

Lesson 180

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

你明天可以跟我一起去电子商店吗?
Nǐ míngtiān kěyǐ gēn wǒ yīqǐ qù diànzǐ shāngdiàn ma?
Can you go with me to the electronic store tomorrow?

我需要买一台新的电脑
Wǒ xūyào mǎi yī tái xīnde diànnǎo
I need to buy a new computer

当然可以
Dāngrán kěyǐ
Of course I can

可是你为什么需要我跟你一起去?
Kěshì nǐ wèi shénme xūyào wǒ gēn nǐ yīqǐ qù?
But why do you need me to go with you?

因为我对电脑的东西不是很了解
Yīnwèi wǒ duì diànnǎo de dōngxī bú shì hěn liǎojiě
Because I don't understand anything to do with computers

所以我希望你可以推荐我一些比较好的牌子
Suǒyǐ wǒ xīwàng nǐ kěyǐ tuījiàn wǒ yīxiē bǐjiào hǎo de páizi
So I hope you can recommend some good brands to me

可是店员也可以回答你的问题啊
Kěshì diànyuán yě kěyǐ huídá nǐde wèntí a
But the storekeeper can also answer your questions

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional

你明天可以跟我一起去電子商店嗎?
Nǐ míngtiān kěyǐ gēn wǒ yīqǐ qù diànzǐ shāngdiàn ma?
Can you go with me to the electronic store tomorrow?

我需要買一台新的電腦
Wǒ xūyào mǎi yī tái xīnde diànnǎo
I need to buy a new computer

當然可以
Dāngrán kěyǐ
Of course I can

可是你為什麼需要我跟你一起去?
Kěshì nǐ wèi shénme xūyào wǒ gēn nǐ yīqǐ qù?
But why do you need me to go with you?

因為我對電腦的東西不是很了解
Yīnwèi wǒ duì diànnǎo de dōngxī bú shì hěn liǎojiě
Because I don't understand anything to do with computers

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But the storekeeper can also answer your questions

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

没错
méicuò
Ye're right

可是我不太相信他们说的话
Kěshì wǒ bú tài xiāngxìn tāmen shuō de huà
But I don't believe what they say

因为他们有时候，只想卖你可以让他们赚最多钱的商品
Yīnwèi tāmen yǒu shíhòu, zhǐ xiǎng mài nǐ kěyǐ ràng tāmen zhuàn zuì duō qián de shāngpǐn
Because sometimes they only want to sell you the products that make them the most money

那你应该要去一个服务比较好的地方
Nà nǐ yīnggāi yào qù yīge fúwù bǐjiào hǎo de dìfāng
Then you should go to a place with better service

因为如果你买的东西出了问题
Yīnwèi rúguǒ nǐ mǎi de dōngxi chū le wèntí
Since if what you buy has a problem

要退货的话，也比较简单
Yào tuìhuò de huà, yě bǐjiào jiǎndān
It is also simpler to return it

我希望如果我买了一台品质比较好的电脑，不会有这个问题发生
Wǒ xīwàng rúguǒ wǒ mǎi le yī tái pǐnzhì bǐjiào hǎo de diànnǎo, bú huì yǒu zhège wèntí fāshēng
I hope that if I buy a better quality computer, this problem won't happen

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

沒錯
méicuò
Ye're right

可是我不太相信他們說的話
Kěshì wǒ bú tài xiāngxìn tāmen shuō de huà
But I don't believe what they say

因為他們有時候，只想賣你可以讓他們賺最多錢的商品
Yīnwèi tāmen yǒu shíhòu, zhǐ xiǎng mài nǐ kěyǐ ràng tāmen zhuàn zuì duō qián de shāngpǐn
Because sometimes they only want to sell you the products that make them the most money

那你應該要去一個服務比較好的地方
Nà nǐ yīnggāi yào qù yīge fúwù bǐjiào hǎo de dìfāng
Then you should go to a place with better service

因為如果你買的東西出了問題
Yīnwèi rúguǒ nǐ mǎi de dōngxi chū le wèntí
Since if what you buy has a problem

要退貨的話，也比較簡單
Yào tuìhuò de huà, yě bǐjiào jiǎndān
It is also simpler to return it

我希望如果我買了一台品質比較好的電腦，不會有這個問題發生
Wǒ xīwàng rúguǒ wǒ mǎi le yī tái pǐnzhì bǐjiào hǎo de diànnǎo, bú huì yǒu zhège wèntí fāshēng
I hope that if I buy a better quality computer, this problem won't happen

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

那你打算要付多少钱?
Nà nǐ dǎsuàn yào fù duō shǎo qián?
So how much money do you plan to spend?

我还不确定
Wǒ hái bú quèdìng
I'm not yet sure

因为我不知道品质比较好的电脑价钱是
多少
Yīnwèi wǒ bù zhīdào pǐnzhí bǐjiào hǎo de
diànnǎo jiàqián shì duō shǎo
Since I don't know what the price of better
quality computers are

你知道吗?
Nǐ zhīdào ma?
Did you know?

有些地方你可以杀价
Yǒuxiē dìfāng nǐ kěyǐ shājià
You can negotiate prices at some places

这样的话，我会很开心你在我的旁边
Zhè yàng de huà, wǒ huì hěn kāixīn nǐ zài
wǒde pángbiān
In this case, I'm happy that you are by my
side

因为我不知道怎么杀价
Yīnwèi wǒ bù zhīdào zěnme shājià
Since I don't know how to haggle prices

不用担心
Bú yòng dānxīn
Don't worry

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

那你打算要付多少錢?
Nà nǐ dǎsuàn yào fù duō shǎo qián?
So how much money do you plan to spend?

我還不確定
Wǒ hái bú quèdìng
I'm not yet sure

因為我不知道品質比較好的電腦價錢是
多少
Yīnwèi wǒ bù zhīdào pǐnzhí bǐjiào hǎo de
diànnǎo jiàqián shì duō shǎo
Since I don't know what the price of better
quality computers are

你知道嗎?
Nǐ zhīdào ma?
Did you know?

有些地方你可以殺價
Yǒuxiē dìfāng nǐ kěyǐ shājià
You can negotiate prices at some places

這樣的話，我會很開心你在我的旁邊
Zhè yàng de huà, wǒ huì hěn kāixīn nǐ zài
wǒde pángbiān
In this case, I'm happy that you are by my
side

因為我不知道怎麼殺價
Yīnwèi wǒ bù zhīdào zěnme shājià
Since I don't know how to haggle prices

不用擔心
Bú yòng dānxīn
Don't worry

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

我会帮你杀到一个好的价钱
Wǒ huì bāng nǐ shā dào yīge hǎo de
jiàqián
I'll haggle a good price for you

然後，你可以用那些剩下的钱，请我吃
大餐
Ránhòu nǐ kěyǐ yòng nàxiē shèngxià de
qián, qǐng wǒ chī dà cān
Then you can use the money left over to
treat me to a big dinner

听起来很公平
Tīng qǐlái hěn gōngpíng
Sounds fair

那我们就明天见吧
Nà wǒmen jiù míngtiān jiàn ba
So let's meet tomorrow then

这些花是用来做什么的？
Zhèxiē huā shì yòng lái zuò shénme de?
What are these flowers for?

是要送给我妈妈的
Shì yào sòng gěi wǒ māma de
They are to give to my mom

今天是她的生日
Jīntiān shì tāde shēngrì
Today is her birthday

她一定会喜欢这些花
Tā yīdìng huì xǐhuān zhèxiē huā
She will definitely like these flowers

因为它们闻起来很香
Yīnwèi tāmen wén qǐlái hěn xiāng
Since they smell gret

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

我會幫你殺到一個好的價錢
Wǒ huì bāng nǐ shā dào yīge hǎo de
jiàqián
I'll haggle a good price for you

然後，你可以用那些剩下的錢，請我吃
大餐
Ránhòu nǐ kěyǐ yòng nàxiē shèngxià de
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Then you can use the money left over to
treat me to a big dinner

聽起來很公平
Tīng qǐlái hěn gōngpíng
Sounds fair

那我們就明天見吧
Nà wǒmen jiù míngtiān jiàn ba
So let's meet tomorrow then

這些花是用來做什麼的？
Zhèxiē huā shì yòng lái zuò shénme de?
What are these flowers for?

是要送給我媽媽的
Shì yào sòng gěi wǒ māma de
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今天是她的生日
Jīntiān shì tāde shēngrì
Today is her birthday

她一定會喜歡這些花
Tā yīdìng huì xǐhuān zhèxiē huā
She will definitely like these flowers

因為它們聞起來很香
Yīnwèi tāmen wén qǐlái hěn xiāng
Since they smell gret

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

谢谢, 这种花是她最喜欢的
Xièxie, zhè zhǒng huā shì tā zuì xǐhuān de
Thanks, they are her favorite kind of
flowers

那你有什么特别的计划, 来庆祝她的生日吗?
Nà nǐ yǒu shénme tèbié de jìhuà, lái qìngzhù tāde shēngrì ma?
So do you have any special plans to
celebrate her birthday?

有
Yǒu
Yes I have

我请一些她的朋友来我们家
Wǒ qǐng yīxiē tāde péngyǒu lái wǒmen jiā
I invited some of her friends to come to
our house

而且我也会去麵包店买一个蛋糕
Érqiě wǒ yě huì qù miànbāo diàn mǎi yīge dāngāo
As I will also go to the bakery and buy a
cake

你想要买什么口味的蛋糕?
Nǐ xiǎng yào mǎi shénme kǒuwèi de dāngāo?
What flavor of cake do you want to buy?

我正在想要买巧克力口味的比较好, 还是水果的
Wǒ zhèngzài xiǎng yào mǎi qiǎokèlì kǒuwèi de bǐjiào hǎo, hái shì shuǐguǒ de
I'm thinking chocolate would be better or
a fruit one

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

謝謝, 這種花是她最喜歡的
Xièxie, zhè zhǒng huā shì tā zuì xǐhuān de
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flowers

那你有什麼特別的計劃, 來慶祝她的生日嗎?
Nà nǐ yǒu shénme tèbié de jìhuà, lái qìngzhù tāde shēngrì ma?
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Yǒu
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What flavor of cake do you want to buy?

我正在想要買巧克力口味的比較好, 還是水果的
Wǒ zhèngzài xiǎng yào mǎi qiǎokèlì kǒuwèi de bǐjiào hǎo, hái shì shuǐguǒ de
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Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

这两种味道都还不错
Zhè liǎng zhǒng wèidào dōu hái bú cuò
These two flavors are both pretty good

那有很多客人会去你家吗?
Nà yǒu hěnduō kèrén huì qù nǐ jiā ma?
So will there be many guests going to your home?

有，因为有些大人会带他们的孩子来
Yǒu, yīnwèi yǒuxiē dàrén huì dài tāmen de hái zi lái
Yes, since some of the adults will bring their kids

所以我必须再想一个活动让小朋友玩
Suǒyǐ wǒ bìxū zài xiǎng yīge huódòng ràng xiǎopéngyǒu wán
So I have to also find an activity for the kids to do

因为我妈妈很受不了小孩子在那里跑来跑去
Yīnwèi wǒ māma hěn shòubùliǎo xiǎoháizi zài nàlǐ pǎo lái pǎo qù
Since my mom can't stand kids running about there

我也很讨厌!
Wǒ yě hěn tǎoyàn!
I hate that too

好吧，记得帮我跟你妈妈说生日快乐!
Hǎo ba, jìde bāng wǒ gēn nǐ māma shuō shēngrì kuàilè!
Ok, remember to wish your mom happy birthday from me

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

這兩種味道都還不錯
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Lesson 180 Notes (Simplified / Traditional):

1. Note the construction of this sentence: **Yīnwèi wǒ duì diànnǎo de dōngxī bú shì hěn liǎojiě**. The literal translation is: “Because I for computer things am not too understand.”

Yīnwèi wǒ duì diànnǎo de dōngxī bú shì hěn liǎojiě

因为我对电脑的东西不是很了解 / 因為我對電腦的東西不是很了解

Because I don't really understand things to do with computers

2. As seen in the past, many verbs in Chinese need an object with them to make sense. You can see that in **kěshì wǒ yǒu shíhòu bú tài xiāngxìn tāmen shuō de huà** and **Nà nǐ dǎsuàn yào fù duō shǎo qián** ? In English we wouldn't need to say “the speech he says” or “the money you want to spend” whereas in Chinese they are necessary.

kěshì wǒ yǒu shíhòu bú tài xiāngxìn tāmen shuō de huà

可是我有时候不太相信他们说的话 / 可是我有時候不太相信他們說的話

but sometimes I don't really believe what they say and So how much money do you want to spend

Nà nǐ dǎsuàn yào fù duō shǎo qián

那你打算要付多少钱 / 那你打算要付多少錢

So how much money do you want to spend

3. In **Yīnwèi rúguǒ nǐ mǎi de dōngxī chū le wèntí**, the **chū** is used to indicate the problem coming out.

Yīnwèi rúguǒ nǐ mǎi de dōngxī chū le wèntí

因為如果你買的東西出了問題 / 因為如果你買的東西出了問題

Since if what you buy develops a problem

chū 出 / 出 out

4. **Zhè yàng de huà** is a common expression.

Zhè yàng de huà 这样的话 / 這樣的話 In this case

5. In **qǐng wǒ chī dà cān** the **qǐng** has a meaning of “treat” rather than “invite” so be careful when using **qǐng** to invite someone to dinner since it means you will be the one doing the paying!

qǐng wǒ chī dà cān 请我吃大餐 / 請我吃大餐 to treat me to a big meal

6. **Lái** has a more general usage in Chinese, as seen in **Zhèxiē huā shì yòng lái zuò shénme de** and **lái qìngzhù zhège pàiduì ma** .

Zhèxiē huā shì yòng lái zuò shénme de

这些花是用来做什么的 / 這些花是用來做什麼的

What are you doing with these flowers

lái qìngzhù zhège pàiduì ma

来庆祝这个派对吗 / 來慶祝這個派對嗎 to celebrate this party

7. While in English you wouldn't normally say “celebrate a party”, in Chinese you would, as seen in **lái qìngzhù zhège pàiduì ma** .

8. **Zài xiǎng** can be thought of as “to be in the process of thinking” or “to wonder” as in **Wǒ zài xiǎng yào mǎi qiǎokèlì kǒuwèi de bǐjiào hǎo** .

Zài xiǎng 在想 / 在想 To wonder

Wǒ zài xiǎng yào mǎi qiǎokèlì kǒuwèi de bǐjiào hǎo

我在想要买巧克力口味的比较好 / 我在想要買巧克力口味的比較好

I'm wondering whether buying a chocolate flavor would be better

9. The verb **dài** is often combined with **qù** or **lái** as in **Yīnwèi yǒuxiē dàrén huì dài tāmen de háizi lái** .

dài 带 / 帶 to take / bring

qù 去 / 去 to go

lái 来 / 來 to come

Yīnwèi yǒuxiē dàrén huì dài tāmen de háizi lái .

因为有些大人会带他们的孩子来 / 因為有些大人會帶他們的孩子來

Since some of the adults will bring their kids

10. The construction “verb come verb go” is used to describe a process that is repeated such as **pǎo lái pǎo qù** in **Yīnwèi wǒ māma hěn shòu bù liǎo xiǎo háizi zài nàlǐ pǎo lái pǎo qù** .

pǎo lái pǎo qù 跑来跑去 / 跑來跑去 running back and forth

Yīnwèi wǒ māma hěn shòu bù liǎo xiǎo háizi zài nàlǐ pǎo lái pǎo qù .

因為我媽媽很受不了小孩子在那裡跑來跑去 / 因為我媽媽很受不了小孩子在那裡跑來跑去

Since my mom can't stand kids running about

11. As has been taught in the past, be careful with **bāng wǒ** since in Chinese it often means “for me” as in **bāng wǒ gēn nǐ māma shuō shēngrì kuàilè**

bāng wǒ 帮我 / 幫我 help me

bāng wǒ gēn nǐ māma shuō shēngrì kuàilè

帮我跟你妈妈说生日快乐 / 幫我跟你媽媽說生日快樂

wish you mom happy birthday from me