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Nǐ zuìjìn zěnmeyàng?

你最近怎么样?

How have you been recently?

Wǒ hái shì lǎo yàngzi, nǐ ne?

我还是老样子，你呢?

The same old thing, and you?

2

Tā zěnmé hái bù lái?

他怎么还不来?

Why hasn't he come yet?

Shuí zhīdào ne?

谁知道呢?

Who knows?

3

Nǐ nán péngyou zhīdào le kěndìng huì bù gāoxìng de.

你男朋友知道了肯定会不高兴的。

If your boyfriend knows, for sure he will not be happy.

Nà yòu zěnmeyàng ne?

那又怎么样呢?

So what?

4

Nǐ yīgèrén néng gǎodìng ma?

你一个人能搞定吗?

Can you handle it by yourself?

Xiǎocài yī dié!

小菜一碟!

Yeah, it's a piece of cake!

5

Nǐ de jiǎo zěnmē le?

你的脚怎么了?

What's wrong with your foot?

Méishénme dàbùliǎo de, zhǐshì niǔ le yīxià.

没什么大不了的，只是扭了一下。

No big deal, just a slight sprain.

6

Tā shēngbìng le, suǒyǐ lái bùliǎo le.

他生病了，所以来不了了。

He got sick, so he can't come.

Hǎo, wǒ zhīdào le.

好，我知道了。

Okay, I got it.

7

Wǒ gēn wǒ nán péngyou fēnshǒu le.

我跟我男朋友分手了。

I broke up with my boyfriend.

Bù huì ba!

不会吧!

That can't be! (No way!)

8

Wǒ hǎo pà wǒ shìyòngqī guò bùliǎo.

我好怕我试用期过不了。

I am afraid that I won't pass my probation.

Bié dānxīn le. Wǒ xiāngxìn nǐ kěyǐ de.

别担心了。我相信你可以的。

Don't worry! I believe you could do it.

9

Míngtiān nǐ néng bāng wǒ bānjiā ma?

明天你能帮我搬家吗?

Can you help me move tomorrow?

Méi wèntí!

没问题!

No problem!

10

Bù hǎoyìsi, wǒ chídào le.

不好意思，我迟到了。

Sorry, I am late.

Méishìr!

没事儿!

That's alright!

11

Bù hǎoyìsi, wǒ wàng le.

不好意思，我忘了。

Sorry, I forgot.

Méiguānxi!

没关系!

It's okay!

12

Nǐ xiǎng chī zhōngcān háishi xīcān?

你想吃中餐还是西餐?

Do you want to have Chinese or western food?

Suíbiàn ba.

随便吧。

Whatever is okay.

13

Děng wǒ yīxià, wǒ mǎshàng jiù dào!

等我一下，我马上就到！

Wait for me, I will be there soon!

Bié zhāojí, mànman lái!

别着急，慢慢来！

Don't rush, take your time.

14

Wǒ zuìjìn pàng le hǎoduō.

我最近胖了好多。

Recently I have gotten fat a lot.

Wǒ yěshì.

我也是。

Me too.

15

Lǎobǎn, xià gè yuè wǒ néng xiūjià ma?

老板，下个月我能休假吗？

Boss, can I get a vacation next month?

Nà yào kàn qíngkuàng.

那要看情况。

That depends.

16

Nǐ chī bǎo le ma?

你吃饱了吗？

Are you full?

Wǒ chī bǎo le.

我吃饱了。

Yes, I'm full.

17

Nǐ néng jiè wǒ yīqiān kuài qián ma?

你能借我一千块钱吗？

Can you lend me a thousand yuan?

Méiménr!

没门儿！

No way!

18

Wǒ wǎn yīdiǎn gěi nǐ dǎ diànhuà.

我晚一点给你打电话。

I will call you later.

Xíng.

行。

Okay!

19

Wǒ yào cízhí le!

我要辞职了!

I am going to quit my job!

Nǐ yǐjīng gēn wǒ shuōguò le!

你已经跟我说过了!

You already told me!

20

Wǒ xiǎng gēn tā líhūn.

我想跟他离婚。

I want to divorce him.

Nǐ zài kāiwánxiào ma?

你在开玩笑吗?

Are you joking?!

21

Wǒ de diànnǎo hǎoxiàng huài le.

我的电脑好像坏了。

It seems that my computer is broken.

Ràng wǒ lái kànkàn.

让我来看看。

Let me have a look.

22

Xièxie nǐ bāng le wǒ zhème duō!

谢谢你帮了我这么多!

Thanks for helping me so much!

Wǒ hěn gāoxìng néng bāngdào nǐ.

我很高兴能帮到你。

I am happy that I could help you.

23

Tā míngtiān lái bù lái?

她明天来不来?

Will she come tomorrow?

Wǒ bùshì hěn quèdìng.

我不是很确定。

I'm not sure.

24

Wǒ hái yǐwéi nǐ zài shēng wǒ de qì ne!

我还以为你在生我的气呢!

I thought you were mad at me.

Méiyǒu, nǐ wùhuì wǒ le.

没有，你误会我了。

No, you misunderstood me.

25

Yào bù yào zài kàn yīxià qítā kuǎnshì de xiézi?

要不要再看一下其它款式的鞋子?

Do you want to look at a different style of shoes?

Suànle.

算了。

No, forget about it.

26

Zuótiān wǒ dūn zài lùbiān xiūxi,

昨天我蹲在路边休息，

Yesterday I was squatting by the street resting,

ránhòu bǎ màozi fàng zài dìshàng,

然后把帽子放在地上，

and I put my hat on the ground in front of me,

jiéguǒ yǒu yī gè rén wǎng wǒ màozi lǐ rēng le yīkuài qián!

结果有一个人往我帽子里扔了一块钱!

then someone threw one yuan into my hat!

Shì ma? Nà tài gǎoxiào le!

是吗? 那太搞笑了!

Really? That's funny!

27

Wǒ zhǎodào xīn gōngzuò le!

我找到新工作了!

I found a new job!

Nà tài hǎo le!

那太好了!

That's great!

28

Nǐ xià le wǒ yī tiào!

你吓了我一跳!

You scared me!

29

Wǒ cái bù xiāngxìn nǐ shuō de shì zhēn de.

我才不相信你说的是真的.

I don't believe what you said was true.

Xìn bùxìn yóu nǐ!

信不信由你!

Believe it or not!

30

Nǐ cǎi dào wǒ de jiǎo le!

你踩到我的脚了!

You stepped on my foot!

(Bù hǎoyìsi)Wǒ bùshì gùyì de!

(不好意思)我不是故意的!

(Sorry!) I didn't mean it.

31

Nǐ zài gàn má?

你在干嘛?

What are you doing?

Yào nǐ guǎn!

要你管!

It's none of your business!

32

Nǐ zhīdào ma? Tā yòu shēngzhí le!

你知道吗? 她又升职了!

Did you know that she got promoted again!

Nà tài bù gōngpíng le ba!

那太不公平了吧!

That's so unfair!

33

Nà jiā gōngsī zuótiān xuānbù pòchǎn le.

那家公司昨天宣布破产了。

Yesterday that company announced it was bankrupt.

Zěnmé kěnéng!

怎么可能!

How is that possible?!

34

Nǐ xiǎng hē shénme yǐnliào? Kāfēi háishi chá?

你想喝什么饮料? 咖啡还是茶?

What do you wanna drink? Coffee or tea?

Dōu kěyǐ.

都可以。

Both are okay.

35

Rúguǒ nǐ bù bāng tā dehuà, tā huì shēngqì de.

如果你不帮他的话, 他会生气的。

If you don't help him, he will be angry.

Guǎn tā ne!

管他呢!

Who cares!

36

Nǐ zhīdào yīlǎng de shǒudū zài nǎli ma?

你知道伊朗的首都在哪里吗?

Do you know what's the capital of Iran?

Nǐ bǎ wǒ gěi wènzhù le, wǒ bù zhīdào.

你把我给问住了, 我不知道。

You got me. I don't know.

37

Nǐ xiǎng shénme shíhou jiànmiàn? Míngtiān háishi hòutiān?

你想什么时候见面? 明天还是后天?

When do you want to meet? Tomorrow or the day after tomorrow?

Wǒ wúsuǒwèi.

我无所谓。

It doesn't matter (which day).

38

Wǒ jīntiān yītiān dōu méi chī dōngxi.

我今天一天都没吃东西。

Today I haven't eaten anything the whole day.

Nánguài nǐ zhème è!

难怪你这么饿!

No wonder you're so hungry!

39

Wǒ zěnmé yòu cuò le?

我怎么又错了?

How could I make a mistake again?

Rénwúwánrén ma!

人无完人嘛!

Nobody is perfect.

40

Nǐ shénme shíhòu qù měiguó?

你什么时候去美国?

When are you going to the United States?

Wǒ hái méi xiǎng hǎo.

我还没想好。

I haven't decided yet.

41

Zhè kuǎn qúnzi yǒu hóngsè de ma?

这款裙子有红色的吗?

Do you have this dress in red?

Wǒ qù chá yīxià.

我去查一下。

I will go and check.

42

Fúwùyuán, mǎidān!

服务员，买单!

Waiter, bill please!

Qǐng shāoděng!

请稍等!

Please wait a moment!

43

Tā de yīngyǔ zěnmeyàng?

她的英语怎么样?

How is her English?

Bù zěnmeyàng.

不怎么样。

Not very good.

44

Nà jiā cāntīng de cài zěnmeyàng?

那家餐厅的菜怎么样？

How is the food in that restaurant?

Hái kěyǐ.

还可以。

It's okay. (passable)

45

Shēngyì háihǎo ma?

生意还好吗？

Is your business okay?

Yībān.

一般。

So so.

46

Tā de pǔtōnghuà zěnmeyàng?

他的普通话怎么样?

How is his Mandarin?

Hái bùcuò!

还不错!

Not bad!

47

Wǒmen yīnggāi měitiān dōu yùndòng.

我们应该每天都运动。

We should do exercise everyday.

Nǐ shuōdeduì!

你说得对!

You're right!

48

Wǒ juéde míngtiān kěnéng huì xià yǔ.

我觉得明天可能会下雨。

I think it's going to rain tomorrow.

Wǒ yě juéde.

我也觉得。

I also think so.

49

Zhè jiā diàn zhōurì bù kāimén.

这家店周日不开门。

This shop doesn't open on Sundays.

O! Zhèyàng a!

哦！这样啊！

Oh! Okay! (Oh, that's the way it is.)

50

Kuàidiǎn!

快点！

Hurry up!

Bié cuī wǒ!

别催我！

Don't rush me!