

## Lesson 218

### Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

你看到昨天选举的结果了吗？  
Nǐ kàndào zuótiān xuǎnjǔ de jiéguǒ le ma?  
Did you see the result of yesterday's election?

看了，我們都很高興  
Kàn le, wǒmen dōu hěn gāoxìng  
I saw – we are all very happy

因为我喜欢的那一个人赢了  
Yīnwèi wǒ xǐhuān de nà yīge rén yíng le  
Since the person I like won

那你也去投票了吗？  
Nà nǐ yě qù tóupiào le ma?  
So did you go and vote?

那当然  
Nà dāngrán  
Of course I did

而且我爸爸知道结果后  
Érqiě wǒ bàba zhīdào jiéguǒ hòu  
As well, after my father found out the results

他非常开心  
Tā fēichāng kāixīn  
He was extremely happy

因为他觉得我们国家最近的经济不太好  
Yīnwèi tā juéde wǒmen guójiā zuìjìn de jīngjì bú tài hǎo  
Since he feels that our country's economy lately hasn't been very good

### Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

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Did you see the result of yesterday's election?

看了，我們都很高興  
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I saw – we are all very happy

因為我喜歡的那一個人贏了  
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Since the person I like won

那你也去投票了嗎？  
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Tā fēichāng kāixīn  
He was extremely happy

因為他覺得我們國家最近的經濟不太好  
Yīnwèi tā juéde wǒmen guójiā zuìjìn de jīngjì bú tài hǎo  
Since he feels that our country's economy lately hasn't been very good

**Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:**

所以如果换了新的政府后  
Suǒyǐ rúguǒ huàn le xīnde zhèngfǔ hòu  
So if we change our government

或许对我们的经济会比较  
Huòxǔ duì wǒmen de jīngjì huì bǐjiào hǎo  
It might be better for our economy

有些人觉得, 我们的政府应该要想办法  
Yǒuxiē rén juéde, wǒmen de zhèngfǔ  
yīnggāi yào xiǎng bànfǎ  
Some people feel that our government needs  
to find a way

如何让我们的经济更进步  
Rúhé ràng wǒmen de jīngjì gèng jìnbù  
To improve our economy

可是对我来说  
Kěshì duì wǒ lái shuō  
But according to me

我不觉得我们国家现在的经济情况很不好  
Wǒ bù juéde wǒmen guójiā xiànzài de  
jīngjì qíngkuàng hěn bù hǎo  
I don't feel that our country's economy is  
that bad

但是现在在我们的国家  
Dànshì xiànzài zài wǒmen de guójiā  
But in ur country now

好像还有很多人没有工作  
Hǎo xiàng hái yǒu hěnduō rén méiyǒu  
gōngzuò  
It seems that there are many people without  
jobs

而且很多产品的价钱  
Érqiě hěnduō chǎnpǐn de jiàqián  
As well as a lot of products' prices

**Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:**

所以如果換了新的政府後  
Suǒyǐ rúguǒ huàn le xīnde zhèngfǔ hòu  
So if we change our government

或許對我們的經濟會比較好  
Huòxǔ duì wǒmen de jīngjì huì bǐjiào hǎo  
It might be better for our economy

有些人覺得, 我們的政府應該要想辦法  
Yǒuxiē rén juéde, wǒmen de zhèngfǔ  
yīnggāi yào xiǎng bànfǎ  
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如何讓我們的經濟更進步  
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To improve our economy

可是對我來說  
Kěshì duì wǒ lái shuō  
But according to me

我不覺得我們國家現在的經濟情況很不好  
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I don't feel that our country's economy is  
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但是現在在我們的國家  
Dànshì xiànzài zài wǒmen de guójiā  
But in ur country now

好像還有很多人沒有工作  
Hǎo xiàng hái yǒu hěnduō rén méiyǒu  
gōngzuò  
It seems that there are many people without  
jobs

而且很多產品的價錢  
Érqiě hěnduō chǎnpǐn de jiàqián  
As well as a lot of products' prices

**Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:**

也越来越贵

Yě yuèlái yuè guì

After a few minutes, the second person asked the first person

好像真的是这样

Hǎo xiàng zhēnde shì zhè yàng

Why did you take the bottle of water?

希望新的政府

Xīwàng xīnde zhèngfǔ

The first person then replied

真的能让我们国家的经济变得越来越好

Zhēnde néng ràng wǒmen guójiā de jīngjì biàn de yuè lái yuè hǎo

Can really help our country's economy improve

选举

Xuǎnjǔ

Election

结果

Jiéguǒ

Result

投票

Tóupiào

To vote

赢

Yíng

To win

进步

Jìnbù

To improve

对我来说

Duì wǒ lái shuō

According to me

**Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:**

也越來越貴

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After a few minutes, the second person asked the first person

好像真的是這樣

Hǎo xiàng zhēnde shì zhè yàng

Why did you take the bottle of water?

希望新的政府

Xīwàng xīnde zhèngfǔ

The first person then replied

真的能讓我們國家的經濟變得越來越好

Zhēnde néng ràng wǒmen guójiā de jīngjì biàn de yuè lái yuè hǎo

Can really help our country's economy improve

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對我來說

Duì wǒ lái shuō

According to me

## 218 Notes (Simplified / Traditional)

1. **Duì wǒ lái shuō** is a very useful construct. Similarly you can have:

- a. **Duì nǐ lái shuō**
- b. **Duì tāmen lái shuō** , as seen in the sentence **huòshì tāmen juéde xuǎnjǔ duì tāmen lái shuō bú shì nàme zhòngyào** .
- c. **Yībān lái shuō**

**huòshì tāmen juéde xuǎnjǔ duì tāmen lái shuō bú shì nàme zhòngyào**

或是他们觉得选举对他们来说不是那么重要 /  
或是他們覺得選舉對他們來說不是那麼重要  
or perhaps they feel that elections aren't very important to them

**Duì tāmen lái shuō**                      对他们来说 / 對他們來說                      According to them

2. We've seen **Méi bànfa** before. In the dialogue we saw **xiǎng bànfa** in the line **wǒmen de zhèngfǔ yīnggāi yào xiǎng bànfa** .

**xiǎng bànfa**                      想办法 / 想辦法                      to think of a way

**wǒmen de zhèngfǔ yīnggāi yào xiǎng bànfa**

我們的政府應該要想辦法 / 我們的政府應該要想辦法  
our government should think of a way

3. The "If" meaning is sometimes not explicitly stated, as seen in the line **Hǎoxiàng zhēnde shì zhèyàng** , **xīwàng xīnde zhèngfǔ zhēnde néng ràng wǒmen guójiā de jīngjì biàn yuè lái yuè hǎo** .

**Hǎoxiàng zhēnde shì zhèyàng** , **xīwàng xīnde zhèngfǔ zhēnde néng ràng wǒmen guójiā de jīngjì biàn yuè lái yuè hǎo** .

好像真的是这样， 希望新的政府真的能让我们国家的经济变得越来越好 /  
好像真的是這樣， 希望新的政府真的能讓我們國家的經濟變得越來越好

If it's really this way , I hope the new government can really help our country's economy become better

4. While in English we vote **for** a person, in Chinese we give our vote to someone, as seen in the lines

a. Rénmín huì tóupiào gěi tāmen bǐjiào xǐhuān de rén

人民会投票给他们比较喜欢的人 / 人民會投票給他們比較喜歡的人

Citizens vote for the people they like more

b. Suǒyǐ tā yīnggāi bú shì tóu gěi xīnde zhèngfǔ .

所以她应该不是投给新的政府 / 所以她應該不是投給新的政府

So she probably didn't vote for a new government

c. Huòxǔ tā jiù huì tóu gěi biérén

或许她就会投给别人 / 或許她就會投給別人

She might have voted for someone else

A more descriptive way is shown in the line **tāmen dōu huì bǎ piào tóu gěi duì tāmen bǐjiào yòu bāngzhù de nàge rén** .

**tāmen dōu huì bǎ piào tóu gěi duì tāmen bǐjiào yòu bāngzhù de nàge rén** .

他们都会把票投给对他们比较有帮助的那个人 /  
他們都會把票投給對他們比較有幫助的那個人

they take their ballots and vote for the people who will help them the most

5. **Zhe** is a suffix added to indicate an action that continues for an extended period, as opposed to a particular moment. We see it in the sentence **tāmen huì děng zhe kàn jiéguǒ**

**tāmen huì děng zhe kàn jiéguǒ**

他们会等着看结果. / 他們會等著看結果

they will wait to see the result