



LESSON B.3

PROFESSIONS

职业 ZHÍYÈ

LESSON B.2 REVISION



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Construct words/phrases from the below characters:

十二
shí'èr

新春
xīnchūn

龙
lóng

多
duō

减
jiǎn

健
jiàn

恭喜
gōng xǐ

每个
měi gè

我要去
wǒ yào qù

健身房
jiànshēnfáng

康
kāng

发财
fā cái

年
nián

少
shǎo

快乐
kuàilè

肥
féi

人
rén

生肖
shēngxiào

CLASSROOM EXERCISE B.2 – NEW YEAR RESOLUTION



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- Working with the person next to you, ask about their new year resolution and share with the class.

What is your new year resolution?

你的新年愿望是什么?
nǐ de xīnnián yuànwàng shì shénme

I wish...

我希望.....
wǒ xīwàng

I think...

我想.....
wǒ xiǎng

I want...

我要.....
wǒ yào



learn a new skill

学习一个新的爱好
xuéxí yīgè xīn de àihào

exercise more

多运动
duō yùndòng

quit smoking

戒烟
jièyān

win lottery

中彩票
zhòng cǎipiào

get organized

组织起来
zǔzhī qǐlái

save money

省钱
shěng qián

eat healthy

吃得健康
chī dé jiànkāng

buy new house

买新房
mǎi xīnfáng

PROFESSIONS IN A GLANCE



- Similar to using suffix like -er, -ist and -ian, Chinese often uses certain ending characters to indicate a profession. In many cases, Chinese use gender-neutral terms and it has been like this for centuries.

English	Chinese	Pinyin
businessperson	商人	shāngrén
worker	工人	gōngrén
superman	超人	chāorén
doctor	医生	yīshēng
student	学生	xuéshēng
teacher	老师	lǎoshī
lawyer	律师	lǜshī
designer	设计师	shèjì shī
chef	厨师	chúshī
engineer	工程师	gōngchéngshī
architect	建筑师	jiànzhú shī
hairstylist	理发师	lǐfǎ shī
salesman/saleswoman	推销员	tuīxiāo yuán
actor	演员	yǎnyuán
firefighter	消防员	xiāofángyuán
postman/postwoman	邮递员	yóudìyuán
banker	银行家	yínháng jiā
artist	艺术家	yìshùjiā

people

人
rén

livelihood

生
shēng

master

师
shī

member

员
yuán

specialist

家
jiā

ESSENTIAL WORDS



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work

工作

gōngzuò

what

什么

shénme

this is

这是

zhè shì

business card

名片

míngpiàn

company

公司

gōngsī

unemployed

失业

shīyè

apology

抱歉

bàoqiàn

home

家

jiā

business

业务

yèwù

make/do

做

zuò

investment

投资

tóuzī



您的工作是什么？

nín de gōngzuò shì shénme

What's your job?

我是个医生。

wǒ shì gè yīshēng

I'm a doctor.

幸会！

xìng huì

Nice to meet you!
(Formal. Lit. Fortunate meeting)

这是我的名片，请多指教！

zhè shì wǒ de míngpiàn, qǐng duō zhǐjiào

This is my
business card. I will resign
myself to your guidance!



您在哪家公司工作?

nín zài nǎ jiā gōngsī gōngzuò

Which company do you work for?

我失业了。

wǒ shīyèle

I'm unemployed.

哦, 是这样, 我很抱歉!

Ó, shì zhèyàng, wǒ hěn bàoqiàn

Ah I see! My apologies!

(Lit. Oh that's it. I'm apologetic!)

没关系。

méiguānxi

No worries!

(Lit. No affect)

WHERE DO YOU WORK



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您在哪里工作?

nín zài nǎlǐ gōngzuò

Where do you work?

我在家工作。

wǒ zài jiā gōngzuò

I work from home.

您的业务是什么?

nín de yèwù shì shénme

What is your business?

我做投资的。

wǒ zuò tóuzī de

I work in
investment.

(Lit. I make investment)

ADVANCED – BUSINESS GREETINGS



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- Out of courtesy and respect, use 您 instead of 你. Remember 您 has a heart 心 (*xīn*) attached to it.

幸会，幸会！

xìng huì xìng huì

How do you do?

认识您很荣幸！

rènshì nín hěn róng xìng

It is an honour to
meet you!

抱歉，打扰！

bàoqiàn, dǎrǎo

Sorry for
bothering!

请多多关照！

qǐng duō duō guān zhào

Please take good care (of
me)!

ADVANCED – MORE PROFESSIONS



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English	Chinese	Pinyin
dentist	牙医	<i>yáyī</i>
nurse	护士	<i>hùshì</i>
accountant	会计	<i>kuàijì</i>
secretary	秘书	<i>mìshū</i>
shopkeeper	店主	<i>diànzhǔ</i>
policeman/policewoman	警察	<i>jǐngchá</i>
plumber	水管工	<i>shuǐguǎn gōng</i>
electrician	电工	<i>diàngōng</i>
singer	歌手	<i>gēshǒu</i>
driver	司机	<i>sījī</i>
journalist	记者	<i>jìzhě</i>
self-employed	自雇	<i>zì gù</i>
homemaker/housewife	家庭主妇	<i>jiā tíng zhǔ fù</i>
retired	退休	<i>tuìxiū</i>
unemployed	失业的	<i>shīyè de</i>

ADVANCED – ORGANISATION HIERARCHY



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- Many Chinese **organisations** 集团 (*jítuán*) are **hierarchical** 阶级式 (*jiējí shì*). There are different management titles depending on the level.
- Please note these two **pyramids** 金字塔 (*jīnzìtǎ*) are just typical examples and they do not represent every organisation. Some organisations across the world operate a less hierarchical / flat structure nowadays.



CLASSROOM EXERCISE B.3 – WHAT IS YOUR JOB?



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- Working with the person next to you, ask about their job and share with the class.

What is your job?

你的工作是什么？
nǐ de gōngzuò shì shénme



What is your dream job?

你理想的工作是什么？
nǐ lǐxiǎng de gōngzuò shì shénme