



# ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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## 1 Identify the type of the following reduplications. Clue: AA, AAB, ABAB, AABB, AA + 的.

1. 小王长得高高壮壮的。  
Xiǎo Wáng zhǎng dé gāogāo zhuàngzhuàng de.  
Xiao Wang is pleasantly tall and strong.
2. 对不起，我想安静安静。  
Duìbùqǐ, wǒ xiǎng ānjìng ānjìng.  
Sorry, I want to have some peace and quiet.
3. 我们找个时间聚聚。  
Wǒmen zhǎo gè shíjiān jùjù.  
Let's get together sometime.
4. 她找朋友聊聊天。  
Tā zhǎo péngyou liáoliáo tiān.  
She chatted with her friends for a bit.
5. 我妹妹高高兴兴地走了。  
Wǒ mèimei gāogāo xìngxìng de zǒu le.  
My sister left quite happily.

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## 2 Turn the following sentences into reduplications:

1. 公园里的花儿很漂亮。  
Gōngyuán lǐ de huār hěn piàoliang.  
The flowers in the park are very pretty.
2. 我想看窗外的风景。  
Wǒ xiǎng kàn chuāngwài de fēngjǐng.  
I want to see the scenery outside the window.
3. 她要尝妈妈做的饺子。  
Tā yào cháng māma zuò de jiǎozi.  
She wants to taste the dumplings made by her mother.
4. 你能帮我吗?  
Nǐ néng bāng wǒ ma?  
Can you help me?

## 3 Explain the functions of the following reduplications.

1. 那个女孩儿眼睛大大的，真漂亮。  
Nàgè nǚhái'ěr yǎnjīng dàdà de, zhēn piàoliang.  
That girl's eyes are adorably big, so beautiful.
2. 您能帮我打扫打扫房间吗?  
Nín néng bāng wǒ dǎsǎo dǎsǎo fángjiān ma?  
Can you help me clean the room for a bit?
3. 我过去跟朋友说说话，马上就回来。  
Wǒ guòqù gēn péngyou shuōshuō huà, mǎshàng jiù huílái.  
I will go over to talk to my friend for a bit and will be back soon.
4. 她天天都学习到深夜。  
Tā tiāntiān dū xuéxí dào shēnyè.  
She studies late into the night every day.

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- 1**
1. **AA + 的**
  2. **ABAB**
  3. **AA**
  4. **AAB**
  5. **AABB**

- 2**
1. 公园里的花儿漂漂亮亮的。  
Gōngyuán lǐ de huār piàopiào liāngliāng de.  
The flowers in the park are lovely and pretty.
  2. 我想看看窗外的风景。  
Wǒ xiǎng kànkàn chuāngwài de fēngjǐng.  
I want to see the scenery outside the window for a bit.
  3. 她要尝尝妈妈做的饺子。  
Tā yào chángchang māma zuò de jiǎozi.  
She wants to taste the dumplings made by her mother for a bit.
  4. 你能帮帮我吗?  
Nǐ néng bāngbang wǒ ma?  
Can you help me for a moment?

- 3**
1. to indicate the girl's lovely eyes
  2. to show politeness
  3. to describe a brief and casual action
  4. to intensify the degree

