

STANDARD CHINESE: A MODULAR APPROACH

OPTIONAL MODULE: PERSONAL WELFARE

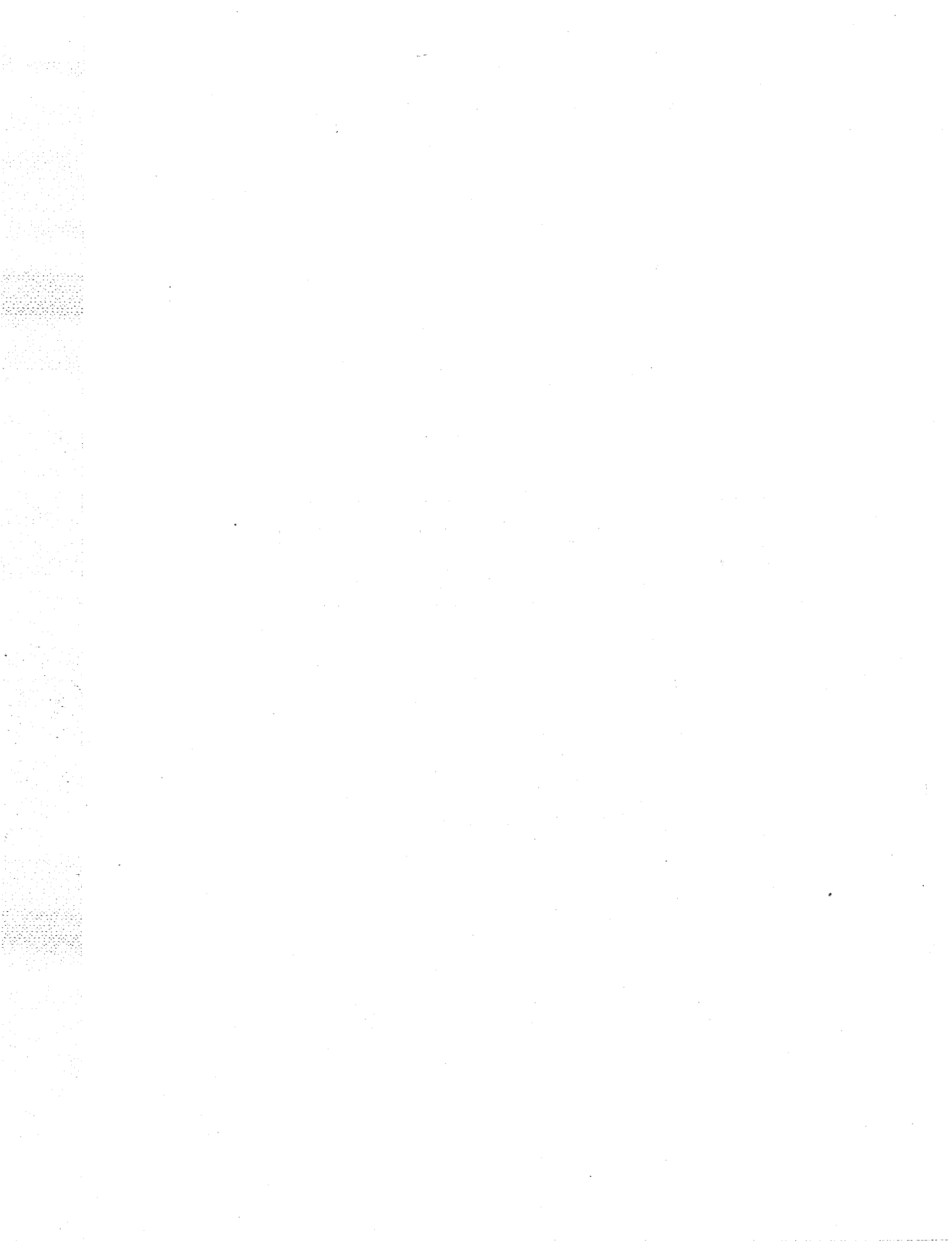
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## PREFACE

Standard Chinese: A Modular Approach originated in an interagency conference held at the Foreign Service Institute in August 1973 to address the need generally felt in the U.S. Government language training community for improving and updating Chinese materials to reflect current usage in Taipei and in Peking.

The conference resolved to develop materials which were flexible enough in form and content to meet the requirements of a wide range of government agencies and academic institutions.

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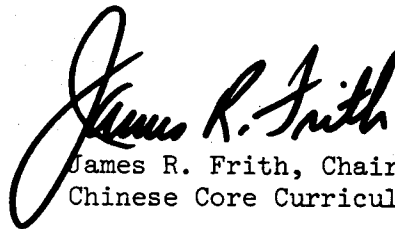
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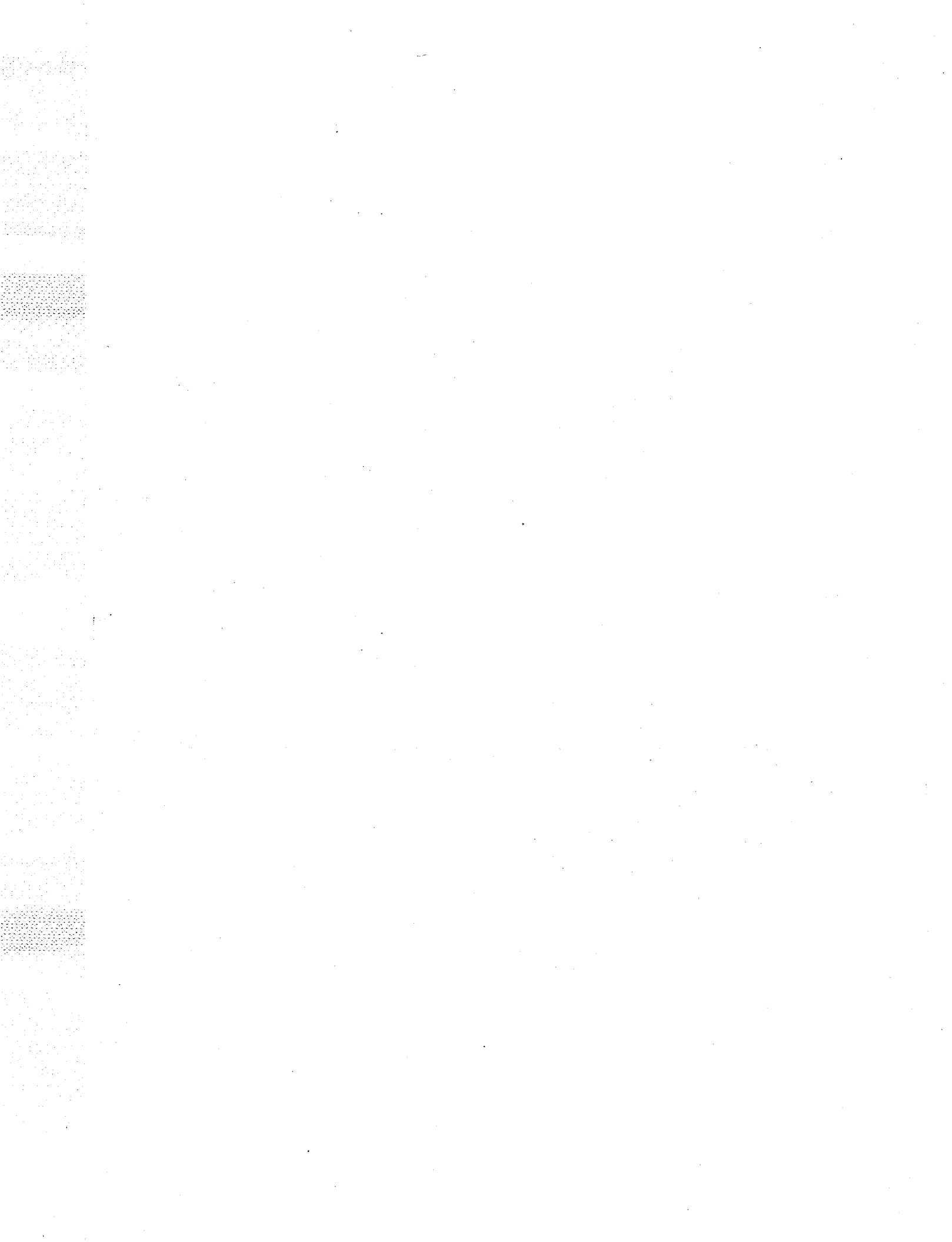
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## OPTIONAL MODULES

Why some modules are optional

Optional modules present situations which some of our users will find necessary and others dispensable. For instance, college students rarely take cars with them to China. People serving in the military may have no need of finding hotel accommodations or housing. People working for the government may rarely use the local postal system. You may choose to study one, some, all or none of the optional modules, basing your decision on factors such as the amount of time available in your curriculum and the relevance of these topics to your goals. We hope you will find that these optional modules add flexibility to your use of the course.

Format of optional modules

Optional modules "look" different from core modules. A unit is divided into two or three parts, each with its own reference list, reference notes, and dialogues. There is only one tape, not five, per unit. The unit tape combines the C-1 and P-1 formats you have used in the core modules. Most of the explanation for the new material is not found on the tape, however, but in the reference notes in the text.

When to use an optional module

Since each unit introduces more vocabulary but less new grammar than a core module, you can use an optional module when you see the need to enrich your vocabulary.

You don't have to go all the way through an optional module at once. You may use a unit at a time for variety while working on a core module, or several units as a break between core modules.

How to work through an optional module tape

You may have found that you could work through the C-1 and P-1 tapes of a core module unit just once, perhaps going back over a few sections twice. With optional module tapes, however, you will probably want to work through more than once, frequently stopping to read the notes and rewinding to listen again.

Optional Module: Personal Welfare

The Personal Welfare Module (WLF) will provide you with the skills needed to take care of a variety of personal needs and handle yourself in a number of possibly difficult situations.

Before starting Unit 1 of this module, you should have at least completed the Money Module (MON); and before starting Unit 3, you should have at least completed the Transportation Module (TRN).

## OBJECTIVES

When you have finished this module, you will be able to:

1. Describe the weather in all four seasons for your present locale, a Chinese city, and your hometown.
2. Describe the location, geographical setting, population, and air quality of the three areas in No. 1.
3. Give the names of five or more items of clothing.
4. Get your hair cut or styled.
5. Describe several items you ordinarily carry with you when traveling.
6. Give the names of and describe the different rooms in a house.
7. Give simple directions to a babysitter.
8. Ask and answer questions about the common cold and its symptoms. Offer advice on what to do for a simple ailment. Understand the use of kāishuǐ, "boiled water."
9. Describe what takes place during a visit to the doctor. Know how to give normal body temperature in Celsius and in Fahrenheit. Tell "where it hurts" (using a list of the parts of the body, if necessary.)
10. Describe accidents where injuries occur, and tell someone to call an ambulance.
11. Report the loss of a passport to the appropriate officials. Find out where to go to report the loss and be able to determine whether adequate translation facilities will be available.
12. Use the words for "danger" and "caution" in grammatical, situationally appropriate sentences. Describe how someone entered a restricted area and how and for what reasons he was escorted out.



Personal Welfare Module, Unit 1  
Weather and Terrain

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REFERENCE LIST

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| 1. Jīntiān <u>tiānqì</u> hěn hǎo.                      | The weather is very nice today.                |
| 2. Nǐ lǎojiāde <u>qìhòu</u> zěnmeyàng?                 | How is the climate in your hometown?           |
| 3. <u>Dōngtiān</u> hěn <u>lěng</u> .                   | It's cold in the winter.                       |
| 4. <u>Chángcháng</u> xià xuě.                          | It often snows.                                |
| 5. <u>Xiàtiān</u> hěn <u>rè</u> .                      | In the summer it's hot.                        |
| 6. Jīntiān <u>tiān qíng</u> le.                        | It cleared up today.                           |
| 7. Wǒ <u>juéde</u> Táizhōngde <u>qìhòu</u> hěn hǎo.    | I feel that Taichung's climate is very nice.   |
| 8. Shànghǎide <u>dōngtiān</u> hěn <u>shǎo</u> xià xuě. | It seldom snows in the winter in Shànghǎi.     |
| 9. Jīntiān zhèrde <u>tiānqì</u> hěn <u>liángkuai</u> . | The weather here is very cool today.           |
| 10. cháng  | often (alternate word for <u>chángcháng</u> .) |
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART I

Jīntiān tiānqì hěn hǎo: Notice that the time word jīntiān "today" is placed before the subject, not directly before the verb here. Most time words of more than one syllable may come either before or after the subject, but in either case before the verb. Examples:

Qùnián wǒ hái bú huì xiě zì.      Last year I still couldn't write characters.

Wǒ xiànzài huì xiě yìdiǎn le.      Now I can write a little.

qìhòu: "climate" Also pronounced qìhou (with hou in the neutral tone).

Dōngtiān hěn lěng.: "It's cold in winter" The adverb hěn is not translated here. Often hěn adds little or nothing to the intensity of the adjectival verb, and doesn't need to be translated by "very." Later, you may notice that sometimes we translate the hěn literally and sometimes we choose to omit it from the translation. It is not a matter of right and wrong; it is more a matter of feeling, and may be, we admit, a somewhat arbitrary decision.

chángcháng: "often, frequently, usually" An alternate form of this word is cháng.

Tā chángcháng qù Xiānggǎng. She often goes to Hong Kong.

Tā cháng kàn bàozhǐ. He often reads the newspaper.

The phrase "very often" is NOT formed by using hěn with cháng; instead, just use cháng or chángcháng. If you must stress that something happens very often, use a phrase like "every few days."

xià xuě: "to snow" or more literally "(there) falls snow." The subject xuě "snow" normally follows the verb xià "to descend." This reversal of subject and verb is the rule, not the exception, in weather expressions.

Òu, xià xuě le. Oh, it's snowing.

Xià xuě ma? Bú xià. }  
Yǒu méiyǒu xià xuě? }  
Méiyǒu. } Is it snowing? No.  
Xià xuě le méiyǒu? }  
Méiyǒu. }

Jīntiān xià xuě bu xià xuě? Is it going to snow today?

Xiànzài bú xià xuě le. It's not snowing anymore.

tiān: "heaven, sky, day."

Aiya, wǒde tiān na! Oh my heavens!

Tiān zhīdao! Heaven only knows!

qīng: "to be clear, to clear up" In the sentence Tiān qīng le, the marker le tells us that a change has taken place. The meaning is not simply that the sky is clear, but that the sky is clear NOW, or rather, the sky has cleared up.

juéde "to feel" Here juéde is used to mean "to feel, to think, to have an opinion about something." It can also mean "to feel" in a physical way, as in "to feel sick." Nǐ juéde . . . zěnmeyàng? can be well translated as "How do you like . . . ?"

hěn shǎo: "It seldom snows in Shānghǎi in the winter." The adjectival verb shǎo "to be few" is used here as an adverb "seldom," and as such comes before the verb. Notice that hěn shǎo, "seldom," and chángcháng, "often," are used as opposites.

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\*English is no more logical when it comes to weather expressions: it uses the meaningless subject "it," as in "It snows."

Jīntiān zhèrde tiānqi hěn liángkuai: "Today the weather here is very cool." Again, it is not necessary to translate hěn as "very" in this sentence; the meaning depends on the speaker's intonation and emphasis.

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART I

An American woman is talking with a Chinese man in Běijīng.

- M: Jīntiān tiānqi hěn hǎo, shì bu shì? The weather is very good today, isn't it?
- F: Shì a! Jīntiān tiān qíng le. It is! Today it has cleared up.
- M: Nǐ lǎojiāde qìhòu zěnmeyang? What's the climate like where you're from?
- F: Wǒ lǎojiā zài Jiùjīnshān. Nàrde qìhòu hěn hǎo. Dōngtiān bù lěng, xiàtiān yě bú tài rè. My hometown is San Francisco. The climate there is very good. It isn't cold in the winter, and it isn't too hot in the summer, either.
- M: Nǐ juéde Běijīng zěnmeyàng? How do you like Běijīng? [Literally, "How do you feel Běijīng is?"]
- F: Zhèi jǐtiān Běijīng tiāntiān xià xuě, tài lěng le. It's been snowing these last few days in Běijīng and it's been too cold.
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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

juéde: "to feel" This may mean "to feel (physically)" or "to feel (emotionally), to think." It is often used, as in the Reference List sentence, to preface a statement of opinion. Wǒ juéde ... may sometimes be translated as "I think that ..."

Wǒ juéde tā kéyì zuò. I think he can do it.

And here are some examples using juéde to mean "feel (physically)":

Wǒ juéde hěn rè. I feel hot.

Wǒ juéde bù shūfu. I don't feel well. (Literally, "I feel not-well.")

Nǐ juéde Běijīng zěnmeyàng?: "How do you like Běijīng?" or "What do you think of Běijīng?" More literally, "You feel Běijīng is how?"

tài lěng le: "it's been too cold" The marker le is the marker for new situations. It is often used to reinforce the idea of "excessive." Another example is Tài guì le! "It's too expensive!"

SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART I

An American woman is talking with a Chinese man in Taipei.

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| M: | Nǐ lǎojiā zài nǎli?  | Where's your hometown?  |
| F: | Zài Niǔ Yuē.   | It's New York.  |
| M: | Niǔ Yuēde qìhòu zěnmeyàng?   | What is New York's climate like?  |
| F: | Niǔ Yuēde qìhòu bú tài hǎo.<br>Dōngtiān lěng, xiàtiān rè.<br>Nǐ lǎojiā zài nǎli?         | New York's climate isn't too good.<br>It's cold in the winter and hot<br>in the summer. Where's your<br>hometown. |
| M: | Zài Shànghǎi. Shànghǎide dōng-<br>tiān hěn shǎo xià xuě, kěshi<br>yě hěn lěng.           | It's Shanghai. It seldom snows in<br>Shanghai in the winter, but it's<br>cold there, too.                         |
| F: | Xiàtiān zěnmeyàng?   | What's it like in the summer?   |
| M: | Òu, xiàtiān hěn rè.  | Oh, it's hot in the summer.   |
| F: | Jīntiān zhèrde tiānqì hěn liáng-<br>kuai. Wǒmen chūqu zǒuzou <sup>*</sup> hǎo<br>bu hǎo? | The weather today is cool. Let's go<br>out and walk around, okay?   |
| M: | Hǎo.   | Okay.   |

NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

<sup>\*</sup>zǒuzou: "to walk around"

## PART II

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| 11. Dōngtiān chángcháng <u>guā fēng</u> .            | It's often windy in the winter.              |
| 12. Sānyuè <u>jiù kāishǐ nuǎnhuo</u> le.             | By March it is already starting to get warm. |
| 13. Chūntiān hěn <u>duǎn</u> .                       | Spring is very short.                        |
| 14. Xiàtiān <u>yǒude shíhou xià yǔ</u> .             | It sometimes rains in the summer.            |
| 15. Qiūtiān zuì <u>hǎo</u> .                         | Fall is the best (season).                   |
| 16. Nǐ shì shénme shíhou <u>líkāi Běijīngde</u> ?    | When did you leave Běijīng?                  |
| 17. Wǒ zhēn <u>xiǎng</u> Jiāzhōu.                    | I really miss California.                    |
| 18. Xiàtiān bú shì hěn <u>cháo shǐ</u> .             | It's not very humid in the summer.           |
| 19. Tīngshuō Tái wān chángcháng <u>guā tāifēng</u> . | I hear that Taiwan often has typhoons.       |
| 20. cháng  | to be long                                   |
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## REFERENCE NOTES ON PART II

guā fēng: "(there) blows wind" Guā literally means "to scrape," but when used in connection with fēng, "wind," it means "to blow." Like other weather expressions, such as xià xuě "to snow," the subject fēng usually follows the verb guā. To say "very windy," you say that the wind is big, either Fēng hěn dà or Guā dà fēng.

Sānyuè: "by March" A time word before the verb may mean "by" a certain time as well as "at" a certain time.

Sānyuè jiù kāishǐ nuǎnhuo le: "By March it is already starting to get warm." When the time word before it is given extra stress, the adverb jiù indicates that the event in question happens earlier than might be expected. The marker le after the state verb nuǎnhuo, "to be warm," tells us that it is being used here as a process verb, "to get warm."

yǒude shíhou: "sometimes" This is also said as yǒu shíhou.

xià yǔ: "to rain" Literally, "(there) falls rain." Now you have seen three weather expressions where the subject normally follows the verb: xià xuě, guā fēng and xià yǔ.

Wǒ zhēn xiǎng Jiāzhōu: "I really miss California" The verb xiǎng, translated here as "to miss," is the same verb as "to think" ("I really think of California [with nostalgia]").

xiàtiān bú shì hěn cháoshī: "It's not very humid in the summer." The shì is not obligatory in the sentence. It would also be correct to say bù hěn cháoshī.

táifēng: "typhoon" The Chinese word táifēng was borrowed into the English language as "typhoon."

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART II

An American woman is talking with a Chinese man in Hong Kong:

- F: Nǐ líkāi Běijīng duōshǎo nián le? How many years has it been since you left Běijīng?
- M: Yǐjīng yǒu èrshíbānián le. It's already been twenty-eight years.
- F: Nǐ líkāi zhème jiǔ, xiǎng bu xiǎng Běijīng? It's been so long since you left, do you miss Běijīng?
- M: Yǒu shíhou xiǎng. Sometimes I miss it.
- F: Tīngshuō Běijīng qiūtiānde tiānqì zuì hǎo, shì bu shì? I hear that the autumn weather in Běijīng is the best, isn't it?
- M: Duì le, qiūtiānde tiānqì zuì hǎo, bù lěng yě bú rè. Right, the autumn weather is the best; it's neither cold nor hot.
- F: Dōngtiān xià xuě ma? Does it snow in the winter?
- M: Dōngtiān yǒu shíhou xià xuě, yě chángcháng guā fēng. It sometimes snows in the winter, and it's often windy, too.
- F: Shénme shíhou kāishǐ nuǎnhuo? When does it start to get warm?
- M: Sānyuè jiu kāishǐ nuǎnhuo le. Kěshì chūntiān hěn duǎn, Wǔyuè jiu rè le. It starts to get warm by March, But the spring is very short, In May it starts to get hot.
- F: Xiàtiān cháoshī ma? Is it humid in the summer?
- M: Xiàtiān yǒude shíhou xià yǔ, kěshì bú shì hěn cháoshī. It sometimes rains in the summer, but it's not very humid.
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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

Nǐ líkāi zhème jiǔ: "It's been so long since you left" You have seen jiǔ, which means "to be long in time," in the phrase duó jiǔ, "how long (a time)"

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART II

An American woman is talking with a Chinese man in Taipei:

- M: Nǐ juéde Táiběi chūntiānde  
tiānqì hǎo bu hǎo? Do you feel that the spring weather  
in Taipei is good?
- F: Wǒ juéde zhèlǐde chūntiān hěn  
hǎo, Sānyuè jiù nuǎnhuo le.  
Kěshì wǒ tīngshuō xiàtiān hěn  
rè, duì bu duì? I feel the spring here is very good.  
It gets warm in March. But I hear  
the summer is hot, right?
- M: Duì le. Zhèlǐde xiàtiān hěn  
rè, chángcháng xià yǔ, hěn  
cháoshī. Right. The summer here is very hot,  
and it often rains; it's very  
humid.
- F: Tīngshuō yě chángcháng guā  
táifēng. I've also heard that there are often  
typhoons.
- M: Duì le. Yes.
- F: Táiběide qiūtiān ne? How about the fall in Taipei?
- M: Òu, Jiǔ-Shíyuè hái hěn rè,  
Shíyīyuè jiù liángkuai le. Oh, in September and October it's  
still hot. By November it gets  
cool.
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PART III

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| 21. Nǐ lǎojiā zài <u>chéngli</u><br>háishi zài <u>xiāngxià</u> ?      | Is your home in the city or in the country?            |
| 22. Nàli yǒu <u>shān</u> , yǒu <u>sēnlín</u> ,<br>hái yǒu <u>hú</u> . | There are mountains and forests there, and lakes, too. |
| 23. <u>Fēngjǐng</u> hěn hǎo, <u>kōngqì</u><br>hěn <u>xīnxiān</u> .    | The scenery is very nice and the air is fresh.         |
| 24. Nǐ lǎojiā <u>fùjìn</u> de <u>huánjìng</u><br>zěnmeyàng?           | What's the country like where you're from?             |
| 25. Nǐ lǎojiā nèige <u>dìfang</u><br>yǒu duōshǎo <u>rénkǒu</u> ?      | What's the population of your hometown?                |
| 26. Yǒu wǔqiān rén <u>zuǒyòu</u> .                                    | There are about five thousand people.                  |
| 27. Nàr méiyǒu <u>kōngqì wūrǎn</u> .                                  | There's no air pollution there.                        |
| 28. <u>Hǎibiān</u> hěn <u>qīngjìng</u> .                              | The seashore is very quiet.                            |
| 29. Zhèr fùjìn yǒu <u>hé</u> ma?                                      | Are there any rivers in this area?                     |
| 30. <u>chéng</u>  | city   |
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART III

chéngli: "in the city," literally "inside the city wall."

xiāngxià: "country" Also pronounced xiāngxia (with neutral tone xià).

fùjìn: "vicinity" Also pronounced fǔjìn.

huánjìng: "environment, surroundings," In No. 24 the phrase nǐ lǎojiā fùjìnde huánjìng is literally "the environment of the vicinity of your original home."

nǐ lǎojiā nèige dìfang: "your hometown" Lǎojiā by itself only means "original home." To get the meaning "hometown," you must refer to the place (nèige dìfang) where your "original home" (lǎojiā) is. Notice the different phrasing in the following sentences:

Nǐ lǎojiā nèige dìfang yǒu  
duōshǎo rénkǒu?

What's the population of your hometown?

Nǐ lǎojiā nàr yǒu méiyǒu shān?

Are there mountains where your original home is?

Nǐ lǎojiā zài xiāngxià ma?

Is your original home in the country?



shān, hú, hé: "mountain, lake, river" These three words are used with the four points of the compass to make several province names.

Shāndōng	east of the (Tàiháng) mountains
Shānxī	west of the (Tàiháng) mountains
Héběi	north of the (Yellow) river
Hénán	south of the (Yellow) river
Húběi	north of the (Dòngtíng) lake
Húnán	south of the (Dòngtíng) lake

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART III

An American woman is talking with a Chinese man in Běijīng:

- M: Nǐ lǎojiā fùjīnde huánjìng zěnmeyàng?      What's the country like where you're from?
- F: Wǒ lǎojiāde fùjìn yǒu hěn duō shān.      There are a lot of mountains near where I'm from.
- M: Nèige xiǎo chéngde fēngjǐng hěn hǎo ba!      That little town must have very good scenery!
- F: Duì le. Nàrde fēngjǐng hěn hǎo. Yǒu sēnlín, hái yǒu hé.      Right. The scenery there is very good. There are forests and also rivers.
- M: Nàrde kōngqì hěn xīnxian ba.      I suppose the air there is very fresh.
- F: Shì a! Nàr méiyǒu kōngqì wūrǎn.      Yes! There is no air pollution there.
- M: Nèige xiǎo chéng yǒu duōshǎo rénǔ?      What's the population of that little town?
- F: Yǒu sìqiān rén zuǒyòu.      There are about four thousand people.

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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

nèige xiǎo chéng: "that little town" You've learned that chéngli means "in the city." One word for "city" by itself is chéng [another is chéngshì].

Nǐ shuōde shì nèige Huáshèngdùn?      Which Washington are you talking about? The state or the city?  
Shì zhōu háishi chéng?

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART III

An American woman is talking with a Chinese man in Taipei:

- M: Nǐ lǎojiā zài chénglǐ háishi zài xiāngxià? Is your home in the city or in the country?
- F: Zài xiāngxià. Nàli yǒu shān, yǒu sēnlín, hái yǒu hú. Fēngjǐng hěn hǎo. Wǒ líkāi nàli yǐjīng yǒu wǔnián le. Wǒ hěn xiǎng wǒde lǎojiā. It's in the country. There are mountains there, and forests, and lakes, too. The scenery is very good. It's already been five years since I left there. I miss my original home very much.
- M: Nǐ lǎojiā nèige dìfāng yǒu duōshǎo rénkǒu? What's the population of your hometown?
- F: Sānqiān rén zuǒyòu. About three thousand.
- M: Nà hěn qīngjìng ba? Then it must be very quiet, I suppose?
- F: Duì le, hěn qīngjìng. Kōngqì yě xīnxiān. Nǐde jiā zài Zhānghuà shénme dìfang? Right, it's very quiet. The air is fresh, too. What part of Changhua is your home in?
- M: Zài Tiánzhōng fùjìn. Nàli fēngjǐng yě hěn hǎo, méiyǒu kōngqì wūrǎn. Near T'ienchung. The scenery there is also very nice, and there's no air pollution.

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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

Wǒ líkāi nàli yǐjīng yǒu wǔnián le: "(Since) I left there it has been five years." The marker le at the end of the sentence is new-situation le, and is necessary here. It shows that the duration stated (five years) is as of the present moment ("so far"). Another point to bear in mind is that le is used at the end of most sentences containing yǐjīng.

Zhānghuà, "Changhua," is the name of a city and a county on the west coast of central Taiwan. T'ienchung (Tiánzhōng) is a village in southeastern Changhua county.

Unit 1, Vocabulary

cháng	often
chángcháng	often
cháoshī	to be humid
chéng	city, town
chéngli	in the city
chūntiān (chūntian)	spring
dōngtiān (dōngtian)	winter
duǎn	to be short
fēng	wind
fēngjǐng	scenery
fùjìn (fùjìn)	area, neighborhood
guā	to blow (of wind, typhoons, etc.)
hǎibiān(r)	seashore
hé	river
hú	lake
huánjìng	environment
juéde	to feel
kāishǐ	to begin, to start
kōngqì (kōngqi)	air
kōngqì wūrǎn	air pollution
lěng	to be cold
liángkuai	to be cool
líkāi	to leave
nuǎnhuo	to be warm
qìhòu (qìhou)	climate
qíng	to be clear
qīngjìng	to be quiet
qiūtiān (qiūtian)	fall, autumn
rè	to be hot
rénkǒu	population
sēnlín	forest
shān	mountain
shǎo	to be few; seldom
táifēng	typhoon
tiān	sky, heaven
tiānqì (tiānqi)	weather
tīngshuō	to hear that, to hear it said
wūrǎn	pollution

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xiǎng	to miss, to think of
xiāngxià (xiāngxia)	in the country, the countryside
xiàtiān (xiàtian)	summer
xià xuě	to snow
xià yǔ	to rain
xīnxiān (xīnxian)	to be fresh
yǒu(de) shíhou	sometimes
zuì	most, -est
zuǒyòu	approximately, about

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## PART I

## REFERENCE LIST

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| 1. Tā jīntiān <u>chuānde</u> <u>yīfu</u> zhēn hǎo kàn.                                      | The clothes she is wearing today are really pretty.              |
| 2. Wǒ <u>xūyào</u> <u>jǐjiàn</u> <u>xīn</u> yīfu.   | I need some new clothes.   |
| 3. Wǒde <u>dàyī</u> tài <u>jiù</u> le, wǒ xiǎng mǎi (yí)jiàn <u>xīnde</u> .                 | My coat is too worn, I want to get a new one.                    |
| 4. Běijīngde dōngtiān hěn lěng, nǐ <u>yào</u> mǎi <u>hòu</u> yidiǎnrde.                     | Winter in Běijīng is very cold; you need to buy a heavier one.   |
| 5. Nǐ shénme shíhou <u>qù</u> <u>fúzhuāngdiàn</u> ?   | When are you going to the clothing store?                        |
| 6. Gěi wǒ mǎi <u>yìshuāng</u> <u>tuōxié</u> , hǎo bu hǎo?                                   | Buy me a pair of slippers, would you?                            |
| 7. Táiběi cháng xià yǔ, nǐ <u>xūyào</u> <u>yǔyī</u> , <u>yǔxié</u> .                        | It often rains in Taipei; you need a raincoat and rainshoes.     |
| 8. Wǒde yǔsǎn <u>huài</u> le.   | My umbrella has broken.  |
| 9. Wǒ hái <u>xūyào</u> <u>yìtiáo</u> <u>kùzi</u> .  | I also need a pair of pants.                                     |
| 10. Chūntiān lái le, wǒ xiǎng mǎi <u>báo</u> yidiǎnde <u>qúnzi</u> .                        | Spring is coming; I'd like to buy a lighter skirt.               |
| 11. Wǒ xiǎng mǎi <u>yítào</u> <u>gānbúfú</u> .  | I'd like to buy a cadre suit.                                    |
| 12. Wǒ shàngwǔ qù mǎile <u>yìtiáo</u> <u>kùzi</u> <u>hé</u> <u>jǐjiàn</u> <u>chènshān</u> . | This morning I went and bought a pair of pants and a few shirts. |
| 13. xīn   | to be new  |

## REFERENCES NOTES ON PART I

chuān: "to put on, to don" (clothes, shoes) Notice that Chinese uses an action verb, "to put on," where English uses a state verb, "to wear." You have to adjust your thinking a bit in order to use this verb correctly. When you want to say "She's NOT WEARING her coat," you actually say "She DIDN'T PUT ON her coat," Tā méi chuān dàyī.

Here are some example sentences using chuān "to put on."

Wǒ chuānle yìshuāng hóng xié. I'm wearing a pair of red shoes.  
(I've put on a pair of red shoes.)

Wǒ méi chuān xié. I'm not wearing shoes. (I didn't put  
on shoes.)

Nǐ chuān bái xié ma? Do you wear white shoes? (HABIT) OR  
Will you wear white shoes? (INTENTION)

Wǒ bù chuān bái xié. I don't wear white shoes (HABIT) OR  
I won't wear white shoes. (INTENTION)

Chuān is not the only verb meaning "to put on" in Chinese. There is another verb dài which is used for wearing or putting on hats, wristwatches, ornaments, jewelry, and gloves. Dài is taught in Part II of this unit.

xūyào: "to need" This word may be used as a main verb or as an auxiliary verb. In either usage, it is always a state verb. It is, therefore, negated with bù.

Wǒ xūyào qián. I need money.

Wǒ xūyào shíjiān. I need time.

Wǒ xūyào ta. I need her.

Wǒ xūyào huàn qián. I need to change money.

Tā xūyào zhīdao. He needs to know.

-jiàn: This is the counter for articles of clothing, as well as for things (dōngxi, shìqing), and suitcases.

dāyī: "overcoat" literally "big clothes"

jiù: "to be old, to be worn" This is the word to use when describing things, whether concrete or abstract, but never people. [For people, use lǎo: Tā lǎo le. "She's gotten old."]

Nà shì wǒde jiù dìzhǐ. That's my old address.

Tā háishi chuān jiù yīfu. She's still wearing old clothes.

mǎi (yí)jiàn xīnde: The number yī- before a counter may be omitted when it directly follows a verb.

yào: "to need". In sentence No. 4, you see a new usage of yào (nǐ yào mǎi hòu yidiǎnrde "you need to buy a heavier one"). In addition to meaning "to want", yào has many uses as an auxiliary verb. The meaning "to need" is one of the more common ones.

hòu: "to be thick" In sentence No. 4 (...nǐ yào mǎi hòu yidiǎnrde...), hòu is translated as "heavier." The basic meaning of hòu is "to be thick."

Zhèiběn shū hěn hòu.

This book is very thick.

Yèli xiàde xuě hěn hòu.

The snow that fell last night is very deep.

Báo "to be thin, to be flimsy (of cloth, paper, etc.)," is often the opposite of hòu.

tuōxié: "slipper," literally "drag-shoes." In most households in Taiwan shoes are not worn into the house, so plenty of pairs of slippers are kept at the front door. This custom, established by Japanese influence, has the practical value of keeping the floors dry, which would otherwise be difficult given Taiwan's rainy climate. (In mainland China, shoes are worn into the house.)

huài: This verb has a different meaning depending on whether it is a state verb or a process verb. As a state verb, huài means "to be bad," as a process verb, "to go bad, to break."

As a state verb:

Zuótiān tiānqì zhēn huài,  
jīntiān hǎo le.

Yesterday the weather was really bad, but today it's gotten better.

Hē! Tāde Zhōngguó huà zhēn bú huài, á?

Well! His Chinese is really not bad, huh?

As a process verb:

Wǒ zhèizhī bǐ huài le.

This pen of mine is broken.

Zhèixiē júzi huài le, bú yào le.

These tangerines have gone bad; we don't want them (throw them out).

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#### FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART I

The couple in this dialogue have recently moved to Taipei from Kaohsiung (Gāoxióng) in southern Taiwan. Here they are taking a walk in downtown Taipei. (Xiǎo Huá is their daughter.)

- F: Zhèli fǔjìn yǒu hěnde duō fúzhuāng-diàn, wǒmen qù mǎi yīfu, hǎo bu hǎo?  
There are a lot of clothing stores in this area; why don't we go buy some clothes?
- M: Hǎo. Nǐ xiǎng mǎi shénme?  
All right. What would you like to buy?
- F: Wǒ xiǎng mǎi yìtiáo kùzi hé jǐjiàn chènshān. Wǒ hái xiǎng mǎi yíjiàn dàyī.  
I'd like to buy a pair of slacks and a few shirts. I'd also like to buy an overcoat.
- M: Duì, nǐ chuānde zhèijiàn dàyī tài jiù le, wǒmen qù gěi nǐ mǎi jiàn xīnde.  
Right, this overcoat you're wearing is too old. Let's go buy you a new one.
- F: Nǐ yě xūyào mǎi yíjiàn xīn dàyī, shì bu shì?  
You need to buy a new overcoat too, don't you?
- M: Duì le. Táiběide dōngtiān yǒu shíhòu hěn lěng, wǒmen yào mǎi hòu yidiānde dàyī. Wǒ hái xūyào mǎi jiàn yǔyī, yě yào gěi Xiǎo Huá mǎi yìshuāng yǔxié.  
Right. Winters in Taipei sometimes get very cold; we should buy heavier coats. I also need to buy a raincoat, and I want to buy a pair of rainboots for Xiǎo Huá, too.
- F: Ou, hái yào mǎi jǐshuāng tuōxié.  
Oh, we should buy a few pairs of slippers, too.
- M: Hǎo, wǒmen xiānzài jiù qù.  
Okay, let's go right now.

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART I

An American of Chinese descent (M) has gone back to visit relatives in Běijīng. Here he talks with his cousin (F).

- F: Jīntiān xiàwǔ wǒmen qù mǎi dōngxì zěnmeyàng?  
How about going shopping this afternoon?
- M: Hǎo. Nǐ yào mǎi shénme?  
Okay. What do you want to buy?
- F: Wǒ xiǎng mǎi jǐjiàn yīfu, tiānqi nuǎnhuo le, xūyào mǎi bāode chènshān hé qúnzi.  
I'd like to get a few clothes; the weather is warmer now, and I need to buy a lighter weight blouse and skirt.
- M: Wǒ yě xūyào mǎi yíjiàn chènshān, wǒ hái xiǎng mǎi yítào gānbúfú.  
I also need to buy a shirt, and I'd like to buy a cadre suit, too.



F: Nǐ yào mǎi gānbùfú? Nā, wǒmen yìqǐ qù fúzhuāngdiàn. Òu, duì le, Běijīng Qī-Bāyuè cháng xià yǔ, nǐ yǒu méiyǒu yǔxié, yǔsǎn?

You want to buy a cadre suit? Then we'll go to the clothing store together. Oh, right, it often rains in Běijīng in July and August, do you have rain shoes and an umbrella?

M: Wǒde yǔxié tài jiù le, yǔsǎn yě huài le, dōu děi mǎi xīnde le.

My rain shoes are too worn, and my umbrella is broken. I have to buy new ones of both.

F: Hǎo.

All right.

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PART II

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REFERENCE LIST

14. Qǐngwèn, nǎli yǒu mǎi nèiyī nèikùde?

Excuse me, where do they sell under-shirts and underpants?

15. Zhèjiàn jiákè shì nílongde, shì ba?

This jacket is made of nylon, isn't it?

16. Jīntiān hěn lěng, nǐ bú dài màozi ma?

It's cold today, aren't you going to wear your hat?

17. Wǒ nèidǐng pò màozi tài nánkàn le, wǒ bù xiǎng dài.

That old hat of mine looks awful, I don't want to wear it.

18. Nǐde wàzi gòu bu gòu? Wǒ gěi nǐ mǎi jǐshuāng.

Do you have enough socks? I'll buy you a few pairs.

19. A: Nǐ yào mǎi jiákè háishi wàitào?

Do you want to buy a jacket or a coat?

B: Wǒ gěi wǒ xiānsheng mǎi jiákè, gěi wǒ zìjǐ mǎi wàitào.

I want to buy a jacket for my husband and a coat for myself.

20. Wǒ mǎile yìshuāng hēi yánsède píxié hé yìtào shuǐyī.

I bought a pair of black shoes and a pair of pajamas.

21. A: Zhèli yǒu ge shūbāo, shi shéide? There's a tote bag here; whose is it?  
B: À, shì wǒde, wǒ wàng le. Oh, it's mine, I forgot it.
22. A: Wǒde máoyī pò le. My sweater is worn through/torn/damaged.  
B: Nà nǐ děi qù mǎi xīnde le. Then you have to go buy a new one.
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART II

nèiyī, nèikù: Nèi means "inner." Nèikù means "underpants" (kù as in kùzi). Nèiyī means "underclothes" in general, but when contrasted with nèikù takes on the specific meaning "undershirt." The yī means "clothing, garment," as in yīfu.

jiākè: "jacket," a word borrowed from English. Jiākè refers only to jackets cut above the waist; a suit jacket would be wàitào (see note below). Also pronounced jiákè. In Běijīng, this word has an -r ending.

nílóng: "nylon," another borrowing from English.

dài: "to put on, to don" a hat, wristwatch, gloves, glasses, jewelry or other things which are not necessary to one's apparel. As with the verb chuān which you learned in Part I, when you use dài you have to adjust your thinking from the idea of "to wear" to the idea of "put on." For "Do you wear glasses?" you would say "Do you put on glasses?": Nǐ dài bu dài yǎnjìng? For "She's not wearing glasses" you would say "She didn't put on glasses": Tā méi dài yǎnjìng. Contrast

Tā bú dài màozi.

She doesn't wear hats. (HABIT)  
OR She won't wear a hat. (INTENTION)

Tā méi dài màozi.

She didn't put on a hat.  
OR She didn't wear a hat.  
OR She doesn't have a hat on.

(The translations given only cover some of the possible ones. Other aspect markers which you have not learned yet, such as the marker for action in progress [zài], the marker for duration [-zhe], the marker for lack of change [ne], etc., can be used to make more precise the meaning of a sentence.)

-dǐng: The counter for màozi, "hat." Literally, -dǐng means "top."

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yǎnjìng: "glasses" (counter: -fù)

pò: "to be broken/damaged/torn/worn out" In pò màozi, "old/ worn/ tattered hat," pò stands before a noun to modify it. Pò is also frequently used as a process verb, "to break, to become damaged/torn/worn out."

Wǒ kànkan, nǐde jiākè shǐ bu shì pò le?                      Let me have a look, has your jacket been torn/worn through?

In Part I you learned huài, "to go bad, to break." Huài means that something becomes unusable or stops working, while pò means that something develops a tear, cut, split, hole, break, etc. Jiù in Part I had for one possible translation "to be worn," but jiù and pò are quite different: jiù le means to have changed color or shape after a long period of time or use, whereas pò le means that the thing is no longer intact, whether the damage is caused by time, use, or accident.

gòu: "to be enough" This adjectival verb is only used as the main verb of a sentence, never (like English "enough") before a noun. You must therefore recast English sentences with "enough" into the Chinese pattern when you translate, e.g.

Do you have <u>enough socks?</u>	→	Are your socks enough?	Nǐde wàzi gòu bu gòu?
I don't have <u>enough shirts</u>	→	My shirts aren't enough.	Wǒde chènshān bú gòu.
There aren't <u>enough rice bowls.</u>	→	The rice bowls aren't enough.	Fànwǎn bú gòu.

wàitào: This word has two meanings: (1) "coat, overcoat," and (2) a "jacket" which extends below the waist, like a suit jacket. (A jacket cut above the waist is jiākè.)

zìjǐ: "oneself; myself, yourself, himself, etc." This is a special pronoun. It can be used by itself, or it can follow another pronoun like nǐ, wǒ, tā, etc. Here are some examples. (For the first, you need to know -zhǒng, "kind," and for the last, you need to know zuò, "to make.")

Mǎi yīfu, zuì hǎo mǎi zìjǐ xǐhuande nèizhǒng.	When buying clothes, it is best to buy the kind one likes oneself.
Nà shì wǒ zìjǐde shì.	That's my own business.
Zhèi shì tā zìjǐ zuòde, bú shì mǎide.	She made this herself, it isn't (store-)bought.

píxié: Western-style "leather shoes," a word commonly used where we would just say "shoes," since traditional Chinese shoes (bùxié) are made of cloth.

shuìyī: "pajamas," literally, "sleep-garment" This word can use two different counters, depending on the type of pajamas referred to. 1) For two-piece pajamas, that is, a shirt and pants, the counter is -tào, "set." (Although we say "a pair of pajamas" in English, you cannot use the counter -shuāng in Chinese. -Shuāng is only for things that match, like shoes.) 2) Old-style one-piece pajamas take the counter -jiàn.

shūbāo: "tote bag, carryall," literally, "book-sack." Although still used with the original meaning of a student's "bookbag," shūbāo has now come to have a more general meaning, since bookbags are often used to carry things other than books. [There are other words for "tote bag," but shūbāo is so useful that you should learn it first.]

wàng: "to forget; to forget to; to forget that"

Nǐ wàng le ba?  
Wǒ méi wàng.

You've forgotten, haven't you?  
No, I haven't forgotten.

Wǒ wàng(le) qū le.

I forgot to go.

Wǒ wàng(le) dài màozi le.

I forgot to put on my hat.

Wǒ wàngle tā jǐdiǎn zhōng lái.

I forgot what time he is coming.

Wǒ wàngle tā jiāo shénme míngzi.

I forgot what his name is.

Wǒ wàngle wǒ jīntiān méi kè.

I forgot that I don't have any classes today.

máoyī: "sweater," literally, "woolen-garment."

Nà, "in that case, then," is always used at the very beginning of a sentence, for example,

Nà, wǒmen shénme shíhou qù?

Then, when shall we go?

Nà nǐ děi qù mǎi xīn de le: The le here is optional. It stresses that having to go buy a new sweater is a new situation.

FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART II

Tiānjīn. In the home of two senior cadres, a husband (M) and wife (F) discuss shopping plans. (They live together with the wife's older sister.)

F: Nǐ zuótiān bú shì shuō xiǎng  
qù mǎi nèiyī, nèikù ma?

Didn't you say yesterday that  
you wanted to go buy undershirts  
and underpants?

M: Shì a! Wǒ hái xiǎng mǎi jiàn  
wàitào.

Yes! I also want to buy an  
overcoat.

- F: Mǎi wàitàor a?! Nǐ nèijiàn xīn jiākè bù hǎo ma? Buy an overcoat?! Isn't that new jacket of yours good?
- M: Hěn hǎo, kěshi tiānqì yǐjīng kāishǐ liáng le, nèijiàn jiākè tài báo, wǒ xiǎng mǎi jiàn xīn wàitào. It's very good, but the weather has already started to get cold, and that jacket is too light, so I'd like to get a new overcoat.
- F: Nà wǒmen shénme shíhou qù? Then when shall we go?
- M: Òu, nǐ yě xiǎng qù a? Oh, you want to go too?
- F: Wǒ xiǎng qù mǎi yítào shuìyī, mǎi liǎngshuāng nílóng wàzi. I'd like to go buy a pair of pajamas and a couple of pairs nylon socks.
- M: Òu, hǎo, nà wǒmen xiānzài jiù qù, hǎo bu hǎo? Oh, all right, then let's go right now, okay?
- F: Hǎo, nǐ chuān nèijiàn jiākè gòu bu gòu? Tiānqì hěn lěng a! Okay. Will it be enough for you to wear that jacket? The weather is very cold!
- M: Gòu le, wǒ hái chuānle máoyī ne. It's enough. I have a sweater on too.
- F: Ng, wǒde shūbāo ne? Huh, where's my tote bag?
- M: Nèige shūbāo shì bu shì? Is that tote bag it?
- F: Bú shì, nà shì wǒ jiějiède. A! Zài zhèr! No, that's my older sister's. Ah! Here it is!
- M: Hǎo le ba? All set?
- F: Hǎo le, zǒu ba! All set. Let's go!

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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

wǒde shūbāo ne?: Questions with ne frequently ask for the whereabouts of something or someone; thus the sentence may be translated, "Where is my tote bag?"

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART II

Taipei. Conversation between a husband and wife. (Xiǎo Míng is their son.)

- F: Yīngmíng, xǐhuan wǒ jīntiān gěi  
nǐ mǎide zhèdǐng màozi ma? Yīngmíng, do you like the new hat  
I bought for you today?
- M: Duōshao qián mǎide? How much did you pay for it?
- F: Bú guì a! Nǐ bù xǐhuan? It wasn't expensive! You don't like  
it?
- M: Ōu, hěn hǎo kàn. Nǐ shàngwǔ qù  
mǎi dōngxi la? Oh, it's nice. You went shopping  
this morning?
- F: Duì le. Right.
- M: Ní hái mǎile shénme le? What else did you buy?
- F: Wǒ gěi nǐ mǎile liǎngjiàn chèn-  
shān. Wǒ kàn nǐ nàjiàn lán I bought you two shirts. And since  
I saw that that blue sweater of  
yánsède máoyī pòle, hái gěi yours is worn through, I also  
bought two sweaters for you. One  
ni mǎile liǎngjiàn máoyī. is yellow and one is green. Look.  
Yíjiàn shi huángde, yíjiàn shi Do you like them?  
lǜde. Nǐ kàn. Xǐhuan ma?
- M: Ōg, hěn hǎo kàn. Xièxie ni. They're very nice, Thank you.
- F: Wǒ hái gěi Xiǎo Míng mǎile I also bought a few undershirts  
nèiyī, nèikù, hé jǐshuāng and underpants and a few pairs of  
wàzi. socks for Xiǎo Míng.
- M: Nǐ gěi zìjǐ mǎi shénme le? What did you buy for yourself?
- F: Wǒ zìjǐ mǎile yíjiàn jiākè,  
yíjiàn wàitào, hái mǎile I bought myself a jacket and an  
yìshuāng xié, yìshuāng hóng overcoat, and I also bought  
yánsède píxié. a pair of shoes, a pair of red  
leather shoes.
- M: Hái yǒu méiyǒu? Anything else?
- F: Mm . . . méiyǒu le. Um . . . no.
- M: Nà nǐ wàngle gěi wǒ mǎi shuǐyī  
le ba? Then you forgot to buy pajamas for  
me, didn't you?
- F: Ōu! Wǒ wàng le! Wǒ míngtiān  
qù mǎi, hǎo bu hao? Oh! I forgot! I'll go buy them  
tomorrow, all right?
- M: Hǎo. All right.
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PART III

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REFERENCE LIST

22. Nǐ yào zuò shénmeyàngde yīfu? What kind of clothing do you want made?
23. A: Wǒ yào zuò yíjiàn qípáo. I want to have a cheongsam made.  
B: Nǐ yào zuò shénme liàozide? What material do you want it made from?  
A: Nǐ shuō yòng shénme liàozi hǎo? What material do you think would be best to use?  
B: Wǒmen zhèli yǒu hěnduō zhǒng liàozi, nín xǐhuan nǎyízhǒng? We have many different kinds of material here; which kind do you prefer?
24. A: Nǐ yào zuò shénme yàngzide? What style do you want it?  
B: Wǒ xǐhuan wǒ shēnshang chuānde zhèijiàn. I like the one I have on.  
B: Nǐ kě bu kěyi zhào zhèige yàngzi zuò? Could you make it in this style?
25. Wǒ gěi nín liáng chǐcùn, hǎo bu hǎo? I'll take your measurements, all right?
26. Nǐ kànkàn zhèijiàn mián'ǎo heshì bu heshì. See if this cotton-padded jacket fits you.
27. xīzhuāng Western-style clothes; Western-style suit
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REFERENCE NOTES

zuò: "to make," but in the Reference List sentence it is used for "to have made." Zuò yīfu has two possible meanings: "to make clothes" or "to have clothes made." The context will usually make clear which is meant.

Zài Táiwān zuò yīfu bù piányi le.

Having clothes made isn't cheap in Taiwan any more.

shénmeyàng: "what kind, like what"

Nǐde dìtǎn shénmeyàngr?

What is your carpet like?

Láide rén shénmeyàngr?

What did the person who came look like?

Nǐ yàode dìtǎn shì shénmeyàngde?

What kind of carpet is it that you want?

Nǐde péngyou shì shénmeyàngde rén?

What kind of person is your friend?

qípáo: A close-fitting woman's dress with high Chinese collar and slit side, now called in English a "cheongsam," from the Guǎngdōng dialect name. Qí refers to the Manchurian nationality; páo means a Chinese-style long gown. Thus the name qípáo comes from the fact that the ancestor of the modern cheongsam was originally worn by Manchurian women.

liàozi: "cloth, fabric, material"

Nǐ shuō...: Literally, "You say..." but often used as in this question to mean, "In your opinion" or "Do you think..."

-zhǒng: "kind, sort"

Nǐde lǚxíng zhīpiào shì nǎ yīzhǒngde?

What kind are your traveler's checks?

Nǐ qù nàizhǒng dìfang zuò shénme?

What did you go to that kind of place to do?

Zhèizhǒng júzi hěn guǐ.

This kind of tangerine is very expensive.

yàngzi: (1) "appearance," (2) "shape, form," (3) "style, design."

Tāde yàngzi hěn hǎo kàn.

Her appearance is very attractive.

Kàn tā nèi yàngzi!

Look at his appearance! (i.e., "Get a load of him.")

Nǐ shuōde nàige dōngxī shì shénme yàngzide?

What does the thing you are talking about look like?

Tāde qípáode yàngzi hěn bú cuò.

The style of her cheongsam is quite nice.

Nǐde xīn yīfu shì shénme yàngzide?

What's the style of your new dress?



shēnshang: "on one's body, on one's person"

Tā shēnshang yǒu yíjiàn lán  
dàyī. He has a blue overcoat on.

Wǒ shēnshang méiyǒu qián. I don't have any money on me.

Wǒde qián xiànzài dōu zài tā  
shēnshang. He has all my money with him right  
now.

kě bu kéyi: another way to say kéyi bu kéyi.

zhào: "according to"

Jiù zhào zhèige niàn. Just read it the way it is here  
(according to this).

Jiù zhào zhèige páijià huàn ba! Just exchange it according to  
this exchange rate.

Wǒ jiù zhào nǐde yìsi xiě,  
hǎo bu hǎo? I'll just write it the way you want  
it written, all right?

liáng: "to measure"

Nǐ gěi wǒ liángliang zhèikuài  
liàozi gòu bu gòu. Measure this piece of cloth  
for me to see if there's enough.

chǐcùn: "measurements," literally, "feet-inches." Also pronounced  
chǐcun (with cun in the neutral tone).

mián'ǎo: "Chinese-style cotton-padded jacket"

héshì: "to fit; to be suitable, to be appropriate"

Zhèijiàn yīfu hěn héshì, bú  
dà yě bù xiǎo. This garment fits well, it's  
neither too large nor too  
small.

Nǐ chuān zhèige yánsè bú tài  
héshì, huàn (yì)jiàn biéde ba. That color doesn't look right  
on you, try a different one.

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART III

Běijīng. A man (A) goes to a tailor shop to have some clothes made.  
(B) is the tailor.

A: Wǒ yào zuò jǐjiàn yīfu. I'd like to have some clothes made.

- B: Xíng a. Nín yào zuò shénme-yàngde yīfu? Okay, what kind of clothes do you want to have made?
- A: Eng, wǒ yào zuò liǎngtào xīzhuāng, yītào chūntian chuānde, yītào dōngtian chuānde. I'd like to have two Western-style suits made, one to wear in the spring and one to wear in the winter.
- B: Hǎo. Wǒmen zhèr yǒu hěn duō zhǒng liàozi. Nín xǐhuan zuò nǎizhǒng liàozi? Zhèizhǒng liàozi zuò chūntian chuānde xīzhuāng hěn hǎo kàn. Nín kànkàn nín xǐhuan bu xǐhuan. All right. We have many kinds of cloth here. What kind of cloth do you like to wear? This kind of cloth would look very good as a spring suit. Take a look and see if you like it.
- A: O, hěn hǎo kàn. Jiù zuò yītào zhèizhǒng liàozi de ba. Oh, it's very attractive. Make one suit of this cloth.
- B: Nín kàn, zhèizhǒng liàozi zuò dōngtian chuānde xīzhuāng zěnmeyàng? Bú cuò ba? Hěn nuǎnhuo. What do you think of this cloth for the winter suit? Nice, isn't it? It's very warm.
- A: Liàozi hěn hǎo, kěshi wǒ bú tài xǐhuan zhèizhǒng yánsè. Nín yǒu lán yánsède ma? The cloth is very good, but I don't like this color very much. Do you have this in blue?
- B: Yǒu lán yánsède. Zhèige zěnmeyàng? Yes, I do. How is this?
- A: Hǎo. Zhèige wǒ hěn xǐhuan. Xièxie nǐ. Good. I like this very much. Thank you.

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART III

Taipei. A woman goes to a tailor shop to have some clothes made.

- A: Qǐngwèn, nǐmen zhèli zuò bu zuò qípào hé mián'ǎo? Do you make cheongsams and cotton-padded coats here?
- B: Wǒmen zuò, zuò. Yes, we do, we do.
- A: Wǒ xiǎng yòng zhè liǎngkuài liàozi zuò yíjiàn qípào hàn yíjiàn mián'ǎo. I'd like to use these two pieces of material to make a cheongsam and a cotton-padded coat.

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hàn: A common pronunciation in Taiwan for the character hé, "and" or "with."

B: Qípáo yào zuò chángde háishi duǎnde?

Do you want the cheongsam long or short?

A: Yào zuò chángde.

Long.

B: Wǒ kànkàn nǐde liàozi yǒu duōshǎo ba. Zhèikuài kéyi zuò chángde. Nèikuài zhǐ kéyi zuò duǎnde.

Let me have a look at how much material you have. With this piece you can make a long one. With that piece you can only make a short one.

A: Nà jiù yòng nèikuài zuò mián'ǎo, yòng zhèikuài zuò qípáo. Kéyi ba?

Then use that piece to make the cotton-padded coat and use that piece to make the cheongsam. Will that be all right?

B: Kéyi, kéyi. Nèikuài liàozi zuò mián'ǎo hěn héshì. Qípáo yào zuò shénme yàngzide?

Sure. That piece of material is very suitable for making a cotton-padded coat. What style do you want the cheongsam?

A: Wǒ xǐhuan wǒ shēnshang chuānde zhèijiàn. Nǐ kě bu kéyi zhào zhèijiànde yàngzi zuò?

I like the one I have on. Can you make it according to the style of this one?

M: Kéyi. Xiànzài wǒ gěi ni liáng chǐcùn, hǎo bu hǎo?

Yes. Now I'll take your measurements, okay?

Unit 2, Vocabulary

báo	to be thin; to be light (of clothing)
cháng	to be long
chènshān	shirt, blouse
chǐcun (chǐcùn)	measurement; size
chuān	to put on, to wear
dài	to put on, to wear (glasses, gloves, a hat, a watch, jewelry, etc.)
dāyī	overcoat
-dǐng	(counter for hats)
fúzhuāngdiàn	clothing store
gānbuǎn	cadre suit
gòu	to be enough
hàn	and (Taiwan pronunciation)
hé	and
héshì	to fit; to be suitable
hòu	to be thick; to be heavy (of clothing)
huài	to be bad; to go bad, to break
jiákè(r) OR jiākè(r)	jacket
-jiàn	(counter for clothing)
kùzi (yìtiáo)	pants
liáng	to measure
liàozi	material, fabric
máoyī	sweater
màozi (yīdǐng)	hat
mián'ǎo	cotton-padded jacket
nā	then, in that case
nèikù	underpants
nèiyī	underwear (undershirts, undershorts, briefs, slips, bras, etc.); just undershirt (when used in contrast to <u>nèikù</u> , underpants)
nǐlóng	nylon
píxié	leather shoes
pò	to be worn out; to break, to tear

qípáo	close-fitting woman's dress with high neck and slit skirt; cheongsam
qù	to go
qúnzi	skirt
shénmeyàng	like what, what kind
shēnshang	on one's body
-shuāng	pair
shūbāo	book bag, tote bag, carryall
shuìyī (yítào)	pajamas; nightgown
-tào	(counter for suits, sets of things)
-tiáo	(counter for long, winding things; counter for pants, translated "pair")
tuōxié	slippers
wàitào(r)	coat, jacket (that extends below the waist)
wàng	to forget
wàzi	socks
xié	shoe
xīzhuāng	Western-style clothes; Western-style suit
xūyào	to need, to require
yàngzi	appearance; shape, form; style, design; pattern
yào	should; must; it is necessary, to need to
yīfu	clothes
yòng	to use
yǔxié	rainshoes; rubbers, galoshes
yǔyī	raincoat
zhào	according to
-zhǒng	kind, sort
zìjǐ	self, oneself (myself, yourself, etc.)
zuò	to make; to have made

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PART I

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REFERENCE LIST

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| 1. Jīntiān wǒ <u>yǒu shì</u> , qǐng<br>nǐ kuài yìdiǎn <u>jiǎn</u> .                         | I have things to do today, please<br>cut [my hair] faster.  |
| 2. A: Jiǎn duǎn yìdiǎn ma?<br>B: <u>Bú yào jiǎn tài duǎn</u> ,<br><u>liú cháng yìdiǎn</u> . | Do you want it cut short?<br>Don't cut it too short, leave it<br>a little long.                       |
| 3. <u>Liǎngbiān</u> jiǎn duǎn yìdiǎn.   | Cut the sides a little shorter.   |
| 4. Gòu duǎn le.   | It's short enough now.  |
| 5. Wǒ yào <u>xǐ tóu</u> .   | I want a shampoo.   |
| 6. Wǒ bú yào <u>yóu</u> .   | I don't want any (hair) oil.  |
| 7. Hái yǒu <u>tóufa</u> , bù <u>shūfu</u> ,<br>qǐng nǐ <u>nòng gānjīng</u><br>yìdiǎn.       | There's still some hair [e.g., on my<br>neck] and it's uncomfortable;<br>please clean it up a little. |
| 8. Qǐng gěi wǒ <u>guā yíxià húzi</u> .  | Give me a shave, please. (Literally,<br>"Please shave the beard for me.")                             |
| 9. Nǐ yào <u>chuí bèi</u> ma?   | Do you want your back pounded?  |
| 10. Nǐ yào <u>ànmó</u> ma?  | Do you want a massage?  |
| 11. Nǐmen zhèlǐ yǒu <u>cā</u><br><u>píxiéde</u> ma?   | Can I get a shoeshine here?   |
| 12. liú húzi  | to grow a beard   |
| 13. lǐ fà   | to have a haircut   |
| 14. lǐfàdiàn/lǐfàguǎn   | barbershop  |
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART I

yǒu shì: "to be occupied, to have something to do," literally, "to have business."

Nǐ xiānzài yǒu shì ma?  
Méi shì.

Are you busy now?  
No, I'm not busy.

jiǎn: "to cut (with a scissors), to clip, to trim" Chinese has several different words for English "to cut" depending on the method of cutting. Jiǎn only refers to cutting with a scissors or clipper.

bú yào: "don't" In Transportation Module, Unit 3, you learned bié for "don't" in negative commands. Bú yào means the same thing.

liǎngbiān: "two sides, both sides" In English it is enough to say just "the sides" and to add "two" or "both" seems superfluous, but liǎng is necessary in Chinese. Perhaps this is because Chinese has no way of indicating plural, as does the s in English, "the sidess."

Gòu duǎn le: "It's short enough now" There are two things to notice in this short sentence: (1) In English we say "short enough," but in Chinese you say literally "enough short"; in other words, gòu is used as an adverb to modify the adjectival verb duǎn. (2) le here indicates a new state of affairs: before, the hair wasn't short enough, but now it is. Thus le can be rendered into English by the word "now."

xǐ tóu: "to wash the hair" Tóu is literally "head," but in many cases actually refers to the hair. In most Chinese barbershops a shampoo after the haircut is standard procedure, and you would not have to specify that you want one. (Xǐ tóu is translated as "to shampoo." Liquid shampoo is called xǐfàjīng, "wash-hair-essence.")

Notice that Wǒ yào xǐ tóu has been translated idiomatically as "I want a shampoo," although literally xǐ tóu is a verb-object "to wash the head." Many Chinese phrases made up of a verb plus object are ambiguous as to who performs the action. You might have been tempted to translate Wǒ yào xǐ tóu as "I want to wash the hair," but in this context the sentence actually means "I want to have (my) hair washed," that is, by someone else (the barber). The context should tell you which meaning is intended. Another example:

Wǒ qù xǐ yīfu.

I am going to wash clothes.

OR

I am going to have clothes washed.

Usually you won't have any trouble deciding which the speaker means; the situation or other things the speaker says will make it clear.

yóu: Literally, "oil," this word may be used in a looser sense to refer to all sorts of liquid preparations applied to the hair by hand (e.g., Vitalis). The specific word for "hair oil" is fàyóu or tóuyóu.

Hái yǒu tóufa...: This is the sentence to say when the barber leaves bits of hair on your neck. The average person would gesture to his neck and say this sentence.

shūfu: "to be comfortable; to feel good"

Zhèige yǐzi zhēn shūfu. This chair is really comfortable.

Zhèige xiǎo fēng hǎo shūfu a! This breeze ("little wind") feels so good!

Bù shūfu can either mean "to be uncomfortable" or "not to be well," that is, to feel ill.

A: Wáng Xiǎojie wèishénme Why didn't Miss Wáng come today?

jīntiān méi lái?

B: Tā jīntiān bù shūfu. She doesn't feel well today.

nòng: An extremely versatile verb because it has such a general meaning: "to do/manage/handle/make." Nòng often substitutes for a more specific verb. Also pronounced lòng or nèng.

Wǒ qù nòng fàn. I'll go get the meal ready.

Wǒ qù nòng nèige. I'll go take care of that.

Wǒ zìjǐ nòng ba. Let me do it myself.

Bié nòng nèixie shìqing. Don't mess around with that sort of thing.

Tā nòngle hěn duō qián. He came up with a lot of money.

But in the Reference List sentence, nòng is used in an even more common way, meaning "to make (someone/something a certain way)" or "to get (someone/something into a certain condition)." Other examples:

nònggānjing: "to make/get something clean"

nònghuài: "to break, to put out of order, to ruin"

nòngpò: "to tear, to break"

guā húzi: "to shave", literally, "to scrape the beard." The verbobject phrase guā húzi, like xǐ tóu in Reference List Sentence No. 5, may be translated in either of two ways depending on the context: either "to shave (someone)" or "to have someone shave oneself."

gěi wǒ guā húzi: "shave me" Gěi is the prepositional verb meaning "for." When you have a verb-object phrase like guā húzi you indicate the person upon whom the action is performed by using a gěi phrase.

Qǐng ni gěi wǒ xǐ tóu.

Please wash my hair for me (i.e., give me a shampoo).



chuí bèi: "to pound (someone's) back" as in massage. Barbers in China often provide this service after the haircut. Here once again, chuí bèi is a verb-object phrase with the same ambiguity as xǐ tóu and guā húzi: it may mean "to pound someone's back" or "to have one's back pounded." Again, the context determines the interpretation. When the barber asks you Nǐ yào chuí bèi ma?, you can safely assume that he is offering to pound your back rather than asking you to pound his.

ànmó: This is the noun "massage." In recent years, an increasing number of barbershops in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and a few in the PRC have added massage to their list of services. Chinese medical clinics and hospitals also give therapeutic massage.

cā píxié: "to shine shoes/to have one's shoes shined" (Cā is literally, "to wipe, to rub.") Once again, there is potential ambiguity as to who is the performer of the action. Also note that Chinese must use the verb-object; there is no noun corresponding to English "a shoeshine." The translation of the Reference List sentence using "a shoeshine" is idiomatic. Literally the sentence means, "Is there someone who shines shoes here?" Cā píxiéde is a noun phrase meaning "someone who shines shoes, a shoeshiner."

liú húzi: "to grow a beard," literally liú, "to leave, to let be," and húzi "beard, mustache."

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART I

Taipei. A Chinese man (A) walks into a barbershop and sits down in a barber's chair. The barber is B and the shoeshine boy is C.

- B: Jiǎnduǎn yìdiǎn ma? Do you want it a little shorter?
- A: Bù, wǒ yào liú cháng yìdiǎn. I want to leave it a little long.
- B: Hǎo. All right.
- A: Nǐmen zhèlǐ yǒu méiyǒu cā píxiéde? Do you have someone who shines shoes here?
- B: Yǒu, yǒu. È, zhèwèi xiānshēng yào cā píxié, kuài lái! Yes, we do. (to the shoeshine boy) Hey, this gentleman wants to have his shoes shined, come quickly!
- C: Hǎo! Okay!

(Ten minutes later)

- B: Xiānshēng, nǐ kànkàn hòubian zěnmeyàng, hái yào bu yào zài jiǎn yìdiǎn? Sir, take a look at how the back is, do you want more off?
- A: Bú yào le, hòubian hěn hǎo. Liǎngbiān me... No, the back is fine. As for the sides...
- B: Liǎngbiān chángle yìdiǎn? The sides are a little long?
- A: Liǎngbiān yě hěn hǎo. Jiù zhèyangzi ba! The sides are okay, too. Just leave it this way.
- B: Hǎo.

(A few minutes later)

- B: Gěi nǐ chuí yíxià bēi zěnmeyàng? Pound your back for you?
- A: Bú bì le. That's not necessary.

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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

Liǎngbiān me...: me indicates hesitation, indecision or consideration. It is translated here by the words "as for."

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART I

A barbershop in Běijīng. An American goes into a medium-sized barbershop. After sitting for a while in the waiting area, his number is called, he pays his fee to the cashier, and then sits down in a barber's chair. Since the American has been here three times before, the barber and he are already acquainted.

- B: Hèi! Nín zhè tóu<sup>o</sup> gòu chángde le! Hey, this hair of yours is getting awfully long!
- A: Zhèiliǎngge yuè tài máng, méi shíjiān na! Duǎn yìdiǎnr ba! I've been two busy the past couple of months, I haven't had any time! Cut it short for me, okay?
- B: Xíng a! Sure!

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Tóu, literally "head," is used here for "head of hair."

- . . . . .
- B: Zhèi hòubianr gòu duǎn le,  
liǎngbiānr zěnmeyàng? Duō liú  
yidiǎnr hǎo bu hǎo? It's short enough in back. How about  
the sides? How about leaving them  
a little long?
- A: Bú yào liú le, nín jiù jiǎn ba. Don't leave them long, just cut  
them.
- . . . . .
- B: Xiànzài zěnmeyàng? How is it now?
- A: Bú cuò!\* Pretty good!
- B: Nà, dào nèibianr zuò, wǒ  
gěi nín xǐ tóu. Then, have a seat over there and  
I'll give you a shampoo.
- A: Hǎo. All right.
- . . . . .
- B: Yào diǎnr yóu ma? Want some oil?
- A: Bú yào, bú yào. No, I don't.
- B: Guāgua húzi ba? How about a shave?
- A: Bú yòng le, duō xiè nín, húzi  
wǒ zìjǐ guā ba! Nín gěi wǒ  
bǎ tóufa nònggānjingle jiu  
xíng le. That's not necessary, thank you.  
I'll shave myself! Just clean up  
the hairs for me and that will be  
all right.
- B: Hǎo. Xiànzài shūfu le ba? Okay, does that feel better?
- A: Shūfu duō le. Xièxie nín! Much better. Thank you!
- B: Bú kèqi. You're welcome.

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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

méi shíjiān na: Na is a contraction of ne and a.

\*bú cuò: "not bad, pretty good" (MTG 2)

dào nèibianr zuò: The qù is omitted from this phrase.

PART II

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REFERENCE LIST

15. A: Míngtiān wǒ yào zuò  
tóufa, wǒ xūyào yùyuē  
ma? I want to have my hair done tomorrow;  
do I need to make an appointment?
- B: Bù xūyào, wǎnshàng bādiǎn  
zhōng yīqián lái jiù  
méi wèntí. No. If you come before eight in  
the evening there won't be any  
problem.
16. A: Nǐ yào jiǎn duōshǎo? How much do you want cut off?
- B: Wǒ yào jiǎn wǔfēn. I want five fēn cut off.
17. Háishi yǒu diǎn cháng. It's still a little long.
18. Yào bu yào shìyishi liú cháng  
yidiǎn? Wǒ xiǎng yídìng  
hǎo kàn. Do you want to try leaving it a  
little longer? I'm sure it  
will look good.
19. Wǒ xiǎng tàng tóufa. I'd like to get a permanent.
20. A: Nǐ yào juǎn tóufa ma? Do you want to have your hair  
curled?
- B: Bù yào, chuīgān jiù kěyǐ le. No, just blow-dry it and that will  
be fine.
21. shū tóu to comb/brush one's hair
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART II

zuò tóufa: "to do hair" or "to have one's hair done" (See the Reference Notes for Part I on xǐ tóu, guā húzi, chuī bèi, cā píxiě.)

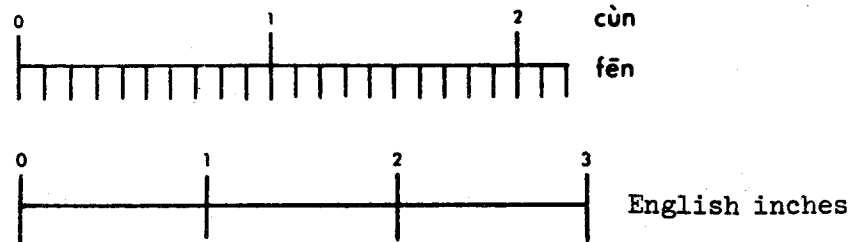
yùyuē: "to make an appointment" literally "beforehand make-an-appointment." This is relatively new PRC usage; this word used to have only the meanings "a preliminary agreement" or "to pre-order a book which has not yet been published." In Taiwan (or the PRC for that matter), you may use instead the phrase xiān yuē yige shíjiān, "to arrange a time beforehand." Appointments are not generally required or accepted in barbershops and beauty parlors in the PRC or Taiwan.

wèntí: "problem" or "question." Méi(you) wèntí is just like the English "no problem." In addition to its literal meaning of "There is no

problem," méi wèntí can also be used to assure someone that you are extending a favor gladly.

Kě bu kéyǐ qǐng nǐ gěi wǒ wèn zhèijiàn shì? Méi wèntí.	Could you please ask about this matter for me? No problem.
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fēn: A Chinese unit of length equal to 1/3 of a centimeter, or slightly more than 1/8 of an inch. Fēn originally meant "one tenth." You have also seen it meaning "one cent" (1/10 of a dime, máo). As a unit of length, fēn is one tenth of a Chinese inch (cùn). We have drawn a ruler marking off cùn ("inches") and fēn so that you can contrast it with our American (British) inch.



yǒu diǎn: Used before a state verb, yǒu (yì)diǎn means "a little, slightly," as in:

yǒu yìdiǎn rè	a little hot
yǒu yìdiǎn nán	a little difficult

The use of yǒu yìdiǎn deserves your special attention, since English speakers learning Chinese tend to make the mistake of saying yìdiǎn nán (which is incorrect) for "a little difficult" instead of the correct form yǒu yìdiǎn nán. Remember to put in that yǒu!

shìyìshì: "to try, to give it a try" Shì is "to try" in the sense of "to experiment." It does not mean "try" in the sense of "to make an effort" to do something.

yídìng: "certainly, surely, for sure, definite(ly)" Literally, sentence 18 means "I think it will surely be good-looking," which can be translated more smoothly as "I'm sure it will look good." The phrase "I'm sure . . ." will often translate into Chinese as Wǒ xiǎng . . . yídìng . . ., for example:

Wǒ xiǎng nǐ yídìng xǐhuan.	I'm sure you'll like it.
Wǒ xiǎng tā yídìng lái.	I'm sure he'll come.

tàng tóufa: "to get a permanent" The use of the verb tàng for "to get a permanent" has an interesting background and shows how Chinese adapts words already in the language rather than borrow from other languages. Tàng originally meant (and still does) "to scald" or "to apply heat to" something. For example, tàng yīfu means "to iron clothes." The earliest methods for giving a permanent wave used heated curlers; in fact, today in Běijīng (as in other parts of the world) electrically heated curlers are still used in one type of permanent called diàn tàng, "electric permanent." After the introduction of chemical permanents, the verb tàng continued to be used, even though no heat is applied in the new process. Chemical permanents are called lěng tàng, "cold permanent."

juǎn: "to curl, to roll up" You will find this verb used in many contexts, not just in the area of hair styling. It is the all-purpose word for rolling or curling ribbons, paper, pastry, and building materials. [Curly hair is juǎnfà, straight hair is zhífà.]

chuīgān: "to blow-dry" Chuī is "to blow, to puff" and gān is the adjectival verb "to be dry." These two verbs used together to form a compound which indicates both the action and the result: "to blow until dry" or "to blow with the result that (something) becomes dry."

Chuīgān and the English word "blow-dry," look as if they are exactly parallel, but they are not. In English you can leave off the word "blow" and just say "to dry someone's hair," whereas in Chinese you cannot use gān to mean the action of drying something, only the state of being dry. You always need to use another verb with gān in order to tell the action which caused the drying. For example, cāgān means "to wipe (something) dry."

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART II

A Canadian woman (C) walks into the Běijīng Hotel hairdresser's. First she talks with the cashier in front (A). Later the hairdresser (B) calls her.

C: Jīntiān rén zhème duō, wǒ  
míngtiān zài lái ba. Qǐng  
wèn, wǒ kě bu kéyǐ yùyuē?

There are so many people today. I'll  
just come back tomorrow. May I  
ask, can I make an appointment?

A: Bú bì yùyuē, nín děng shífēn  
zhōng jiù yǒu dìfang le.

No need to, there will be a seat if  
you just wait ten minutes.

. . . . .

B: Qǐng zuò. Nín xiǎng zěnmeyàng zuò?  
Yào bu yào jiǎn duǎn yìdiǎnr?

Have a seat, please. How would you  
like it done? Do you want it cut  
a little shorter?

- C: Wǒ xiǎng wǒde tóufa yǒu yidiǎnr cháng le, zuì hǎo jiǎnyijiǎn. I think my hair is a little long, I'd better have it cut a little.
- B: Jiǎn duōshao? Wǔfēnr gòu bu gou? How much? Is five fen enough?
- C: Wǔfēnr? "Wǔfēnr" shì shénme yìsi? Five fen? What does "five fen" mean?
- B: Ò, wǔfēnr jiù shì zhème yidiǎnr. Oh, five fen is this much. (Holds her thumb and index finger five fen apart.)
- C: Òu, jiǎn wǔfēnr hǎo. Oh, (it would be good to) cut off five fen.
- B: Hǎo, wǒmen xiān gěi nín xǐ tóu, jiǎnduǎn, ránhòu zài zuò. All right, first we'll give you a shampoo and cut, and then set it.
- C: Hǎode. Fine.
- B: Nín yào tàng háishi yào juǎn? Do you want to have a permanent or do you want to have it curled?
- B: Wǒ bù xǐhuan tàng, jiù juǎn-yijuǎn hǎo le. I don't like permanents. Just curl it a little.
- B: Hǎo, jiù juǎnyijuǎn, chuīgān. Yǒu shíhour tàng tóufa yě hěn hǎo kàn. Xiàyìcì nín kéyì shìyìshi. Okay, I'll just curl it and blow-dry. Sometimes a permanent looks very good, too. Next time you can try one.
- C: Hǎo, xiàcì wǒ shìyìshi. Okay, next time I'll give it a try.

(Afterwards, the woman gets up and the barber takes her to the cashier at the front of the shop.)

- B: Xǐ tóu yíkuài qián, jiǎn tóu yíkuài wǔ, juǎn fà wǔ kuài wǔ, chuīgān yíkuài wǔ, o, yígòng shì jiǔkuài wǔmáo qián. A dollar for a shampoo, a dollar and a half for a cut, five fifty for the set, a dollar and a half for blow drying, um, altogether that's nine fifty.
- C: Zhèr shì shíkuài, bú yòng zhǎo le. Here's ten dollars, keep the change.
- B: Bù, zhǎo nín wǔmáo qián. No, here's fifty cents change.
- C: Zàijiàn. Good-bye.
- B: Zàijiàn. Good-bye.

NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

Tipping is not permitted in the PRC. This is why the barber insists on giving the woman her change.

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART II

Taipei. A woman student about to have her hair done is talking with the hairdresser.

- A: Xiǎojiě, nǐ yào zuò shénme yàng-zide tóu?      What style do you want it, Miss?
- B: Wǒ méiyǒu zuòguo tóufa, měicì dōu shì xǐyìxǐ, jiǎnyìjiǎn, chuīgān jiù hǎo le.      I've never had my hair done before, every time I've just had it washed, cut and blow-dried, and that's it.
- A: Zhèicì yào bu yào shìyìshì ne?      Would you like to try this time?
- B: Wǒ xiǎng wǒ juǎn tóufa dàgài bù hǎo kàn.      I think I probably wouldn't look good with my hair curled.
- (A shows B a photograph.)
- A: Xiǎojiě, nǐ kàn, zhège yàngzi hěn hǎo kànde, zhǐ juǎn yìdiǎndiǎn, nǐ yào bu yào shì yíxià?      Miss, look, this sample is very pretty. It's only a little curled. Would you like to give it a try?
- B: Hǎo, wǒ shì yíxià.      Okay, I'll give it a try.
- A: Wǒ xiǎng nǐ yíding xǐhuan. . . . Nà wǒ jiù bù jiǎn le, tóufa cháng yìdiǎn zuòde hǎo kàn.      I'm sure you'll like it. . . . Well, then, I won't cut it. The set will look better if the hair is a little long.
- B: Hǎo, xièxie nǐ.      Thank you.
- A: Bú kèqi.      You're welcome.
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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

hěn hǎo kànde: The -de here means "that's how it is." This usage is typical of southern dialects.

yìdiǎndiǎn: "a very little bit", less than yìdiǎn.



Unit 3, Vocabulary

ànmó	massage
bú yào	don't
cā chuī bèi chuīgān	to rub, to wipe to pound (someone's) back to blow-dry (with a dryer)
fēn	one tenth of a Chinese inch ( <u>cùn</u> )
gānjing guā guā húzi	to be clean to scrape to shave (the beard)
húzi	beard OR mustache
jiǎn juǎn	to cut (with scissors) to curl, to roll up
liǎngbiān liú	both sides, two sides to remain, to stay; to keep, to save; to grow, to let grow; to leave
liú húzi	to grow a beard or mustache
méi wèntí	no problem
nòng nòng gānjing	to do, to handle, to manage, to make to clean up
shì shì(yi)shi shūfu shū tóu	to try to give it a try to be comfortable to brush or comb hair
tàng tóufa	to get a permanent hair (on the head)
wèntí	question, problem
xǐ xǐ tóu	to wash to shampoo, to get a shampoo
yídìng yóu yóu shì	certainly, surely, for sure oil, grease to be occupied, to be busy, to have things to do
yǒu (yì)diǎn yùyue	a little bit, somewhat to make an appointment (PRC)
zuò tóufa	to do one's hair, to have one's hair done

Personal Welfare Module, Unit 4  
In the Home

## PART I

## REFERENCE LIST

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| 1. <u>Yǎnjìng</u> gēn <u>zhǐpiàoběn</u> dōu <u>dài</u> le.                          | I have both my glasses and checkbook with me (on me).                                |
| 2. <u>Xiǎoběnzǐ</u> zài wǒ xīzhuāng <u>kǒudāili</u> .                               | My notebook is in my suit pocket.  |
| 3. <u>Zhàoxiàngjī</u> zài <u>xiāngzili</u> .  | My camera is in the suitcase.  |
| 4. Nǐ dài le yíge <u>lùyīnjī</u> , duì bu duì?                                      | You have a tape recorder with you, don't you?  |
| 5. Wǒ méi dài <u>shǒushi</u> lai.   | I didn't bring any jewelry with me.  |
| 6. Nǐ bǎ nǐ dài de dōngxi dōu xiě zai <u>shēnbàodānshang</u> le ma?                 | Did you write everything you have with you on your declaration?                      |
| 7. Wǒ dài le èrshíjuǎn <u>lùyīndài</u> .  | I have twenty reels of recording tape with me.                                       |
| 8. Wǒ zhīdao hěn duō Zhōngguó fùnǚ bú dài shǒushi, suóyì wǒ yě méi dài shǒushi lái. | I knew that a lot of Chinese women don't wear jewelry, so I didn't bring any either. |
| 9. Qǐng nǐ bǎ xiāngzi <u>dākai</u> <u>gěi</u> wǒ kànkan.                            | Please open your suitcase and let me take a look.                                    |
| 10. <u>Méi shì</u> le.  | Everything is all right OR There's no further business.                              |
| 11. Nǐ yào dài de dōngxi dōu <u>yùbei</u> -hǎo le ma?                               | Have you got all the things you want to take with you ready?                         |
| 12. zhǐpiào   | check (as in personal check)   |

## REFERENCE NOTES ON PART I

yǎnjìng: "eyeglasses" Don't mix this up with yǎnjīng, "eye." In Běijīng speech these words are pronounced yǎnjīng ("eyeglasses") and yǎnjīng ("eye"), keeping them even more distinct from each other.

zhīpiàoběn: "checkbook" Zhīpiào is a "check," literally "pay-ticket."  
Běn(r) is a booklet.

dài: "to bring" This word sounds exactly like another you learned in Unit 2, dài, "to wear, to put on (glasses, gloves, a hat, a wristwatch, jewelry, etc.)." They are different words, however, written with different characters (带 for "to bring" and 戴 for "to wear"). The translation of the first Reference List sentence is idiomatic; we would say "I have . . . with me" or "I have . . . on me" when Chinese says literally, "I have brought . . . ."

xiǎoběnzi: "notebook," literally "small book." In Reference List sentence No. 2, xiǎoběnzi is translated specifically as "address book." Actually, the word is more neutral in meaning ("notebook, booklet"), but picks up the specific translation from the context.

xiāngzi: "box, trunk, case" Xiāngzi corresponds to the English "suitcase," while xíngli is the equivalent of "luggage."

shēnbàodān: "declaration form" Shēnbào is the verb "to report to a higher body, to declare something at customs." Dān is the noun meaning "bill, list, note."

xiě zai shēnbàodānshang: "write it on the declaration form" Notice that the place phrase (zai . . . shang) is placed after the verb here, rather than in its usual place before the verb. When the location tells where the result of the activity is supposed to end up, that location phrase may appear after the verb (a position where other "results" also show up). Compare these two sentences:

Zài zhuōzishang xiě zì.

Write (with paper) on the desk.

Bú yào xiě zai zhuōzishang!

Don't write on the desk! (Said to a child making marks on the table.)

fùnǚ: "women, womankind" This the term for "women" in the general sense. The term nǚrén is less polite and more biological: "female." (In Taiwan, fùnǚ refers only to married women. Nǚde may be used for "women, woman.")

Wǒ zhīdao hěn duō Zhōngguó fùnǚ bú dài shǒushi, suǒyì wǒ yě méi dài shǒushi lái: The first verb dài means "to wear," and the second verb dài is "to bring with one."

bǎ xiāngzi dǎkai gěi wǒ kànkàn: "open the suitcase for me to take a look" or "open the suitcase and let me take a look." You have learned gěi as a main verb "to give" and as a prepositional verb meaning "for" (Qǐng nǐ gěi wǒ huànhuàn, "Please change it for me"). In Reference List sentence No. 9 you see gěi used in a longer type of sentence. Compare the following

examples:

bǎ xiāngzi dākai <u>gěi wǒ</u> kànkàn	open the suitcase for me to take a look
niàn <u>gěi wǒmen</u> tīngtīng	read it aloud for us to listen
mǎi nèidǐng màozi <u>gěi tā</u> dài	buy that hat to give to her to wear
zuò nèige diǎnxīn <u>gěi hái</u> zi chī	make that pastry for the child to eat

When gěi comes after the verb, it can mean either "to give" or "for, let." For example, Bǎ nèiběn shū náchulai gěi wǒ kànkàn could mean either "Take out the book and (actually) give it to me to look at," OR "Take out the book for me to see (show it to me, not necessarily hand it to me)." The context will help you decide which is meant; often, only one will make sense.

CAUTION: Although gěi is sometimes idiomatically translated as "to let," you should not take this to mean that English "to let" may always be translated into Chinese with gěi. There is a very limited correspondence between "let" and gěi. Usually you will translate "to let" as ràng, which is introduced in Unit 6, Part III, of this module.

Méi shì le: "Everything is all right now" OR "There's no further business." Here, this means "Now that I've looked over your suitcase I find that there isn't anything further we need to take up."

yùbeihǎo le: "prepared" You have already learned the word zhǔnbèi, "to prepare, to get ready" or "to plan to." Yùbei is a close synonym. Yùbeihǎo or zhǔnbèihǎo both mean "to get all ready." The ending -hǎo on certain verbs indicates bringing something to a satisfactory conclusion.

#### FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART I

An American woman is going through customs in Guǎngzhōu (Canton).

M: Nǐ bǎ nǐ dài de dōngxi dōu xiě zai shēnbàodānshang le ma?	Did you write everything you have with you on your declaration?
F: Dōu xiě le.	Yes, I wrote everything.
M: Nǐ dài le yíge zhàoxiàngjī, yíge lùyīnjī, yíge shōuyīnjī, duì bu duì?	You have a camera, a tape recorder and a radio with you, don't you?
F: Duì le.	Right.

- M: Nǐ dài le duōshao lùyīndài? How much tape do you have with you?  
F: Wǒ dài le èrshíjuǎn. I have twenty reels with me.  
M: Nǐ dài le shǒushi méiyǒu? Do you have any jewelry with you?  
F: Wǒ zhīdao hěn duō Zhōngguó fùnǚ bú dài shǒushi, suǒyǐ wǒ yě méi dài shǒushi lái. I knew that many Chinese women don't wear jewelry, so I didn't bring any jewelry either.  
M: Nǐ dài le duōshao Měijīn? How much American money do you have with you?  
F: Wǒ dài le sānqiān wǔbǎikuài. I have three thousand five hundred dollars.  
M: Qǐng nǐ bǎ xiāngzi dǎkāi gěi wǒmen kànkàn. Please open your suitcase and let us take a look.  
F: Hǎo. Certainly.  
M: Hǎo. Xièxie nǐ. Méi shì le. Nǐ kěyǐ zǒu le. Okay, thank you. Everything is all right. You may go now.
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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART I

A Chinese couple in Taipei are talking just before the husband is to leave on a trip.

- F: Nǐ yào dài de dōngxi dōu yùbeihǎo le meiyǒu? Have you got all the things you want to take with you ready?  
M: Wǒ xiǎng wǒ dōu yùbeihǎo le. Yǎnjìng gēn zhǐpiàoběn dōu dài le. Xiǎobēnzi zài wǒ xīzhuāng kǒudài lǐmiàn. I think I have them all ready. I have my glasses and my checkbook with me. My address book is in my suit pocket.  
F: Nǐ shuō nǐ yào zhào xiàng. Nǐ dài zhào xiàngjī le meiyǒu? You said you wanted to take pictures. Do you have your camera with you?  
M: Wǒ dài le. Zài xiāngzili. Yes. It's in my suitcase.
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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

\*zhào xiàng: "to take photographs" (WLF 6)

## PART II

## REFERENCE LIST

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| 14. | Nǐ zhù fángzi háishi <u>gōngyù</u> ?                         | Do you live in a house or an apartment building?                |
| 15. | Zhèige fángzi yígòng yǒu jǐge <u>fángjiān</u> ?              | How many rooms does this house/apartment have?                  |
| 16. | Zhèige fángzi yǒu sānjiān <u>wòshì</u> .                     | This house/apartment has three bedrooms.                        |
| 17. | Wǒ <u>dài</u> ni kànkàn.                                     | I'll take you and show you.                                     |
| 18. | Wǒmen bǎ fángzi <u>zūchūqu</u> le.                           | We rented out the house/apartment.                              |
| 19. | Wǒmen xiān dào <u>kètīng</u> zuò yíxià, <u>hē diǎn chá</u> . | Let's first go and sit in the living room and drink some tea.   |
| 20. | Zhèige fángzi <u>hǎoxiàng</u> hěn dà.                        | This house/apartment seems very large.                          |
| 21. | Zènme dàde fángzi, <u>gǎo wèishēng</u> hěn <u>máfan</u> ba?  | It must be a bother to do the cleaning with such a large house. |
| 22. | <u>Píngcháng</u> Xiǎo Lán gēn wo yìqǐ <u>shōushí wūzi</u> .  | Usually Xiǎo Lán straightens up the place (rooms) with me.      |
| 23. | Wǒmen dào <u>fàntīng chī fàn</u> qu ba.                      | Let's go to the dining room and eat.                            |
| 24. | Wǒ shì zìjǐ <u>zuò fàn</u> .                                 | I do my own cooking.  |
| 25. | chúfáng  | kitchen   |
| 26. | xǐzǎofáng  | bathroom  |
| 27. | shūfáng  | study, library (of a house)                                     |
| 28. | wòfáng   | bedroom (alternate word for <u>wòshì</u> )                      |

## REFERENCE NOTES FOR PART II

gōngyù: "apartment building," literally "public residence" In the PRC, the word gōngyù is seldom used (only in the names of some buildings, and in technical contexts), but in Taiwan it is widely used. "Apartment building" may be translated as either gōngyù or gōngyùlóu. Gōngyù is sometimes used for an "apartment."

Nímende gōngyù yǒu jǐjiān  
fángjiān?

How many rooms does your apartment  
have?

But you would use dānyuán, "unit," not gōngyù, for "apartment" in

Zhèige gōngyùlóu yǒu duō-  
shao dānyuán?

How many apartments are there  
in this apartment building?

Although an apartment-dweller will usually refer in English to his "apartment," in everyday conversation, Chinese usually just speak of their fángzi. In other words, any type of residence--house or apartment--can be called a fángzi. Use the word gōngyù when you need to distinguish clearly between "apartment" and "house."

-jiān: This is the counter for rooms. Don't confuse it with the falling tone -jiàn, the counter for articles of clothing, which you learned in WLF 2.

dài: This is the verb you learned meaning "to bring (along), to take (along)." Here it is used with the extended meaning of "to take" or "lead" someone to a place.

Wǒ dài ni qù.

I'll take you there.

Xiàwǔ qǐng ni dài hái zi dào  
gōngyuán qu wánr.

In the afternoon, please take the  
children to the park to play.

zūchū: "to rent out" The verb zū by itself means "to rent" in the opposite direction, that is, to rent something from the owner. Contrast:

Wǒ bǎ fángzi zūchū le.

I rented out the house.

Wǒ zū le yige fángzi.

I rented a house (to live in).

kètīng: "living room," literally, "guest-hall."

dào kètīng zuò yíxià: "go to the living room and sit a while" This is roughly the equivalent of dào kètīng qù zuò yíxià. The verb qù is sometimes omitted after a dào phrase when the meaning of "go" does not need to be emphasized.

hē chá: "to drink tea" This is not an involved ritual as the Japanese have, but it is not simply the taking of a beverage, either. Hē chá, in a social setting means talking and relaxing while sipping tea. Books have been written on tea in China, its social significance, and the art of serving it. We cannot do justice to the topic in this small note. Let us just leave you with two tips:

1. Except with close friends, don't turn down a cup of tea when offered. It is as much a gesture of friendship and a means of communication as it is a beverage.

2. Don't ask for sugar, lemon or milk. Unless you are in a restaurant ordering it, lemon and milk will most likely be unavailable. It is a double embarrassment to your host, who may not keep lemon and milk on hand, and who hates to see someone defile the good taste of pure tea.

hǎoxiàng: "to seem, it seems as if" Use this word as an adverb, placing it before the verb phrase.

Tā hǎoxiàng bù dǒng.

He seemed not to understand. OR  
He didn't seem to understand.

Nǐ hǎoxiàng bú tài xǐhuan zhèige fángzi.

You don't seem to like this house too much.

Nǐ hǎoxiàng zài xiǎng shénme shì.

You seem to be thinking about something.

Tā gēge hǎoxiàng chángcháng shēng bìng.

His older brother seems to get sick very often.

Hǎoxiàng is sometimes used merely to express that the speaker thinks a situation is so, but cannot confirm his suspicion. In such sentences, hǎoxiàng is best translated as "It seems to me that . . ." or "I think . . ." or "I seem to remember . . ." Notice that the word order in Chinese stays the same.

Wǒ hǎoxiàng zài nǎ kànjianguo zhèige zì.

It seems to me I've seen this character somewhere before.

Nǐ hǎoxiàng gào sūguo wo zhèijiàn shìqing.

I seem to remember your telling me about this before.

Zài nèige shíhou, tā hǎoxiàng hái zhù zài Jiāzhōu.

At that time, he was still living in California, I think.

Měiguó hǎoxiàng méiyǒu zhèige, duì bu duì?

It seems to me you don't have this in America, do you?

gǎo wèishēng: "to clean," literally "to do sanitation" This is an expression used in the PRC. The verb gǎo, "to do," originally a word found in southern dialects of Mandarin Chinese, is now widely used in Standard Chinese, even in Běijīng. In Taiwan, gǎo does not have as wide a usage as in the PRC, where many new expressions have been created since 1949 using this verb.



máfan: "to be troublesome, to be a nuisance, to be inconvenient" In the Money module, you learned the verb máfan for "to bother, to inconvenience (someone)," as in Máfan nǐ le, "Sorry to trouble you." Here you learn máfan as an adjectival verb.

Nà tài máfan le.

That's too much trouble

Zhēn máfan.

What a bother.

píngcháng: "usually, generally, ordinarily" Like other two-syllable time words, píngcháng may come before or after the subject, but always before the verb.

Píngcháng wǒmen dōu zài kètīng  
kàn diànshì.

We usually watch television in  
the living room.

Wǒmen píngcháng dōu zài kètīng  
kàn diànshì.

Wǒ píngcháng jiǔdiǎn zhōng cái  
xià bān.

I don't usually get off work  
until nine o'clock.

shōushi: "to straighten up, to tidy up (a place)" or "to put away, to put in order, to clear away (things)." Use shōushi when you're talking about neatening up a place, use gǎo wèishēng when you're talking about soap and water cleaning in the PRC [and gǎo qīngjié "to (soap and water) clean" in Taiwan].

Tā hǎoxiàng yǒu bànnián méi  
shōushi wūzi le.

It looks as if he hasn't picked  
up his place in half a year.

Nǐ kuài yìdiǎnr shōushi xíngli,  
wǒmen yào zǒu le.

Pack your things quickly, we want  
to leave.

wūzi and fángjiān: Both of these words means "room, chamber." Wūzi is seldom used in Taiwan, however. For rooms in public places, like hotels, use fángjiān rather than wūzi.

fàntīng: "dining room," literally "meal-hall."

chī fàn: "to eat," literally "eat food." Fàn is literally, "cooked rice," but in the expression chī fàn it refers to food in general or a meal. This is another example of a verb plus general object, like niàn shū, "to study" or shuō huà "to speak." (See BIO, Unit 7.) This verb chī may, of course, be followed by a specific object such as píngguǒ, "apples," as in:

Wǒ chīle yíge píngguǒ.

I ate an apple.

But if you mean "eat" in the sense of "to eat food" or "to have a meal," then you should use the general object fàn:

Nǐ chī fàn le meiyou?

Have you eaten? (Have you eaten a meal?)

Tā zuì ài chī fàn.

He loves to eat most of all.

zuò fàn: "to cook," literally "to make food." This is another verb-general object combination. As with chī fàn, the verb alone may be used with more specific objects.

chúfáng: "kitchen," literally "kitchen-room."

xǐzǎofáng: "bathroom" This is a room for taking a bath, and not necessarily a room with a toilet. Xǐzǎo, which is introduced in Part III of this unit, means "to take a bath." Remember, if you want to ask where there is a toilet, ask for the cèsuǒ, "toilet;" or use the polite Westernized term, xǐshǒujiān, "washroom." In rural areas, you would ask where the cèsuǒ is.

In Taiwan, modern houses and apartments usually have the toilet in the same room as the bathtub. In the PRC, apartment buildings built during the 1950's may have a room with a bathtub in the apartment. Apartment buildings built since then usually only include a toilet and sink in each apartment, and no bathtub.

You should usually lower your voice to ask where the bathroom is. Many people even consider it polite to put one's hand in front of the mouth when asking Cèsuǒ zài nǎli? Another polite way to ask is Wǒ kéyì yòng yíxià nǐmende cèsuǒ ma? "May I use your toilet?"

shūfáng: "study," literally "book-room."

wòfáng: "bedroom," literally "sleeping-room." Wòfáng and wòshì are both used for "bedroom."

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#### FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART II

A Chinese woman (F1) has been invited to dinner at the home of an American couple in Taipei.

F1: Yòu! Nǐmen jiā hěn piàoliang,  
shōushide zhēn gānjìng!

Oh, your house is lovely, so neat  
and clean!

F2: Xièxie ni. Wǒmen xiān dào  
kètīng zuò yíxià hē diǎn chá.

Thank you. Let's first go and sit  
in the living room a while and  
and drink some tea.

- F1: Hǎo. Fine.
- F2: Wǒ xiānshēng yǒu shì dào Táizhōng qù le. Jīntiān wǎnshàng jiù shì wǒmen liǎngge rén chī fàn. My husband has gone to T'aichung on business. This evening it will be just the two of us eating.
- F1: Nà wǒmen yìqǐ zuò fàn, hǎo bu hǎo? Well then, let's cook together, all right?
- F2: Bú yòng le. Chúfáng hěn xiǎo. Wǒ yǐjīng bǎ wǎnfàn dōu yùbeihǎo le. There's no need to. The kitchen is small. I've already prepared dinner.
- F1: Ò, zhèige fángzi hǎoxiàng hěn dà. Nǐmen yǒu jǐjiān wòshì? Oh, this house seems to be quite large. How many bedrooms do you have?
- F2: Zhèige fángzi bú tài dà. Wǒmen yǒu liǎngjiān wòshì. Zài kètīng yòubiān. Kètīng zuǒbiān yǒu yíge shūfáng. Píngcháng wǒmen dōu zài shūfáng kàn diànshì. Wǒ dài nǐ kànkàn, zěnmeyàng? This house isn't very large. We have two bedrooms. They are to the right of the living room. To the left of the living room there's a study. We usually watch television in the study. Would you like me to show you?
- F1: Hěn hǎo. Sure.
- . . . . .
- F2: Hǎo, wǒmen dào fàntīng qu chī fàn ba. Okay, let's go to the dining room and eat.
- F1: Hǎojíle. Great.

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NOTES AFTER THE DIALOGUE

Wǒ xiānshēng yǒu shì dào Táizhōng qù le: "My husband has gone to T'aichung on business." More literally, "My husband had some business and went to T'aichung."

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART II

An American man (M) is talking with a Chinese woman (F) in Běijīng.

- F: Nǐde jiā zài Měiguó shénme dìfangr? Where is your home in America?

- M: Zài Huáshèngdùn. In Washington.
- F: Nǐ yǒu fángzi ma? Do you have a house?
- M: Wǒmen yǒu yige fángzi. Yes, we do.
- F: Nǐ lái Běijīng, fángzi zěnmē bàn? When you came to Běijīng, what did you do with the house?
- M: Wǒmen bǎ fángzi zūchūqu le. We rented it out.
- F: Nǐmēnde fángzi dà bu dà? Is your house large?
- M: Bu hěn dà, yě bù hěn xiǎo. Lóuxià yǒu kètīng, fàntīng, shūfáng, gēn chúfáng. Lóushàng yǒu sānjiān wòshì gēn liǎngjiān xǐzǎofáng. It's not very large and it's not very small. Downstairs there's the living room, the dining room, the study, and the kitchen. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and two bathrooms.
- F: Ōu, yǒu zhème duō fángjiān. Gāo wèishēngde shíhour hěn máfan ba. Oh, there are so many rooms. It must be troublesome when you do the cleaning.
- M: Bú tài máfan. Háizimen dōu dà le. Tāmen yě gāo wèishēng. It's not too troublesome. The children are all grown up. They do the cleaning, too.
- F: Nǐ xǐhuan bu xǐhuan nǐ xiànzài zhède gōngyù? Do you like the apartment building where you're living now?
- M: Mámahūhū. Zhèrde gōngyù hái kéyi. So-so. The apartment buildings here aren't too bad.

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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

hái kéyi: Literally "still okay," this phrase actually means "isn't too bad."

PART III

REFERENCE LIST

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| 29. Háizi <u>xǐng</u> le yǐhòu <u>jiào</u> tāmen<br>xǐ <u>liǎn</u> .                      | After the children wake up, have<br>them wash their faces.                           |
| 30. Wǎnshang <u>shuì</u> <u>jiào</u> yǐqián jiào<br>tāmen <u>shuā yá</u> , <u>xǐzǎo</u> . | Before they go to sleep at night,<br>have them brush their teeth and<br>take a bath. |
| 31. Xǐle liǎn gěi tāmen hē <u>niúǎi</u> .   | When they've washed their faces, give<br>them some milk to drink.                    |
| 32. Bǎ háizi gěi wo, wǒ <u>bàoyibào</u> .   | Give the baby to me, I'll hold him.  |
| 33. Wáng <u>Àyí</u> , háizimen chī fàn<br>yǐhòu děi <u>shuì wǔjiào</u> .                  | Auntie Wáng, after they've eaten,<br>the children have to take a noon-<br>time nap.  |
| 34. Rè <u>shuǐ</u> <u>shāohǎo</u> le méiyóu?  | Have you heated up the hot water?  |
| 35. Guò <u>mǎlùde</u> shíhou yào <u>xiǎoxīn</u> .   | Be careful when crossing the street.   |
| 36. yágāo   | toothpaste   |
| 37. shūshu  | uncle  |

REFERENCE NOTES FOR PART III

xǐng: "to wake up" This is a process verb. It describes the change from sleep or unconsciousness to waking or consciousness: "to become awake, to become conscious, to become sober." In completed affirmative sentences, you will see the marker le; in negative sentences you will see méi (not bù--this is not a state verb). Some of the quirks you faced with a verb like bìng ("to get sick," not "to be sick"), you also face here. When you are thinking in English of "He IS NOT awake," you should think "He HAS NOT awakened" in Chinese.

Tā xǐngle méiyóu?

Did he wake up? OR Is he awake yet?

Tā hái méi xǐng.

He is not awake yet.

jiào: "to ask, to order, to tell (someone to do something)" This is a prepositional verb, which means that it and its object precede the verb.

Fùqin jiào háizimen huí lai. The father told the children to come back.

Nǐ jiào ta guò lai. Ask him to come over.

shuì jiào: "to sleep, to go to bed"

Tā bādiǎn zhōng jiù shuì jiào le. He went to bed at eight o'clock (already).

Nǐ jǐdiǎn zhōng shuì jiào? What time do you go to bed?

Tā měitiān shuì bāge zhōngtóu. He sleeps eight hours a night.

Nǐ shuì de hǎo bu hǎo? Did you sleep well?

Nǐ shuì hǎo le ma? Did you sleep well? OR Have you finished sleeping?

shuā yá: "to brush teeth" Besides brushing teeth, you can shuā yīfu, "brush clothes," and shuā xié, "brush (off) shoes." Do not use shuā for use for brushing hair, however [see shū tóu "to comb or brush one's hair, WLF, Unit 3). [The noun for a "brush" is shuāzi.]

niú nǎi: Literally, "cow-milk," and used only to refer to cow's milk. The word nǎi by itself does not specify the kind of milk.

bào: "to embrace, to hug" people, or "to hold in one's arms" a child, package, etc.

Lái, bàba gěi ni bàobao. Come, papa will hold you. (said to child as he is handed from mother to father).

Ayí: "auntie" This is a term of address used by children for friends of the family, not blood relatives.

shuì wǔjiào: "to take an afternoon nap," literally, "sleep noon-nap." The wǔjiào, a nap after lunch, is very popular in China. Many institutions, factories, and schools give time off every day for this purpose.

shāo: "to heat, to cook" (Another meaning is "to burn.") Since the verb shāo by itself means to put heat to something, a resultative ending is needed when you want to indicate "boiling" or "heated up."

Wǒ qù shāo diǎnr shuǐ. I'll go put some water on (the stove).

Rè shuǐ shāohǎo le. The hot water has been heated up.

Shuǐ yǐjīng shāokāi le. The water is already boiling.

mǎlù: "paved road." This is the word usually used for paved city streets. Mǎlù is literally "horse-road," that is, a road on which horses and people can go. A theory has also been advanced that the mǎ is a transliteration of the first syllable of "macadam" (a road made with layers of rolled broken stones, with a tar or asphalt base).

xiǎoxīn: "to be careful," literally "small-heart."

È, xiǎoxīn diǎnr!

Hey, be a little more careful!

shūshu: "uncle" This is a term of affection used by children for older male friends of the family.

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART III

A Canadian woman (A) is talking to her new maid (C) in Běijīng.

- A: Wáng Àyí, háizimen chī fàn yǐhòu  
děi shuā yá, ránhòu zài shuì  
wǔjiào. Píngcháng tāmen shuì  
yīliǎngge zhōngtóu. Xǐngle  
yǐhòu gěi tāmen xǐ liǎn, zài  
dài tāmen chūqu wánrwanr. Auntie Wáng, after lunch the children have to brush their teeth and then take their naps. Usually they sleep an hour or two. After they wake up, wash their faces for them, and then take them out to play.
- C: Hǎo. Okay.
- A: Xiàwu sìwǔdiǎn zhōng gěi tāmen  
hē niúǎi. At four or five in the afternoon, give them some milk to drink.
- C: Tāmen wǎnshàng yào chī shénme? What will they eat in the evening?
- A: Wǒ yǐjīng zuòhǎo le. Dōu zài  
zhèr. Wǎnshang shuì jiào  
yīqián jiào tāmen shuā yá,  
xǐzǎo. Háizimen yìtiān yào  
shuā sāncì yá. I've prepared it already. It's all here. At night before they go to bed, have them brush their teeth and take a bath. The children are supposed to brush their teeth three times a day. C: Hǎo.
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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART III

In Taipei on a Sunday afternoon, a young mother (Huìmǐn) and father (Tíngsōng) are at home:

- M: Huìmǐn, wǒ xiǎng hē diǎn chá,  
nǐ yào bu yào? Huìmǐn, I want some tea, do you?

- F: Yào, dānshì rè shuǐ méiyǒu le.      Yes, but there's no more hot water.  
    Wǒ qù shāo.      I'll go put some on.
- M: Bú yào, bú yào, wǒ zìjǐ qù.      No, no, I'll go myself.
- F: Hǎo, wǒ qù kànkan Xiǎo Bǎo      Okay, I'll go check if Xiǎo Bǎo (the  
    xǐng le méiyǒu.      baby) is up yet.

(They both leave the room. Later when Huìmǐn (the wife) returns, Tíngsōng is sitting on the sofa.)

- F: Tíng, \* Xiǎo Bǎo xǐng le. Nǐ bào      Tíng, Xiǎo Bǎo is up. You hold him  
    yíxià. Wǒ qù bǎ niú'nǎi      for a minute. I'm going to go  
    nònghǎo.      get his (cow's) milk ready.
- M: (To the baby) Lái, ràng bàba      Here, let daddy hold you.  
    bàobao.

(Huìmǐn comes in with a bottle and hands it to Tíngsōng.)

- M: Nǐ kàn, shuì wǔjiào yǐhòu, tā      Look, he's so hungry after his nap.  
    zhēn è.<sup>••</sup>
- F: Shi, tā měicì dōu shì zhèiyang.      Yes, he's like this every time.

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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

\*"Tíng" is the wife's affectionate abbreviation of her husband's name, Tíngsōng.

••è: "to be hungry"



Unit 4, Vocabulary

Ayí	auntie
bào	to hold, to embrace
chá	tea
chī fàn	to eat
chúfáng	kitchen
dài	to bring, to take with one
dài	to lead, to take
dākai	to open
fángjiān	room
fàntīng	dining room
fùnǚ	women
gǎo	to do, to engage in
gǎo wèishēng	to do cleaning
gōngyù	apartment building; apartment
gōngyùlóu	apartment building
hǎoxiàng	to seem (to be), to appear that
hē	to drink
-jiān	(counter for rooms)
jiào	to tell/ask (someone to do something)
-juǎn	reel (of recording tape); to curl, to roll up
kètīng	living room
kǒudài	pocket
liǎn	face (of a person)
lùyīndài	recording tape
lùyīnjī	tape recorder
máfan	to be troublesome, to be a bother; bother, trouble
mǎlù	street, avenue (paved)
méi shì (le)	everything is all right (now); there is no (further) business
niúǎi	(cow's) milk
píngcháng	usually, generally, ordinarily

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shāo  
shāohǎole

shēnbào  
shēnbàodān  
shōushi  
shōushi (shōushì)  
shuā  
shuā yà  
shūfáng  
shuǐ  
shuì jiào  
shuì wǔjiào  
shūshu

wōfáng  
wōshì  
wūzi

xiāngzi  
xiǎobēnzi  
xiǎoxīn  
xǐng  
xǐzǎo  
xǐzǎofáng

yá  
yáɡāo  
yǎnjìng(r)  
yǔbei  
yǔbeihǎo le

zhàoxiàngjī  
zhīpiào  
zhīpiàoběn  
zūchūqu  
zuō fàn

to heat; to cook  
to have heated up; to have finished  
cooking  
to declare, to report  
customs declaration (form)  
to tidy up  
jewelry  
to brush  
to brush one's teeth  
study (room)  
water  
to sleep  
to take a noontime nap  
uncle

bedroom  
bedroom  
room

suitcase, box  
small notebook  
to be careful, to take care  
to wake up  
to take a bath  
bathroom

tooth, teeth  
toothpaste  
glasses (spectacles)  
to prepare  
to have prepared

camera  
check (as in personal check)  
checkbook  
to rent out  
to cook

Personal Welfare Module, Unit 5  
Minor Physical Complaints

PART I

REFERENCE LIST

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|--|---|
| 1. A: Nǐ nǎr bù shūfu a?                             | Where do you feel bad?                            |
| B: Wǒ tóu téng, hóulong yě yǒu diǎnr téng.           | I have a headache and my throat is a little sore. |
| 2. Wǒ xiǎng nǐ gǎnmào le.                            | I think you've caught a cold.                     |
| 3. Wǒ xiǎng wǒ bù fāshāo.                            | I don't think I have a fever.                     |
| 4. Nǐ zuì hǎo chī diǎnr zhèige yào ba.               | You'd better take some of this medicine.          |
| 5. A: Zuótiān wǒ qù kàn dàifu le.                    | Yesterday I went to see a doctor.                 |
| B: Nǐ kàn shénme?                                    | What did you want treated?                        |
| A: Wǒ kēsou.   | I have a cough.                                   |
| 6. Nǐ dào nǎige yīyuàn qù kàn bìng?                  | Which hospital are you going to see a doctor?     |
| 7. Liú Dàifu shì nèikē yīshēng háishì wàikē yīshēng? | Is Dr. Liú a physician or a surgeon?              |
| 8. tòng  | to hurt (another pronunciation for <u>téng</u> )  |
| 9. āsīpīlín  | aspirin   |

REFERENCE NOTES ON PART I

téng: "to hurt, to ache" When talking about body aches and pains, you use a topic-comment pattern. For example "I have a headache," in Chinese is literally "As for me, the head hurts":

Wǒ	tóu	téng.
As for me,	head	hurts.

gǎnmào: "to catch a cold; a cold" This may be used either as a verb or as a noun. [To say "to have a bad cold," use gǎnmào hěn lihai, lihai meaning "severe."]

Wǒ gǎnmào le.

I've caught a cold.

Nǐde gǎnmào hǎo yìdiǎn le ma?

Is your cold a little better now?

fāshāo: "to have a fever," literally, "develop-fever" This may be used as a state or a process:

STATE

Wǒ fāshāo.

I have a fever.

Wǒ bù fāshāo.

I don't have a fever.

Wǒ yǒu diǎn fāshāo.

I'm a little feverish.

PROCESS

Wǒ fāshāo le.

I have a fever (more literally, "I have developed a fever").

Wǒ méi fāshāo.

I don't have a fever (more literally, "I haven't developed a fever").

Wǒ fāshāo yǐhòu jiù bù xiǎng chī dōngxi le.

After the fever came on, I didn't feel like eating anything.

chī diǎn zhèige yào: "take some of this medicine," literally, "eat medicine," is the way to say, "to take medicine." Of course, for liquid medicines you could also say hē, "to drink," but one still usually says chī.

kàn dàifu: "to see a doctor" Also kàn yīshēng.

Wǒ děi qù kàn dàifu.

I have to go see a doctor.

Nǐ kàn shénme?: In another context, this could mean "What are you looking at?" Here, however, kàn is used in the sense of "to have (a medical complaint) treated" or "diagnosed" by a doctor.

Nǐ qù kàn gǎnmào le ma?

Did you go have that cold of yours treated?

Wǒde hóulong bú tài shūfu, děi qù kànkàn.

My throat doesn't feel too well; I'll have to go get it treated.

Zhèige bìng děi dào dà yīyuàn qù kàn.

For this illness you have to go to a large hospital to get it treated.

késou: "to cough"

nèikē: (1) "department of internal medicine" (of a hospital), or (2) "internal medicine" (as a field). Nèi means "internal" and kē means either (1) "department, section" or (2) "branch (of a study)."

yīshēng: "doctor," literally, "heal-er." In Běijīng, dàifu is the more conversational word and yīshēng the more formal. In Taiwan, however, dàifu is not used much.

nèikē yīshēng: "physician"

wàikē: (1) "department of surgery" (of a hospital), or (2) "surgery," (the branch of medicine).

wàikē yīshēng: "surgeon"

tòng: "to hurt, to ache," another pronunciation for téng.

āsīpǐlín: "aspirin" Also pronounced āsīpǐlín, àsīpǐlín, àsīpǐlín.

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART I

A man from Shànghǎi (A) is visiting his classmate (B) in Běijīng.

- A: Nǐ shuō "tóu tòng" háishi "tóu téng"? Do you say tóu tòng ("to have a headache") or tóu téng?
- B: Běijīng rén dōu shuō "tóu téng," wǒ xiǎng "tòng" shì nǐmen Shànghǎi rén shuōde. Zěnme? Nǐ xiànzài tóu téng a? People from Běijīng all say tóu téng. I think tòng is what is said by you people from Shànghǎi. Why? Do you have a headache now?
- A: Ng, wǒ yǒu diǎnr tóu téng. A little.
- B: Shì ma? Nǐ hái yǒu nǎr bù shūfu? Do you? Where else do you feel bad?
- A: Hóulong yě yǒu diǎnr téng, hěn xiǎng chī diǎnr lěngde dōngxi. Wǒ yídìng shì gǎnmào le. My throat hurts a little, too. I really feel like having something cold to eat. I must have caught a cold.
- B: Fā shāo ma? Do you have a fever?
- A: Dàgài bù fā shāo, wǒ méi juéde rè. Probably not, I don't feel hot (OR haven't felt hot).

B: Jīntiān xiàwǔ wǒmen bú qù  
gōngyuánr le, nǐ zài jiā  
xiūxi xiūxi ba. Wǒ xiānzài  
qù gěi nǐ mǎi diǎnr yào,  
míngtiān zài dài nǐ qù kàn  
dàifu.

This afternoon let's not go to the  
park. You rest a little at home.  
Right now I'll go buy you some  
medicine, and tomorrow I'll take  
you to see the doctor.

A: Hǎo ba!

Okay!

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART I

In Běijīng, a parent drops in on a neighbor to talk about his daughter's illness:

A: Nǐ zhǎo wǒ yǒu shénme shìr a?

Are you looking for me for something  
in particular?

B: Xiǎo Huá gǎnmàole, késoule yíge  
xīngqī le, jīntiān fāshāo fāde  
hěn gāo, hóulong yě hěn téng.

Xiǎo Huá caught a cold and has been  
coughing for a week. Today she  
has a very high temperature and  
her throat hurts a lot.

A: Nǐ dài ta qù kànguo le ma?

Have you taken her to have it treated?

B: Kànguo le. Tā chīle hěn duō  
yào, kěshi hái méiyǒu hǎo.

Yes. She's taken a lot of medicine,  
but she still hasn't gotten better.

A: Nà wǒ qù zhǎo wǒ yíge zài Běijīng  
Yīyuàn gōngzuòde péngyou, tā  
shì wàikē yīshēng.

Then I'll go look up a friend of mine  
who works at the Běijīng Hospital.  
He's a surgeon.

B: Wàikē yīshēng! Xiǎo Huá kēsou,  
fāshāo, zěnme qù kàn wàikē?

A surgeon! Xiǎo Huá is (just)  
coughing and has a fever. Why go  
to see the surgery department?

A: Ōu, wǒde yìsi shì qǐng wǒde  
nèige péngyou gěi Xiǎo Huá zài  
nèikē yùyuē yíge shíjiān. Tā  
yǒu hěn duō nèikēde péngyou.

Oh, I mean I'll ask that friend to  
make Xiǎo Huá an appointment in  
the department of internal medi-  
cine. He has a lot of friends in  
the department of internal medicine.

B: Hǎo, nà jiu tài máfan nín le.

All right, then I'll trouble you to  
do that. (OR I'm putting you to  
too much trouble.)

A: Zhèi méiyǒu shénme. Jīntiān  
ràng Xiǎo Huá duō xiūxi xiūxi.  
Dàgài míngtiān jiu kéyǐ qǐng  
dàifu gěi ta kàn le.

This is nothing. Today have Xiǎo Huá  
get a lot of rest. Tomorrow I can  
probably ask a doctor to treat it  
for her.

NOTES AFTER THE DIALOGUE

ràng: "to let, to allow, to have (someone do something)" This is a prepositional verb which you will see more of in Unit 6.

...duō xiūxi xiuxi: "rest a lot" The adjectival verb "to be many, to be much, to be a lot" is used here as an adverb modifying the verb "to rest", xiūxi. As an adverb, duō may mean "a lot," "more," or "too much," depending on the context. In duō xiūxi xiuxi it obviously means "a lot" or "more."

Yǐhòu, wǒ yào duō xiàng nín  
xuéxí.

From now on, I shall learn from  
you more.

Duō shuō yě bù hǎo, shǎo shuō  
yě bù hǎo.

It isn't good to say too much, nor  
is it good to say too little.

Lǐfà yǐhòu xiǎng chuī yìxià bèi  
shì bu shì yào duō gěi qián?

If you want to have your back pounded  
after a haircut, do you have to pay  
extra?

Some students get into the bad habit of always translating duō as "more." Remember that the adverb duō can also mean either "a lot" or "too much." Thus, if someone invites you to dinner, even before you have started to eat, the host may say to you Duō chī yìdiǎnr! Since you haven't yet touched the food this sentence cannot mean, "Have some more"; it simply means "Eat amply." We might say in English, "Have as much as you like," or "Help yourself." Here are some more examples showing duō does not always mean "more."

Zhèizhǒng píngguǒ zènme piányi  
a? Nà wǒmen jiù duō mǎi  
diǎnr ba!

These apples are this inexpensive?  
In that case, let's get a whole  
bunch of them!

Duō láiile yíge rén.

One person too many came.

Tā duō gěile shíkuài qián.

He gave ten dollars too much.

Duō mǎi jǐběnr.

Buy a few extra volumes.

Contrast Duō láiile yíge rén, "One person too many came," with Yòu láiile yíge rén, "One more person came."

## PART II

## REFERENCE LIST

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| 10. A: Wǒ <u>dùzi</u> hěn bù shūfu.                        | My belly [lower abdomen] feels bad.   |
| B: Nǐ <u>xiè dù</u> ma?                                    | Do you have diarrhea?   |
| 11. Wǒ tóu <u>yūn</u> , <u>xiǎng tù</u> .                  | I'm dizzy and nauseous.   |
| 12. A: Nǐ <u>tīwēn</u> shì duōshǎo?                        | What's your temperature?  |
| B: Sānshíbādù.   | Thirty-eight degrees.   |
| 13. Wǒ yǒu <u>wèibìng</u> .                                | I have stomach trouble.   |
| 14. Wǒ yǒu diǎnr <u>dàbiàn bù tōng</u> .                   | I'm a little constipated.   |
| 15. Qǐng ni <u>tǎng zài zhèr</u> .                         | Please lie down here.   |
| 16. Qǐng ni bǎ <u>shàngyī tuō</u> le.                      | Please undress down to the waist.<br>(Please take off your upper clothing.) |
| 17. <u>Aiyòu!</u>  | Ouch!   |
| 18. Qǐng ni gěi wo <u>kāi ge yàofāng</u> .                 | Please write a prescription for me.   |
| 19. Wǒ tàitai <u>shēng bìng</u> shēngde hěn <u>lìhai</u> . | My wife is seriously ill.   |
| 20. lā dùzi  | to have diarrhea  |
| 21. xiǎobiàn   | to urinate; urination   |

## REFERENCE NOTES FOR PART II

dùzi: "belly, lower abdomen" This has often been translated as "stomach," but actually when someone says Wǒ dùzi téng or Wǒ dùzi bù shūfu, they are most often referring to lower abdominal or intestinal pains. Nevertheless, you may sometimes want to translate it as "stomach," in the looser sense of "belly," for example:

Nèige rénde dùzi hěn dà.                      That man has a big stomach/belly.

Wǒ dùzi è le.                                      I'm hungry. (Literally, "My stomach is hungry.")

A colloquial expression for "to be pregnant" is dùzi dà le, literally, "the abdomen has become big," or dà dùzi le.



xiè dù: "to have diarrhea" There are several expressions for "diarrhea" in Chinese; xiè dù is a good choice to use when talking to your doctor, since it is neither too informal nor too technical. (See also lā dùzi, below.)

yūn: "to be dizzy" Often used after tóu, "head": tóu yūn. Pronounced with the Falling tone, yùn, this word is used in the expressions yùn chē, "to be carsick/trainsick," yùn chuán, "to be seasick," and yùn fēiji, "to be airsick."

Wǒ kàn shū kànde tóu dōu yūn      I've been reading so much that  
le!    I'm dizzy!

(In this sentence, dōu doesn't mean "all," but "even, to such an extent that." This type of dōu is always used with le at the end of the sentence.)

tù: "to vomit" Xiǎng tù, literally "to feel like vomiting," means "to feel nauseous."

tǐwēn: "body temperature" Only used for the temperature of a body. [The general word for "temperature" is wēndù, which is presented in Part 3 of this unit.] [Tǐwēnbiǎo is a medical thermometer.]

-dù: "degree" This noun does not take a counter.

wèibìng: "stomach trouble; gastric disease," literally, "stomach illness."

dàbiàn bù tōng: "to be constipated" Dàbiàn (literally "major-convenience") means "to have a bowel movement" or "feces." (Xiǎobiàn, "minor-convenience," means "to urinate" or "urine.") Bù tōng means "doesn't go through, is blocked up."

tǎng: "to lie, to recline" Notice that the zài phrase goes after the verb tǎng in the sentence Qǐng ni tǎng zài zhèr. This is because the zài phrase shows the result of the verb tǎng: you end up being here (zài zhèr) as a result of the action of lying (tǎng). Tǎngxià or tǎng xiàlái means "to lie down." In some of the following sentences, notice that tǎng corresponds to "be in bed."

Tā gǎnmào le, tǎngle yìtiān.      He got a cold and stayed in bed  
for a day (OR and has been in bed  
all day today).

Tā xǐhuan tǎngzhe kàn shū.      He likes to read lying down.

Yǐjīng bādiǎn zhōngle, nǐ hái  
tǎngzhe ne!      It's eight o'clock already, and  
you're still in bed!

Tǎngxialai xiūxi yihuǐr ba.      Lie down and rest for a while.

shàngyī: "upper garments" [Also sometimes means "coat."]

tuō: "to take off" (clothes, shoes) This is the opposite of chuān, "to put on."

Kuài bǎ dàyī tuōxiālai. Come on and take off your coat.\*

Tā zhèng tuōzhe yīfu, jīnlai Right when he was taking off  
yige rén. his clothes, someone came in.

Qǐng ni tuōle xié zài jīnqu. Please remove your shoes before  
going in.\*\*

\*This is said by the host to a guest when he arrives. You might have thought that the use of the word kuài, usually translated as "hurry up and . . ." sounds impatient and impolite. Actually, it is the exact opposite. Here, kuài indicates the host's concern that the guest, although wanting to take his coat off, would be too polite to do so immediately.

\*\*In Taiwan, most households have kept the Japanese custom of removing shoes before entering the living areas. (Guests, though, are not in every case expected to take off their shoes, especially for short visits during dry weather.)

kāi: You have seen kāi meaning "to open." Here it means "to write out" a prescription, list, receipt, check, etc.

shēng bing: "to get sick" Shēng means literally, "to develop, to happen." Tā shēng bing le means virtually the same thing as Tā bing le.

Jīnnián chūntiān shēng bingde Lots of people are getting sick  
rén hěn duō. this spring.

Tā shēng bing shēngle liǎngge He has been sick for two weeks  
xīngqī le, hái méi hǎo. now and hasn't recovered yet.

Nǐ hái shēngzhe bing ne, zěnme You're still sick; how can you  
kěyi chūqu?! go out?!

Tā shēngde shi shénme bing? What illness is it that he has?

lā dùzi: "to have diarrhea," a more colloquial, but not at all improper, word for xiè dù.

Tā lā dùzi lāde hěn lihai. He has a bad case of diarrhea.

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART II

A man in Taipei calls a doctor's office to ask what he should do for his wife's illness.

- A: Wéi. Hello.
- B: Wéi, qǐngwèn Zhāng Yīshēng zài bu zài? Hello, is Dr. Zhāng there, please?
- A: Zhāng Yīshēng xiànzài zài kàn bìng. Qǐngwèn nǐ yǒu shì ma? Dr. Zhāng is seeing patients now. What can I do for you?
- B: Wǒ tàitai shēng bìng le, bìngde hěn lìhai. Tā cóng zuótiān kāishǐ tóu yūn, fāshāo. Zuótiān tāngè yìtiān, jīntiān zǎoshàng hái fāshāo, dùzi yě hěn bù shūfu, hái tù. My wife is very sick. Yesterday she began to be dizzy and to run a fever. Yesterday she stayed in bed all day, but this morning she still had a fever, and she has abdominal pains, and she's even vomiting.
- A: Tā xiè dù ma? Does she have diarrhea?
- B: Xièle jǐcì. She's had it a few times.
- A: Tāde tǐwēn shì duōshǎo? What's her temperature?
- B: N, sānshíbādù wǔ. Uh, 38.5 degrees.
- A: Nǐ gěi tā chī shénme yào le ma? Have you given her any medicines?
- B: Tā bù néng chī yào, měicì chīle dōngxi jiù tù. She can't take medicines, every time she takes any food or drink she vomits.
- A: Nà nǐ mǎshàng bǎ ta sòng dao zhèli lái. In that case bring her here right away.
- B: Hǎo. Wǒmen mǎshàng jiù lái. All right. We'll be there right away.
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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART II

In Běijīng, a young man (A) visits a clinic.

- N: Erbǎiwǔshíhào! Two hundred fifty!
- A: Shì wǒ. That's me.
- N: Qǐng jìn. Please come in.
- . . . . .
- D: Nǐ zěnmē bù shūfu a? What's the matter with you?
- A: Wǒ tóu yūn, xiǎng tù, zǎoshang I'm dizzy, nauseous, and since this  
wǒ kāishǐ dùzi téng. morning my "stomach" has been upset.
- D: Ōu. Xiè dùzi ma? Oh. Any diarrhea?
- A: Bú xiè, hái yǒu diǎnr dàbiàn bù No, I'm even a bit constipated.  
tōng.
- D: Ng? Qǐng nín bǎ shàngyī tuōle, Oh? Undress down to the waist,  
tǎng zài zhèr, wǒ tīngting. please, lie down here, and I'll  
Zhèr téng ma? have a listen. Does it hurt here?
- A: Bù téng. No.
- D: Zhèr ne? How about here?
- A: Āiyòu! Zhèr hěn téng. Ouch! It hurts there!
- D: Nǐ cóngqián yǒu wèibìng ba? Have you ever had stomach trouble  
before?
- A: Xiǎode shíhou yǒu, kěshi hěn duō When I was a child I did, but I  
nián méiyǒu téngguo le. Zuó- haven't had any pain for many  
tiān wǎnshang yǒu kāishǐ bù years. Last night it began to feel  
shūfu le. Yèli shuì jiào yě bad again. During the night I  
shuìde bù hǎo, xǐngle hǎo jǐcì. slept very poorly, too. I woke  
up several times.
- D: Hǎo, wǒ gěi ni kāi ge yàofāng. All right. I'll write you a pre-  
Chīle yào, xiūxi xiuxi, yàoshi prescription. After you take the  
bù hǎo, xiàge xīngqī zài lái medicine, get some rest, and  
kànkàn. if it doesn't get better, come  
and see me again next week.
- A: Hǎo, xièxié ni! Okay, thank you.

PART III

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REFERENCE LIST

22. A: Nǐ liángguo tǐwēn  
le meiyou? Have you taken your temperature?
- B: Liángguò le, wēndù bù  
gāo, sānshiqīdù duō  
yìdiǎn. Yes. My temperature isn't high,  
a little over 37 degrees.
23. Nǐ yào duō xiūxi xiūxi, duō hē  
kāishuǐ. You need to rest a lot and drink  
a lot of (boiled) water.
24. Wǒ gěi ni liáng yíxià xuěyā. I'm going to take your blood  
pressure.
25. Wǒ xuěyā gāo. I have high blood pressure.
26. Nǐ xiǎng bu xiǎng zhǎo  
zhēnjiū dàifu gěi ni kànkan? Do you want to see an acupuncturist?
27. liúxíngxìng gǎnmào influenza, flu
28. kāi dāo to operate; to be operated on
29. dī to be low
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART III

liáng: "to measure" You first saw this verb in the context of taking measurements for clothing. Here you see it used for taking temperatures. It can also be used for measuring a piece of land or the dimensions of a room.

tǐwēn and wēndù: Both of these are translated as "temperature" in the sentences above, but they should be distinguished. Tǐwēn is literally "body temperature" and thus is used when talking about taking human temperatures. Wēndù is literally "temperature degree" and is generally used in measuring heat or cold.

Nǐ wūzilide wēndù shì duōshǎo? What's the temperature in your room?

[There is another word qìwēn, literally "air temperature," used, for example, used in weather reports.]

wēndù bù gāo: "the temperature is not high" Normal body temperature (98.6° F) is 37° Celsius. Each additional degree Celsius is 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit.

kāishuǐ: "boiled water" This is water that has been boiled, but is not necessarily hot. Often kāishuǐ is served as a hot beverage, however. The Chinese commonly believe that ice cold beverages are not good.

xuěyā: "blood pressure," literally "blood pressure." Xuěyā gāo is "high blood pressure," and xuěyā dī is "low blood pressure."

zhēnjiū: "acupuncture and moxibustion" Also pronounced zhēnjiū. Acupuncture is a practice of traditional (but not necessarily orthodox) Chinese medicine where parts of the body are pierced with needles to treat disease or relieve pain. This is based on the idea that the body's energy (qì) forms an integral system which must be maintained for good health. This is done by applying pressure or releasing pressure to restore the balance of qì. Moxibustion (traditionally more important than acupuncture) involves the smoldering of herbs on certain body points. In some cases the herbs are placed directly on the skin and lit with a stick of incense; at other times, a slice of ginger is first placed on the skin and the herbs burned on top.

Nǐ xiǎng bu xiǎng zhǎo zhēnjiū dàifu gěi ni kànkàn?: This has been translated on the Reference List as "Do you want to see an acupuncturist?" which is the conversational English equivalent. A translation more revealing of the structure of the question might be: "Do you want to look for an acupuncture doctor to give you treatment?"

liúxíngxìng gǎnmào: "influenza, flu," literally "epidemic cold." Liúxíng: the verb "to be prevalent, to be popular, to be common." -Xìng means "quality, characteristic," and when used as a suffix corresponds to "-esque" in "picturesque," or "-like" in "childlike." Liúxíngxìng is then "having the characteristic of being prevalent," specifically "epidemic."

kāi dāo: "to operate; to be operated on," literally "to open or operate the knife."

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DIALOGUE FOR PART III

In Běijīng a worker pays a return visit to a health clinic.

- D: Chīle wǒ gěi nide yào, hǎo yìdiǎnr le ma? Are you a little better after having taken the medicine I gave you?
- A: Háishi tóu téng, hóulong téng, shuì jiào shuìde hěn bù hǎo, yèlǐ chángchang xǐng. I still have a headache, and I'm not sleeping well at all. I often wake up at night.
- D: Wǒ kànkàn nide hóulong. Let me have a look at your throat.
- A: Ā. Ahhh.

- D: Nǐde hóulong hěn hóng. Qǐng bǎ shàngyī tuōle. Késou yīshēng. Hǎo. Nǐ xiān liángliang tǐwēn, ránhòu wǒ zài gěi nǐ liáng xuěyā. . . . Wēndù bù gāo, sānshiqī dù. Nǐ cóngqián yǒu xuěyā gāo ma? Your throat is very red. Please take off your upper clothes. Cough. Okay. First I'll take your temperature, and then I'll take your blood pressure. . . . Your temperature isn't high, 37 degrees. Have you had high blood pressure before?
- A: Méiyou. No.
- D: Jīntiān nǐde xuěyā yǒu diǎnr gāo, dàgài shì zuótiān yèli shuìde bù hǎo. Your blood pressure is a little high today. It's probably that you didn't sleep well last night.
- A: Yīshēng, yíge lǐbài le, zěnméi hái méi hǎo? Doctor, it's been a week. How come I'm still not better?
- D: Liúxíngxìng gǎnmào hěn bù róngyi hǎo. Wǒ gěi nǐ kāi ge yàofāng, zài chī diǎnr āsīpīlín. Nǐ hái yào duō hē diǎnr kāishuǐ, duō xiūxi xiūxi. Influenza is really not easy to get rid of. I'll write you a prescription, and you take some more aspirin. Also, drink a lot of (boiled) water, and get a lot of rest.
- A: Hǎo, xièxie nǐ. Okay, thank you.

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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

\*késou yīshēng: Literally, "cough one sound." -Sheng is the counter for utterances.

Unit 5, Vocabulary

āiyòu	ouch; oh dear
āsīpīlín	aspirin
chī	to take (medicine)
dàbiàn	bowel movement
dàbiàn bù tōng	to be constipated
dàifu	doctor
dī	to be low
-dù	degree (e.g., on a thermometer)
dùzi	belly, abdomen, stomach
fāshāo	to have a fever
gǎnmào	to catch cold; a cold
hóulóng (hóulong)	throat
kāi dāo	to operate; to be operated on
kāi yàofāng	to write a prescription
kāishuǐ	boiled water
kàn bìng	to have an illness treated/diagnosed
kàn dàifu	to see a doctor
késou	to cough
lā dùzi	to have diarrhea
liáng	to measure
liáng tǐwēn	to take a person's temperature
lìhai	to be severe, to be fierce
liúxíngxìng gǎnmào	influenza, flu
nèikē	internal medicine, general medicine; department of internal medicine
nèikē yīshēng	internist, physician
shàngyī	upper garment
shēng	to develop (as in <u>shēng bìng</u> )
shēng bìng	to get sick, to become ill
tǎng	to lie, to recline
téng (tòng)	to hurt, to ache
tǐwēn	(body) temperature
tóu	head
tóu téng	to have a headache; headache
tù	to vomit
tuō	to take off (clothing)



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wàikē  
wàikē yīshēng  
wèi  
wèibìng  
wēndù

surgical department  
surgeon  
stomach  
stomach trouble, gastric disease  
temperature

xiǎng tù  
xiǎobiàn  
xiè dù(zi)  
xuěyā  
xuěyā dī  
xuěyā gāo

to feel nauseous  
to urinate; urination  
to have diarrhea  
blood pressure  
low blood pressure  
high blood pressure, hypertension

yào  
yàofāng(r)  
yīshēng  
yīyuàn  
yūn

medicine  
prescription  
doctor  
hospital  
to be dizzy

zhēnjiū (zhēnjiǔ)

acupuncture and moxibustion

Personal Welfare Module, Unit 6  
Accidents and Difficulties

## PART I

## REFERENCE LIST

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| 1. <u>Zāogāo!</u> Zěnmě bàn? Wǒde hùzhào <u>diū</u> le.                  | Oh, no! What am I going to do?<br>I've lost my passport.                               |
| 2. Wǒ xiǎng nǐ děi dào <u>jǐngchájú</u> qù zhǎo <u>jǐngchá</u> tányitan. | I think you should go to the police station and find a policeman to talk it over with. |
| 3. Jǐngchájú yǒu <u>fānyì</u> ma?  | Are there interpreters at the police station?  |
| 4. " <u>Wàishì</u> " jiù shì <u>wàiguó</u> rénde <u>shìqing</u> .        | "Wàishì" means matters having to do with foreigners.                                   |
| 5. Wǒ bǎ <u>jiàshǐ zhízhào</u> diū le.                                   | I've lost my driver's license.   |
| 6. Jīntiān zǎoshang wǒ cái <u>fāxiàn</u> diū le.                         | I didn't discover I'd lost it until this morning.                                      |
| 7. Wǒ xīwàng néng kuài yìdiǎnr <u>lǐng</u> yíge xīnde.                   | I hope I can get a new one quickly.  |
| 8. <u>Yàoburán</u> bù néng kāi chē, bù fāngbian.                         | Otherwise it will be inconvenient not being able to drive.                             |
| 9. Nǐ qù <u>zhào xiàng</u> .   | Go and have your picture taken.  |
| 10. Gōng'ānjú  | Bureau of Public Security  |
| 11. wàishì jǐngchá   | foreign affairs policeman  |

## REFERENCE NOTES ON PART I

zāogāo: "too bad, oh darn, how terrible, what a mess," literally, "rotten-cake." This is used as an exclamation of dismay. It is often equivalent to "Oh no!":

Zāogāo! Wǒ wàngle dài fēijī-piào le!

Oh, no! I forgot to bring the plane tickets!

As an adjectival verb, zāogāo means "to be in a mess, to be in a bad state," as in:

- Nàrde qíngxíng hěn zāogāo.           The situation there is a mess.  
 Zhèiběn shū xiěde zhēn zāogāo.       This book is terribly written.  
 Tā hěn zāogāo.                       He's in a very bad way.  
 Yàoshi zhèige bìnggrén lái de zài      If this patient had come any later  
 wǎn yìdiǎnr jiù zāogāo le.           than he did, he would have been  
   in a real mess (in big trouble).

diū: "to lose" You can analyze the sentence Wǒde hùzhào diū le this way:

Wǒde hùzhào	diū le.
As for my passport,	(it has been) lost.

In some areas of China (including Taiwan) you would hear the word diào instead of diū: Wǒde hùzhào diào le.

fānyì: "to translate, to interpret; translator, interpreter" Also pronounced fānyi (with a neutral-tone yi).

shìqíng: "matter, affair, business, thing." Shìqíng refers to abstract things, while dōngxì refers to concrete things.

jiàoshǐ zhǐzhào: "driver's license" Jiàoshǐ is "to drive (a vehicle)." Zhǐzhào is a "license, permit."

fāxiàn: "to discover, to find, to find out"

- Wǒ zài zhèr fāxiànle yige           I've discovered a problem here.  
 wèntí.  
 Zhèi shì gāng fāxiànde yìzhǒng      This is a new kind of medicine  
 xīnde yào.                              which has just been discovered.

The object of fāxiàn may also be a clause:

- Wǒ huílai le yǐhòu jiù fāxiàn       When I came back I discovered that  
 tā yǐjīng zǒu le.                      he had already left.

The expression Wǒ fāxiàn . . . can often be translated as "I notice that . . ." or "I find that . . ." It often prefaces a personal observation, as in:

Wǒ fāxiàn hěn duō Měiguó rén  
juéde yǒu hái zi hěn máfan.

I find that many Americans feel  
that it's a lot of trouble to  
have children.

Wǒ fāxiàn nǐ hěn xǐhuan xīnde  
dōngxi.

I notice (or, "I get the impression"  
that you like new things very much

As a noun, fāxiàn means "discovery":

Zhèi shì yíge hěn zhòngyào de  
fāxiàn.

This is a very important discovery.

cái: "then and only then, not until" This adverb should be used when  
an event happens relatively late: "not until this morning." Cái is the  
opposite of jiù, the word for "then" when something happens sooner or earlier.  
When a sentence using cái describes a completed action, the verb will hardly  
ever take the ending -le; notice that fāxiàn in sentence 6 cannot have -le.  
Here is another example:

Tā zuótiān cái gào su wǒ.

He didn't tell me until yesterday.

kuài yidiǎnr: "a little more quickly," or as in No. 7, "soon." Kuài yidiǎnr  
gives the impression of being even sooner than zǎo yidiǎnr. Both  
mean "soon."

lǐng: "to receive, to get, to pick up, to collect" something that is  
issued or given (a prize, salary, materials, passport, etc.)

yàoburán: "otherwise," literally "if-not-thus." Like kěshi "but"  
and dànshi "but, however," yàoburán always comes at the front of the  
clause in which it occurs.

Wǒ děi mǎshàng zǒu, yàoburán  
wǒ jiù wǎn le.

I have to go right away, otherwise  
I'll be late.

Wǒ děi zuò fēijī qù, yàoburán  
jiù tài màn le.

I have to take a plane, otherwise  
it'll be too slow.

zhào xiàng: "to take a picture," literally, "illuminate-image." You  
already learned zhào xiàng jī, "camera," in WLF Unit 4, Part I. The counter  
for xiàng "pictures" is -zhāng (the same one as for tables, sheets of paper  
and other flat things). Zhào jǐ zhāng xiàng thus means "to take a few pic-  
tures." (When NOT using the word xiàng as the object of zhào, however, you  
should use zhào piàn or xiàng piàn for "photograph.")

Like many verb-object expressions, zhào xiàng has the potential ambiguity of meaning either "to (verb) an (object)" or "to have an (object) (verb)-ed": "to take a picture" or "to have one's picture taken." You saw this with several verb-object expressions in Unit 3:

jiǎn tóufa	to cut hair	to have one's hair cut
xǐ tóu	to give a shampoo	to get a shampoo
guā húzi	to shave	to have a shave
cā píxié	to shine shoes	to have one's shoes shined
tàng tóufa	to give a permanent	to get a permanent
juǎn tóufa	to curl hair	to have one's hair curled
zhào xiàng	to take a picture	to have one's picture taken

For example, in the case of zhào xiàng, a photographer might say Wǒ qù zhào xiàng, "I am going to take pictures"; but a person going to a photographer's studio might say the same sentence, Wǒ qù zhào xiàng, meaning "I am going to have my picture taken."

The fact that such sentences may mean either of two things rarely causes any misunderstandings in practice. The context almost always makes it perfectly clear which meaning is intended.

With these verb-object expressions, if you want to specify the person on whom the action is performed, you have to use a gěi phrase (you can't make the person the direct object because the verb already has a direct object). For example, to say "I'm going to take a picture of you," say:

Wǒ gěi nǐ zhào xiàng.

Likewise:

Tā tàitai gěi ta jiǎn tóufa.

His wife cuts his hair.

\*Although misunderstandings are rare, they are not impossible. Here is a short exchange illustrating how zhào xiàng might be misunderstood and how the misunderstanding might be cleared up. (For this example you need to know zhàopiàn, "photograph," and zhàoxiàngguǎn, "photography studio.")

- A: Wǒ jīntiān zhào xiàng qu le. Today I went to take pictures/  
to have my picture taken.
- B: Zhào shénme? Zhào fēngjǐng ma? What did you take pictures of?  
Did you take pictures of scenery?
- A: Bú shì a. Yīnwèi wǒ yào líng hùzhào, děi yǒu zhàopiàn, suǒyǐ wǒ qù zhàoxiàngguǎn qǐng tamen gěi wǒ zhào xiàng. No. I'm going to get a passport and need photographs, so I went to a photo studio and had them take my picture.

Here "A" meant by his first sentence "Today I went to have my picture taken." but "B" understood him to mean "Today I went to take pictures."

wàishì jǐngchá: "foreign affairs policemen," those who deal with foreign nationals.

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DIALOGUE FOR PART I

A foreign official in Běijīng talks with a Chinese colleague.

- M: Nǐ jīntiān zěnmē lái zěnmē wǎn?      How come you are so late today?
- F: Zhēn zāogāo!      It's just awful!
- M: Zěnmē le?      What happened?
- F: Wǒ bǎ jiàshǐ zhízhào diū le.      I've lost my driver's license. I  
Wǒ shì zuò chūzū qìchē lái de.      had to come by taxi.
- M: Zài nǎr diūd'a?      Where did you lose it?
- F: Wǒ bù zhīdào. Jīntiān zǎoshang      I don't know. I didn't discover  
wǒ cái fāxiàn diū le. Wǒ      I'd lost it until this morning.  
zěnmē bàn? Yào dào jǐngchájú      What am I to do? Should I go  
qù ma?      to the police station?
- M: Wǒ wènyiwèn Gōng'ānjú zěnmē gěi      I'll ask the Bureau of Public Security  
ni líng yíge xīnde.      how to get you a new one.
- F: Wǒ xīwàng néng kuài yìdiǎnr.      I hope it will be soon. Otherwise  
Yàoburán bù néng kāi chē      it will be inconvenient not being  
bù fāngbiàn.      able to drive.
- M: Nà nǐ xiān qù zhào xiàng. Wǒ      Well, then, you go and get your  
gěi ni wènwen zěnmē bàn.      picture taken. I'll ask for  
you what you should do.
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NOTES ON THE DIALOGUE

Zài nǎr diūd'a?: "Where did you lose it?" d'a is a contraction of de and a. The whole sentence would be Nǐ shì zài nǎr diūde a?

PART II

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REFERENCE LIST

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| 12. Ai! <u>Shéi</u> lái <u>bāngbang máng</u> !                  | Hey! Will someone please come help!               |
| 13. Tā <u>bèi</u> qìchē <u>zhuàng</u> le.                       | He was hit by a car.                              |
| 14. Tā <u>qí mōtuōchē</u> qíde tài kuài le.                     | He was driving his motorcycle too fast.           |
| 15. Wǒde <u>tuǐ téngsǐ</u> le!                                  | My leg is hurting me to death!                    |
| 16. Nǐ <u>liú xuě</u> le ma?                                    | Are you bleeding?                                 |
| 17. Wǒmen xiān bǎ tā <u>tái</u> dao <u>lù-biānrshang</u> qu ba. | Let's first carry him to the side of the road.    |
| 18. Wǒde tuǐ <u>dòngbuliǎo</u> , dàgài <u>gútou duàn</u> le.    | I can't move my leg, the bone is probably broken. |
| 19. Qǐng ni <u>mǎshàng</u> gěi yīyuàn <u>dǎ diànhuà</u> .       | Please call the hospital immediately.             |
| 20. Bié <u>zhāojí</u> .   | Don't get upset.                                  |
| 21. Wǒ zài zhèr <u>kānzhe</u> ta.                               | I'll stay here and look after him.                |
| 22. -liàng  | (counter for vehicles)                            |
| 23. jiùhùchē  | ambulance   |
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REFERENCE NOTES FOR PART II

shéi: "someone" The question word shéi "who" can also be used to mean "someone."

bèi: This is the prepositional verb which indicates the doer of the action, similar to the English "by" in passive sentences. In sentences with bèi it is the subject (tā in sentence 12) which received the action and the object of bèi (qìchē in sentence 12) which did the action.

Wǒde zìdiǎn bèi xuésheng nǎzǒu le.

My dictionary was taken by a student.

Tā bèi rén dǎsǐ le.

He was beaten to death by someone. (dǎsǐ is literally "hit to death")

Bèi has a special characteristic other prepositional verbs do not share: it can occur WITHOUT AN OBJECT. Its passive meaning is still evident in the rest of the sentence:

Wǒde xīn qìchē bèi zhuàng le. My new car was hit.

Wǒde yǔsǎn bèi nǎzǒu le. My umbrella was taken.

qí: "to ride/drive by straddling" While zuò is the verb "to ride" generally and specifically when sitting down, qí is the verb "to ride" used with horses, motorcycles and bicycles.

téngsǐ le: "to hurt a lot," literally "to hurt to death (figuratively speaking)"

liú xuě: "to bleed," literally "to flow blood" Xuě is also pronounced xiě and xuè.

tái: "to lift or carry (by two or more persons)"

Qǐng bǎ zhèige zhuōzi tái-jìnlái. Please carry this table in (with me or someone else).

Qǐng bǎ zhèi liǎngjiàn dà xíngli táishang chē qu. Please carry (with me or someone else) these two large suitcases onto the train.

Bǎ diànshì táixià lóu lai. Bring the television downstairs with me.

dòng: "to move (either oneself or something else)"

Bié dòng! Don't move.

Xiān bú yào dòng ta. Let's not move him just yet.

(Dòng can also mean "to touch" something, so Bié dòng can also mean "Don't touch it.")

dòngbuliǎo: "unable to move" The endings -deliǎo "able" and -buliǎo "unable" are used with action verbs to show the result of the action.

Zènme duō xíngli, wǒ yíge rén nábuliǎo. I can't carry all this luggage by myself.

Tā kāi dāo bù jiǔ, hái zǒubuliǎo lù. It hasn't been long since the operation. She's not yet able to walk.

Xià zhème dà yǔ. Xiànzài zǒubuliǎo. It's raining so hard. We can't leave now.



mǎshàng: "immediately, right away," literally "on a horse"

dǎ diànhuà: "to make a phone call," literally "to hit electric-speech."  
To indicate who you are calling, use the prepositional verb gěi "for, to."

Nǐ gěi shéi dǎ diànhuà?

Who are you calling?

Lǎo Wáng yòu gěi ni dǎ diànhuà le.

Lǎo Wáng called you again.

The noun diànhuà by itself can mean either "telephone" or "telephone call."

Nǐ hái méiyǒu diànhuà ma?

Are you still without a phone?

Yǒu nǐde diànhuà.

There's a call for you.

Sometimes you can use diànhuà where English would have "telephone number":  
Nǐde diànhuà shì duōshǎo?

zhāojí: "to get upset, to get excited with worry, to feel anxious"

Nǐ tài zhāojí. Wǒmen zhèr méiyǒu shénme wèntí.

You're too anxious/worried. We don't have any problems here.

kān: "to look after (something)" The verb kàn "to look, to see" changes tones when it means "to look after something."

Nǐ qù Xiānggǎngde shíhou, shéi gěi ni kān fāngzi?

Who'll be looking after your house when you go to Hong Kong?

Shéi gěi ni kān háizi?

Who looks after the children (OR babysits) for you?

-zhe: This is the marker of DURATION. It may be added to an action or process verb to indicate that the action lasts for some amount of time. In the sentence Wǒ zài zhèr kānzhe ta "I'll stay here and look after him," the speaker is saying that he will do this and CONTINUE it for some time. -Zhe can be used whether the time is past, present or future.

Tā zài nèibiān zuòzhe, Xiǎo Lán pǎojinlai gàosu ta bàba huílai le.

She was sitting there when Xiǎo Lán ran in and told her papa had returned.

Tā hái bìngzhe ne.

He's still sick. (The -zhe tells you that the illness is lasting for some time. Without -zhe, bìng means "get sick," not "be sick." Ne tells you this is not a new situation [absence of change].)

Zuòzhe ba.

Sit for a while.

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DIALOGUE FOR PART II

A passerby (B) on a street in Běijīng is called by the driver of a motorcycle (A) who has just had an accident with a pedestrian (C).

- A: Wèi, lái bāngbang máng! Hey, someone quick come help us!
- B: Zěnmē le? What happened?
- A: Zhèiwèi tóngzhì bèi wǒ zhuàng le. This comrade was hit by me.
- B: Bèi nǐ zhuàng le? Zhèiliàng mótūōchē shì nǐde? Hit by you? Is this your motorcycle?
- A: Hài, bié shuō le. Wǒ qíde tài kuài, méi kànjian ta. (Sigh) Don't even talk about it. I was riding too fast, I didn't see him.
- C: Aiyō, wǒde mā yo . . . Aiyō! Téngsǐ wǒ le. . . . Wǒde tuǐ . . . .  
. . . .
- B: Liúle zhème duō xuě, zhēn zāogāo! Xiànzài zěnmē bàn ne? Wǒmen xiān bǎ ta tái dao lù-biānrshang qu ba! He's lost so much blood. This is terrible. What should we do now? First, let's carry him to the side of the road.
- C: Ào, wǒde tuǐ dòngbuliǎo, dàgài gútou duàn le. Oh, I can't move my leg. It's probably broken.
- A: Wǒ xiǎng zuǐhǎo xiān bú yào dòng ta, wǒ zài zhèr, nǐ qù dǎ diànhuà jiǎo liàng jiùhùchē lái, zài dǎ ge diànhuà jiǎo jǐngchá lái. I think it would be best not to move him for the time being. I'll stay here. You call for an ambulance, and then call for the police to come.

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He's not calling for his mother; this is a moan.

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- B: Hǎo, nǐ zài zhèr kānzhe ta. Wǒ  
mǎshàng jiù qù. (to C):  
Nèiwei tóngzhì nǐ bié zhāojí.  
Dǎle diànhuà jiùhùchē mǎshàng  
jiù dào. Okay, you stay here and watch him.  
I'll go right away. (to C): Don't  
get upset, comrade. The ambulance  
will be here right after I call.
- A: Nín . . . nín kuài qù ba! Xièxie  
nín le! You . . . you go quickly! Thank you.

PART III

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REFERENCE LIST

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| 24. Nǐ méi kànjian zhèige <u>páizi</u> ma?       | Didn't you see this sign?                             |
| 25. Wǒ méi <u>zhùyì</u> .                        | I wasn't paying attention.                            |
| 26. Yǐhòu nǐ yào xiǎoxīn.                        | From now on you must be careful.                      |
| 27. Nǐmen bù kéyì zài zhèli <u>yóuyǒng</u> .     | You can't swim here.                                  |
| 28. Nǐmen zài zhèli yóuyǒng yǒu <u>wéixiǎn</u> . | It's dangerous for you to swim here.                  |
| 29. Wǒ bú shì <u>gùyì</u> jìnláide.              | I didn't enter here [the restricted area] on purpose. |
| 30. <u>Ràng</u> wo kànkàn nǐde hùzhào.           | Let me see your passport.                             |
| 31. Zhèli shì <u>jūnshì</u> <u>dìqū</u> .        | This is a military area here.                         |
| 32. Zhànzhù!                                     | Halt!   |
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REFERENCE NOTES ON PART III

páizi: "sign, poster, plate," also a "brand name, trademark"

Nǐ mǎide shì shénme páizide zhàoxiàngjī?      What brand of camera did you buy?

Nèige hóng páizishang xiěde shì shénme?      What is written on that red sign?

zhùyì: "to pay attention to, to take notice of"

Wǒ méi zhùyì tā shì gēn shéi zǒude.      I didn't notice who he left with.

Zhùyì diǎnr!      Please pay a little more attention!

bù kéyì: "cannot" Of the three auxiliary verbs néng, huì and kéyì. kéyì is the one to use when the "can" or "cannot" is due to someone granting or withholding permission.

yóuyǒng: "to swim"

Nǐ huì bu huì yóuyǒng? Can you swim?

Wǒ yóuyǒng yóude bú tài hǎo. I don't swim too well.

wéixiǎn: "to be dangerous, to be perilous" Also pronounced wēixiǎn.

Zài Táiběi qí mōtuōchē tài wéixiǎn le. It's too dangerous to ride a motorcycle in Taipei.

Tā bú pà wéixiǎn, tā shénme dōu yào zuò. He's not afraid of danger. He'll do anything.

gùyì: "intentionally, willfully, on purpose"

Tā gùyì bǎ nèixiē shū diū le. She lost those books on purpose.

Duìbuqǐ, wǒ bú shi gùyì (zuò)de. I'm sorry, I didn't do it on purpose.

ràng: "to let, to allow, to cause (someone to do something)." This is a prepositional verb, i.e. ràng and its object both precede the main verb.

Tā bú ràng wǒ zǒu. She won't let me leave.

Nǐ zěnme keyì ràng tā zènme bù gāoxìng? How could you make her so unhappy!

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FIRST DIALOGUE FOR PART III

A Canadian man (M) has just entered an area in Běijīng prohibited to foreigners, having failed to notice a sign in English to that effect. A policewoman (F) calls out to him.

F: Hài! Zhànzhū! Hey! Halt!

M: Shénme shìr? What's the matter?

F: Nǐ méi kànjian zhèige páizi ma? Didn't you see this sign?

M: Ōu, duìbuqǐ. Wǒ méi zhùyì. Oh, excuse me. I wasn't paying attention. I didn't enter here intentionally.  
Wǒ bú shi gùyì jìnlaide.

F: Nǐ shi nǎiguo rén na? What's your nationality?

M: Wǒ shi Jiānádà rén. I'm Canadian.

- F: Ràng wǒ kànkàn nǐde hùzhào. Let me see your passport.  
M: Mm. Mm.  
(The policewoman writes down his name and passport number.)  
F: Yǐhòu zhùyì diǎnr. Bié zài From now on pay more attention.  
zǒucuò le. Don't walk into the wrong place  
again.  
M: Wǒ zhīdao le. Now I know.
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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

zhīdao le: "now I know," or "I understand" This is the marker le for new situations.

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SECOND DIALOGUE FOR PART III

An American woman and her two children are swimming along the beach in Taiwan. A soldier calls to them.

- M: Èi! Shànglai! Nǐmen shànglai. Hey! Come up! Come up here.  
F: Yǒu shénme shì a? What's the matter?  
M: Nǐmen bù kéyi zài zhèli You can't swim here.  
yóuyǒng.  
F: Wèishénme? Why?  
M: Nǐ méi kàndào nèige páizi ma? Didn't you see that sign?  
F: Kàndào le, búguò . . . Yes, but . . .  
M: Páizishang shuō shénme? What does it say on the sign?  
F: Duìbuqǐ, wǒ bú huì kàn I'm sorry, I can't read Chinese.  
Zhōngwén.  
M: Zhèli shì jūnshì dìqū. Bù kéyi This is a military area here. You  
yóuyǒng. Nǐmen zài zhèli can't swim. It's dangerous for  
yóuyǒng yǒu wéixiǎn. Xiàcì you to swim here. In the future  
bú yào zài lái le. you shouldn't come here any more.  
F: Hǎo. Xièxie ni. Very well. Thank you.
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NOTE ON THE DIALOGUE

xiàcì bú yào zài lái le: "in the future don't come here again (any more)" In addition to meaning "next time," xiàcì can mean generally "in the future."

Unit 6, Vocabulary

bāng máng bèi	to help, to aid, to assist by (indicates the one who carries out the action in a passive sentence)
-buliǎo	unable to ... (verb ending)
dǎ diànhuà diànhuà dìqū diū dòng dòngbuliǎo duàn	to make a phone call, to telephone telephone, telephone call area, region to lose to move unable to move to sever, to break
fānyì fāxiàn	to interpret, to translate to discover
Gōng'ānjú gútou gùyì	Bureau of Public Security (PRC) bone intentionally, willfully, on purpose
jiàoshǐ jiàoshǐ zhízhào jǐngchá jǐngchájú jiùhùchē jūnshì	driver, pilot; to drive, to pilot driver's license policeman police station ambulance military
kān	to look after, to watch over
-liàng lǐng	(counter for vehicles) to collect, to pick up (something which is issued)
liú xuě (xiě, xuè) lùbiān(r)	to bleed side of the road
mǎshàng mōtuōchē (mōtuōchē)	immediately motorcycle
páizi	sign, poster, plate; brand name, trade mark
qí	to ride by straddling
ràng	to let, to allow, to cause someone to do something



WLF, Unit 6

shéi	someone
shìqing	matter, affair, business, thing
-sīle	like crazy, to death (state verb ending)
tái	to carry (by two or more people)
téngsǐ le	to hurt like crazy, to hurt to death (figuratively)
tuǐ	leg
wàishì	foreign affairs
wàiguó	foreign country
wéixiǎn (wēixiǎn)	to be dangerous, to be perilous, danger
yàoburán	otherwise, or else
yóuyǒng	to swim
zāogāo	oh no! how awful! how terrible! what a mess!; to be awful
zhāojí	to get upset, to be anxious, to be worried
zhào xiàng	to take a picture
-zhe	marker of duration for actions and states
zhuàng	to bump into, to run into, to collide with
zhùyì (zhùyì)	to pay attention, to take notice

Appendix 1: Parts of the Body

abdomen	fù(bù)
ankle	jiǎowǎnzi
appendix	lánwěi
arm	gēbei, gēbo, shǒubì
back	bèi
blood	xiě, xuě, xuè
blood vessel	xuěguǎn(r)
bone	gútou, gǔtou
brain	nǎo(zi)
breast	rǔfáng, nǎi, rǔ
buttocks	pìgǔ
cheek	miànjiá, sāi
chest	xiōngbù, xiōngtáng
chin	xiàba
ear	ěrdùo
elbow	gēbeizhǒu(r)
eye	yǎnjīng
eyeball	yǎnzhūzi (colloquial), yǎnqiú
eyebrow	méimào
face	liǎn
finger	shǒuzhǐtou, shǒuzhǐtóu
fingernail	zhǐjiǎ, zhǐjiǎ
foot	jiǎo
gums	yáchuáng
hand	shǒu
head	tóu
heart	xīnzàng
heel	jiǎogēn
intestines	chángzi
joint	guānjié
kidney	shèn(zàng)
knee	qīgài, xīgài
leg	tuǐ
lip	zuǐchún
liver	gānzàng
lung	fèi

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mouth	zuǐ, kǒu
muscle	jīròu
neck	bózi
nerve	shénjīng
nose	bízi
rib	lèigǔ, lègǔ
shoulder	jiānbǎng
skin	pífū
spine	jǐlianggǔ
stomach	wèi; dùzi (belly)
tendon	jiàn, jīn (colloquial)
thigh	dàtuǐ
throat	hóulong
thumb	mǔzhǐ
toe	jiǎozhítou, jiǎozhǐ
tongue	shétou
tonsils	biǎntáoxiàn
tooth	yá, yáchǐ
wrist	wànzǐ

\*Parts of the body may have several terms which differ as to (1) what areas of China they are used in, (2) the degree of formality, and (3) the contexts in which they are used. Here are examples of each kind of difference: (1) "arm" is gēbei in the speech of Běijīng, but shǒubì in some other parts of the country; (2) "armpit" is gēzhīwō in colloquial Běijīng speech but yèwō in formal speech; (3) for "stomach," the medical term is wèi; colloquially, it may be called wèi or dùzi; and as a food (e.g. pig's stomach) it is called dūzi.

For this list, words were chosen which you could, for example, use to tell a physician where you have a medical problem. Words which are either very informal or technical have been omitted.

It is interesting and important to realize that the Chinese and English languages sometimes differ on how they divide the human body into parts. The hip, for example, is a well-known "part of the body" in English, but the Chinese language has no commonly used word which includes all and only what we call the "hip." Rather, Chinese has a word for "buttocks" (formally, túnbù, or in spoken style, pìgu) which includes the buttocks and hips below the hipbone.

Another example are the Chinese words xiōngkǒu and xīnkǒu, which refer to the center of the chest just below the breastbone, between the lower ribs. (One often feels indigestion there, for instance.) If English has a word for this part of the body, it is not nearly as common as these Chinese words.

Appendix 2: Medical Conditions, Problems, and Illnesses

abcess	nóngzhǒng
allergic to...	duì...guòmǐn
allergy	guòmǐnzhèng
appendicitis	lánwěiyán
arthritis	guānjiéyán
asthma	qìchuānbìng
cholera	huòluàn
cold	gǎnmào, shāngfēng, zhāoliáng
cramp	chōujīn
diabetes	tángniàobìng
flu	liúxíngxìng gǎnmào, liúgǎn
food poisoning	shíwù zhòngdú
fungus	méi
hemorrhoids	zhìchuāng
hepatitis	gānyán
hernia	shàn
indigestion	xiāohuà bù liáng
inflamed	fāyán
inflammation	yánzhèng
measles	mázhěn
nervous tension	shénjīng jǐnzhāng
pneumonia	fèiyán
rheumatism	fēngshǐ
stroke	zhòngfēng
sunburn	shài tuō pí le (skin peeling)
	shàihóng le (red)
	jiào tàiyang shàide
sunstroke	zhòngshǔ
tonsillitis	biǎntáoxiànyán
ulcer (gastric)	wèikuìyáng

Appendix 3: Furniture and Household Items

bīngxiāng	refrigerator
chāzuò	(electrical) outlet
chōushuǐ mǎtǒng	flush toilet
chōutì	drawer
chuáng	bed
chuānglián	curtain
dēng	light, lamp
dèngzi	stool
diāndēng kāiguān	light switch
diànhuà	telephone
diànlúzi	electric stove; electric heater
diànshàn	electric fan
dītǎn	carpet, rug
guìzi	cabinet
hōnggānji	dryer
jìngzi	mirror
lājī; lèsè (Taiwan)	garbage
lājītǒng; lèsètǒng (Taiwan)	garbage pail
lājīxiāng; lèsèxiāng (Taiwan)	garbage can
lěngqìjī	air conditioner
lúzi	stove
sàozhou, sàobǎ	broom
shāfā	sofa
shuǐchízi	kitchen sink
shuǐlóngtóu	faucet, tap
shūjiàzi	bookshelf
tuōbǎ	mop
xīchénqì	vacuum cleaner
xiězìtái	desk
xīliǎnpén	(bathroom) sink, washstand
xīyījī	washing machine
xīzǎopén	bathtub
yǐzi	chair
yùndǒu	iron
zhuōzi	table
zìzhǐlǒu	wastepaper basket

Appendix 4: Parts of a House

bìchú	closet
cèsuǒ	toilet
céng	floor, story
chuānghu	window
chúfáng	kitchen
dì	floor
dìbǎn	wooden floor
dìxiàshì	basement
fángdǐng	room
fángjiān	room
fàntīng	dining room
kètīng	living room
lóutī	stairs
mén	door
qiáng	wall
shūfáng	study, library
tiānhuābǎn	ceiling
wèishēngjiān	toilet, bathroom
wòfáng	bedroom
wòshì	bedroom
wūzi	room
xǐzǎofáng	bathroom
zǒuláng	corridor, hall

Module Vocabulary

Ayí	auntie	WLF 4
āiyo	ouch	WLF 5
ànmó	massage	WLF 3
āsīpǐlín	aspirin	WLF 5
bāng máng	to help, to aid, to assist	WLF 6
báo	to be thin; to be light (of clothing)	WLF 2
bào	to hold, to embrace	WLF 4
bèi	by (indicates the one who carries out the action in a passive sentence)	WLF 6
-buliǎo	(verb ending) unable to...	WLF 6
bú yào	don't	WLF 3
cā	to rub, to wipe	WLF 3
chá	tea	WLF 4
cháng	to be long	WLF 2
cháng	often	WLF 1
chángcháng	often	WLF 1
cháoshī	to be humid	WLF 1
chéng	city, town	WLF 1
chènshān	shirt, blouse	WLF 2
chī	to take (medicine)	WLF 5
chī fàn	to eat	WLF 4
chǐcun (chǐcùn)	measurement; size	WLF 2
chuān	to put on (clothing)	WLF 2
chúfáng	kitchen	WLF 4
chuí bèi	to pound (someone's) back	WLF 3
chuīgān	to blow-dry	WLF 3
chūntiān (chūntian)	spring	WLF 1
dàbiàn	bowel movement	WLF 5
dàbiàn bù tōng	to be constipated	WLF 5
dǎ diànhuà	to make a phone call, to telephone	WLF 6
dài	to put on, to wear (glasses, gloves, a hat, a watch, jewelry, etc)	WLF 2
dài	to bring, to take with one	WLF 4
dài	to lead, to take	WLF 4
dàifu	doctor	WLF 5
dǎkāi	to open	WLF 4
dàiyī	overcoat	WLF 2
dī	to be low	WLF 5
diànhuà	telephone, telephone call	WLF 6
-dǐng	(counter for hats)	WLF 2
dìqū	area, region	WLF 6
diū	to lose	WLF 6

## WLF, Cumulative Vocabulary

dòng	to move	WLF 6
dòngbuliǎo	unable to move	WLF 6
dōngtiān (dōngtian)	winter	WFL 1
-dù	degree	WLF 5
duǎn	to be short	WLF 1
duàn	to sever, to break	WLF 6
dùzi	belly, abdomen	WLF 5
fángjiān	room	WLF 4
fàntīng	dining room	WLF 4
fānyì	to interpret, to translate	WLF 6
fāshāo	to have a fever	WLF 5
fāxiàn	to discover	WLF 6
fēn	one tenth of a Chinese inch ( <u>cùn</u> )	WLF 3
fēng	wind	WLF 1
fēngjǐng	scenery	WLF 1
fùjìn (fǔjìn)	area, neighborhood	WLF 1
fùnǚ	women	WLF 4
fúzhuāngdiàn	clothing store	WLF 2
gànbufú	cadre suit	WLF 2
gānjìng	to be clean	WLF 3
gǎnmào	to catch cold; a cold	WLF 5
gǎo	to do, to engage in	WLF 4
gǎo wèishēng	to do cleaning	WLF 4
Gōng'ānjú	Bureau of Public Security (PRC)	WLF 6
gōngyù	apartment building; apartment	WLF 4
gōngyùlóu	apartment building	WLF 4
gòu	to be enough	WLF 2
guā	to blow (of wind, typhoons, etc.)	WLF 1
guā	to scrape	WLF 3
guā húzi	to shave (the face)	WLF 3
gútou (gǔtou)	bone	WLF 6
gùyì	intentionally, willfully, on purpose	WLF 1
hǎibiān(r)	seashore	WLF 1
hàn	and (Taiwan pronunciation)	WLF 2
hǎoxiàng	to seem (to be), to appear that	WLF 4
hē	to drink	WLF 4
hé	river	WLF 1
hé	and	WLF 2
héshì	to fit; to be suitable	WLF 2
hòu	to be think; to be heavy (of clothing)	WLF 2
hóulóng (hóulong)	throat	WLF 5
hú	lake	WLF 1
huài	to be bad; to go bad, to break	WLF 2
huánjìng	environment	WLF 1
húzi	beard OR mustache	WLF 3
jiākè(r)/jiákè(r)	jacket (cut above waist)	WLF 2
jiǎn	to cut (with scissors)	WLF 3
-jiàn	(counter for articles of clothing)	WLF 2
jiào	to ask/tell (someone to do something)	WLF 4



WLF, Cumulative Vocabulary

jiàshǐ	driver, pilot; to drive, to pilot	WLF 6
jiàshǐ zhǐzhào	driver's license	WLF 6
jǐngchá	policeman	WLF 6
jǐngchájú	police station	WLF 6
jiùhùchē	ambulance	WLF 6
juǎn	to curl, to roll up; a roll (of something), a reel (of tape)	WLF 3
juéde	to feel	WLF 1
jūnshì	military	WLF 6
kāi dǎo	to operate; to be operated on	WLF 5
kāishǐ	to begin, to start	WLF 1
kāi yàofāng	to write a prescription	WLF 5
kāishuǐ	boiled water	WLF 5
kān	to look after, to watch over	WLF 6
kān	to have (a medical problem) treated	WLF 5
kān bìng	to see a doctor; to see a patient	WLF 5
késou	to cough	WLF 5
kètīng	living room	WLF 4
kōngqì (kōngqì)	air	WLF 1
kōngqì wūrǎn	air pollution	WLF 1
kǒudài	pocket	WLF 4
kùzi (yìtiáo)	pants	WLF 2
lā dùzi	to have diarrhea	WLF 5
lěng	to be cold	WLF 1
liǎn	face	WLF 4
liáng	to measure	WLF 2, WLF 5
-liàng	(counter for vehicles)	WLF 6
liǎngbiān	both sides, two sides	WLF 3
liǎngkuai	to be cool	WLF 1
liáng tǐwēn	to take a person's temperature	WLF 5
liàozi	material, fabric	WLF 2
lǐhai	to severe, to be fierce	WLF 5
líkai	to leave	WLF 1
lǐng	to collect, to pick up (something which is issued)	WLF 6
liú	to remain, to stay; to keep, to save; to grow, to let grow; to leave	WLF 3
liú húzi	to grow a beard or mustache	WLF 3
liúxíngxìng gǎnmào	influenza, flu	WLF 5
liú xuě (xiě, xuè)	to bleed	WLF 6
lùbiān(r)	side of the road	WLF 6
lùyīndài	recording tape	WLF 4
lùyīnjī	tape recorder	WLF 4
máfan	trouble, bother	WLF 4
mǎlù	street, avenue	WLF 4
máoyī	sweater	WLF 2
màozi (yìdǐng)	hat	WLF 2
mǎshàng	immediately	WLF 6
méi shì (le)	everything is all right (now); there's no (further) business	WLF 4

WLF, Cumulative Vocabulary

méi wèntí	there's no problem	WLF 3
mián'ǎo	(Chinese-style) cotton-padded jacket	WLF 2
mōtuōchē (mōtuōchē)	motorcycle	WLF 6
nà	then, in that case	WLF 2
nèikē	internal medicine, general medicine; department of internal medicine	WLF 5
nèikē yīshēng	internist, physician	WLF 5
nèikù	underpants	WLF 2
nèiyī	underwear (undershirts, undershorts, briefs, slips, bras, etc.); just undershirt (when used in contrast to <u>nèikù</u> , underpants)	WLF 2
nílóng	nylon	WLF 2
niú'nǎi	(cow's) milk	WLF 4
nòng (lòng, nòng)	to do, to handle, to manage, to make	WLF 3
nòng gānjīng	to clean something up	WLF 3
nuǎnhuo	to be warm	WLF 1
páizi	sign, poster, plate; brand name, trade mark	WLF 6
píngcháng	usually, generally, ordinarily	WLF 4
píxié	leather shoes	WLF 2
pò	to be worn out; to break, to tear	WLF 2
qí	to ride by straddling	WLF 6
qìhòu (qìhou)	climate	WLF 1
qín	to be clear	WLF 1
qīngjìng	to be quiet	WLF 1
qípào	close-fitting woman's dress with high neck and slit skirt; cheongsam	WLF 2
qiūtiān (qiū'tian)	fall, autumn	WLF 1
qù	to go	WLF 2
qúnzi	skirt	WLF 2
ràng	to let, to allow, to cause something to do something	WLF 6
rè	to be hot	WLF 1
rénkǒu	population	WLF 1
sēnlín	forest	WLF 1
shān	mountain	WLF 1
shàngyī	upper outer garment	WLF 5
shāo	to heat, to cook; to burn	WLF 4
shǎo	to be few; seldom	WLF 1
shāohǎo le	to have heated up; to have finished cooking	WLF 4
shéi	someone	WLF 6
shēng bìng	to get sick, to become ill	WLF 5
shēnbào	to declare, to report	WLF 4
shēnbàodān	customs declaration	WLF 4
shénmeyàng	like what; what kind	WLF 2
shēnshang	on one's body	WLF 2
shì	to try	WLF 3

WLF, Cumulative Vocabulary

shì(yi)shi	to give (something) a try	WLF 3
shìqing	matter, affair, business, thing	WLF 6
shōushi	to tidy up	WLF 4
shōushi	jewelry	WLF 4
shuā	to brush	WLF 4
-shuāng	pair	WLF 2
shuā yá	to brush one's teeth	WLF 4
shūbāo	book bag, tote bag, carryall	WLF 2
shūfáng	library	WLF 4
shūfu	to be comfortable	WLF 3
shuǐ	water	WLF 4
shuì jiào	to sleep	WLF 4
shuì wǔjiào	to take a noontime nap	WLF 4
shuǐyī (yítào)	pajamas; nightgown	WLF 2
shūshu	uncle	WLF 4
shū tóu	to brush or comb hair	WLF 3
tái	to carry (by two or more people)	WLF 6
táifēng	typhoon	WLF 1
tǎng	to lie, to recline	WLF 5
tǎng	to get a permanent	WLF 3
-tào	(counter for suits, sets of things)	WLF 2
téng (tòng)	to hurt, to ache	WLF 5
téngsǐ le	to hurt like crazy, to hurt to death (figuratively)	WLF 6
tiān	sky; heaven; day	WLF 1
tiānqì (tiānqi)	weather	WLF 1
-tiáo	(counter for pairs of pants)	WLF 2
tīngshuō	to hear that, to hear it said; I hear that, I understand that	WLF 1
tǐwēn	(body) temperature	WLF 5
tóu	head; head of hair	WLF 2, WLF 5
tóufa	hair	WLF 3
tóu téng	to have a headache; headache	WLF 5
tù	to vomit, to spit up	WLF 5
tuǐ	leg	WLF 6
tuōxié	slippers	WLF 2
wàiguó	foreign country	WLF 6
wàikē	surgical department	WLF 5
wàikē yīshēng	surgeon	WLF 5
wàishì	foreign affairs	WLF 6
wàishì jǐngchá	foreign affairs policeman	WLF 6
wàitào	coat, jacket (that extends below the waist)	WLF 2
wàng	to forget	WLF 2
wàzi	socks	WLF 2
wèi	stomach	WLF 5
wèibìng	stomach trouble, gastric disease	WLF 5
wéixiǎn (wēixiǎn)	to be dangerous, to be perilous; danger	WLF 6
wēndù	temperature	WLF 5
wèntí	question, problem	WLF 3
wòfáng	bedroom	WLF 4

wòshì	bedroom	WLF 4
wūrǎn	pollution	WLF 1
wūzi	room	WLF 4
xǐ	to wash	WLF 3
xiǎng	to miss, to think of	WLF 1
xiāngxià (xiāngxia)	in the country, the countryside	WLF 1
xiāngzi	suitcase	WLF 4
xiǎobēnzi	notebook	WLF 4
xiǎobiàn	to urinate; urination	WLF 5
xiǎoxīn	to be careful	WLF 4
xiàtiān (xiàtian)	summer	WLF 1
xià xuě	to snow	WLF 1
xià yǔ	to rain	WLF 1
xié	shoe	WLF 2
xiè dùzi	to have diarrhea	WLF 5
xǐng	to wake up	WLF 4
xīnxiān (xīnxian)	to be fresh	WLF 1
xǐ tóu	to shampoo, to get a shampoo	WLF 3
xǐzǎo	to take a bath	WLF 4
xǐzǎofáng	bathroom	WLF 4
xīzhuāng	Western-style clothes; Western-style suit	WLF 2
xuěyā	blood pressure	WLF 5
xuěyā dī	low blood pressure	WLF 5
xuěyā gāo	high blood pressure	WLF 5
xūyào	to need, to require	WLF 2
yá	tooth, teeth	WLF 4
yágāo	toothpaste	WLF 4
yàngzi	appearance; shape, form; style, design; pattern	WLF 2
yǎnjìng(r)	glasses (spectacles)	WLF 4
yào	should; must; it is necessary, to need to	WLF 2
yào	medicine	WLF 5
yàoburán	otherwise, or else	WLF 6
yàofāng	prescription	WLF 5
yídìng	certainly, surely, for sure, definitely	WLF 3
yīfu	clothes	WLF 2
yīshēng	doctor	WLF 5
yīyuàn	hospital	WLF 5
yòng	to use	WLF 2
yóu	oil, grease	WLF 3
yǒu(de) shíhou	sometimes	WLF 1
yǒu shì	to be occupied, to be busy	WLF 3
yǒu (yi)diǎn	a little bit, somewhat	WLF 3
yóuyǒng	to swim	WLF 6
yùbei	to prepare, to get ready	WLF 4
yùbeihǎo le	to have prepared	WLF 4
yūn	to be dizzy	WLF 5
yǔxié	rainshoes; rubbers, galoshes	WLF 2
yǔyī	raincoat	WLF 2
yùyue	to make an appointment (PRC)	WLF 3

WLF, Cumulative Vocabulary

zāogāo	oh no! how awful! how terrible! what a mess!; to be awful	WLF 6
zhào	according to	WLF 2
zhāojí	to get upset, to be anxious, to be worried	WLF 6
zhào xiàng	to take a photograph	WLF 6
zhàoxiàngjī	camera	WLF 4
-zhe	(marker of duration for actions and states)	WLF 6
zhēnjiū (zhēnjiǔ)	acupuncture and moxibustion	WLF 5
zhīpiào	check (as in personal check)	WLF 4
zhīpiàoběn	checkbook	WLF 4
-zhǒng	kind, sort	WLF 2
zhuàng	to bump into, to run into, to collide with	WLF 6
zhùyì (zhùyì)	to pay attention to	WLF 5
zìjǐ	self, oneself (myself, yourself, etc.)	WLF 2
zūchuqu	to rent out	WLF 4
zuǐ	most, -est	WLF 1
zuò	to make; to have made	WLF 2
zuò fàn	to cook	WLF 4
zuò tóufa	to do one's hair, to have one's hair done	WLF 3
zuǒyòu	approximately, about	WLF 1

