

Speaking Practice - Asking the way

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.

qǐng wèn cè suǒ zài nǎr

请问，厕所在哪儿？

B: cè suǒ zài dì wǔ céng.

厕所在第五层。

The toilet is on the 4th floor.

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

xiè xie She says the toilet is on the 4th floor.

谢谢。

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.

qǐng wèn Běijīng fàn diàn zài nǎr

请问，北京饭店在哪儿？

B: yī zhí zǒu rán hòu dì èr zuǒ zhuǎn Běijīng fàn diàn zài nǐ de yòu bian

一直走，然后第二左转，北京饭店在你的右边。

Straight on, then turn the 2nd left, Beijing Hotel is on your right.

Later, you get asking to a student staying at the Beijing Hotel. You will act as part A.

A: Ask him where he lives.

nǐ zhù zài nǎr

你住在哪儿？

B: wǒ zhù zài xiāng gǎng

我住在香港。

I live in Hong Kong.

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

nǐ bàba māma yě zhù zài xiāng gǎng ma

你爸爸妈妈也住在香港吗？

B: bù tā men zhù zài shàng hǎi

不，他们住在上海。

No, they live in Shanghai.

B: wǒ men quán jiā dòu zhù zài shàng hǎi

我们全家都住在上海。

My whole family all live in Shanghai.

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

duì bu qǐ wǒ bù dǒng

对不起，我不懂 **quán jiā**。

B: quán jiā – bàba hé māma jiějie zǔ fù hé zǔ mǔ

全家 – 爸爸和妈妈，姐姐，祖父和祖母…

quán jiā - father and mother, sister, grandfather and grandmother…

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

wǒ dǒng le shì

我懂了。**quán jiā** 是 *whole family*。

B: wǒ chū shēng zài shàng hǎi

我出生在上海。

I was born in Shanghai.

A: Say really?

shì ma

是吗？

B: nǐ zhōng wén shuō de hěn hǎo!

你中文说得很好！

You speak Chinese very well.

A: Accept the compliment modestly. Say not at all.

nǎ li nǎ li

哪里，哪里！

Speaking Practice – Buying a ticket

	Departure	Price
shàng hǎi běi jīng 上海 → 北京	8:00	¥250
shàng hǎi xī ān 上海 → 西安	7:30	¥280
shàng hǎi nán jīng 上海 → 南京	13:15	¥35

Scenario

Ticket seller: nǐ hǎo

你好!

Customer: Hello! I want to buy a ticket to _____ .

nǐ hǎo wǒ xiǎng mǎi piào qù

你好! 我 想 买 票 去 _____ 。

Ticket seller: jǐ diǎn chū fā

几点出发?

Customer: _____ .

diǎn fēn

 点 分。

Ticket seller: OK.

Customer: How much?

duō shǎo qián

多少钱?

Ticket seller: _____ .

yuán jiǎo fēn

 元 角 分。

Customer: xiè xie zài jiàn

谢谢。再见。

Speaking Practice - Colour and Clothes

zhè shì shé me yán sè
A1: 这是什么颜色?
What colour is it?

nǐ xǐ huan shé me yán sè
A2: 你喜欢什么颜色?
What colour do you like?

tā men chuān shé me yī fú
A3: 他们穿什么衣服?
What clothes do they wear?

zhè shì hóng sè
B1: 这是红色。
It's red.

wǒ xǐ huan hóng sè wǒ chuān hóng xié zi
B2: 我喜欢红色。我穿红鞋子。
I like red. I wear red shoes.

tā men chuān
B3: 他们穿?
They wear...

颜色	yán sè	colour	上衣	shàng yī	jacket
红色	hóng sè	red	毛衣	máo yī	jumper
黄色	huáng sè	yellow	裤子	kù zi	trousers
绿色	lǜ sè	green	裙子	qún zi	skirt
蓝色	lán sè	blue	鞋子	xié zi	shoes
黑色	hēi sè	black	帽子	mào zi	hat
白色	bái sè	white	衣服	yī fú	clothes
彩色	cǎi sè	multi-colour	穿	chuān	wear

Speaking Practice - Shopping for clothes

Act out the following dialogues as the buyer in the shop.

Shop Assistant: nǐn hǎo nǐn xiǎng mǎi shén me
您好。您想买什么？

Customer: I want to buy a pair of trousers.

Shop Assistant: nǐn yào shén me yán sè shén me hào
您要什么颜色，什么号？

Customer: I want black and large. How much?

Shop Assistant: bā shí bā yuán yī tiáo nǐn hái yào bié de ma
88 元一条。您还要别的吗？

Customer: I also want to buy a red hat.

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Shop Assistant: yī tiáo hēi kù zi hé yī dǐng hóng mào zi yī gòng yī bǎi yuán
一条黑裤子和一顶红帽子.....一共 100 元。

Customer: It's too expensive! Ask for a little cheaper.

Shop Assistant: yī gòng jiǔ shí wǔ yuán hǎo ma
Mmm... 一共 95 元，好吗？

Customer: OK. Here is 100 Yuan.

Shop Assistant: xiè xiè zhǎo nǐn wǔ yuán
谢谢。找你 5 元。

Customer: Thanks. Bye!

duō shǎo qián

- 多少钱？

tài guì le

- 太贵了！

zài pián yi diǎn hǎo ma

- (再)便宜点，好吗？

件	jiàn	piece, item
条	tiáo	strip, item
双	shuāng	pair, double, two, both
顶	dǐng	top
号	hào	size, date
大	dà	big
小	xiǎo	small
找	zhǎo	give change, look for
一共	yí gòng	altogether

Speaking Practice - Weather and the four seasons

1	lěng rè bù lěng bù rè 冷; 热; 不冷不热	<i>cold; hot; mild</i>
2	xià yǔ xià xuě guā fēng 下雨; 下雪; 刮风	<i>rainy; snowy; windy</i>
3	qǐng yīn 晴; 阴	<i>sunny; overcast</i>
4	chūn tiān xià qiū dōng 春(天); 夏; 秋; 冬	<i>spring; summer; autumn; winter</i>
5	dōng nán xī běi 东; 南; 西; 北	<i>east; west; south; north</i>
	dōng fāng dōng fāng rén 东方; 东方人	<i>the east; oriental people</i>

A	jīn tiān tiān qì zěn me yàng (今天) 天气怎么样?	<i>How is the weather?</i>
	*春天; Shanghai	
B	tài rè le 太热了!	<i>It's boiling!</i>
	*今天; 夏天; Hong Kong	
C	tài lěng le 太冷了!	<i>It's freezing!</i>
	*今天; 冬天; Beijing	
D	wǒ chū shēng zài yīng guó 我 出生 在英国。	<i>I was born in Britain.</i>
E	yīng guó zài xī fāng 英国在西方。	<i>Britain is in the West.</i>
F	wǒ shì xī fāng rén 我是西方人。	<i>I am a Westerner.</i>