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This transcript includes the English narrator (12pt Times New Roman) and all of the spoken Chinese in simplified text (18pt Sim-Sun). I used 18 point for the Chinese text because as a beginner I often had difficulty distinguishing different characters apart.

If you're smart and print out the pages double-sided, you'll notice that the page numbers and lesson numbers are printed on the bottom outside corners and times for the lessons are in 3-minute intervals on the outside margin next to the corresponding line of dialogue.

Enjoy!

LESSON TWENTY-THREE

This is unit twenty-three of Pimsleur's Mandarin Chinese One. 请听这段对话。

A: 你们家里有两个人?

B: 我们家里有两个大人, 两个小孩儿。

A: 你们有几个儿子吗?

B: 没有。我们有一个儿子, 一个女儿。

In this conversation you heard, *two older people* meaning *two adults*—两个大人。
再听一次。

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请回答这个问题。 Please answer this question, 普通话—in Mandarin.

Airplane, 怎么说? How do you say—怎么说? 普通话 *airplane* 怎么说?

飞机

普通话 *airport* 怎么说??

飞机场

现在请说, *We're going to go to the airport.*

我们要去飞机场。

We're going to take a plane.

我们要坐飞机去。

坐飞机去

Did you say, *take a plane to go?* 试试说, *We would like to take a plane to Hong Kong.*

我们想坐飞机去香港。

我们想坐飞机去香港。

Ask how much it costs.

多少钱?

普通话 *thousand* 怎么说?

千

3:00 现在请说, *two thousand Renminbi.*

两千块人民币。

两千块

请说, *family*.

家人

Ask me how many people are in my family.

你家里有几个人?

请说, *There are five people in our family.*

我们家里有五个人。

请问, *How many people?*

几个人?

问, *How many people are there in your family?* Use the plural.

你们家里有几个人?

你们家里

试试说, *two older people* meaning, *two adults*.

两个大人

大人

请说, *three children*, or literally, *three young children*.

三个小孩儿

小孩儿

试试说, *We have two young daughters.*

我们有两个小女儿。

两个小女儿

现在请说, *We have one older son.*

我们有一个大儿子。

大

大儿子

现在请说, *The son is very grown up.*

儿子很大了。

大了

请问, *Where are the children?*

小孩儿在哪儿?

6:00

现在请问, *Where are they?*

他们在哪儿?

他们

请说, *The daughters are in America.*

女儿在美国。

现在请说, *The son is with me.*

儿子跟我在一起。

请说, *There are a lot of people in our family.*

我们家里有很多人。

Ask where the bathroom is.

洗手间在哪儿?

Answer, *Over there.*

在那儿。

现在试试说, *My wife is in Hong Kong.*

我的太太在香港。

请说你要去香港。

我要去香港。

现在请说, *I'm going to take a plane.*

我要坐飞机去。

坐飞机去

请问, *Really?*

真的?

9:00 现在请问, *Are you going to take a plane to Hong Kong?*

你要坐飞机去香港吗?

你要不要坐飞机去香港?

回答—Answer, *Yes.*

要。

I have two thousand Renminbi.

我有两千块人民币。

Ask if it's enough.

够吗?

够不够?

现在请说, *It's not enough.*

不够。

Two thousand, three hundred Renminbi. 请跟着说。

两千三百块人民币。

百

百

Using a falling-rising tone say, *hundred.*

百

试试说, *Two thousand four hundred.*

两千四百

普通话, *My family is with me,* 怎么说?

我的家人跟我在一起。

请问, *Where is your family?*

你的家人在哪儿?

Wait one moment, 怎么说?

等一会儿。

Ask me where I am going to go.

你要去哪儿?

12:00

试试说, *I have two thousand, four hundred Renminbi.*

我有两千四百块人民币。

两千四百

I'm going to go to Hong Kong, 怎么说?

我要去香港。

试试说, *Tomorrow, I'm going to go to Hong Kong.*

明天我要去香港。

明天

Do you remember how to ask how long a trip will take? 请问, *It's going to be how many hours?*

要几个小时?

It's very far. 请跟着说。

很远。

远

远
远

The word meaning *far* or *It's far*, is pronounced with a falling-rising tone. 请说, *It's far*.

远。

现在试试说, *Hong Kong is not very far*.

香港不是很远。

不是很远

Sixty, 怎么说?

六十

Sixty eight.

六十八

六十八

请问, *Is Hong Kong very far?*

香港很远吗?

香港是不是很远?

15:00 试试问, *Is it very expensive?*

很贵吗?

是不是很贵?

What's the Chinese number, *seven*?

七

七

试试说, *seventy*.

七十

七十

The tones are high-level and rising. 再说一次, *seventy*.

七十

现在请说, *seventeen*.

十七

十七

试试说, *seventy-two*.

七十二

请说, *seventy-five*.

七十五

现在试试说, *seven hundred*.

七百

百

七百

请说, *two thousand seven hundred*.

两千七百

Sixty-four.

六十四

六十四

请说, *seventy-four*.

七十四

It isn't very far. 怎么说?

不是很远。

现在试试说, *It's too far*.

太远了。

太远了。

请说, *I would like to take a plane*.

我想坐飞机去。

Which flight? 请听。

哪个班机?

哪个班机?

Here's how to say, *flight*. 请跟着说。

班机

机

机

班

班机

That's two high-level tones. 请说, *flight*.

18:00

班机

Now the word, **which**. 请跟着说。

哪

哪

That's pronounced with a falling-rising tone. 再说一次。

哪

哪

Which flight? 请跟着说。

哪个班机？

个

个

哪个班机？

个 is the measure word used with **flight**. It's pronounced with a falling tone.

试试问, **Which flight?**

哪个班机？

试试问, **Which flight goes to Hong Kong?**

哪个班机去香港？

去香港

在问一次, **Which flight goes to Hong Kong?**

哪个班机去香港？

试试问, **Is Hong Kong very far?**

香港很远吗？

香港是不是很远？

21:00 现在请说, **Hong Kong? It isn't very far.**

香港？不是很远。

不是很远。

问, **It's going to be how many hours?**

要几个小时？

请回答—Please answer, **three hours.**

三个小时

三个

问, *Where is the airport?*

飞机场在哪儿?

Go straight ahead. First, the word, *go*. 请跟着说。

走

走

This word is pronounced with a falling-rising tone. 在说一次。

走

Here's how to say, *straight ahead*. 请跟着说。

一直往前

前

前

往

往前

直

直

直

一

一直

一直往前

The tones are high-level, rising, falling-rising, and rising. 请说, *straight ahead*.

24:00

一直往前

试试说, *Go straight ahead*. Literally, *Straight ahead, go*.

一直往前走。

一直往前走。

And how would you say, *I would like to go to Hong Kong?*

我想去香港。

去

去

Use, 去 to say, *go to*. 现在请说, *Go straight ahead*.

一直往前走。

走

Use, 走 to describe an ongoing motion. It's like saying, *going*. 请说, *Wait one moment*.

等一会儿。

请问, *Which flight goes to Hong Kong?*

哪个班机去香港?

哪个班机

Now listen and repeat, *this flight*.

这个班机

这

这

The word *this* is pronounced with a falling tone. Say, *this flight*.

这个班机

这

试试说, *This flight goes to Hong Kong*.

这个班机去香港。

请问, *Which flight?*

哪个班机?

请回答—Please answer—请回答, *This flight*.

这个班机。

27:00 再说一次, *This flight goes to Hong Kong*.

这个班机去香港。

问, *Really?*

真的?

请说, *Yes. Go straight ahead*.

是。一直往前走。

走

一直往前走。

试试问, *Is it very expensive?*

很贵吗?

是不是很贵?

请回答, *It's not very expensive*.

不是很贵。

现在请说, *It isn't very far.*

不是很远。

普通话, *Wait one moment*, 怎么说.

等一会儿。

现在请问, *Which flight goes to Hong Kong?*

哪个班机去香港?

试试问, *Does this flight go to Hong Kong?*

这个班机去香港吗?

请回答, *Yes. Go straight ahead.*

是。一直往前走。

This is the end of unit twenty-three.