day 31 in class

Talk about class: words, sentences, homework and tests.

Class is where you ask the most questions: what does this mean, how do you read it?

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
課	kè	class, lesson	今天我們上{=have (a class)}了兩個小時的課。 We had two hours of class today.
教	jiāo	teach	陳老師教我們中文。 Teacher Chen teaches us Chinese.
教室	jiàoshì	classroom	我在教室等你。 I'll wait for you in the classroom.
句子	jùzi	sentence	請大家讀這個句子。 Everyone, please read this sentence.
功課	gōngkè	homework	你的功課寫好了嗎？ Have you finished your homework?
意思	yìsi	meaning	這個字是什麼意思？ What does this character mean?
考試	kǎoshì	test, exam; take a test	明天有考試。 There's a test tomorrow.
說話	shuōhuà	talk, speak	我想跟陳老師說話。 I'd like to talk to Teacher Chen.
讀	dú	read (aloud); study	請大家讀這個句子。 Everyone, please read this sentence.
念	niàn	read aloud	這個字怎麼念？ How do you read this character?
字	zì	character, word	這個字是什麼意思？ What does this character mean?
筆	bǐ	pen, pencil	你拿筆多寫，就會了。 Pick up a pen and write it a lot: you'll get it.
紙	zhǐ	paper	老師，請給我一張紙。 Teacher, could I have a sheet of paper, please?

pattern split verbs: 上了兩個小時的課

上 + 了 + how long + 的 + 課

Some verbs are really verb + object: 上課 is "attend + class", 吃飯 is "eat + rice". Extras go in the middle: 上了兩個小時的課, 吃了兩碗飯. The other person goes in front with 跟: 跟老師說話, never 說話老師.

我今天上了三個小時的課。 **wǒ jīntiān shàng le sān ge xiǎoshí de kè** I had three hours of class today.

下了課，我們去吃飯吧。 **xià le kè wǒmen qù chī fàn ba** After class, let's go and eat.

我想跟陳老師說話。 **wǒ xiǎng gēn Chénlǎoshī shuōhuà** I'd like to talk to Teacher Chen.

他吃了兩碗飯。 **tā chī le liǎng wǎn fàn** He ate two bowls of rice.

dialogue too many questions

teacher chen 大家好！明天有考試，今天我們上兩個小時的課。
dàjiā hǎo míngtiān yǒu kǎoshì jīntiān wǒmen shàng liǎng ge xiǎoshí de kè · Hello, everyone! There's a test tomorrow, so today we have two hours of class.

anna 老師，這個字是什麼意思？
lǎoshī zhè ge zì shì shénme yìsi · Teacher, what does this character mean?

teacher chen 這是「教」，教中文的「教」。你聽過這個字嗎？
zhè shì jiāo jiāo zhōngwén de jiāo nǐ tīng guò zhè ge zì ma · That's 教, as in "teach Chinese". Have you heard it before?

anna 聽過，可是不會寫。
tīng guò kěshì bú huì xiě · I've heard it, but I can't write it.

teacher chen 你拿筆多寫幾次，就會了。
nǐ ná bǐ duō xiě jǐ cì jiù huì le · Pick up a pen and write it a few more times: you'll get it.

anna 老師，下了課，我可以問您一些問題嗎？
lǎoshī xià le kè wǒ kěyǐ wèn nín yìxiē wèntí ma · Teacher, can I ask you some questions after class?

teacher chen 可以。你為什麼不現在問？
kěyǐ nǐ wèishénme bú xiànzài wèn · Of course. Why not ask now?

anna 因為我的問題太多了！
yīnwèi wǒ de wèntí tài duō le · Because I have far too many!

teacher chen 沒關係。下了課，我在教室等你。你的功課也帶來吧。
méiguānxi xià le kè wǒ zài jiàoshì děng nǐ nǐ de gōngkè yě dài lái ba · No problem. I'll wait for you in the classroom after class. Bring your homework too.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

上
shàng
get on, go up; attend

午
wǔ
noon

下
xià
get off, go down; fall

晚
wǎn
late; evening

good to know · 讀 and 念 both mean read aloud; 念 is very common in Taiwan, and 念書 also means “to study”. Measure words: 一張紙 is a sheet of paper (張 for flat things, like 一張桌子).

Now you can ask the two questions that unlock every class: what does it mean, and how do you read it?
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day 32 easy or hard?

Say if something is easy or hard to do, a bit too..., and both... and....

Opinions make conversation: easy, hard, a bit expensive, tasty and cheap.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
難	nán	hard, difficult	這個字很難寫。 This character is hard to write.
容易	róngyì	easy	這個字不難寫，很容易！ This character isn't hard to write: it's easy!
不錯	bùcuò	not bad, pretty good	你說中文說得很不錯！ You speak Chinese really well!
自己	zìjǐ	oneself, (my)self	我自己覺得還不太好。 I still don't think it's very good myself.
有一點	yǒuyīdiǎn	a bit, slightly	這件衣服有一點貴。 This shirt is a bit expensive.
真的	zhēnde	really, truly	真的嗎？ Really?
還	hái	still; also	我還沒寫功課。 I still haven't done my homework.
又	yòu	again; both... and...	小黑又來吃我的魚了！ Xiaohei is eating my fish again!
起來	qǐlái	get up, stand up	快起來！ Get up, quick!
胖	pàng	fat, chubby	小黑真胖！ Xiaohei is so chubby!
瘦	shòu	thin, slim	他又高又瘦。 He's tall and slim.
矮	ǎi	short (in height), low	這張椅子有一點矮。 This chair is a bit low.
美	měi	beautiful	臺灣真美！ Taiwan is so beautiful!

pattern 好/難 + verb (難寫); 真 + adjective

好 / 難 **verb**

好 + verb is “easy (or nice) to do”, 難 + verb is “hard to do”: 好做, 難寫. 有一點 + adjective is “a bit (too)”: 有一點貴; and adjective + 了一點 is “a bit too…”: 大了一點. 又 means “again”, and 又……又…… is “both… and…”.

這個字很難寫。 **zhè ge zì hěn nán xiě** This character is hard to write.

中文好學嗎？ **zhōngwén hǎo xué ma** Is Chinese easy to learn?

臺灣的小吃真好吃！ **táiwān de xiǎochī zhēn hǎochī** Taiwanese street food is so good!

小黑真胖！ **Xiǎohēi zhēn pàng** Xiaohei is so chubby!

dialogue homework help

meiling 安娜，你的功課寫好了嗎？
Ānnà nǐ de gōngkè xiě hǎo le ma · Anna, have you finished your homework?

anna 還沒。今天的功課又多又難！
hái méi jīntiān de gōngkè yòu duō yòu nán · Not yet. Today’s homework is long and hard!

meiling 給我看。這個字不難寫，你看，很容易！
gěi wǒ kàn zhè ge zì bù nán xiě nǐ kàn hěn róngyì · Let me see. This character isn’t hard to write: look, it’s easy!

anna 你覺得容易，我覺得很難！
nǐ juéde róngyì wǒ juéde hěn nán · You think it’s easy, I think it’s hard!

meiling 你的中文比以前好，你說中文說得很不錯！
nǐ de zhōngwén bǐ yǐqián hǎo nǐ shuō zhōngwén shuō de hěn búcuò · Your Chinese is better than before. You speak really well!

anna 真的嗎？我自己覺得還不太好。
zhēnde ma wǒ zìjǐ juéde hái bú tài hǎo · Really? I still don’t think it’s very good.

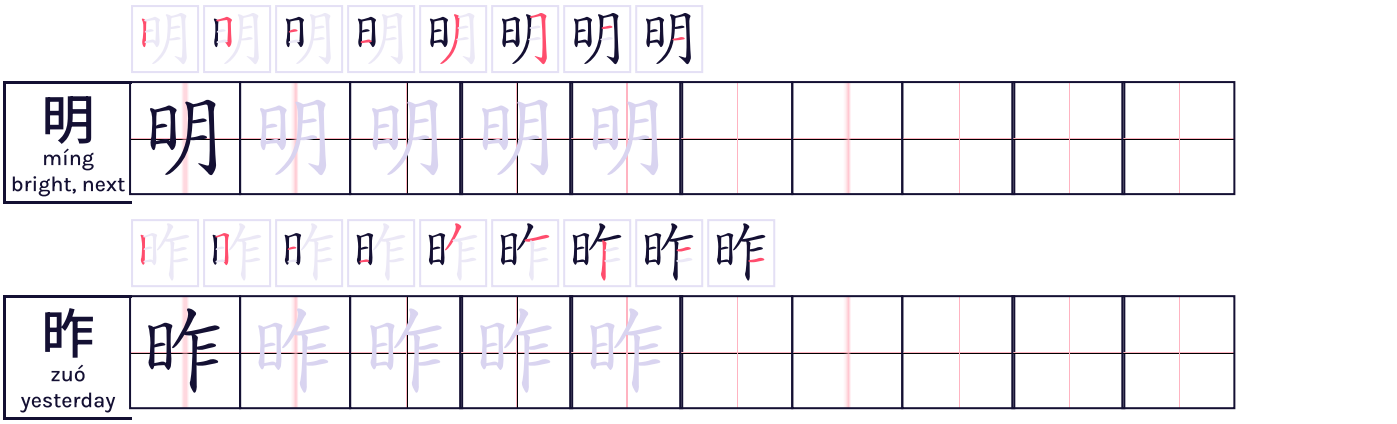
meiling 真的！你寫了兩個小時的功課，休息吧！
zhēnde nǐ xiě le liǎng ge xiǎoshí de gōngkè xiūxí ba · Really! You’ve done two hours of homework: take a break!

meiling 我們跟志明去吃東西吧！
wǒmen gēn Zhìmíng qù chī dōngxi ba · Let’s go and get something to eat with Zhiming!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

今
jīn
now, present

天
tiān
day; sky



good to know · 好吃 (tasty) and 好看 (good-looking) are words of their own, but the pattern is the same: 好 + 聽 = nice to hear, 好 + 學 = easy to learn. 有一點 often sounds like a small complaint: 有一點貴 “a bit pricey”. For something good, say 很 or 真.

Easy, hard, a bit too much: you can now share an opinion on anything.
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day 33 head, hands, feet

Name parts of the body and say how you feel when you are ill.

If you get ill in Taiwan, you'll want to say where it hurts.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
手	shǒu	hand	我的手有一點痛。 My hand hurts a bit.
腳	jiǎo	foot	我的腳有一點痛。 My foot hurts a bit.
身體	shēntǐ	body; health	我身體很累。 I'm exhausted.
眼睛	yǎnjīng	eye	小黑的眼睛很大。 Xiaohei has big eyes.
鼻子	bízi	nose	小黑的鼻子很小。 Xiaohei has a small nose.
耳朵	ěrduo	ear	我們用耳朵聽。 We hear with our ears.
嘴巴	zuǐba	mouth	我們用嘴巴說。 We speak with our mouths.
頭	tóu	head	我頭很痛。 My head really hurts.
累	lèi	tired	你累了嗎？ Are you tired?
痛	tòng	painful, hurt	我的腳有一點痛。 My foot hurts a bit.
病	bìng	illness	我的病好了！ I'm better now!
生病	shēngbìng	fall ill, be ill	他生病了，今天不能來。 He's ill, he can't come today.
感冒	gǎnmào	catch a cold; a cold	我感冒了。 I've caught a cold.

pattern 了 at the end: a new situation (累了, 冷了)

situation **了**

了 at the end of a sentence says something is new or has changed: 我累了 "I'm tired now", 下課了 "class is over". With 不 it means "not any more": 我不吃了, I'm not eating any more.

我累了。 **wǒ lèi le** I'm tired now.

十二點了，我得睡覺了。 **shíèr diǎn le wǒ děi shuìjiào le** It's twelve o'clock: I have to go to bed.

我吃飽了，不吃了。 **wǒ chī bǎo le bù chī le** I'm full, I won't eat any more.

下課了！ **xiàkè le** Class is over!

dialogue a headache

meiling 安娜，你還不起床？十點了！
Ānnà nǐ hái bù qǐchuáng shí diǎn le · Anna, still not up? It's ten o'clock!

anna 我頭很痛，身體很累。
wǒ tóu hěn tòng shēntǐ hěn lèi · My head really hurts and I'm exhausted.

meiling 你可能感冒了。你昨天又睡得很晚。
nǐ kěnéng gǎnmào le nǐ zuótiān yòu shuì de hěn wǎn · You might have a cold. You went to bed late again last night.

anna 對，我昨天寫功課寫到兩點。
duì wǒ zuótiān xiě gōngkè xiě dào liǎng diǎn · Yes, I did homework until two.

meiling 今天不要去上課了，在家休息吧。
jīntiān bú yào qù shàngkè le zài jiā xiūxí ba · Don't go to class today. Stay home and rest.

anna 可是今天有考試！
kěshì jīntiān yǒu kǎoshì · But there's a test today!

meiling 你生病了。我馬上打電話告訴陳老師。
nǐ shēngbìng le wǒ mǎshàng dǎdiànhuà gàosù Chénlǎoshī · You're ill. I'll call Teacher Chen right now.

anna 謝謝你。我有一點餓了。
xièxie nǐ wǒ yǒuyìdiǎn è le · Thank you. I'm getting a bit hungry.

meiling 好，我去給你買湯。王阿姨的湯很好喝！
hǎo wǒ qù gěi nǐ mǎi tāng Wángāyí de tāng hěn hǎo hē · OK, I'll go and buy you some soup. Auntie Wang's soup is delicious!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

前 qián front, before

後 hòu behind, after

年 nián year

月 yuè month; moon

good to know · Say where it hurts with body part + 痛: 頭痛, 腳痛. Add 有一點 to make it milder. 好 after an illness means "better": 我的病好了, I'm over it.

Head, hands, feet: you can now tell a friend (or a doctor) exactly where it hurts.
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day 34 rain or shine?

Talk about the weather, seeing a doctor, and say don't!

Rain, wind, a cold drink you shouldn't have: Taiwan's weather and its aunties both have opinions.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
看病	kànbìng	see a doctor	你應該去看病。 You should see a doctor.
醫生	yīshēng	doctor	醫生說，我得{dei3-tw}吃藥。 The doctor says I have to take medicine.
藥	yào	medicine	我得{dei3-tw}吃三天的藥。 I have to take medicine for three days.
久	jiǔ	long (time)	我等了很久。 I waited a long time.
它	tā	it	小黑不喜歡下雨，它在家裡。 Xiaohei doesn't like rain: he stays indoors.
它們	tāmen	they (animals, things)	小黑和它的朋友在家裡，它們不出去。 Xiaohei and his friend are indoors: they won't go out.
天氣	tiānqì	weather	今天天氣很冷。 It's cold today.
空氣	kōngqì	air	下雨以後，空氣很好。 After the rain, the air is lovely.
冷	lěng	cold	天氣冷了。 It's getting cold.
熱	rè	hot	我給你做一碗熱湯。 I'll make you a bowl of hot soup.
雨	yǔ	rain	雨很大，別走路去。 It's pouring: don't walk.
下雨	xiàyǔ	rain (verb), it rains	下雨了！ It's raining!
風	fēng	wind	外面風很大。 It's very windy outside.

pattern 不要, 別: don't!; 別再……了

(請) 別 / 不要 verb

別 or 不要 before a verb means “don’t”: 別怕, 不要說話. Add 請 to be polite: 請不要說話. 別再 + verb + 了 means “stop doing it (again)”: 別再喝冰水了!

請不要說話。 **qǐng bú yào shuōhuà** Please don’t talk.

別怕！ **bié pà** Don’t be afraid!

下雨了，別走路去，坐計程車吧。 **xiàyǔ le bié zǒulù qù zuò jìchéngchē ba** It’s raining: don’t walk, take a taxi.

別再喝冰水了！ **bié zài hē bīng shuǐ le** Stop drinking iced water!

dialogue hot soup

auntie wang 安娜，下雨了，你從哪裡回來？
Ānnà xiàyǔ le nǐ cóng nǎlǐ huí lái · Anna, it’s raining! Where have you been?

anna 我去看病了。我感冒了。
wǒ qù kànbìng le wǒ gǎnmào le · I went to the doctor’s. I’ve got a cold.

auntie wang 你在哪裡看病？醫生怎麼說？
nǐ zài nǎlǐ kànbìng yīshēng zěnme shuō · Where did you see the doctor? What did they say?

anna 在學校附近。醫生說，我得吃三天的藥，別喝冰的飲料。
zài xuéxiào fùjìn yīshēng shuō wǒ děi chī sān tiān de yào bié hē bīng de yǐnliào · Near the school. The doctor said I have to take medicine for three days and no cold drinks.

auntie wang 對！天氣冷了，別再喝冰咖啡了！
duì tiānqì lěng le bié zài hē bīng kāfēi le · Right! It’s getting cold: no more iced coffee!

anna 好，好。我等醫生等了很久，現在很餓。
hǎo hǎo wǒ děng yīshēng děng le hěn jiǔ xiànzài hěn è · OK, OK. I waited ages for the doctor, and now I’m starving.

auntie wang 我給你做一碗熱湯。坐吧！
wǒ gěi nǐ zuò yì wǎn rè tāng zuò ba · I’ll make you a bowl of hot soup. Sit down!

anna 謝謝王阿姨！請問，一碗湯多少錢？
xièxie Wángāyí qǐngwèn yì wǎn tāng duōshǎo qián · Thank you, Auntie Wang! How much is a bowl of soup?

auntie wang 不要錢！你好好休息。
bú yào qián nǐ hǎo hǎo xiūxí · It’s on me! You get some proper rest.

write it trace the grey, then write your own

號
hào
day of the month; number

星
xīng
star



期
qí
period

禮
lǐ
ceremony

good to know · In Taiwan you will often hear 不要 where English says “no thanks”: 不要冰 (no ice) when you order a drink. Many people in Taiwan believe cold drinks are bad when you have a cold, so expect plenty of 別喝冰的!

Rain or shine, you can now talk about the weather and look after a friend (and be looked after).
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day 35 sing, dance, draw

Talk about hobbies and suggest doing things casually: 看看, 走走.

Singing, dancing, ball games and mountains: weekends in Taiwan are made of these.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	example
山	shān	mountain, hill	週末我們去山上走走吧。 Let's go for a walk in the hills this weekend.
花	huā	flower	山上的花很漂亮。 The flowers in the hills are beautiful.
枝	zhī	(measure word for pens, flowers)	美玲手上拿著一枝花。 Meiling has a flower in her hand.
運動	yùndòng	exercise, sport; do sport	你應該多運動運動。 You should get a bit more exercise.
唱歌	chànggē	sing (songs)	我喜歡唱歌。 I like singing.
唱	chàng	sing	你唱得真好！ You sing so well!
歌	gē	song	我很喜歡聽中文歌。 I love listening to Chinese songs.
跳	tiào	jump	小黑跳到桌子上了。 Xiaohei has jumped onto the table.
跳舞	tiàowǔ	dance	我喜歡唱歌，也喜歡跳舞。 I like singing, and I like dancing too.
打	dǎ	hit; play (ball games)	我想去打球。 I want to go and play ball.
球	qiú	ball	我帶我的球去。 I'll bring my ball.
國家	guójiā	country, nation	你去過幾個國家？ How many countries have you been to?
畫	huà	draw; drawing, picture	我想畫畫！ I want to draw!

pattern doubled verbs: 看看, 唱唱歌, 想了想

verb **verb**

Say a verb twice to make it light and casual, “have a go, a little”: 看看 (have a look), 走走 (take a stroll). Two-character verbs double as a pair: 休息休息, 運動運動. With 了 in the middle it’s past: 想了想 (thought for a moment).

你看看這個。 **nǐ kàn kan zhè ge** Have a look at this.

我們去公園走走吧。 **wǒmen qù gōngyuán zǒu zou ba** Let’s take a stroll in the park.

你累了，休息休息吧。 **nǐ lèi le xiūxí xiūxí ba** You’re tired, take a little rest.

他想了想，說：「好！」 **tā xiǎng le xiang shuō hǎo** He thought for a moment and said: “OK!”

dialogue weekend plans

zhiming 週末你們想做什麼？
zhōumò nǐmen xiǎng zuò shénme · What do you two want to do this weekend?

meiling 我想去唱歌！安娜，你喜歡唱歌嗎？
wǒ xiǎng qù chànggē Ānnà nǐ xǐhuān chànggē ma · I want to go singing! Anna, do you like singing?

anna 喜歡，可是我唱得不好。
xǐhuān kěshì wǒ chàng de bù hǎo · I do, but I’m not a good singer.

meiling 沒關係，別怕！我們唱唱歌、跳跳舞，很好玩。
méiguānxi bié pà wǒmen chàng chànggē tiào tiàowǔ hěn hǎo wán · Doesn’t matter, don’t worry! We sing a bit and dance, it’s great fun.

zhiming 我想去打球。你們應該多運動運動！
wǒ xiǎng qù dǎ qiú nǐmen yīnggāi duō yùndòng yùndòng · I want to play ball. You two should get more exercise!

anna 那我們早上去山上走走，晚上去唱歌，怎麼樣？
nà wǒmen zǎoshàng qù shān shàng zǒu zou wǎnshàng qù chànggē zěnmeyàng · So how about a walk in the hills in the morning and singing in the evening?

meiling 好！山上的花很漂亮。
hǎo shān shàng de huā hěn piàoliàng · Yes! The flowers in the hills are beautiful.

zhiming 我帶我的球去，山下有一個公園。
wǒ dài wǒ de qiú qù shān xià yǒu yí ge gōngyuán · I’ll bring my ball: there’s a park at the foot of the hill.

anna 我帶紙和筆去，我想畫畫！
wǒ dài zhǐ hé bǐ qù wǒ xiǎng huà huà · I’ll bring paper and pens: I want to draw!

write it trace the grey, then write your own



拜
bài
worship, visit

鐘
zhōng
o’clock; clock

週
zhōu
week, cycle



末
mò
end

good to know · Ball games all use 打 “hit”: 打球 (play ball). Singing and dancing are 唱歌 and 跳舞. KTV, private karaoke rooms, are one of Taiwan’s favourite nights out with friends.

You can now invite friends to sing, dance, draw or just take a stroll: all in Chinese.
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day 36 mission: a rainy week

Chinese TOCFL A in 113 days
unit 5 · class, body & weather

Follow a rainy week: class, a cold, the doctor and a weekend at home.

Days 31–35 all meet in one story: class words, easy and hard, the body, the weather and hobbies.

chapter 1 is it hard?

teacher chen 大家好！今天我們考試。請拿出筆和紙。
dàjiā hǎo jīntiān wǒmen kǎoshì qǐng ná chū bǐ hé zhǐ · Hello, everyone! Today is the test. Please get out a pen and paper.

anna 老師，考試難不難？
lǎoshī kǎoshì nán bu nán · Teacher, is the test hard?

teacher chen 不太難。你們上了很多課，一定會的。
bú tài nán nǐmen shàng le hěn duō kè yídìng huì de · Not too hard. You've had lots of classes: you'll know it.

anna 這個句子是什麼意思？這個字很難念。
zhè ge jùzi shì shénme yìsi zhè ge zì hěn nán niàn · What does this sentence mean? This character is hard to read.

teacher chen 考試的時候別說話！你自己想想。
kǎoshì de shíhòu bié shuōhuà nǐ zìjǐ xiǎng xiang · No talking during the test! Have a think yourself.

anna 好…我想了想，我懂了！
hǎo wǒ xiǎng le xiang wǒ dǒng le · OK... I thought for a moment, and now I get it!

teacher chen 下了課，我們念一念今天的字。
xià le kè wǒmen niàn yi nian jīntiān de zì · After class, we'll read today's characters aloud.

anna 真的嗎？您可以在教室教我讀嗎？
zhēnde ma nín kěyǐ zài jiàoshì jiāo wǒ dú ma · Really? Could you teach me to read them in the classroom?

anna 外面又下雨了！今天的天氣真不好。
wàimiàn yòu xiàyǔ le jīntiān de tiānqì zhēn bù hǎo · It's raining again outside! The weather's awful today.

chapter 2 not again!

meiling 安娜，你還不起來？
Ānnà nǐ hái bù qǐlái · Anna, aren't you getting up?

anna 我頭很痛，眼睛也有一點痛。我又感冒了！
wǒ tóu hěn tòng yǎnjīng yě yǒuyìdiǎn tòng wǒ yòu gǎnmào le · My head really hurts, and my eyes a bit too. I've got a cold again!

meiling 你又生病了！你的手和腳都很冷。
nǐ yòu shēngbìng le nǐ de shǒu hé jiǎo dōu hěn lěng · You're ill again! Your hands and feet are freezing.

meiling 你應該去看病。外面雨很大，別走路去，坐計程車吧。
nǐ yīnggāi qù kànbìng wàimiàn yǔ hěn dà bié zǒulù qù zuò jìchéngchē ba · You should see a doctor. It's pouring outside: don't walk, take a taxi.

anna 好。我好累，頭也很痛。
hǎo wǒ hǎo lèi tóu yě hěn tòng · OK. I'm worn out, and my head hurts too.

meiling 我跟你一起去。醫生說什麼，我們就做什麼。
wǒ gēn nǐ yìqǐ qù yīshēng shuō shénme wǒmen jiù zuò shénme · I'll come with you. Whatever the doctor says, we'll do.

anna 醫生一定說：別再喝冰咖啡了！
yīshēng yídìng shuō bié zài hē bīng kāfēi le · The doctor will definitely say: no more iced coffee!

meiling 對！我們回來的時候，去王阿姨那裡買熱湯。
duì wǒmen huí lái de shíhòu qù Wángāyí nàlǐ mǎi rè tāng · Right! On the way back, let's get hot soup from Auntie Wang.

anna 王阿姨的湯又好喝又便宜！
Wángāyí de tāng yòu hǎo hē yòu piányí · Auntie Wang's soup is tasty and cheap!

chapter 3 rain, rain, rain

zhiming 安娜，你的病好了嗎？
Ānnà nǐ de bìng hǎo le ma · Anna, are you better?

anna 好了！我吃了三天的藥。
hǎo le wǒ chī le sān tiān de yào · Yes! I took medicine for three days.

zhiming 太好了！可是週末我們不能去山上了，天氣太不好了。
tài hǎo le kěshì zhōumò wǒmen bù néng qù shān shàng le tiānqì tài bù hǎo le · Great! But we can't go to the hills this weekend: the weather's too bad.

anna 又要下雨嗎？
yòu yào xiàyǔ ma · Is it going to rain again?

zhiming 對，又下雨又有風，山上很冷。
duì yòu xiàyǔ yòu yǒu fēng shān shàng hěn lěng · Yes, rain and wind, and it's cold up there.

zhiming 我也不能去打球了。我想運動運動！
wǒ yě bù néng qù dǎ qiú le wǒ xiǎng yùndòng yùndòng · And I can't play ball either. I really want some exercise!

anna 那我們去哪裡？
nà wǒmen qù nǎlǐ · So where shall we go?

zhiming 我們去你們家唱唱歌，畫畫，怎麼樣？
wǒmen qù nǐmen jiā chàng chànggē huà huà zěnmeyàng · How about we sing and draw at your place?

anna 好！我們也可以看電影。你帶一些小吃來吧！
hǎo wǒmen yě kěyǐ kàn diànyǐng nǐ dài yìxiē xiǎochī lái ba · Yes! We can watch a film too. Bring some snacks!

chapter 4 sing, dance, draw

meiling 志明，你唱歌唱得真好！
Zhìmíng nǐ chànggē chàng de zhēn hǎo · Zhiming, you sing so well!

zhiming 哪裡！安娜，你也唱唱吧。
nǎlǐ Ānnà nǐ yě chàng chang ba · Not at all! Anna, you sing something too.

anna 我唱得不好，中文歌很難唱。
wǒ chàng de bù hǎo zhōngwén gē hěn nán chàng · I'm not good, Chinese songs are hard to sing.

meiling 別怕，這個歌很好唱。我們一起唱，然後跳舞！
bié pà zhè ge gē hěn hǎo chàng wǒmen yìqǐ chàng ránhòu tiàowǔ · Don't worry, this song is easy. Let's sing together, then dance!

zhiming 你們看，小黑也跳到椅子上了！
nǐmen kàn Xiǎohēi yě tiào dào yǐzi shàng le · Look, Xiaohei has jumped onto the chair too!

anna 小黑真胖，可是它也想跳舞！我來畫小黑吧。
Xiǎohēi zhēn pàng kěshì tā yě xiǎng tiàowǔ wǒ lái huà Xiǎohēi ba · Xiaohei is so chubby, but he wants to dance too! I'll draw a picture of him.

zhiming 你畫得真不錯！
nǐ huà de zhēn búcuò · That's a really good drawing!

anna 下雨的週末也很好玩！
xiàyǔ de zhōumò yě hěn hǎo wán · A rainy weekend is fun too!

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