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1 zhè shì... 这是... This is...

zhè shì wǒ de shū.

这是我的书。

This is my book.

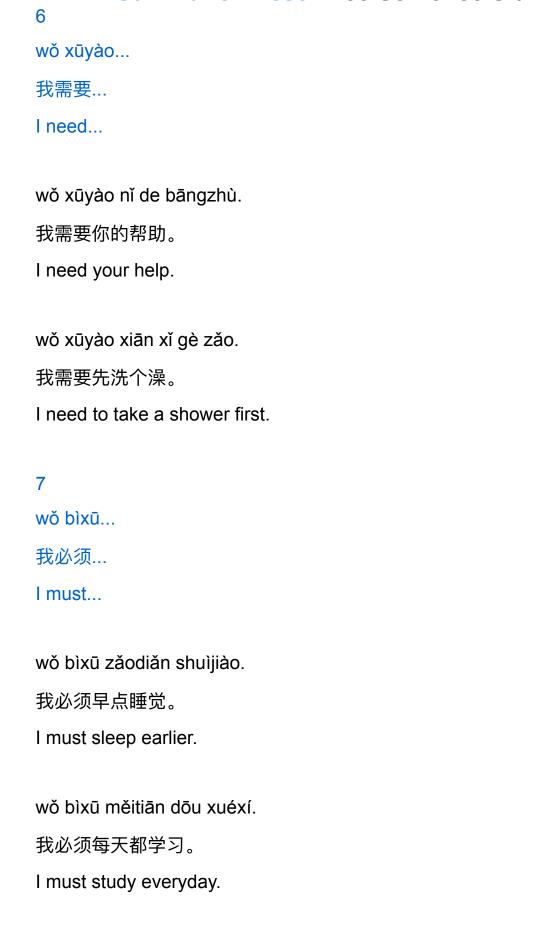
zhè shì wǒ de péngyou.

这是我的朋友。

This is my friend.



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4
wŏ xiǎngyào + noun / verb...
我想要...
I want (something)... / I want to (do something)...
wǒ xiǎngyào yī bēi shuǐ.
我想要一杯水。
I want a glass of water.
wǒ xiǎngyào mǎi gè xīn shǒujī.
我想要买个新手机。
I want to buy a new cellphone.
5
wŏ yào + noun / verb...
我要...
I want (something)... / I want to (do something)...
(more affirmative compared to "我想要 / wǒ xiǎngyào ")
wǒ yào yī wǎn mìfàn.
我要一碗米饭。
I want a bowl of rice.
wǒ yào cízhí!
我要辞职!
I want to quit my job!
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8 wŏ děi... 我得... I need to... / I have to... wŏ děi zŏu le. 我得走了。 I have to go. wǒ děi măshàng gěi tā dǎ gè diànhuà. 我得马上给他打个电话。 I need to give him a call right away. 9 wŏ juéde... 我觉得... I feel... / I think... (expressing feelings or opinions that you are not entirely sure about) wǒ juéde tā hěn chéngshí. 我觉得他很诚实。 I think he is very honest. wŏ juéde yŏudiăn tóuyūn. 我觉得有点头晕。 I feel a little dizzy.

10

wŏ rènwéi...

我认为...

I believe... / I think...

(expressing opinions which you have analyzed)

wǒ rènwéi tā shì gè kěkào de rén.

我认为他是个可靠的人。

I think that he is a reliable person.

wǒ rènwéi zhège jiàgé hěn hélǐ.

我认为这个价格很合理。

I think this price is reasonable.

11

wŏ gèrén...

我个人...

I personally...

wǒ gèrén bù xǐhuan yǎng chǒngwù.

我个人不喜欢养宠物。

I personally don't like having pets.

wǒ gèrén juéde zhè shì gè hǎo zhǔyi.

我个人觉得这是个好主意。

I personally think this is a good idea.

12

wǒ xiāngxìn...

我相信...

I believe that...

wǒ xiāngxìn tā shuō de shì zhēn de.

我相信他说的是真的。

I believe what he said was true.

wǒ xiāngxìn tā bùshì gùyì de.

我相信他不是故意的。

I believe that he didn't mean it.

13

wŏ yĭwéi...

我以为...

I thought that...

wǒ yǐwéi jīntiān shì zhōuliù.

我以为今天是周六。

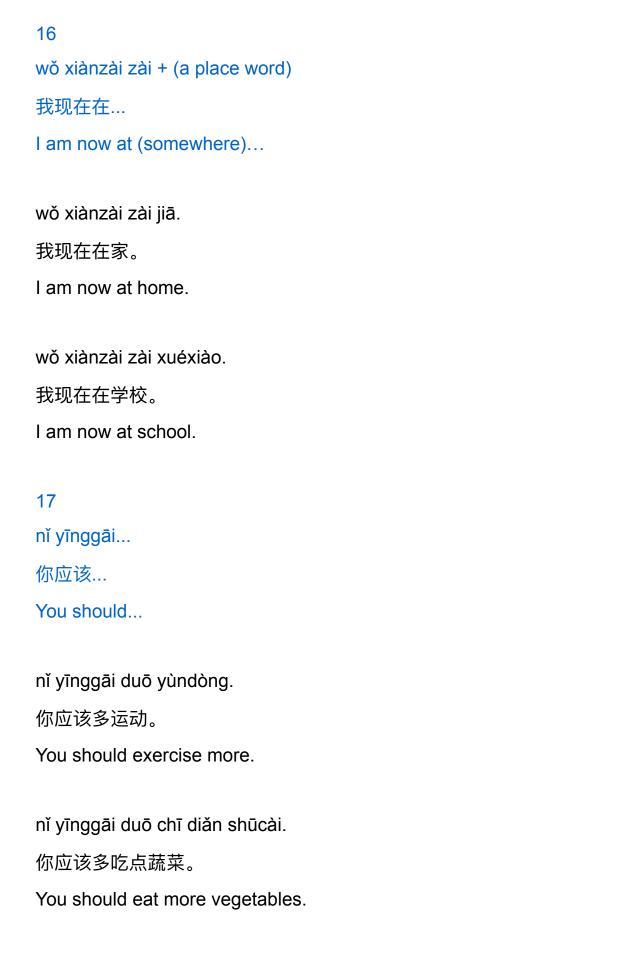
I thought today was Saturday.

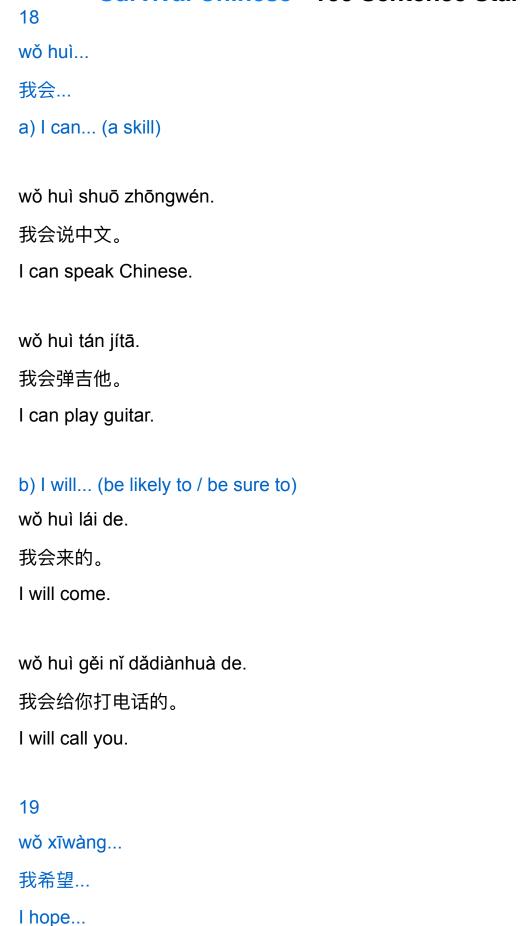
wǒ yǐwéi nǐ zài kāiwánxiào.

我以为你在开玩笑。

I thought you were kidding.







wŏ xīwàng nǐ kuàidiǎn hǎo qǐlai.
我希望你快点好起来。
I hope you get well soon.
wŏ xīwàng míngtiān bùyào xiàyǔ.
我希望明天不要下雨。
I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow.
20
wŏ cāi
我猜
I guess
wă cāi tā vijīna zhīdào zhà jiàn chì la
wǒ cāi tā yǐjīng zhīdào zhè jiàn shì le.
我猜她已经知道这件事了。
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我很期待与你见面。 I am looking forward to meeting you. wǒ hěn qīdài nǐ de huífù. 我很期待你的回复。 I am looking forward to your reply. 22 wŏ tīngshuō... 我听说... I heard that... wǒ tīngshuō nǐ jiéhūn le. 我听说你结婚了。 I heard that you got married. wǒ tīngshuō tā huílai le. 我听说他回来了。 I heard that he is back. 23 nǐ tīngshuō guò... ma? 你听说过... 吗? Have you heard...?

wǒ hěn qīdài yǔ nǐ jiànmiàn.

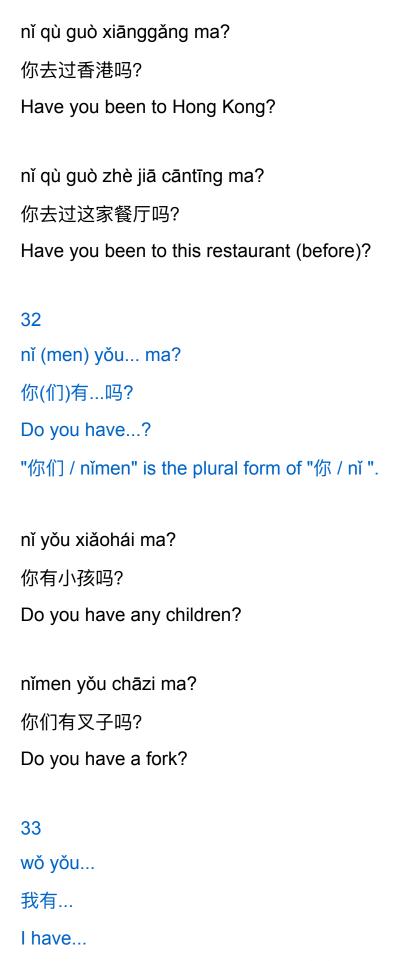
nǐ tīngshuō guò zhège rén ma?

你听说过这个人吗? Have you heard of this person? nǐ tīngshuō guò zhège gùshi ma? 你听说过这个故事吗? Have you heard of this story? 24 wŏ kěyi... 我可以... I can... (to have the capability) wǒ kèyǐ bāng nì. 我可以帮你。 I can help you. wŏ kěyĭ jiāo nǐ zhōngwén. 我可以教你中文。 I can teach you Chinese. 25 wŏ kěyi... ma? 我可以... 吗? Can I... ? (asking for permission)

wǒ kèyǐ shì yīxià zhè jiàn yīfu ma? 我可以试一下这件衣服吗? Can I try this on? (clothes) wǒ kèyǐ jìnlái ma? 我可以进来吗? Can I come in? 26 nǐ jièyì... ma? 你介意... 吗? Do you mind...? nǐ jièyì wò chōuyān ma? 你介意我抽烟吗? Do you mind if I smoke? nǐ jièyì wǒ yòng yīxià nǐ de diànnǎo ma? 你介意我用一下你的电脑吗? Do you mind if I use your computer? 27 wǒ hěn hàoqí... 我很好奇... I am very curious...

wǒ hěn hàoqí, nǐ wèishénme bù xǐhuan chī ròu? 我很好奇, 你为什么不喜欢吃肉? I am very curious, why don't you like eating meat? wǒ hěn hàoqí, nǐ xiànzài jǐ suì le? 我很好奇, 你现在几岁了? I am very curious, how old are you? 28 wŏ jìde... 我记得... I remember... wǒ jìde tā shì měiguórén. 我记得他是美国人。 I remember that he is an American. wǒ jìde wò kàn guò zhè bù diànyǐng. 我记得我看过这部电影。 I remember that I've seen this movie. 29 nǐ hái jìde... ma? 你还记得... 吗? Do you still remember...?

nǐ hái jìde de wǒ ma? 你还记得我吗? Do you still remember me? nǐ hái jìde zhège zì ma? 你还记得这个字吗? Do you still remember this Chinese character? 30 wǒ qù guò... / wǒ méi qù guò... 我去过.../我没去过... I have been to... / I have not been to... wŏ qù guò měiguó. 我去过美国。 I have been to America. wǒ méi qù guò shàng hǎi. 我没去过上海。 I have not been to Shanghai. 31 nǐ qù guò... ma? 你去过...吗? Have you been to...?



wǒ yǒu yī gè dìdi. 我有一个弟弟。 I have a younger brother. wǒ yǒu yī liàng zìxíngchē. 我有一辆自行车。 I have a bicycle. 34 wǒ fāxiàn... 我发现... I noticed... / I found... wǒ fāxiàn nǐ hèn xǐhuan chī tiánshí. 我发现你很喜欢吃甜食。 I noticed that you like eating sweet food very much. wǒ fāxiàn tā hěn gǎoxiào. 我发现他很搞笑。 I found him to be very funny. 35 wǒ jīngcháng... 我经常... I often...

wǒ jīngcháng zài gōngyuán lǐ kànjiàn tā.

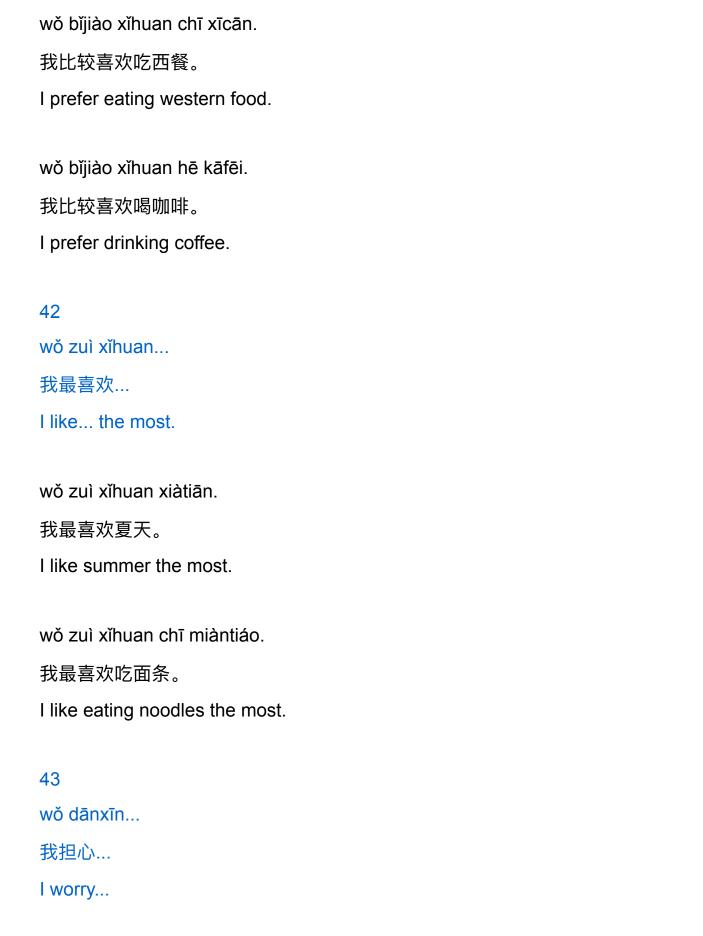
我经常在公园里看见他。

I often see him in the park. wǒ jīngcháng gēn tā chǎojià. 我经常跟他吵架。 I often quarrel with him. 36 wǒ tōngcháng / yībān... 我通常/一般... I usually... wò tōngcháng qī diǎn qǐchuáng. 我通常七点起床。 I usually get up at 7. wǒ yībān bù chī zǎocān. 我一般不吃早餐。 I usually don't have breakfast. 37 wǒ dǎsuàn... 我打算... I plan to... / I intend to...

wǒ dǎsuàn míngtiān bānjiā.

我打算明天搬家。
I intend to move tomorrow.
wǒ dǎsuàn xià gè yuè huíguó.
我打算下个月回国。
I plan to go back to my country next month.
38
wǒ gānggāng
我刚刚
I just (did something)
wŏ gānggāng gěi tā dǎ le diànhuà.
我刚刚给她打了电话。
I just called her.
wŏ gānggāng chī wán wǎnfàn.
我刚刚吃完晚饭。
I just finished dinner.
39
wŏ xĭhuan
我喜欢
I like





wŏ dānxīn wŏ huì chídào.

我担心我会迟到。
I worry that I will be late.
wŏ dānxīn nǐ de jiànkāng.
我担心你的健康。
I worry about your health.
44
nǐ zuìhǎo
你最好
You better
nĭ zuìhǎo shǎo chī tiánshí.
你最好少吃甜食。
You better eat less sweets.
nǐ zuìhǎo xiànzài qù yīyuàn.
你最好现在去医院。
You better go to the hospital now.
45
wŏ zhīdào
我知道…
I know (that)

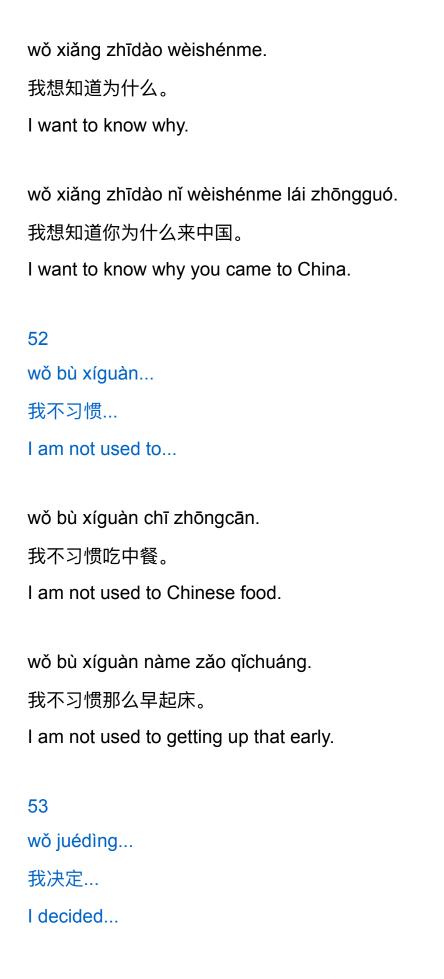
I know that he doesn't like me. wǒ zhīdào nǐ yào shuō shénme. 我知道你要说什么。 I know what you're going to say. 46 nǐ zhīdào... ma? 你知道... 吗? Do you know...? nǐ zhīdào wǒ de shǒujī zàinăr ma? 你知道我的手机在哪儿吗? Do you know where my cellphone is? nǐ zhīdào tā zhù jǐ lóu ma? 你知道他住几楼吗? Do you know what floor he lives on? 47 nǐ zhīdào ma?... 你知道吗? ... Hey! You know... / Guess what... (when you want to tell your friend something)

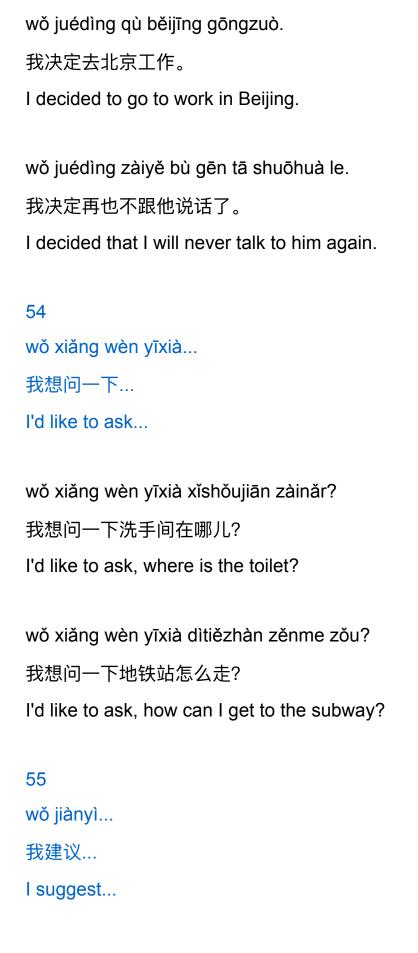
wǒ zhīdào tā bù xǐhuan wǒ.

我知道他不喜欢我。

nǐ zhīdào ma? zuótiān wănshang wò mèng dào nǐ le. 你知道吗? 昨天晚上我梦到你了。 Guess what! I dreamed of you last night. nǐ zhīdào ma? wǒ shēngzhí le! 你知道吗?我升职了! Guess what! I got promoted! 48 nǐ rènshi... ma? 你认识... 吗? Do you know...? / Do you recognize...? nǐ rènshi tā ma? 你认识他吗? Do you know him? nǐ rènshi zhège zì ma? 你认识这个字吗? Do you recognize this Chinese character? 49 wǒ bù rènshi... 我不认识... I don't recognize... / I don't know...

wǒ bù rènshi zhège zì. 我不认识这个字。 I don't recognize this Chinese character. wǒ bù rènshi nàge rén. 我不认识那个人。 I don't know that person. 50 nǐ wèishénme...? 你为什么...? Why (do / did / are...) you...? nǐ wèishénme shēng wǒ de qì? 你为什么生我的气? Why are you angry with me? nǐ wèishénme bùxiǎng gēn tā shuōhuà? 你为什么不想跟他说话? Why you don't want to talk to him? 51 wǒ xiảng zhīdào... 我想知道... I want to know...







wǒ zài kǎolù mǎi yī tái xīn diànnǎo.

我在考虑买一台新电脑。

I am considering buying a new computer.

wǒ zài kǎolù yào bùyào bāng tā.

我在考虑要不要帮他。

I am thinking about whether I should help him or not.

58

wǒ zài xiǎng...

我在想...

I am thinking...

wǒ zài xiảng jīntiān wǎnshang chī shénme.

我在想今天晚上吃什么。

I am thinking what I should eat tonight.

wǒ zài xiǎng zuótiān fāshēng de shì.

我在想昨天发生的事。

I am thinking about what happened yesterday.

59

wǒ yǐjīng hěn jiǔ méiyǒu...

我已经很久没有...

I have not (done something) for a long time.

wǒ yǐjīng hèn jiǔ méiyǒu jiàndào tā le. 我已经很久没有见到他了。 I have not seen him for a long time. wǒ yǐjīng hèn jiǔ méiyǒu zhème kāixīn le. 我已经很久没有这么开心了。 I have not been this happy for a long time. 60 rúguǒ nǐ bù jièyì dehuà, ... 如果你不介意的话, ... If you don't mind, ... rúguǒ nǐ bù jièyì dehuà, wǒ xiǎng zài wèn nǐ yī gè wèntí. 如果你不介意的话,我想再问你一个问题。 If you don't mind, I'd like to ask you another question. rúguǒ nǐ bù jièyì dehuà, wǒ wǎndiǎn zài dǎ gěi nǐ. 如果你不介意的话, 我晚点再打给你。 If you don't mind, I will call you later. 61 rúguŏ kěyĭ dehuà, ... 如果可以的话, ... If it's okay, ...

rúguǒ kěyǐ dehuà, wǒ xiǎng xiàzhōu zài jiāo zuòyè.

如果可以的话, 我想下周再交作业。

If it's okay, I'd like to give you the homework next week.

rúguǒ kèyǐ dehuà, wǒ zhōuyī zài huífù nǐ.

如果可以的话, 我周一再回复你。

If it's okay, I will reply on Monday.

62

nándào nǐ bù juéde... ma?

难道你不觉得... 吗?

Don't you think that...?

nándào nǐ bù juéde zhè hěn míngxiǎn ma?

难道你不觉得这很明显吗?

Don't you think that this is very obvious?

nándào nǐ bù juéde tā hěn cūlǔ ma?

难道你不觉得他很粗鲁吗?

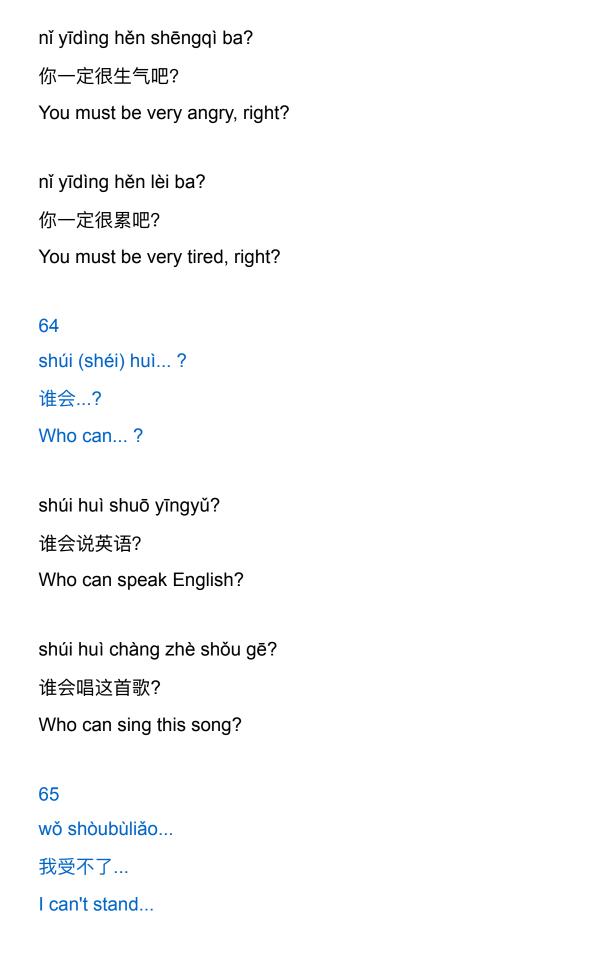
Don't you think that he is very rude?

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nǐ yīdìng... ba?

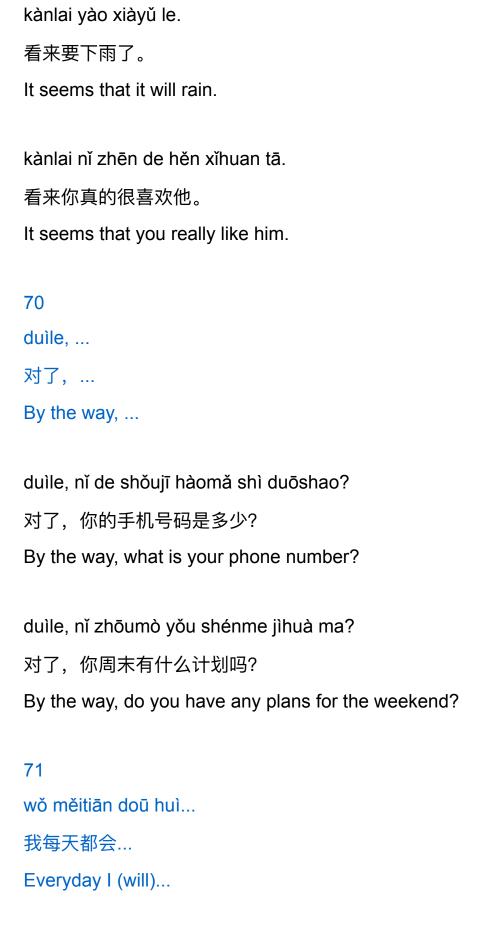
你一定... 吧?

You must be ... ?

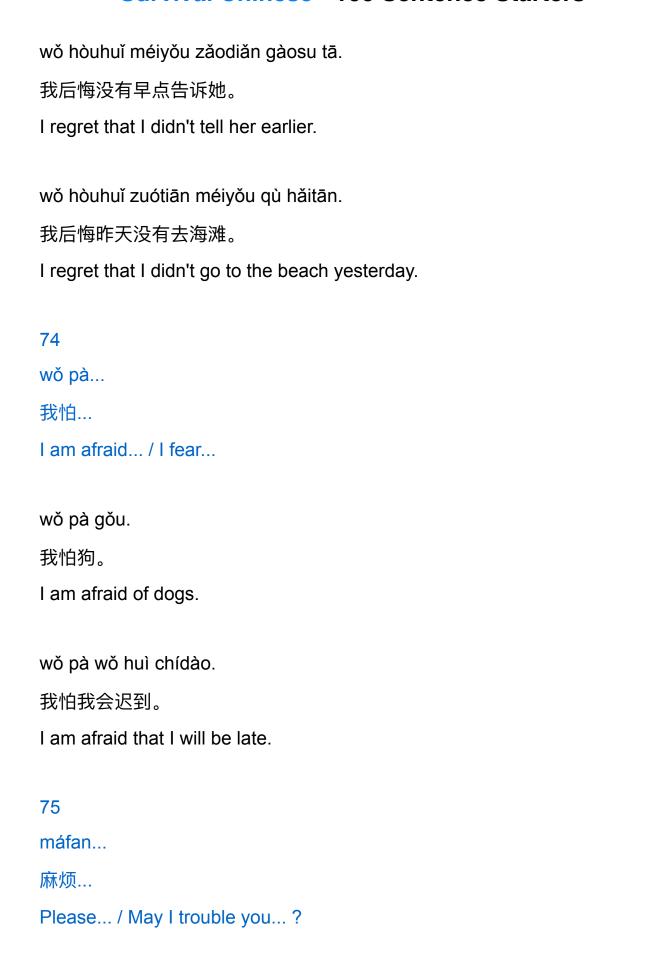


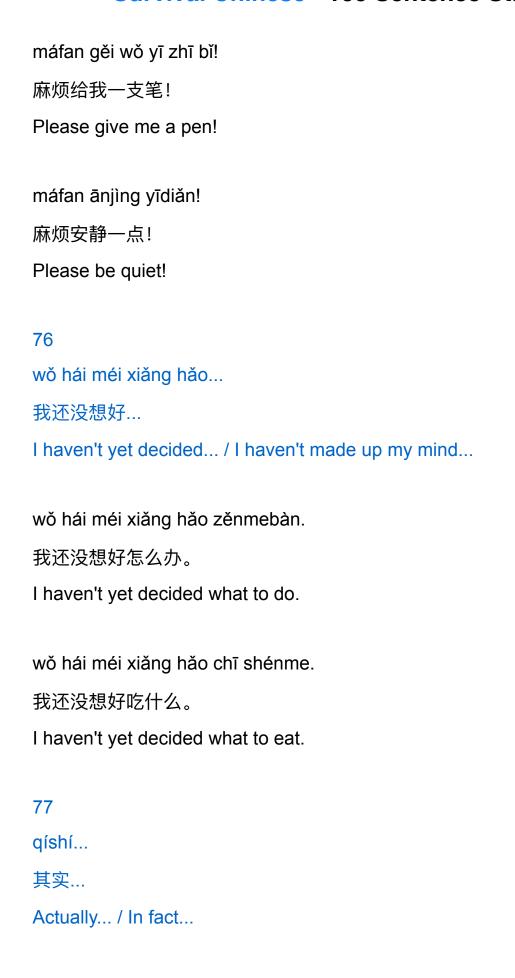


bùyào piàn wŏ!
不要骗我!
Don't cheat me!
bùyào gàosu rènhé rén!
不要告诉任何人!
Don't tell anyone!
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68
nǐ zěnme zhīdào ?
你怎么知道…?
How did you know?
nĭ zěnme zhīdào wŏ bù xĭhuan tā?
你怎么知道我不喜欢她?
How did you know that I don't like her?
nĭ zěnme zhīdào wŏ cízhí le?
你怎么知道我辞职了?
How did you know that I quit my job?
69
kànlai
看来
It seems that



wŏ měitiān doū huì yùndòng yī xiǎoshí.
我每天都会运动一小时。
Everyday I exercise for an hour.
wŏ měitiān doū huì chī liǎng gè jīdàn.
我每天都会吃两个鸡蛋。
Everyday I eat two eggs.
72
zhè ràng wǒ xiǎngqǐ le
这让我想起了
This reminded me of
zhè ràng wŏ xiǎngqǐ le yī shŏu gē.
这让我想起了一首歌。
This reminded me of a song.
zhè ràng wŏ xiǎngqǐ le wŏ de chūliàn.
\_\\\\\
这让我想起了我的初恋。
这让我想起了我的初恋。 This reminded me of my first love.
This reminded me of my first love.
This reminded me of my first love.
This reminded me of my first love.  73 wŏ hòuhuĭ





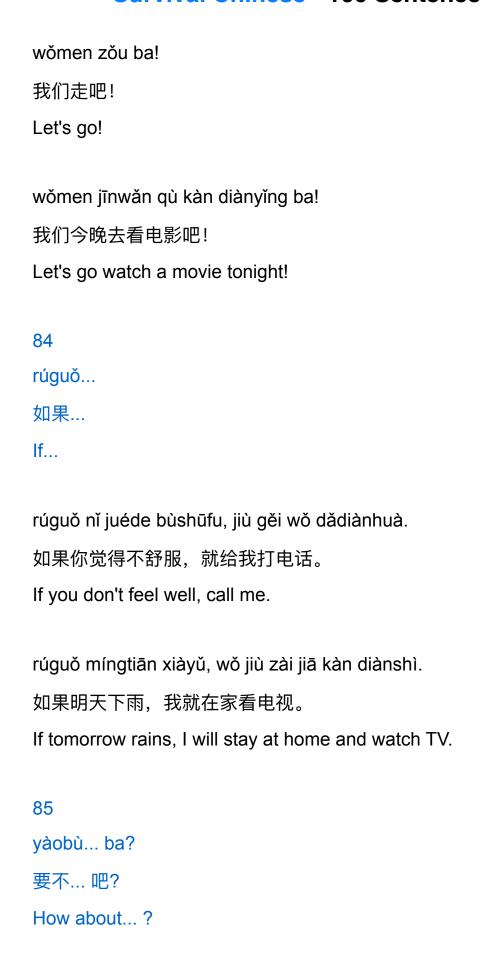
其实我是在开玩笑的。 Actually, I was kidding. qíshí wǒ bùshì lǎoshī. 其实我不是老师。 Actually, I am not a teacher. 78 nǐ shì shuō...? 你是说...? Are you saying...? nǐ shì shuō tā bùhuì lái le? 你是说他不会来了? Are you saying that he is not coming? nǐ shì shuō zhè shì jiǎ de? 你是说这是假的? Are you saying that this is fake? 79 nǐ shuō...? 你说...? Tell me, ... ? / (what) do you think... ? (your opinion)

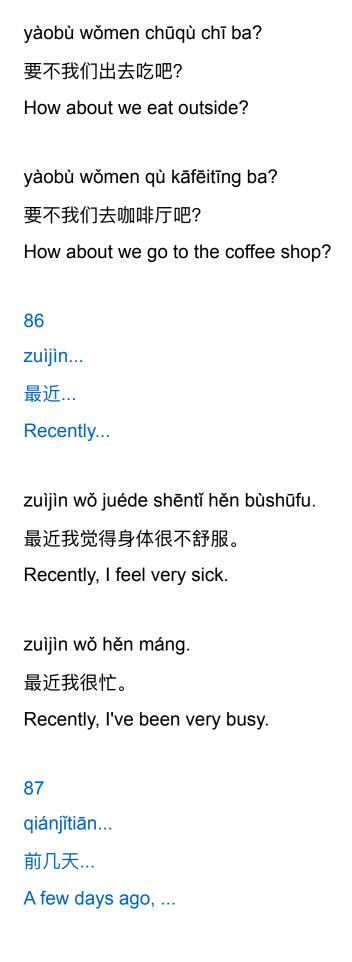
qíshí wǒ shì zài kāiwánxiào de.

nǐ shuō tā wèishénme líkāi wŏ? 你说他为什么离开我? Tell me, why did he leave me? nǐ shuō tā huì lái ma? 你说他会来吗? Do you think he will come? 80 suŏyĭ nǐ de yìsi shì...? 所以你的意思是...? So, you're saying...? / So, your meaning is...? suǒyǐ nǐ de yìsi shì tā zhège rén bù kěxìn? 所以你的意思是他这个人不可信? So, you're saying that he is not a trustworthy person? suǒyǐ nǐ de yìsi shì wǒ bù yīnggāi cízhí? 所以你的意思是我不应该辞职? So, you're saying that I shouldn't guit my job? 81 hěn míngxiǎn, ... 很明显, ... Obviously, ...

hěn míngxiǎn, tā zài piàn nǐ. 很明显, 他在骗你。 Obviously, he's lying to you. hěn míngxiǎn, nà shì bùkěnéng de. 很明显, 那是不可能的。 Obviously, that is impossible. 82 gāng kāishi... 刚开始... At first... / At the beginning... gāng kāishǐ wǒ shì xiāngxìn tā de, dànshì hòulái fāxiàn wǒ cuò le. 刚开始我是相信他的,但是后来发现我错了。 At first I believed him, but later on I found out I was wrong. gāng kāishi wò yiwéi hèn róngyì, dànshì hòulái fāxiàn hèn nán. 刚开始我以为很容易, 但是后来发现很难。 At the beginning I thought it was easy, but later on I found out that it was very hard. 83 wŏmen... + (verb) ba! 我们…吧!

Let's (do something)!





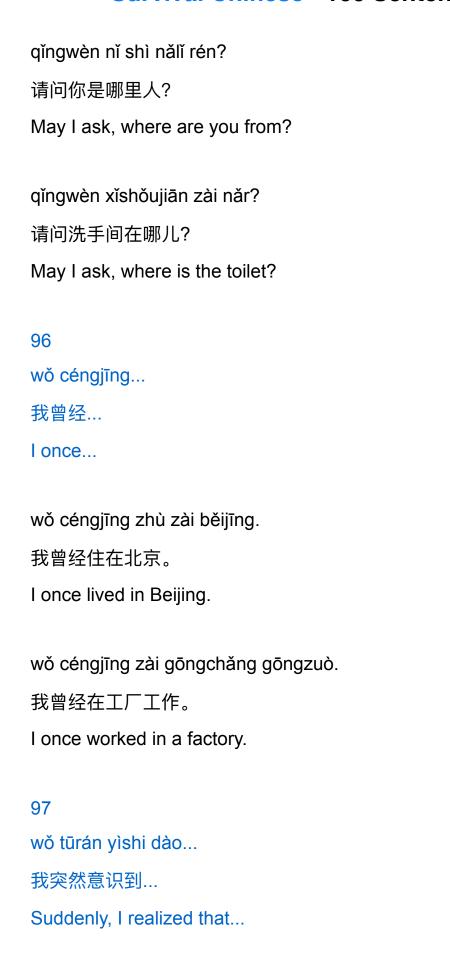
qiánjitian wò kàn le yī bù hèn hảokàn de diànying. 前几天我看了一部很好看的电影。 A few days ago, I saw a very good movie. qiánjitiān wò shēngbìng le. 前几天我生病了。 A few days ago, I was sick. 88 cóng xiànzài gǐ, ... 从现在起,... From now on,... cóng xiànzài qǐ, wǒ yào jièyān. 从现在起, 我要戒烟。 From now on, I will quit smoking. cóng xiànzài qǐ, wǒ zàiyě bù chī língshí le. 从现在起, 我再也不吃零食了。 From now on, I won't eat snacks anymore. 89 zài wǒ kàn lái, ... 在我看来, ... In my opinion, ...

zài wǒ kàn lái, tā shì duì de. 在我看来, 他是对的。 In my opinion, he's right. zài wò kàn lái, tā yīdiǎn dōu bù zàihu nǐ. 在我看来,他一点都不在乎你。 In my opinion, he doesn't care about you at all. 90 wǒ zuò guò... 我做过... I worked as... (to describe what type of jobs you did before) wǒ zuò guò lǎoshī. 我做过老师。 I worked as a teacher. wǒ zuò guò xiāoshòu. 我做过销售。 I worked as a salesperson. 91 ni zěnme zhème...! 你怎么这么...! Why are you so...!

nǐ zěnme zhème bèn!	
你怎么这么笨!	
Why are you so stupid!	
nǐ zěnme zhème kě'ài!	
你怎么这么可爱!	
Why are you so cute!	
92	
lǎoshíshuō,	
老实说,…	
Frankly, / Honestly speaking,	
lǎoshíshuō, tā bùshì wǒ de cài.	
老实说,他不是我的菜。	
Frankly, he's not my type.	
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lǎoshíshuō, wǒ duì nǐ hěn shīwàng.	
老实说,我对你很失望。	
Frankly, I am very disappointed in you.	
93	
yībānláishuō,	
一般来说,	
Generally speaking,	

一般来说, 我晚上不出门。 Generally speaking, I don't go out at night. yībānláishuō, zhèlǐ de xiàtiān duō hěn rè. 一般来说,这里的夏天都很热。 Generally speaking, the summers here are very hot. 94 jù wǒ suǒzhī, ... 据我所知,... As far as I know, ... jù wǒ suǒzhī, tā shì gè lǎoshī. 据我所知,他是个老师。 As far as I know, he's a teacher. jù wǒ suǒzhī, zhè fùjìn méiyǒu yīyuàn. 据我所知,这附近没有医院。 As far as I know, there is no hospital around here. 95 qǐngwèn...? 请问...? Please, may I ask ...?

yībānláishuō, wǒ wǎnshang bù chūmén.



wǒ tūrán yìshi dào jīntiān shì zhōuwǔ.

我突然意识到今天是周五。 Suddenly, I realized today is Friday. wǒ tūrán yìshi dào wǒ cuò le. 我突然意识到我错了。 Suddendly, I realized that I was wrong. 98 wànyī... 万一... What if... wànyī tā wàngjì le ne? 万一他忘记了呢? What if he forgets? wànyī dǔchē ne? 万一堵车呢? What if there is a traffic jam? 99 wǒ àishàng le... 我爱上了... I fell in love with... / I developed a liking for...

wǒ àishàng le tā. 我爱上了他。 I fell in love with him. wŏ àishàng le zhōngwén. 我爱上了中文。 I developed a liking for Chinese. 100 tā shì yī gè... de rén. 他是一个... 的人。 a) He is a ... person. (talking about personality) tā shì yī gè méiyǒu nàixīn de rén. 他是一个没有耐心的人。 He is an impatient person. tā shì yī gè lèguān de rén. 他是一个乐观的人。 He is an optimistic person.

b) He is a person who... (describing what someone is like)

tā shì yī gè ài xiào de rén.

他是一个爱笑的人。

He is a person who is always smiling.

tā shì yī gè xǐhuan shuōhuà de rén.

他是一个喜欢说话的人。

He is a person who likes to talk.

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