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day 26 at the station

Chinese HSKK intermediate in 37 days
unit 6 · travel & transport

Say whether there is still time (来得及 / 来不及) and what will happen otherwise (否则); describe a busy station scene for two minutes; say whether you prefer planes or trains, and why.

Travel is the theme of unit 6, and every station picture asks the same thing: who is in a hurry, and will they make it?

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
出发	chūfā	to set off	我们八点出发。 We set off at eight.
高铁	gāotiě	high-speed rail, bullet train	坐高铁去上海很方便。 Taking the high-speed train to Shanghai is really convenient.
广播	guǎngbō	broadcast; announcement	广播说，去杭州的旅客可以|上车了。 The announcement says passengers for Hangzhou can board now.
站	zhàn	stop, station	坐三站就到了。 It's just three stops.
乘客	chéngkè	passenger	车上的乘客都在看手机。 All the passengers on the bus are looking at their phones.
马上	mǎshàng	right away, at once	我马上|来！ I'll be right there!
来不及	láibují	too late, no time	来不及吃早饭了，我在路上买个包子吧。 No time for breakfast, I'll buy a bun on the way.
赶	gǎn	rush to catch, hurry	我得{dei3}赶八点的飞机。 I have to catch the eight o'clock flight.
行李	xíngli	luggage	你的行李太多了！ You've got far too much luggage!
刻	kè	quarter (of an hour)	我们七点一刻见。 See you at a quarter past seven.

pattern 来得及 / 来不及 and ……，否则……

还 | 来得及 / 来不及 | ……，否则 | what will happen

来得及 means there is still time; 来不及 means it's too late. Put a verb after them for what you can or can't do in time: 来不及吃早饭. ……，否则…… gives the bad result if you don't do the first part: "or else".

现在才一点半，还来得及。 **xiànzài cái yī diǎn bàn hái láidejí** It's only half past one; there's still time.

我起晚了，来不及吃早饭了。 **wǒ qǐ wǎn le láibují chī zǎofàn le** I got up late and had no time for breakfast.

我们要快一点儿，否则就赶不上高铁了。 **wǒmen yào kuài yìdiǎnr fǒuzé jiù gǎn bu shàng gāotiě le** We need to be quick, or we'll miss the train.

出发以前再看看行李，否则很容易忘了东西。 **chūfā yǐqián zài kàn kan xíngli fǒuzé hěn róngyì wàng le dōngxi** Check your luggage again before you set off, or it's easy to forget something.

dialogue a quarter past two

xiaoming 安娜，现在几点了？
Ānnà xiànzài jǐ diǎn le · Anna, what time is it?

anna 已经一点四十了。我们的车两点一刻出发。
yǐjīng yī diǎn sìshí le wǒmen de chē liǎng diǎn yí kè chūfā · Already twenty to two. Our train leaves at a quarter past.

xiaoming 路上车太多了，不知道还来不来得及。
lùshang chē tài duō le bù zhīdào hái lái bu láidejí · There's so much traffic. I don't know if we'll make it.

anna 别着急，前面就是火车站，我们马上就到了。
bié zháojí qiánmiàn jiùshì huǒchēzhàn wǒmen mǎshàng jiù dào le · Don't worry, the station is just ahead. We're nearly there.

xiaoming 到了！你拿行李，我去看看我们的车在哪儿上。
dào le nǐ ná xíngli wǒ qù kàn kan wǒmen de chē zài nǎr shàng · Here we are! You take the luggage, I'll check where we board.

anna 你听，广播说我们这趟车的乘客现在可以上车了。
nǐ tīng guǎngbō shuō wǒmen zhè tàng chē de chéngkè xiànzài kěyǐ shàng chē le · Listen, the announcement says passengers for our train can board now.

xiaoming 那是我们的车！快跑，否则真的赶不上了。
nà shì wǒmen de chē kuài pǎo fǒuzé zhēn de gǎn bu shàng le · That's our train! Run, or we really will miss it.

anna 太好了，我们赶上了！下次一定要提前出发。
tài hǎo le wǒmen gǎnshàng le xià cì yídìng yào tíqián chūfā · Great, we made it! Next time we must leave early.

repeat listen, then say it back

我们的火车两点一刻出发，还来得及。 **wǒmen de huǒchē liǎng diǎn yí kè chūfā hái láidejí** Our train leaves at a quarter past two; there's still time.

你听，广播说这趟车的乘客可以上车了。 **nǐ tīng guǎngbō shuō zhè tàng chē de chéngkè kěyǐ shàng chē le** Listen, the announcement says passengers for this train can board.

快一点儿走吧，否则我们就赶不上高铁了。 **kuài yìdiǎnr zǒu ba fǒuzé wǒmen jiù gǎn bu shàng gāotiě le** Let's hurry, or we'll miss the high-speed train.

妈妈手里拿着车票，看起来有点儿着急。 **māma shǒu lǐ ná zhe chē piào kàn qǐlai yǒudiǎnr zháojí** Mum has the tickets in her hand and looks a bit anxious.

带着孩子坐火车，至少要提前半个小时出发。 **dài zhe háizi zuò huǒchē zhìshǎo yào tíqián bàn gè xiǎoshí chūfā** With children on the train, set off at least half an hour early.

我觉得坐高铁比坐飞机方便多了，你觉得呢？ **wǒ juéde zuò gāotiě bǐ zuò fēijī fāngbiàn duō le nǐ juéde ne** I think the high-speed train is much more convenient than flying. What do you think?

reply answer out loud

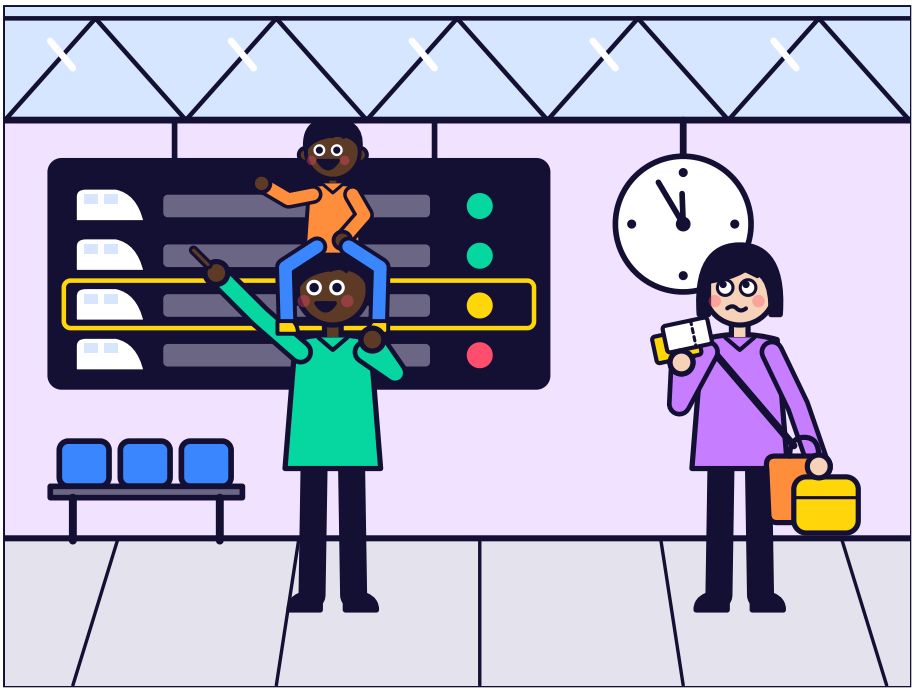
你经常坐高铁吗？ nǐ jīngcháng zuò gāotiě ma Do you often take the high-speed train?
→ 我经常坐高铁。 wǒ jīngcháng zuò gāotiě
→ 比如去外地旅行的时候，坐高铁又快又舒服。 bǐrú qù wàidì lǚxíng de shíhou zuò gāotiě yòu kuài yòu shūfu

坐车时你看书还是睡觉？ zuò chē shí nǐ kàn shū háishi shuìjiào On a train or bus, do you read or sleep?
→ 坐车时我一般看书。 zuò chē shí wǒ yìbān kàn shū
→ 要是太累了，我就睡一会儿。 yàoshi tài lèi le wǒ jiù shuì yíhuìr

旅行时你带很多行李吗？ lǚxíng shí nǐ dài hěn duō xíngli ma Do you take a lot of luggage when you travel?
→ 我只带一个包。 wǒ zhǐ dài yí gè bāo
→ 行李太多的话，走路很累。 xíngli tài duō dehuà zǒulù hěn lèi

你觉得北京的地铁怎么样？ nǐ juéde Běijīng de dìtiě zěnmeyàng What do you think of the Beijing subway?
→ 我觉得北京的地铁很方便。 wǒ juéde Běijīng de dìtiě hěn fāngbiàn
→ 不过上下班的时候人太多了。 búguò shàng xiàbān de shíhou rén tài duō le

describe the picture 120 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.

他们好像怕来不及，因为……。 tāmen hǎoxiàng pà láibují yīnwèi

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

model answer

这张图片上是一个火车站，可能是高铁站。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè huǒchēzhàn kěnéng shì gāotiě zhàn

图片上有一家三口：爸爸、妈妈和一个小儿子。 túpiàn shàng yǒu yì jiā sān kǒu bàba māma hé yí gè xiǎo érzi

儿子骑在爸爸身上，两个人都在笑。 érzi qí zài bàba shēn shàng liǎng gè rén dōu zài xiào

爸爸穿着绿色的衣服，他正用手指着前边的一块大牌子。 bàba chuān zhe lǜsè de yīfu tā zhèng yòng shǒu zhǐ zhe qián biān de yí kuài dà páizi

牌子上有四趟火车，其中一趟的旁边有一个黄色的点。 páizi shàng yǒu sì tàng huǒchē qízhōng yí tàng de pángbiān yǒu yí gè huángsè de diǎn

妈妈站在右边，一只手拿着车票，胳膊上还挂着两个包。 māma zhàn zài yòubian yì zhī shǒu ná zhe chē piào gēbo shàng hái guà zhe liǎng gè bāo

左边有三个蓝座位，可是没有人坐。 zuǒbian yǒu sān gè lán zuòwèi kěshì méiyǒu rén zuò

右上边能看到时间，现在是差五分十二点。 yòu shàng biān néng kàn dào shíjiān xiànzài shì chà wǔ fēn shíèr diǎn

妈妈看起来很着急，可能是因为他们的火车马上就要出发了，她怕来不及。 māma kàn qǐlai hěn zháojí kěnéng shì yīnwèi tāmen de huǒchē mǎshàng jiù yào chūfā le tā pà láibují

爸爸和儿子却一点儿也不着急，好像在找他们的车。 bàba hé érzi què yìdiǎnr yě bù zháojí hǎoxiàng zài zhǎo tāmen de chē

如果我是他们，我会提前一个小时到车站，否则带着孩子和行李，很容易赶不上车。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tāmen wǒ huì tíqián yí gè xiǎoshí dào chēzhàn fǒuzé dài zhe háizi hé xíngli hěn róngyì gǎn bu shàng chē

我觉得既然带着孩子出门，时间就一定要留得多一点儿。 wǒ juéde jìrán dài zhe háizi chūmén shíjiān jiù yídìng yào liú de duō yìdiǎnr

This picture shows a train station, maybe a high-speed train station. There's a family of three: a dad, a mum and a little son. The son is sitting up on his dad's shoulders, and they're both smiling. The dad is in green and is pointing at a big board in front of them. There are four trains on the board, and next to one of them there's a yellow dot. The mum stands on the right with the tickets in one hand and two bags hanging on her arm. On the left there are three blue seats, but nobody is sitting on them. At the top right you can see the time: it's five to twelve. The mum looks very anxious, probably because their train is about to leave and she's afraid they won't make it. The dad and the son, though, aren't worried at all; they seem to be looking for their train. If I were them, I'd get to the station an hour early, or else with a child and luggage it's easy to miss the train. I think that since you have a child with you, you really must leave plenty of time.

talk 120 seconds

Flying or taking the train: which do you prefer? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for two minutes.

坐飞机和坐火车，你更喜欢哪一种？为什么？ zuò fēijī hé zuò huǒchē nǐ gèng xǐhuan nǎ yì zhǒng wèi shénme

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

当然，如果……，就……。 dāngrán rúguǒ jiù

model answer

坐飞机和坐火车，我更喜欢坐火车，尤其是高铁。 zuò fēijī hé zuò huǒchē wǒ gèng xǐhuan zuò huǒchē yóuqí shì gāotiě

第一，高铁站一般在城市里，去机场却常常要一个多小时。 dì yī gāotiě zhàn yìbān zài chéngshì lǐ qù jīchǎng què chángcháng yào yí gè duō xiǎoshí

第二，坐飞机至少要提前两个小时到机场，坐高铁提前半个小时就来得及。 dì èr zuò fēijī zhìshǎo yào tíqián liǎng gè xiǎoshí dào jīchǎng zuò gāotiě tíqián bàn gè xiǎoshí jiù láidejí

第三，火车上的座位比较大，累了可以站起来走一走。 dì sān huǒchē shàng de zuòwèi bǐjiào dà lèi le kěyǐ zhàn qǐlai zǒu yi zou

我还可以一边看外边的景色，一边喝茶、看书。 wǒ hái kěyǐ yìbiān kàn wàibian de jǐngsè yìbiān hē chá kàn shū

上个月我坐高铁去了一个离北京不远的城市，一路上都很舒服。 shàng gè yuè wǒ zuò gāotiě qù le yí gè lí Běijīng bù yuǎn de chéngshì yí lùshang dōu hěn shūfu

而且高铁很少晚点，即使下雨，一般也能准时出发，我觉得比飞机更让人放心。 érqiě gāotiě hěn shǎo wǎndiǎn jíshǐ xià yǔ yìbān yě néng zhǔnshí chūfā wǒ juéde bǐ fēijī gèng ràng rén fàngxīn

当然，坐飞机也有它的优点，如果要去很远的地方，比如从北京回英国，就只能坐飞机了。 dāngrán zuò fēijī yě yǒu tā de yōudiǎn rúguǒ yào qù hěn yuǎn de dìfang bǐrú cóng Běijīng huí Yīngguó jiù zhǐ néng zuò fēijī le

坐飞机虽然有点儿累，但是十几个小时就到家了。 zuò fēijī suīrán yǒudiǎnr lèi dànshì shí jǐ gè xiǎoshí jiù dào jiā le

所以我的办法是：近的地方坐火车，远的地方坐飞机。 suǒyǐ wǒ de bànfǎ shì jìn de dìfang zuò huǒchē yuǎn de dìfang zuò fēijī

Flying or the train: I prefer the train, especially the high-speed train. First, high-speed stations are usually in the city, while getting to the airport often takes over an hour. Second, for a flight you have to be at the airport at least two hours early, while for the high-speed train half an hour is enough. Third, the seats on the train are bigger, and when you're tired you can stand up and walk around. I can also look at the view while I drink tea and read. Last month I took the high-speed train to a city not far from Beijing, and it was comfortable all the way. And the high-speed train is rarely late: even when it rains it usually leaves on time, so I find it more reassuring than flying. Of course, flying has its advantages too: if you're going a long way, say from Beijing back to the UK, flying is the only option. Flying is a bit tiring, but you're home in a dozen or so hours. So my rule is: trains for near places, planes for far ones.

good to know · Clock times: 两点一刻 is 2:15, 差一刻三点 is 2:45 ("a quarter to three"), 差五分十二点 is 11:55. Say 两点, never 二点. 来得及 and 来不及 can stand alone (还来得及！) or take a verb (来不及吃饭). The question form is 来得及来不及？ or 还来得及吗?

Two full minutes on a picture: that is the length of the real task. You did it.
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day 27 the hotel

Say when you do things (提前, 按时, 赶紧) and what matters to you (对于……来说); describe a tired traveller in a hotel room for two minutes; tell the story of a hotel you will never forget.

Booking, checking in and talking about where you stay come up in every travel picture and in many "what do you think" questions.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
宾馆	bīnguǎn	hotel, guesthouse	这家宾馆不贵。 This hotel isn't expensive.
订	dìng	book, order	我已经在网上订好了酒店。 I've already booked the hotel online.
护照	hùzhào	passport	别忘了带护照！ Don't forget your passport!
钥匙	yàoshi	key	我的钥匙不见了。 My keys have disappeared.
办	bàn	to do, handle, deal with	我下午得{dei3}去银行办事。 I have to go to the bank this afternoon to sort something out.
填写	tiánxiě	fill in (a form)	请先填写这张表格。 Please fill in this form first.
服务	fúwù	to serve; service	这家饭馆的服务很好。 The service in this restaurant is very good.
提前	tíqián	do earlier, in advance	最好提前两个小时到机场。 It's best to get to the airport two hours early.
外地	wàidì	other places (not your home town)	我的同事很多是外地人。 Lots of my colleagues are from out of town.
号码	hàomǎ	number (phone, room, seat)	你的手机号码是多少？ What's your mobile number?

pattern 提前, 按时, 赶紧 and 对于……来说

提前 / 按时 / 赶紧 | verb | 对于……来说, | what matters

These three words go before the verb and say when you do it: 提前 ahead of time (提前三天订), 按时 on time, as planned (按时起飞), 赶紧 at once, quickly, because you must. 对于……来说 puts a person or group first: "for them, …".

我提前三天订好了宾馆。 **wǒ tíqián sān tiān dìng hǎo le bīnguǎn** I booked the hotel three days ahead.

今天的飞机按时起飞了。 **jīntiān de fēijī ànshí qǐfēi le** Today's flight took off on time.

下雨了，我们赶紧回宾馆吧。 **xià yǔ le wǒmen gǎnjǐn huí bīnguǎn ba** It's raining; let's get back to the hotel quickly.

对于外地的游客来说，地图非常有用。 **duìyú wàidì de yóukè lái shuō dìtú fēicháng yǒuyòng** For visitors from out of town, a map is very useful.

dialogue a hotel for mum and dad

anna 小明，下个月我爸爸妈妈要来北京，我想帮他们订一个宾馆。
Xiǎomíng xià gè yuè wǒ bàba māma yào lái Běijīng wǒ xiǎng bāng tāmen dìng yí gè bīnguǎn · Xiaoming, my parents are coming to Beijing next month. I want to book them a hotel.

xiaoming 你可以在网上订，又方便又便宜。最好提前订，十月人很多。
nǐ kěyǐ zài wǎngshang dìng yòu fāngbiàn yòu piányi zuìhǎo tíqián dìng shí yuè rén hěn duō · You can book online; it's easy and cheap. Best to book early: October is busy.

anna 他们是外国人，住宾馆要带什么？
tāmen shì wàiguó rén zhù bīnguǎn yào dài shénme · They're foreigners. What do they need to bring to stay in a hotel?

xiaoming 一定要带护照。到了以后，在宾馆的服务员那儿填写一张表，就可以拿钥匙了。
yídìng yào dài hùzhào dào le yǐhòu zài bīnguǎn de fúwù yuán nàr tiánxiě yì zhāng biǎo jiù kěyǐ ná yàoshi le · They must bring their passports. When they arrive, they fill in a form with the hotel staff and get their key.

anna 表上要写什么？
biǎo shàng yào xiě shénme · What goes on the form?

xiaoming 名字、护照号码、手机号码这些。很快就办好了。
míngzi hùzhào hàomǎ shǒujī hàomǎ zhèxiē hěn kuài jiù bàn hǎo le · Name, passport number, phone number, that kind of thing. It's done in no time.

anna 对于我爸爸妈妈来说，最重要的是安静，还要离地铁近。
duìyú wǒ bàba māma lái shuō zuì zhòngyào de shì ānjìng hái yào lí dìtiě jìn · For my parents, what matters most is that it's quiet and close to the subway.

xiaoming 那宾馆的服务好不好也要看看。来，我帮你一起找！
nà bīnguǎn de fúwù hǎo bu hǎo yě yào kàn kan lái wǒ bāng nǐ yìqǐ zhǎo · Then check whether the service is good, too. Come on, I'll help you look!

repeat listen, then say it back

我们提前一个星期在网上订好了宾馆。 **wǒmen tíqián yí gè xīngqī zài wǎngshang dìng hǎo le bīnguǎn** We booked the hotel online a week ahead.

请您在这儿填写一下名字和护照号码。 **qǐng nín zài zhèr tiánxiě yíxià míngzi hé hùzhào hàomǎ** Please fill in your name and passport number here.

这是您房间的钥匙，早饭七点到九点在二楼。 **zhè shì nín fángjiān de yàoshi zǎofàn qī diǎn dào jiǔ diǎn zài èr lóu** Here's your room key. Breakfast is on the first floor from seven to nine.

对于外地的游客来说，住在地铁旁边很方便。 **duìyú wàidì de yóukè lái shuō zhù zài dìtiě pángbiān hěn fāngbiàn** For visitors from out of town, staying next to the subway is very convenient.

他看起来很累，可能是因为坐了很久的车。 **tā kàn qǐlai hěn lèi kěnéng shì yīnwèi zuò le hěn jiǔ de chē** He looks tired, probably because he's been travelling for a long time.

明天早上要按时起床，否则就吃不上早饭了。 **míngtiān zǎoshang yào ànshí qǐchuáng fǒuzé jiù chī bu shàng zǎofàn le** We have to get up on time tomorrow, or we'll miss breakfast.

reply answer out loud

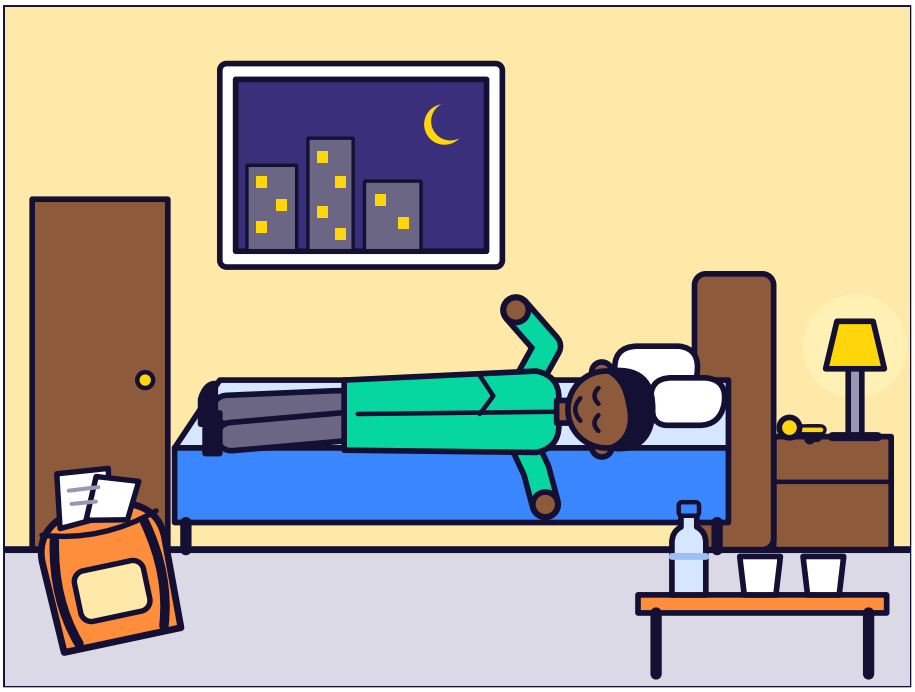
你旅行前会订宾馆吗？ nǐ lǚxíng qián huì dìng bīnguǎn ma Do you book a hotel before you travel?
→ 我一般会提前在网上订。 wǒ yìbān huì tíqián zài wǎngshang dìng
→ 这样到了以后就不用着急了。 zhèyàng dào le yǐhòu jiù búyòng zháojí le

你怎么选宾馆？ nǐ zěnme xuǎn bīnguǎn How do you choose a hotel?
→ 我先看离地铁站远不远。 wǒ xiān kàn lí dìtiě zhàn yuǎn bu yuǎn
→ 然后再看看房间干净不干净。 ránhòu zài kàn kan fángjiān gānjìng bù gānjìng

你喜欢住宾馆还是住朋友家？ nǐ xǐhuan zhù bīnguǎn háishi zhù péngyou jiā Do you prefer staying in a hotel or with friends?
→ 我更喜欢住宾馆。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan zhù bīnguǎn
→ 住在朋友家虽然很方便，但是我不想麻烦朋友。 zhù zài péngyou jiā suīrán hěn fāngbiàn dànshì wǒ bù xiǎng máfan péngyou

你觉得按时重要吗？ nǐ juéde ànshí zhòngyào ma Is being on time important to you?
→ 我觉得按时很重要。 wǒ juéde ànshí hěn zhòngyào
→ 对我来说，让别人等是不礼貌的。 duì wǒ lái shuō ràng biérén děng shì bù lǐmào de

describe the picture 120 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.

他还穿着……，看起来……，可能是因为……。 tā hái chuān zhe kàn qǐlai kěnéng shì yīnwèi

对于我来说，……最重要的是……。 duìyú wǒ lái shuō zuì zhòngyào de shì

model answer

这张图片上是一个房间，窗户外边有月亮，还能看到城市里的几座楼，现在是晚上。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè fángjiān chuānghu wàibian yǒu yuèliang hái néng kàn dào chéngshì lǐ de jǐ zuò lóu xiànzài shì wǎnshang

房间里只有一个男人，他躺在一张蓝的床上，两只手放在两边。 fángjiān lǐ zhǐyǒu yí gè nánrén tā tǎng zài yì zhāng lán de chuáng shàng liǎng zhī shǒu fàng zài liǎng biān

他还穿着绿色的外套和鞋，好像已经睡着了。 tā hái chuān zhe lǜsè de wàitào hé xié hǎoxiàng yǐjīng shuì zháo le

床旁边有一个小桌子，上边的灯开着，旁边还放着一把钥匙。 chuáng pángbiān yǒu yí gè xiǎo zhuōzi shàng biān de dēng kāi zhe pángbiān hái fàng zhe yì bǎ yàoshi

前边的另一张桌子上放着一瓶水和两个杯子。 qián biān de lìng yì zhāng zhuōzi shàng fàng zhe yì píng shuǐ hé liǎng gè bēizi

门的旁边，地上有一个很大的背包，里边有几张纸。 mén de pángbiān dì shàng yǒu yí gè hěn dà de bēibāo lǐ biān yǒu jǐ zhāng zhǐ

看起来他刚到这儿，可能是因为坐了很长时间的车，太累了，连外套都没脱就躺下了。 kàn qǐlai tā gāng dào zhèr kěnéng shì yīnwèi zuò le hěn cháng shíjiān de chē tài lèi le lián wàitào dōu méi tuō jiù tǎng xià le

背包里有纸，所以我估计他是来外地出差的，这也许是一个宾馆的房间。 bēibāo lǐ yǒu zhǐ suǒyǐ wǒ gūjì tā shì lái wàidì chūchāi de zhè yěxǔ shì yí gè bīnguǎn de fángjiān

我去外地旅行的时候，晚上到了宾馆也常常累得不想动。 wǒ qù wàidì lǚxíng de shíhou wǎnshang dào le bīnguǎn yě chángcháng lèi de bù xiǎng dòng

对于我来说，住宾馆最重要的是提前订好，这样到了以后就能赶紧休息。 duìyú wǒ lái shuō zhù bīnguǎn zuì zhòngyào de shì tíqián dìng hǎo zhèyàng dào le yǐhòu jiù néng gǎnjǐn xiūxi

如果我是他，我会先洗个澡，再早一点儿睡觉，第二天才能按时工作。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì xiān xǐ gè zǎo zài zǎo yìdiǎnr shuìjiào dì èr tiān cái néng ànshí gōngzuò

This picture shows a room. Outside the window there is a moon, and you can see some city buildings; it is night. There is only one man in the room: he is lying on a blue bed with his arms out to the sides. He is still wearing his green coat and shoes, and he seems to be asleep already. Beside the bed there is a small table; the lamp on it is on, and there is a key next to it. On another table in front there is a bottle of water and two cups. By the door, there is a big backpack on the floor with some papers in it. It looks as if he has only just got here; maybe he has been travelling for hours and is so tired that he lay down without even taking his coat off. There are papers in his backpack, so my guess is he is on a work trip, and this may be a hotel room. When I travel to other cities, I am often too tired to move when I get to the hotel at night. For me, the most important thing about staying in a hotel is to book it in advance, so I can rest straight away when I arrive. If I were him, I would have a shower first and then a good sleep, so I could start work on time the next day.

talk 120 seconds

Tell us about a hotel you stayed in that you will never forget. Why was it memorable? Think for a minute, then talk for two minutes.

说说你住过的一个难忘的宾馆。为什么难忘？ shuō shuo nǐ zhù guo de yí gè nánwàng de bīnguǎn wèi shénme nánwàng

我第一次……的时候，……；当时……。 wǒ dì yī cì de shíhou dāngshí

后来我就明白了，……。 hòulái wǒ jiù míngbai le

model answer

我住过的最难忘的宾馆，是我第一次去外地旅行的时候订的。 wǒ zhù guo de zuì nánwàng de bīnguǎn shì wǒ dì yī cì qù wàidì lǚxíng de shíhou dìng de

当时我刚来中国，为了节约钱，提前在网上订了一个很便宜的宾馆。 dāngshí wǒ gāng lái Zhōngguó wèile jiéyuē qián tíqián zài wǎngshang dìng le yí gè hěn piányi de bīnguǎn

网上的照片看起来很漂亮，可是到了以后，我才发现房间又小又旧。 wǎngshang de zhàopiàn kàn qǐlai hěn piàoliang kěshì dào le yǐhòu wǒ cái fāxiàn fángjiān yòu xiǎo yòu jiù

那个宾馆离地铁站也很远，每天都要走二十分钟。 nàge bīnguǎn lí dìtiě zhàn yě hěn yuǎn měi tiān dōu yào zǒu èrshí fēnzhōng

既然已经订了，我只好住下来。 jìrán yǐjīng dìng le wǒ zhǐhǎo zhù xialai

更难忘的是第二天晚上，房间的空调坏了，我热得一点儿也睡不着。 gèng nánwàng de shì dì èr tiān wǎnshang fángjiān de kōngtiáo huài le wǒ rè de yìdiǎnr yě shuì bu zháo

我只好去找服务员，服务员很客气，马上给我换了一个房间。 wǒ zhǐhǎo qù zhǎo fúwù yuán fúwù yuán hěn kèqi mǎshàng gěi wǒ huàn le yí gè fángjiān

这就是那个宾馆让我难忘的原因：虽然住得不舒服，但是我从这件事里学到了很多。 zhè jiùshì nàge bīnguǎn ràng wǒ nánwàng de yuányīn suīrán zhù de bù shūfu dànshì wǒ cóng zhè jiàn shì lǐ xué dào le hěn duō

后来我就明白了，订宾馆不能只看便宜不便宜，至少还要看看它方便不方便、安全不安全。 hòulái wǒ jiù míngbai le dìng bīnguǎn bù néng zhǐ kàn piányi bù piányi zhìshǎo hái yào kàn kan tā fāngbiàn bù fāngbiàn ānquán bù ānquán

对于我来说，住的地方最重要的是干净、安全、方便。 duìyú wǒ lái shuō zhù de dìfang zuì zhòngyào de shì gānjìng ānquán fāngbiàn

所以现在每次旅行以前，我都会提前把这些问题想清楚。 suǒyǐ xiànzài měi cì lǚxíng yǐqián wǒ dōu huì tíqián bǎ zhèxiē wèntí xiǎng qīngchu

The hotel I'll never forget is one I booked the first time I travelled to another city. I had just come to China, and to save money I booked a very cheap hotel online in advance. The photos online looked lovely, but when I got there I found the room small and old. The hotel was a long way from the subway too: twenty minutes' walk every day. Since I had already booked it, I had to stay. Even more memorable was the second night: the air conditioning broke, and I was so hot I couldn't sleep at all. I had to go to the staff; they were very polite and gave me another room straight away. That is why I'll never forget it: it wasn't comfortable, but I learned a lot from it. Afterwards I understood that when you book a hotel you can't just look at the price; at the very least you need to check whether it's convenient and safe. For me, what matters most in a place to stay is clean, safe and convenient. So now, before every trip, I think these questions through in advance.

good to know · There is no HSK 1–4 word for the hotel desk: 在宾馆的服务员那儿 ("with the hotel staff") does the job. A key card is still 钥匙. 提前 can take a time: 提前三天, 提前一个小时. 赶紧 always means "hurry, now", so it often comes with 吧: 我们赶紧走吧！ 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 tired traveller, described from top to bottom, and a story told in order: the picture task and the narrative question are becoming routine.
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day 28 asking the way

Give and follow directions with 向 (向左转, 向前走), say why you do something with ……，好……; describe a visitor alone with a map at a street corner for two minutes; say whether you find your own way or ask.

Asking the way is a classic picture for the test, and directions are words you need on day one in any Chinese city.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
地图	dìtú	map	手机上有地图。 There's a map on your phone.
路口	lùkǒu	crossing, junction	在前面的路口向左走。 Turn left at the next junction.
对面	duìmiàn	opposite, across from	银行就在超市对面。 The bank is right across from the supermarket.
向	xiàng	towards; to (someone)	一直向前走。 Go straight ahead.
方向	fāngxiàng	direction	公园在哪个方向? Which way is the park?
经过	jīngguò	to pass by, through	我每天都经过这家银行。 I go past this bank every day.
马路	mǎlù	road, street	过马路的时候，要看红绿灯。 When you cross the road, watch the lights.
指	zhǐ	point (at), point to	他指着地图说：“我们在这儿。” He pointed at the map and said: “We're here.”
红绿灯	hónglǜdēng	traffic lights	前面路口有红绿灯。 There are traffic lights at the junction ahead.
街	jiē	street	这条街有很多饭馆。 There are lots of restaurants on this street.

pattern 向 + direction and ……，好……

向 | **前 / 左 / 右 / someone** | **+ verb** | **……，好 + what you want**

向 points the action in a direction or at a person: 向前走 walk straight on, 向左转 turn left, 向他问路 ask him the way. ……，好…… gives the reason for the first part: you do A so that B can happen.

你一直向前走，就能看到银行。 **nǐ yìzhí xiàng qián zǒu jiù néng kàn dào yínháng** Go straight on and you'll see the bank.

到了第二个路口，再向右转。 **dào le dì èr gè lùkǒu zài xiàng yòu zhuǎn** At the second crossing, turn right.

我先看看地图，好知道应该向哪个方向走。 **wǒ xiān kàn kan dìtú hǎo zhīdào yīnggāi xiàng nǎge fāngxiàng zǒu** I'll look at the map first, so I know which way to go.

你把地址发给我，好让我明天去找你。 **nǐ bǎ dìzhǐ fā gěi wǒ hǎo ràng wǒ míngtiān qù zhǎo nǐ** Send me the address so I can come and find you tomorrow.

dialogue which way?

anna 小明，我出了地铁站，可是找不到你们公司了。
Xiǎomíng wǒ chū le dìtiě zhàn kěshì zhǎo bu dào nǐmen gōngsī le · Xiaoming, I'm out of the subway station but I can't find your office.

xiaoming 别着急。你现在在哪儿？旁边有什么？
bié zháojí nǐ xiànzài zài nǎr pángbiān yǒu shénme · Don't worry. Where are you now? What's near you?

anna 我在一个大路口，马路对面有一家银行。
wǒ zài yí gè dà lùkǒu mǎlù duìmiàn yǒu yì jiā yínháng · I'm at a big crossing, and there's a bank across the road.

xiaoming 我知道了。你先过马路，经过那家银行，然后向右走。
wǒ zhīdào le nǐ xiān guò mǎlù jīngguò nà jiā yínháng ránhòu xiàng yòu zǒu · Got it. Cross the road first, go past the bank, then go right.

anna 向右走？要走多远？
xiàng yòu zǒu yào zǒu duō yuǎn · Right? How far?

xiaoming 大概五分钟。经过两个红绿灯，就能看到一个很高的楼。
dàgài wǔ fēnzhōng jīngguò liǎng gè hónglǜdēng jiù néng kàn dào yí gè hěn gāo de lóu · About five minutes. After two sets of lights you'll see a tall building.

anna 你等等，我先打开手机上的地图，好知道方向。
nǐ děng deng wǒ xiān dǎkāi shǒujī shàng de dìtú hǎo zhīdào fāngxiàng · Hang on, let me open the map on my phone first, so I know which way I'm going.

xiaoming 好，我现在下楼，在门口等你。
hǎo wǒ xiànzài xià lóu zài ménkǒu děng nǐ · OK, I'll come down now and wait for you at the door.

anna 我看到你了！你就在马路对面！
wǒ kàn dào nǐ le nǐ jiù zài mǎlù duìmiàn · I can see you! You're right across the road!

repeat listen, then say it back

你一直向前走，到了路口再向左转。 **nǐ yìzhí xiàng qián zǒu dào le lùkǒu zài xiàng zuǒ zhuǎn** Go straight on, then turn left at the crossing.

银行就在马路对面，过了红绿灯就是。 **yínháng jiù zài mǎlù duìmiàn guò le hónglǜdēng jiùshì** The bank is just across the road, right after the lights.

请问一下，去地铁站应该向哪个方向走？ **qǐngwèn yíxià qù dìtiě zhàn yīnggāi xiàng nǎge fāngxiàng zǒu** Excuse me, which way is it to the subway station?

我先看一下手机上的地图，好知道方向。 **wǒ xiān kàn yíxià shǒujī shàng de dìtú hǎo zhīdào fāngxiàng** I'll check the map on my phone first, so I know which way to go.

那位老奶奶向左边一指，告诉他应该怎么走。 **nà wèi lǎo nǎinai xiàng zuǒbian yì zhǐ gàosu tā yīnggāi zěnme zǒu** The old lady pointed to the left and told him the way.

你要经过两个红绿灯，然后就能看到那条街。 **nǐ yào jīngguò liǎng gè hónglǜdēng ránhòu jiù néng kàn dào nà tiáo jiē** You'll pass two sets of lights, and then you'll see that street.

reply answer out loud

找不到路的时候你怎么办？ zhǎo bu dào lù de shíhou nǐ zěnme bàn What do you do when you can't find your way?

→ 我会先看手机上的地图。 wǒ huì xiān kàn shǒujī shàng de dìtú

→ 要是地图也没用，我就问问旁边的人。 yàoshi dìtú yě méi yòng wǒ jiù wèn wen pángbiān de rén

你会给别人指路吗？ nǐ huì gěi biérén zhǐ lù ma Do you show people the way?

→ 我很愿意给别人指路。 wǒ hěn yuànyì gěi biérén zhǐ lù

→ 因为我自己也常常问路。 yīnwèi wǒ zìjǐ yě chángcháng wèn lù

你觉得你住的地方怎么样？ nǐ juéde nǐ zhù de dìfang zěnmeyàng What do you think of where you live?

→ 我觉得我住的地方挺方便的。 wǒ juéde wǒ zhù de dìfang tǐng fāngbiàn de

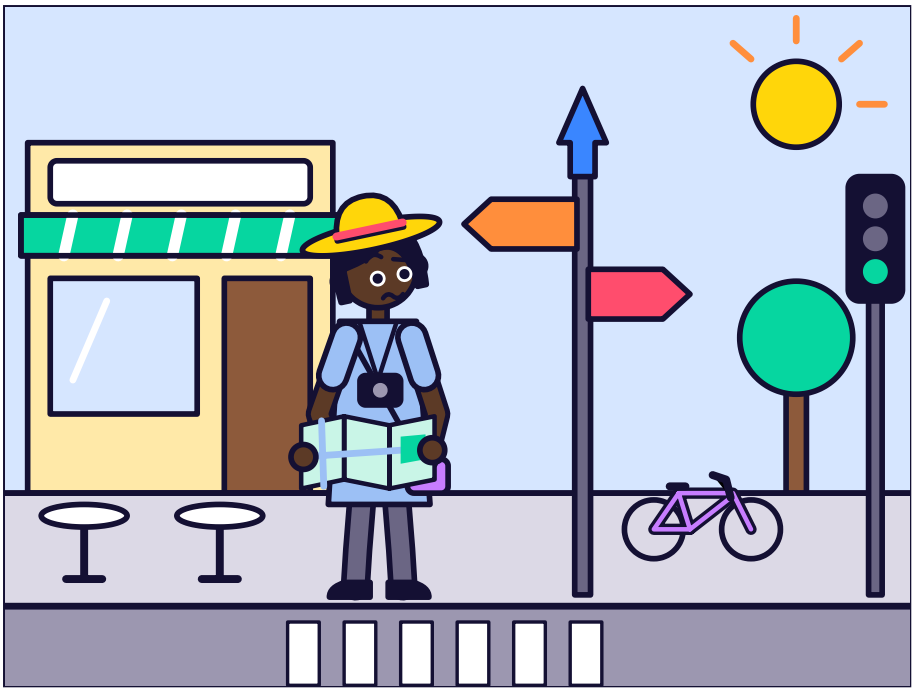
→ 对面就是超市，经过一个路口就是地铁站。 duìmiàn jiùshì chāoshì jīngguò yí gè lùkǒu jiùshì dìtiě zhàn

你喜欢走路还是骑车？ nǐ xǐhuan zǒulù háishi qí chē Do you prefer walking or cycling?

→ 我更喜欢走路。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan zǒulù

→ 走路的时候，可以慢慢看路边的小商店。 zǒulù de shíhou kěyǐ màn màn kàn lùbiān de xiǎo shāngdiàn

describe the picture 120 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.

她旁边有……，一个向……，一个向……。 tā pángbiān yǒu yí gè xiàng yí gè xiàng

如果我找不到路，我会先……，好……。 rúguǒ wǒ zhǎo bu dào lù wǒ huì xiān hǎo

model answer

这张图片上是一个路口，太阳很大，天气非常好。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè lùkǒu tàiyáng hěn dà tiānqì fēicháng hǎo

路口只站着一个女人，她戴着黄色的帽子，穿着蓝衬衫。 lùkǒu zhǐ zhàn zhe yí gè nǚrén tā dài zhe huángsè de màozi chuān zhe lán chènshān

她身上挂着一个照相机，两只手拿着一张打开的地图。 tā shēn shàng guà zhe yí gè zhào xiàngjī liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe yì zhāng dǎkāi de dìtú

她旁边有一个指路的牌子，上面有三个方向：一个向左，一个向右，还有一个向前。 tā pángbiān yǒu yí gè zhǐ lù de páizi shàngmiàn yǒu sān gè fāngxiàng yí gè xiàng zuǒ yí gè xiàng yòu hái yǒu yí gè xiàng qián

左边是一家商店，商店前边有两张白色的小桌子。 zuǒbian shì yì jiā shāngdiàn shāngdiàn qián biān yǒu liǎng zhāng báisè de xiǎo zhuōzi

右边有一棵树，树旁边停着一辆自行车，红绿灯现在是绿色的。 yòubian yǒu yì kē shù shù pángbiān tíng zhe yí liàng zìxíngchē hónglǜdēng xiànzài shì lǜsè de

她前边就是马路。 tā qián biān jiùshì mǎlù

她看着地图，好像看不太明白，不知道应该向哪边走，可能是因为她第一次来这个地方。 tā kàn zhe dìtú hǎoxiàng kàn bú tài míngbai bù zhīdào yīnggāi xiàng nǎ biān zǒu kěnéng shì yīnwèi tā dì yī cì lái zhège dìfang

我估计她是来旅游的，因为她带着照相机，还戴着帽子。 wǒ gūjì tā shì lái lǚyóu de yīnwèi tā dài zhe zhào xiàngjī hái dài zhe màozi

我在一个新的城市也常常找不到路。 wǒ zài yí gè xīn de chéngshì yě chángcháng zhǎo bu dào lù

如果我是她，我会先看看手机上的地图，好知道自己在哪儿。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tā wǒ huì xiān kàn kan shǒujī shàng de dìtú hǎo zhīdào zìjǐ zài nǎr

要是还不清楚，我就向旁边的人问路。 yàoshi hái bù qīngchu wǒ jiù xiàng pángbiān de rén wèn lù

This picture shows a crossroads; the sun is strong and the weather is lovely. There is only one woman standing at the corner. She wears a yellow hat and a blue shirt. A camera hangs on her, and she holds an open map in both hands. Next to her there is a signpost showing three directions: one points left, one right and one straight ahead. On the left there is a shop, with two small white tables in front of it. On the right there is a tree with a bicycle parked beside it, and the traffic light is green. Right in front of her is the road. She is looking at the map as if she can't quite make sense of it and doesn't know which way to go, maybe because it is her first time here. My guess is she is a tourist, because she has a camera with her and is wearing a hat. In a new city I often can't find my way either. If I were her, I would first look at the map on my phone, so that I know where I am. If that still wasn't clear, I would ask someone nearby.

talk 120 seconds

In a new city, do you prefer finding your own way or asking someone? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for two minutes.

在一个新的城市，你喜欢自己找路还是问别人？为什么？ zài yí gè xīn de chéngshì nǐ xǐhuan zìjǐ zhǎo lù háishi wèn biérén wèi shénme

我一般先……，好……。 wǒ yìbān xiān hǎo

有一次……，我只好……。 yǒu yí cì wǒ zhǐhǎo

model answer

在一个新的城市，我一般先自己找路，找不到的时候再问别人。 zài yí gè xīn de chéngshì wǒ yìbān xiān zìjǐ zhǎo lù zhǎo bu dào de shíhou zài wèn biérén

我喜欢自己看地图，好知道自己在哪儿，应该向哪个方向走。 wǒ xǐhuan zìjǐ kàn dìtú hǎo zhīdào zìjǐ zài nǎr yīnggāi xiàng nǎge fāngxiàng zǒu

现在手机上的地图非常方便，它会告诉你在哪个路口向左转，要经过几个红绿灯。 xiànzài shǒujī shàng de dìtú fēicháng fāngbiàn tā huì gàosu nǐ zài nǎge lùkǒu xiàng zuǒ zhuǎn yào jīngguò jǐ gè hónglǜdēng

而且自己找路的时候，常常能发现一些很有意思的小街和小商店。 érqiě zìjǐ zhǎo lù de shíhou chángcháng néng fāxiàn yìxiē hěn yǒu yìsi de xiǎo jiē hé xiǎo shāngdiàn

不过，即使有手机地图，有时候也会找不到路。 búguò jíshǐ yǒu shǒujī dìtú yǒu shíhou yě huì zhǎo bu dào lù

有一次我去外地旅行，手机突然没电了，我完全不知道怎么走。 yǒu yí cì wǒ qù wàidì lǚxíng shǒujī tūrán méi diàn le wǒ wánquán bù zhīdào zěnme zǒu

我只好向一位老爷爷问路。 wǒ zhǐhǎo xiàng yí wèi lǎo yéye wèn lù

他不但告诉我怎么走，还带我走到了马路对面。 tā búdàn gàosu wǒ zěnme zǒu hái dài wǒ zǒu dào le mǎlù duìmiàn

那次以后，我改变了看法：问别人也是一个好办法，还可以练习说中文。 nà cì yǐhòu wǒ gǎibiàn le kànfǎ wèn biérén yě shì yí gè hǎo bànfǎ hái kěyǐ liànxí shuō Zhōngwén

所以我的习惯是：先看地图，地图没用了，再问人。 suǒyǐ wǒ de xíguàn shì xiān kàn dìtú dìtú méi yòng le zài wèn rén

In a new city, I usually find my own way first and only ask someone when I can't. I like reading the map myself, so I know where I am and which way to go. Phone maps are very handy now: they tell you at which crossing to turn left and how many sets of lights to pass. And when you find your own way, you often discover interesting little streets and shops. But even with a phone map, you sometimes still can't find your way. Once, on a trip, my phone suddenly ran out of battery and I had no idea where to go. I had to ask an old man for directions. He not only told me the way, he walked me across the road too. After that I changed my mind: asking people is a good way too, and you get to practise your Chinese. So my habit is: look at the map first, and when the map can't help, ask someone.

good to know · There is no HSK 1–4 word for "get lost": say 找不到路 or 不知道怎么走. 向 and 往 both work for directions in speech (向左转 = 往左转). 向 also goes with people: 向老奶奶问路, 向你学习. 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.

Lost and found, in Chinese: you can now ask for, give and describe directions.
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day 29 a sudden storm

Tell how things suddenly changed (本来……，忽然/突然……) and what people did next (……，于是……); describe a sudden storm for two minutes; say which season you like best, and why.

Weather pictures always hide a story: what it was like a moment ago, what changed and what people did. Those three steps fill two minutes.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
忽然	hūrán	suddenly	我们在聊天儿，他忽然哭了。 We were chatting when he suddenly burst into tears.
突然	tūrán	suddenly; sudden	突然下雨了。 Suddenly it started to rain.
本来	běnlái	originally, at first	我本来不想去，后来还是去了。 I didn't want to go at first, but in the end I went.
刮	guā	to blow (wind); to scrape	外面刮风了。 The wind's picked up outside.
风	fēng	wind	今天风很大。 It's very windy today.
云	yún	cloud	天上一片云也没有。 There isn't a single cloud in the sky.
季节	jìjié	season	你最喜欢哪个季节? Which season do you like best?
凉快	liángkuai	pleasantly cool	秋天很凉快。 Autumn is nice and cool.
树	shù	tree	这里的树很高。 The trees here are very tall.
夏天	xiàtiān	summer	夏天特别热。 Summer is really hot.

pattern 本来……，忽然/突然…… and ……，于是……

本来 | how it was, | 忽然 / 突然 | ……，于是……

本来 sets the scene as it was at first. 忽然 and 突然 bring in the sudden change; 突然 can also be an adjective (很突然). ……，于是…… says what people did because of it: "and so".

本来天气很好，突然下起了大雨。 **běnlái tiānqì hěn hǎo tūrán xià qǐ le dà yǔ** The weather was fine, then suddenly it poured.

我们本来想去公园，忽然刮起了大风。 **wǒmen běnlái xiǎng qù gōngyuán hūrán guā qǐ le dà fēng** We meant to go to the park, but suddenly the wind got up.

外边下雨了，于是我们在家看电影。 **wàibian xià yǔ le yúshì wǒmen zài jiā kàn diànyǐng** It was raining outside, so we watched a film at home.

他忘了带伞，于是跑进了旁边的商店。 **tā wàng le dài sǎn yúshì pǎo jìn le pángbiān de shāngdiàn** He'd forgotten his umbrella, so he ran into the shop next door.

dialogue the picnic

little sister 安娜姐姐，今天天气真好，我们就在这棵树下吃东西吧。
Ānnà jiějie jīntiān tiānqì zhēn hǎo wǒmen jiù zài zhè kē shù xià chī dōngxi ba · Anna, the weather's great today. Let's eat right here under this tree.

anna 好啊！夏天在外面吃东西最舒服了。
hǎo a xiàtiān zài wàimiàn chī dōngxi zuì shūfu le · OK! Eating outdoors in summer is the best.

little sister 你看，那边的云怎么越来越多了？
nǐ kàn nàbiān de yún zěnme yuè lái yuè duō le · Look, why are there more and more clouds over there?

anna 是啊，本来天上一点儿云都没有。
shì a běnlái tiān shàng yìdiǎnr yún dōu méiyǒu · Yes, there wasn't a single cloud a minute ago.

little sister 刮风了！我的帽子被风刮走了！
guā fēng le wǒ de màozi bèi fēng guā zǒu le · The wind's up! My hat's blown away!

anna 我去帮你找。下雨了，快拿好东西，我们去那家商店里等一等。
wǒ qù bāng nǐ zhǎo xià yǔ le kuài ná hǎo dōngxi wǒmen qù nà jiā shāngdiàn lǐ děng yi deng · I'll get it for you. It's raining! Grab the things, let's wait in that shop.

little sister 雨下得这么大！刚才还那么热呢。
yǔ xià de zhème dà gāngcái hái nàme rè ne · It's pouring! It was so hot a moment ago.

anna 北京的夏天就是这样，天气说变就变。
Běijīng de xiàtiān jiùshì zhèyàng tiānqì shuō biàn jiù biàn · That's Beijing in summer: the weather changes in a flash.

little sister 没关系，等雨停了，就凉快了！
méi guānxi děng yǔ tíng le jiù liángkuai le · Never mind, when the rain stops it'll be nice and cool!

repeat listen, then say it back

本来天气很好，下午突然刮起了大风。 **běnlái tiānqì hěn hǎo xiàwǔ tūrán guā qǐ le dà fēng** The weather was fine, then in the afternoon a strong wind suddenly got up.

天上的云越来越多，可能马上要下雨了。 **tiān shàng de yún yuè lái yuè duō kěnéng mǎshàng yào xià yǔ le** The clouds are building up; it may rain any minute.

他的帽子被风刮走了，于是他赶紧去找。 **tā de màozi bèi fēng guā zǒu le yúshì tā gǎnjǐn qù zhǎo** His cap blew away, so he hurried after it.

北京的夏天很热，可是常常突然下大雨。 **Běijīng de xiàtiān hěn rè kěshì chángcháng tūrán xià dà yǔ** Summer in Beijing is hot, but it often pours without warning.

我最喜欢秋天，因为秋天又凉快又舒服。 **wǒ zuì xǐhuan qiūtiān yīnwèi qiūtiān yòu liángkuai yòu shūfu** I like autumn best, because it's cool and pleasant.

我们本来想去公园，忽然下起了雨，只好回家。 **wǒmen běnlái xiǎng qù gōngyuán hūrán xià qǐ le yǔ zhǐhǎo huí jiā** We meant to go to the park, but it suddenly poured, so we had to go home.

reply answer out loud

你觉得北京的天气怎么样？ nǐ juéde Běijīng de tiānqì zěnmeyàng What do you think of the weather in Beijing?

→ 我觉得北京的天气变化很大。 wǒ juéde Běijīng de tiānqì biànhuà hěn dà

→ 比如夏天常常突然下大雨，冬天风又特别大。 bǐrú xiàtiān chángcháng tūrán xià dà yǔ dōngtiān fēng yòu tèbié dà

你出门会带伞吗？ nǐ chūmén huì dài sǎn ma Do you take an umbrella when you go out?

→ 我一般会带一把伞。 wǒ yìbān huì dài yì bǎ sǎn

→ 尤其是夏天，北京常常突然下雨。 yóuqí shì xiàtiān Běijīng chángcháng tūrán xià yǔ

你喜欢夏天还是冬天？ nǐ xǐhuan xiàtiān háishi dōngtiān Do you prefer summer or winter?

→ 我更喜欢冬天。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan dōngtiān

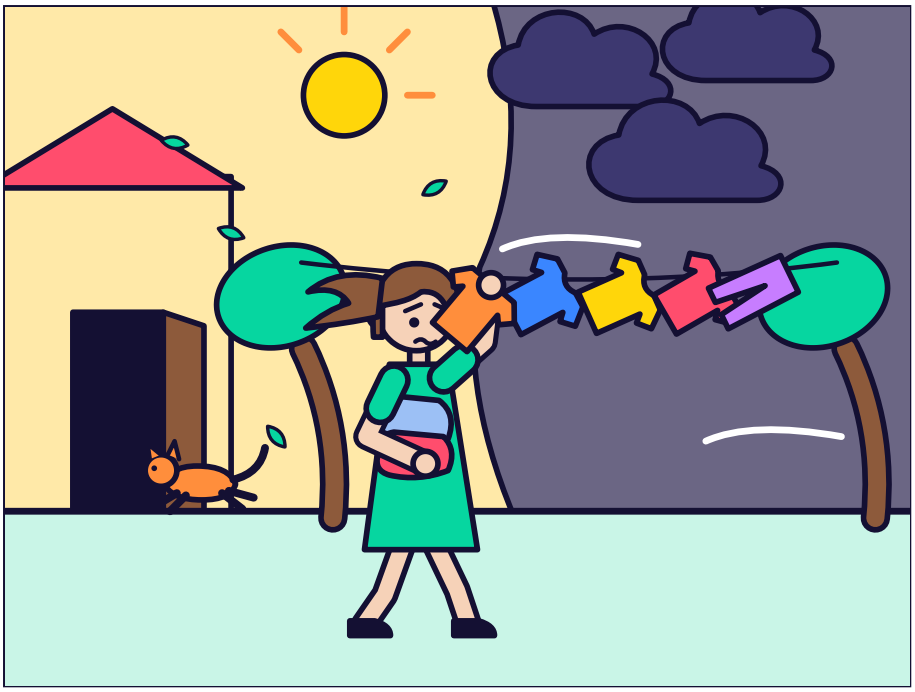
→ 因为我怕热，冬天可以多穿一点儿衣服。 yīnwèi wǒ pà rè dōngtiān kěyǐ duō chuān yìdiǎnr yīfu

天气会影响你的心情吗？ tiānqì huì yǐngxiǎng nǐ de xīnqíng ma Does the weather affect your mood?

→ 天气会影响我的心情。 tiānqì huì yǐngxiǎng wǒ de xīnqíng

→ 下雨的时候，我常常不想出门。 xià yǔ de shíhou wǒ chángcháng bù xiǎng chūmén

describe the picture 120 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.

本来……，突然……，于是……。 běnlái tūrán yúshì

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

model answer

这张图片上是一个房子前边的院子，左边的天上有太阳，右边却都是黑色的云。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì yí gè fángzi qián biān de yuànzi zuǒbian de tiān shàng yǒu tàiyáng yòubian què dōu shì hēisè de yún

风很大，两棵树都被风吹得动个不停，天上还有一些叶子在飞。 fēng hěn dà liǎng kē shù dōu bèi fēng chuī de dòng gè bù tíng tiān shàng hái yǒu yìxiē yèzi zài fēi

院子里只有一个女人，她穿着绿色的裙子，头发被风吹了起来。 yuànzi lǐ zhǐyǒu yí gè nǚrén tā chuān zhe lǜsè de qúnzi tóufa bèi fēng chuī le qǐlai

两棵树中间挂着很多衣服，有三件衬衫和一条裤子。 liǎng kē shù zhōngjiān guà zhe hěn duō yīfu yǒu sān jiàn chènshān hé yì tiáo kùzi

她一只手正在拿一件衣服，另一只手还拿着两件，走得很快。 tā yì zhī shǒu zhèngzài ná yí jiàn yīfu lìng yì zhī shǒu hái ná zhe liǎng jiàn zǒu de hěn kuài

左边房子的门开着，一只猫正向门里跑。 zuǒbian fángzi de mén kāi zhe yì zhī māo zhèng xiàng mén lǐ pǎo

看起来本来天气很好，所以她把衣服挂在外边，可是突然刮起了大风，天也阴了。 kàn qǐlai běnlái tiānqì hěn hǎo suǒyǐ tā bǎ yīfu guà zài wàibian kěshì tūrán guā qǐ le dà fēng tiān yě yīn le

于是她赶紧出来把衣服拿回家，可能是因为快要下雨了。 yúshì tā gǎnjǐn chūlái bǎ yīfu ná huí jiā kěnéng shì yīnwèi kuàiyào xià yǔ le

我也有过这样的经历，衣服还没拿回来，雨就下来了。 wǒ yě yǒu guo zhèyàng de jīnglì yīfu hái méi ná huilai yǔ jiù xiàlái le

我觉得夏天的天气变化很快，出门以前最好看一下天气。 wǒ juéde xiàtiān de tiānqì biànhuà hěn kuài chūmén yǐqián zuìhǎo kàn yíxià tiānqì

This picture shows the yard in front of a house. On the left there is sun in the sky, but on the right it is all dark clouds. The wind is strong: both trees are tossing in the wind, and a few leaves are flying in the air. There is only one woman in the yard; she is wearing a green dress, and her hair is blowing up in the

wind. Between the two trees hang lots of clothes: three shirts and a pair of trousers. With one hand she is taking down a piece of clothing, and in her other hand she is holding two more; she is walking fast. On the left the door of the house is open, and a cat is running in through it. It looks as if the weather was fine at first, so she hung her washing outside, but then suddenly a strong wind got up and the sky went dark. So she has hurried out to bring the clothes in, maybe because it is about to rain. I've been through this too: the rain came before I could get my clothes in. I think summer weather changes very fast, so it's best to check the weather before you go out.

talk 120 seconds

Which season do you like best? Why? Think for a minute, then talk for two minutes.

你最喜欢哪个季节？为什么？ nǐ zuì xǐhuan nǎge jìjié wèi shénme

我最喜欢……，因为……。 wǒ zuì xǐhuan yīnwèi

本来……，可是……。 běnlái kěshì

model answer

我最喜欢秋天。 wǒ zuì xǐhuan qiūtiān

北京的秋天不冷也不热，天很蓝，非常凉快。 Běijīng de qiūtiān bù lěng yě bú rè tiān hěn lán fēicháng liángkuai

北京的夏天太热了，而且常常突然下大雨。 Běijīng de xiàtiān tài rè le érqiě chángcháng tūrán xià dà yǔ

冬天又特别冷，风也很大，有时候我甚至冷得不想出门。 dōngtiān yòu tèbié lěng fēng yě hěn dà yǒu shíhou wǒ shènzhì lěng de bù xiǎng chūmén

秋天的时候，公园里的叶子都变成了黄色和红色，尤其是下午有阳光的时候，特别漂亮。 qiūtiān de shíhou gōngyuán lǐ de yèzi dōu biànchéng le huángsè hé hóngsè yóuqí shì xiàwǔ yǒu yángguāng de shíhou tèbié piàoliang

周末我经常跟朋友一起去爬山、照相，一玩就是一天。 zhōumò wǒ jīngcháng gēn péngyou yìqǐ qù pá shān zhàoxiàng yì wán jiùshì yì tiān

秋天还有很多好吃的水果，比如苹果和葡萄。 qiūtiān hái yǒu hěn duō hǎochī de shuǐguǒ bǐrú píngguǒ hé pútao

在英国，秋天常常下雨，天也总是阴阴的。 zài Yīngguó qiūtiān chángcháng xià yǔ tiān yě zǒngshì yīn yīn de

所以小时候，我本来最喜欢夏天，因为夏天可以放假，天气也好。 suǒyǐ xiǎoshíhou wǒ běnlái zuì xǐhuan xiàtiān yīnwèi xiàtiān kěyǐ fàngjià tiānqì yě hǎo

可是来了北京以后，我发现这里的秋天是一年里最舒服的季节。 kěshì lái le Běijīng yǐhòu wǒ fāxiàn zhèlǐ de qiūtiān shì yì nián lǐ zuì shūfu de jìjié

对我来说，秋天就是出去走走的季节。 duì wǒ lái shuō qiūtiān jiùshì chūqù zǒu zou de jìjié

I like autumn best. Autumn in Beijing is neither cold nor hot; the sky is blue and it's lovely and cool. Beijing summers are far too hot, and it often pours without warning. And winter is very cold and windy; sometimes it's so cold I don't even want to go out. In autumn the leaves in the parks turn yellow and red, and they're especially beautiful on a sunny afternoon. At weekends I often go hiking and taking photos with friends, and a whole day just flies by. Autumn also has lots of delicious fruit, like apples and grapes. In the UK it often rains in autumn and the sky is always grey. So as a child I actually liked summer best, because of the holidays and the good weather. But since coming to Beijing I've found that autumn here is the most pleasant season of the year. For me, autumn is the season for getting out and about.

good to know · There is no HSK 1–4 word for “wet” or “thunder”: describe what people do instead (她赶紧把衣服拿回家, 大家都跑进了商店). 刮 is what the wind does: 刮风 (it’s windy), 刮起了大风 (a strong wind got up), 被风刮走了 (blown away). 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 story in three steps: how it was, what changed, what people did. That shape carries any picture.
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unit 6 · travel & transport

Tell a travel story from the airport to the riverside; describe two pictures in a row for two minutes each, then tell the story of your most memorable trip, and why.

Two two-minute pictures back to back is exactly the test's part 2. Today you run it with unit 6's travel words.

chapter 1 a late flight

anna 小明，广播说我们的航班晚点了。
Xiǎomíng guǎngbō shuō wǒmen de hángbān wǎndiǎn le · Xiaoming, the announcement says our flight is delayed.

xiaoming 晚点多长时间?
wǎndiǎn duō cháng shíjiān · How long?

anna 说是要晚一个小时起飞。
shuō shì yào wǎn yí gè xiǎoshí qǐfēi · They say it'll take off an hour late.

xiaoming 真没办法。那我先睡一会儿，起飞以前叫我。
zhēn méi bànfǎ nà wǒ xiān shuì yíhuìr qǐfēi yǐqián jiào wǒ · Nothing we can do. I'll have a nap then; wake me before take-off.

anna 好吧，我正好可以看看书。
hǎo ba wǒ zhènghǎo kěyǐ kàn kan shū · Fine. It's a good chance for me to read.

anna 小明，快醒醒，可以上飞机了!
Xiǎomíng kuài xǐng xing kěyǐ shàng fēijī le · Xiaoming, wake up, we can board now!

chapter 2 by the river

xiaoming 上海晚上的景色真漂亮!
Shànghǎi wǎnshang de jǐngsè zhēn piàoliang · Shanghai looks amazing at night!

anna 你看，河上还有船，船上都是游客。
nǐ kàn hé shàng hái yǒu chuán chuán shàng dōu shì yóukè · Look, there are boats on the river, full of tourists.

xiaoming 那座桥也很有名，我们在这儿拍张照片吧。
nà zuò qiáo yě hěn yǒumíng wǒmen zài zhèr pāi zhāng zhàopiàn ba · That bridge is famous too. Let's take a photo here.

anna 好！我来拿手机，你笑一笑。
hǎo wǒ lái ná shǒujī nǐ xiào yi xiao · OK! I'll hold the phone. Smile!

xiaoming 这张照得不错！发给奶奶看看吧。
zhè zhāng zhào de búcuò fā gěi nǎinai kàn kan ba · That one's good! Let's send it to Grandma.

anna 好主意，我现在就给奶奶打个电话。
hǎo zhǔyi wǒ xiànzài jiù gěi nǎinai dǎ gè diànhuà · Good idea. I'll give Grandma a call right now.

chapter 3 calling grandma

anna 奶奶，我们已经到上海了！
nǎinai wǒmen yǐjīng dào Shànghǎi le · Grandma, we're in Shanghai!

grandma 好啊！旅行怎么样？累不累？
hǎo a lǚxíng zěnmeyàng lèi bu lèi · Wonderful! How's the trip? Are you tired?

anna 不累。航班虽然晚点了，但是上海的景色太美了。
bú lèi hángbān suīrán wǎndiǎn le dànshì Shànghǎi de jǐngsè tài měi le · Not at all. The flight was late, but Shanghai is beautiful.

grandma 照片我看到了，你们两个人笑得真开心。
zhàopiàn wǒ kàn dào le nǐmen liǎng gè rén xiào de zhēn kāixīn · I've seen the photo. You two look so happy.

anna 明天我们还要去坐船，再去一条有名的老街看看。
míngtiān wǒmen hái yào qù zuò chuán zài qù yì tiáo yǒumíng de lǎo jiē kàn kan · Tomorrow we're taking a boat, and then we'll visit a famous old street.

grandma 玩得开心一点儿，别忘了按时吃饭！
wán de kāixīn yìdiǎnr bié wàng le ànshí chī fàn · Have fun, and don't forget to eat properly!

repeat listen, then say it back

广播说，去上海的航班要晚一个小时起飞。 **guǎngbō shuō qù Shànghǎi de hángbān yào wǎn yí gè xiǎoshí qǐfēi** The announcement says the flight to Shanghai will take off an hour late.

小明等了很长时间，在椅子上睡了一会儿。 **Xiǎomíng děng le hěn cháng shíjiān zài yǐzi shàng shuì le yíhuìr** Xiaoming waited a long time and had a nap in his seat.

这座桥非常有名，我们就在桥上拍张照片吧。 **zhè zuò qiáo fēicháng yǒumíng wǒmen jiù zài qiáo shàng pāi zhāng zhàopiàn ba** This bridge is very famous; let's take a photo on it.

晚上的河边有很多外地游客，大家都在照相。 **wǎnshang de hé biān yǒu hěn duō wàidì yóukè dàjiā dōu zài zhàoxiàng** There are lots of visitors by the river at night, all taking photos.

晚上坐在船上看城市的景色，真是太舒服了。 **wǎnshang zuò zài chuán shàng kàn chéngshì de jǐngsè zhēn shì tài shūfu le** Sitting on a boat at night looking at the city is just wonderful.

reply answer out loud

你觉得坐船旅行怎么样？ nǐ juéde zuò chuán lǚxíng zěnmeyàng What do you think of travelling by boat?
→ 我觉得坐船旅行很舒服。 wǒ juéde zuò chuán lǚxíng hěn shūfu
→ 不过要是坐得太久，我会觉得有点儿无聊。 búguò yàoshi zuò de tài jiǔ wǒ huì juéde yǒudiǎnr wúliáo

旅行时你经常照相吗？ lǚxíng shí nǐ jīngcháng zhàoxiàng ma Do you often take photos when you travel?
→ 我经常照相。 wǒ jīngcháng zhàoxiàng
→ 以后看照片的时候，就能想起那次旅行。 yǐhòu kàn zhàopiàn de shíhou jiù néng xiǎng qǐ nà cì lǚxíng

航班晚点你会生气吗？ hángbān wǎndiǎn nǐ huì shēngqì ma Do you get angry when a flight is late?
→ 我不会生气。 wǒ bú huì shēngqì
→ 因为生气也没有用，不如看看书。 yīnwèi shēngqì yě méi yǒuyòng bùrú kàn kan shū

旅行你喜欢热闹还是安静？ lǚxíng nǐ xǐhuan rènao háishi ānjìng When you travel, do you like lively or quiet places?
→ 我更喜欢安静的小地方。 wǒ gèng xǐhuan ānjìng de xiǎo dìfang
→ 有名的地方虽然漂亮，可是游客太多了。 yǒumíng de dìfang suīrán piàoliang kěshì yóukè tài duō le

你为什么喜欢旅行？ nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan lǚxíng Why do you like travelling?
→ 因为旅行能让我放松。 yīnwèi lǚxíng néng ràng wǒ fàngsōng
→ 而且每去一个新地方，我都能了解一些不同的生活。 érqiě měi qù yí gè xīn dìfang wǒ dōu néng liǎojiě yìxiē bù tóng de shēnghuó

describe the picture 120 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.

看起来他们的航班……，可能是因为……。 kàn qǐlai tāmen de hángbān kěnéng shì yīnwèi

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

model answer

这张图片上是机场，是大家等飞机的地方。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì jīchǎng shì dàjiā děng fēijī de dìfang

窗户外边停着一个很大的飞机，它还没有起飞。 chuānghu wàibian tíng zhe yí gè hěn dà de fēijī tā hái méiyǒu qǐfēi

图片上有两个年轻人，一男一女，他们坐在一排座位上。 túpiàn shàng yǒu liǎng gè niánqīng rén yì nán yì nǚ tāmen zuò zài yì pái zuòwèi shàng

这排座位是绿色的，一共有四个。 zhè pái zuòwèi shì lǜsè de yígòng yǒu sì gè

男的穿着蓝衣服，他在椅子上睡觉，头向一边低着，嘴还张着。 nán de chuān zhe lán yīfu tā zài yǐzi shàng shuìjiào tóu xiàng yìbiān dī zhe zuǐ hái zhāng zhe

女的坐在他的右边，两只手拿着一本书，正在看书。 nǚ de zuò zài tā de yòubian liǎng zhī shǒu ná zhe yì běn shū zhèngzài kàn shū

不过她现在抬起头，好像在看时间。 búguò tā xiànzài tái qǐ tóu hǎoxiàng zài kàn shíjiān

一个座位上放着一个背包，地上还有一个背包。 yí gè zuòwèi shàng fàng zhe yí gè bēibāo dì shàng hái yǒu yí gè bēibāo

看起来他们的航班晚点了，他们可能已经等了很长时间，所以那个男的都睡着了。 kàn qǐlai tāmen de hángbān wǎndiǎn le tāmen kěnéng yǐjīng děng le hěn cháng shíjiān suǒyǐ nàge nán de dōu shuì zháo le

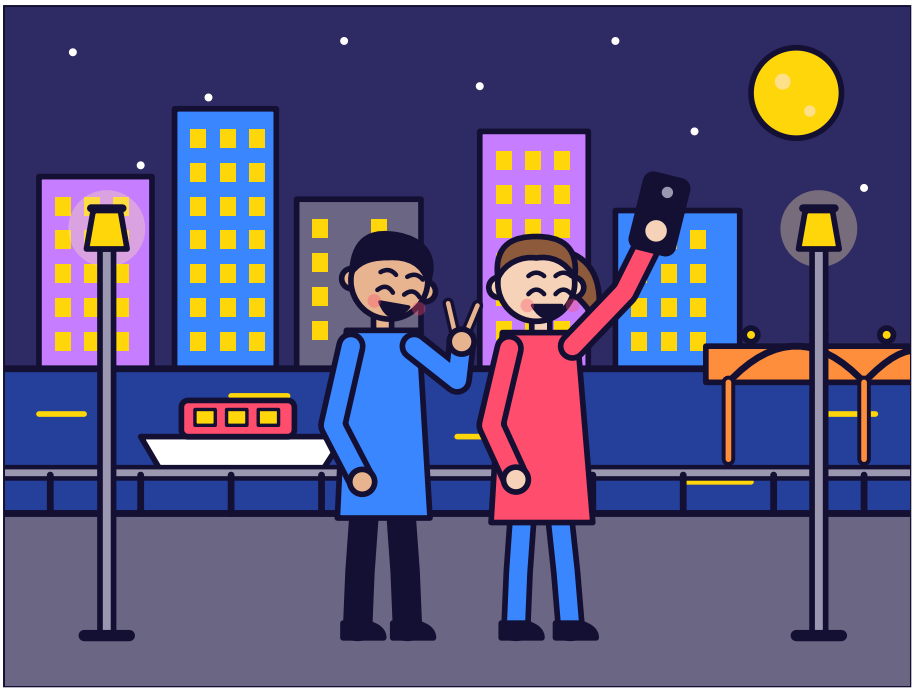
如果我是他们，我也会带一本书，或者像他一样先睡一会儿。 rúguǒ wǒ shì tāmen wǒ yě huì dài yì běn shū huòzhě xiàng tā yíyàng xiān shuì yíhuìr

我觉得既然航班晚点了，生气也没有用，不如好好休息，到了以后才能玩得开心。 wǒ juéde jìrán hángbān wǎndiǎn le shēngqì yě méi yǒuyòng bùrú hǎohǎo xiūxi dào le yǐhòu cái néng wán de kāixīn

This picture shows an airport, the place where people wait for their plane. Outside the window stands a very big plane; it hasn't taken off yet. There are two young people in the picture, a man and a woman,

sitting in a row of seats. The row is green, four seats in all. The man is wearing blue; he's asleep in his seat with his head to one side and his mouth open. The woman sits on his right, holding a book in both hands and reading. But right now she has looked up, as if checking the time. There's a backpack on one seat and another on the floor. It looks as if their flight is delayed: they've probably been waiting a long time, which is why the man has fallen asleep. If I were them, I'd bring a book too, or sleep for a while like him. I think once a flight is delayed, getting angry is no use; better to rest properly, so you can enjoy yourself when you arrive.

describe the picture 120 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.

他们后边有……，还有……。 tāmen hòu biān yǒu hái yǒu

看起来他们是……，因为……。 kàn qǐlai tāmen shì yīnwèi

model answer

这张图片上是晚上的河边，天上有一个又大又亮的月亮。 zhè zhāng túpiàn shàng shì wǎnshang de hé biān tiān shàng yǒu yí gè yòu dà yòu liàng de yuèliang

河的对面有五座很高的楼，楼里的灯都亮着。 hé de duìmiàn yǒu wǔ zuò hěn gāo de lóu lóu lǐ de dēng dōu liàng zhe

河上有一条白色的船，右边还有一座桥。 hé shàng yǒu yì tiáo báisè de chuán yòubian hái yǒu yí zuò qiáo

河边站着两个年轻人，一个女的，一个男的。 hé biān zhàn zhe liǎng gè niánqīng rén yí gè nǚ de yí gè nán de

女的穿着红色的衣服，她一只手把手机举得很高，正在给他们两个人照相。 nǚ de chuān zhe hóngsè de yīfu tā yì zhī shǒu bǎ shǒujī jǔ de hěn gāo zhèngzài gěi tāmen liǎng gè rén zhàoxiàng

男的穿着蓝衣服，他一边笑，一边举着两个手指。 nán de chuān zhe lán yīfu tā yìbiān xiào yìbiān jǔ zhe liǎng gè shǒu zhǐ

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

他们的左边和右边各有一个路灯。 tāmen de zuǒbian hé yòubian gè yǒu yí gè lù dēng

看起来他们是来这儿旅行的游客，因为他们在漂亮的景色前边照相，想留下一张好照片。 kàn qǐlai tāmen shì lái zhèr lǚxíng de yóukè yīnwèi tāmen zài piàoliang de jǐngsè qián biān zhàoxiàng xiǎng liúxia yì zhāng hǎo zhàopiàn

如果我去一个新的城市旅行，我也喜欢晚上去河边走一走。 rúguǒ wǒ qù yí gè xīn de chéngshì lǚxíng wǒ yě xǐhuan wǎnshang qù hé biān zǒu yi zou

我觉得晚上的城市比白天更漂亮，尤其是河边，照的照片也更好看。 wǒ juéde wǎnshang de chéngshì bǐ báitiān gèng piàoliang yóuqí shì hé biān zhào de zhàopiàn yě gèng hǎokàn

This picture shows a riverside at night, with a big bright moon in the sky. Across the river there are five tall buildings, with all their lights on. There's a white boat on the river, and a bridge on the right. Two

young people are standing by the river, a woman and a man. The woman is wearing red; she holds her phone up high and is taking a photo of the two of them. The man is wearing blue; he's smiling and holding up two fingers. They're both smiling happily. There's a street lamp on each side of them. They look like tourists, because they're taking photos in front of the beautiful view and want a good picture to keep. When I visit a new city, I like a walk by the river in the evening too. I think a city is more beautiful at night than in the day, especially by the river, and the photos look better too.

talk 120 seconds

Tell us about your most memorable trip. Why was it memorable? Think for a minute, then talk for two minutes.

说说你最难忘的一次旅行。为什么难忘？ shuō shuo nǐ zuì nánwàng de yí cì lǚxíng wèi shénme nánwàng

那年……，当时……，后来……。 nà nián dāngshí hòulái

这次旅行让我难忘，原因是……。 zhè cì lǚxíng ràng wǒ nánwàng yuányīn shì

model answer

我最难忘的一次旅行，是我第一次一个人出国，从英国来中国。 wǒ zuì nánwàng de yí cì lǚxíng shì wǒ dì yī cì yí gè rén chūguó cóng Yīngguó lái Zhōngguó

那年我十九岁，以前从来没有离开过家。 nà nián wǒ shíjiǔ suì yǐqián cónglái méiyǒu líkāi guo jiā

当时我的中文水平很低，下了飞机以后，连机场的广播都听不懂。 dāngshí wǒ de Zhōngwén shuǐpíng hěn dī xià le fēijī yǐhòu lián jīchǎng de guǎngbō dōu tīng bu dǒng

我拿着两个很大的包，不知道应该向哪个方向走，心里既紧张又害怕。 wǒ ná zhe liǎng gè hěn dà de bāo bù zhīdào yīnggāi xiàng nǎge fāngxiàng zǒu xīnlǐ jì jǐnzhāng yòu hàipà

后来一位阿姨看出了我的问题，她不但帮我找到了出租车，还告诉司机我要去哪儿。 hòulái yí wèi āyí kàn chū le wǒ de wèntí tā búdàn bāng wǒ zhǎo dào le chūzūchē hái gàosu sījī wǒ yào qù nǎr

到了学校以后，我给妈妈打电话，说着说着就哭了。 dào le xuéxiào yǐhòu wǒ gěi māma dǎ diànhuà shuō zhe shuō zhe jiù kū le

这次旅行让我难忘，原因有两个。 zhè cì lǚxíng ràng wǒ nánwàng yuányīn yǒu liǎng gè

第一，这是我人生中第一次一个人做这么大的事。 dì yī zhè shì wǒ rénshēng zhōng dì yī cì yí gè rén zuò zhème dà de shì

第二，那位阿姨让我感到，即使在别的国家，也会遇到热情的人。 dì èr nà wèi āyí ràng wǒ gǎndào jíshǐ zài biéde guójiā yě huì yùdào rèqíng de rén

从那以后，我遇到问题的时候就不那么害怕了。 cóng nà yǐhòu wǒ yùdào wèntí de shíhou jiù bú nàme hàipà le

所以我觉得，旅行不仅能让人看到美丽的景色，还能改变一个人。 suǒyǐ wǒ juéde lǚxíng bùjǐn néng ràng rén kàn dào měilì de jǐngsè hái néng gǎibiàn yí gè rén

My most memorable trip was the first time I went abroad on my own, from the UK to China. I was nineteen and had never left home before. My Chinese was very poor then: after getting off the plane I couldn't even understand the airport announcements. I had two huge bags, no idea which way to go, and I was both nervous and scared. Then a woman saw I was in trouble: she not only found me a taxi but also told the driver where I was going. When I got to the university, I phoned my mum and burst into tears as I talked. The trip is memorable for two reasons. First, it was the first time in my life I had done something so big on my own. Second, that woman made me feel that even in another country you meet warm-hearted people. Since then I haven't been so scared when I run into problems. So I think travel doesn't just show you beautiful views; it can change a person.

Unit 6 done: two pictures, two minutes each, back to back. That is the test's part 2.
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