

Speaking Practice:

You are in a department store and cannot see any signs. You will act as part A.

A: Ask a Shop Assistant where the toilet is.

B: cè suǒ zài wǔ céng
The toilet is on the 4th floor.

A: Thank her – and tell your friend in English what she said.

You get lost on the way back to your hotel. You will act as part A.

A: Stop a passer-by and ask him how to get the Beijing Hotel.

B: yī zhí zǒu, rán hòu dì èr zuǒ zhuǎn, Běijīng fàn diàn zài nǐ de yòu bian.
Straight on, then turn the 2nd left, Beijing Hotel is on your right.

Later, you get talking to a student staying at the Beijing Hotel.

A: Ask him where he lives.

B: wǒ zhù zài xiāng gǎng.
I live in Hong Kong.

A: Ask if his father and mother also live in Hong Kong.

B: bù, tā men zhù zài shàng hǎi.
No, they live in Shanghai.

B: wǒ men quán jiā dòu zhù zài shàng hǎi.
My whole family all live in Shanghai.

A: Say sorry, you do not understand **quán jiā**.

B: quán jiā – bàba hé māma, jiějie, zǔfù hé zǔmù...
quán jiā - father and mother, sister, grandfather and grandmother...

A: Now you get it, **quán jiā** means *whole family*. Say you understand.

B: wǒ chū shēng zài shàng hǎi.
I was born in Shanghai.

A: Say **really?**

B: nǐ zhōng wén shuō de hěn hǎo!
You speak Chinese very well.

A: Say thank you.

Notes:

wǔ céng 五层 4 th floor	zǔ fù 祖父 grandfather	zǔ mǔ 祖母 grandmother	chū shēng 出生 be born
wǒ bù dǒng 我不懂。 I don't understand.	wǒ dǒng le 我懂了。 I understand.	shì ma 是吗? Really?	shuō 说 speak