





interjectory particle used to soften a question



If someone knocks or you hear the doorbell, you can ask "谁呀" (shéi ya? Who is it?)







jìn 进

to enter



lái

来

to come

úp

去

to go



jìn lái

进来

to come in

chū qù

出去

to go out



#### 老师走进来。(lǎo shī zǒu jìn lái) The teacher came in.







老师走出去。(lǎo shī zǒu chū qù ) The teacher went out..





kuài

快

fast,quick;quickly

màn

慢

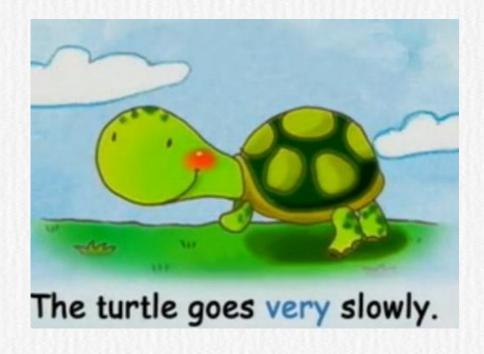
slow



兔子跑的快。 tù zǐ pǎo de kuài Rabbit runs fast



乌龟跑的慢。 wū guī pǎo de màn Tortle runs slowly

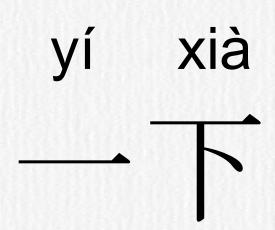






to introduce





once; a bit



diǎn(r)

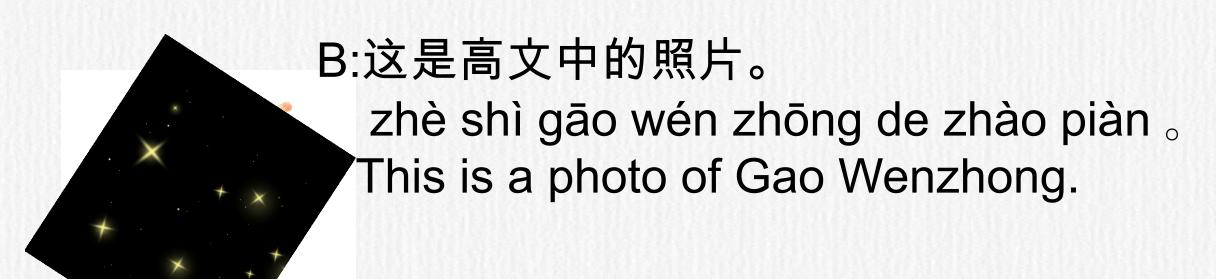
点(儿)

a little, a bit; some

一下(yí xià) and(一)点儿(yì diǎnr) Moderating the Tone of Voice

Following a verb, both - 下(yí xià) and (一)点儿(yì diǎnr) can soften the tone in a question or an imperative sentence, therefore making it more polite. When used in this way, - 下(yí xià) modifies the verb, while (一)点儿(yì diǎnr) modifies the object.

A:你看一下,这是谁的照片? nǐ kàn yí xià,zhè shì shéi de zhào piàn? Take a look. Whose photo is this?





A:你想吃点儿什么? nǐ xiǎng chī diǎnr shén me ? What would you like to eat?

B:我想吃饼干。
wǒ xiǎng chī bǐng gān.
I want to eat cookies.





你进来一下。 nǐ jìn lai yí xià. Come in for a minute.



你喝一点儿茶吧。 nǐ hē yì diǎnr chá ba. Have a little tea.







gāo xìng

高兴

happy, pleased

我今天很高兴。 wǒ jīn tiān hèn gāo xìng I am very happy today.







#### piào liang

# 漂亮

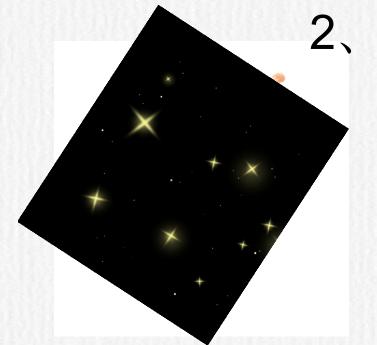
pretty

布拉格很漂亮。 bù lā gé hěn piào liang. Prague is very beautiful.

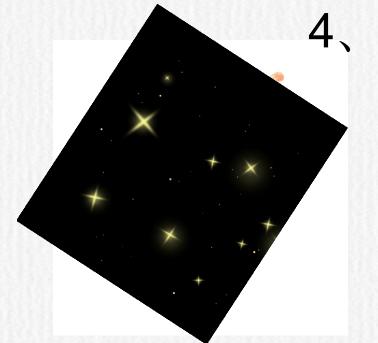
#### 很(hěn,very)

In Chinese, when an adjective functions as a predicate, it is not preceded by the verb 是(shì,to be). It is usually modified by 很(hěn,very), as seen in (1),(2),(3), and (4),

1、我今天很高兴。 wǒ jīn tiān hěn gāo xìng. l`m (very) happy today.



2、他妹妹很漂亮。 tā mèi mei hěn piāo liàng. His younger sister is (very) pretty. 3、那个电影很好。
nà ge diàn yǐng hěn hǎo.
That movie is good.



4、你们大学很大。 nǐ men dà xué hěn dà Your university is very large.

### 很(hěn,very)

some other adverbial modifier. However, 很(hěn,very) is not as strong as "very" in English. When forming a question with an adjective as the predicate, 很(hěn,very) is not used, as seen in (5) and (6).



A:你弟弟高吗? nǐ dì di gāo ma ? Is your younger brother tall?

B:他很高。 tā hěn gāo. He is tall.





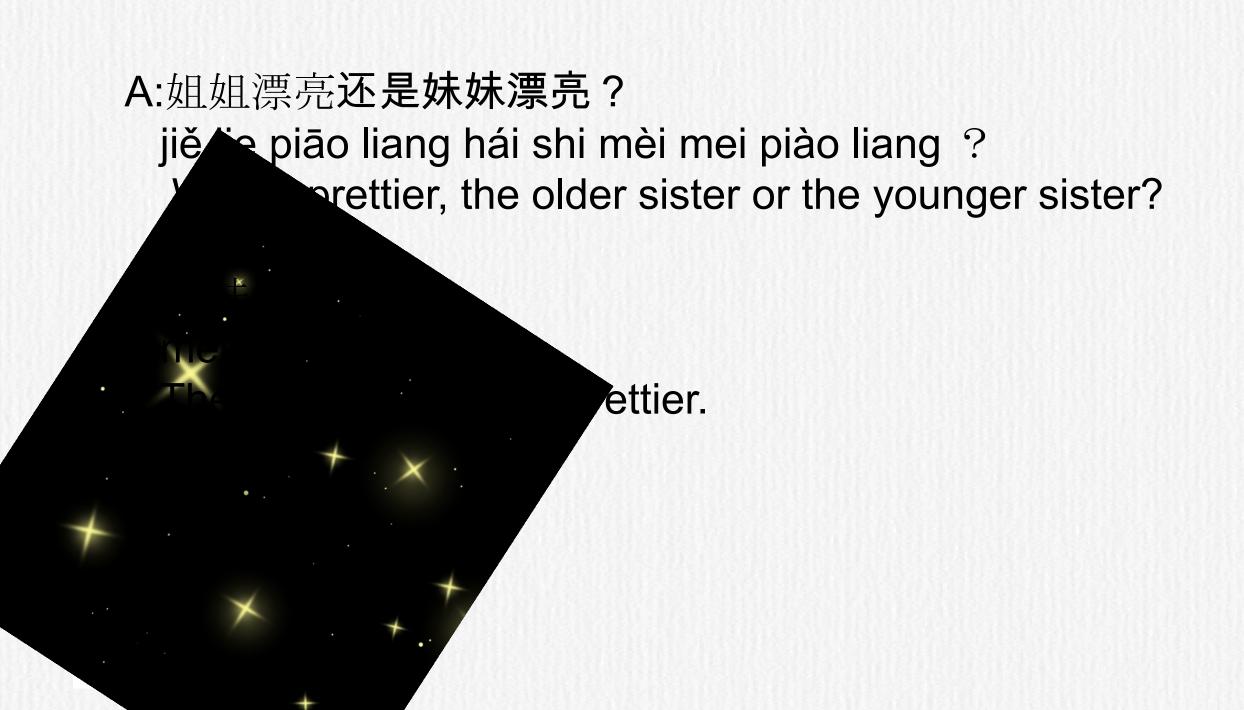
A:你家大吗? nǐ jiā dà ma ? Is your house big?

B:我家不大,很小。 wǒ jiā bú dà,hěn xiǎo. My house is not big, it`s small.



#### 很(hěn,very)

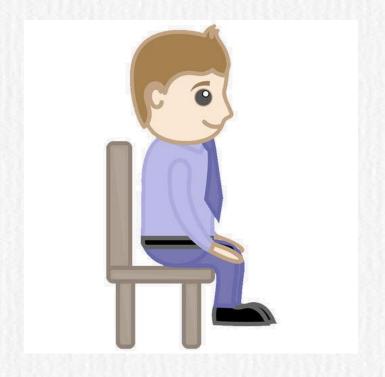
Chinese adjective without 很(hěn,very) or any sort of modifier before them can often imply comparison or contrast, as seen in (7) and (8) below



妹妹的中文好,我的中文不好。

mèi mei de zhōng wén hǎo,wǒ de zhōng wén bù hǎo. My younger sister`s Chinese is good. My Chinese is not good.

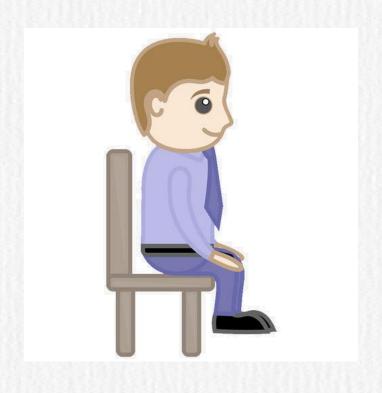












zài

在

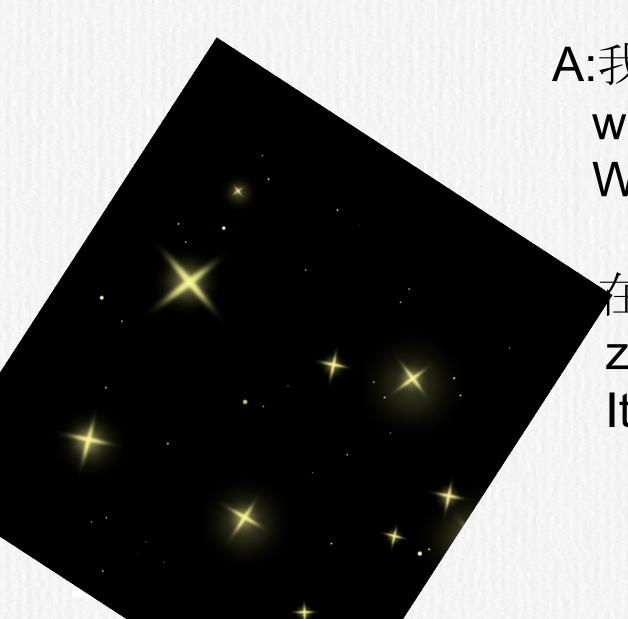
at;in;on

他坐在椅子上。

(tā zuò zài yǐ zǐ shang) He is sitting in a chair. 在(zài ,at;in;on)

Combined with a noun, the preposition 在(zài) indicates location. When the phrase is placed before a verb, it indicates the location of the action.





A:我的书在哪儿? wǒ de shū zài nǎr? Where is my book?

> 在那儿。 zài nàr. It`s over there.



A:你在哪儿工作? nǐ zài nǎr gōng zuò ? Where do you work?

我在这儿工作。 wǒ zài zhèr gōng zuò I work here.





## mǎr 哪儿

where

你想去哪儿? nǐ xiǎng qù nǎr ? where do you want to go? 哪儿(nǎr,where)

哪儿(nǎr) is a question word meaning "where." Do not confuse it with 那儿(nàr, there). 这儿(zhèr) means" here " in Chinese















hē



to drink



hē shuǐ 喝水(Drink water)







water















(measure word for cup and glass)

一杯水

A cup of water yì bēi shuĭ





# chá 术 tea







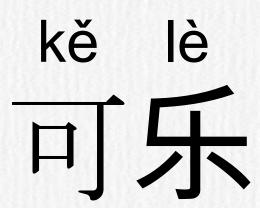












(Coke or Pepsi) cola







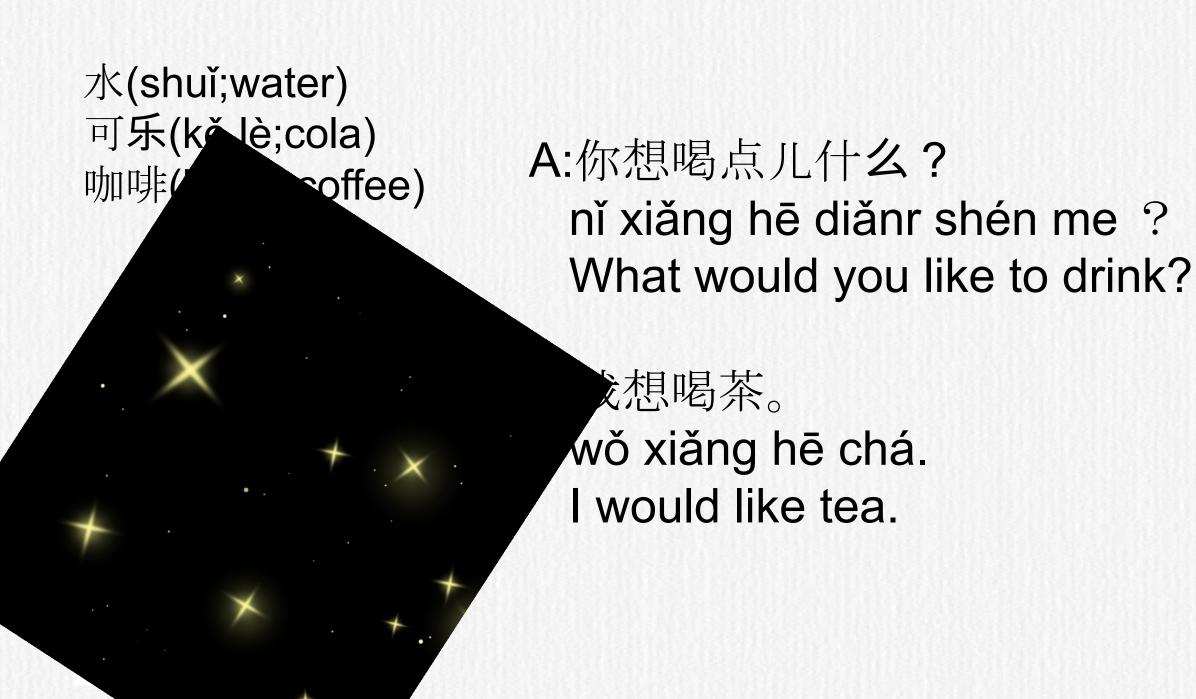


#### píng 抗

neasure word for bottle);bottle

一瓶可乐 yì píng kě lè a bottle of Cola.





#### 吧(ba)

吧(ba) is a sentence-final "suggestion" particle, often used at the end of an imperative sentence to soften the to



1、你喝咖啡吧。 nǐ hē kā fēi ba. Why don`t you have some coffe

2、请进来吧。 Come in, please.

3、我们跳舞吧。 Let's dance.







### yào

要

to want

我要一瓶可乐。 wǒ yào yì píng kě lè. I want a bottle of Cola.





#### gěi 给

to give

请给我一杯水,谢谢。 qǐng gěi wǒ yì bēi shuǐ,xiè xie. please give me a cup of water,thank you.



kě yǐ 可以 can;may

我可以迟交作业吗? wǒ kě yǐ chí jiāo zuò yè ma ? Can I hand in my homework late?





## duì bu qǐ 对不起

sorry



#### **Text**

高文中: 谁呀?

王朋: 是我,王朋,还有李友。

高文中: 请进,请进,快进来!来,我介绍一下,这是我姐姐,高小音。

王朋/李友:小音,你好。认识你很高兴。

高小音: 认识你们我也很高兴。

王朋: 你们家很大,也很漂亮。

高小音: 是吗?请坐,请坐。

王朋: 小音,你在哪儿工作?

高小音: 我在学校工作。你们想喝点儿什么?喝茶还是喝咖啡?

王朋: 我喝茶吧。

李友: 我要一瓶可乐,可以吗?

高小音: 对不起,我们家没有可乐。

李友: 那给我一杯水吧。





- 1. Why did Li You ask for a glass of water?
- 2. What did Wang Peng want to drink?
- 3. How is Gao Wenzhong's house?







# language practice