

Lesson 238

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

最近，世界上有很多城市的经济
Zuìjìn, shìjiè shàng yǒu hěnduō chéngshì de
jīngjì

Recently, around the world there are many
cities whose economics

发展越来越快

Fāzhǎn yuèláiyuè kuài

Have been expanding quicker and quicker

也越来越好

Yě yuèláiyuè hǎo

And also very well

所以有些国家的人民

Suǒyǐ yǒuxiē guójiā de rénmin

So the cities of some countries

需要开始改变他们的生活方式

Xūyào kāishǐ gǎibiàn tāmen de shēnghuó
fāngfǎ

Need to start changing their ways of life

像很久以前

Xiàng hěn jiǔ yǐqián

For example, a long time ago

很多人的家都是在乡下

Hěnduō rén de jiā dōu shì zài xiāngxià

Many people's home were in the country
side

可是，目前有越来越多的人

Kěshì, mùqián yǒu yuèláiyuè duō de rén

But nowadays, more and more people

选择搬到大城市

Xuǎnzé bān dào dà chéngshì

Choose to move into big cities

因为工作跟购物的地方

Yīnwèi gōngzuò gēn gòuwù de dìfāng

Since work and places to shop at

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离他们的家比较近
Lí tāmen de jiā bǐjiào jìn
Are closer to their house

另外一个优点是
Lìngwài yīge yōudiǎn shì
Another advantages is

在城市里租公寓
Zài chéngshì lǐ zū gōngyù
Renting an apartment in the city

比自己买房子便宜
Bǐ zìjǐ mǎi fángzi piányí
Is cheaper than buying your own house

而且不需要买很多的家具
Érqiě bù xūyào mǎi hěnduō de jiājù
As well you don't have to buy a lot of furniture

那住在公寓有哪些缺点呢？
Nà zhù zài gōngyù yǒu nǎxiē quēdiǎn ne?
So what disadvantages are there to living in an apartment?

因为通常公寓会比一般的房子小
Yīnwèi tōngcháng gōngyù huì bǐ yībān de fángzi xiǎo
Since apartment are normally smaller than most houses

所以你的卧室可能也会是你的书房
Suǒyǐ nǐde wòshì kěnéng yě huì shì nǐde shūfáng
Your bedroom might also be your study room

或是你的客厅可能也是你的饭厅
Huòshì nǐde kètīng kěnéng yě shì nǐde fāntīng
Or your living room might also be your dining room

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

離他們的家比較近
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Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

你还必须注意

Nǐ hái bìxū zhùyì

You also need to pay attention to

不能把太多的东西放在公寓里

bù néng bǎ tài duō de dōngxī fàng zài gōngyù lǐ

Not putting too many things inside the apartment

特别是吃的东西

Tèbié shì chī de dōngxī

Especially things you eat

像没吃完的零食

Xiàng méi chī wán de língshí

Such as snacks that you haven't finished eating

如果你的公寓变得很乱的话

Rúguǒ nǐ de gōngyù biàn de hěn luàn de huà

If your apartment becomes very messy

你可能就会看到很多的昆虫

Nǐ kěnéng jiù huì kàndào hěnduō de kūnchóng

You might see many bugs

像蚂蚁，蜘蛛，还有蟑螂

Xiàng mǎyǐ, zhīzhū, hái yǒu zhāngláng

Such as ants, spiders and cockroaches

有这样的问题的话

Yǒu zhè yàng de wèntí de huà

If you have a problem like this

最好的方法就是常常打扫你的公寓

Zuì hǎo de fāngfǎ jiù shì chángcháng dǎsǎo nǐ de gōngyù

The best way would be to often clean your apartment

而且记得要把垃圾拿出去丢

Érqiě jìde yào bǎ lājī ná chūqù diū

As well to throw away your garbage

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

你還必須注意

Nǐ hái bìxū zhùyì

You also need to pay attention to

不能把太多的東西放在公寓裏

bù néng bǎ tài duō de dōngxī fàng zài gōngyù lǐ

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Lesson 238 Notes (Simplified / Traditional)

1. In the sentence *Nǐmen yīnggāi zhīdào wǒmen dì sì jí de kèchéng kuài yào jiéshù le* , the **kuài** is used to show an action that is about to take place (in this case, level 4 is about to finish).

Similarly, you might hear someone say *Wǒmen kuài dào le* .

Nǐmen yīnggāi zhīdào wǒmen dì sì jí de kèchéng kuài yào jiéshù le

你们应该知道我们第四级的课程快要结束了 / 你們應該知道我們第四級的課程快要結束了

You probably know that level four of our course is about to finish

kuài 快 / 快 quick

Wǒmen kuài dào le

我们快到了 / 我們快到了

We are going to arrive soon .

2. Note the use of **yuèlái yuè** in *Zuìjìn, shìjiè shàng yǒu hěnduō chéngshì de jīngjì fāzhǎn yuèlái yuè kuài , yě yuèlái yuè hǎo* . In English, the word “expanding” already has the meaning of “more and more” built into it. However here, the “more and more” emphasis is placed on the “quickly” and “well” words.

yuèlái yuè 越来越 / 越來越 more and more

Zuìjìn, shìjiè shàng yǒu hěnduō chéngshì de jīngjì fāzhǎn yuèlái yuè kuài , yě yuèlái yuè hǎo .

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Recently, around the world there are many cities whose economies have been expanding quicker and quicker , and also very well

3. Note **how in addition to simply using rúguǒ** , we can also use **de huà** .

a. *Rúguǒ nǐde gōngyù biàn de hěn luàn de huà* ...

如果你的公寓变得很乱的话... / 如果你的公寓變得很亂的話

If your apartment becomes very messy

b. *Yǒu zhè yàng de wèntí de huà* ...

有这样的问题的话... / 有這樣的問題的話...

If you have a problem like this ...