



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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Word bank

Mandarin	Transcription	Translation
危险	wēixiǎn	danger
不怕	bùpà	to not be afraid of (to be unafraid/fearless)
巧克力	qiǎokèlì	chocolates
北极	Běijí	The North Pole
韩语	Hányǔ	Korean language
上	shàng	to attend
睡觉	shuìjiào	to sleep
老师	lǎoshī	teacher
参加	cānjiā	to participate in
生日	shēngrì	birthday
聚会	jùhuì	party
下雨	xiàyǔ	to rain
锻炼	duànliàn	physical exercise
海	hǎi	sea
小学	xiǎoxué	primary school

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1 Are the following sentences correct? If not, correct them. (Check if 连 is before or after the subject and if 都 is before the verb.)

- a. 连下雨天他都出去锻炼。
Lián xià yǔ tiān tā dōu chū qù duàn liàn. (correct or incorrect?)
He goes out to exercise even on rainy days.
- b. 他连海没都看过。
Tā lián hǎi méi dōu kàn guo. (correct or incorrect?)
He hasn't even seen the sea.
- c. 小王小学连都没上。
Xiǎo Wáng xiǎo xué lián dōu méi shàng. (correct or incorrect?)
Xiao Wang didn't even go to primary school.
- d. 他连都说你不好。
Tā lián dōu shuō nǐ bù hǎo. (correct or incorrect?)
Even he says you were bad.

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2 Turn the following statements into emphatic sentences, using 连 (lián)...也 (yě).

- a. 他不吃巧克力。
Tā bù chī qiǎokèlì.
He doesn't eat chocolates.
- b. 我会说四川话。
Wǒ huì shuō Sìchuānhuà.
I can speak Sichuan dialect.
- c. 妈妈没睡觉。
Māma méi shuìjiào.
Mom didn't sleep.
- d. 老师参加了他的生日聚会。
Lǎoshī cānjiā le tā de shēng rì jù huì.
The teacher attended his birthday party.

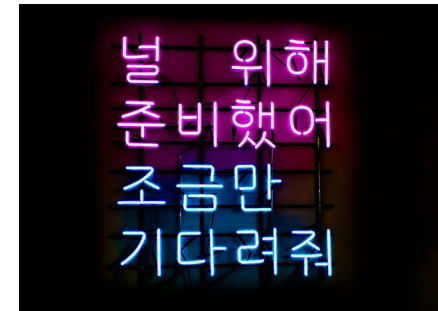
3 At their wedding, the groom is asked to explain why he is attracted to his bride. Write his three reasons in Chinese using 连 (lián)...都 (dōu) / 也 (yě), based on the clues given below.



a. She is not even afraid of danger.



b. She has even been to the North Pole.



c. She can even speak Korean.

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- 1**
- a. Correct
- b. Incorrect
Correct version: 他连海都没看过。
Tā lián hǎi dōu méi kànguo.
He hasn't even seen the sea.
- c. Incorrect
Correct version: 小王连小学都没上。
Xiǎo Wáng lián xiǎoxué dōu méi shàng.
Xiao Wang didn't even go to primary school.
- d. Incorrect
Correct version: 连他都说你不好。
Lián tā dōu shuō nǐ bù hǎo.
Even he says you were bad.

- 2**
- a. 他连巧克力也不吃。
Tā lián qiǎokèlì yě bù chī.
He doesn't even eat chocolate.
- b. 我连四川话也会说。
Wǒ lián Sìchuānhuà yě huì shuō.
I can even speak Sichuan dialect.
- c. 妈妈连觉也没睡。
Māma lián jiào yě méi shuì.
Mom didn't even sleep.
- d. 老师连他的生日聚会也参加了。
Lǎoshī lián tā de shēngrì jùhuì yě cānjiā le.
The teacher even attended his birthday party.

- 3**
- a. 她连危险都不怕。
Tā lián wēixiǎn dōu bù pà.
- b. 她连北极都去过。
Tā lián Běijí dōu qùguo.
- c. 她连韩语都会说。
Tā lián Hányǔ dōu huì shuō.

