

问路 (Asking Directions)



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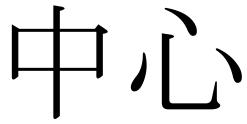
shàng

to go [colloquial(ly)]

上哪儿去(shàng nǎr qu) is a more casual way of asking 去哪儿 (qu nǎr)——where to go.



zhōng xīn



center







tīng shuō

听说

to be told; to hear of



王朋, 听**说** 你喜**欢打球**



王朋



yùn dòng

运动

sports









chẳng + 7 field





yùn dòng chẳng

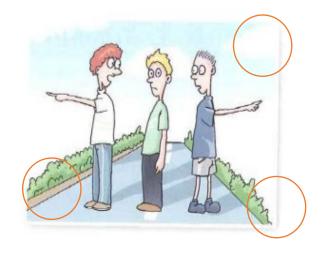
运动场

sports field



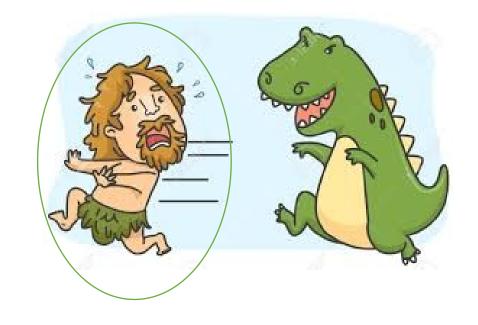


páng biān **分 数** side





道 道 away from





yuǎn **认** far





jìn T near



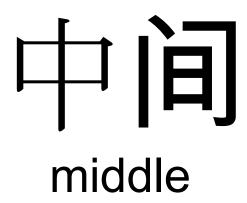


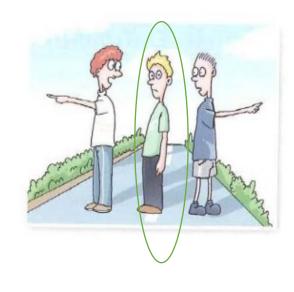
huó dòng 活力 activity





zhōng jiān

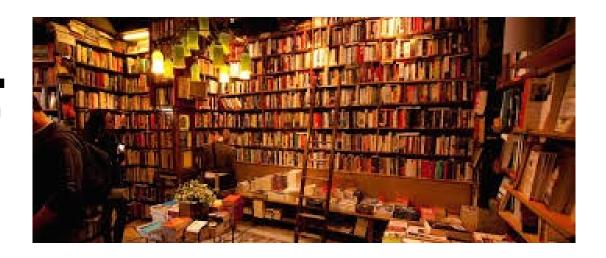






shū diàn

书店 bookstore





dì fang 比力 place





lǐ bian 里边 inside



Direction words 上/下/前/后/左/右/东/南/西/北/里/外/旁(shàng /xià /qián /hòu /zuǒ /yòu /dōng /nán /xī /běi /lǐ /wài /páng) often combine with suffixes such as 边(biān),面(miàn), and 头(tóu) are all pronounced in the neutral tone, with the exception of the 边(biān) in 旁边(páng biān), which remains in the full first tone.

上边/面/头 shàng bian /mian /tou top

前边/面/头 qián bian /mian /tou front



后边/面/头 hòu bian /mian /tou back

下边/面/头 xià bian /mian /tou bottom

里边/面/头 lǐ bian /mian /tou *inside



外边/面/头 wài bian /mian /tou outside

中间 zhōng jiān middle

左边/面 zuǒ bian /mian left side



右边/面 yòu bian /mian right side

旁边 páng biān side

北边/面 běi bian /mian north side

西边/面 xī bian /mian west side



南边/面 nán bian /mian south side 东边/面 dōng bian /mian east side

Direction words 上(shàng, on) or 里(lǐ, in) combines with a noun to form a location expression, e.g., 桌子上(zhuō zi shang, on the table), 衣服上(yī fu shang, on the clothes), 书上(shū shang, in/on the book), 学校里(xué xiào li, in the school), 办公室里(bàn gōng shì li, on TV). The word 里(lǐ) cannot be used after some proper nouns such as the name of a country or a city.

学校里有很多学生。

xué xiào li yǒu hěn duō xué sheng. There are many students at school.

北京有很多学生。 (V) běi jīng yǒu hěn duō xué sheng. There are many students in Beijing.

北京里有很多学生。 (X) běi jīng li yǒu hěn duō xué sheng. There are many students in Beijing.

The combination of a direction word plus 边(biān)/面(miàn)/头(tóu) can follow a noun to indicate a location, e.g., 图书馆(的)旁边(tú shū guǎn [de]páng biān,near the library); 学校(的)里面(xué xiào [de] lǐ mian, inside the school); 桌子(的)上头(zhuō zi [de] shàng tou, on the table); 教室(的)外面(jiāo shì [de] wài mian, outside the classroom); 城市(的)北边(chéng shì [de] běi bian, north of the city). In these expressions the particle 的(de) following the noun is optional.

Noun+(的)+direction word+边/面/头

Besides using 比(bǐ), another way to make a comparison is to use 没 (有)(méi yǒu). In a comparative sentence with 没有(méi yǒu), the pronoun 那么(nà me) is sometimes added to the sentence.

1.我弟弟没有我高。 wǒ dì di méi yǒu wǒ gāo. My younger brother is not as tall as I am. 【I am taller than my brother.】



弟弟



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2.北京没有上海热。

běi jīng méi yǒu shàng hǎi rè.

It is not as hot in Beijing as in Shanghai.





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3.他姐姐没有他妹妹那么喜欢买东西。

tā jiě jie méi yǒu tā mèi mei nà me xǐ huan mǎi dōng xi.

(His older sister does not like shopping as much as his younger sister does.)

[His older sister might like shopping too, but not as much as his younger

sister. 1

like shopping

姐姐



like shopping very much

妹妹

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4.我没有她那**么喜欢刷卡。**wǒ méi yǒu tā nà me xǐ huan shuā kǎ.
【I do use credit cards, but she likes to use them more than I do.】





like use credit cards very much

她

A. 没有(méi yǒu) B... vs. A 不比(bù bǐ) B...

While 没有(méi yǒu)... is used to say that one thing is of a lesser degree than another, 不比(bù bǐ)... mean "no more than..." The two things being compared may be equal, but what is specifically stated is that A is no more than B.

- 2.Comparative Sentences with 没(有)(méi yǒu)
- A. 没有(méi yǒu) B... vs. A 不比(bù bǐ) B...
- 5.A:今天比昨天热吗? jīn tiān bǐ zuó tiān rè ma ? Is today hotter than yesterday?

B:今天不比昨天热。
jīn tiān bù bǐ zuó tiān rè.
Today is not any hotter than yesterday.【It could be the same temperature or cooler than yesterday.】

C:今天没有昨天热。 jīn tiān méi yǒu zuó tiān rè. Today is not as hot as yesterday. 【Today is cooler.】

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 - A. 没有(méi yǒu) B... vs. A 不比(bù bǐ) B...
- 6.A:这篇课文比那篇课文短吗?
 zhè piān kè wén bǐ nà piān kè wén duǎn ma?
 Is this text shorter than that one?
 - B: 这篇课文不比那篇课文短,两篇一样长。 zhè piān kè wén bù bǐ nà piān kè wén duǎn, liǎng piān yí yàng cháng. This text is not any shorter than that one. They are the same length.
 - C: 是吗?我觉得这篇课文没有那篇长。 shì ma? wǒ jué de zhè piān kè wén méi yǒu nà piān cháng. Really? I think this text is not as long as that one. 【This text is shorter than that one.】

A. Quick Summary of Comparative Sentences

A 比(bǐ) B 大(dà) A>B A不比(bù bǐ) B 大(dà) A≤B A没有(méi yǒu) B 大(dà) A<B

那么(nà me) is often placed before adjectives or verbs such as 想(xiǎng), 喜欢(xǐ huan), 会(huì), 能(néng), and 希望(xī wàng), to denote a high degree.

1. 你那么不喜欢写日记,就别写了吧。 nǐ nà me bù xǐ huan xiě rì jì, jiù bié xiě le ba. Since you dislike writing journals so much, why don`t you quit doing it?







没有...那么...(méi yǒu...nà me...) means "not reaching the point of."

2.弟弟没有哥哥那么帅,那么酷。 dì di méi yǒu gē ge nà me shuài, nà me kù. The younger brother is not as handsome and cool as the older brother.





弟弟



帅、酷

可可

没有...那么...(méi yǒu...nà me...) means "not reaching the point of."

By using 那么(nà me), the speaker affirms the certain attribute of something or somebody in question. By stating that the younger brother does not reach the same standard of handsomeness and coolness as the older brother, (2), for instance, acknowledges that the older brother is handsome and cool.

没有...那么...(méi yǒu...nà me...) means "not reaching the point of."

3.这个样子没有你说的那么合适。

zhè ge yàng zi méi yǒu nǐ shuō de nà me hé shì.

This style is not as suitable as you said.







没有...那么...(méi yǒu...nà me...) means "not reaching the point of."

4.坐地铁没有坐公共汽车那么麻烦。 zuò dì tiě méi yǒu zuò gōng gòng qì chē nà me má fán. Riding the subway is not as much of a hassle as riding the bus.



麻烦

没有...那么...(méi yǒu...nà me...) means "not reaching the point of."

5.这张地图没有那张地图那么新。
zhè zhāng dì tú méi yǒu nà zhāng dì tú nà me xīn。
This map is not as new as that one.





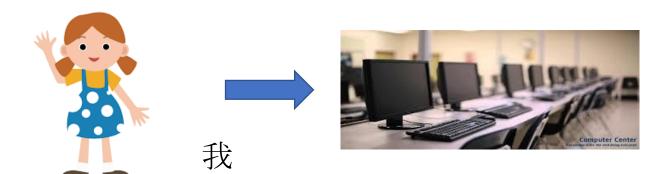


新

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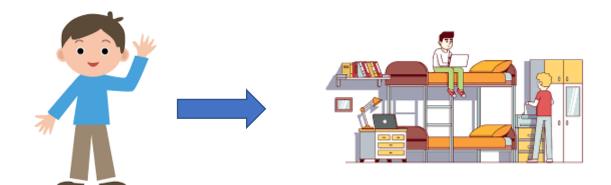
1.我要到电脑中心去上网。
wǒ yào dào diàn nǎo zhōng xīn qù shàng wǎng.
I want to go to the computer center to use the internet.



4.到(dào)+Place+去(qù)+Action

In this structure, the combination of "到(dào)+Place+去(qù)+Action" denotes the purpose of going somewhere.

2.他到朋友的宿舍去聊天儿了。 tā dào péng you de sù shè qù liáo tiānr le. He went to his friend's dorm to chat.





4.到(dào)+Place+去(qù)+Action

In this structure, the combination of "到(dào)+Place+去(qù)+Action" denotes the purpose of going somewhere.

3.我们到飞机场去送李小姐。 wǒ men dào fēi jī chǎng qù sòng lǐ xiǎo jiě. We went to the airport to see Miss Li off.



- 1.Here 哪里(nǎ li) is a question word meaning "where" It is interchangeable with 哪儿(nǎr). People in northern China, especially in Beijing, speak with an "儿(ér) ending" quite often. For example, some people say 明儿(míngr) for "tomorrow" instead of 明天(míng tiān), and 这儿(zhèr) for "here" instead of 这里(zhè li).
- 2.什么地方(shén me dì fang,lit., what place) is generally interchangeable with 哪儿(nǎr) or 哪里(nǎ li).

