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day 21 the checkout queue

Chinese HSKK intermediate in 37 days
unit 5 · shopping & money

Count what you buy with the right measure words, say “not only… but also…” with 不仅……还……, and say whether you care more about price or quality.

Counting what is in a picture is the easiest way to add details, and it only sounds right with the right measure word. Price against quality is a classic part-3 choice.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
顾客	gùkè	customer	店里的顾客越来越多。 There are more and more customers in the shop.
付	fù	pay	这次我来付钱吧。 Let me pay this time.
现金	xiànjīn	cash	现在很多人都不带现金了。 These days lots of people don’t carry cash.
卡	kǎ	card	我忘了带卡。 I forgot my card.
斤	jīn	jin (half a kilo)	苹果五块钱一斤。 Apples are five yuan a jin.
一共	yīgòng	altogether, in total	一共多少钱? How much is it altogether?
价格	jiàgé	price	这两件衣服价格差不多。 These two pieces of clothing cost about the same.
质量	zhìliàng	quality	这件毛衣不贵，质量也不错。 This sweater isn’t expensive, and the quality is good too.
西瓜	xīguā	watermelon	我买了一个大西瓜。 I bought a big watermelon.
香蕉	xiāngjiāo	banana	这些香蕉很便宜。 These bananas are cheap.

pattern measure words for shopping; 不仅……还……

number | **个 / 把 / 瓶 / 斤** | **thing** | **·不仅** | **A** | **，还** | **B**

A number always needs a measure word before the thing: 一个西瓜, 一把香蕉 (a bunch), 三瓶牛奶, 两斤苹果 (a jin is half a kilo). Prices go “money + 一 + measure”: 三块钱一斤. 不仅 A，还 B is “not only A, but also B”: 这家超市不仅便宜，质量还很好.

我买了一个西瓜、一把香蕉和三瓶牛奶。 **wǒ mǎi le yí gè xīguā yì bǎ xiāngjiāo hé sān píng niúnǎi** I bought a watermelon, a bunch of bananas and three bottles of milk.

香蕉四块钱一斤。 **xiāngjiāo sì kuài qián yì jīn** Bananas are four yuan a jin.

这家超市不仅东西便宜，质量还很好。 **zhè jiā chāoshì bùjǐn dōngxi piányi zhìliàng hái hěn hǎo** This supermarket is not only cheap; the quality is good too.

他不仅买了水果，还买了面包。 **tā bùjǐn mǎi le shuǐguǒ hái mǎi le miànbāo** He bought not only fruit but bread as well.

dialogue shopping with grandma

grandma 安娜，你看，今天西瓜很便宜，三块钱一斤。
Ānnà nǐ kàn jīntiān xīguā hěn piányi sān kuài qián yì jīn · Look, Anna, watermelon is cheap today: three yuan a jin.

anna 真便宜！我们买一个吧。这个大约有多少斤？
zhēn piányi wǒmen mǎi yí gè ba zhège dàyuē yǒu duōshao jīn · That’s cheap! Let’s get one. About how many jin is this one?

grandma 我看看……大概十斤，三十块左右。
wǒ kàn kan dàgài shí jīn sānshí kuài zuǒyòu · Let me see… about ten jin, so around thirty yuan.

anna 还要买香蕉和牛奶。奶奶，这种牛奶怎么样？
hái yào mǎi xiāngjiāo hé niúnǎi nǎinai zhè zhǒng niúnǎi zěnmeyàng · We need bananas and milk too. Grandma, what’s this milk like?

grandma 这种牛奶不仅价格不高，质量还很好，我一直买它。
zhè zhǒng niúnǎi bùjǐn jiàgé bù gāo zhìliàng hái hěn hǎo wǒ yìzhí mǎi tā · This milk isn’t expensive and it’s good quality too. I always buy it.

anna 那我买三瓶，再买一把香蕉。
nà wǒ mǎi sān píng zài mǎi yì bǎ xiāngjiāo · Then I’ll get three bottles, and a bunch of bananas.

grandma 排队的人真多，前边那位顾客买了很多东西。
páiduì de rén zhēn duō qián biān nà wèi gùkè mǎi le hěn duō dōngxi · What a queue. That customer in front has bought loads.

anna 没关系，我们不着急。一共多少钱？我用卡付。
méi guānxi wǒmen bù zháojí yígòng duōshao qián wǒ yòng kǎ fù · Never mind, we’re not in a hurry. How much is it altogether? I’ll pay by card.

grandma 我带了现金，今天奶奶付！
wǒ dài le xiànjīn jīntiān nǎinai fù · I’ve brought cash. Grandma’s paying today!

anna 不行不行，这次我来付！
bùxíng bùxíng zhè cì wǒ lái fù · No, no, this time I’m paying!

repeat listen, then say it back

这个西瓜看起来很大，大约有十斤。 zhège xīguā kàn qǐlai hěn dà dàyuē yǒu shí jīn This watermelon looks big: about five kilos.

一共五十八块，您付现金还是用卡？ yígòng wǔshíbā kuài nín fù xiànjīn háishi yòng kǎ That's fifty-eight yuan altogether. Cash or card?

请问香蕉多少钱一斤？我想买两斤。 qǐngwèn xiāngjiāo duōshao qián yì jīn wǒ xiǎng mǎi liǎng jīn Excuse me, how much are bananas a jin? I'd like two jin.

超市里顾客太多了，排队排了二十分钟。 chāoshì lǐ gùkè tài duō le páiduì pái le èrshí fēnzhōng The supermarket was packed; we queued for twenty minutes.

这家超市的东西不仅便宜，质量还很好。 zhè jiā chāoshì de dōngxi bùjǐn piányi zhìliàng hái hěn hǎo Things at this supermarket are cheap and good quality too.

买东西的时候，你更注意价格还是质量？ mǎi dōngxi de shíhou nǐ gèng zhùyì jiàgé háishi zhìliàng When you shop, do you care more about price or quality?

reply answer out loud

你觉得超市的水果怎么样？ nǐ juéde chāoshì de shuǐguǒ zěnmeyàng What do you think of supermarket fruit?

→ 又新鲜又好吃。 yòu xīnxiān yòu hǎochī

→ 不过比外边的小店贵一点儿。 búguò bǐ wàibian de xiǎo diàn guì yìdiǎnr

你常用现金吗？ nǐ cháng yòng xiànjīn ma Do you often use cash?

→ 很少用现金。 hěn shǎo yòng xiànjīn

→ 因为用手机付钱更方便。 yīnwèi yòng shǒujī fù qián gèng fāngbiàn

你常去超市还是上网买？ nǐ cháng qù chāoshì háishi shàngwǎng mǎi Do you usually go to the supermarket or buy online?

→ 吃的东西我去超市买。 chī de dōngxi wǒ qù chāoshì mǎi

→ 衣服和书我一般上网买，有时还免费送到家。 yīfu hé shū wǒ yìbān shàngwǎng mǎi yǒushí hái miǎnfèi sòng dào jiā

很多人用手机付钱，为什么？ hěn duō rén yòng shǒujī fù qián wèi shénme Lots of people pay by phone. Why?

→ 因为很方便，不用带现金。 yīnwèi hěn fāngbiàn búyòng dài xiànjīn

→ 而且找零钱也很麻烦。 érqiě zhǎo língqián yě hěn máfan

describe the picture 105 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 three quarters.

他一只手拿着……，另一只手拿着…… tā yì zhī shǒu ná zhe lìng yì zhī shǒu ná zhe

他看看……，又看看……，好像…… tā kàn kan yòu kàn kan hǎoxiàng

买东西的时候，我不仅……，还…… mǎi dōngxi de shíhou wǒ bùjǐn hái

model answer

这张图片上是一家超市，两边放着很多东西，中间只站着一位老人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yì jiā chāoshì liǎng biān fàng zhe hěn duō dōngxi zhōngjiān zhǐ zhàn zhe yí wèi lǎorén

他戴着眼镜，穿着一件绿色的外套。 tā dài zhe yǎnjìng chuān zhe yí jiàn lǜsè de wàitào

他一只手拿着一大瓶果汁，另一只手拿着一小瓶果汁。 tā yì zhī shǒu ná zhe yí dà píng guǒzhī lìng yì zhī shǒu ná zhe yì xiǎo píng guǒzhī

他的手上还挂着一个袋子，袋子里有一个面包和一些鸡蛋。 tā de shǒu shàng hái guà zhe yí gè dàizi dàizi lǐ yǒu yí gè miànbāo hé yìxiē jīdàn

右边下面放着六瓶饮料，最上面还有一个很亮的灯。 yòubian xiàmiàn fàng zhe liù píng yǐnliào zuì shàngmiàn hái yǒu yí gè hěn liàng de dēng

他看看这瓶，又看看那瓶，好像不知道应该买哪一瓶。 tā kàn kan zhè píng yòu kàn kan nà píng hǎoxiàng bù zhīdào yīnggāi mǎi nǎ yì píng

可能是因为大瓶的比较便宜，小瓶的贵一点儿，可是质量也许更好。 kěnéng shì yīnwèi dà píng de bǐjiào piányi xiǎo píng de guì yìdiǎnr kěshì zhìliàng yěxǔ gèng hǎo

我觉得他是一个很仔细的人，买东西以前要好好比较一下。 wǒ juéde tā shì yí gè hěn zǐxì de rén mǎi dōngxi yǐqián yào hǎohǎo bǐjiào yíxià

我买东西的时候，不仅看价格，还看质量。 wǒ mǎi dōngxi de shíhou bùjǐn kàn jiàgé hái kàn zhìliàng

如果我是他，我会买小瓶的，因为大瓶的要是喝不完，就浪费了。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì mǎi xiǎo píng de yīnwèi dà píng de yàoshi hē bu wán jiù làngfèi le

This picture shows a supermarket, with lots of things on both sides and just one old man standing in the middle. He wears glasses and a green coat. In one hand he holds a big bottle of juice and in the other a small one. A bag also hangs from his hand, with a loaf of bread and some eggs in it. Down on the right there are six bottles of drinks, and right at the top there is a very bright light. He looks at this

bottle, then at that one, as if he doesn't know which to buy. Maybe that's because the big bottle is cheaper, while the small one costs a little more but may be better quality. I think he's a careful person who likes to compare things before he buys. When I shop, I look not only at the price but at the quality too. If I were him, I would buy the small one, because a big bottle you can't finish is a waste.

talk 105 seconds

When you shop, do you care more about price or quality? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for a minute and three quarters.

买东西的时候，你更注意价格还是质量？为什么？ mǎi dōngxi de shíhou nǐ gèng zhùyì jiàgé háishi zhìliàng wèi shénme

买东西的时候，我更注意…… mǎi dōngxi de shíhou wǒ gèng zhùyì

……不仅……，还…… bùjǐn hái

当然，……，所以我的办法是…… dāngrán suǒyǐ wǒ de bànfǎ shì

model answer

买东西的时候，我更注意质量。 mǎi dōngxi de shíhou wǒ gèng zhùyì zhìliàng

因为质量好的东西不仅用得久，还让人用得放心。 yīnwèi zhìliàng hǎo de dōngxi bùjǐn yòng de jiǔ hái ràng rén yòng de fàngxīn

比如我去年在网上买了一双很便宜的鞋，只有一百块，可是穿了一个月就坏了。 bǐrú wǒ qùnián zài wǎngshang mǎi le yì shuāng hěn piányi de xié zhǐyǒu yìbǎi kuài kěshì chuān le yí gè yuè jiù huài le

后来我又买了一双贵一点儿的，到现在已经穿了一年多了，还跟新的一样。 hòulái wǒ yòu mǎi le yì shuāng guì yìdiǎnr de dào xiànzài yǐjīng chuān le yì nián duō le hái gēn xīn de yíyàng

算一算，便宜的东西其实不一定便宜。 suàn yi suan piányi de dōngxi qíshí bù yídìng piányi

当然，价钱也很重要，尤其是对学生来说，钱不多。 dāngrán jiàqián yě hěn zhòngyào yóuqí shì duì xuéshēng lái shuō qián bù duō

水果、牛奶这些每天要买的东西，我除了看质量以外，还会看看价格，哪家超市便宜就去哪家。 shuǐguǒ niúnǎi zhèxiē měi tiān yào mǎi de dōngxi wǒ chúle kàn zhìliàng yǐwài hái huì kàn kan jiàgé nǎ jiā chāoshì piányi jiù qù nǎ jiā

不过衣服、电脑这些要用很久的东西，我觉得多花一点儿钱是值得的。 búguò yīfu diànnǎo zhèxiē yào yòng hěn jiǔ de dōngxi wǒ juéde duō huā yìdiǎnr qián shì zhídé de

所以我的办法是：用得久的东西看质量，每天买的东西看价格。 suǒyǐ wǒ de bànfǎ shì yòng de jiǔ de dōngxi kàn zhìliàng měi tiān mǎi de dōngxi kàn jiàgé

When I shop, I care more about quality. Good-quality things last longer, and you can use them without worrying. For example, last year I bought a very cheap pair of shoes online, only a hundred yuan, but they fell apart after a month. Then I bought a slightly more expensive pair, and I've worn them for more than a year now: they still look new. When you add it up, cheap things aren't always cheap. Of course, price matters too, especially for students, who don't have much money. For fruit, milk and the other things I buy every day, I look at the price as well as the quality, and go to whichever supermarket is cheaper. But for things I'll use for a long time, like clothes or a computer, I think it's worth spending a bit more. So my rule is: quality for things that last, price for everyday things.

good to know · In a shop picture, count with measure words: 一个西瓜, 一把香蕉, 两瓶牛奶. Each one is a detail that takes three seconds to say. Prices in China are often per jin (斤, half a kilo), not per kilo: 西瓜三块钱一斤. Most people in China pay by phone, so 付现金还是用卡？ now often gets the answer 用手机付. 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.

A watermelon, a bunch of bananas, three bottles of milk and a kind idea about the queue: you made a supermarket worth listening to.
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day 22 a parcel

Say what happened to something with 被, say "although" firmly with 尽管……但是……, and weigh online shopping against shops.

A picture often shows the result of something that already happened (a box opened, a cup knocked over), and 被 is how Chinese says it. Online shopping is a favourite part-3 topic.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
快递	kuàidì	express delivery, parcel	我的快递到了。 My parcel has arrived.
寄	jì	post, send by mail	我给你寄一本书。 I'll post you a book.
收到	shōudào	to receive	收到，谢谢！ Got it, thanks!
换	huàn	to change, swap	我想换一个房间。 I'd like to change rooms.
失望	shīwàng	disappointed	他没来我的生日晚会，我有点儿失望。 He didn't come to my birthday party; I was a bit disappointed.
吃惊	chījīng	surprised, shocked	听说他要搬到上海去，我们都很吃惊。 We were all surprised to hear he's moving to Shanghai.
原来	yuánlái	originally; so that's why	原来是你！我还以为是小刘呢。 Oh, it's you! I thought it was Xiao Liu.
上衣	shàngyī	top, jacket	这件上衣不大不小。 This top is just the right size.
发现	fāxiàn	to discover, notice	我发现我的手机不见了！ I noticed my phone was gone!
满意	mǎnyì	satisfied, pleased	你对这家饭馆满意吗？ Are you happy with this restaurant?

pattern 被 for what happened to something; 尽管……但是……

thing + 被 + (someone) + verb + result · 尽管 A，但是 B

被 puts the thing first and says what happened to it: 箱子被打开了 ("the box has been opened"). The doer can follow 被 or be left out, and the verb needs a result (打开了, 穿走了). 尽管 A，但是 B is a firm "although": 尽管很便宜，但是质量不好.

箱子已经被打开了。 **xiāngzi yǐjīng bèi dǎkāi le** The box has already been opened.

我的上衣被妹妹穿走了。 **wǒ de shàngyī bèi mèimei chuān zǒu le** My top has been borrowed by my little sister.

尽管衣服很便宜，但是我不太满意。 **jǐnguǎn yīfu hěn piányi dànshì wǒ bú tài mǎnyì** Although the top was cheap, I'm not very happy with it.

尽管快递有点儿慢，但是东西都很好。 **jǐnguǎn kuàidì yǒudiǎnr màn dànshì dōngxi dōu hěn hǎo** Although the delivery was a bit slow, everything was fine.

dialogue the parcel

ms zhang 安娜，门口有你的快递，我帮你拿进来了。
Ānnà ménkǒu yǒu nǐ de kuàidì wǒ bāng nǐ ná jinlai le · Anna, there was a parcel for you at the door. I've brought it in.

anna 谢谢！一定是我上个星期在网上买的上衣。
xièxie yídìng shì wǒ shàng gè xīngqī zài wǎngshang mǎi de shàngyī · Thanks! It must be the top I bought online last week.

ms zhang 快打开看看吧。
kuài dǎkāi kàn kan ba · Open it, quick!

anna 啊？怎么这么小！我太吃惊了！
a zěnme zhème xiǎo wǒ tài chījīng le · What? Why is it so small? I can't believe it!

ms zhang 让我看看……这是孩子穿的吧？
ràng wǒ kàn kan zhè shì háizi chuān de ba · Let me see... isn't this a child's size?

anna 我真失望。尽管价格很便宜，但是也不能这么小啊！
wǒ zhēn shīwàng jǐnguǎn jiàgé hěn piányi dànshì yě bù néng zhème xiǎo a · I'm so disappointed. It was cheap, but it can't be this small!

ms zhang 你是不是买错大小了？
nǐ shì bu shì mǎi cuò dàxiǎo le · Did you order the wrong size?

anna 我看看……原来是我选错了，我选了儿童的。
wǒ kàn kan yuánlái shì wǒ xuǎn cuò le wǒ xuǎn le értóng de · Let me check... Oh, so it was me: I chose a children's size.

ms zhang 别着急，网上买的衣服一般都可以换。
bié zháojí wǎngshang mǎi de yīfu yìbān dōu kěyǐ huàn · Don't worry, clothes bought online can usually be exchanged.

anna 那我明天就把它寄回去，换一件大的。
nà wǒ míngtiān jiù bǎ tā jì huiqu huàn yí jiàn dà de · Then I'll send it back tomorrow and get a bigger one.

repeat listen, then say it back

这件上衣太小了，我想换一件大的。 **zhè jiàn shàngyī tài xiǎo le wǒ xiǎng huàn yí jiàn dà de** This top is too small; I want to change it for a bigger one.

打开箱子以后，我发现衣服太小了。 **dǎkāi xiāngzi yǐhòu wǒ fāxiàn yīfu tài xiǎo le** When I opened the box, I found the clothes were too small.

我的快递被放在门口了，你看见了吗？ **wǒ de kuàidì bèi fàng zài ménkǒu le nǐ kànjiàn le ma** My parcel was left by the door. Did you see it?

尽管快递有点儿慢，但是东西都很好。 **jǐnguǎn kuàidì yǒudiǎnr màn dànshì dōngxi dōu hěn hǎo** Although the delivery was a bit slow, everything was fine.

我昨天收到了妈妈从英国寄来的快递。 **wǒ zuótiān shōudào le māma cóng Yīngguó jì lái de kuàidì** Yesterday I got the parcel Mum sent from the UK.

她对这件上衣很不满意，打算明天拿去换。 **tā duì zhè jiàn shàngyī hěn bù mǎnyì dǎsuàn míngtiān ná qù huàn** She isn't happy with the top and plans to exchange it tomorrow.

reply answer out loud

你觉得网上购物怎么样？ nǐ juéde wǎngshang gòuwù zěnmeyàng What do you think of online shopping?
→ 很方便，什么都能买到。 hěn fāngbiàn shénme dōu néng mǎi dào
→ 不过有时候东西跟照片上不一样。 búguò yǒu shíhou dōngxi gēn zhàopiàn shàng bù yíyàng

网上买东西，有什么缺点？ wǎngshang mǎi dōngxi yǒu shénme quēdiǎn What are the drawbacks of buying online?
→ 不能先看一看、试一试。 bù néng xiān kàn yi kan shì yi shi
→ 有一次我买的鞋太大了，只好拿去换。 yǒu yí cì wǒ mǎi de xié tài dà le zhǐhǎo ná qù huàn

朋友过生日，你送什么？ péngyou guò shēngrì nǐ sòng shénme What do you give a friend for their birthday?
→ 我一般送一本书。 wǒ yìbān sòng yì běn shū
→ 书不贵，而且可以让朋友想起我。 shū bú guì érqiě kěyǐ ràng péngyou xiǎng qǐ wǒ

买衣服，你上网还是去商店？ mǎi yīfu nǐ shàngwǎng háishi qù shāngdiàn For clothes, do you go online or to a shop?
→ 以前常在网上买，现在一般去商店。 yǐqián cháng zài wǎngshang mǎi xiànzài yìbān qù shāngdiàn
→ 因为可以先穿一穿，看看合适不合适。 yīnwèi kěyǐ xiān chuān yi chuan kàn kan héshì bù héshì

describe the picture 105 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 three quarters.

……已经被打开了，…… yǐjīng bèi dǎkāi le

她好像很失望，大概是…… tā hǎoxiàng hěn shīwàng dàgài shì

尽管……，但是…… jǐnguǎn dànshì

model answer

这张图片上是一个年轻的女人，她在家里，左边的门开着。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén tā zài jiā lǐ zuǒbian de mén kāi zhe

她的头发很长，穿着绿色的上衣和蓝裤子。 tā de tóufa hěn cháng chuān zhe lǜsè de shàngyī hé lán kùzi

她两只手拿着一件红色的小衣服，在自己身上比一比。 tā liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe yí jiàn hóngsè de xiǎo yīfu zài zìjǐ shēn shàng bǐ yi bi

那件衣服特别小，看起来像孩子穿的。 nà jiàn yīfu tèbié xiǎo kàn qǐlai xiàng háizi chuān de

右边的地上有一个很大的箱子，已经被打开了，箱子前边还有一个手机。 yòubian de dì shàng yǒu yí gè hěn dà de xiāngzi yǐjīng bèi dǎkāi le xiāngzi qián biān hái yǒu yí gè shǒujī

门旁边放着两双鞋，上边还有一个绿色的植物。 mén pángbiān fàng zhe liǎng shuāng xié shàng biān hái yǒu yí gè lǜsè de zhíwù

看起来这是她刚收到的快递，可是她一点儿也不高兴。 kàn qǐlai zhè shì tā gāng shōudào de kuàidì kěshì tā yìdiǎnr yě bù gāoxìng

看来她在网上买错了大小，所以她好像很失望。 kànlái tā zài wǎngshang mǎi cuò le dàxiǎo suǒyǐ tā hǎoxiàng hěn shīwàng

尽管箱子很大，但是里边的衣服这么小，她可能也很吃惊。 jǐnguǎn xiāngzi hěn dà dànshì lǐ biān de yīfu zhème xiǎo tā kěnéng yě hěn chījīng

如果我是她，我会马上问问能不能换一件大一点儿的。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì mǎshàng wèn wen néng bu néng huàn yí jiàn dà yìdiǎnr de

我也在网上买过衣服，有时候收到以后发现跟照片上不一样。 wǒ yě zài wǎngshang mǎi guo yīfu yǒu shíhou shōudào yǐhòu fāxiàn gēn zhàopiàn shàng bù yíyàng

This picture shows a young woman at home, with the door open on the left. She has long hair and is wearing a green top and blue trousers. She is holding a small red top with both hands, up against herself to see how it looks. The top is really small; it looks like a child's. On the floor on the right there is a big box, already opened, with a phone in front of it. By the door there are two pairs of shoes, with a green plant on top. It looks as if this is a parcel she has just received, but she isn't happy at all. It seems she bought the wrong size online, so she looks very disappointed. The box is so big, but the top inside is so small, so she may be surprised too. If I were her, I would ask straight away whether I could change it for a bigger one. I have bought clothes online too, and sometimes when they arrive I find they look different from the photos.

talk 105 seconds

What is your view of shopping online? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for a minute and three quarters.

你对网上购物有什么看法？为什么？ nǐ duì wǎngshang gòuwù yǒu shénme kànfǎ wèi shénme

我对网上购物的看法是…… wǒ duì wǎngshang gòuwù de kànfǎ shì

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

尽管……，但是…… jǐnguǎn dànshì

model answer

我对网上购物的看法是：它非常方便，但是买的时候要仔细。 wǒ duì wǎngshang gòuwù de kànfǎ shì tā fēicháng fāngbiàn dànshì mǎi de shíhou yào zǐxì

它的优点很多，网上的东西又多又便宜，在家里就能买，不用出门。 tā de yōudiǎn hěn duō wǎngshang de dōngxi yòu duō yòu piányi zài jiā lǐ jiù néng mǎi búyòng chūmén

而且快递很快，一般第二天就能收到，有时还免费送到家。 érqiě kuàidì hěn kuài yìbān dì èr tiān jiù néng shōudào yǒushí hái miǎnfèi sòng dào jiā

尽管网上买东西很方便，但是也有缺点。 jǐnguǎn wǎngshang mǎi dōngxi hěn fāngbiàn dànshì yě yǒu quēdiǎn

比如上个星期我在网上买了一件上衣，收到以后发现太小了，我很失望。 bǐrú shàng gè xīngqī wǒ zài wǎngshang mǎi le yí jiàn shàngyī shōudào yǐhòu fāxiàn tài xiǎo le wǒ hěn shīwàng

因为不能先试一试，衣服常常会买错大小，换来换去也很麻烦。 yīnwèi bù néng xiān shì yi shi yīfu chángcháng huì mǎi cuò dàxiǎo huàn lái huàn qù yě hěn máfan

看来买衣服和鞋，还是去商店比较好，可以先穿一穿。 kànlái mǎi yīfu hé xié háishi qù shāngdiàn bǐjiào hǎo kěyǐ xiān chuān yi chuan

别的东西，比如书和电影票，我一般在网上买，既便宜又方便。 biéde dōngxi bǐrú shū hé diànyǐng piào wǒ yìbān zài wǎngshang mǎi jì piányi yòu fāngbiàn

所以我觉得网上购物很好，不过买以前要想清楚自己需要什么。 suǒyǐ wǒ juéde wǎngshang gòuwù hěn hǎo búguò mǎi yǐqián yào xiǎng qīngchu zìjǐ xūyào shénme

My view of online shopping is that it's very convenient, but you need to be careful when you buy. It has many good points: there is more choice online and it's cheaper, and you can buy at home without going out. Besides, delivery is fast: things usually arrive the next day, and sometimes delivery is free. Although shopping online is convenient, it has drawbacks too. For example, last week I bought a top online, and when it came I found it was too small; I was really disappointed. Because you can't try things on first, you often get the wrong size, and sending things back and forth is a hassle. So it seems that for clothes and shoes a shop is still better: you can try them on first. Other things, like books and cinema tickets, I usually buy online: it's cheap and easy. So I think online shopping is good, but before you buy, be clear about what you need.

good to know · 被 is great for results you can see in a picture: 箱子被打开了, 衣服被放在桌子上. Keep it simple: thing + 被 + verb + 了. 原来 means “so that’s why” when you discover the reason: 原来是我选错了! 快递 is both the delivery service and the parcel itself: 我收到了一个快递 (I got a parcel).

A big box, a tiny top and a disappointed face: you told the whole story, and then gave a balanced view on online shopping.
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day 23 who pays?

Say "since..., then..." with 既然……就……, say how things turned out with 只好, 正好 and 差点儿, and give your view on who should pay when friends eat out.

Who pays is a very Chinese everyday drama, and a perfect people question for part 3. 只好 and 差点儿 let you tell how a scene ended in one word.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
餐厅	cāntīng	restaurant, dining room	公司楼下有一家很好的餐厅。 There's a great restaurant downstairs from the office.
结账	jiézhàng	to pay the bill	服务员，我们结账。 Excuse me, could we have the bill?
菜单	càidān	menu	请给我看一下菜单。 Could I see the menu, please?
剩	shèng	to be left over	菜剩了很多，我们带回家吧。 There's lots of food left. Let's take it home.
浪费	làngfèi	to waste	别浪费食物。 Don't waste food.
饱	bǎo	full (after eating)	我吃饱了。 I'm full.
别人	biérén	other people, others	别人都说这家饭馆很好。 Other people all say this restaurant is good.
当然	dāngrán	of course	当然可以！ Of course you can!
顿	dùn	(measure word for meals)	我请你吃一顿饭。 Let me treat you to a meal.
平时	píngshí	usually, normally	我平时七点起床。 I usually get up at seven.

pattern 既然……就……; 只好, 正好, 差点儿

既然 | a fact | ，就 | what follows | ·只好 / 正好 / 差点儿 | how it turned out

既然 A，就 B is "since A (as we both know), then B": 既然吃不完，就带回家吧. 只好 is "had no choice but to", 正好 is "just right, as it happens", and 差点儿 is "almost (but it didn't happen)": 我差点儿忘了带钱.

既然你请了晚饭，我就请你喝咖啡吧。 **jìrán nǐ qǐng le wǎnfàn wǒ jiù qǐng nǐ hē kāfēi ba** Since you paid for dinner, let me buy you a coffee.

两个人都想付钱，最后只好一人付一半。 **liǎng gè rén dōu xiǎng fù qián zuìhòu zhǐhǎo yì rén fù yíbàn** Both wanted to pay, so in the end they split it.

我们要了四个菜，三个人正好吃完。 **wǒmen yào le sì gè cài sān gè rén zhèng hǎochī wán** We ordered four dishes, and the three of us finished them exactly.

我差点儿忘了带钱。 **wǒ chàdiǎnr wàng le dài qián** I almost forgot to bring money.

dialogue who pays?

xiaoming 服务员，结账！今天我请客。
fúwù yuán jiézhàng jīntiān wǒ qǐngkè · Excuse me, the bill please! This is on me today.

anna 不行，你还没拿到工资呢，我来付。
bùxíng nǐ hái méi ná dào gōngzī ne wǒ lái fù · No way. You haven't been paid yet; I'll pay.

xiaoming 我已经开始工作了，当然应该我请。
wǒ yǐjīng kāishǐ gōngzuò le dāngrán yīnggāi wǒ qǐng · I've started work now, so of course I should pay.

anna 上次在咖啡店也是你付的，这次该我了。
shàng cì zài kāfēi diàn yě shì nǐ fù de zhè cì gāi wǒ le · You paid at the café last time too. It's my turn.

xiaoming 好吧，既然你这么说，那这顿你付，下顿我请。
hǎo ba jìrán nǐ zhème shuō nà zhè dùn nǐ fù xià dùn wǒ qǐng · All right, since you put it like that: you pay for this one, and the next one's on me.

anna 好！你看，菜还剩了这么多。
hǎo nǐ kàn cài hái shèng le zhème duō · Deal! Look, there's so much food left.

xiaoming 我们要的菜太多了，我已经吃饱了。
wǒmen yào de cài tài duō le wǒ yǐjīng chī bǎo le · We ordered too many dishes. I'm already full.

anna 别浪费，带回家吧，明天中午还可以吃。
bié làngfèi dài huí jiā ba míngtiān zhōngwǔ hái kěyǐ chī · Let's not waste it: take it home, and you can have it for lunch tomorrow.

xiaoming 好主意。平时我一个人吃饭，也常常剩很多。
hǎo zhǔyi píngshí wǒ yí gè rén chī fàn yě chángcháng shèng hěn duō · Good idea. When I eat alone I usually have lots left over too.

anna 那下次看菜单的时候，我们少要一个菜。
nà xià cì kàn càidān de shíhou wǒmen shǎo yào yí gè cài · Then next time we look at the menu, let's order one dish fewer.

repeat listen, then say it back

我们吃得太饱了，菜还剩了很多。 **wǒmen chī de tài bǎo le cài hái shèng le hěn duō** We're so full, and there's still a lot of food left.

这顿饭我来请，你们别跟我客气。 **zhè dùn fàn wǒ lái qǐng nǐmen bié gēn wǒ kèqi** This meal is on me. Don't argue.

既然吃不完，就别浪费了，带回家吧。 **jìrán chī bu wán jiù bié làngfèi le dài huí jiā ba** Since we can't finish it, let's not waste it: take it home.

不好意思，请给我们看一下菜单。 **bù hǎoyìsi qǐng gěi wǒmen kàn yíxià càidān** Excuse me, could we see the menu, please?

你们平时跟朋友吃饭的时候谁付钱？ **nǐmen píngshí gēn péngyou chī fàn de shíhou shéi fù qián** When you usually eat with friends, who pays?

两个人都想结账，最后只好一人付一半。 **liǎng gè rén dōu xiǎng jiézhàng zuìhòu zhǐhǎo yì rén fù yíbàn** Both wanted to pay, so in the end they had to split the bill.

reply answer out loud

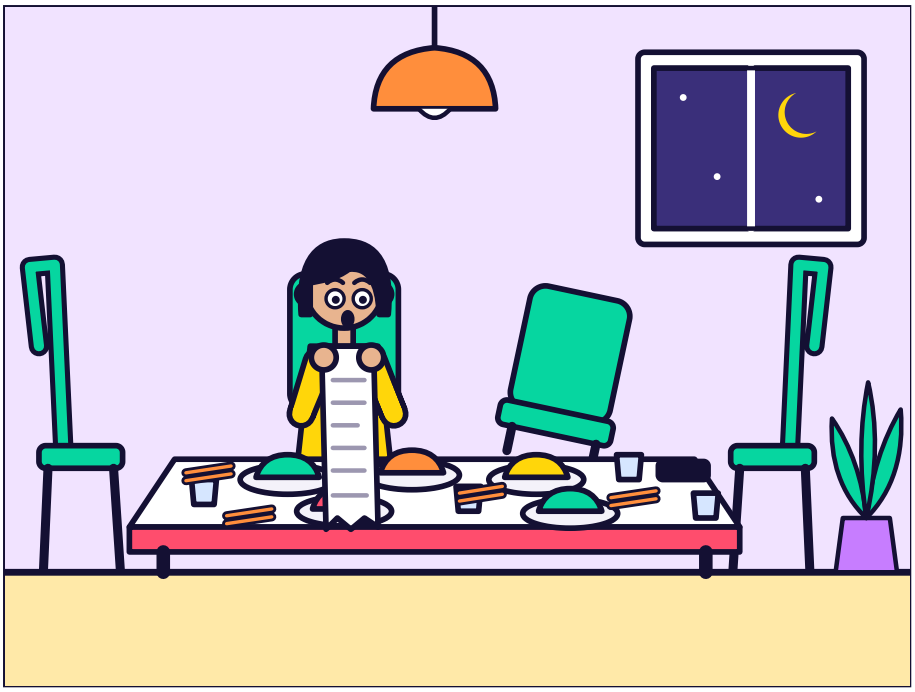
请客的时候你点什么菜？ qǐngkè de shíhou nǐ diǎn shénme cài When you treat people, what do you order?
→ 我会先问问朋友喜欢吃什么。 wǒ huì xiān wèn wen péngyou xǐhuan chī shénme
→ 然后点几个大家都爱吃的菜，再点一个汤。 ránhòu diǎn jǐ gè dàjiā dōu ài chī de cài zài diǎn yí gè tāng

吃不完的菜你会带走吗？ chī bu wán de cài nǐ huì dài zǒu ma Do you take home food you can't finish?
→ 一般会带走。 yìbān huì dài zǒu
→ 第二天中午热一热，就是一顿午饭。 dì èr tiān zhōngwǔ rè yí rè jiùshì yí dùn wǔfàn

你喜欢在家吃还是去餐厅？ nǐ xǐhuan zài jiā chī háishi qù cāntīng Do you prefer eating at home or going to a restaurant?
→ 平时我在家吃。 píngshí wǒ zài jiā chī
→ 自己做饭又便宜又健康，周末才去餐厅。 zìjǐ zuòfàn yòu piányi yòu jiànkāng zhōumò cái qù cāntīng

浪费的问题，你怎么看？ làngfèi de wèntí nǐ zěnme kàn What's your view on wasting food?
→ 我觉得浪费太可惜了。 wǒ juéde làngfèi tài kěxī le
→ 所以点菜的时候，我一般不点太多。 suǒyǐ diǎn cài de shíhou wǒ yìbān bù diǎn tài duō

describe the picture 105 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 three quarters.

她两只手拿着……，好像…… tā liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe hǎoxiàng

看起来她的朋友……，她只好…… kàn qǐlai tā de péngyou tā zhǐhǎo

既然……，就…… jìrán jiù

model answer

这张图片上是一个餐厅，窗户外边有月亮和星星，现在是晚上。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè cāntīng chuānghu wàibian yǒu yuèliang hé xīngxing xiànzài shì wǎnshang

桌子旁边只坐着一个年轻的女人，她穿着黄色的衣服。 zhuōzi pángbiān zhǐ zuò zhe yí gè niánqīng de nǚrén tā chuān zhe huángsè de yīfu

她两只手拿着一张很长很长的纸，眼睛和嘴都张得很大。 tā liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe yì zhāng hěn cháng hěn cháng de zhǐ yǎnjing hé zuǐ dōu zhāng de hěn dà

桌子上有四盘菜、四个杯子和四双筷子，盘子里的菜还剩了很多。 zhuōzi shàng yǒu sì pán cài sì gè bēizi hé sì shuāng kuàizi pánzi lǐ de cài hái shèng le hěn duō

她的旁边有三把绿色的椅子，都没有人坐。 tā de pángbiān yǒu sān bǎ lǜsè de yǐzi dōu méiyǒu rén zuò

桌子上边挂着一个灯，桌子上还放着一个手机。 zhuōzi shàng biān guà zhe yí gè dēng zhuōzi shàng hái fàng zhe yí gè shǒujī

看起来她的朋友们刚离开，她只好一个人结账，可能是因为一共要付很多钱，所以她非常吃惊。 kàn qǐlai tā de péngyoumen gāng líkāi tā zhǐhǎo yí gè rén jiézhàng kěnéng shì yīnwèi yígòng yào fù hěn duō qián suǒyǐ tā fēicháng chījīng

剩了这么多菜，真是太浪费了。 shèng le zhème duō cài zhēn shì tài làngfèi le

我觉得既然是大家一起吃饭，就应该大家一起付钱。 wǒ juéde jìrán shì dàjiā yìqǐ chī fàn jiù yīnggāi dàjiā yìqǐ fù qián

如果我是她，我会给朋友们打电话，再把剩的菜带回家。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì gěi péngyoumen dǎ diànhuà zài bǎ shèng de cài dài huí jiā

This picture shows a restaurant; outside the window there is a moon and stars, so it is evening. Only one person sits at the table, a young woman in yellow. She holds a very, very long slip of paper in both hands, and her eyes and mouth are wide open. On the table there are four plates of food, four glasses

and four pairs of chopsticks, and a lot of the food is still left on the plates. Beside her are three green chairs, with nobody sitting on them. A lamp hangs above the table, and there is a phone on the table too. It looks as if her friends have just left and she has had to pay the bill on her own; maybe the total is a lot of money, which is why she is so shocked. So much food left over is a real waste. I think since everyone ate together, everyone should pay together. If I were her, I would phone my friends, and then take the leftover food home.

talk 105 seconds

When you eat with friends, who do you think should pay? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for a minute and three quarters.

跟朋友一起吃饭的时候，你觉得应该谁付钱？为什么？ gēn péngyou yìqǐ chī fàn de shíhou nǐ juéde yīnggāi shéi fù qián wèi shénme

我觉得最好……，因为…… wǒ juéde zuìhǎo yīnwèi

当然，有时候……，比如…… dāngrán yǒu shíhou bǐrú

既然……，就…… jìrán jiù

model answer

跟朋友一起吃饭的时候，我觉得最好大家一起付钱，每个人付自己的。 gēn péngyou yìqǐ chī fàn de shíhou wǒ juéde zuìhǎo dàjiā yìqǐ fù qián měi gè rén fù zìjǐ de

因为这样谁也不用担心钱的问题。 yīnwèi zhèyàng shéi yě búyòng dānxīn qián de wèntí

特别是学生，平时钱不多，如果每次都是一个人付，他会花很多钱。 tèbié shì xuéshēng píngshí qián bù duō rúguǒ měi cì dōu shì yí gè rén fù tā huì huā hěn duō qián

当然，有时候也可以一个人请客，比如过生日或者找到了新工作。 dāngrán yǒu shíhou yě kěyǐ yí gè rén qǐngkè bǐrú guò shēngrì huòzhě zhǎo dào le xīn gōngzuò

上次我和小明去餐厅吃饭，两个人都想结账，在服务员面前说了半天，谁也不让谁。 shàng cì wǒ hé Xiǎomíng qù cāntīng chī fàn liǎng gè rén dōu xiǎng jiézhàng zài fúwù yuán miànqián shuō le bàntiān shéi yě bú ràng shéi

最后小明说，既然我们是好朋友，那就这次你付，下次我付。 zuìhòu Xiǎomíng shuō jìrán wǒmen shì hǎo péngyou nà jiù zhè cì nǐ fù xià cì wǒ fù

尽管每次付的钱不一样多，但是好朋友之间不用算得太清楚。 jǐnguǎn měi cì fù de qián bù yíyàng duō dànshì hǎo péngyou zhījiān búyòng suàn de tài qīngchu

不过，跟别人第一次吃饭的时候，我觉得还是每个人付自己的比较好。 búguò gēn biérén dì yī cì chī fàn de shíhou wǒ juéde háishi měi gè rén fù zìjǐ de bǐjiào hǎo

所以，谁付钱要看你是跟谁一起吃饭。 suǒyǐ shéi fù qián yào kàn nǐ shì gēn shéi yìqǐ chī fàn

When I eat with friends, I think it's best for everyone to pay their own share. That way nobody has to worry about money. Students especially don't usually have much money, and if one person always paid, they would spend a lot. Of course, sometimes one person can treat everyone, for example on a birthday or after finding a new job. Last time Xiaoming and I ate at a restaurant, and we both wanted to pay; we went back and forth for ages in front of the waiter, neither giving in. In the end Xiaoming said that since we're good friends, I could pay this time and he would pay next time. Although we don't pay exactly the same each time, good friends don't need to keep exact accounts. But when you eat with someone for the first time, I still think it's better for everyone to pay their own. So who pays depends on who you are eating with.

good to know · In China, friends often compete to pay: the polite fight over the bill is part of the meal, and “next time it’s on me” (下次我请) keeps it fair. 差点儿 + verb is “almost did it, but didn’t”: 我差点儿忘了 (I almost forgot). It’s a great way to add drama to a story. 顿 is the measure word for meals: 一顿饭, 这顿我请, 下顿你请. 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.

A phone, a card and a laughing friend: you turned a fight over the bill into a minute and three quarters of friendly Chinese.
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day 24 the sale

Add the most surprising detail with 甚至, say "even if" with 即使……也……, and say whether you buy a lot when things are on sale.

甚至 lets you finish a description with a punchline, and 即使……也…… is the frame for a firm opinion. Sales and spending are a natural attitude question for part 3.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
打折	dǎzhé	be on sale, give a discount	商场在打折，很多衣服都便宜了一半。 The mall has a sale, lots of clothes are half price.
鞋	xié	shoe	这双鞋多少钱? How much are these shoes?
双	shuāng	pair	我买了一双鞋。 I bought a pair of shoes.
逛	guàng	stroll, browse (the shops)	我们去逛逛商场吧。 Let's go and have a look around the mall.
值得	zhídé	be worth (doing)	这本书很值得读。 This book is well worth reading.
后悔	hòuhuǐ	to regret	我很后悔那天没跟他说对不起。 I really regret not saying sorry to him that day.
带	dài	to bring, take along	出门要带伞。 Take an umbrella when you go out.
最后	zuìhòu	finally, in the end; last	最后我们一起去吃饭了。 In the end we went to eat together.
好多	hǎoduō	lots of, a great many	今天饭馆里有好多人。 There are loads of people in the restaurant today.
大衣	dàyī	overcoat, winter coat	冬天要穿大衣。 In winter you need a coat.

pattern ……，甚至…… for "even"; 即使……也…… for "even if"

what happened, 甚至 the most surprising part ·即使 A ，也 B

甚至 (“even”) adds the most surprising thing at the end: 她买了五袋东西，甚至还在试鞋. 即使 A，也 B is “even if A, still B”: 即使打折，我也不买不需要的东西. Unlike 虽然, 即使 can be about something that may not happen.

她买了很多衣服，甚至还买了一件大衣。 **tā mǎi le hěn duō yīfu shènzhì hái mǎi le yí jiàn dàyī** She bought lots of clothes, and even a winter coat.

商店里人很多，甚至没有地方坐。 **shāngdiàn lǐ rén hěn duō shènzhì méiyǒu dìfang zuò** The shop was packed; there wasn’t even anywhere to sit.

即使打折，我也只买需要的东西。 **jíshǐ dǎzhé wǒ yě zhǐ mǎi xūyào de dōngxi** Even in a sale, I only buy what I need.

即使很贵，这双鞋也值得买。 **jíshǐ hěn guì zhè shuāng xié yě zhídé mǎi** Even if they’re expensive, these shoes are worth buying.

dialogue the big sale

ms zhang 安娜，今天商店都在打折，我们去逛逛吧！
Ānnà jīntiān shāngdiàn dōu zài dǎzhé wǒmen qù guàng guang ba · Anna, all the shops have sales today. Let’s go and look around!

anna 阿姨，你看这双鞋，打折以后只要一百五十块。
āyí nǐ kàn zhè shuāng xié dǎzhé yǐhòu zhǐyào yìbǎiwǔshí kuài · Look at these shoes: only a hundred and fifty yuan in the sale.

ms zhang 质量也不错，很值得买。你试试吧。
zhìliàng yě búcuò hěn zhídé mǎi nǐ shì shi ba · And they’re good quality, well worth it. Try them on.

anna 正好是我的大小！我要了。
zhènghǎo shì wǒ de dàxiǎo wǒ yào le · Exactly my size! I’ll take them.

ms zhang 我也想买一件大衣，冬天快到了。
wǒ yě xiǎng mǎi yí jiàn dàyī dōngtiān kuài dào le · I want a winter coat too; winter’s nearly here.

anna 这件红色的怎么样？既好看又暖和。
zhè jiàn hóngsè de zěnmeyàng jì hǎokàn yòu nuǎnhuo · How about this red one? It’s pretty and warm.

ms zhang 好！可是我们已经买了五袋东西了，我的手都快拿不动了。
hǎo kěshì wǒmen yǐjīng mǎi le wǔ dài dōngxi le wǒ de shǒu dōu kuài ná bu dòng le · Good! But we’ve already got five bags; my hands can hardly carry any more.

anna 那这是最后一家，然后我们就回家吧。
nà zhè shì zuìhòu yì jiā ránhòu wǒmen jiù huí jiā ba · Then this is the last shop, and after that we go home.

ms zhang 好。下次即使打折，我们也别买这么多了。
hǎo xià cì jíshǐ dǎzhé wǒmen yě bié mǎi zhème duō le · OK. Next time, even if there’s a sale, let’s not buy so much.

anna 对，买太多了，回家又要后悔！
duì mǎi tài duō le huí jiā yòu yào hòuhuǐ · Right: buy too much and we’ll regret it at home!

repeat listen, then say it back

我在打折的时候买了一双新鞋。 **wǒ zài dǎzhé de shíhou mǎi le yì shuāng xīn xié** I bought a new pair of shoes in the sale.

出门的时候别忘了带你的大衣。 **chūmén de shíhou bié wàng le dài nǐ de dàyī** Don't forget your coat when you go out.

这双鞋虽然有点儿贵，但是很值得买。 **zhè shuāng xié suīrán yǒudiǎnr guì dànshì hěn zhídé mǎi** These shoes are a bit expensive, but they're worth it.

我们逛了一个下午，最后买了好多东西。 **wǒmen guàng le yí gè xiàwǔ zuìhòu mǎi le hǎoduō dōngxi** We browsed all afternoon and in the end bought loads.

即使打折，我也不买自己不需要的东西。 **jíshǐ dǎzhé wǒ yě bù mǎi zìjǐ bù xūyào de dōngxi** Even in a sale, I don't buy things I don't need.

他买了很多东西，回家以后又有点儿后悔。 **tā mǎi le hěn duō dōngxi huí jiā yǐhòu yòu yǒudiǎnr hòuhuǐ** He bought lots of things and then regretted it a bit at home.

reply answer out loud

你喜欢逛商店吗？ **nǐ xǐhuan guàng shāngdiàn ma** Do you like browsing in shops?

→ 很喜欢。 **hěn xǐhuan**

→ 即使不买东西，看看也很开心。 **jíshǐ bù mǎi dōngxi kàn kan yě hěn kāixīn**

你觉得打折的东西怎么样？ **nǐ juéde dǎzhé de dōngxi zěnmeyàng** What do you think of things on sale?

→ 有的很值得，有的质量不太好。 **yǒude hěn zhídé yǒude zhìliàng bú tài hǎo**

→ 所以买以前我会仔细看一看。 **suǒyǐ mǎi yǐqián wǒ huì zǐxì kàn yi kan**

你买东西会后悔吗？ **nǐ mǎi dōngxi huì hòuhuǐ ma** Do you ever regret what you buy?

→ 有时候会。 **yǒu shíhou huì**

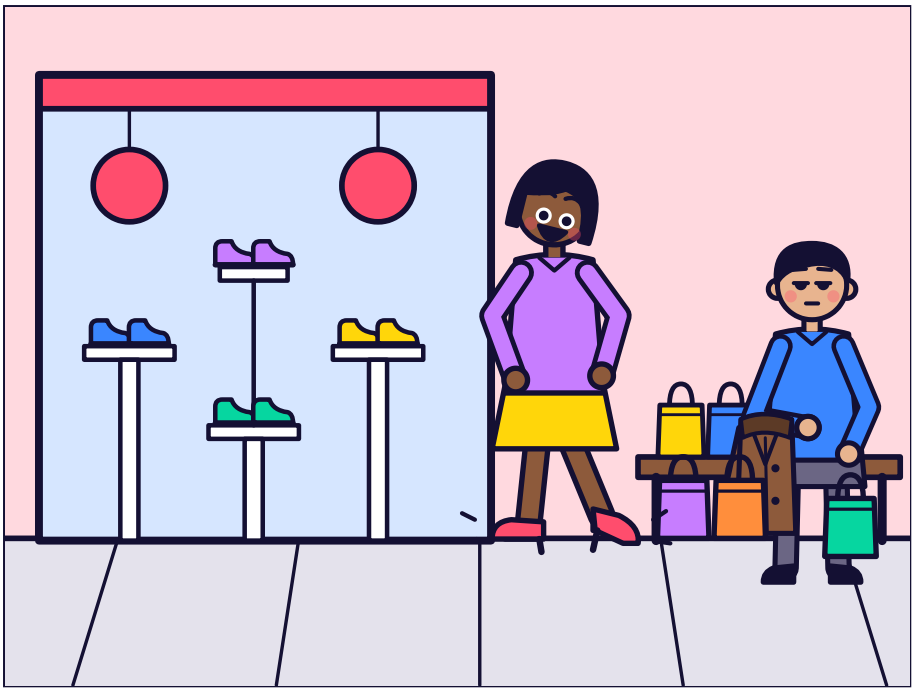
→ 特别是买了太贵的东西以后。 **tèbié shì mǎi le tài guì de dōngxi yǐhòu**

你喜欢买鞋还是买衣服？ **nǐ xǐhuan mǎi xié háishi mǎi yīfu** Do you prefer buying shoes or clothes?

→ 我更喜欢买鞋。 **wǒ gèng xǐhuan mǎi xié**

→ 好的鞋穿着舒服，走多少路都不累。 **hǎo de xié chuān zhe shūfu zǒu duōshao lù dōu bú lèi**

describe the picture 105 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 three quarters.

她们买了……，甚至…… tāmen mǎi le shènzhì

那两个红色的……可能是…… nà liǎng gè hóngsè de kěnéng shì

即使……，我也…… jíshǐ wǒ yě

model answer

这张图片上是一家卖鞋的商店，商店前边有一个女人和一个男人。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yì jiā mài xié de shāngdiàn shāngdiàn qián biān yǒu yí gè nǚrén hé yí gè nánrén

女人穿着黄色的裙子，脚上穿着一双红色的鞋，笑得很开心。 nǚrén chuān zhe huángsè de qúnzi jiǎo shàng chuān zhe yì shuāng hóngsè de xié xiào de hěn kāixīn

她看起来很满意，好像刚买了这双新鞋，正在走一走试一试。 tā kàn qǐlai hěn mǎnyì hǎoxiàng gāng mǎi le zhè shuāng xīn xié zhèngzài zǒu yi zou shì yi shi

商店里放着四双鞋，上边还挂着两个红色的牌子。 shāngdiàn lǐ fàng zhe sì shuāng xié shàng biān hái guà zhe liǎng gè hóngsè de páizi

右边的男人穿着蓝衣服，坐在一把椅子上，看起来又累又困。 yòubian de nánrén chuān zhe lán yīfu zuò zài yì bǎ yǐzi shàng kàn qǐlai yòu lèi yòu kùn

他旁边放着五个袋子，还有一件大衣。 tā pángbiān fàng zhe wǔ gè dàizi hái yǒu yí jiàn dàyī

看起来他们已经逛了很长时间，买了好多东西，她甚至还在试鞋。 kàn qǐlai tāmen yǐjīng guàng le hěn cháng shíjiān mǎi le hǎoduō dōngxi tā shènzhì hái zài shì xié

那两个红色的牌子可能是说今天打折，所以她买了这么多。 nà liǎng gè hóngsè de páizi kěnéng shì shuō jīntiān dǎzhé suǒyǐ tā mǎi le zhème duō

我觉得打折的时候很容易买太多，最后回家才后悔。 wǒ juéde dǎzhé de shíhou hěn róngyì mǎi tài duō zuìhòu huí jiā cái hòuhuǐ

既然他已经这么累了，就应该先去咖啡店休息一下。 jìrán tā yǐjīng zhème lèi le jiù yīnggāi xiān qù kāfēi diàn xiūxi yíxià

不过即使商店打折，我也只买自己需要的东西。 búguò jíshǐ shāngdiàn dǎzhé wǒ yě zhǐ mǎi zìjǐ xūyào de dōngxi

This picture shows a shoe shop, with a woman and a man in front of it. The woman is wearing a yellow skirt and a pair of red shoes, and she is laughing. She looks very pleased, as if she has just bought the new shoes and is walking about to try them. In the shop there are four pairs of shoes, with two red signs hanging above. The man on the right is wearing blue and sitting on a bench; he looks tired and sleepy. Beside him there are five bags and a coat. It looks as if they have been shopping for a long time and bought loads, and she is even trying on shoes. The two red signs may mean there is a sale today, which is why she has bought so much. I think it's easy to buy too much in a sale and regret it once you get home. Since he is already so tired, he should go and rest in a café first. But even in a sale, I only buy what I need.

talk 105 seconds

What is your attitude to sales and discounts? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for a minute and three quarters.

你对打折是什么态度？为什么？ nǐ duì dǎzhé shì shénme tàidù wèi shénme

我对打折的态度是…… wǒ duì dǎzhé de tàidù shì

有一次……，甚至…… yǒu yí cì shènzhì

即使……，我也…… jíshǐ wǒ yě

model answer

我对打折的态度是：可以去看看，但是不要因为便宜就买。 wǒ duì dǎzhé de tàidù shì kěyǐ qù kàn kan dànshì búyào yīnwèi piányi jiù mǎi

因为我觉得打折的东西不一定都值得买。 yīnwèi wǒ juéde dǎzhé de dōngxi bù yídìng dōu zhídé mǎi

有时候商店先把价格提高，然后再打折，其实没便宜多少。 yǒu shíhou shāngdiàn xiān bǎ jiàgé tígāo ránhòu zài dǎzhé qíshí méi piányi duōshao

有一次我跟朋友逛了一整天，买了好多衣服，甚至还买了一件不太需要的大衣。 yǒu yí cì wǒ gēn péngyou guàng le yì zhěng tiān mǎi le hǎoduō yīfu shènzhì hái mǎi le yí jiàn bú tài xūyào de dàyī

后来我发现，那些衣服我几乎都没穿过，心里很后悔。 hòulái wǒ fāxiàn nàxiē yīfu wǒ jīhū dōu méi chuān guo xīnlǐ hěn hòuhuǐ

既然用不上，再便宜也是浪费钱。 jìrán yòng bu shàng zài piányi yě shì làngfèi qián

从那以后，我出门以前会先想好要买什么，只带够用的钱。 cóng nà yǐhòu wǒ chūmén yǐqián huì xiān xiǎng hǎo yào mǎi shénme zhǐ dài gòu yòng de qián

即使看到很便宜的东西，我也会先问问自己：我真的需要它吗？ jíshǐ kàn dào hěn piányi de dōngxi wǒ yě huì xiān wèn wen zìjǐ wǒ zhēn de xūyào tā ma

当然，打折也有好处，比如冬天的大衣到了春天打折，可以便宜一半。 dāngrán dǎzhé yě yǒu hǎochù bǐrú dōngtiān de dàyī dào le chūntiān dǎzhé kěyǐ piányi yíbàn

所以需要的东西等打折再买，不需要的东西再便宜也不买。 suǒyǐ xūyào de dōngxi děng dǎzhé zài mǎi bù xūyào de dōngxi zài piányi yě bù mǎi

My attitude to sales is: have a look, but don't buy just because it's cheap. I don't think everything on sale is worth buying. Sometimes shops raise the price first and then discount it, so it isn't really much cheaper. Once I spent a whole day shopping with a friend and bought loads of clothes, even a winter coat I didn't really need. Later I found I had hardly worn any of them, and I really regretted it. If you don't use something, however cheap it was, the money is wasted. Since then, before I go out I decide what to buy and take only as much money as I need. Even when I see something very cheap, I ask myself first: do I really need it? Of course, sales have their good side: a winter coat on sale in spring can be half price. So I wait for the sale to buy what I need, and what I don't need I don't buy, however cheap.

good to know · When a picture has signs without words, say what they might mean and hedge it: 那两个红色的牌子可能是说今天打折. 甚至 often comes with 还 or 都: 她甚至还在试鞋, 他甚至都没吃饭. 逛 is “wander around (shops, a park, a market)” without a fixed plan: 逛商店, 逛公园.

Five bags, one pair of red shoes and a very sleepy man: you found the story in the picture, and then took a firm stand on sales.
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chapter 1 the first pay

xiaoming 安娜，今天我收到了第一个月的工资！
Ānnà jīntiān wǒ shōudào le dì yī gè yuè de gōngzī · Anna, I got my first month's pay today!

anna 太好了！这是你自己赚的第一笔钱，你打算怎么用？
tài hǎo le zhè shì nǐ zìjǐ zhuàn de dì yī bǐ qián nǐ dǎsuàn zěnme yòng · Great! It's the first money you've earned yourself. How are you going to use it?

xiaoming 我想先给奶奶买个礼物，剩下的存起来。
wǒ xiǎng xiān gěi nǎinai mǎi gè lǐwù shèng xià de cún qǐlai · First I want to buy Grandma a present, and save the rest.

anna 存钱做什么？
cún qián zuò shénme · What are you saving for?

xiaoming 你不是一直想去上海吗？我们秋天一起去吧！
nǐ bú shì yìzhí xiǎng qù Shànghǎi ma wǒmen qiūtiān yìqǐ qù ba · Haven't you always wanted to go to Shanghai? Let's go together in the autumn!

anna 好啊！不过我是学生，钱不多，要好好计划一下。
hǎo a búguò wǒ shì xuéshēng qián bù duō yào hǎohǎo jìhuà yíxià · Yes! But I'm a student without much money, so I'll need to plan it properly.

chapter 2 the glass jar

anna 你看，我找到一个大瓶子，我们就把钱放在这里面。
nǐ kàn wǒ zhǎo dào yí gè dà píngzi wǒmen jiù bǎ qián fàng zài zhè lǐmiàn · Look, I've found a big jar. Let's put the money in here.

xiaoming 好办法！每个星期我们都往里面放一点儿。
hǎo bànfǎ měi gè xīngqī wǒmen dōu wǎng lǐmiàn fàng yìdiǎnr · Good idea! Every week we'll each put a bit in.

anna 我们还要节约一点儿：少打车，多坐地铁。
wǒmen hái yào jiéyuē yìdiǎnr shǎo dǎchē duō zuò dìtiě · We should also be a bit more careful: fewer taxis, more subway.

xiaoming 中午我也可以自己带饭，不在外面吃了。
zhōngwǔ wǒ yě kěyǐ zìjǐ dài fàn bú zài wàimiàn chī le · And I can take my own lunch and stop eating out.

anna 那一个月能存多少？
nà yí gè yuè néng cún duōshao · So how much can we save in a month?

xiaoming 我算了一下，到九月就够买飞机票了。
wǒ suàn le yíxià dào jiǔ yuè jiù gòu mǎi fēi jīpiào le · I've worked it out: by September we'll have enough for the plane tickets.

chapter 3 a present for grandma

xiaoming 奶奶，这是我用第一个月的工资给您买的礼物。
nǎinai zhè shì wǒ yòng dì yī gè yuè de gōngzī gěi nín mǎi de lǐwù · Grandma, this is a present I bought you with my first month's pay.

grandma 真没想到！你自己赚的钱，应该存在银行里。
zhēn méi xiǎng dào nǐ zìjǐ zhuàn de qián yīnggāi cún zài yínháng lǐ · Oh my, what a surprise! Money you earned yourself should go in the bank.

xiaoming 放心吧，我也存了。您快打开看看！
fàngxīn ba wǒ yě cún le nín kuài dǎkāi kàn kan · Don't worry, I've saved some too. Go on, open it!

grandma 是一件毛衣！颜色真漂亮，冬天穿正好。
shì yí jiàn máoyī yánsè zhēn piàoliang dōngtiān chuān zhènghǎo · It's a sweater! What a lovely colour, just right for winter.

xiaoming 您喜欢就好。小时候都是您照顾我。
nín xǐhuan jiù hǎo xiǎoshíhou dōu shì nín zhàogù wǒ · I'm glad you like it. You looked after me when I was little.

grandma 好孩子，你长大了！
hǎo háizi nǐ zhǎng dà le · Good boy. You've grown up!

repeat listen, then say it back

这是我第一次用自己赚的钱买礼物。 **zhè shì wǒ dì yī cì yòng zìjǐ zhuàn de qián mǎi lǐwù** This is the first time I've bought a present with money I earned myself.

我们每个星期都往瓶子里放一点儿钱。 **wǒmen měi gè xīngqī dōu wǎng píngzi lǐ fàng yìdiǎnr qián** Every week we put a bit of money in the jar.

我收入不高，所以每个月都要节约一点儿。 **wǒ shōurù bù gāo suǒyǐ měi gè yuè dōu yào jiéyuē yìdiǎnr** My income isn't very high, so I have to save a bit every month.

如果你想去旅行的话，最好先做一个计划。 **rúguǒ nǐ xiǎng qù lǚxíng dehuà zuìhǎo xiān zuò yí gè jìhuà** If you want to travel, it's best to make a plan first.

我每个月都会把一部分工资存在银行里。 **wǒ měi gè yuè dōu huì bǎ yí bùfen gōngzī cún zài yínháng lǐ** Every month I put part of my pay in the bank.

reply answer out loud

你有存钱的习惯吗？ nǐ yǒu cún qián de xíguàn ma Do you have a habit of saving?
→ 我有存钱的习惯。 wǒ yǒu cún qián de xíguàn
→ 将来我想出国旅行，所以现在每个月都存一点儿。 jiānglái wǒ xiǎng chūguó lǚxíng suǒyǐ xiànzài měi gè yuè dōu cún yìdiǎnr

你喜欢存钱还是花钱？ nǐ xǐhuan cún qián háishi huā qián Do you prefer saving or spending?
→ 我更喜欢花钱。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan huā qián
→ 不过有了旅行的计划以后，我也开始存钱了。 búguò yǒu le lǚxíng de jìhuà yǐhòu wǒ yě kāishǐ cún qián le

你为什么喜欢送礼物？ nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan sòng lǐwù Why do you like giving presents?
→ 看到别人高兴，我也很高兴。 kàn dào biérén gāoxìng wǒ yě hěn gāoxìng
→ 对我来说，礼物不一定要很贵。 duì wǒ lái shuō lǐwù bù yídìng yào hěn guì

你觉得网上购物怎么样？ nǐ juéde wǎngshang gòuwù zěnmeyàng What do you think of online shopping?
→ 我觉得网上购物很方便。 wǒ juéde wǎngshang gòuwù hěn fāngbiàn
→ 比如买书、买衣服，第二天就能送到。 bǐrú mǎi shū mǎi yīfu dì èr tiān jiù néng sòng dào

你买东西前会计划吗？ nǐ mǎi dōngxi qián huì jìhuà ma Do you plan before you buy things?
→ 我买东西前一般会计划。 wǒ mǎi dōngxi qián yìbān huì jìhuà
→ 这样我就不会买没用的东西。 zhèyàng wǒ jiù bú huì mǎi méi yòng de dōngxi

describe the picture 105 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.

桌子上放着……，旁边还有……。 zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe pángbiān hái yǒu

看起来他们在……，可能是因为……。 kàn qǐlai tāmen zài kěnéng shì yīnwèi

如果我是他们，我会……。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tāmen wǒ huì

model answer

这张图片上是晚上，窗户外边能看到月亮和星星。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì wǎnshang chuānghu wàibian néng kàn dào yuèliang hé xīngxing

图片上有两个年轻人，一男一女，他们坐在一张桌子旁边。 túpiàn shàng yǒu liǎng gè niánqīng rén yì nán yì nǚ tāmen zuò zài yì zhāng zhuōzi pángbiān

女的穿着红色的衣服，她手里拿着笔，正在笔记本上写东西。 nǚ de chuān zhe hóngsè de yīfu tā shǒu lǐ ná zhe bǐ zhèngzài bǐjìběn shàng xiě dōngxi

男的穿着蓝衣服，他一边笑，一边用手指着电脑上的地图。 nán de chuān zhe lán yīfu tā yìbiān xiào yìbiān yòng shǒu zhǐ zhe diànnǎo shàng de dìtú

地图上画着一条路，从一个地方到另一个地方。 dìtú shàng huà zhe yì tiáo lù cóng yí gè dìfang dào lìng yí gè dìfang

电脑旁边有一个大瓶子，里面放满了钱。 diànnǎo pángbiān yǒu yí gè dà píngzi lǐmiàn fàng mǎn le qián

桌子的两边还各放着一杯热茶。 zhuōzi de liǎng biān hái gè fàng zhe yì bēi rè chá

看起来他们正在计划一次旅行，那个瓶子里的钱可能就是他们为旅行存的钱。 kàn qǐlai tāmen zhèngzài jìhuà yí cì lǚxíng nàge píngzi lǐ de qián kěnéng jiùshì tāmen wèi lǚxíng cún de qián

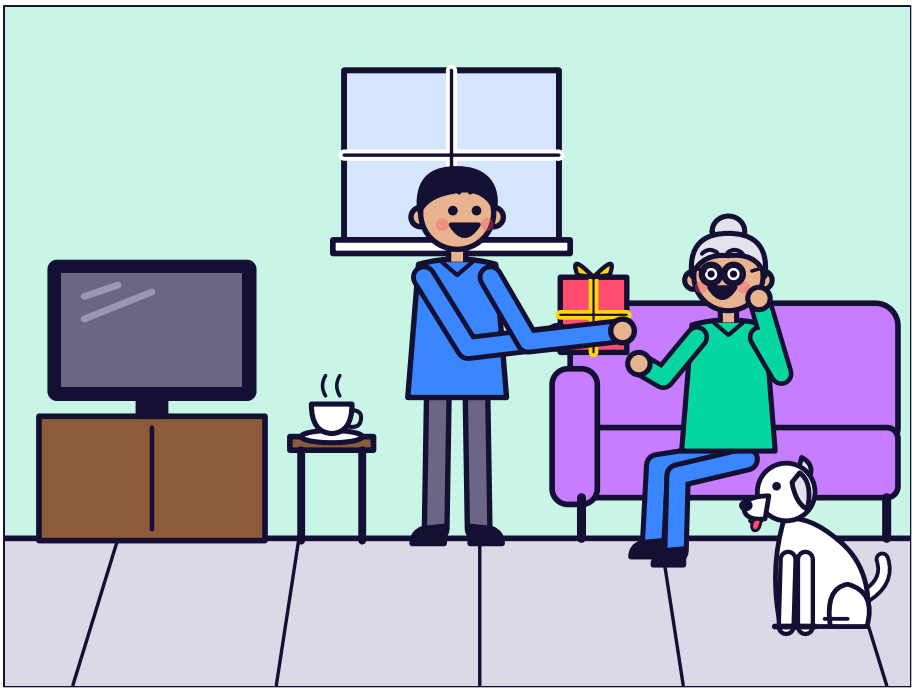
两个人都笑得很开心。 liǎng gè rén dōu xiào de hěn kāixīn

如果我是他们，既然决定了去旅行，我也会先做一个计划，然后每个月至少存一点儿钱。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tāmen jìrán juédìng le qù lǚxíng wǒ yě huì xiān zuò yí gè jìhuà ránhòu měi gè yuè zhìshǎo cún yìdiǎnr qián

我觉得跟朋友一起计划旅行，有时候比旅行本身还有意思。 wǒ juéde gēn péngyou yìqǐ jìhuà lǚxíng yǒu shíhou bǐ lǚxíng běn shēn hái yǒu yìsi

This picture shows an evening; through the window you can see the moon and stars. There are two young people, a man and a woman, sitting at a table. The woman is wearing red; she has a pen in her hand and is writing in a notebook. The man is wearing blue; he's smiling and pointing at a map on the computer. The map shows a route from one place to another. Next to the computer is a big jar full of money. There's a cup of hot tea on each side of the table. It looks as if they're planning a trip, and the money in the jar is probably what they've saved for it. They're both smiling happily. If I were them, now that the trip was decided, I'd make a plan first too and save at least a little every month. I think planning a trip with a friend is sometimes even more fun than the trip itself.

describe the picture 105 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.

……站在……前边，两只手拿着……。 zhàn zài qián biān liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe

她看起来很吃惊，可能是因为……。 tā kàn qǐlai hěn chījīng kěnéng shì yīnwèi

我觉得送礼物最重要的是……。 wǒ juéde sòng lǐwù zuì zhòngyào de shì

model answer

这张图片上有一个年轻人和一位老奶奶，还有一只白色的狗。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng yǒu yí gè niánqīng rén hé yí wèi lǎo nǎinai hái yǒu yì zhī báisè de gǒu

奶奶戴着眼镜，坐在一个大沙发上。 nǎinai dài zhe yǎnjìng zuò zài yí gè dà shāfā shàng

年轻人站在奶奶前边，两只手拿着一个红色的礼物，正在送给奶奶。 niánqīng rén zhàn zài nǎinai qián biān liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe yí gè hóngsè de lǐwù zhèngzài sòng gěi nǎinai

奶奶一只手放在脸旁边，嘴张得很大。 nǎinai yì zhī shǒu fàng zài liǎn pángbiān zuǐ zhāng de hěn dà

左边有一个电视，电视旁边的小桌子上放着一杯热茶。 zuǒbian yǒu yí gè diànshì diànshì pángbiān de xiǎo zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe yì bēi rè chá

那只狗坐在地上，也在看着他们。 nà zhī gǒu zuò zài dì shàng yě zài kàn zhe tāmen

奶奶看起来非常吃惊，可能是因为她不知道这个年轻人会送她礼物。 nǎinai kàn qǐlai fēicháng chījīng kěnéng shì yīnwèi tā bù zhīdào zhège niánqīng rén huì sòng tā lǐwù

年轻人笑得很开心，送礼物的人有时候比收礼物的人还高兴。 niánqīng rén xiào de hěn kāixīn sòng lǐwù de rén yǒu shíhou bǐ shōu lǐwù de rén hái gāoxìng

如果我第一次赚钱，我也会先给家里人买礼物，这一定是一件难忘的事。 rúguǒ wǒ dì yī cì zhuàn qián wǒ yě huì xiān gěi jiā lǐ rén mǎi lǐwù zhè yídìng shì yí jiàn nánwàng de shì

我觉得礼物不一定要很贵，最重要的是让家人知道你在想着他们。 wǒ juéde lǐwù bù yídìng yào hěn guì zuì zhòngyào de shì ràng jiārén zhīdào nǐ zài xiǎng zhe tāmen

This picture shows a young man and an old woman, and a white dog. The old woman wears glasses and sits on a big sofa. The young man stands in front of her, holding a red present in both hands and giving it to her. She has one hand by her face, and her mouth is wide open. On the left there's a TV, and on the little table beside it a cup of hot tea. The dog sits on the floor, watching them too. She looks very surprised, probably because she didn't know he would give her a present. The young man is smiling

happily: sometimes the giver is even happier than the person receiving. If I earned money for the first time, I'd buy my family presents first too; that would be something to remember. I think a present doesn't have to be expensive; what matters most is letting your family know you're thinking of them.

talk 105 seconds

If a friend wanted to save money, what advice would you give them? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for 1 minute 45 seconds.

如果你的朋友想存钱，你会给他什么建议？为什么？ rúguǒ nǐ de péngyou xiǎng cún qián nǐ huì gěi tā shénme jiànyì wèi shénme

我会给他……个建议：首先……，其次……。 wǒ huì gěi tā gè jiànyì shǒuxiān qícì

因为……，所以……。 yīnwèi suǒyǐ

当然，……，所以我的建议是……。 dāngrán suǒyǐ wǒ de jiànyì shì

model answer

如果我的朋友想存钱，我会给他三个建议。 rúguǒ wǒ de péngyou xiǎng cún qián wǒ huì gěi tā sān gè jiànyì

首先，拿到工资以后，先把一部分存在银行里，剩下的钱再用。 shǒuxiān ná dào gōngzī yǐhòu xiān bǎ yí bùfen cún zài yínháng lǐ shèng xià de qián zài yòng

因为如果等到月底再存，钱往往已经花完了。 yīnwèi rúguǒ děngdào yuè dǐ zài cún qián wǎngwǎng yǐjīng huā wán le

其次，要有一个目标，比如明年去别的国家旅行，或者给家人买一件礼物。 qícì yào yǒu yí gè mùbiāo bǐrú míngnián qù biéde guójiā lǚxíng huòzhě gěi jiārén mǎi yí jiàn lǐwù

有了目标，存钱就不会觉得那么难。 yǒu le mùbiāo cún qián jiù bú huì juéde nàme nán

我第一次存钱的时候没有目标，存了两个月就放弃了。 wǒ dì yī cì cún qián de shíhou méiyǒu mùbiāo cún le liǎng gè yuè jiù fàngqì le

后来我有了去旅行的计划，每个星期都往一个瓶子里放一点儿钱，存钱就变成了一件有意思的事。 hòulái wǒ yǒu le qù lǚxíng de jìhuà měi gè xīngqī dōu wǎng yí gè píngzi lǐ fàng yìdiǎnr qián cún qián jiù biànchéng le yí jiàn yǒu yìsi de shì

第三，要节约，比如少打车，多坐地铁，不买没用的东西。 dì sān yào jiéyuē bǐrú shǎo dǎchē duō zuò dìtiě bù mǎi méi yòng de dōngxi

当然，存钱不是说什么都不买，年轻人也应该花一些钱学习新东西，去看看外面的世界。 dāngrán cún qián bú shì shuō shénme dōu bù mǎi niánqīng rén yě yīnggāi huā yìxiē qián xuéxí xīn dōngxi qù kàn kan wàimiàn de shìjiè

所以我的建议是：多赚一点儿，少浪费一点儿，存一点儿，也用一点儿。 suǒyǐ wǒ de jiànyì shì duō zhuàn yìdiǎnr shǎo làngfèi yìdiǎnr cún yìdiǎnr yě yòng yìdiǎnr

If a friend wanted to save, I'd give them three pieces of advice. First, when you get paid, put part of it in the bank straight away and spend what's left. If you wait until the end of the month, the money is often already spent. Second, have a goal, like travelling abroad next year or buying your family a present. With a goal, saving doesn't feel so hard. The first time I tried to save I had no goal, and I gave up after two months. Later I planned a trip and put a little money in a jar every week, and saving became fun. Third, be careful with money: take fewer taxis, use the subway more, and don't buy things you don't need. Of course, saving doesn't mean buying nothing: young people should also spend some money on learning new things and seeing the world. So my advice is: earn a bit more, waste a bit less, save a bit and use a bit.

Unit 5 done: you can talk about money for almost two minutes at a time.
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