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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-SIX

This is unit twenty-six of Pimsleur's Mandarin Chinese One. 请听着段对话。  
请听。

A: 你好。你今天要去北京吗?

B: 要。我今天要去北京。

A: 你去那儿做什么?

B: 我要看几个朋友。

In this conversation you heard—我要看几个朋友—or *I'm going to see some friends*. 再请一次。

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现在请回答这些问题。 Now please answer these questions.

-- 你的太太好吗?

Tell her that your wife is very well.

我的太太很好。

请问, What about you?

你呢?

*Not very well.*

不是很好。

请问, Why?

为什么?

*Because I'd like to buy something.*

因为我想买一点儿东西。

因为

*But I can't buy anything.*

可是我不可以买东西。

*Because the stores are closed.*

因为商店关门了。

国语, It's too late. 怎么说?

太晚了。

With the ending, you're saying something like, *It has gotten to be too late*. Now ask if the store is open.

商店开门了吗？

商店有没有开门？

Do you remember how to answer, *no*?

没有开门。

*The stores are closed.*

3:00

商店关门了。

关门了

请说, *Now it's too late*.

现在太晚了。

Tell her that it's not very late.

不是很晚。

不是很晚。

*The store is open.* 怎么说？

商店开门了。

现在请说, *Tomorrow*.

明天

*Tomorrow the stores are open.* 怎么说？

明天商店开门。

明天商店开门。

Tell me that now the stores are closed.

现在商店关门了。

再说一次, *Tomorrow the stores are open*.

明天商店开门。

*Tomorrow I can't buy anything.*

明天我不可以买东西。

东西

*Why?*

为什么？

请说, *Because I'm going to go to Beijing*.

因为我要去北京。

Do you remember how to say, *I'm going to take a plane to go?*

我要坐飞机去。

6:00

坐飞机去

式式说, *Tomorrow I'm going to take a plane to Beijing.*

明天我要坐飞机去北京。

国语, *airport*. 怎么说?

飞机场

请说, *I'd like to go to the airport.*

我想去飞机场。

Ask how many Hong Kong dollars she has.

你有多少港币?

港币

请说, *I have enough.*

我够了。

我够了。

Ask where the airport is.

飞机场在哪儿?

Do you remember how to say, *Take King's Road?*

走英皇道。

英皇道。

国语, *should*. 怎么说?

应该

式式问, *I should take which road?*

我应该走哪条路?

哪

现在请说, *Take the road to the right.*

走右边那条路。

那

那条路

走右边那条路。然后一直往前走。

9:00

Ask him to say it again.

再说一次。

再说一次。

请说, *Take the road to the left.*

走左边那条路。

左边

请说, *Take the road to the right.*

走右边那条路。

*Then go straight ahead.*

然后一直往前走。

Thank him.

谢谢你。

He replies, *Don't mention it.*

不客气。

不客气。

式式问, *Are you going to go to Beijing?*

你要去北京吗?

你要不要去北京?

*Really?*

真的?

真的?

式式问, *What are you going to do there?*

你要在那儿做什么?

你要在那儿做什么?

*I'm going to see some friends.* Here is the Mandarin word that means *friend* or *friends*. 请跟着说。

朋友

友

朋

朋友

The tones are rising and falling-rising. 再说一次。

朋友

Do you remember how to say, *some children*?

12:00

几个小孩儿

几个

式式说, *some friends*.

几个朋友

*I'm going to see some friends.* 请跟着说。

我要看几个朋友。

看

看

What's the Mandarin word, *to see*?

看

看

It's a falling tone. 请说, *I'm going to see*.

我要看。

*I'm going to see some friends.*

我要看几个朋友。

Try to ask, *Are they in Hong Kong?*

他们在香港吗?

他们是不是在香港?

*No, they are not in Hong Kong.*

不是。他们不是在香港。

请说, *They live in Beijing.*

他们住在北京。

现在请说, *I have some friends in Beijing.*

我有几个朋友在北京。

*I'm going to go there to work.* 请跟着说。

我要去那儿工作。

工作

作

工作

15:00 请说, *work*, using high-level and falling tones.

工作

工作

请说, *I'm going to go there to work.*

我要去那儿工作。

*Not very much.*

不是很多。

不是很多。

*I'm going to see some friends.*

我要看几个朋友。

朋友

几个朋友

式式说, *Then I'm going to work.*

然后我要工作。

然后

Do you remember how to say, *today*?

今天

And how do you say, *tomorrow* or *tomorrow's day*?

明天

式式说, *two days*. You don't need a measure word with *days*.

两天

天

两天

请说, *three days*.

三天

三天

*I'm going to stay there three days.* 请跟着说。

我要在那儿呆三天。

呆

呆

式式说, *stay*, using a high-level tone.

呆

请说, *I'm going to stay there three days.*



我要在那儿呆三天。

Do you remember how to say, *I'm going to go there to work?*

18:00

我要去那儿工作。

现在请说, *I'm going to stay there two days.*

我要在那儿呆两天。

两天

*I'm going to see some friends.*

我要看几个朋友。

几个朋友

*You are going to stay.*

你要呆。

你要呆。

*How many days?* 请跟着说?

几天?

几天?

The tones are falling-rising and high level. 请问, *How many days?*

几天?

几天?

This can also mean, *a few days.* 请说, *a few days.*

几天

*I'm going to stay a few days.*

我要呆几天。

几

*Maybe three days.* 请跟着说, *maybe.*

可能

能

能

可

可能

可能

The tones are falling-rising and rising. 请说, *Maybe three days.*

可能三天。

可能

*Maybe I'm going to see some friends.* Be careful of the word order. You literally say, *I maybe am going to see some friends.* Try it.

我可能要看几个朋友。

21:00

我可能要看

我可能要看几个朋友。

*I'm going to stay a few days.*

我要呆几天。

几

请问, *Are you going to go there to work?*

你要去那儿工作吗?

你要不要去那儿工作?

Try to answer, *Maybe, yes.*

可能要。

*I think I'm going to work.* 请听。

我想我要工作。

Here's how to say, *I think.* 请跟着说。

我想。

想

我想。

The word, *think*, has a falling-rising tone. 再说一次, *I think.*

我想。

What other word sounds exactly like this one? *Would like* has exactly the same pronunciation. Although they sound the same you'll learn to tell the difference through context. 请说, *I think I'm going to work.*

我想我要工作。

现在式式说, *I think I'm not going to work.*

我想我不要工作。

Try to ask her if she is going to see Peter.

你要看 Peter 吗?

你要不要看 Peter?

请说, *Maybe*.

可能。

24:00

可能。

请说, *Maybe I'm going to see him*. Literally, *I maybe am going to see him*.

我可能要看他。

式式问, *Are you going to see him?*

你要看他吗?

你要不要看他?

*Maybe I'm going to.*

我可能要。

我可能要。

式式说, *I think I'm going to see him*.

我想我要看他。

我想我要看他。

And now say, *I would like to see him*.

我想看他。

*Then I'm going to work.* 怎么说?

然后我要工作。

然后

然后我要工作。

*I am going to go to Beijing.*

我要去北京。

*To stay two days.*

呆两天。

呆两天。

*Maybe three days.*

可能三天。

可能

请说, *I think*.

我想。

*I think I'm going to stay.*

我想我要呆。

*A few days.*

几天。

Ask her how many Hong Kong dollars she has.

27:00

你有多少港币？

多少港币？

国语, *give*. 怎么说？

给

给

Try to say, *Please give me a few renminbi*. Use 块.

麻烦你，给我几块人民币。

麻烦你

Ask her if she would like to buy anything.

你想买东西吗？

你想不想买东西？

-- 现在不想。

请说, *I'm going to go to Beijing*.

我要去北京。

式式说, *I'm going to stay in Beijing a few days*.

我要在北京呆几天。

我要在北京呆几天。

请问, *What are you going to do there?*

你要在那儿做什么？

做

式式说, *I think I'm going to work there*.

我想我要在那儿工作。

我想我要在那儿工作。

请说, *Goodbye*.

再见。

-- 再见。

This is the end of unit twenty-six.

