



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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1 Create the questions based on the underlined characters in the answers.

- a. Question:
Answer: 他是我的爸爸。
Tā shì wǒ de bàba.
He is my father.
- b. Question:
Answer: 教室里有二十个学生。
Jiàoshì li yǒu èrshí gè xuésheng.
There are twenty students in the classroom.
- c. Question:
Answer: 我学习中文是为了工作。
Wǒ xuéxí Zhōngwén shì wèile gōngzuò.
I study Chinese for work.
- d. Question:
Answer: 小王去了图书馆。
Xiǎo Wáng qù le túshūguǎn.
Xiao Wang went to the library.

2 Translate the following into Chinese “wh-” or “how” questions.

- a. Green or red, which one do you want?
- b. What kind of movie do you like?
- c. How do I get to your school?
- d. When will you go to school?

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3 Ask relevant Chinese questions based on the following pictures.



a. Make a “who” question



b. Make a “where” question



c. Make a “what time” question

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- 1
 - a. 他是谁?
Tā shì shéi?
Who is he?
 - b. 教室里有多少学生?
Jiàoshì lǐ yǒu duōshǎo xuésheng?
How many students are in the classroom?
 - c. 你为什么学习中文?
Nǐ wèishéme xuéxí Zhōngwén?
Why are you studying Chinese?
 - d. 小王去哪儿了?
Xiǎo Wáng qù nǎr le?
Where did Xiao Wang go?

- 2
 - a. 绿色还是红色，你想要哪个?
Lǜsè hái shì hóngsè, nǐ xiǎng yào nǎge?
 - b. 你喜欢什么电影?
Nǐ xǐhuan shénme diànyǐng?
 - c. 我怎么去你的学校?
Wǒ zěnmē qù nǐ de xuéxiào?
 - d. 你什么时候去上学?
Nǐ shénme shíhou qù shàngxué?

- 3
 - a. 这个男孩是谁?
Zhège nánhái shì shéi?
Who is this boy?
 - b. 他们在哪儿?
Tāmen zài nǎr?
Where are they?
 - c. 现在几点了?
Xiànzài jǐdiǎn le?
What time is it now?

