

## Lesson 282

Chess

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified: Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

Chess

扑克牌撲克牌pūkèpáipūkèpáiPlaying cardsPlaying cards

下棋 下棋 xiàqí xiàqí

复杂 fùzá fùzá

Complicated Complicated

麻将 májiàng májiàng Mahjong Mahjong

热闹 熱鬧rènào rènào Lively Lively

赌博 賭博 dǔbó dǔbó To gamble To gamble

扑 pū pū

To throw oneself on

To throw oneself on

棋 qí qí Chess Chess

将
jiàng
jiàng
A general
A general

To bet / To gamble To bet / To gamble

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## **Lesson 281 Notes (Simplified / Traditional):**

1. Notice the use of repeating verbs in Kàn kàn diànshì, wán wán diànnăo yóuxì and Gēn jiārén liáo liáotiān, kàn kànshū, shuì shuìjiào děngděng. This implies doing the action in a general manner as opposed to for a particular instance.

Kàn kàn diànshì, wán wán diànnăo yóuxì

看看电视,玩玩电脑游戏/看看電視,玩玩電腦遊戲

Watch television, play computer games

Gēn jiārén liáo liáotiān, kàn kànshū, shuì shuìjiào děngděng

跟家人聊聊天,看看书,睡睡觉等等/跟家人聊聊天,看看書,睡睡覺等等

Chat with family, read books, take a nap etc.

2. Pūkèpái is actually a transliteration of "Poker" but can be used to describe a deck of cards used for any card game. Yī zhāng pái is used to describe a single card in a deck.

Pūkèpái 扑克牌 / 撲克牌 Playing card

Yī zhāng pái ——张牌 / 一張牌 a single card

**3.** Note the sentence pattern used for "one by one" in Xiān bǎ pūkèpái yī zhāng yī zhāng de fàng zài dì shàng.

Xiān bă pūkèpái yī zhāng yī zhāng de fàng zài dì shàng.

先把扑克牌一张一张的放在地上 / 先把撲克牌一張一張的放在地上

First take out the cards one by one and put them on the ground

**4.** Note the user of guīding as a noun and a verb.

guīdìng 规定 / 規定 rules

Noun: Yīnwèi xiàqí yào zhùyì de guīdìng hĕnduō.

因为下棋要注意的规定很多/因為下棋要注意的規定很多

Since there are a lot of rules that you have to know.

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Verb: Nǐ keyǐ zìjǐ xiảng yīge xīnde youxì, ránhou guīdìng zenme wán.

你可以自己想一个新的遊戏,然后规定怎么玩./

你可以自己想一個新的遊戲, 然後規定怎麼玩.

You can think of a game on your own, and then make up the rules of how to play.

**5.** Note the different words for "play" used for cards versus chess versus mahjong:

Wán pūkèpái: Wǒ xiǎo shíhòu chángcháng zìjǐ wán pūkèpái.

玩扑克牌: 我小时候常常自己玩扑克牌. / 玩撲克牌: 我小時候常常自己玩撲克牌.

To play cards: When I was young I often played cards.

Xiàqí: Nǐ gēn Zhōngguórén xiàqí de shíhòu yào xiǎoxīn.

下棋: 你跟中国人下棋的时候要小心 / 下棋: 你跟中國人下棋的時候要小心.

To play chess: You should be careful when playing chess with Chinese people.

Dă májiàng: Dă májiàng xūyào sì ge rén.

打麻将: 打麻将需要四个人. / 打麻將: 打麻將需要四個人.

To play mahjong: Playing mahjong requires four people.