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## 1 Write the following sentences using 在 (zài) to indicate an action in progress with a location.

喝 hē to drink	咖啡 kāfēi coffee	咖啡馆 kāfēiguǎn cafe
做 zuò to cook	意大利面 yìdàlì miàn spaghetti	厨房 chúfáng kitchen
弹 tán to play (an instrument)	小提琴 xiǎotíqín violin	坐 zuò to sit



1. She is drinking coffee in the cafe.

→ \_\_\_\_\_.



2. He is cooking spaghetti in the kitchen.

→ \_\_\_\_\_.



3. Is she playing the violin sitting on the chair?

→ \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 2 Correct the following sentences.

1. 明天你是在家吗?  
Míngtiān nǐ shì zài jiā ma?  
Will you be home tomorrow?  
→ \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 他们想不在图书馆查资料。  
Tāmen xiǎng bù zài túshūguǎn chá ziliào.  
They don't want to check materials in the library.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 我姐姐工作在上海。  
Wǒ jiějie gōngzuò zài shànghǎi.  
My older sister works in Shanghai.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 现在他们在公园在放风筝。  
Xiànzài tāmen zài gōngyuán zài fàng fēngzheng.  
They are flying kites in the park now.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 3 Rewrite the following sentences into Mandarin Chinese using 在 (zài) when it is needed.

Mary and her husband are having a phone call:

A: Hi, Mary! How are you?

B: Hi, Jack! I am still at school. I am sorry I missed your call. I was having class just now. Are you at your office?

A: Yes, I am still working in the office. I will get off at 5.

B: Okay. I want to read a bit in the library. How about we meet at the library at 5:30 and we can go home together?

A: Great! I will meet you at the library. See you soon.

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1. She is drinking coffee in the cafe.

→ 她在咖啡馆喝咖啡。  
Tā zài kāfēiguǎn hē kāfēi.



2. He is cooking spaghetti in the kitchen.

→ 他在厨房做意大利面。  
Tā zài chúfáng zuò yìdàlì miàn.



3. Is she playing the violin sitting on the chair?

→ 她坐在椅子上弹小提琴吗？  
Tā zuò zài yǐzi shàng tán xiǎotíqín ma?

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## 2 Correct the following sentences.

1. 明天你**是在**家吗?  
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Will you be home tomorrow?  
→ 明天你**在**家吗?
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Tāmen xiǎng bù zài túshūguǎn chá ziliào.  
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→ 他们**不想**在图书馆查资料。
3. 我姐姐**工作在上海**。  
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My older sister works in Shanghai.  
→ 我姐姐**在**上海**工作**。
4. 现在他们在公园**在**放风筝。  
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→ 现在他们在公园**放**风筝。

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玛丽和她的丈夫在打电话：

Mǎlì hé tāde zhàngfu zài dǎ diànhuà:

Mary and her husband are having a phone call:

A: 嗨，玛丽！你好吗？

Hāi, mǎlì, nǐhǎo ma?

Hi, Mary! How are you?

B: 嗨，杰克！我还在学校。对不起，我错过了你的电话。刚刚我在上课。你在你的办公室吗？

Hāi, jiéke! Wǒ hái zài xuéxiào. duìbuqǐ, wǒ cuòguò le nǐde diànhuà. Gānggāng wǒ zài shàngkè. Nǐ zài nǐde bàngōngshì ma?

Hi, Jack! I am still at school. I am sorry I missed your call. I was having class just now. Are you at your office?

A: 是的，我还在办公室工作。我5点下班。

Shìde, wǒ hái zài bàngōngshì gōngzuò. Wǒ wǔ diǎn xiàbān.

Yes, I am still working in the office. I will get off at 5.

B: 好的。我想在图书馆看一下书。我们五点半在图书馆见，怎么样？我们可以一起回家。

Hǎode. Wǒ xiǎng zài túshūguǎn kàn yíxià shū. Wǒmen wǔdiǎn bàn zài túshūguǎn jiàn, zěnmeyàng? Wǒmen kěyǐ yìqǐ huíjiā.

Okay. I want to read a bit in the library. How about we meet at the library at 5:30 and we can go home together?

A: 行！我们在图书馆见。

Xíng! Wǒmen zài túshūguǎn jiàn.

Great! I will meet you at the library.

