieter. So in the future, when I'm old, maybe I'll move out to the suburbs.

good to know · Whenever something is being carried, pushed or put somewhere in a picture, reach for 把: 他们把沙发抬到楼上去. 搬 is moving something heavy (搬箱子, 搬家); 抬 is lifting it together, one at each end. A choice question (A还是B?) wants a choice in your first sentence, then reasons, then one good word for the other side.

把 is one of the hardest patterns in Chinese, and you just used it to describe a picture. Well done.
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day 8 a messy room

Say where things are in a messy room, what someone is doing about it, and whether children should help at home.

A room full of things is a gift in part 2: 床上……，地上……，中间…… gives you a sentence for every corner. And housework is a classic opinion question.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
收拾	shōushi	to tidy up; to pack	房间太乱了，我们收拾一下吧。 The room is a mess; let's tidy it up.
乱	luàn	messy; at random	我的房间有点儿乱。 My room is a bit of a mess.
干净	gānjìng	clean	屋子很干净。 The room is clean.
脏	zāng	dirty	你的衣服脏了。 Your clothes are dirty.
打扫	dǎsǎo	to clean (a room)	我们今天打扫房间。 We're cleaning the room today.
生气	shēngqì	angry; to get angry	你别生气了。 Please don't be angry.
放	fàng	to put, place	沙发放在这儿吧。 Let's put the sofa here.
袜子	wàzi	socks	我买了三双袜子。 I bought three pairs of socks.
中间	zhōngjiān	middle, between	妹妹坐在爸爸和妈妈中间。 The little girl sits between her dad and mum.
屋子	wūzi	room	屋子里很热。 It's hot in the room.

pattern 在……上 / 下 / 中间 and 把……收拾干净: where things are, and what you do to them

床上 / 桌子下面 / 房间中间 | 放着 / 有 | thing | ·把 | thing | 收拾干净 / 放好

Place words come after the thing: 床上 (on the bed), 桌子下面 (under the table), 房间中间 (in the middle of the room). In a picture, sweep from place to place: 床上……，地上……，中间…… 把 + thing + verb + result says what the action does to it: 把房间收拾干净 (tidy the room till it's clean), 把书放好 (put the books away properly).

床上放着两件衣服。 **chuáng shàng fàng zhe liǎng jiàn yīfu** There are two shirts on the bed.

桌子下面有一只袜子。 **zhuōzi xiàmiàn yǒu yì zhī wàzi** There's a sock under the table.

他正在把房间收拾干净。 **tā zhèngzài bǎ fángjiān shōushi gānjìng** He is tidying the room up.

请把书放好。 **qǐng bǎ shū fàng hǎo** Please put the books away.

dialogue tidy up!

ms zhang 你看看你的房间，怎么这么乱！
nǐ kàn kan nǐ de fángjiān zěnme zhème luàn · Look at your room! How did it get so messy?

little sister 妈妈，我今天作业太多了，还没时间收拾。
māma wǒ jīntiān zuòyè tài duō le hái méi shíjiān shōushi · Mum, I had too much homework today. I haven't had time to tidy up.

ms zhang 袜子在床下面，书在椅子上，衣服都在地上……
wàzi zài chuáng xiàmiàn shū zài yǐzi shàng yīfu dōu zài dì shàng · Socks under the bed, books on the chair, clothes all over the floor…

little sister 对不起，妈妈，别生气，我马上收拾。
duìbuqǐ māma bié shēngqì wǒ mǎshàng shōushi · Sorry, Mum, don't be angry, I'll tidy up right now.

anna 我来帮你吧。我们先把书放到桌子上。
wǒ lái bāng nǐ ba wǒmen xiān bǎ shū fàng dào zhuōzi shàng · I'll help you. Let's put the books on the desk first.

little sister 好！衣服放在床上……这只袜子是脏的。
hǎo yīfu fàng zài chuáng shàng zhè zhī wàzi shì zāng de · OK! Clothes on the bed… this sock is dirty.

anna 那就把脏衣服、脏袜子都放在一起，一会儿洗。
nà jiù bǎ zāng yīfu zāng wàzi dōu fàng zài yìqǐ yíhuìr xǐ · Then put the dirty clothes and socks together and wash them later.

ms zhang 这样就干净多了！谢谢安娜。以后每个星期六都要打扫一次，好吗？
zhèyàng jiù gānjìng duō le xièxie Ānnà yǐhòu měi gè xīngqīliù dōu yào dǎsǎo yí cì hǎo ma · That's much tidier! Thank you, Anna. From now on, a clean-up every Saturday, OK?

little sister 好吧……
hǎo ba · OK…

repeat listen, then say it back

你的屋子怎么这么乱啊？ **nǐ de wūzi zěnme zhème luàn a** How did your room get so messy?

床上和地上都放着衣服。 **chuáng shàng hé dì shàng dōu fàng zhe yīfu** There are clothes on the bed and on the floor.

他正在把房间收拾干净。 **tā zhèngzài bǎ fángjiān shōushi gānjìng** He is tidying the room up.

妈妈别生气，我马上去收拾。 **māma bié shēngqì wǒ mǎshàng qù shōushi** Don't be angry, Mum, I'll tidy up right now.

我每个星期都打扫一次房间。 **wǒ měi gè xīngqī dōu dǎsǎo yí cì fángjiān** I clean my room once every week.

请把脏袜子和脏衣服放在一起。 **qǐng bǎ zāng wàzi hé zāng yīfu fàng zài yìqǐ** Please put the dirty socks and dirty clothes together.

reply answer out loud

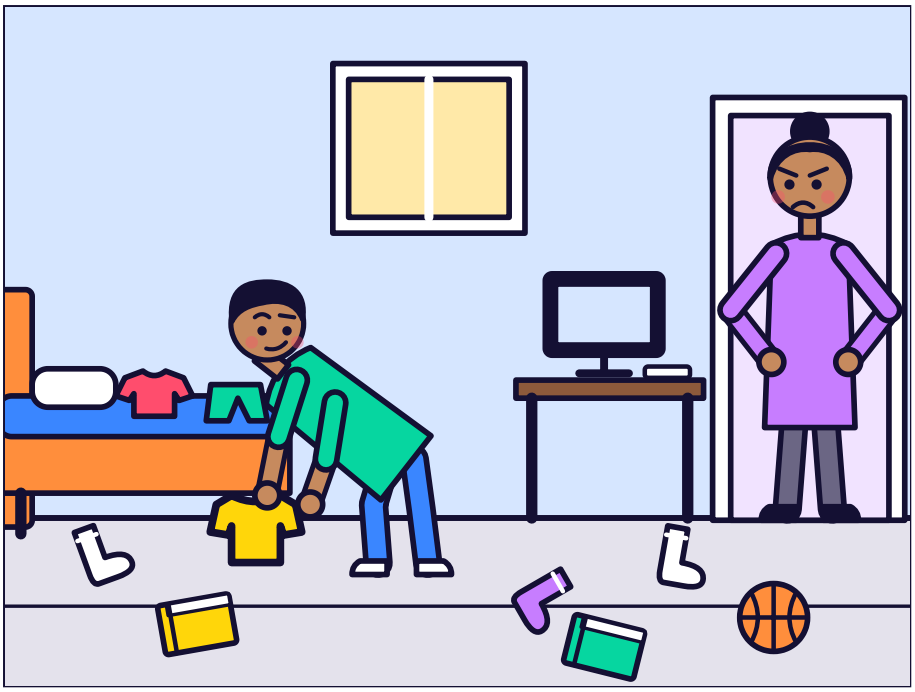
你的房间乱不乱？ nǐ de fángjiān luàn bu luàn Is your room messy?
→ 有一点儿乱。 yǒuyìdiǎnr luàn
→ 因为我最近太忙了，没时间收拾。 yīnwèi wǒ zuìjìn tài máng le méi shíjiān shōushi

你喜欢打扫房间吗？ nǐ xǐhuan dǎsǎo fángjiān ma Do you like cleaning your room?
→ 不太喜欢，可是必须做。 bú tài xǐhuan kěshì bìxū zuò
→ 对我来说，房间干净了，心情也会好。 duì wǒ lái shuō fángjiān gānjìng le xīnqíng yě huì hǎo

你生气的时候怎么办？ nǐ shēngqì de shíhou zěnme bàn What do you do when you're angry?
→ 我会先离开一会儿，出去走走。 wǒ huì xiān líkāi yíhuìr chūqù zǒu zou
→ 等心情好了，再跟别人好好说。 děng xīnqíng hǎo le zài gēn biérén hǎohǎo shuō

你喜欢自己做饭吗？ nǐ xǐhuan zìjǐ zuòfàn ma Do you like cooking for yourself?
→ 喜欢。 xǐhuan
→ 因为自己做的菜又便宜又新鲜。 yīnwèi zìjǐ zuò de cài yòu piányi yòu xīnxiān

describe the picture 75 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 and a quarter.

图上有谁？他们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得门口的人怎么了？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde ménkǒu de rén zěnme le wèi shénme

这张图片上是……，屋子里…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì wūzi lǐ

地上放着……，床上…… dì shàng fàng zhe chuáng shàng

他正在把…… tā zhèngzài bǎ

她看起来……，可能是因为…… tā kàn qǐlai kěnéng shì yīnwèi

model answer

这张图片上是一个男孩子的房间，屋子里很乱。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè nán háizi de fángjiān wūzi lǐ hěn luàn

地上放着三只袜子、两本书和一个篮球，床上也放着两件衣服。 dì shàng fàng zhe sān zhī wàzi liǎng běn shū hé yí gè lánqiú chuáng shàng yě fàng zhe liǎng jiàn yīfu

男孩子在房间中间，他正在收拾地上的衣服。 nán háizi zài fángjiān zhōngjiān tā zhèngzài shōushi dì shàng de yīfu

右边的桌子上放着一台电脑，旁边是门。 yòubian de zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe yì tái diànnǎo pángbiān shì mén

门口站着一个女人，她看起来很生气，可能是孩子的妈妈，因为孩子没有把房间收拾干净。 ménkǒu zhàn zhe yí gè nǚrén tā kàn qǐlai hěn shēngqì kěnéng shì háizi de māma yīnwèi háizi méiyǒu bǎ fángjiān shōushi gānjìng

我小时候房间也常常很乱，妈妈也常常让我把屋子打扫干净。 wǒ xiǎoshíhou fángjiān yě chángcháng hěn luàn māma yě chángcháng ràng wǒ bǎ wūzi dǎsǎo gānjìng

This picture shows a boy's bedroom, and the room is very messy. On the floor there are three socks, two books and a basketball, and there are two shirts on the bed as well. The boy is in the middle of the room, picking up the clothes from the floor. On the desk on the right there is a computer, and next to it is the door. A woman is standing in the doorway. She looks angry; she may be the boy's mother, because he hasn't tidied his room. When I was little my room was often messy too, and my mum often made me clean it up.

talk 75 seconds

What is your attitude to children helping their parents with the housework? Why? Talk for a minute and a quarter.

你对孩子帮父母做家里的事是什么态度？为什么？ nǐ duì háizi bāng fùmǔ zuò jiā lǐ de shì shì shénme tàidù wèi shénme

我的态度是…… wǒ de tàidù shì

第一个原因是……；另外，…… dì yī gè yuányīn shì lìngwài

比如小时候，…… bǐrú xiǎoshíhou

也有人反对，觉得……，可是…… yě yǒu rén fǎnduì juéde kěshì

model answer

我的态度很清楚：我支持孩子帮父母做家里的事。 wǒ de tàidù hěn qīngchu wǒ zhīchí háizi bāng fùmǔ zuò jiā lǐ de shì

第一个原因是，父母每天工作都很忙，回家还要做饭、打扫，非常累。 dì yī gè yuányīn shì fùmǔ měi tiān gōngzuò dōu hěn máng huí jiā hái yào zuòfàn dǎsǎo fēicháng lèi

孩子帮一下忙，父母就能多休息一会儿。 háizi bāng yíxià máng fùmǔ jiù néng duō xiūxi yíhuìr

另外，孩子做家里的事，可以学会照顾自己。 lìngwài háizi zuò jiā lǐ de shì kěyǐ xué huì zhàogù zìjǐ

比如小时候，妈妈让我自己收拾房间、洗袜子。 bǐrú xiǎoshíhou māma ràng wǒ zìjǐ shōushi fángjiān xǐ wàzi

虽然开始我不太喜欢，但是现在我一个人住，什么都会做。 suīrán kāishǐ wǒ bú tài xǐhuan dànshì xiànzài wǒ yí gè rén zhù shénme dōu huì zuò

也有人反对，觉得孩子只要好好学习就行了。 yě yǒu rén fǎnduì juéde háizi zhǐyào hǎohǎo xuéxí jiù xíng le

可是我觉得，做一点儿家里的事，不会影响学习。 kěshì wǒ juéde zuò yìdiǎnr jiā lǐ de shì bú huì yǐngxiǎng xuéxí

My attitude is clear: I'm for children helping their parents at home. The first reason is that parents are busy at work every day, and when they get home they still have to cook and clean, which is exhausting. If the children help a bit, the parents can rest a little more. Also, doing jobs at home teaches children to look after themselves. For example, when I was little, my mum had me tidy my own room and wash my socks. I didn't like it at first, but now I live on my own and I can do everything. Some people are against it: they think children only need to study hard. But I think a few jobs at home won't get in the way of studying.

good to know · 家务 (housework) is not an HSK 1–4 word: say 家里的事, or name the jobs: 做饭, 打扫, 收拾房间, 洗衣服. Sweep the picture in a fixed order (left to right, or floor, bed, desk) and give each place one 放着 sentence. 屋子 and 房间 both mean "room"; 屋子 is a little more colloquial, especially in the north. An attitude question (你对……是什么态度？) wants your position first: 我支持…… / 我反对…… / 我的态度是……. Then the reasons, and one sentence on what people on the other side think.

Every corner of that room got a sentence. That's exactly how to make a picture last a minute and a quarter.
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day 9 sunday in the park

Describe a group of people doing different things, guess the season and the day from what you see, and talk about your weekends.

有的……，有的…… turns a crowded picture into a list of easy sentences, and guessing the time from clues (sun, clothes, flowers) is a guess examiners like.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
公园	gōngyuán	park	奶奶每天都去公园。 Grandma goes to the park every day.
草地	cǎodì	lawn, grass	孩子们在草地上玩。 The children are playing on the grass.
散步	sànbù	to go for a walk	吃完晚饭，我们去公园散步吧。 After dinner, let's go for a walk in the park.
放松	fàngsōng	to relax	周末我喜欢听音乐放松一下。 At the weekend I like to relax with some music.
周末	zhōumò	weekend	周末你做什么? What are you doing at the weekend?
拍照	pāizhào	to take photos	这里不能拍照。 You can't take photos here.
一块儿	yīkuàir	together	咱们一块儿去吧! Let's go together!
春天	chūntiān	spring	北京的春天风很大。 Spring in Beijing is very windy.
花园	huāyuán	garden	我们小区有一个小花园。 Our estate has a little garden.
有的	yǒude	some (of them)	有的人喜欢猫，有的人喜欢狗。 Some people like cats, some like dogs.

pattern 有的……，有的…… and 除了……以外: some..., others...; apart from...

有的人 | 在 A | ，有的人 | 在 B | ·除了 | A | 以外，还 | B

有的……，有的…… splits a group: some do this, others do that: 有的人在跑步，有的人在休息. It is perfect for a busy park or street. 除了A以外，还B adds something: apart from A, also B. With 都 it means "except": 除了小明以外，我们都去了 (all of us except Xiaoming).

有的孩子在踢球，有的在跑步。 **yǒude háizi zài tī qiú yǒude zài pǎobù** Some children are playing football, others are running.

公园里的花有的是红色的，有的是黄色的。 **gōngyuán lǐ de huā yǒude shì hóngsè de yǒude shì huángsè de** Some of the flowers in the park are red, some are yellow.

除了散步以外，我还喜欢拍照。 **chúle sànbù yǐwài wǒ hái xǐhuan pāizhào** Apart from walking, I also like taking photos.

除了小明以外，我们都去了。 **chúle Xiǎomíng yǐwài wǒmen dōu qù le** All of us went except Xiaoming.

dialogue sunday plans

xiaoming 安娜，这个周末你有什么打算?
Ānnà zhège zhōumò nǐ yǒu shénme dǎsuàn · Anna, what are your plans for the weekend?

anna 还没想好。春天来了，我想出去走走。
hái méi xiǎng hǎo chūntiān lái le wǒ xiǎng chūqù zǒu zou · I haven't decided. Spring's here, so I'd like to get out a bit.

xiaoming 跟我们一块儿去公园吧！奶奶每个星期天都去。
gēn wǒmen yíkuàir qù gōngyuán ba nǎinai měi gè xīngqītiān dōu qù · Come to the park with us! Grandma goes every Sunday.

anna 奶奶去公园做什么?
nǎinai qù gōngyuán zuò shénme · What does Grandma do in the park?

xiaoming 除了散步以外，她还跟朋友一起跳舞。
chúle sànbù yǐwài tā hái gēn péngyou yìqǐ tiàowǔ · Apart from walking, she dances with her friends.

anna 公园里人多吗?
gōngyuán lǐ rén duō ma · Is the park busy?

xiaoming 很多。有的人在草地上休息，有的人在花园里拍照，还有的人在跑步。
hěn duō yǒude rén zài cǎodì shàng xiūxi yǒude rén zài huāyuán lǐ pāizhào hái yǒude rén zài pǎobù · Very. Some people rest on the grass, some take photos in the gardens, and some go running.

anna 听起来很放松！我可以带相机吗?
tīng qǐlai hěn fàngsōng wǒ kěyǐ dài xiàngjī ma · Sounds relaxing! Can I bring my camera?

xiaoming 当然可以！大白也去，你可以给它拍照。
dāngrán kěyǐ Dàbái yě qù nǐ kěyǐ gěi tā pāizhào · Of course! Dabai's coming too: you can take his picture.

repeat listen, then say it back

这个周末你打算做什么? **zhège zhōumò nǐ dǎsuàn zuò shénme** What are you planning to do this weekend?

我们一块儿去公园散步吧。 **wǒmen yíkuàir qù gōngyuán sànbù ba** Let's go for a walk in the park together.

春天的时候，花园特别漂亮。 **chūntiān de shíhou huāyuán tèbié piàoliang** In spring the gardens are especially beautiful.

她正在用手机给花拍照呢。 **tā zhèngzài yòng shǒujī gěi huā pāizhào ne** She is taking photos of the flowers with her phone.

有的人在跑步，有的人在休息。 **yǒude rén zài pǎobù yǒude rén zài xiūxi** Some people are running, others are resting.

除了散步以外，奶奶还喜欢跳舞。 **chúle sànbù yǐwài nǎinai hái xǐhuan tiàowǔ** Apart from walking, Grandma also likes dancing.

reply answer out loud

你觉得去公园散步怎么样？ nǐ juéde qù gōngyuán sànbù zěnmeyàng What do you think of walking in the park?

→ 我觉得很好，又放松又不花钱。 wǒ juéde hěn hǎo yòu fàngsōng yòu bù huā qián

→ 吃完晚饭去走一走，晚上还能睡得更好。 chī wán wǎnfàn qù zǒu yi zou wǎnshang hái néng shuì de gèng hǎo

你喜欢拍人还是拍花？ nǐ xǐhuan pāi rén háishi pāi huā Do you prefer taking photos of people or of flowers?

→ 我更喜欢拍花。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan pāi huā

→ 因为人一看到相机就不自然了。 yīnwèi rén yí kàn dào xiàngjī jiù bú zìrán le

你最喜欢哪个季节？ nǐ zuì xǐhuan nǎge jìjié Which season do you like best?

→ 我最喜欢春天。 wǒ zuì xǐhuan chūntiān

→ 因为春天不冷也不热，到处都是花。 yīnwèi chūntiān bù lěng yě bú rè dàochù dōu shì huā

你的房间乱不乱？ nǐ de fángjiān luàn bu luàn Is your room messy?

→ 不太乱。 bú tài luàn

→ 因为我每个周末都收拾一次。 yīnwèi wǒ měi gè zhōumò dōu shōushi yí cì

describe the picture 75 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 and a quarter.

图上有谁？他们在哪儿？每个人在做什么？你觉得现在是什么季节？为什么？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr měi gè rén zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde xiànzài shì shénme jìjié wèi shénme

这张图片上是……，有的……，有的…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yǒude yǒude

左边……，中间……，右边…… zuǒbian zhōngjiān yòubian

后面还有…… hòumiàn hái yǒu

……所以大概是…… suǒyǐ dàgài shì

model answer

这张图片上是一个公园，太阳很大，天气很好。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè gōngyuán tàiyáng hěn dà tiānqì hěn hǎo

公园里有三个人，有的在玩，有的在休息，有的在拍照。 gōngyuán lǐ yǒu sān gè rén yǒude zài wán yǒude zài xiūxi yǒude zài pāizhào

左边有一位老人坐在草地上，他戴着白色的帽子，旁边放着一碗水果。 zuǒbian yǒu yí wèi lǎorén zuò zài cǎodì shàng tā dài zhe báisè de màozi pángbiān fàng zhe yì wǎn shuǐguǒ

中间的女孩子穿着黄色的裙子，正在踢球。 zhōngjiān de nǚ háizi chuān zhe huángsè de qúnzi zhèngzài tī qiú

右边的年轻女人站在花园旁边，拿着手机给花拍照。 yòubian de niánqīng nǚrén zhàn zài huāyuán pángbiān ná zhe shǒujī gěi huā pāizhào

后面还有一把椅子和三棵树。 hòumiàn hái yǒu yì bǎ yǐzi hé sān kē shù

大家都穿得很少，花也开了，所以大概是春天或者夏天的周末。 dàjiā dōu chuān de hěn shǎo huā yě kāi le suǒyǐ dàgài shì chūntiān huòzhě xiàtiān de zhōumò

我周末也喜欢去公园散步，在草地上坐一会儿，放松一下。 wǒ zhōumò yě xǐhuan qù gōngyuán sànbù zài cǎodì shàng zuò yíhuìr fàngsōng yíxià

This picture shows a park; the sun is bright and the weather is lovely. There are three people in the park: one is playing, one is resting and one is taking photos. On the left an old man is sitting on the grass; he's wearing a white cap and has a bowl of fruit beside him. The girl in the middle is wearing a yellow dress and kicking a ball. The young woman on the right is standing by the flower bed, taking

pictures of the flowers with her phone. Behind them there is a bench and three trees. Everyone is dressed lightly and the flowers are out, so it is probably a weekend in spring or summer. At weekends I like walking in the park too, and sitting on the grass for a while to relax.

talk 75 seconds

What is your biggest hobby? Why? Talk for a minute and a quarter.

你最大的爱好是什么？为什么？ nǐ zuì dà de àihào shì shénme wèi shénme

我最大的爱好是…… wǒ zuì dà de àihào shì

我经常……，有时…… wǒ jīngcháng yǒushí

除了……以外，我还…… chúle yǐwài wǒ hái

对我来说，…… duì wǒ lái shuō

model answer

我最大的爱好是拍照。 wǒ zuì dà de àihào shì pāizhào

周末我经常去公园，有时一个人去，有时跟朋友一块儿去。 zhōumò wǒ jīngcháng qù gōngyuán yǒushí yí gè rén qù yǒushí gēn péngyou yíkuàir qù

我尤其喜欢拍春天的花，颜色特别漂亮。 wǒ yóuqí xǐhuan pāi chūntiān de huā yánsè tèbié piàoliang

拍照的时候，我会认真看身边的东西，感觉特别放松。 pāizhào de shíhou wǒ huì rènzhēn kàn shēnbiān de dōngxi gǎnjué tèbié fàngsōng

除了拍照以外，我还喜欢游泳，每个星期至少游两次。 chúle pāizhào yǐwài wǒ hái xǐhuan yóuyǒng měi gè xīngqī zhìshǎo yóu liǎng cì

小时候我也很爱踢足球，可是现在没时间了。 xiǎoshíhou wǒ yě hěn ài tī zúqiú kěshì xiànzài méi shíjiān le

对我来说，一张好照片能让我记住一个难忘的周末。 duì wǒ lái shuō yì zhāng hǎo zhàopiàn néng ràng wǒ jì zhù yí gè nánwàng de zhōumò

My biggest hobby is taking photos. At weekends I often go to the park, sometimes on my own and sometimes with friends. I especially like photographing spring flowers: the colours are so beautiful. When I'm taking photos I really look at the things around me, and I feel completely relaxed. Apart from photography, I also like swimming: I swim at least twice a week. As a child I loved playing football too, but now I don't have time. For me, one good photo can keep a whole weekend I'll never forget.

good to know · Guessing the time is an easy guess with a clear reason: the sun, the clothes and the flowers all tell you something. Say what you see, then 所以大概是..... 风筝 (kite) and 野餐 (picnic) are not HSK 1–4 words: describe what you see instead (坐在草地上吃水果). 一块儿 and 一起 both mean "together"; 一块儿 sounds very Beijing.

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A mock round on unit 2: home, cooking, moving, tidying and weekends, in one story and three timed talks.

chapter 1 unpacking

xiaoming 箱子都搬上来了！你的新家真不错。
xiāngzi dōu bān shanglai le nǐ de xīn jiā zhēn búcuò · All the boxes are up! Your new place is really nice.

anna 谢谢你！客厅虽然不大，但是窗户很大，很亮。
xièxie nǐ kètīng suīrán bú dà dànshì chuānghu hěn dà hěn liàng · Thank you! The living room isn't big, but the window is huge and it's very bright.

xiaoming 这儿离我家很近，附近还有超市和地铁站，太方便了。
zhèr lí wǒ jiā hěn jìn fùjìn hái yǒu chāoshì hé dìtiě zhàn tài fāngbiàn le · It's really close to my place, and there's a supermarket and a metro station nearby. Very handy.

anna 是啊，晚上也很安静。可是客厅的灯坏了。
shì a wǎnshang yě hěn ānjìng kěshì kètīng de dēng huài le · Yes, and it's quiet at night. But the living-room light is broken.

xiaoming 我来帮你装一个新的。你帮我按着椅子。
wǒ lái bāng nǐ zhuāng yí gè xīn de nǐ bāng wǒ àn zhe yǐzi · I'll put up a new one for you. Hold the chair steady for me.

anna 好，小心一点儿！
hǎo xiǎoxīn yìdiǎnr · OK. Careful!

chapter 2 visitors

anna 阿姨，欢迎欢迎！快请进！
āyí huānyíng huānyíng kuài qǐng jìn · Welcome, welcome! Do come in!

ms zhang 安娜，我们来做客了！这是给你的水果。
Ānnà wǒmen lái zuòkè le zhè shì gěi nǐ de shuǐguǒ · Anna, we've come to visit! This fruit is for you.

little sister 这些花是我选的，送给你！
zhèxiē huā shì wǒ xuǎn de sòng gěi nǐ · I chose these flowers. They're for you!

anna 太漂亮了，谢谢！我把花放在窗户旁边吧。
tài piàoliang le xièxie wǒ bǎ huā fàng zài chuānghu pángbiān ba · They're gorgeous, thank you! I'll put them by the window.

ms zhang 你的新家真干净，也很安静。
nǐ de xīn jiā zhēn gānjìng yě hěn ānjìng · Your new home is so clean, and quiet too.

anna 今天我请客。我做了几个菜，请你们尝一尝。
jīntiān wǒ qǐngkè wǒ zuò le jǐ gè cài qǐng nǐmen cháng yi chang · Today it's my treat. I've made a few dishes: please try them.

little sister 太好了！不好意思，洗手间在哪儿？我先去洗手。
tài hǎo le bù hǎoyìsi xǐshǒujiān zài nǎr wǒ xiān qù xǐ shǒu · Great! Excuse me, where's the bathroom? I'll wash my hands first.

chapter 3 anna's first dinner

little sister 安娜姐姐，这个菜叫什么？
Ānnà jiějie zhège cài jiào shénme · Anna, what's this dish called?

anna 西红柿鸡蛋。我先做了这个，然后又做了鱼。
xīhóngshì jīdàn wǒ xiān zuò le zhège ránhòu yòu zuò le yú · Tomato and egg. I made this one first, then the fish.

ms zhang 味道很好，一点儿也不咸！
wèidào hěn hǎo yìdiǎnr yě bù xián · It tastes great, and it isn't salty at all!

anna 太好了！上次我包的饺子很难看，今天的菜看起来还可以吧？
tài hǎo le shàng cì wǒ bāo de jiǎozi hěn nánkàn jīntiān de cài kàn qǐlai hái kěyǐ ba · Great! Last time my dumplings looked awful. Today's dishes look all right, don't they?

little sister 又好看又好吃！下次我们还来做客！
yòu hǎokàn yòu hǎochī xià cì wǒmen hái lái zuòkè · They look good and taste good! We'll come and visit again!

anna 欢迎！下次请小明和奶奶也一起来。
huānyíng xià cì qǐng Xiǎomíng hé nǎinai yě yìqǐ lái · You're welcome any time! Next time Xiaoming and Grandma must come too.

repeat listen, then say it back

欢迎你们星期六来我家做客！ **huānyíng nǐmen xīngqīliù lái wǒ jiā zuòkè** Come and visit me on Saturday!

客厅虽然不大，但是窗户很大。 **kètīng suīrán bú dà dànshì chuānghu hěn dà** The living room isn't big, but the window is.

你能帮我把客厅的灯装好吗？ **nǐ néng bāng wǒ bǎ kètīng de dēng zhuāng hǎo ma** Can you help me put up the living-room light?

今天我请客，大家多吃一点儿。 **jīntiān wǒ qǐngkè dàjiā duō chī yìdiǎnr** It's my treat today. Everyone, eat up!

我的新家离地铁站很近，很方便。 **wǒ de xīn jiā lí dìtiě zhàn hěn jìn hěn fāngbiàn** My new home is close to the metro station. It's very handy.

reply answer out loud

你觉得你家附近怎么样？ nǐ juéde nǐ jiā fùjìn zěnmeyàng What do you think of the area around your home?
→ 很方便，有一个超市和一个公园。 hěn fāngbiàn yǒu yí gè chāoshì hé yí gè gōngyuán
→ 所以买东西、散步都不用走很远。 suǒyǐ mǎi dōngxi sànbù dōu búyòng zǒu hěn yuǎn

你喜欢安静的地方吗？ nǐ xǐhuan ānjìng de dìfang ma Do you like quiet places?
→ 很喜欢。 hěn xǐhuan
→ 因为在安静的地方，我能好好休息。 yīnwèi zài ānjìng de dìfang wǒ néng hǎohǎo xiūxi

你常请朋友来做客吗？ nǐ cháng qǐng péngyou lái zuòkè ma Do you often invite friends round?
→ 不太常。 bú tài cháng
→ 因为我家太小了，坐不下很多人。 yīnwèi wǒ jiā tài xiǎo le zuò bu xià hěn duō rén

在家请客好还是去饭馆好？ zài jiā qǐngkè hǎo háishi qù fànguǎn hǎo Is it better to have guests at home or take them to a restaurant?
→ 我觉得在家请客好。 wǒ juéde zài jiā qǐngkè hǎo
→ 虽然累一点儿，但是大家能聊得更放松。 suīrán lèi yìdiǎnr dànshì dàjiā néng liáo de gèng fàngsōng

你觉得做客要带礼物吗？ nǐ juéde zuòkè yào dài lǐwù ma Do you think you should bring a present when you visit?
→ 我觉得最好带一点儿。 wǒ juéde zuìhǎo dài yìdiǎnr
→ 比如水果或者花，不用很贵。 bǐrú shuǐguǒ huòzhě huā búyòng hěn guì

describe the picture 75 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 and a quarter.

图上有谁？他们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得地上为什么有这么多箱子？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde dì shàng wèi shénme yǒu zhème duō xiāngzi

……正在帮…… zhèngzài bāng

……站在……上，手里拿着…… zhàn zài shàng shǒu lǐ ná zhe

地上放着…… dì shàng fàng zhe

……可能……，因为…… kěnéng yīnwèi

model answer

这张图片上是一个客厅，一个男人正在帮一个女人装灯。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè kètīng yí gè nánrén zhèngzài bāng yí gè nǚrén zhuāng dēng

男人穿着蓝衣服，站在一把绿色的椅子上，两只手拿着一个黄色的灯。 nánrén chuān zhe lán yīfu zhàn zài yì bǎ lǜsè de yǐzi shàng liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe yí gè huángsè de dēng

女人在下面一只手按着椅子，另一只手指着上面，笑得很开心。 nǚrén zài xiàmiàn yì zhī shǒu àn zhe yǐzi lìng yì zhī shǒu zhǐ zhe shàngmiàn xiào de hěn kāixīn

地上放着三个箱子，有一个箱子里放着书。 dì shàng fàng zhe sān gè xiāngzi yǒu yí gè xiāngzi lǐ fàng zhe shū

右边有一个沙发，左边有一个很大的窗户。 yòubian yǒu yí gè shāfā zuǒbian yǒu yí gè hěn dà de chuānghu

箱子里的东西还没拿出来，所以她可能刚搬过来。 xiāngzi lǐ de dōngxi hái méi ná chulai suǒyǐ tā kěnéng gāng bān guolai

我搬家的时候，也是朋友来帮我的，所以我很明白她现在的心情。 wǒ bānjiā de shíhou yě shì péngyou lái bāng wǒ de suǒyǐ wǒ hěn míngbai tā xiànzài de xīnqíng

This picture shows a living room, and a man is helping a woman put up a light. The man is wearing blue and standing on a green chair, holding a yellow lamp with both hands. The woman is below, holding the chair steady with one hand and pointing up with the other, smiling happily. There are three boxes on the floor, and one of them has books in it. On the right there is a sofa, and on the left a big

window. The things are still in the boxes, so she has probably only just moved in. When I moved, friends came to help me too, so I know exactly how she feels.

describe the picture 75 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 and a quarter.

图上有谁？她们在哪儿？在做什么？你觉得她们为什么来？ tú shàng yǒu shéi tāmen zài nǎr zài zuò shénme nǐ juéde tāmen wèi shénme lái

……正在门口…… zhèngzài ménkǒu

门口站着……，手里…… ménkǒu zhàn zhe shǒu lǐ

左边……，下面…… zuǒbian xiàmiàn

她们大概是……，因为…… tāmen dàgài shì yīnwèi

model answer

这张图片上，一个年轻的女人正在家门口欢迎客人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén zhèngzài jiā ménkǒu huānyíng kèrén

她穿着一条裙子，一只手拉着门，笑得很开心。 tā chuān zhe yì tiáo qúnzi yì zhī shǒu lā zhe mén xiào de hěn kāixīn

门口站着一个短头发的女人和一个小女孩儿。 ménkǒu zhàn zhe yí gè duǎn tóufa de nǚrén hé yí gè xiǎo nǚháir

那个女人手里提着一袋水果，小女孩儿手里拿着一大把花。 nàge nǚrén shǒu lǐ tí zhe yí dài shuǐguǒ xiǎo nǚháir shǒu lǐ ná zhe yí dà bǎ huā

左边挂着两件大衣，下面放着三双鞋。 zuǒbian guà zhe liǎng jiàn dàyī xiàmiàn fàng zhe sān shuāng xié

她们大概是来朋友家做客的，因为她们都带着礼物。 tāmen dàgài shì lái péngyou jiā zuòkè de yīnwèi tāmen dōu dài zhe lǐwù

如果朋友来我家做客，我也会准备好吃的东西，请他们一起吃饭。 rúguǒ péngyou lái wǒ jiā zuòkè wǒ yě huì zhǔnbèi hǎochī de dōngxi qǐng tāmen yìqǐ chī fàn

In this picture, a young woman is welcoming guests at the door of her home. She is wearing a dress, holding the door open with one hand and smiling happily. In the doorway stand a woman with short hair and a little girl. The woman is carrying a bag of fruit, and the girl is holding a big bunch of flowers. On the left two coats are hanging up, with three pairs of shoes underneath. They have probably come to visit a friend's home, because they have both brought presents. If friends came to visit me, I would make something nice to eat and invite them to stay for a meal too.

talk 75 seconds

What is your ideal home like? Why? Talk for a minute and a quarter.

你理想的家是怎样的？为什么？ nǐ lǐxiǎng de jiā shì zěnyàng de wèi shénme

我理想的家不用……，但是一定要…… wǒ lǐxiǎng de jiā búyòng dànshì yídìng yào

最好在……附近，这样…… zuìhǎo zài fùjìn zhèyàng

家里要有…… jiā lǐ yào yǒu

对我来说，…… duì wǒ lái shuō

model answer

我理想的家不用很大，但是一定要安静、方便。 wǒ lǐxiǎng de jiā búyòng hěn dà dànshì yídìng yào ānjìng fāngbiàn

最好在地铁站附近，这样去哪儿都很方便。 zuìhǎo zài dìtiě zhàn fùjìn zhèyàng qù nǎr dōu hěn fāngbiàn

家里要有一个客厅，客厅里有一个舒服的沙发和很大的窗户。 jiā lǐ yào yǒu yí gè kètīng kètīng lǐ yǒu yí gè shūfu de shāfā hé hěn dà de chuānghu

白天不用开灯，屋子里也很亮。 báitiān búyòng kāi dēng wūzi lǐ yě hěn liàng

除了客厅以外，我还希望有一个小厨房，因为我喜欢请朋友来家里做客。 chúle kètīng yǐwài wǒ hái xīwàng yǒu yí gè xiǎo chúfáng yīnwèi wǒ xǐhuan qǐng péngyou lái jiā lǐ zuòkè

周末我可以做几个菜，大家一边吃一边聊天。 zhōumò wǒ kěyǐ zuò jǐ gè cài dàjiā yìbiān chī yìbiān liáotiān

对我来说，这样的家住着最舒服。 duì wǒ lái shuō zhèyàng de jiā zhù zhe zuì shūfu

My ideal home doesn't need to be big, but it must be quiet and convenient. Ideally it would be near a metro station, so I could get anywhere easily. It should have a living room with a comfy sofa and a big window. In the daytime it would be bright without the lights on. Apart from the living room, I'd also like a little kitchen, because I love having friends round. At the weekend I could cook a few dishes and we could chat over dinner. For me, a home like that would be the most comfortable to live in.

Unit 2 done: home, food, moving, tidying and weekends. Unit 3 is study and work, and the talks grow to a minute and a half.

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