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Chapter 1

How are you doing?

Learn to

- Exchange greetings at the beginning of an informal chat
- Say 最近过得怎么样 zuìjìn guò de zěnmeyàng
  对……习惯了吗 duì... xíguàn le ma
  辛苦了 xīnkǔ le

New words and expressions

dǎ qiú 打 球	play ball such as golf, tennis	tǐng ... de 挺……的	quite
ňg 嗯	yeah	hǎojiǔ bújiàn 好 久 不 见	long time no see
guò de zěnmeyàng 过 得 怎 么 样	how's life	wán 玩	informal visit (in this chapter)
mǎmǎhūhū 马 马 虎 虎	so so	kuài 快	quickly
lǎo yàngzi 老 样 子	as usual	wàibian 外 边	outside
duì 对	to	xià xuě 下 雪	snow
shēnghuó 生 活	life	chūzūchē 出 租 车	taxi
xíguàn 习 惯	get used to	dǎ 打	take (a taxi)
jiùshì 就 是	only that	zǒu lù 走 路	walk, on foot
yǒudiǎnr 有 点 儿	rather	xīnkǔ le 辛 苦 了	so much toil for you
tàitai 太 太	wife	dōngtiān 冬 天	winter

Chapter 2

Come to my home if you are free

Learn to

- Make, accept and decline an invitation
- Say 有空的话，来我家吧 yǒu kòng dehuà, lái wǒ jiā ba
  邀请你来我家过年 yāoqǐng nǐ lái wǒ jiā guò nián
  实在抱歉 shízài bàoqiàn

New words and expressions

zhuāng 装	install	yāoqǐng 邀请	invite, invitation
yóuxì ruǎnjiàn 游戏软件	game software	guò nián 过年	spend the Spring Festival
kěnéng 可能	might, likely	búguò 不过	but
yǔ 雨	rain	chēpiào 车票	ticket
kāi chē 开车	drive (a car)	guò jǐ tiān 过几天	in a few days
jiē 接	pick somebody up	shízài 实在	really
yìyán wéidìng 一言为定	that's a deal	bàoqiàn 抱歉	sorry
Chūn Jié 春节	Spring Festival	yǐhòu zàishuō 以后再说	talk about it later
lǚyóu 旅游	tour, travel		

Chapter 3

I left my bag in the taxi

Learn to

- Describe things, people or events
- Say 把……忘在出租车上了 bǎ ... wàng zài chūzūchē shang le
  是……的 shì ... de
  先……，然后…… xiān ..., ránhòu ...

New words and expressions

bǎ 把	a particle in "Ba-structure"	lǐmian 里面	inside
wàng 忘	forget	dānxīn 担心	worry
dànshì 但是	but	zhōumò 周末	weekend
zhīdào 知道	know	guò 过	spend
Běifāng Gōngsī 北方公司	the North Company	bié tí le 别提了	don't mention it
Yíhéyuán 颐和园	the Summer Palace	dài 带	take
ménkǒu 门口	gate	háizi 孩子	child
ránhòu 然后	then	dǎ dí 打的	take a taxi
Jiālèfú Chāoshì 家乐福超市	the Carrefour Supermarket	hòulái 后来	later, then

Chapter 4

Photo taking is not allowed inside the museum

Learn to

- Demand that someone do something or stop someone doing something
- Say 博物馆内禁止拍照 bówùguǎn nèi jìnzhǐ pāi zhào
  必须带上护照 bìxū dài shang hùzhào

New words and expressions

bówùguǎn 博物馆	museum	qiānzhèng 签证	visa
nèi 内	inside	dào qī 到期	expire
jìnzhǐ 禁止	forbid	gǎnkuài 赶快	hurry up
pāi zhào 拍照	take a photo	xūyào 需要	need
cānguān xūzhī 参观须知	visitor notice	bìxū 必须	must
ne 呢	a modal particle	dài shang 带上	take with (you)
rùkǒuchù 入口处	entrance	liǎng cūn 两寸	2- inch
zhùyì 注意	notice, pay attention to	zhàopiàn 照片	photograph
jūliú xǔkě 居留许可	residence permit	yīnggāi 应该	ought to
bàn 办	handle	gōng'ānjú 公安局	police station

Chapter 5

Don't forget to send me a text message

Learn to

- Remind people and call someone's attention to...
- Say 你的…… nǐ de ...
  别忘了…… bié wàng le ...
  小心点儿 xiǎoxīn diǎnr

New words and expressions

Bái Yún 白 云	Bai Yun (name of a person)	dì 地	floor
zǎoshang 早 上	morning	huá 滑	slippery
wàitào 外 套	coat	shuāi dǎo 摔 倒	fall down
āiyā 哎 呀	expressing surprise or amazement	tuō 拖	mop
chà diǎnr 差 点 儿	almost, nearly	guò 过	particle for the past time
... de shíhou ……的 时 候	when	kuài 块	measure word (a piece of)
xiǎoxīn 小 心	be careful	páizi 牌 子	sign
fā duǎnxìn 发 短 信	send text message	shàngmian 上 面	on...
āiyō 哎 哟	ouch, oh, ow		

Chapter 6

Could you please drive faster?

Learn to

- Urge someone to do something
- Say 能不能快点儿 néng bu néng kuài diǎnr
  再快点儿 zài kuài diǎnr
  我去催一下 wǒ qù cuī yíxià

New words and expressions

huǒchēzhàn 火车站	railway station	gǎn bu shàng 赶不上	can't catch up with
kuài diǎnr 快点儿	a little bit quicker	bànfǎ 办法	way, means
yǐjīng 已经	already	jí shì 急事	urgent matter
gòu kuài de 够快的	quickly enough	máfan 麻烦	trouble
zài 再	even more	qǐng shāo děng 请稍等	please wait a moment
gāofēng shíjiān 高峰时间	rush hour	yòng chá 用茶	enjoy the tea
kuài bu liǎo 快不了	can't be quicker	cuī 催	urge
wǒmen 我们	we	tèbié 特别	especially
gǎn huǒchē 赶火车	catch the train	lái bu jí 来不及	be too late

Chapter 7

It's very unreasonable

Learn to

- Express your satisfaction and dissatisfaction
- Say 怎么回事啊 zěnme huí shì a
  很不错 hěn búcuò
  太不像话了 tài bú xiànghuà le

New words and expressions

wùyè guǎnlǐ chù 物业管理处	property management agency	juéde 觉得	think
yíxià 一下	for a while, once	zhēnshìde 真是的	well, really (expressing dissatisfaction)
lóudào 楼道	corridor	jiā 家	a measure word for company
dēng 灯	light	Guójì Lǚxíngshè 国际旅行社	International Travel Agency
yìzhí 一直	always	bú xiànghuà 不像话	terrible, unreasonable
zěnme huí shì 怎么回事	what's the matter	fúwù 服务	service
lóu 楼	floor	tàidu 态度	attitude
jíshí 及时	in time		

Chapter 8

What kind of gift do you think is suitable?

Learn to

- Discuss and negotiate with someone
- Say 你看送什么礼物好 nǐ kàn sòng shénme lǐwù hǎo
  你说呢 nǐ shuō ne
  你看这个号码怎么样 nǐ kàn zhège hàomǎ zěnmeyàng

New words and expressions

bān jiā 搬家	move house	tào 套	a set of
kàn 看	think, see	shōuyíntái 收银台	cashier
sòng 送	give	jiāo fèi 交费	pay
lǐwù 礼物	gift	pángbiān 旁边	nearby
shēnghuó yòngpǐn 生活 用品	daily necessities	guìtái 柜台	counter
shāngchǎng 商场	department store	xuǎn 选	choose
kāfēihú 咖啡壶	coffee pot	wěishù 尾数	numbers at the end of (telephone numbers, etc.)
piàoliang 漂亮	beautiful	jiā qián 加钱	pay more money
háishi 还是	had better, might as well	xiéyīn 谐音	homophonic
shíyòng 实用	practical	fā cái 发财	get rich
chájù 茶具	tea set	yìsi 意思	meaning

Chapter 9

There is a pub on the ground floor

Learn to

- Describe locations and give reasons
- Say 马路对面有一座红色的楼 mǎlù duìmiàn yǒu yí zuò hóngsè de lóu
  一楼是酒吧 yī lóu shì jiǔbā
  因为……，所以…… yīnwèi ..., suǒyǐ ...

New words and expressions

fùjìn 附近	nearby	yuǎn 远	far
wǎngbā 网吧	Internet bar	fēnzhōng 分钟	minute
cóng 从	from	shàng wǎng 上网	use the Internet
yìzhí 一直	straight	zhème 这么	so
wǎng 往	to	diànnǎo 电脑	computer
dōng 东	east	zuì 最	most
hónglǜdēng 红绿灯	traffic lights	bǐjiào 比较	relatively
guǎi 拐	turn	suǒyǐ 所以	so, therefore
zuò 座	a measure word for buildings	shèxiàngtóu 摄像头	webcam
lóu 楼	building	chuānghu 窗户	window
jiǔbā 酒吧	pub	dēngjì 登记	register
lí 离	away from		