



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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- 1** Fill in the following blanks using 给, or 给 combined with the items provided in the table (each item can be used once only). Then, translate the sentences.

Mandarin	English
猫 māo	cat
唱 chàng	to sing
老师 lǎoshī	teacher
批评 pīpíng	to criticize

- a. 你把这首歌 () 大家听吧。
Nǐ bǎ zhè shǒu gē () dàjiā tīng ba.
- b. 小李 () 批评了。
Xiǎo Lǐ () pīpíng le.
- c. 他 () 批评了。
Tā () xǐǎo le.
- d. 妈妈 () 我一个苹果。
Māma () yī gè píngguǒ.

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- 2** Lisa and Peter are having a Valentine's Day celebration at a Chinese restaurant. Lisa is ordering food in English. Translate her order in Mandarin, using 给 (gěi) where appropriate.



Lisa (Talking to the waiter):

- a. Please give me a plate of Chinese dumplings.
- b. Two spring rolls for Peter.
- c. Please bring us a pot of Chinese tea.

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3 Make the following sentences passive, using 给 (gěi).

我们吃完了菜。

Wǒmen chī wán le cài.

We finished our dishes.

他吓哭了妹妹。

Tā xià kū le mèimei.

He scared his younger sister to tears.

小偷偷走了我的手机。

Xiǎotōu tōu zǒu le wǒ de shǒujī.

The thief stole my mobile phone.

大雪封了我们回家的路。

Dàxuě fēng le wǒmen huíjiā de lù.

Heavy snow blocked our way home.



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- 1**
- a. 你把这首歌唱给大家听吧。
Nǐ bǎ zhè shǒu gē chàng gěi dàjiā tīng ba.
Please sing this song to us.
 - b. 小李给老师批评了。
Xiǎo Lǐ gěi lǎoshī pīpíng le.
Xiao Li was criticized by the teacher.
 - c. 他给猫洗澡了。
Tā gěi māo xǐzǎo le.
He gave the cat a bath.
 - d. 妈妈给我一个苹果。
Māmā gěi wǒ yī gè píngguǒ.
Mom gave me an apple.

- 2**
- 请给我来一盘饺子。
Qǐng gěi wǒ lái yī pán jiǎozi.
- 给彼得来两个春卷。
Gěi bǐdé lái liǎng gè chūnjuǎn.

请拿给我们一壶中国茶。
Qǐng nágěi wǒmen yī hú Zhōngguó chá.

- 3**
- 菜给我们吃完了。
Cài gěi wǒmen chī wán le.
The food was finished by us.
- 妹妹给他吓哭了。
Mèimei gěi tā xià kū le.
His younger sister was scared to tears by him.
- 我的手机给小偷偷走了。
Wǒ de shǒujī gěi xiǎotōu tōu zǒu le.
My mobile phone was stolen by a thief.
- 我们回家的路给大雪封了。
Wǒmen huíjiā de lù gěi dàxuě fēng le.
Our way home was blocked by heavy snow.

