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Enjoy!

LESSON TWENTY-NINE

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

A: 陈先生，你好。

B: 早。

式式问, *What does that mean?*

什么意思?

什么意思?

*The meaning is, 'Good Morning.'*

意思是, *Good Morning.*

How would I tell you that I don't understand?

我不明白。

我不明白。

问, *What don't you understand?*

你不明白什么?

请说, *I don't understand what you're saying.*

我不明白你说什么。

现在请说, *We are here.*

我们在这儿。

*For three days, or It has been three days.*

三天了。

三天了。

Tell me you've been here for three days.

我们在这儿三天了。

Ask me for how long I've been here.

你在这儿多久了?

多久了?

现在请说, *I've been here for two days.*

我在这儿两天了。

*I don't have the time.* 怎么说?

我没有时间。

时间

现在请说, *We're going to stay.*

我们要呆。

问, *Stay how long?*

呆多久?

呆多久?

*A few days.*

几天。

几天。

*A few weeks.*

几个星期。

请问, *What does that mean?*

什么意思?

什么意思?

-- 意思是, *a few weeks.*

Here's how to say, *week* or *weeks.*

星期

期

期

星

星期

This is pronounced with two high-level tones. 请说, *weeks.*

星期

请跟着说, *a few weeks.*

几个星期

几个

个

几个

You need the measure word to say this but now say, *a few days.*

几天

几天

再说一次, *a few weeks.*

几个星期

式式说, *one week*.

一个星期

一个

一个星期

现在请说, *for one week*, or *it has been one week*.

一个星期了。

了

请问, *For how long?*

多久了?

6:00

多久了?

*We've been here for one week.*

我们在这儿一个星期了。

*We're going to stay.*

我们要呆。

Referring to the woman and her husband ask, *You're going to stay how long?*

你们要呆多久?

多久?

*A few weeks.*

几个星期。

Say, *I'm going to leave*. Use 了 with *going to*.

我要走了。

我要走了。

*Later*, 怎么说?

过一会儿

现在式式说, *I'm going to leave later*.

过一会儿我要走了。

*I'm alone*, 怎么说?

就我一个人。

式式说, *I'm leaving alone*.

就我一个人走。

就我一个人走。

式式说, *I'm going to stay.*

我要呆。

*Ninety days.*

九十天

*Then I'm going to leave.*

然后我要走了。

请问, *You have been here for how long?* Use the plural you.

你们在这儿多久了？

*For a few weeks.*

几个星期了。

9:00

Suppose you wanted to say, *We arrived yesterday.* 请跟着说, *arrived.*

到达

到

到

到达

请跟着说, *yesterday.*

昨天

天

作

作

昨天

昨天

The tones are rising and high-level. 请说, *yesterday.*

昨天

请说, *arrived*, using two falling tones.

到达

到达

Now here's how to say, *We arrived yesterday.*

我们是昨天到达。

到达

昨天到达

是

我们是

我们是昨天到达。

Literally, *We are yesterday arrived.* 请说, *We arrived yesterday.*

我们是昨天到达。

是

到达

*What did you buy yesterday?* 请跟着说。

你昨天买了什么？

买了

了

了

买

买了

请说, *You did buy* or *You bought.*

你买了。

In this case it's the 了 that turns, *buy* into *did buy*. 式式问, *What did you buy?*

12:00

你买了什么？

请说, *I bought something.*

我买了一点儿东西。

式式说, *I arrived yesterday.*

我是昨天到达。

到达

我是昨天到达。

Now ask her what she bought.—现在问他买了什么。

你买了什么？

买了

式式说, *I bought something to drink.*

我买了一点儿东西喝。

请说, *I bought some beer.*

我买了一点儿啤酒。

*It's not expensive.*

不贵。

*Ninety-five.*

九十五

九十五

现在请说, *one hundred.*

一百

百

一百

Here's how to ask if she has eaten. 请跟着说。

你吃了吗?

了

吃了

你吃了吗?

请问, *Did you eat?*

你吃了吗?

现在请说, *I would like to eat something.*

我想吃一点儿东西。

*Would you like to eat now?* 怎么问?

你现在想吃吗?

吃

在问一次, *Did you eat?*

你吃了吗?

Try to answer, *Yes.*

吃了。

了

吃了。

式式说, *I ate yesterday.*

我昨天吃了。

And do you remember how to say, *I arrived yesterday?*

15:00



我是昨天到达。

到达

我是昨天到达。

Ask me again if I ate.

你吃了吗？

请说, *I would like to eat something now.*

我想现在吃一点儿东西。

*I would like to eat. I ate.*

我想吃。我吃了。

式式说, *You would like to eat something today.*

你想今天吃一点儿东西。

你想今天吃一点儿东西。

式式问, *What are you going to eat?*

你要吃什么？

请说, *I don't know.*

我不知道。

How does she tell you that she doesn't have the time?

我没有时间。

时间

请说, *You ate yesterday.*

你昨天吃了。

18:00 再说一次, *You would like to eat something today.*

你想今天吃一点儿东西。

Ask her what she bought.

你买了什么？

She answers, *I bought something to drink.*

我买了一点儿东西喝。

Ask her what she is going to drink.

你要喝什么？

*I'm going to drink beer.*

我要喝啤酒。

Here is how to say *I like beer*. 请跟着说。

我喜欢啤酒。

喜欢

欢

欢

喜

喜欢

How do you say, *like*?

喜欢

That's pronounced with a falling-rising tone followed by a high-level tone. 请说, *I like beer.*

我喜欢啤酒。

请说, *You like tea.*

你喜欢茶。

式式问, *Do you like beer?*

你喜欢啤酒吗?

你喜欢不喜欢啤酒?

请说, *I like.*

我喜欢。

式式说, *I like to eat.* Because you're referring to eating in general you'll say, *eat anything.* Try it.

我喜欢吃东西。

21:00

吃东西

Now in the same way say, *I would like to eat.*

我想吃东西。

现在请问, *Do you like to eat?*

你喜欢吃东西吗?

吃东西

你喜欢不喜欢吃东西?

*Would you like to have lunch now?*

你想现在吃午饭吗?

你想不想现在吃午饭?

式式问, *Did you eat?*

你吃了吗？

How would she answer, *Yes, I ate?*

吃了，我吃了。

吃了，我吃了。

请说, *I ate today.*

我今天吃了。

Try to ask her what she ate yesterday.

你昨天吃了什么？

昨天

在问一次, *Did you eat?*

你吃了吗？

*Yesterday I didn't eat anything.* 请跟着说。

昨天我没有吃东西。

我没有吃。

没有

我没有吃。

24:00 You use 没有 to say that you didn't do something in the past. For example, *didn't eat.* 请说, *I didn't eat.*

我没有吃。

式式说, *I didn't eat anything.*

我没有吃东西。

请问, *Did you eat?*

你吃了吗？

你有没有吃？

This is the positive-negative structure used in a yes-no question about something that happened in the past. 式式问, *Did you eat anything?*

你吃了东西吗？

你有没有吃东西？

Ask her again if she ate anything.

你吃了东西吗？

你有没有吃东西？

再说一次, *I didn't eat anything.*

我没有吃东西。

*Why?*

为什么？

请说, *I'm alone.*

就我一个人。

*Would you like to eat something with me?* 怎么问?

你想跟我一起吃一点儿东西吗？

你想不想跟我一起吃一点儿东西？

式式说, *We can eat together.*

我们可以一起吃。

-- 好。

请说你昨天吃了。—Please say that you ate yesterday.

我昨天吃了。

27:00

请问, *Did you buy anything?*

你买了东西吗？

式式说, *I didn't buy anything.*

我没有买东西。

没有买

在问一次, *Did you buy anything?*

你买了东西吗？

你有没有买东西？

现在请说, *I bought.*

我买了。

*I bought something.*

我买了一点儿东西。

Now ask her what she bought.

你买了什么？

And how would you ask her when she arrived?

你是什么时候到达？

是

达

你是什么时候到达？

普通话, *one week*, 怎么说?

一个星期

一个星期

请说, *We arrived yesterday.*

我们是昨天到达。

*We've been here for a few weeks.*

我们在这儿几个星期了。

请说, *I like Beijing.*

我喜欢北京。

This is the end of unit twenty-nine.