



# LESSON A.2

## MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL

打电话

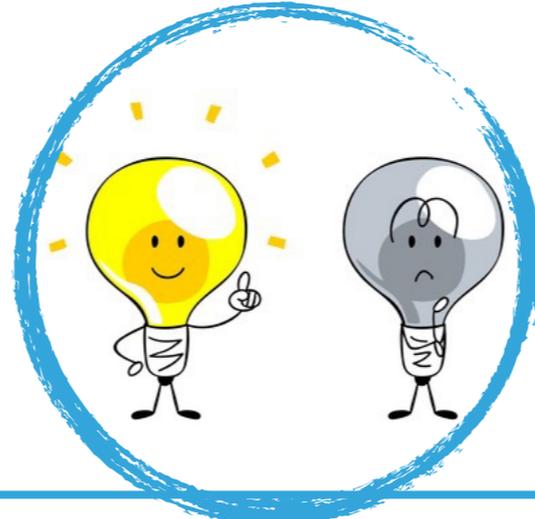
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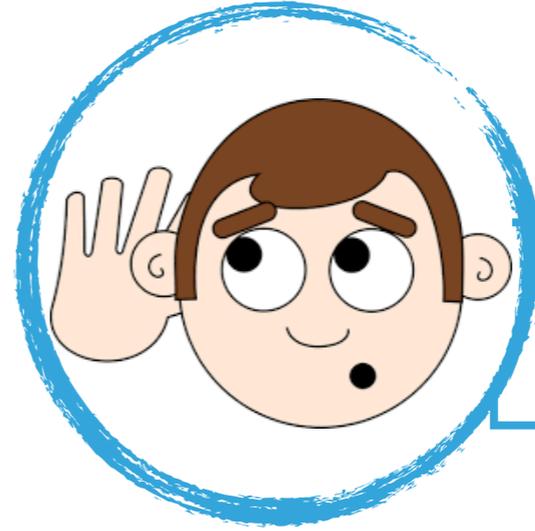
# FREQUENTLY USED EXPRESSIONS IN THE CLASS



同学们  
*tóngxuémen*



明不明白?  
*míng bù míngbái*

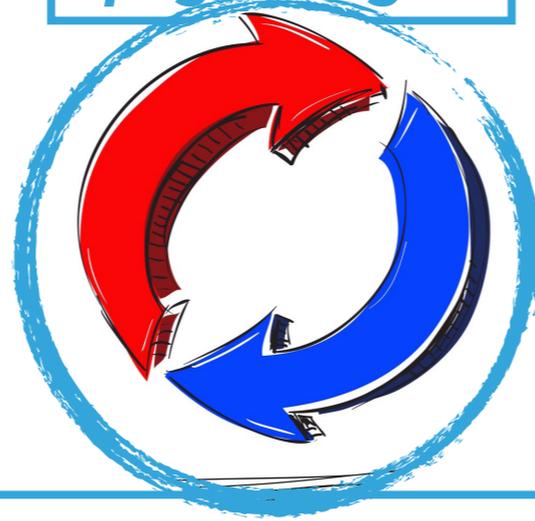


我听不到。  
*wǒ tīng bù dào*



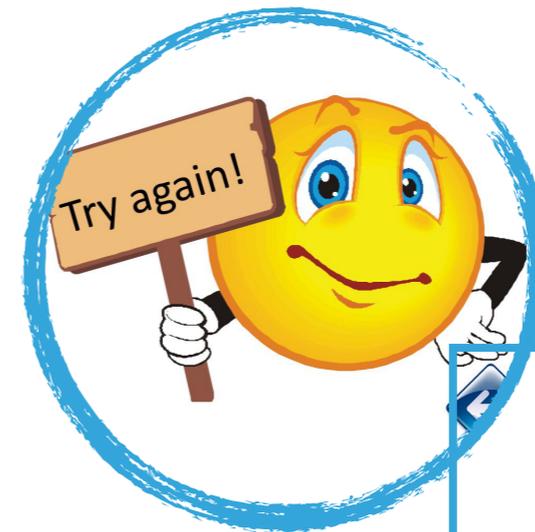
我有个问题。  
*wǒ yǒu gè wèntí*

请重复。  
*qǐng chóngfù*



请再说一遍。  
*qǐng zàishuō yībiàn*

对不起!  
*duìbùqǐ*



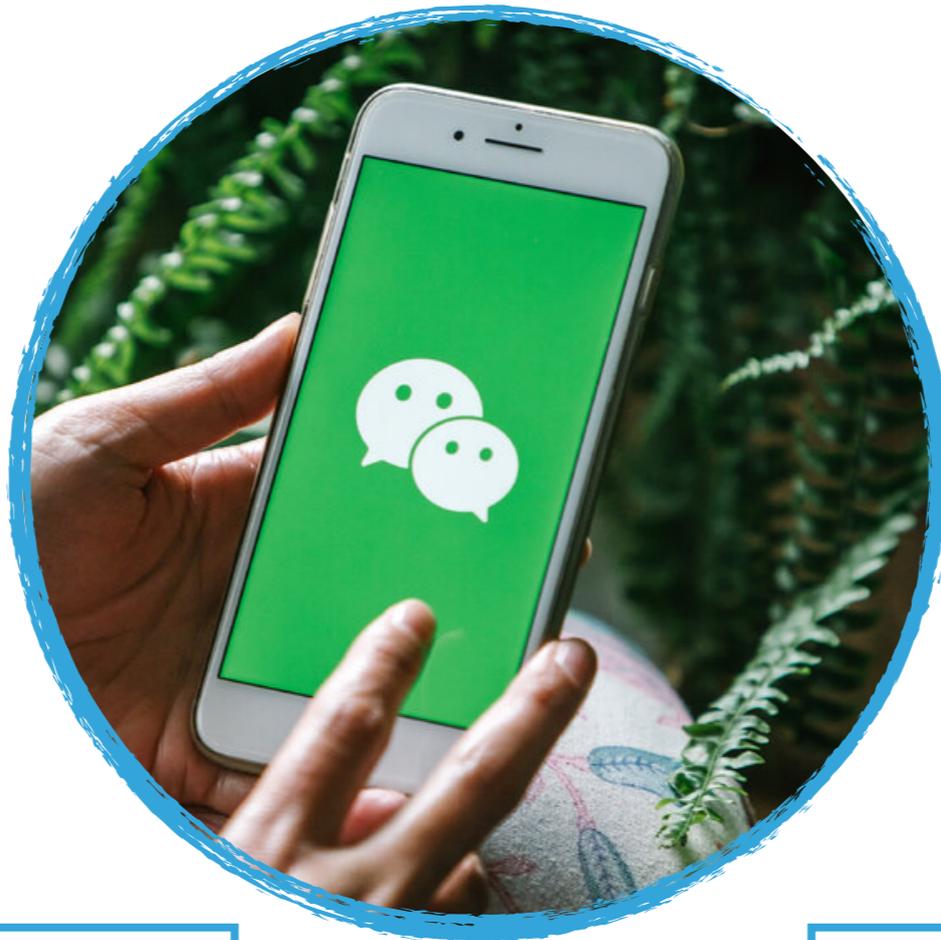
再试一次!  
*zài shì yīcì!*

- WeChat is a Chinese multi-purpose messaging, social media and mobile payment app.



微信  
wēixìn

micro + letter



即時通訊  
jíshí tōngxùn



視訊對講  
shì xùn duì jiǎng



微信支付  
wēixìn zhīfù



扫一扫  
sǎo yī sǎo

# SCAN QR CODE



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- 莉莉 (lìlì) is exchanging WeChat details with 芳芳 (fangfang)

莉

芳芳，你的电话号码是什么？

*fāng fāng, nǐ de diànhuà hàomǎ shì shénme*

number

号码

*hàomǎ*

芳

077 8954 3216，你用微信吗？

*077 8954 3216, nǐ yòng wēixìn ma*

use

用

*yòng*

莉

用，让我打开我的二维码。

*yòng, ràng wǒ dǎkāi wǒ de èr wéi mǎ*

QR code

二维码

*èr wéi mǎ*

芳

扫一扫二维码更方便。

*sǎo yī sǎo èr wéi mǎ gèng fāngbiàn*

convenient

方便

*fāngbiàn*



- 莉莉 (lìlì) is WeChating 芳芳 (fangfang) the following day.

莉

喂，芳芳，你方便吗？  
*wéi, fāng fāng, nǐ fāngbiàn ma*

prepare

准备  
*zhǔnbèi*

芳

莉莉，我正在准备晚餐，但我可以聊天。  
*lìlì, wǒ zhèngzài zhǔnbèi wǎncān, dàn wǒ kěyǐ liáotiān*

chat

聊天  
*liáotiān*

莉

你在煮什么？  
*nǐ zài zhǔ shénme*

cook

煮  
*zhǔ*

芳

让我打开视讯让你看看。  
*ràng wǒ dǎkāi shì xùn ràng nǐ kànkàn*

watch

看  
*kàn*

# WHAT ARE YOU UP TO....



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芳

我在做麻婆豆腐，用的是四川花椒。

*wǒ zài zuò má pó dòufu, yòng de shì sìchuān huājiāo*

peppercorn

花椒  
*huājiāo*

莉

看起来好正宗啊！

*kàn qǐlái hǎo zhèngzōng a*

authentic

正宗  
*zhèngzōng*

芳

你呢？你在忙什么？

*nǐ ne? nǐ zài máng shénme*

busy

忙  
*máng*

莉

不忙，外面在下雨，所以我呆在家。

*bù máng, wàimiàn zài xià yǔ, suǒyǐ wǒ dāi zài jiā*

raining

下雨  
*xià yǔ*



芳

对呀，天气非常糟糕

*duì ya, tiānqì fēicháng zāogāo*

weather

天气  
*tiānqì*

莉

但下星期会天晴。

*dàn xià xīngqí huì tiān qíng.*

sunny

天晴  
*tiān qíng*

芳

下星期你来我家烧烤，好吗？

*xià xīngqí nǐ lái wǒjiā shāokǎo, hǎo ma*

barbecue

烧烤  
*shāokǎo*

莉

这听起来真棒，我等不及了！

*zhè tīng qǐlái zhēn bàng, wǒ děng bùjíle*

wait

等  
*děng*

# APPENDIX 1 - NUMBERS 0 to 10



- Learning numbers will enable you to learn months and days of the week too in Chinese.

**Zero**

零

*líng*

**One**

一

*yī*

**Two**

二

*èr*

**Three**

三

*sān*

**Four**

四

*sì*

**Five**

五

*wǔ*

**Six**

六

*liù*

**Seven**

七

*qī*

**Eight**

八

*bā*

**Nine**

九

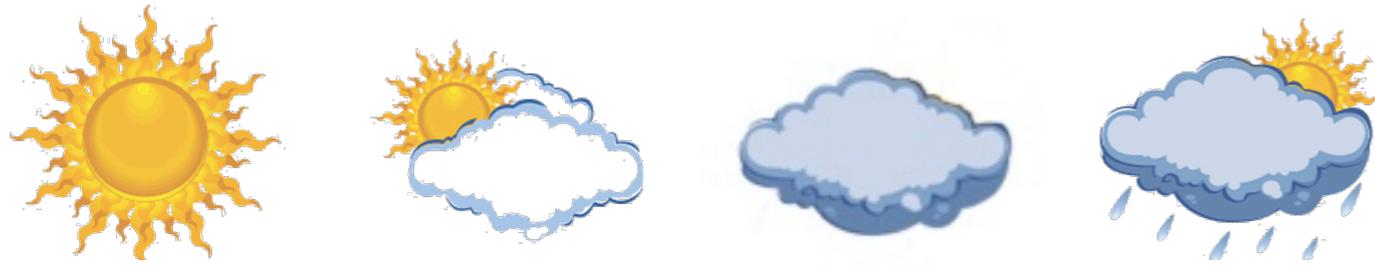
*jiǔ*

**Ten**

十

*shí*

# APPENDIX 2 - WEATHER



Sunny	Partly sunny	Overcast/gloomy	Sun & rain
晴朗	局部晴朗	阴天	日晒雨淋
<i>qínglǎng</i>	<i>júbù qínglǎng</i>	<i>yīn tiān</i>	<i>rì shài yǔ lín</i>



Raining	Thunderstorm	Snowing	Cloudy
下雨	雷雨	下雪	多云
<i>xià yǔ</i>	<i>léiyǔ</i>	<i>xià xuě</i>	<i>duōyún</i>



Windy	Rainbow	Hurricane	Clear
有风	彩虹	飓风	晴
<i>yǒu fēng</i>	<i>cǎihóng</i>	<i>jùfēng</i>	<i>qíng</i>

## Weather Conditions

天气状况

*tiānqì zhuàngkuàng*

## Weather Forecast

天气预报

*tiānqì yùbào*

## Climate

气候

*qìhòu*

# APPENDIX: IS IT RUDE TO SAY “WEI”



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hi

喂

wèi or wéi

My name is  
not 喂!

- **Phone conversation:** It is acceptable to answer the phone by saying 喂 (*wéi*) first, maybe followed by 您好 (*nín hǎo*) out of politeness.
- **Bad manner:** 喂 (*wèi*) is often used to interject to get the attention, start a conversation or greet someone, similar to say “hi”. It is okay to use 喂 to **close friends**, as long as they do not mind. If they do mind, the common response is “喂 is not my name”. 喂 is considered **rude and too casual** when interacting with the senior, boss, teacher etc.
- **Addressing stranger:** 喂 (*wèi*) sounds **blunt but necessary**. When you want to call somebody you don't know on street or even the waiter in a restaurant, you can say 喂. Posh people don't use 喂 at all. The polite way to address stranger is Sir 先生 (*xiānshēng*), Mrs/Madam 太太 (*tàitài*), Miss 小姐 (*xiǎojiě*), guy 小伙子 (*xiǎohuǒzi*) etc. But these titles are way too formal and may come across as pretentious. This is a **paradox** really. Note, the Chinese seldom use “excuse me” as commonly used in Western countries.
- **Exclamation:** similar to “hey”, 喂 (*wèi*) can be used in the beginning of a sentence to express surprise and doubt. For example: 喂喂! 你笑什么? (*wèi wèi! nǐ xiào shénme*) “Hey, what are you laughing at?”
- **Feeding:** as a verb, 喂 (*wèi*) means “to feed”.