



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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- 1** Rearrange and make up sentences using the words provided.
Your sentences should follow the order: subject + (adverb) + adjective + (complement).

1.	可爱 kě'ài cute	熊猫 xióngmāo panda	很 hěn very	
2.	极 jí extremely	她 tā she	聪明 cōngmíng clever	了 le
3.	累 lèi tired	他 tā he	非常 fēicháng extremely	
4.	他 tā he	高 gāo tall	太 tài too	了 le

Sentences:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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2 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using 是 (shì) or 很 (hěn).

1. 他 ___ 一个学生。
Tā ___ yīgè xuésheng.
He ___ a student.
2. 我 ___ 饿。
Wǒ ___ è.
I ___ hungry.
3. 妈妈 ___ 北京人。
Māma ___ Běijīng rén.
Mother ___ from Beijing.
4. 餐馆的饭 ___ 好吃。
Cānguǎn de fàn ___ hǎo chī.
Restaurant food ___ delicious.
5. 孩子的眼睛 ___ 黑。
Háizi de yǎnjīng ___ hēi.
The child's eyes ___ black.

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3 Complete the following sentences based on the clues given in the picture.



1. 梨 (lí, "pear")
(a bit green)
2. 苹果 (píngguǒ, "apple")
(quite red)
3. 香蕉 (xiāngjiāo, "banana")
(really yellow)
4. 葡萄 (pútāo, "grape")
(indeed very purple)

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1. 熊猫很可爱。
Xióngmāo hěn kě'ài.
Pandas are cute.

2. 她聪明极了。
Tā cōngmíng jí le.
She is very smart.

3. 他非常累。
Tā fēicháng lèi.
He is very tired.

4. 他太高了。
Tā tài gāo le.
He is too tall.

3

1. 梨有点绿。
Lí yǒudiǎn lǜ.
The pear is a little green.

2. 苹果比较红。
Píngguǒ bǐjiào hóng.
The apple is quite red.

3. 香蕉真黄。
Xiāngjiāo zhēn huáng.
Bananas are really yellow.

4. 葡萄是很紫。
Pútáo shì hěn zǐ.
Grapes are indeed very purple.

2

1. 他是一个学生。
Tā shì yīgè xuésheng.
He is a student.

2. 我很饿。
Wǒ hěn è.
I am hungry.

3. 妈妈是北京人。
Māma shì Běijīng rén.
My mother is from Beijing.

4. 餐馆的饭很好吃。
Cānguǎn de fàn hěn hào chī.
The food in the restaurant is delicious.

5. 孩子的眼睛很黑。
Háizi de yǎnjīng hěn hēi.
The child's eyes are very dark.

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