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day 11 the night before the exam

Chinese HSKK intermediate in 37 days
unit 3 · study & work

Describe someone studying late at night, guess why with 也许 and 恐怕, and say whether exam results matter.

From unit 3 the talks last a minute and a half and the picture frame gives you phrases only, no questions: you lead. 只要……就…… and 恐怕 make your reasons and guesses sound grown-up.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
复习	fùxí	to revise, review	考试以前，我得{dei3}好好复习。 I need to revise properly before the exam.
笔记	bǐjì	notes	能借我看看你的笔记吗? Could I borrow your notes for a look?
课本	kèběn	textbook	请打开课本。 Please open your textbooks.
紧张	jǐnzhāng	nervous; tense, tight	别紧张，慢慢说。 Don't be nervous, take your time.
困	kùn	sleepy; stuck	我昨天睡得太晚，现在很困。 I went to bed too late last night, so I'm sleepy now.
努力	nǔlì	to work hard; hard-working	只要努力，你一定能学好。 As long as you work hard, you'll definitely learn it well.
成绩	chéngjì	results, grades	这次考试，我的成绩不错。 My results in this exam were pretty good.
认真	rènzhēn	serious, careful, conscientious	她学习很认真。 She studies very conscientiously.
重要	zhòngyào	important	身体健康最重要。 Good health is the most important thing.
恐怕	kǒngpà	I'm afraid; probably	已经十点了，恐怕他今天不来了。 It's already ten. I'm afraid he isn't coming today.

pattern 也许 and 恐怕: maybe, i'm afraid; 只要……就……: as long as

也许 / 恐怕 | your guess | ·只要 | condition | ，就 | result

也许 is “maybe”, a light guess. 恐怕 is “I’m afraid, probably”: a guess about something you are not happy about: 恐怕她明天有考试. Both go at the start or before the verb. 只要A，就B is “as long as A, then B”: A is all you need: 只要认真复习，就没问题.

她也许太累了。 **tā yěxǔ tài lèi le** Maybe she’s too tired.

已经十二点了，恐怕他今天不回来了。 **yǐjīng shíèr diǎn le kǒngpà tā jīntiān bù huílái le** It’s already midnight; I’m afraid he won’t be back tonight.

只要你努力，成绩就会好。 **zhǐyào nǐ nǔlì chéngjì jiù huì hǎo** As long as you work hard, your results will be good.

只要有时间，我就去图书馆。 **zhǐyào yǒu shíjiān wǒ jiù qù túshūguǎn** Whenever I have time, I go to the library.

dialogue still up?

xiaoming 安娜，这么晚了，你还没睡吗?
Ānnà zhème wǎn le nǐ hái méi shuì ma · Anna, it’s so late. Aren’t you asleep yet?

anna 没有，我在复习呢。明天有汉语考试，我有点儿紧张。
méiyǒu wǒ zài fùxí ne míngtiān yǒu Hànyǔ kǎoshì wǒ yǒudiǎnr jǐnzhāng · No, I’m revising. I’ve got a Chinese test tomorrow and I’m a bit nervous.

xiaoming 你复习得怎么样了?
nǐ fùxí de zěnmeyàng le · How’s the revision going?

anna 课本看完了，笔记也看了两遍，可是有的字还是记不住。
kèběn kàn wán le bǐjì yě kàn le liǎng biàn kěshì yǒude zì háishi jì bu zhù · I’ve finished the textbook and read my notes twice, but there are still some characters I can’t remember.

xiaoming 别担心，只要你平时认真学习，就一定没问题。
bié dānxīn zhǐyào nǐ píngshí rènzhēn xuéxí jiù yídìng méi wèntí · Don’t worry. As long as you’ve worked hard all along, you’ll be fine.

anna 也许吧。你呢? 你明天也有考试吧?
yěxǔ ba nǐ ne nǐ míngtiān yě yǒu kǎoshì ba · Maybe. What about you? You’ve got an exam tomorrow too, haven’t you?

xiaoming 对，这是我大学的最后一次考试！考完我就要开始找工作了。
duì zhè shì wǒ dàxué de zuìhòu yí cì kǎoshì kǎo wán wǒ jiù yào kāishǐ zhǎo gōngzuò le · Yes, the last exam of my degree! After it, I’ll start looking for a job.

anna 那你更要早一点儿睡了。已经十一点了，恐怕你明天会很困。
nà nǐ gèng yào zǎo yìdiǎnr shuì le yǐjīng shíyī diǎn le kǒngpà nǐ míngtiān huì hěn kùn · Then you need to get to bed even more. It’s already eleven; I’m afraid you’ll be sleepy tomorrow.

xiaoming 你说得对。我们都早一点儿睡吧，祝你考试顺利!
nǐ shuō de duì wǒmen dōu zǎo yìdiǎnr shuì ba zhù nǐ kǎoshì shùnlì · You’re right. Let’s both go to bed. Good luck with your test!

repeat listen, then say it back

明天有考试，我必须好好复习。 **míngtiān yǒu kǎoshì wǒ bìxū hǎohǎo fùxí** I have an exam tomorrow, so I must revise properly.

我可以借你的笔记看一下吗？ **wǒ kěyǐ jiè nǐ de bǐjì kàn yíxià ma** Could I borrow your notes for a look?

考试以前，我总是有点儿紧张。 **kǎoshì yǐqián wǒ zǒngshì yǒudiǎnr jǐnzhāng** Before an exam I always feel a bit nervous.

已经十二点了，你还不睡觉吗？ **yǐjīng shíèr diǎn le nǐ hái bú shuìjiào ma** It's already midnight. Aren't you going to bed?

只要认真复习，就一定没问题。 **zhǐyào rènzhēn fùxí jiù yídìng méi wèntí** As long as you revise properly, you'll be fine.

他学习很努力，所以成绩一直很好。 **tā xuéxí hěn nǔlì suǒyǐ chéngjì yìzhí hěn hǎo** He studies hard, so his results have always been good.

reply answer out loud

考试前你紧张吗？ **kǎoshì qián nǐ jǐnzhāng ma** Do you get nervous before exams?

→ 有一点儿紧张。 **yǒuyìdiǎnr jǐnzhāng**

→ 因为我怕考得不好。 **yīnwèi wǒ pà kǎo de bù hǎo**

你怎么记住新的句子？ **nǐ zěnme jì zhù xīn de jùzi** How do you remember new sentences?

→ 我把句子和对话写在笔记本上。 **wǒ bǎ jùzi hé duìhuà xiě zài bǐjìběn shàng**

→ 每天早上练一遍，几乎都能记住。 **měi tiān zǎoshang liàn yí biàn jīhū dōu néng jì zhù**

你早上学习还是晚上学习？ **nǐ zǎoshang xuéxí háishi wǎnshang xuéxí** Do you study in the morning or in the evening?

→ 我更喜欢早上学习。 **wǒ gèng xǐhuan zǎoshang xuéxí**

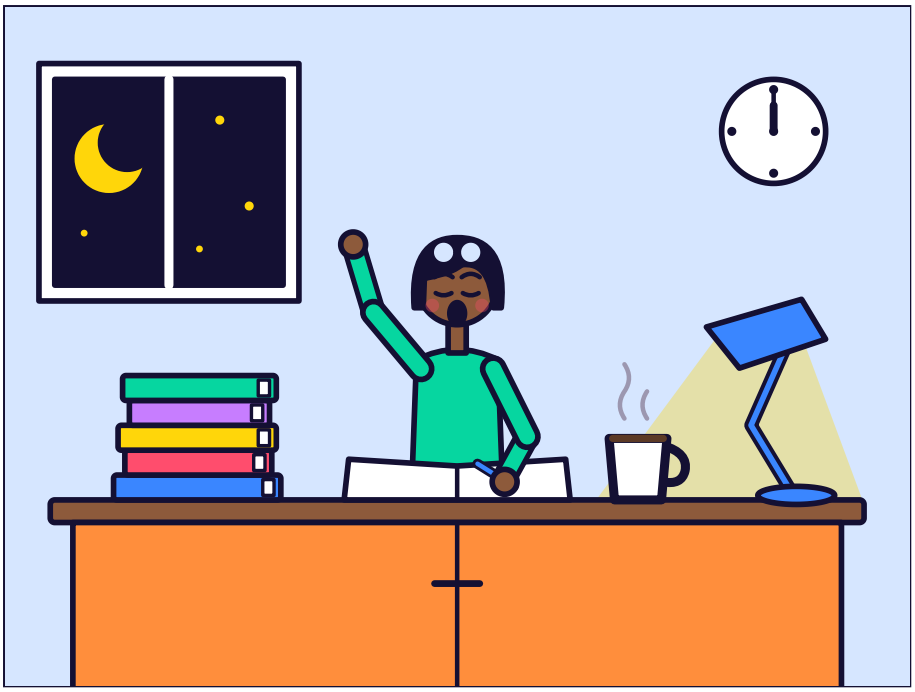
→ 晚上我太困了，看一会儿书就想睡觉。 **wǎnshang wǒ tài kùn le kàn yíhuìr shū jiù xiǎng shuìjiào**

你喜欢安静的地方吗？ **nǐ xǐhuan ānjìng de dìfang ma** Do you like quiet places?

→ 喜欢。 **xǐhuan**

→ 因为在安静的地方复习效果最好。 **yīnwèi zài ānjìng de dìfang fùxí xiàoguǒ zuìhǎo**

describe the picture 90 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 half.

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

桌子左边放着……，右边…… zhuōzi zuǒbian fàng zhe yòubian

窗户外面能看到…… chuānghu wàimiàn néng kàn dào

她看起来……，恐怕……，所以…… tā kàn qǐlai kǒngpà suǒyǐ

model answer

这张图片上是晚上，一个年轻的女孩子正在桌子前面学习。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì wǎnshang yí gè niánqīng de nǚ háizi zhèngzài zhuōzi qiánmiàn xuéxí

她戴着眼镜，可是现在把眼镜放在头上了。 tā dài zhe yǎnjìng kěshì xiànzài bǎ yǎnjìng fàng zài tóu shàng le

她一只手拿着笔，前面放着一个笔记本，另一只手举得很高，嘴张得很大。 tā yì zhī shǒu ná zhe bǐ qiánmiàn fàng zhe yí gè bǐjìběn lìng yì zhī shǒu jǔ de hěn gāo zuǐ zhāng de hěn dà

桌子左边放着五本书，右边有一杯热咖啡和一个灯。 zhuōzi zuǒbian fàng zhe wǔ běn shū yòubian yǒu yì bēi rè kāfēi hé yí gè dēng

窗户外面能看到月亮和星星，旁边的表上已经是十二点了。 chuānghu wàimiàn néng kàn dào yuèliang hé xīngxing pángbiān de biǎo shàng yǐjīng shì shíèr diǎn le

她看起来很困，恐怕明天有一个很重要的考试，所以这么晚还在复习。 tā kàn qǐlai hěn kùn kǒngpà míngtiān yǒu yí gè hěn zhòngyào de kǎoshì suǒyǐ zhème wǎn hái zài fùxí

我考试以前也常常复习到很晚，不过我觉得只要平时认真学习，就不用这么紧张。 wǒ kǎoshì yǐqián yě chángcháng fùxí dào hěn wǎn búguò wǒ juéde zhǐyào píngshí rènzhēn xuéxí jiù búyòng zhème jǐnzhāng

It is night-time in this picture, and a young woman is studying at a desk. She wears glasses, but right now she has pushed them up onto her head. She is holding a pen in one hand with a notebook in front of her; her other arm is stretched high and her mouth is wide open. On the left of the desk there are five books, and on the right a cup of hot coffee and a lamp. Through the window you can see the moon and stars, and the clock already shows twelve. She looks very sleepy; I'm afraid she has an important exam tomorrow, so she is still revising this late. Before exams I often revise late too, but I think that as long as you study properly all along, you don't need to be this stressed.

talk 90 seconds

Tell us about the teacher you remember best from your school days. Why can't you forget them? Talk for a minute and a half.

说说你上学的时候最难忘的一位老师。为什么难忘？ shuō shuo nǐ shàngxué de shíhou zuì nánwàng de yí wèi lǎoshī wèi shénme nánwàng

我最难忘的老师是…… wǒ zuì nánwàng de lǎoshī shì

那时候……，有一次…… nà shíhou yǒu yí cì

后来…… hòulái

她让我明白…… tā ràng wǒ míngbai

model answer

我最难忘的老师是我中学的数学老师。 wǒ zuì nánwàng de lǎoshī shì wǒ zhōngxué de shùxué lǎoshī

那时候我的数学成绩很差，每次考试以前都特别紧张。 nà shíhou wǒ de shùxué chéngjì hěn chà měi cì kǎoshì yǐqián dōu tèbié jǐnzhāng

有一次我只考了五十分，我以为老师会很生气。 yǒu yí cì wǒ zhǐ kǎo le wǔshí fēn wǒ yǐwéi lǎoshī huì hěn shēngqì

可是她一点儿也没生气，下课以后还找我聊天，教了我很多学习的方法。 kěshì tā yìdiǎnr yě méi shēngqì xiàkè yǐhòu hái zhǎo wǒ liáotiān jiāo le wǒ hěn duō xuéxí de fāngfǎ

她告诉我，只要每天练一点儿，成绩就会越来越好。 tā gàosu wǒ zhǐyào měi tiān liàn yìdiǎnr chéngjì jiù huì yuè lái yuè hǎo

后来我每天都做几道数学题，半年以后，成绩真的好多了。 hòulái wǒ měi tiān dōu zuò jǐ dào shùxué tí bàn nián yǐhòu chéngjì zhēn de hǎo duō le

她让我明白，一个好老师可以改变一个学生。 tā ràng wǒ míngbai yí gè hǎo lǎoshī kěyǐ gǎibiàn yí gè xuéshēng

现在我学汉语的时候，也常常想起这位老师。 xiànzài wǒ xué Hànyǔ de shíhou yě chángcháng xiǎng qǐ zhè wèi lǎoshī

The teacher I remember best is my maths teacher at secondary school. Back then my maths was very poor, and I was always really nervous before tests. Once I got only fifty, and I thought she would be very angry. But she wasn't angry at all: after class she found me for a chat and taught me lots of ways to study. She told me that as long as I practised a little every day, my marks would keep getting better. After that I did a few maths problems every day, and six months later my marks really were much better. She made me see that one good teacher can change a student. Now, when I study Chinese, I often think of her.

good to know · No guiding questions from today: use the same six steps in your head (place, people, action, details, guess, you). Clock times: 十一点 is eleven o'clock and 十二点 is twelve (here, midnight). Don't mix up 一点 (one o'clock) and 一点儿 ("a little"). 困 is sleepy (you want to sleep); 累 is tired (you want to rest). Late at night over your books you can be both. A "tell us about…" question (说说……) is a story: who or when first, then 有一次 and what happened (了), then 后来, and last why it still matters to you.

A minute and a half, with no questions to lean on. You led the whole talk yourself.
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day 12 the meeting

Describe three people one by one in a meeting, and say whether you prefer working alone or with others, with your points in order.

首先……其次……最后…… gives any answer a clear shape: in a picture it walks you through the people, and in an opinion it lines up your reasons. Examiners notice it at once.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
办公室	bàngōngshì	office	经理在办公室吗? Is the manager in the office?
开会	kāihuì	to have a meeting	经理正在开会。 The manager is in a meeting.
同事	tóngshì	colleague	小陈是我的同事。 Xiao Chen is my colleague.
经理	jīnglǐ	manager	我们的经理很年轻。 Our manager is very young.
讨论	tǎolùn	to discuss	我们讨论了很长时间。 We discussed it for a long time.
意见	yìjiàn	opinion, view; complaint	你对这件事有什么意见? What's your view on this?
同意	tóngyì	to agree	爸爸妈妈同意了。 Mum and Dad said yes.
解决	jiějué	to solve, settle	这个问题我来解决。 I'll sort this problem out.
参加	cānjiā	to take part in, attend	你参加明天的会议吗? Are you coming to tomorrow's meeting?
首先	shǒuxiān	first (of all)	首先，把西红柿洗干净。 First, wash the tomatoes.

pattern 首先……其次……最后…… and 不但……而且……

首先，A；其次，B；最后，C·不但A，而且B

首先……其次……最后…… (first, next, finally) puts your points in order. It works for opinions (three reasons) and for pictures (three people, left to right). 不但A，而且B is “not only A, but also B”: the second point goes further than the first.

首先，左边的女人在讲；其次，中间的人在写；最后，右边的人在看表。 **shǒuxiān zuǒbian de nǚrén zài jiǎng qícì zhōngjiān de rén zài xiě zuìhòu yòubian de rén zài kàn biǎo** First, the woman on the left is talking; next, the person in the middle is writing; finally, the person on the right is looking at his watch.

首先，我们讨论一下；最后，经理来决定。 **shǒuxiān wǒmen tǎolùn yíxià zuìhòu jīnglǐ lái juédìng** First we’ll discuss it; then the manager will decide.

他不但会说汉语，而且说得很好。 **tā búdàn huì shuō Hànyǔ érqiě shuō de hěn hǎo** He not only speaks Chinese, he speaks it well.

这个办法不但简单，而且很快。 **zhège bànfǎ búdàn jiǎndān érqiě hěn kuài** This way is not only simple, it’s quick too.

dialogue my first meeting

xiaoming 妈妈，今天上班怎么样?
māma jīntiān shàngbān zěnmeyàng · Mum, how was work today?

ms zhang 挺好的。我们公司来了一位新经理，今天第一次开会。
tǐng hǎo de wǒmen gōngsī lái le yí wèi xīn jīnglǐ jīntiān dì yī cì kāihuì · Pretty good. A new manager has joined our company, and today we had our first meeting with her.

xiaoming 开会的时候你说话了吗?
kāihuì de shíhou nǐ shuōhuà le ma · Did you say anything in the meeting?

ms zhang 说了。经理让大家讨论一个关于客人的问题，问每个人的意见。
shuō le jīnglǐ ràng dàjiā tǎolùn yí gè guānyú kèrén de wèntí wèn měi gè rén de yìjiàn · I did. The manager had everyone discuss a problem about our customers and asked for each person’s view.

xiaoming 你是怎么说的?
nǐ shì zěnme shuō de · What did you say?

ms zhang 我说了三点：首先，问问客人的意见；其次，跟同事一起讨论；最后，大家一起想办法解决。
wǒ shuō le sān diǎn shǒuxiān wèn wen kèrén de yìjiàn qícì gēn tóngshì yìqǐ tǎolùn zuìhòu dàjiā yìqǐ xiǎng bànfǎ jiějué · I made three points: first, ask the customers what they think; next, talk it over with colleagues; finally, find a solution together.

xiaoming 经理同意了吗?
jīnglǐ tóngyì le ma · Did the manager agree?

ms zhang 同意了！她说我不但说得很清楚，而且想得很认真。
tóngyì le tā shuō wǒ búdàn shuō de hěn qīngchu érqiě xiǎng de hěn rènzhēn · She did! She said I not only spoke clearly but had thought it through carefully.

xiaoming 太好了。会开了多长时间?
tài hǎo le huì kāi le duō cháng shíjiān · Wonderful. How long did the meeting go on?

ms zhang 两个多小时！开到最后，我一直在看手表。
liǎng gè duō xiǎoshí kāi dào zuìhòu wǒ yìzhí zài kàn shǒubiǎo · Over two hours! By the end I kept looking at my watch.

repeat listen, then say it back

明天上午我们要开一个会。 **míngtiān shàngwǔ wǒmen yào kāi yí gè huì** We have a meeting tomorrow morning.

他是我们办公室的新同事。 **tā shì wǒmen bàngōngshì de xīn tóngshì** He's the new colleague in our office.

你同意经理刚才说的意见吗？ **nǐ tóngyì jīnglǐ gāngcái shuō de yìjiàn ma** Do you agree with what the manager just said?

首先，我们要找到问题在哪儿。 **shǒuxiān wǒmen yào zhǎo dào wèntí zài nǎr** First of all, we need to find where the problem is.

我们一起讨论一下这个问题吧。 **wǒmen yìqǐ tǎolùn yíxià zhège wèntí ba** Let's talk this problem over together.

参加会议的时候，别忘了带笔记本。 **cānjiā huìyì de shíhou bié wàng le dài bǐjìběn** Don't forget your notebook when you go to the meeting.

reply answer out loud

你觉得开会怎么样？ **nǐ juéde kāihuì zěnmeyàng** What do you think of meetings?

→ 有的会很有用。 **yǒude huì hěn yǒuyòng**

→ 不过如果开得太长，几乎没有人在听。 **búguò rúguǒ kāi de tài cháng jīhū méiyǒu rén zài tīng**

你常给别人提意见吗？ **nǐ cháng gěi biérén tí yìjiàn ma** Do you often give people your opinion?

→ 不常。 **bù cháng**

→ 因为我怕别人不高兴。 **yīnwèi wǒ pà biérén bù gāoxìng**

工作压力大，怎么办？ **gōngzuò yālì dà zěnme bàn** What do you do when work is stressful?

→ 我会去游泳或者跑步。 **wǒ huì qù yóuyǒng huòzhě pǎobù**

→ 运动以后，压力就小多了。 **yùndòng yǐhòu yālì jiù xiǎo duō le**

考试前你紧张吗？ **kǎoshì qián nǐ jǐnzhāng ma** Do you get nervous before exams?

→ 以前很紧张，现在好多了。 **yǐqián hěn jǐnzhāng xiànzài hǎo duō le**

→ 因为我发现只要准备好，就没问题。 **yīnwèi wǒ fāxiàn zhǐyào zhǔnbèi hǎo jiù méi wèntí**

describe the picture 90 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 half.

这张图片上是……，……正在开会。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì zhèngzài kāihuì

首先，左边……；其次，中间……；最后，右边…… shǒuxiān zuǒbian qícì zhōngjiān zuìhòu yòubian

桌子上有……，窗户外面…… zhuōzi shàng yǒu chuānghu wàimiàn

……看起来……，会议可能…… kàn qǐlai huìyì kěnéng

model answer

这张图片上是一个办公室，三个人正在开会。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè bàngōngshì sān gè rén zhèngzài kāihuì

首先，左边站着一个女人，她手里拿着几张纸，一边指着后面的图，一边给同事们讲。 shǒuxiān zuǒbian zhàn zhe yí gè nǚrén tā shǒu lǐ ná zhe jǐ zhāng zhǐ yìbiān zhǐ zhe hòumiàn de tú yìbiān gěi tóngshìmen jiǎng

其次，中间的男人穿着白色的衬衫，正在认真地写笔记。 qícì zhōngjiān de nánrén chuān zhe báisè de chènshān zhèngzài rènzhēn de xiě bǐjì

最后，右边的年轻人没有看图，他正在看自己的手表。 zuìhòu yòubian de niánqīng rén méiyǒu kàn tú tā zhèngzài kàn zìjǐ de shǒubiǎo

桌子上有三个杯子和一台电脑，窗户外面能看到很多高楼。 zhuōzi shàng yǒu sān gè bēizi hé yì tái diànnǎo chuānghu wàimiàn néng kàn dào hěn duō gāo lóu

那个年轻人看起来有点儿着急，会议可能已经开了很久了。 nàge niánqīng rén kàn qǐlai yǒudiǎnr zháojí huìyì kěnéng yǐjīng kāi le hěn jiǔ le

我参加会议的时候，如果会开得太长，我也会觉得有点儿累。 wǒ cānjiā huìyì de shíhou rúguǒ huì kāi de tài cháng wǒ yě huì juéde yǒudiǎnr lèi

This picture shows an office, where three people are having a meeting. First, on the left a woman is standing with some papers in her hand, pointing at the chart behind her as she talks to her colleagues. Next, the man in the middle is wearing a white shirt and carefully taking notes. Finally, the young man on the right isn't looking at the chart: he is looking at his watch. On the table there are three cups and a computer, and through the window you can see lots of tall buildings. The young man looks a little

impatient; the meeting has probably been going on for a long time. When I'm in a meeting that goes on too long, I get a bit tired too.

talk 90 seconds

Do you prefer working alone or with colleagues? Why? Talk for a minute and a half.

你喜欢一个人工作还是跟同事一起工作？为什么？ nǐ xǐhuan yí gè rén gōngzuò háishi gēn tóngshì yìqǐ gōngzuò wèi shénme

我更喜欢…… wǒ gèng xǐhuan

首先，……；其次，…… shǒuxiān qícì

不但……，而且…… búdàn érqiě

当然，有时候…… dāngrán yǒu shíhou

model answer

我更喜欢跟同事一起工作。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan gēn tóngshì yìqǐ gōngzuò

首先，跟同事一起工作，不但能学到很多东西，而且不会觉得无聊。 shǒuxiān gēn tóngshì yìqǐ gōngzuò búdàn néng xué dào hěn duō dōngxi érqiě bú huì juéde wúliáo

其次，遇到问题的时候，大家可以一起讨论，常常能更快地解决。 qícì yùdào wèntí de shíhou dàjiā kěyǐ yìqǐ tǎolùn chángcháng néng gèng kuài de jiějué

比如上个学期，我们几个同学一起准备一个大作业。 bǐrú shàng gè xuéqī wǒmen jǐ gè tóngxué yìqǐ zhǔnbèi yí gè dà zuòyè

每个人都说了自己的意见，虽然开始大家不太同意，但是最后找到了一个很好的办法。 měi gè rén dōu shuō le zìjǐ de yìjiàn suīrán kāishǐ dàjiā bú tài tóngyì dànshì zuìhòu zhǎo dào le yí gè hěn hǎo de bànfǎ

最后，跟同事一起工作，除了能完成工作以外，大家的关系也会越来越好。 zuìhòu gēn tóngshì yìqǐ gōngzuò chúle néng wánchéng gōngzuò yǐwài dàjiā de guānxì yě huì yuè lái yuè hǎo

当然，一个人工作也有优点，比如更安静，不过我还是更喜欢跟大家一起工作。 dāngrán yí gè rén gōngzuò yě yǒu yōudiǎn bǐrú gèng ānjìng búguò wǒ háishi gèng xǐhuan gēn dàjiā yìqǐ gōngzuò

I prefer working with colleagues. First, working with other people, you not only learn a lot, you never get bored. Next, when there's a problem, everyone can talk it through, and it often gets solved faster. For example, last term a few classmates and I worked on a big project together. Everyone gave their views, and although we didn't agree at first, in the end we found a really good way to do it. Finally, working with colleagues, besides getting the work done, you get on better and better. Of course, working alone has its good points too, such as more quiet, but I still prefer working with others.

good to know · Three people in a picture? 首先 (left), 其次 (middle), 最后 (right). Then your details and your guess. It is almost impossible to get lost. 开会 is one word (to hold a meeting). The meeting itself is 会议, or 会 after a verb: 开了一个会. A chart in a picture has no numbers you can read: say 她指着一张图 and leave what it shows alone.

Your answers now have a shape: first, next, finally. That alone makes a minute and a half feel shorter. Do this day interactively, with audio and games, free at **wishyou.today/learning**

day 13 the interview

Say how something makes someone feel, say what you do it for, and talk about what matters when you look for a job.

Interviews, first jobs and pay are classic part-3 topics, and 让 + someone + a feeling lets you explain a face in a picture in one neat sentence.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
面试	miànshì	(job) interview; to interview	明天上午十点面试。 The interview is at ten tomorrow morning.
经验	jīngyàn	experience	他有五年的工作经验。 He has five years of work experience.
能力	nénglì	ability	他的工作能力很强。 He's very capable at work.
了解	liǎojiě	to know about, understand (well)	我想多了解中国。 I'd like to get to know China better.
工资	gōngzī	pay, wages	这个工作的工资不太高。 The pay for this job isn't very high.
机会	jīhuì	chance, opportunity	这是一个很好的机会。 This is a great opportunity.
回答	huídá	to answer	请回答我的问题。 Please answer my question.
害怕	hàipà	to be afraid, scared	小孩儿常常害怕看医生。 Little kids are often scared of the doctor.
打算	dǎsuàn	to plan; plan	周末你打算做什么? What are you planning to do at the weekend?
认为	rènwéi	to think, be of the view	我认为这个办法不错。 I think this is a good way to do it.

pattern 让 + someone + a feeling; 为了 + a goal

这次面试 | 让 | someone | a feeling | ，为了 | a goal | ，我……

让 + someone + a feeling says what makes someone feel that way: 这个问题让他很紧张. 使 means the same and sounds a little more formal; in speech 让 is the everyday choice. 为了 + a goal goes first and says what you do something for: 为了找到好工作，他每天都在准备.

那个问题让他有点儿紧张。 **nàge wèntí ràng tā yǒudiǎnr jǐnzhāng** That question made him a little nervous.

她的回答使大家都很满意。 **tā de huídá shǐ dàjiā dōu hěn mǎnyì** Her answer pleased everyone.

为了这次面试，他准备了一个星期。 **wèile zhè cì miànshì tā zhǔnbèi le yí gè xīngqī** He spent a week preparing for this interview.

为了多了解这家公司，我在网上看了很多。 **wèile duō liǎojiě zhè jiā gōngsī wǒ zài wǎngshang kàn le hěn duō** To find out more about the company, I read a lot online.

dialogue the first interview

xiaoming 安娜，下个星期五我有一个面试，是我的第一个面试！
Ānnà xià gè xīngqīwǔ wǒ yǒu yí gè miànshì shì wǒ de dì yī gè miànshì · Anna, I've got an interview next Friday: my first one ever!

anna 太好了！是什么公司？
tài hǎo le shì shénme gōngsī · That's great! What company is it?

xiaoming 一家电脑公司。可是我有点儿害怕，我没有工作经验。
yì jiā diànnǎo gōngsī kěshì wǒ yǒudiǎnr hàipà wǒ méiyǒu gōngzuò jīngyàn · A computer company. But I'm a bit scared: I have no work experience.

anna 别担心，你在学校做过很多事情，这也是经验啊。
bié dānxīn nǐ zài xuéxiào zuò guo hěn duō shìqing zhè yě shì jīngyàn a · Don't worry. You've done lots of things at university, and that's experience too.

xiaoming 他们一定会问我有什么能力，我不知道怎么回答。
tāmen yídìng huì wèn wǒ yǒu shénme nénglì wǒ bù zhīdào zěnme huídá · They're sure to ask what I'm good at, and I don't know what to say.

anna 为了回答好这个问题，你可以先多了解一下这家公司。
wèile huídá hǎo zhège wèntí nǐ kěyǐ xiān duō liǎojiě yíxià zhè jiā gōngsī · To answer that one well, find out more about the company first.

xiaoming 好主意。要是他们问我想要多少工资呢？
hǎo zhǔyi yàoshi tāmen wèn wǒ xiǎng yào duōshao gōngzī ne · Good idea. And what if they ask how much pay I want?

anna 你可以说，对第一个工作来说，学习的机会比工资更重要。
nǐ kěyǐ shuō duì dì yī gè gōngzuò lái shuō xuéxí de jīhuì bǐ gōngzī gèng zhòngyào · You can say that for a first job, the chance to learn matters more than the pay.

xiaoming 你说得对。我打算这个星期天好好准备一下。
nǐ shuō de duì wǒ dǎsuàn zhège xīngqītiān hǎohǎo zhǔnbèi yíxià · You're right. I'm planning to prepare properly this Sunday.

anna 我认为你一定没问题！
wǒ rènwéi nǐ yídìng méi wèntí · I'm sure you'll be fine!

repeat listen, then say it back

我下个星期五有一个面试。 **wǒ xià gè xīngqīwǔ yǒu yí gè miànshì** I have an interview next Friday.

面试的时候压力很大，怎么办？ **miànshì de shíhou yālì hěn dà zěnme bàn** Interviews put you under a lot of pressure. What can you do?

公司想了解你的经验和能力。 **gōngsī xiǎng liǎojiě nǐ de jīngyàn hé nénglì** The company wants to know about your experience and your skills.

你打算什么时候开始找工作？ **nǐ dǎsuàn shénme shíhou kāishǐ zhǎo gōngzuò** When are you planning to start looking for a job?

为了这次面试，他准备了一个星期。 **wèile zhè cì miànshì tā zhǔnbèi le yí gè xīngqī** He spent a week preparing for this interview.

我认为这是一个很好的学习机会。 **wǒ rènwéi zhè shì yí gè hěn hǎo de xuéxí jīhuì** I think it's a great chance to learn.

reply answer out loud

你害怕面试吗？ nǐ hàipà miànshì ma Are you scared of interviews?
→ 有一点儿害怕。 yǒuyìdiǎnr hàipà
→ 因为我不知道他们会问什么。 yīnwèi wǒ bù zhīdào tāmen huì wèn shénme

你选工资高的还是有意思的？ nǐ xuǎn gōngzī gāo de háishi yǒu yìsi de Would you pick a well-paid job or an interesting one?
→ 我选有意思的。 wǒ xuǎn yǒu yìsi de
→ 对我来说，每天开心比工资高更重要。 duì wǒ lái shuō měi tiān kāixīn bǐ gōngzī gāo gèng zhòngyào

你打算以后做什么工作？ nǐ dǎsuàn yǐhòu zuò shénme gōngzuò What job do you plan to do later on?
→ 我打算当汉语老师。 wǒ dǎsuàn dāng Hànyǔ lǎoshī
→ 因为我很喜欢跟别人聊天。 yīnwèi wǒ hěn xǐhuan gēn biérén liáotiān

面试以前，你怎么准备？ miànshì yǐqián nǐ zěnme zhǔnbèi How do you prepare before an interview?
→ 我会先上网了解一下那家公司。 wǒ huì xiān shàngwǎng liǎojiě yíxià nà jiā gōngsī
→ 然后请朋友问我几个问题，帮我练一练。 ránhòu qǐng péngyou wèn wǒ jǐ gè wèntí bāng wǒ liàn yi lian

describe the picture 90 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 half.

这张图片上只有……，她坐在…… zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng zhǐyǒu tā zuò zài

左边的椅子上……，右边的椅子上…… zuǒbian de yǐzi shàng yòubian de yǐzi shàng

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

如果我是她，我会…… rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì

model answer

这张图片上只有一个年轻的女人，看起来是在一家公司里。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng zhǐyǒu yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén kàn qǐlai shì zài yì jiā gōngsī lǐ

她坐在一个关着的门旁边，那儿有三把蓝椅子，她坐在中间那把上。 tā zuò zài yí gè guān zhe de mén pángbiān nàr yǒu sān bǎ lán yǐzi tā zuò zài zhōngjiān nà bǎ shàng

她穿着白色的衬衫和黑色的裙子。 tā chuān zhe báisè de chènshān hé hēisè de qúnzi

她两只手拿着几张纸，离脸很近，嘴好像在小声地说什么。 tā liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe jǐ zhāng zhǐ lí liǎn hěn jìn zuǐ hǎoxiàng zài xiǎo shēng de shuō shénme

左边的椅子上放着一个红色的包，右边的椅子上有一瓶水。 zuǒbian de yǐzi shàng fàng zhe yí gè hóngsè de bāo yòubian de yǐzi shàng yǒu yì píng shuǐ

门的右边还有一个很高的绿色植物。 mén de yòubian hái yǒu yí gè hěn gāo de lǜsè zhíwù

她的一只脚一直在动，看起来非常紧张，可能是因为她马上要面试了，正在练习怎么回答问题。 tā de yì zhī jiǎo yìzhí zài dòng kàn qǐlai fēicháng jǐnzhāng kěnéng shì yīnwèi tā mǎshàng yào miànshì le zhèngzài liànxí zěnme huídá wèntí

我觉得面试常常让人很有压力。 wǒ juéde miànshì chángcháng ràng rén hěn yǒu yālì

如果我是她，我会先喝一口水，然后对自己说：“别害怕，要有自信！” rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì xiān hē yì kǒu shuǐ ránhòu duì zìjǐ shuō bié hàipà yào yǒu zìxìn

There is only one person in this picture, a young woman; it looks like she is in an office building. She is sitting beside a closed door, where there are three blue chairs, and she is on the middle one. She is wearing a white shirt and a black skirt. She holds a few sheets of paper close to her face, and her lips seem to be quietly saying something. On the chair on the left there is a red bag, and on the chair on the right there is a bottle of water. To the right of the door there is also a tall green plant. One of her feet

keeps moving; she looks very nervous, maybe because she is about to have an interview and is practising her answers. I think interviews often put people under a lot of pressure. If I were her, I would first drink some water, then tell myself: “Don’t be scared, be confident!”

talk 90 seconds

Your friend has a job interview coming up. What advice would you give? Why? Talk for a minute and a half.

你的朋友要去面试，你会给他什么建议？为什么？ nǐ de péngyou yào qù miànshì nǐ huì gěi tā shénme jiànyì wèi shénme

我会建议他先……，因为…… wǒ huì jiànyì tā xiān yīnwèi

为了……，他最好…… wèile tā zuìhǎo

……会让人感到……，所以…… huì ràng rén gǎndào suǒyǐ

model answer

如果我的朋友要去面试，我会给他三个建议。 rúguǒ wǒ de péngyou yào qù miànshì wǒ huì gěi tā sān gè jiànyì

首先，为了回答好问题，他必须先多了解一下这家公司，比如公司是做什么的，需要怎样的人。 shǒuxiān wèile huídá hǎo wèntí tā bìxū xiān duō liǎojiě yíxià zhè jiā gōngsī bǐrú gōngsī shì zuò shénme de xūyào zěnyàng de rén

其次，他应该准时到，最好早到十分钟，因为迟到会让人感到他不认真。 qícì tā yīnggāi zhǔnshí dào zuìhǎo zǎo dào shí fēnzhōng yīnwèi chídào huì ràng rén gǎndào tā bú rènzhēn

第三，面试的时候紧张是很正常的，压力大的时候，可以先喝一口水，再慢慢地说。 dì sān miànshì de shíhou jǐnzhāng shì hěn zhèngcháng de yālì dà de shíhou kěyǐ xiān hē yì kǒu shuǐ zài màn màn de shuō

要是有不会回答的问题，也别害怕，可以说自己很愿意学习。 yàoshi yǒu bú huì huídá de wèntí yě bié hàipà kěyǐ shuō zìjǐ hěn yuànyì xuéxí

我第一次面试的时候也很紧张，几乎什么都说不出来。 wǒ dì yī cì miànshì de shíhou yě hěn jǐnzhāng jīhū shénme dōu shuō bu chulai

后来我发现，面试我的人其实都很友好，他们也希望我能回答好。 hòulái wǒ fāxiàn miànshì wǒ de rén qíshí dōu hěn yǒuhǎo tāmen yě xīwàng wǒ néng huídá hǎo

所以我觉得，只要准备好了，就不用太担心。 suǒyǐ wǒ juéde zhǐyào zhǔnbèi hǎo le jiù búyòng tài dānxīn

If my friend had an interview, I’d give him three pieces of advice. First, to answer the questions well, he must find out about the company beforehand: what it does and what kind of people it needs. Second, he should be on time, ideally ten minutes early, because arriving late makes people feel you aren’t serious. Third, being nervous in an interview is quite normal; when the pressure builds, he can drink some water first and then speak slowly. If there’s a question he can’t answer, he shouldn’t panic: he can say he is very willing to learn. At my first interview I was very nervous too, and I could hardly get a word out. Later I found that the people interviewing me were actually friendly; they wanted me to do well too. So I think as long as you’re prepared, there’s no need to worry too much.

good to know · In a picture talk, say the feeling and its cause in one go: 那个问题让他很紧张 sounds more fluent than two short sentences. 为了 + a goal goes at the start of the sentence; 因为 + a reason says what already happened. 为了找工作 (in order to find a job) vs 因为没有工作 (because I have no job). 认为 and 觉得 both mean “think”; 认为 sounds a little more considered, which suits the start of a two-minute answer. One person in the picture: spend the extra time on the place and the things around them (how many, what colour, where), a second guess, and yourself.

You talked for a minute and a half about a stranger's nerves, and then about your own plans. That's two of the exam's three parts done today.
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day 14 at the library

Give rough numbers with 大约 and 左右, compare two things with 跟……相比, and say whether you prefer online or classroom lessons.

A picture talk is full of numbers you can only estimate (how many books, how old, what time), and online versus classroom learning is a favourite part-3 question.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
图书馆	túshūguǎn	library	我常常去图书馆看书。 I often go to the library to read.
排队	páiduì	queue, line up	请大家排队。 Please queue up, everyone.
借	jiè	to borrow; to lend	你能借我一百块吗? Could you lend me a hundred yuan?
报纸	bàozhǐ	newspaper	爷爷每天早上看报纸。 Grandpa reads the paper every morning.
故事	gùshi	story	这个故事很有意思。 This story is really interesting.
词典	cídiǎn	dictionary (of words)	我手机里有一个汉语词典。 I have a Chinese dictionary on my phone.
大约	dàyuē	about, roughly	从这儿到机场大约要一个小时。 It takes about an hour from here to the airport.
左右	zuǒyòu	about, or so (after a number)	我们八点左右出发。 We'll leave at about eight.
学期	xuéqī	term, semester	新学期开始了。 The new term has started.
一般	yībān	ordinary, so-so; usually	这个电影很一般。 This film is pretty average.

pattern 大约 and 左右 for "about"; 跟……相比 to compare

大约 | number | · number | 左右 | · 跟 | A | 相比, | B is more…

大约 goes before a number and 左右 goes after it; both mean "about": 大约六本 or 六本左右. Use one, not both. 跟 A 相比 ("compared with A") opens a comparison, and the rest of the sentence says how the other thing is different: 跟上个学期相比，这个学期更忙.

她大约借了六本书。 **tā dàyuē jiè le liù běn shū** She borrowed about six books.

我每天学习两个小时左右。 **wǒ měi tiān xuéxí liǎng gè xiǎoshí zuǒyòu** I study for about two hours a day.

跟在家学习相比，我更喜欢去图书馆。 **gēn zài jiā xuéxí xiāngbǐ wǒ gèng xǐhuan qù túshūguǎn** Compared with studying at home, I prefer going to the library.

跟去年相比，今年来借书的人多了。 **gēn qùnián xiāngbǐ jīnnián lái jiè shū de rén duō le** Compared with last year, more people come to borrow books this year.

dialogue in the queue

anna 王老师，您也来借书啊?
Wánglǎoshī nín yě lái jiè shū a · Teacher Wang, are you borrowing books too?

teacher wang 是啊，我想借几本故事书，上课的时候给大家看。
shì a wǒ xiǎng jiè jǐ běn gùshi shū shàngkè de shíhou gěi dàjiā kàn · Yes, I want to borrow a few storybooks to show everyone in class.

anna 今天排队的人真多!
jīntiān páiduì de rén zhēn duō · What a long queue today!

teacher wang 快考试了，学期结束以前，图书馆一般都很忙。
kuài kǎoshì le xuéqī jiéshù yǐqián túshūguǎn yìbān dōu hěn máng · The exams are coming. Before the end of term, the library is usually very busy.

anna 我想借一本词典，还想看看今天的报纸。
wǒ xiǎng jiè yì běn cídiǎn hái xiǎng kàn kan jīntiān de bàozhǐ · I want to borrow a dictionary, and I'd like to look at today's newspaper too.

teacher wang 你现在都能看中文报纸了？真不错!
nǐ xiànzài dōu néng kàn Zhōngwén bàozhǐ le zhēn búcuò · You can read Chinese newspapers now? Excellent!

anna 只能看懂一半左右，很多字还要查词典。
zhǐ néng kàn dǒng yíbàn zuǒyòu hěn duō zì hái yào chá cídiǎn · I only understand about half; I still have to look up lots of characters.

teacher wang 跟上个学期相比，你已经好多了。你一个星期来几次图书馆?
gēn shàng gè xuéqī xiāngbǐ nǐ yǐjīng hǎo duō le nǐ yí gè xīngqī lái jǐ cì túshūguǎn · Compared with last term, you're already much better. How many times a week do you come to the library?

anna 一般三四次，每次大约两个小时。
yìbān sānsì cì měi cì dàyuē liǎng gè xiǎoshí · Usually three or four times, about two hours each time.

teacher wang 这个习惯很好。啊，到我们了!
zhège xíguàn hěn hǎo a dào wǒmen le · That's a very good habit. Oh, it's our turn!

repeat listen, then say it back

今天图书馆排队的人很多。 **jīntiān túshūguǎn páiduì de rén hěn duō** There's a long queue at the library today.

你一个星期去几次图书馆? **nǐ yí gè xīngqī qù jǐ cì túshūguǎn** How many times a week do you go to the library?

这本书我大约看了两个星期。 **zhè běn shū wǒ dàyuē kàn le liǎng gè xīngqī** I spent about two weeks reading this book.

我想去图书馆借一本汉语词典。 **wǒ xiǎng qù túshūguǎn jiè yì běn Hànyǔ cídiǎn** I want to go to the library and borrow a Chinese dictionary.

每天早上他都看半个小时报纸。 **měi tiān zǎoshang tā dōu kàn bàn gè xiǎoshí bàozhǐ** Every morning he reads the newspaper for half an hour.

跟上个学期相比，这个学期忙多了。 **gēn shàng gè xuéqī xiāngbǐ zhège xuéqī máng duō le** Compared with last term, this term is much busier.

reply answer out loud

你常去图书馆吗？ nǐ cháng qù túshūguǎn ma Do you often go to the library?
→ 经常去，一个星期三四次。 jīngcháng qù yí gè xīngqīsān sì cì
→ 那儿很安静，尤其是早上，人很少。 nàr hěn ānjìng yóuqí shì zǎoshang rén hěn shǎo

你觉得网上的课怎么样？ nǐ juéde wǎngshang de kè zěnmeyàng What do you think of online classes?
→ 有的很不错，而且是免费的。 yǒude hěn búcuò érqiě shì miǎnfèi de
→ 不过对我来说，在教室上课更有意思。 búguò duì wǒ lái shuō zài jiàoshì shàngkè gèng yǒu yìsi

你喜欢看什么故事？ nǐ xǐhuan kàn shénme gùshi What kind of stories do you like?
→ 我喜欢看中国的老故事。 wǒ xǐhuan kàn Zhōngguó de lǎo gùshi
→ 因为可以了解中国文化。 yīnwèi kěyǐ liǎojiě Zhōngguó wénhuà

你借书还是自己买书？ nǐ jiè shū háishi zìjǐ mǎi shū Do you borrow books or buy your own?
→ 我一般去图书馆借。 wǒ yìbān qù túshūguǎn jiè
→ 书太贵了，而且很多书我只看一次。 shū tài guì le érqiě hěn duō shū wǒ zhǐ kàn yí cì

describe the picture 90 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 half.

……后边坐着……，旁边有…… hòu biān zuò zhe pángbiān yǒu

她前边放着……，大约…… tā qián biān fàng zhe dàyuē

……可能是因为…… kěnéng shì yīnwèi

跟……相比，我更…… gēn xiāngbǐ wǒ gèng

model answer

这张图片上是图书馆借书的地方，有三个人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì túshūguǎn jiè shū de dìfang yǒu sān gè rén

桌子后边坐着一位戴眼镜的女士，她的旁边有一台电脑。 zhuōzi hòu biān zuò zhe yí wèi dài yǎnjìng de nǚshì tā de pángbiān yǒu yì tái diànnǎo

中间的女学生背着一个书包，手里拿着一张卡，可能是借书卡。 zhōngjiān de nǚ xuéshēng bēi zhe yí gè shūbāo shǒu lǐ ná zhe yì zhāng kǎ kěnéng shì jiè shū kǎ

她前边的桌子上放着六本书，看起来很重。 tā qián biān de zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe liù běn shū kàn qǐlai hěn zhòng

左边的男学生在排队，他手里拿着两本书，一边等一边看。 zuǒbian de nán xuéshēng zài páiduì tā shǒu lǐ ná zhe liǎng běn shū yìbiān děng yìbiān kàn

那个女学生借了这么多书，大概是因为快考试了。 nàge nǚ xuéshēng jiè le zhème duō shū dàgài shì yīnwèi kuài kǎoshì le

那个男学生看起来不着急，好像很喜欢他的书。 nàge nán xuéshēng kàn qǐlai bù zháojí hǎoxiàng hěn xǐhuan tā de shū

我一般一个学期借十本书左右，平时也经常去图书馆。 wǒ yìbān yí gè xuéqī jiè shí běn shū zuǒyòu píngshí yě jīngcháng qù túshūguǎn

跟在家学习相比，我更喜欢在图书馆学习，因为那儿很安静。 gēn zài jiā xuéxí xiāngbǐ wǒ gèng xǐhuan zài túshūguǎn xuéxí yīnwèi nàr hěn ānjìng

This picture shows the desk where you borrow books in a library, with three people. Behind the desk sits a woman with glasses, with a computer beside her. The student in the middle has a backpack on and is holding a card, maybe a library card. On the desk in front of her are six books, which look heavy.

The young man on the left is queuing; he holds two books and reads one while he waits. That student is borrowing so many books probably because exams are coming. The young man doesn't look in a hurry; he seems to like his book. I usually borrow about ten books a term and often go to the library too. Compared with studying at home, I prefer studying in the library, because it's quiet there.

talk 90 seconds

What is your attitude to studying online? Why? Talk for a minute and a half.

你对网上学习是什么态度？为什么？ nǐ duì wǎngshang xuéxí shì shénme tàidù wèi shénme

我对网上学习的态度是…… wǒ duì wǎngshang xuéxí de tàidù shì

它的优点是……，缺点是…… tā de yōudiǎn shì quēdiǎn shì

跟……相比，…… gēn xiāngbǐ

model answer

我对网上学习的态度是，它很有用，但是不能只在网上学。 wǒ duì wǎngshang xuéxí de tàidù shì tā hěn yǒuyòng dànshì bù néng zhǐ zài wǎngshang xué

网上学习的优点是很方便，在家里就能上课，而且有很多免费的课。 wǎngshang xuéxí de yōudiǎn shì hěn fāngbiàn zài jiā lǐ jiù néng shàngkè érqiě yǒu hěn duō miǎnfèi de kè

比如我经常在网上看中文电影，练听力，每天大约半个小时。 bǐrú wǒ jīngcháng zài wǎngshang kàn Zhōngwén diànyǐng liàn tīnglì měi tiān dàyuē bàn gè xiǎoshí

可是它的缺点也不少，跟在教室上课相比，在家学习的时候我很容易看手机。 kěshì tā de quēdiǎn yě bù shǎo gēn zài jiàoshì shàngkè xiāngbǐ zài jiā xuéxí de shíhou wǒ hěn róngyì kàn shǒujī

我在英国上中学的时候，有一个学期都在网上上课。 wǒ zài Yīngguó shàng zhōngxué de shíhou yǒu yí gè xuéqī dōu zài wǎngshang shàngkè

那个学期我很少见到同学，有问题也不能马上问老师，觉得没有意思。 nàge xuéqī wǒ hěn shǎo jiàn dào tóngxué yǒu wèntí yě bù néng mǎshàng wèn lǎoshī juéde méiyǒu yìsi

所以我认为，网上学习最好跟在教室学习一起用。 suǒyǐ wǒ rènwéi wǎngshang xuéxí zuìhǎo gēn zài jiàoshì xuéxí yìqǐ yòng

新的东西在教室里跟老师学，复习和练习就可以在网上做。 xīn de dōngxi zài jiàoshì lǐ gēn lǎoshī xué fùxí hé liànxí jiù kěyǐ zài wǎngshang zuò

My attitude to studying online is that it's very useful, but you can't study only online. Its good point is convenience: you can have classes at home, and there are lots of free courses. For example, I often watch Chinese films online to practise listening, about half an hour a day. But it has quite a few bad points too: compared with classes in a classroom, I check my phone very easily when I study at home. At secondary school in the UK, I had a whole term of online classes. I hardly saw my classmates that term, I couldn't ask the teacher a question straight away, and it felt dull. So I think online study works best together with classroom study. Learn new things with the teacher in class, and do the revision and practice online.

good to know · Numbers in a picture are rarely exact: 大约六本书 or 六本书左右 sounds natural and buys you a detail without counting twice. Never put 大约 and 左右 around the same number: 大约十点 or 十点左右, not both. 借 is both "borrow" and "lend": 我跟她借了一本书 (I borrowed a book from her), 她借给我一本书 (she lent me a book).

Six books, two students, about ten o'clock: you turned a quiet library into a minute and a half of Chinese.
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day 15 mission: xiaoming's first job

Tell the story of a graduation and a first job, describe two pictures back to back, and say whether young people should start work straight after university.

The exam gives you two pictures in a row, two minutes each. Doing two back to back today, at a minute and a half each, builds the stamina for it.

chapter 1 graduation day

xiaoming 安娜，我终于毕业了！
Ānnà wǒ zhōngyú bìyè le · Anna, I've finally graduated!

anna 祝贺你！大学生活结束了，你有什么打算？
zhùhè nǐ dàxué shēnghuó jiéshù le nǐ yǒu shénme dǎsuàn · Congratulations! University is over. What are your plans?

xiaoming 我已经决定了，先去那家电脑公司面试，就在这个星期五。
wǒ yǐjīng juédìng le xiān qù nà jiā diànnǎo gōngsī miànshì jiù zài zhège xīngqīwǔ · I've decided: first the interview at that computer company, this Friday.

anna 你准备得怎么样了？
nǐ zhǔnbèi de zěnmeyàng le · How's the preparation going?

xiaoming 还没准备好。我怕到时候紧张得什么都说不好。
hái méi zhǔnbèi hǎo wǒ pà dào shíhou jǐnzhāng de shénme dōu shuō bu hǎo · I'm not ready yet. I'm afraid I'll be so nervous I can't say anything properly.

anna 别怕，明天我去你家，帮你练习一下。
bié pà míngtiān wǒ qù nǐ jiā bāng nǐ liànxí yíxià · Don't worry. I'll come to your place tomorrow and help you practise.

chapter 2 in front of the mirror

anna 好，现在我是公司的人。请你介绍一下自己。
hǎo xiànzài wǒ shì gōngsī de rén qǐng nǐ jièshào yíxià zìjǐ · OK, now I'm from the company. Please introduce yourself.

xiaoming 我叫李小明，今年刚毕业，我对电脑很感兴趣……
wǒ jiào Lǐ Xiǎomíng jīnnián gāng bìyè wǒ duì diànnǎo hěn gǎn xìngqù · My name is Li Xiaoming. I've just graduated this year, and I'm very interested in computers...

anna 不错！可是你说得太快了，慢一点儿。
búcuò kěshì nǐ shuō de tài kuài le màn yìdiǎnr · Not bad! But you're speaking too fast. Slow down a bit.

xiaoming 好，我对着镜子再说一次。
hǎo wǒ duì zhe jìngzi zài shuō yí cì · OK, I'll say it again to the mirror.

anna 这次好多了！你看镜子里的自己，多帅啊。
zhè cì hǎo duō le nǐ kàn jìngzi lǐ de zìjǐ duō shuài a · Much better this time! Look at yourself in the mirror: so smart.

xiaoming 谢谢你，安娜。我现在放心多了。
xièxie nǐ Ānnà wǒ xiànzài fàngxīn duō le · Thanks, Anna. I feel much less worried now.

anna 星期五一定会很顺利的。加油！
xīngqīwǔ yídìng huì hěn shùnlì de jiāyóu · Friday is sure to go well. You can do it!

chapter 3 good news

xiaoming 妈妈，奶奶，我回来了！你们看我的手机！
māma nǎinai wǒ huílái le nǐmen kàn wǒ de shǒujī · Mum, Grandma, I'm home! Look at my phone!

ms zhang 怎么了？这么高兴？
zěnme le zhème gāoxìng · What is it? Why so happy?

xiaoming 公司给我发了消息，我面试成功了！下个月就开始上班。
gōngsī gěi wǒ fā le xiāoxi wǒ miànshì chénggōng le xià gè yuè jiù kāishǐ shàngbān · The company sent me a message: I got the job! I start next month.

grandma 太好了！我们小明终于找到工作了！
tài hǎo le wǒmen Xiǎomíng zhōngyú zhǎo dào gōngzuò le · Wonderful! Our Xiaoming has finally found a job!

ms zhang 面试顺利吗？你不是很紧张吗？
miànshì shùnlì ma nǐ bú shì hěn jǐnzhāng ma · Did the interview go well? Weren't you very nervous?

xiaoming 开始有点儿紧张，后来就好了。这次真要谢谢安娜。
kāishǐ yǒudiǎnr jǐnzhāng hòulái jiù hǎo le zhè cì zhēn yào xièxie Ānnà · A bit nervous at first, then fine. I really have Anna to thank this time.

grandma 今天晚上我们一起好好吃一顿！
jīntiān wǎnshang wǒmen yìqǐ hǎohǎo chī yí dùn · Tonight we'll all have a proper feast!

repeat listen, then say it back

我终于毕业了，大学生活结束了。 wǒ zhōngyú bìyè le dàxué shēnghuó jiéshù le I've finally graduated; university is over.

他已经决定去那家公司工作了。 tā yǐjīng juédìng qù nà jiā gōngsī gōngzuò le He has decided to work at that company.

明天的面试一定会很顺利，加油！ míngtiān de miànshì yídìng huì hěn shùnlì jiāyóu Tomorrow's interview is sure to go well. Good luck!

你放心吧，我已经准备得差不多了。 nǐ fàngxīn ba wǒ yǐjīng zhǔnbèi de chàbuduō le Don't worry, I'm almost ready.

他面试成功了，下个月就开始上班。 tā miànshì chénggōng le xià gè yuè jiù kāishǐ shàngbān He got the job and starts work next month.

reply answer out loud

毕业以后你想做什么？ bìyè yǐhòu nǐ xiǎng zuò shénme What do you want to do after you graduate?
→ 我想先工作两三年。 wǒ xiǎng xiān gōngzuò liǎngsān nián
→ 因为我想先有一些工作经验。 yīnwèi wǒ xiǎng xiān yǒu yìxiē gōngzuò jīngyàn

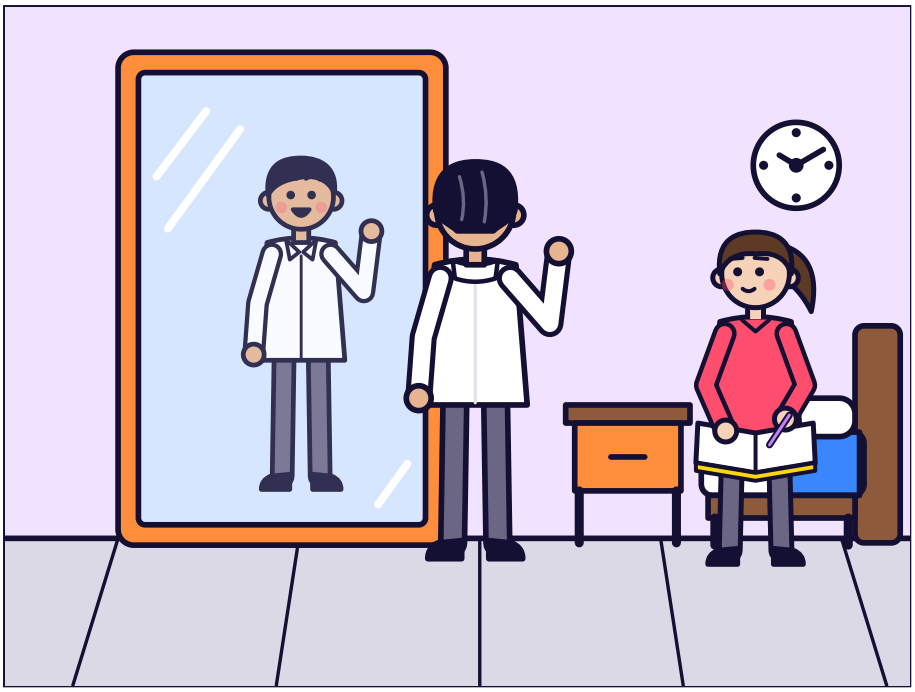
紧张的时候，你怎么办？ jǐnzhāng de shíhou nǐ zěnme bàn What do you do when you're nervous?
→ 我会先慢慢地喝一口水。 wǒ huì xiān màn màn de hē yì kǒu shuǐ
→ 然后告诉自己：没关系，我已经准备好了。 ránhòu gàosu zìjǐ méi guānxi wǒ yǐjīng zhǔnbèi hǎo le

你容易紧张吗？ nǐ róngyì jǐnzhāng ma Do you get nervous easily?
→ 我很容易紧张。 wǒ hěn róngyì jǐnzhāng
→ 特别是在很多人面前说话的时候。 tèbié shì zài hěn duō rén miànqián shuōhuà de shíhou

你一个人学还是跟朋友学？ nǐ yí gè rén xué háishi gēn péngyou xué Do you study alone or with friends?
→ 我一般一个人学。 wǒ yìbān yí gè rén xué
→ 跟朋友一起学，我们常常聊着聊着就忘了学习。 gēn péngyou yìqǐ xué wǒmen chángcháng liáo zhe liáo zhe jiù wàng le xuéxí

你会对着镜子练习吗？ nǐ huì duì zhe jìngzi liànxí ma Do you ever practise in front of a mirror?
→ 有时候会。 yǒu shíhou huì
→ 因为这样能看到自己说话的样子。 yīnwèi zhèyàng néng kàn dào zìjǐ shuōhuà de yàngzi

describe the picture 90 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 half.

一个年轻的男人站在……前边，穿着…… yí gè niánqīng de nánrén zhàn zài qián biān chuān zhe

旁边的女人手里拿着……，正在…… pángbiān de nǚrén shǒu lǐ ná zhe zhèngzài

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

如果我有面试，我也会…… rúguǒ wǒ yǒu miànshì wǒ yě huì

model answer

这张图片上是一个房间，里面有两个年轻人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè fángjiān lǐmiàn yǒu liǎng gè niánqīng rén

一个年轻的男人穿着白色的衬衫，站在一个很大的镜子前边。 yí gè niánqīng de nánrén chuān zhe báisè de chènshān zhàn zài yí gè hěn dà de jìngzi qián biān

他举起一只手，好像在给自己加油，镜子里的他笑得很开心。 tā jǔ qǐ yì zhī shǒu hǎoxiàng zài gěi zìjǐ jiāyóu jìngzi lǐ de tā xiào de hěn kāixīn

旁边有一个年轻的女人，她手里拿着笔记本和笔，正在听他说话。 pángbiān yǒu yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén tā shǒu lǐ ná zhe bǐjìběn hé bǐ zhèngzài tīng tā shuōhuà

她后边有一张床，床旁边还有一个小桌子。 tā hòu biān yǒu yì zhāng chuáng chuáng pángbiān hái yǒu yí gè xiǎo zhuōzi

看起来这个男人快要面试了，所以他在对着镜子练习回答问题。 kàn qǐlai zhège nánrén kuàiyào miànshì le suǒyǐ tā zài duì zhe jìngzi liànxí huídá wèntí

那个女人可能是他的朋友，在帮他记下说得不好的地方。 nàge nǚrén kěnéng shì tā de péngyou zài bāng tā jì xià shuō de bù hǎo de dìfang

我觉得这个方法很好，对着镜子练习，可以让人更有自信。 wǒ juéde zhège fāngfǎ hěn hǎo duì zhe jìngzi liànxí kěyǐ ràng rén gèng yǒu zìxìn

如果我有面试，我也会请朋友帮我练一练。 rúguǒ wǒ yǒu miànshì wǒ yě huì qǐng péngyou bāng wǒ liàn yi lian

This picture shows a room with two young people in it. A young man in a white shirt is standing in front of a big mirror. He has one hand raised as if cheering himself on, and his face in the mirror is smiling. Beside him there is a young woman holding a notebook and a pen, listening to him. Behind her there is

a bed, with a small table next to it. It looks as if the man has an interview soon, so he is practising his answers in front of the mirror. The woman may be his friend, noting down the bits he didn't say well. I think this is a good method: practising in front of a mirror can give you more confidence. If I had an interview, I would also ask a friend to help me practise.

describe the picture 90 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 half.

一个年轻的男人刚从外边回来，他…… yí gè niánqīng de nánrén gāng cóng wàibian huílái tā

中间的女人……，旁边的老人…… zhōngjiān de nǚrén pángbiān de lǎorén

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

如果是我，我会…… rúguǒ shì wǒ wǒ huì

model answer

这张图片上是一家人的门口，大家看起来都很高兴。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yì jiā rén de ménkǒu dàjiā kàn qǐlai dōu hěn gāoxìng

一个年轻的男人刚从外边回来，他穿着一件蓝衣服，背着一个黄色的包。 yí gè niánqīng de nánrén gāng cóng wàibian huílái tā chuān zhe yí jiàn lán yīfu bēi zhe yí gè huángsè de bāo

他把手机举得很高，笑得非常开心。 tā bǎ shǒujī jǔ de hěn gāo xiào de fēicháng kāixīn

中间的女人正在拍手，旁边有一位戴眼镜的老人，两只手放在脸上，也笑得很开心。 zhōngjiān de nǚrén zhèngzài pāi shǒu pángbiān yǒu yí wèi dài yǎnjìng de lǎorén liǎng zhī shǒu fàng zài liǎn shàng yě xiào de hěn kāixīn

一只白色的狗也跳起来了，好像也知道家里有好事。 yì zhī báisè de gǒu yě tiào qǐlai le hǎoxiàng yě zhīdào jiā lǐ yǒu hǎo shì

地上放着两双鞋，右边的花开得很漂亮。 dì shàng fàng zhe liǎng shuāng xié yòubian de huā kāi de hěn piàoliang

看起来这个年轻人的面试成功了，他可能是在手机上收到了好消息。 kàn qǐlai zhège niánqīng rén de miànshì chénggōng le tā kěnéng shì zài shǒujī shàng shōudào le hǎo xiāoxi

那个女人可能是他的妈妈，老人可能是他的奶奶。 nàge nǚrén kěnéng shì tā de māma lǎorén kěnéng shì tā de nǎinai

如果是我，我会马上给我的爸爸妈妈打电话。 rúguǒ shì wǒ wǒ huì mǎshàng gěi wǒ de bàba māma dǎ diànhuà

This picture shows a family's front door, and everyone looks very happy. A young man has just come in from outside; he is wearing a blue top and carrying a yellow bag. He is holding his phone up high and laughing. The woman in the middle is clapping, and beside her an old woman with glasses has both

hands on her cheeks, smiling too. A white dog is jumping up, as if it also knows there is good news. There are two pairs of shoes on the floor, and the flowers on the right look lovely. It looks as if the young man's interview went well; maybe he got the good news on his phone. The woman may be his mother, and the old woman his grandmother. If it were me, I would call my mum and dad straight away.

talk 90 seconds

What do you hope to be doing in ten years? Why? Talk for a minute and a half.

十年以后，你希望自己在做什么？为什么？ shí nián yǐhòu nǐ xīwàng zìjǐ zài zuò shénme wèi shénme

我希望十年以后…… wǒ xīwàng shí nián yǐhòu

为了这个梦想，我现在…… wèile zhège mèngxiǎng wǒ xiànzài

当然，将来的事情……，不过…… dāngrán jiānglái de shìqing búguò

model answer

我希望十年以后，自己是一个汉语老师，在英国教中学生说汉语。 wǒ xīwàng shí nián yǐhòu zìjǐ shì yí gè Hànyǔ lǎoshī zài Yīngguó jiāo zhōngxuéshēng shuō Hànyǔ

因为学汉语改变了我的生活，让我认识了很多新朋友。 yīnwèi xué Hànyǔ gǎibiàn le wǒ de shēnghuó ràng wǒ rènshi le hěn duō xīn péngyou

我希望更多的年轻人也有这样的机会。 wǒ xīwàng gèng duō de niánqīng rén yě yǒu zhèyàng de jīhuì

为了这个梦想，我现在必须多练口语，每天至少说半个小时汉语。 wèile zhège mèngxiǎng wǒ xiànzài bìxū duō liàn kǒuyǔ měi tiān zhìshǎo shuō bàn gè xiǎoshí Hànyǔ

大学毕业以后，我还想先在中国工作两三年，多了解一下中国。 dàxué bìyè yǐhòu wǒ hái xiǎng xiān zài Zhōngguó gōngzuò liǎngsān nián duō liǎojiě yíxià Zhōngguó

我的朋友小明刚毕业就找到了工作，他的经验也让我很有信心。 wǒ de péngyou Xiǎomíng gāng bìyè jiù zhǎo dào le gōngzuò tā de jīngyàn yě ràng wǒ hěn yǒu xìnxīn

当然，将来的事情谁也不知道，我的计划也可能会改变。 dāngrán jiānglái de shìqing shéi yě bù zhīdào wǒ de jìhuà yě kěnéng huì gǎibiàn

不过我觉得有一个目标很重要，这样每天学习的时候就更有意思。 búguò wǒ juéde yǒu yí gè mùbiāo hěn zhòngyào zhèyàng měi tiān xuéxí de shíhou jiù gèng yǒu yìsi

In ten years I hope I'll be a Chinese teacher, teaching secondary-school pupils in the UK to speak Chinese. Learning Chinese has changed my life and brought me lots of new friends. I hope more young people get the same chance. For this dream, I must practise speaking a lot now: at least half an hour of Chinese every day. After I graduate, I'd also like to work in China for two or three years first, to get to know China better. My friend Xiaoming found a job as soon as he graduated, and his experience gives me confidence too. Of course, nobody knows the future, and my plans may change. But I think having a goal matters: it makes studying every day more interesting.

Two pictures and a question, one after another, all at a minute and a half. That is the exam's rhythm, and you kept it today.
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