

Lesson 204

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified: Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

前天 Qiántiān 前天

The day before yesterday

The day before yesterday

后天 Hòutiān 卷天

The day after tomorrow The day after tomorrow

一会儿 — 會兒 Yīhuìér — Yīhuìér A moment — A moment

日出 日出 Rìchū Rìchū Sunrise Sunrise

日落 日落 Rìluò Rìluò Sunset Sunset

半夜 半夜 Bànyè Bànyè Midnight Midnight

前几天 前幾天 Qián jǐ tiān Qián jǐ tiān A few days ago A few days ago

几年前 幾年前
Jǐ nián qián Jǐ nián qián
A few years ago A few years ago



204 Notes (Simplified / Traditional):

1. While we have taught lingwai in the past, it is being in a different context in:

Wŏmen huì xiān fùxí yīxiē gēn shíjiān yŏu guānxì de dānzì, lìngwài wŏmen yĕ huì jiāo nĭmen yīxiē shēngzì.

我们会先复习一些跟时间有关系的单字,另外我们也会教你们一些生字/

我們會先復習一些跟時間有關係的單字,另外我們也會教你們一些生字

We are going to first review some words related to time, then we will teach you some new words

lìngwài 另外 /另外 another

2. You can see how yīxià can be tacked on to many actions to indicate performing it for a short instance as in:

Děng yīxià .等一下 / 等一下Wait a momentWǒ kàn yīxià .我看一下 / 我看一下Let me look for a momentTīng yīxià听一下 / 聽一下Let me listen for a moment

3. Shāo děng yīxià is a more polite way of saying Děng yīxià and is commonly used in situations where you have to wait for service.

Shāo děng yīxià 稍等一下 /稍等一下 Wait a moment

4. In some regions of China, you may hear Děng yīhuìr which has the same meaning as Děng yīxià.

Děng yīhuìr 等一会儿 / 等一會兒 Wait a moment

5. Since the sun is closely related to the time of day, the word rì shares the meaning of "day" and "sun."



6. Zhŏngwǔ and Bànyè differ slightly from their English counterparts as they refer to a two hour time period of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. respectively.

Zhǒngwǔ 中午 / 中午 Noon time

Bànyè 半夜 / 半夜 Midnight

7. Asking "how often" is usually done in a more specific manner as seen in:

Nǐ hěn cháng qù nà jiā cāntīng chīfàn ma?

你很常去那家餐厅吃饭吗? / 你很常去那家餐廳吃飯嗎?

Do you often eat at that restaurant?