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To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world.  

*Chinese proverb*
Mandarin

Mandarin Chinese, also known as Standard Chinese or Modern Standard Mandarin, is the sole official language of China and Taiwan, and one of the four official languages of Singapore. Although there are eight major Chinese dialects, Mandarin is native to approximately 70% of the population. Chinese who are educated through at least the primary grades speak Mandarin as well as the local dialects. However, due to the size of China and the ethnic diversity of its inhabitants, hundreds of other dialects are spoken in different areas. The dialects spoken today are based more on geography than on ethnicity. For instance, residents of Shanghai will speak Wu, and in some parts of China, particularly the central and southern areas, official business is transacted in the locally dominant language. Although people from different parts of China generally do not understand one another's spoken language, they all use Mandarin characters (hanzi) for writing.

Today's Mandarin is closely based on "northern speech" which was the lingua franca of the ruling class, spoken in Beijing, the capital during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. After the Nationalists overthrew the Qing Dynasty in 1912, government officials at first considered creating a new "national language" by adopting a mixture of dialects, but in the end it was decided to retain Mandarin as the "National Language." The Communists, who defeated the
Nationalists in 1949, continued this policy, but they changed the name and coined the term *pu tong hua*, or "common speech," for "Mandarin." This is the word for Mandarin used throughout mainland China. In Hong Kong, however, as in Taiwan and most overseas communities, *guo yu*, the older term, continues to be used.

Pronunciation of the national language differs slightly geographically, and there are some significant regional vocabulary differences. The Nationalists, whose capital was the southern city of Nanjing, were influenced by southern dialects, primarily Cantonese. The Communists, whose capital is Beijing, were influenced by "northern speech."

**Pictographs**

It is commonly thought that every Chinese character is a picture, or "pictograph," but only a few hundred of the several thousand characters are true pictographs. However, most of these are now written in such a way that it is difficult to immediately guess their meaning. There is also a very small group of characters called ideographs or ideograms, which represent ideas or objects directly. All other Chinese characters are combinations of these pictographs and basic ideographs.
Traditional and Simplified Script

In 1949 China's new government considered instituting an alphabet in place of the traditional characters, as a refutation of traditional or “feudal” culture. Instead, they decided to simplify the existing characters by reducing the number of strokes necessary to create them. By 1964, a list of 2,200 simplified characters was created for use as a modified script. Further simplification was briefly adopted, then abandoned, at the end of the Cultural Revolution in 1977.

Presently, simplified characters are used in mainland China and Singapore, although there is a movement for the restoration of traditional characters, especially in southern China. Hong Kong, Taiwan, and many overseas Chinese communities continue to use the traditional characters.

Pinyin Transliteration

In Level 3 you will continue practicing reading-pinyin. It's the official phonetic system for transcribing pronunciations of the Chinese characters into a Latin alphabet, and will give you a way to “read” an approximation of the sounds in written form. In China it's often used in elementary schools as a first step toward learning to read. It is also used to alphabetically order dictionary entries, and
it is used for entering Chinese text into computers as well as communicating via email and text messaging. In many large cities, street signs are often displayed in both Chinese characters and pinyin to aid foreign visitors.

**Readings**

There are twenty Reading Lessons in all. Although the pinyin alphabet may appear similar to the Latin alphabet, the sounds of some letters in pinyin are quite different. You will learn to sound out the pinyin starting with individual letters, then letter combinations, words, then word combinations and short phrases, building in length until you will be sounding out complete sentences. Keep in mind that learning to read pinyin is not the same as learning to read the Chinese characters, hanzi. These lessons are designed to give you an easy way to "read" the Chinese sounds; the Simplified Chinese characters are displayed as well.

Feel free to repeat each Reading Lesson until you feel comfortable proceeding to the next. With a little effort, you will be astonished at how quickly you are able to sound out the Mandarin words. A pronunciation chart is included which is for reference
only, however, as all the information you need to do the readings is contained in the audio.

Although translations are included, the meanings at this point are secondary, and we recommend that you look at them only after first attempting to sound out the phrases with Mandarin pronunciation. Each item has been selected especially to give you practice in the tones, the sounds, and the sound combinations. You should read aloud, as directed, which will help to lodge the sounds in your memory. Before long you will be reading pinyin aloud without an American accent.

**Tonality**

Chinese is a tonal language. This means that in addition to the sounds of the consonants and vowels, the tone with which a syllable is pronounced helps to determine its meaning. The Chinese languages are almost exclusively made up of one-syllable words, composed of an initial consonant sound followed by the syllable's main vowel, sometimes in combination with another consonant or vowel. Longer words do exist, but almost all are compound words, formed by combining one-syllable words.
The tone is determined by the pronunciation of the syllable’s main vowel. Each tone has a name which describes the motion of the sound: falling, rising, or even. With the tones, several meanings can be assigned to any one syllable. For example, when pronounced using a falling-rising tone, the word *nar* means “where.” However, when pronounced with just a falling tone, it means “there.”

There are four main tones used in speaking Mandarin – high, rising, falling-rising, falling – and a fifth, referred to as a soft or neutral tone. This last tone is used for the second syllable in a set of doubled characters, as well as for the final syllable (or question word) at the end of a query. This neutral tone doesn’t have a marker. For example, in the questions, *ni ne?* (How about you?) and *hao ma?* (OK?), the syllables *ne* and *ma* are pronounced using this soft, falling sound, as if the sound is fading away. Here is an example of one word with different meanings depending on the tone with which it is pronounced:

- 1st tone: high \(shī\) (poem)
- 2nd tone: rising \(shí\) (ten or time)
- 3rd tone: falling-rising \(shǐ\) (history)
- 4th tone: falling \(shì\) (to be)
There are tonal markers to indicate the tones of the vowels. In these lessons, we will include them for the four tones above the vowels they affect. Pay close attention to the markers because they can change the meaning of a word completely. It may take a while before you hear the differences, and we encourage you to repeat each lesson as often as necessary, in order to both familiarize yourself with the Mandarin sounds represented by the letters and to practice the tones.

All tonal markers are placed above the single vowels (a, o, e, i, u, ü). The chart that follows uses the vowel “a” as an example.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tone #</th>
<th>English Name</th>
<th>Marker shown with “a”</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td><strong>High-level tone</strong> – Starts with normal vocal range of the speaker and stays even.</td>
<td>ā</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td><strong>Rising tone</strong> – Starts at normal vocal range, then rises up.</td>
<td>á</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td><strong>Falling-rising tone</strong> – Starts at normal vocal range, then falls down and rises up.</td>
<td>ǎ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td><strong>Falling tone</strong> – Starts at normal vocal range, then falls down.</td>
<td>à</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
In Mandarin the absence of a tonal marker above a vowel, as in "a," indicates a neutral tone. This neutral tone starts with a slightly soft sound and is shorter than the sounds of the tones listed above.

**Tone Change or Tone Sandhi**

Although each Chinese syllable standing alone has a specific tone, in the flow of speech the tone of a syllable can change depending on the tone of the following syllable. In some Chinese dialects, tone change is common, and there are complex rules governing it. In contemporary Mandarin, however, it is less common than in other dialects, and there are only a few rules to remember. The first governs falling-rising or 3rd tones when they are spoken in sequence:

1. When two falling-rising or 3rd tones occur together, the first falling-rising tone becomes a rising, or 2nd tone. The second remains a falling-rising or 3rd tone. For example, "very" and "good" are both falling-rising, 3rd tones by themselves, but when spoken together as *hen hao*, the first word changes to a rising or 2nd tone, while the second keeps its original falling-rising, 3rd tone.
2. When three falling-rising tones are spoken one after the other, the first two become rising or 2\textsuperscript{nd} tones, while the third remains a falling-rising tone.

3. When four falling-rising tones occur one after the other, the first three change to rising or 2\textsuperscript{nd} tones, while the fourth remains a falling-rising or 3\textsuperscript{rd} tone.

In contemporary Mandarin, tone change is also associated with two specific characters. The first of these is yi (one).

1. When it is by itself or at the end of a word it is a high level or 1\textsuperscript{st} tone.

2. When yi comes before a falling or 4\textsuperscript{th} tone, it changes to a rising or 2\textsuperscript{nd} tone, for example, yi (2\textsuperscript{nd}) yue (4\textsuperscript{th}) ("one month").

3. When yi comes before any of the three remaining tones (high, rising, or falling-rising), it changes to a falling or 4\textsuperscript{th} tone.

The second character associated with tone change in contemporary Mandarin is bu ("no" or "not").
1. When *bu* stands alone, it is a falling or 4\textsuperscript{th} tone.

2. It changes to a rising or 2\textsuperscript{nd} tone only when it comes before another falling or 4\textsuperscript{th} tone.

3. When combined with the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} tones, *bu* remains a falling tone.

The various tone changes occur in speech only. In writing, the original tone is retained. In time, these changes will become automatic and natural.

**Pinyin Pronunciation Chart**

*(where no sound is indicated, the sound matches English)*

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<tr>
<th>Letter</th>
<th>Sound</th>
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<td>a</td>
<td>“a” in “father”</td>
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<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c</td>
<td>“ts” in “boots”</td>
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<tr>
<td>ch</td>
<td>“ch” in “church”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e</td>
<td>“ir” in “girl”</td>
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<tr>
<td>f</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>g</td>
<td>“g” in “go”</td>
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<td>h</td>
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<td>Letter</td>
<td>Sound</td>
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<tr>
<td>i</td>
<td>“ee” as in “feet” but after “r” sounds like the “ir” in “shirt”</td>
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<td>j</td>
<td></td>
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<td>k</td>
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<td>l</td>
<td></td>
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<td>m</td>
<td></td>
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<td>n</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>o</td>
<td>“o” in “no”</td>
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<td>p</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>q</td>
<td>“ch” in “cheese”</td>
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<tr>
<td>r</td>
<td>“r” as in “war” or “run” (before an “i” it sounds somewhere between an “r” and “j” or the “s” in “leisure”)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>s</td>
<td>“s” as in “seed”</td>
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<tr>
<td>sh</td>
<td>“sh” as in “shine”</td>
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<tr>
<td>t</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>u</td>
<td>“oo” as in “boot”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ü</td>
<td>similar to the “u” sound in “you”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x</td>
<td>the sound in between “s” and “sh”</td>
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<tr>
<td>w</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>“y” as in “yes”</td>
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<tr>
<td>z</td>
<td>“ds” as in “lads”</td>
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<tr>
<td>zh</td>
<td>“j” as in “jam”</td>
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<tr>
<td>ai</td>
<td>&quot;eye&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>ei</td>
<td>&quot;ay&quot; in &quot;say&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ao</td>
<td>&quot;ow&quot; in &quot;how&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>ou</td>
<td>&quot;o&quot; in &quot;dough&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>ia</td>
<td>&quot;ee-ya&quot;</td>
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<td>ie</td>
<td>&quot;ee-yeah&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>iu</td>
<td>&quot;ee-oo&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>ua</td>
<td>&quot;wa&quot; like the end of &quot;aqua&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>uo</td>
<td>&quot;wo&quot; in &quot;won't&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>üe</td>
<td>&quot;u&quot; in &quot;you&quot; followed by the sound &quot;e&quot; - &quot;ee&quot;</td>
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<td>iao</td>
<td>like &quot;meow&quot;</td>
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<td>iou (iu)</td>
<td>&quot;eew&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>uai</td>
<td>&quot;why&quot;</td>
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<td>uei (ui)</td>
<td>&quot;way&quot;</td>
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<td>an</td>
<td>&quot;un&quot; in &quot;until&quot;</td>
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<td>en</td>
<td>&quot;en&quot; in &quot;hen&quot;</td>
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<td>in</td>
<td>&quot;een&quot; in &quot;seen&quot;</td>
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<td>ün</td>
<td>&quot;une&quot; in &quot;tune&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>ang</td>
<td>&quot;ong&quot; in &quot;song&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>eng</td>
<td>&quot;ung&quot; in &quot;sung&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ing</td>
<td>&quot;ing&quot; in &quot;sing&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ong</td>
<td>like &quot;long,&quot; except with the &quot;o&quot; pronounced &quot;oh&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>ian</td>
<td>&quot;yan&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>uan</td>
<td>“wan”</td>
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<tr>
<td>uen</td>
<td>similar to “one”</td>
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<tr>
<td>(un)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>üan</td>
<td>“u” in “you” plus “an”</td>
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<tr>
<td>iang</td>
<td>“young”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>iong</td>
<td>“yong,” with the “o” pronounced “oh”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uang</td>
<td>“wong”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ueng</td>
<td>like “wor” in “work,” plus an “ng” at the end</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>er</td>
<td>sounds like “are,” but is usually linked to the previous word to form an “er” sound</td>
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Lesson One

1. guì lín 桂林
2. sū zhōu yuán lín 苏州园林
3. lì jiāng gǔ chéng 丽江古城
4. gǔ làng yǔ 鼓浪屿
5. zhāng jiā jiè 张家界
6. dà yàn tǎ 大雁塔
7. shān hǎi guān 山海关
8. lóng mén shí kū 龙门石窟
9. dùn huáng bì huà 敦煌壁画
10. chéng dé bì shǔ shān zhuāng 承德避暑山庄
11. zhōng guó dà fàn diàn 中国大饭店
12. xiāng gé lǐ lā jiǔ diàn 香格里拉酒店
13. jià rì jiǔ diàn 假日酒店
14. kǎi yuè jiǔ diàn 凯悦酒店
15. wàn háo jiǔ diàn 万豪酒店
16. xǐ lái dēng jiǔ diàn 喜来登酒店
17. nǐ xiǎng qù zhōng guó ma? 你想去中国吗?
18. wǒ fēi cháng xiǎng qù. 我非常想去。
19. wǒ qù mǎi jī piào. 我去买机票。
20. nǐ qù dìng jiǔ diàn. 你去订酒店。
Lesson One Translations

1. Guilin, a tourist attraction in Guangxi Province
2. Suzhou gardens
3. Lijiang Old Town, a tourist attraction in Yunnan Province
4. a famous island in Fujian Province
5. a tourist attraction in Hunan Province
6. Giant Wild Goose Pagoda, a tourist attraction in Shaanxi Province
7. Shanhai pass, the Eastern pass of the Great Wall in Hebei Province
8. Longmen Grottoes, a tourist attraction in Henan Province
9. Dunhuang Frescoes, a tourist attraction in Gansu Province
10. Chengde Mountain Resort, also referred to as Rehe Imperial Palace in Hebei Province
11. China World Hotel in Beijing
12. Shangri-La Hotel
13. Holiday Inn®
14. Hyatt Hotel®
15. Marriott Hotel®
16. Sheraton Hotel®
17. Do you want to go to China?
18. I really want to go.
19. I’m going to buy airplane tickets.
Lesson Two

1. lǚ yóu tuán 旅游团
2. dǎo yóu 导游
3. yù dìng 预订
4. wǎng shàng yù dìng 网上预订
5. jǐng diǎn 景点
6. míng shèng gǔ jì 名胜古迹
7. sì miào 寺庙
8. tǎ 塔
9. tíng tái lóu gé 亭台楼阁
10. gōng yuán 公园
11. fēng jǐng 风景
12. zhēn měi a! 真美啊！
13. xiū xi yí xià. 休息一下。
14. měi shí 美食
15. péng yǒu men hǎo! 朋友们好！
16. wǒ shì dǎo yóu. 我是导游。
17. qǐng gēn wǒ lái. 请跟我来。
18. zhè biān zǒu. 这边走。
19. qǐng kàn yuǎn chù. 请看远处。
20. zhù lǚ tú yú kuài! 祝旅途愉快！
Lesson Two Translations

1. tour group
2. tour guide
3. reservation
4. online booking
5. tourist attractions
6. places of historic interest and scenic beauty
7. temple
8. pagoda
9. pavilions, terraces, open halls, and towers
10. park
11. scenery
12. So beautiful!
13. Take a break.
14. gourmet food
15. Hello friends!
16. I’m the tour guide.
17. Please follow me.
18. Walk this way.
19. Please look far away.
20. Wish you a pleasant trip!
1. gè wèi chéng kè, ...
2. qǐng zhù yì.
3. zhōng diǎn zhàn ...
4. jiù yào dào le.
5. qǐng ná hǎo ...
6. zì jǐ de wù pǐn, ...
7. zhǔn bèi xià chē.
8. zhuǎn chē
9. qǐng dào fú wù tái.
10. yuè tái
11. huǒ chē wù diǎn le.
12. qù běi jīng de ...
13. háng bān ...
14. àn shí qǐ fēi.
15. zhuǎn jī
16. qǐng dào dēng jī kǒu.
17. qǐng wèn, tā zài jiǎng shén me?
18. tā zài jiǎng ...
19. chéng jī zhù yì shì xiàng.
20. ào, shì zhè yàng.

各位乘客, ...
请注意。
终点站 ...
就要到了。
请拿好 ...
自己的物品, ...
准备下车。
转车
请到服务台。
月台
火车误点了。
去北京的 ...
航班 ...
按时起飞。
转机
请到登机口。
请问, 他在讲什么?
他在讲 ...
乘机注意事项。
噢, 是这样。
Lesson Three Translations

1. Dear passengers, ...
2. attention please.
3. The final destination ...
4. is coming up soon.
5. Please pick up ...
6. your luggage, ...
7. be ready to get off the train.
8. transfer to another train/bus
9. Please come to the service desk.
10. platform
11. The train is delayed.
12. To Beijing's ...
13. flight ...
14. takeoff is on time.
15. transfer to another flight
16. Please go to the gate.
17. Excuse me, what is he talking about?
18. He is talking about ...
19. the rules of taking flight.
20. Oh, that's it.
Lesson Four

1. rù kǒu  
入口
2. chū kǒu  
出口
3. xún wèn chù  
询问处
4. qǐng wù xī yān  
请勿吸烟
5. qǐng wù rù nèi  
请勿入内
6. jìn zhǐ rù nèi  
禁止入内
7. tíng chē chǎng  
停车场
8. zhù yì  
注意
9. dāng xīn huā diē  
当心滑跌
10. qǐng pái duì.  
请排队。
11. qián tái jiē dài  
前台接待
12. dēng jì jìn rù.  
登记进入。
13. wèi shēng jiān  
卫生间
14. nán wèi shēng jiān  
男卫生间
15. nǚ wèi shēng jiān  
女卫生间
16. qǐng wèn, huì yì shì zài nǎr?  
请问，会议室在哪儿?
17. zài nà biān.  
在那边。
18. jīng guò jiē dài shì.  
经过接待室。
19. mén kǒu yǒu pái zi.  
门口有牌子。
20. zhī dào le, xiè xiè nǐ.  
知道了，谢谢你。
Lesson Four Translations

1. Entrance
2. Exit
3. Information Center
4. No Smoking
5. Please Do Not Enter
6. Do Not Enter
7. parking lot
8. Caution
9. Beware Slippery
10. Please line up.
11. reception
12. Register to enter.
13. restroom
14. Male Restroom
15. Female Restroom
16. Excuse me, where is the conference room?
17. It's over there.
18. Pass the reception room.
19. There is a sign by the door.
20. I got it, thank you.
Lesson Five

1. jiāo tōng 交通
2. fāng xiàng 方向
3. xíng rén 行人
4. jiāo tōng jǐng chá 交通警察
5. ràng 让
6. tíng 停
7. jìn zhǐ tōng xíng 禁止通行
8. jiāo tōng dēng 交通灯
9. hóng dēng 红灯
10. huáng dēng 黄灯
11. lǜ dēng 绿灯
12. zhuǎn wān dēng 转弯灯
13. xiàng zuǒ zhuǎn 向左转
14. xiàng yòu zhuǎn 向右转
15. zhí xíng 直行
16. kāi chē qù kāi huì 开车去开会。
17. jiāo tōng zhēn yōng jǐ 交通真拥挤。
18. zuǒ zhuǎn dēng liàng le 左转灯亮了。
19. gāi xiàng zuǒ zhuǎn 该向左转。
20. zāo gāo, kāi cuò lù le 糟糕, 开错路了!
Lesson Five Translations

1. traffic
2. direction
3. pedestrian
4. traffic control officers
5. Yield
6. Stop
7. Do Not Enter
8. traffic light
9. red light
10. yellow light
11. green light
12. turn signal light
13. to turn left
14. to turn right
15. to go straight
16. (I) will drive to the meeting.
17. Traffic is very heavy.
18. The left turn signal light is on.
19. Should turn left.
20. Oops, we’re on the wrong way!
Lesson Six

1. dàn huā tāng  
2. liáng bàn hǎi dài sī  
3. xiǎo lóng tāng bāo  
4. qīng chǎo cài miáo  
5. gōng bǎo jī dīng  
6. huí guō ròu  
7. má pó dòu fu  
8. cōng bào niú ròu  
9. bǐ sà bǐng  
10. sān míng zhì  
11. hàn bǎo bāo  
12. shǔ tiáo  
13. zhá jī tuǐ  
14. kě kǒu kě lè  
15. xuě bì  
16. zhōng guó fàn zhēn hǎo chī.  
17. wǒ qǐng kè.  
18. wǒ mǎi dān.  
19. bù hǎo yì sì, ...  
20. ràng nǐ pò fèi le.
Lesson Six Translations

1. egg drop soup
2. seaweed salad
3. steamed mini juicy pork buns
4. sautéed baby bok choy
5. kung pao chicken
6. twice cooked pork
7. Mapo tofu
8. beef with onion and green scallion
9. pizza
10. sandwich
11. hamburger
12. French fries
13. fried chicken legs
14. Coca Cola®
15. Sprite®
16. Chinese food is really delicious.
17. My treat.
18. I’ll pay the bill.
19. I’m sorry, ...
20. to let you spend for me.
Lesson Seven

1. nǐ hǎo! wǒ shì sū gé lín.
   你好！我是苏格林。

2. hěn gāo xìng jiàn dào nǐ.
   很高兴见到你。

3. wǒ jiào wáng huá.
   我叫王华。

4. nǐ shì xīn lái de?
   你是新来的?

5. shì de. wǒ shì liǎng tiān qián dào běi jīng de.
   是的。我是两天前到北京的。

6. wǒ shì cóng bō shì dùn lái de.
   我是从波士顿来的。

7. wǒ jiāng yào zài zhōng guó ...
   我将要在中国 ...

8. shàng yī nián xué.
   上一年学。

9. wǒ hái méi yù jiàn ... 
   我还没遇见 ...

10. hěn duō rén.
    很多人。

11. méi wèn tí.
    没问题。
12. wǒ huì bāng zhù nǐ de.
我会帮助你的。

13. wǒ yě shì xué sheng.
我也是学生。

14. wǒ zhèng zài hē kā fēi ...
我正在喝咖啡…

15. hé chī diǎn xin.
和吃点心。

16. nǐ xiǎng yào diǎn shén me ma?
你想要点什么吗?

17. qǐng gěi wǒ yào yì bēi chá.
请给我要一杯茶。

18. wǒ hái yào yì fènr bāo zi shì shi.
我还要一份儿包子试试。

19. xiè xie nǐ yuàn yì bāng zhù wǒ.
谢谢你愿意帮助我。

20. bú kè qi. nǐ huì xǐ huān zhè li de.
不客气。你会喜欢这里的。
Lesson Seven Translations

1. Hello! I’m Sue Green.
2. Pleased to meet you.
3. I’m Wang Hua.
4. You’re new here?
5. Yes. I arrived two days ago in Beijing.
6. I’m from Boston.
7. I will be in China …
8. a year for school.
9. I haven’t yet met …
10. many people.
11. No problem.
12. I’ll help you.
13. I’m a student too.
14. I’m having coffee …
15. and some pastry.
16. Would you like something?
17. Tea for me, please.
18. And I’ll try a steamed bun.
19. Thank you for offering to help me.
20. Not at all. You’ll like it here.
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<td>wǒ xiǎng jiè ...</td>
<td>我想借 ...</td>
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<td>huán huí lái.</td>
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Lesson Eight Translations

1. library
2. librarian
3. borrow book(s)
4. return book(s)
5. library card(s)
6. textbook(s)
7. book(s) of literature and art
8. novel(s)
9. magazine(s)
10. newspaper(s)
11. illustrated magazine(s)
12. children's book(s)
13. dictionary(ies)
14. reference book(s)
15. encyclopedia(s)
16. I want to borrow ...
17. this book.
18. All right.
19. Please after two weeks ...
20. return it.
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<td>喝牛奶</td>
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<td>fàng xué</td>
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<td>shuì jiào</td>
<td>睡觉</td>
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<td>jīn tiān shì xiū xi rì.</td>
<td>今天是休息日。</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>kě yǐ zuò yī dùn ...</td>
<td>可以做一顿 ...</td>
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<td>hǎo chī de fàn.</td>
<td>好吃的饭。</td>
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<td>18.</td>
<td>tài hǎo le!</td>
<td>太好了！</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td>wǒ xiǎng chī jiǎo zi.</td>
<td>我想吃饺子。</td>
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<td>20.</td>
<td>nà jiù yì qǐ lái zuò ba.</td>
<td>那就一起来做吧。</td>
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Lesson Nine Translations

1. get up
2. brush teeth
3. wash face
4. have breakfast
5. drink milk
6. go to school
7. go to work
8. To dismiss students at the end of the school day
9. to get off work
10. do homework
11. read books
12. wash hair
13. take a shower or bath
14. sleep
15. Today is a rest day.
16. I can make a ...
17. delicious meal.
18. Great!
19. I want to eat dumplings.
20. Then let's make them together.
Lesson Ten

1. rì cháng yòng pǐn 日常用品
2. jìng zi 镜子
3. hù fū shuāng 护肤霜
4. mào zi 帽子
5. wéi jīn 围巾
6. yǔ sǎn 雨伞
7. shǒu tí bāo 手提包
8. yǎn jìng 眼镜
9. zhào xiàng jī 照像机
10. zhào piān 照片
11. lù xiàng 录像
12. rì lì 日历
13. xiān huā 鲜花
14. jiǔ 酒
15. zì xíng chē 自行车
16. qì chē 汽车
17. gāi chū mén le. 该出门了。
18. wǒ zhǎo bú dào shǒu jī le. 我找不到手机了。
19. gǎn kuài qù zhǎo. 赶快去找。
20. ào, zài bēi bāo lǐ. 噢，在背包里。
Lesson Ten Translations

1. daily necessities
2. mirror
3. skin lotion
4. hat
5. scarf
6. umbrella
7. handbag
8. eyeglasses
9. camera
10. photo
11. video
12. calendar
13. fresh flowers
14. alcohol (all types)
15. bicycle
16. car
17. We should leave now.
18. I can't find my cellphone.
19. Hurry and find it.
20. Oh, it was in my backpack.
Lesson Eleven

1.  gǎn jué  感觉
2.  bǎo le  饱了
3.  è le  饿了
4.  kě le  渴了
5.  bù kě  不渴
6.  lèi  累
7.  kùn  睡
8.  xǐ huan  喜欢
9.  bù xǐ huan  不喜欢
10.  gāo xìng  高兴
11.  nán guò  难过
12.  zháo jí  着急
13.  bù jí  不急
14.  nǐ men qù nǎr le?  你们去哪儿了?
15.  qù pá le shān.  去爬了山。
16.  nǐ xǐ huan pá shān ma?  你喜欢爬山吗?
17.  wǒ hěn xǐ huan.  我很喜欢。
18.  lèi bú lèi?  累不累?
19.  tiān qì hěn rè, ...  天气很热, ...
20.  wǒ tè bié lèi.  我特别累。
Lesson Eleven Translations

1. to feel or have feelings
2. full after eating
3. hungry
4. thirsty
5. not thirsty
6. tired
7. sleepy
8. like
9. don't like
10. happy
11. sad
12. worried
13. not worried
14. Where did you go?
15. We went hiking.
16. Do you like hiking?
17. I like it very much.
18. Are you tired?
19. The weather was very hot, ...
20. I am VERY tired.
Lesson Twelve

1. ài hào 爱好
2. kàn diàn yǐng 看电影
3. kàn xì 看戏
4. tīng yǐn yuè huì 听音乐会
5. chàng gē 唱歌
6. tiào wǔ 跳舞
7. xià qí 下棋
8. tán gāng qín 弹钢琴
9. lā xiǎo tí qín 拉小提琴
10. chuī dí zi 吹笛子
11. qí mǎ 骑马
12. pǎo bù 跑步
13. dǎ pái qiú 打排球
14. dǎ pīng pāng qiú 打乒乓球
15. nǐ yǒu shén me ài hào? 你有什么爱好?
16. wǒ xǐ huan dǎ wǎng qiú. nǐ ne? 我喜欢打网球。你呢?
17. wǒ yě xǐ huan. 我也喜欢。
18. xiàn zài zhèng hǎo yǒu kòng. 现在正好有空。
19. zán men qù liàn liàn, zěn me yang? 咱们去练练, 怎么样?
20. tài hǎo le! zǒu! 太好了！走！
Lesson Twelve Translations

1. hobbies
2. watch movies
3. watch plays
4. go to concerts
5. singing
6. dancing
7. play chess
8. play piano
9. play violin
10. play Chinese flute
11. horseback riding
12. running
13. play volleyball
14. play ping-pong / table tennis
15. What kind of hobbies do you have?
16. I like to play tennis. How about you?
17. I also like it.
18. It's the break time now.
19. Let's go to practice. What do you think?
20. That's great! Let's go.
Lesson Thirteen

1. guā fēng  刮风
2. dà wù  大雾
3. bīng báo  冰雹
4. tiān qì qíng lǎng  天气晴朗
5. wū yún mǎn tiān  乌云满天
6. qíng zhuǎn yīn  晴转阴
7. qì wēn xià jiàng  气温下降
8. qì wēn shēng gāo  气温升高
9. mèn rè  闷热
10. qīng fēng  轻风
11. lóng juǎn fēng  龙卷风
12. hóng shuǐ  洪水
13. gān hàn  干旱
14. kōng qì wū rǎn  空气污染
15. jīn tiān shì qíng tiān.  今天是晴天。
16. dàn xià wǔ huì zhuǎn yīn.  但下午会转阴。
17. hái néng guàng jiē ma?  还能逛街吗?
18. méi wèn tí.  没问题。
19. bú huì xià yǔ.  不会下雨。
20. nà wǒ men zǒu ba.  那我们走吧。
Lesson Thirteen Translations

1. windy
2. foggy
3. hail
4. a clear day
5. very cloudy
6. from sunny turning to cloudy
7. temperature falls
8. temperature rises
9. humid and hot
10. breeze
11. tornado
12. flood
13. drought
14. air pollution
15. Today is a sunny day.
16. But it will turn cloudy in the afternoon.
17. Can we still go shopping?
18. No problem.
19. It will not rain.
20. Then let's go.
Lesson Fourteen

1. jié rì 节日
2. yuán dàn 元旦
3. chūn jié 春节
4. xīn nián 新年
5. qíng rén jié 情人节
6. qīng míng jié 清明节
7. duān wǔ jié 端午节
8. zhōng qiū jié 中秋节
9. guó qìng jié 国庆节
10. mǔ qīn jié 母亲节
11. fù qīn jié 父亲节
12. shèng dàn jié 圣诞节
13. shēng rì 生日
14. qìng shēng huì 庆生会
15. hūn lǐ 婚礼
16. jié hūn jì niàn rì 结婚纪念日
17. wǒ yào guò shēng rì le. 我要过生日了。
18. zhù nǐ shēng rì kuài lè! 祝你生日快乐！
19. xiè xie. qǐng lái cān jiā pài duì. 谢谢。请来参加派对。
20. xiè xie yāo qǐng. wǒ yí dìng qù. 谢谢邀请。我一定去。
Lesson Fourteen Translations

1. holiday
2. New Year's Day
3. Chinese New Year
4. first day of the New Year
5. Valentine's Day
6. Chinese Memorial Day
7. Dragon Boat Festival (May fifth of lunar calendar)
8. August Moon Festival (August 15th of lunar calendar)
9. National Day
10. Mother's Day
11. Father's Day
12. Christmas
13. birthday
14. birthday party
15. wedding
16. anniversary
17. My birthday is coming up.
18. Happy Birthday!
19. Thank you. Please come to my birthday party.
20. Thank you for the invitation. I will definitely go.
|   | 汉语 | 方言 | 中文 | 象形文字 | 书法 | 国画 | 古诗词 | 京剧 | 刺绣 | 剪纸 | 米酒 | 龙井茶 | 太极拳 | 民歌 | 大熊猫 | 舞狮子 | 旗袍 | 中国有 ... | 数不清的 ... | 难懂的方言。 |
| 1. | hàn yǔ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | fāng yán |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | zhōng wén |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | xiàng xíng wén zì |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | shū fǎ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | guó huà |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | gǔ shī cí |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | jīng jù |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | cì xiù |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | jiǎn zhǐ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | mǐ jiǔ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. | lóng jǐng chá |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. | tài jí quán |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. | mín gē |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. | dà xióng māo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. | wǔ shī zi |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. | qí páo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18. | zhōng guó yǒu ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19. | shǔ bù qīng de ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. | nán dòng de fāng yán. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
Lesson Fifteen Translations

1. Mandarin Chinese
2. dialect(s)
3. Chinese language
4. pictograph, hieroglyph
5. calligraphy
6. traditional Chinese painting
7. ancient Chinese poetry
8. Peking Opera
9. embroidery
10. Chinese paper-cutting art
11. rice wine
12. Longjing tea
13. tai chi (a type of martial arts)
14. folk songs
15. giant panda
16. lion dance
17. cheongsam, traditional Chinese dress
18. China has ...
19. uncountable ...
20. dialects that are hard to understand.
Lesson Sixteen

1. chuán tǒng 传统
2. fēng shuǐ 风水
3. shí ěr shēng xiāo 十二生肖
4. cháng é bēn yuè 嫦娥奔月
5. niú láng zhī nǚ 牛郎织女
6. sī mǎ guāng zá gāng 司马光砸缸
7. kǒng róng ràng lí 孔融让梨
8. kǒng zǐ 孔子
9. rú jiā sī xiǎng 儒家思想
10. lǎo zǐ 老子
11. dào jiā sī xiǎng 道家思想
12. cháo dài 朝代
13. qín cháo 秦朝
14. qīng cháo 清朝
15. qín shǐ huáng 秦始皇
16. sūn zhōng shān 孙中山
17. zhōng guó de lì shǐ 中国的历史 ...
18. yǒu wǔ qiān duō nián. 有五千多年。
19. jīng lì le ... 经历了...
20. xǔ duō cháo dài. 许多朝代。
1. tradition
2. feng shui
3. Chinese Zodiac
4. Chang’e Flew to the Moon (Chinese legend)
5. The Cowherd and the Weaving Maid (Chinese legend)
6. Sima Guang Smashed a Water Vat (an ancient Chinese story)
7. Kong Rong Gave Up the Biggest Pear (an ancient Chinese story)
8. Confucius
9. Confucianism
10. Lao-tzu
11. Taoism
12. dynasty
13. Qin Dynasty
14. Qing Dynasty
15. Qin Shi Huang (the first emperor of the Qin Dynasty)
16. Sun Yat-sen (a revolutionary and political leader of modern China)
17. Chinese history ...
18. has more than five thousand years.
19. It has gone through ...
20. many dynasties.
Lesson Seventeen

1. chéng yǔ  
2. chē shuǐ mǎ lóng  
3. shān qīng shuǐ xiù  
4. qiáo duó tiān gōng  
5. liú lián wàng fǎn  
6. měi lún měi huàn  
7. yǐ lǐ xiāng dài  
8. liǎo rú zhǐ zhǎng  
9. yàn yǔ  
10. qiān lǐ zhī xíng, ...  
11. shǐ yú zú xià.  
12. yù sù zé bù dá.  
13. bǎi wén bù rú yī jiàn.  
14. qiān lǐ sòng é máo, ...  
15. lǐ qīng qīng yì zhòng.  
16. mǎi mài bù chéng rén yì zài.  
17. shéng jù mù duàn, ...  
18. shuǐ dī shí chuān.  
19. sòng jūn qiān lǐ, ...  
20. zhōng xū yì bié.
Lesson Seventeen Translations

1. idioms
2. incessant stream of horses and carriages – heavy traffic bustling with noise
3. green hills and clear water – picturesque scenery
4. superb workmanship / excelling nature
5. linger on and forget to return
6. magnificent
7. treat someone with due respect
8. know something like the palm of one’s hand
9. proverbs
10. A thousand-mile journey, ...
11. is started by taking the first step.
12. More haste, less speed.
13. Seeing for oneself is a hundred times better than hearing from others.
14. Send swan feather from a thousand miles away – the gift is light ...
15. but the goodwill is deep: a small gift with great meaning.
16. Business is off, but the friendship (benevolence) is always on.
17. Little strokes fell great oaks, ...
18. dripping water wears through a stone.
19. Accompany a guest a thousand miles,
20. and yet there is bound to be a parting at last.
Lesson Eighteen

1. yǒu hǎo
2. rè qíng
3. hào kè
4. hào qí
5. kuān róng
6. zhèng zhí
7. yǒu zhì
8. zhù rén
9. qín láo
10. yǒng gǎn
11. chī kǔ
12. nài láo
13. cōng mìng
14. yōu mò
15. nǐ qù guò zhōng guó.
16. wǒ hěn hào qí, ...
17. nà li de ...
18. rén men yǒu hǎo ma?
19. fēi cháng yǒu hǎo, ...
20. hái hěn hào kè.

友好
热情
好客
好奇
宽容
正直
有志
助人
勤劳
勇敢
吃苦
耐劳
聪明
幽默
你去过中国。
我很好奇, ...
那里的 ...
人们友好吗?
非常友好, ...
还很好客。
Lesson Eighteen Translations

1. friendly
2. enthusiastic
3. hospitable
4. curious
5. tolerant
6. upright / integrity
7. ambitious
8. helpful
9. hard working
10. brave
11. hardship
12. enduring hardships
13. smart
14. humor / humorous
15. You went to China.
16. I’m wondering, ...
17. over there ...
18. are people friendly?
19. Very friendly, ...
20. and very hospitable.
Lesson Nineteen

1. jié hūn  结婚
2. fū qī  夫妻
3. yīng ér  婴儿
4. ér tóng  儿童
5. qīng shào nián  青少年
6. yòu ér yuán  幼儿园
7. xiǎo xué  小学
8. zhōng xué  中学
9. xué yín yuè  学音乐
10. xué měi shù  学美术
11. zuò yóu xì  做游戏
12. yóu lè chǎng  游乐场
13. jiào yù  教育
14. hái zi jǐ suì le?  孩子几岁了?
15. wǔ suì le.  五岁了。
16. ò, gāi shàng xué le.  哦, 该上学了。
17. shì a, kě wǒ hái xiǎng ...  是啊, 可我还想 ...
18. péi tā wánr ne.  陪他玩儿呢。
19. xiàn zài de hái zi ...  现在的孩子 ...
20. tài jiāo guì.  太娇贵。
Lesson Nineteen Translations

1. get married
2. husband and wife
3. infant(s)
4. young child(ren)
5. teenager(s) / adolescent(s)
6. nursery / day care
7. elementary school
8. middle school and high school
9. learning music
10. learning arts
11. playing games
12. playground
13. education
14. How old is your child?
15. Five years old.
16. Oh, he will go to school.
17. Yeah, but I still want to ...
18. accompany him to play.
19. Today's children are ...
20. too delicate.
Lesson Twenty

1. 古时候,...
2. 有一个小孩,...
3. 叫司马光。
4. 他和朋友们...
5. 一起玩耍时,...
6. 一位小朋友...
7. 掉进了...
8. 盛水的大缸。
9. 快要淹死了。
10. 大家都很害怕,...
11. 但不知道...
12. 该怎么办。
13. 他很沉着,
14. 拿起大石头...
15. 把缸砸破。
16. 水流出来,
17. 朋友得救了。
18. 大家赞扬他,
19. 既勇敢...
20. 又聪明。
Lesson Twenty Translations

1. In ancient times, ...
2. there was a little child, ...
3. called Sima Guang.
4. When he and his friends ...
5. played together, ...
6. one of his friends ...
7. fell into ...
8. a big water vat.
9. He was drowning.
10. Everyone was very scared, ...
11. but didn't know ...
12. what to do.
13. He was very calm,
14. picked up a big stone ...
15. and broke the water vat.
16. The water flowed out,
17. and his friend was saved.
18. Everyone praised him,
19. that he was both brave ...
20. and smart.
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