



# ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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## 1 Rewrite the following sentences into topic-comment sentences.

1. 我最喜欢吃芒果。  
Wǒ zuì xǐhuan chī mángguǒ.  
I like to eat mango the most.  

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2. 你想去图书馆吗？  
Nǐ xiǎng qù túshū guǎn ma?  
Do you want to go to the library?  

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3. 我不相信你的话。  
Wǒ bù xiāngxìn nǐ de huà.  
I don't believe your words.  

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4. 爸爸妈妈没吃过意大利面。  
Bàba māma méi chīguo yìdàlì miàn.  
Mom and Dad have never had spaghetti.  

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5. 他天天去健身房。  
Tā tiāntian qù jiànshēn fáng.  
He goes to the gym every day.  

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## 2 Write topic-comment sentences using the words given.

1. 去过 (qùguo), 没有 (méiyǒu), 我(wǒ), 中国 (zhōngguó)  
I have not been to China.  
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2. 你 (nǐ), 两块钱 (liǎng kuài qián), 有没有 (yǒu méiyǒu)  
Do you have two dollars?  
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3. 我们 (wǒmen), 杭州 (hángzhōu), 最想去 (zuì xiǎng qù), 中国的城市 (zhōngguó de chéngshì)  
As for cities in China, we want to go to Hangzhou the most.  
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4. 带 (dài), 你 (nǐ), 钱 (qián), 吗 (ma), 了 (le)  
Did you bring money?  
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5. 他们的 (tāmen de), 不多了(bùduō le), 时间 (shíjiān)  
There isn't much time left for them.  
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## 3 Look at the picture and write a topic-comment structure using the words given.



出发 (chūfā, "set out"), 我们 (wǒmen, "we"),  
十点十分 (shídiǎn shífēn, "10:10"), 早上(zǎoshang, "morning")

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We set out at 10:10am.



绿茶 (lǜchá, "green tea"), 多少钱 (duōshao qián, "how much"), 一杯 (yìbēi, "a cup of")

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How much is a cup of green tea?



去不去 (qù bú qù, "go or not"), 打篮球 (dǎ lánqiú, "play basketball"),  
你们 (nǐmen, "you"), 下午(xiàwǔ, "afternoon")

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Would you like to go play basketball this afternoon?

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Mángguǒ wǒ zuì xǐhuan chī.  
(Lit.: Mango, I like to eat the most)
2. 图书馆你想去吗?  
Túshū guǎn nǐ xiǎng qù ma?  
(Lit.: Library, do you want to go?)
3. 你的话我不相信。  
Nǐ de huà wǒ bù xiāngxìn.  
(Lit.: Your words, I don't believe)
4. 意大利面爸爸妈妈没吃过。  
Yìdàlì miàn bàba māma méi chīguo.  
(Lit.: Spaghetti, Mom and Dad have never had)
5. 健身房他天天去。  
Jiànshēn fáng tā tiāntian qù.  
(Lit.: Gym, he goes every day)

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1. 早上十点十分我们出发。  
Zǎoshang shídiǎn shífēn wǒmen chūfā.  
(Lit.: 10:10 am, we set out)
2. 绿茶一杯多少钱?  
Lǜchá yìbēi duōshao qián?  
(Lit.: A cup of green tea, how much?)
3. 下午打篮球，你们去不去?  
Xiàwǔ dǎ lánqiú, nǐmen qù bú qù?  
(Lit.: This afternoon to play basketball, shall we go?)

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1. 中国我没有去过。  
Zhōngguó wǒ méiyǒu qùguo.  
(Lit.: China, I have not been)
2. 两块钱你有没有?  
Liǎngkuài qián nǐ yǒu méiyǒu?  
(Lit.: Two dollars, do you have?)
3. 中国的城市，我们最想去杭州。  
Zhōngguó de chéngshì, wǒmen zuì xiǎng qù hángzhōu.  
(Lit.: Cities in China, we want to go to Hangzhou the most)
4. 钱你带了吗?  
Qián nǐ dài le ma?  
(Lit.: Money, did you bring?)
5. 他们的时间不多了。  
Tāmen de shíjiān bù duō le?  
(Lit.: Their time, there is not much)

