



LESSON 2.5

SIGHTSEEING

观光 GUĀNGUĀNG



SHANGHAI - UPON SEA



- Lily has arrived Shanghai 上海 (*shànghǎi*) to visit her cousin Lang Lang 朗朗 (*lǎng lǎng*). She is staying here for 3 days before joining a packaged tour in Beijing.



Puxi
浦西
pǔxī

Pudong
浦东
pǔdōng

Huangpu River
黄浦江
huángpǔ jiāng

cousin elder brother
表哥
biǎo gē



cousin younger sister
表妹
biǎo mèi

YOU'RE JOKING



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朗朗表哥，好久不见了。

*lǎnglǎng biǎo gē, hǎojiǔ bùjiànle**

Long time no see, Cousin Lang Lang.

莉莉，你看起来不错。

*lìlì , nǐ kàn qǐlái bù cuò**

You look great, Lilly.

你在开玩笑吧！我胖了。

nǐ zài kāiwánxiào ba! wǒ pàngle

You're joking! I've put on weight. (Lit. I'm fat)

让我带你观光上海。

ràng wǒ dài nǐ guānguāng shànghǎi

Let me show you around Shanghai. (let me take you sightseeing Shanghai)

Note: for 不 (bù), change the tone to 2nd tone when preceding 4th tone.



第一天 *dì yī tiān*

让我们漫步外滩。

ràng wǒmen mànbù wàitān

Let's go for a stroll
along the Bund. *(lit. let's stroll the
Bund)*

听起来很棒!

tīng qǐlái hěn bàng

Sounds fabulous!

这里看起来就像利物浦。

zhèlǐ kàn qǐlái jiù xiàng lìwùpǔ

Here it looks just like
Liverpool.

也有点像香榭丽舍大街。

yě yǒudiǎn xiàng xiāng xiè lì shè dài

A bit like Champs-
Élysées too.



第二天 *dì èr tiān*

表哥，你今天帶我去哪里？

biǎo gē, nǐ jīntiān dài wǒ qù nǎlǐ

Cousin, where are you taking me today?

早上我们会去豫园。

zǎoshàng wǒmen huì qù yùyuán

We're going to Yu Garden this morning.

下午我们会去玉佛寺。

xiàwǔ wǒmen huì qù yù fó sì

We'll go to the Jade Buddha Temple in the afternoon.

今晚我带你去品尝世界上最好的饺子。

jīn wǎn wǒ dài nǐ qù pǐncháng shìjiè shàng zuì hǎo de jiǎozi

Tonight I will take you to taste the best dumplings in the world.



第三天 *dì sān tiān*

表妹，你今天想在南京路购物吗？
biǎomèi, nǐ jīntiān xiǎng zài nánjīng lù gòuwù ma

你不是在开玩笑吗？你看懂了我的心意。
*nǐ bùshì zài kāiwánxiào ma?
nǐ kàn dǒngle wǒ de xīnyì*

今晚，我将带您到东方明珠塔。
jīn wǎn, wǒ jiāng dài nín dào dōngfāng míngzhū tǎ

你是最棒的！
nǐ shì zuì bàng de

Cousin, do you fancy shopping on Nanjing Road today?

Are you not kidding? You've read my mind! *(lit. you have seen through and understand my mind)*

Tonight I will take you to the Oriental Pearl Tower.

You are the best!



Happy New Year 新年快乐 *xīnnián kuàilè*

- In China, the most important holiday of the year is the one-week **Chinese New Year**, fondly called **Spring Festival** 春节 (*chūnjié*).
- It begins on the first day of the first month per **lunar calendar** and ends with **Lantern Festival** 元宵节 (*yuánxiāo jié*) which is on the 15th day of the same month.
- In 2021, it falls on 12th February, which marks the beginning of **Year of the Ox** 牛年 (*niú nián*).
- It is the time for the whole families to get together and enjoy delicious foods and happy times, a similar one like Christmas holiday to the westerners.
- **Red envelop/packet** 紅包: *hóngbāo* (in Mandarin), *lai see* (in Cantonese) is a monetary gift given out by married couples to single people, regardless of age, or by older to younger ones.
- **Lion dance** 舞獅 (*wǔ shī*): bring good luck and fortune.



Congratulations on getting rich

恭喜发财

gōng xǐ fā cái (in Mandarin)

gong hei fat choy (in Cantonese)



Happy Lovers Festival 情人节快乐 *qíng rén jié kuài lè*

- The Chinese have their own festival celebrating lovers.
- The **Qixi Festival** 七夕节 (*qīxī jié*), also known as the **Qiqiao Festival** 七巧节 (*qī qiǎo jié*), is a Chinese festival celebrating the romantic legend of two lovers.
- In mythology, the **weaver girl** 织女 (*zhīnǚ*) and the **cowherd** 牛郎 (*niú láng*), meet annually on this day for their forbidden love.
- The festival is celebrated on the 7th day of the 7th lunisolar month on the Chinese calendar. Therefore, it has variously been called the **Double Seventh Festival**.
- In 2021, it falls on the 14th August.

我爱你。
wǒ ài nǐ

我也爱你。
wǒ yě ài nǐ



Love is in the air
爱无所不在
ài wúsuǒ bùzài

APPENDIX – HOW TO ADDRESS A WAITER IN CHINA



waiter/waitress

服务员
fúwùyuán

- In a restaurant in UK, we seldom address waiter by their profession directly. We may wave our hand or say “excuse me” to get their attention.
- This is the same as in China. We don't address waiter as 服务员.
- China is a vast country, with many different local etiquettes. Below are few examples to address waiter/waitress:



Region	Waiter	Waitress
General 通用的 (tōngyòng de)	handsome guy 帅哥 (shuàigē)	belle 美女 (měinǚ)
Senior 年长的 (nián zhǎng de)	boss 老板 (lǎobǎn)	boss 老板娘 (lǎobǎnniáng)
Beijing 北京 (běijīng)	buddy 伙计 (huǒjì)	young lady 姑娘 (gūniáng)
Canton 广东 (guǎngdōng)	handsome boy 靓仔 (liàngzǎi) (leng3 zai2)	pretty girl 靓女 (liàngnǚ) (leng3 nei5)
Shanghai 上海 (shànghǎi)	Mr. 先生 (xiānshēng)	Miss 小姐 (xiǎojiě)
Sichuan 四川 (sìchuān)	lad 小伙子 (xiǎohuǒzi)	little girl 小妹儿 (xiǎomèi'er)
Shandong 山东 (shāndōng)	big brother 大哥 (dàgē)	young lady 姑娘 (gūniáng)
Xi'an 西安 (xī'ān)	guy 小伙 (xiǎohuǒ)	little sister 小妹 (xiǎomèi)
Yunnan 云南 (yúnnán)	fat gold brother 胖金哥 (pàng jīn gē)	fat gold sister 胖金妹 (pàng jīn mèi)