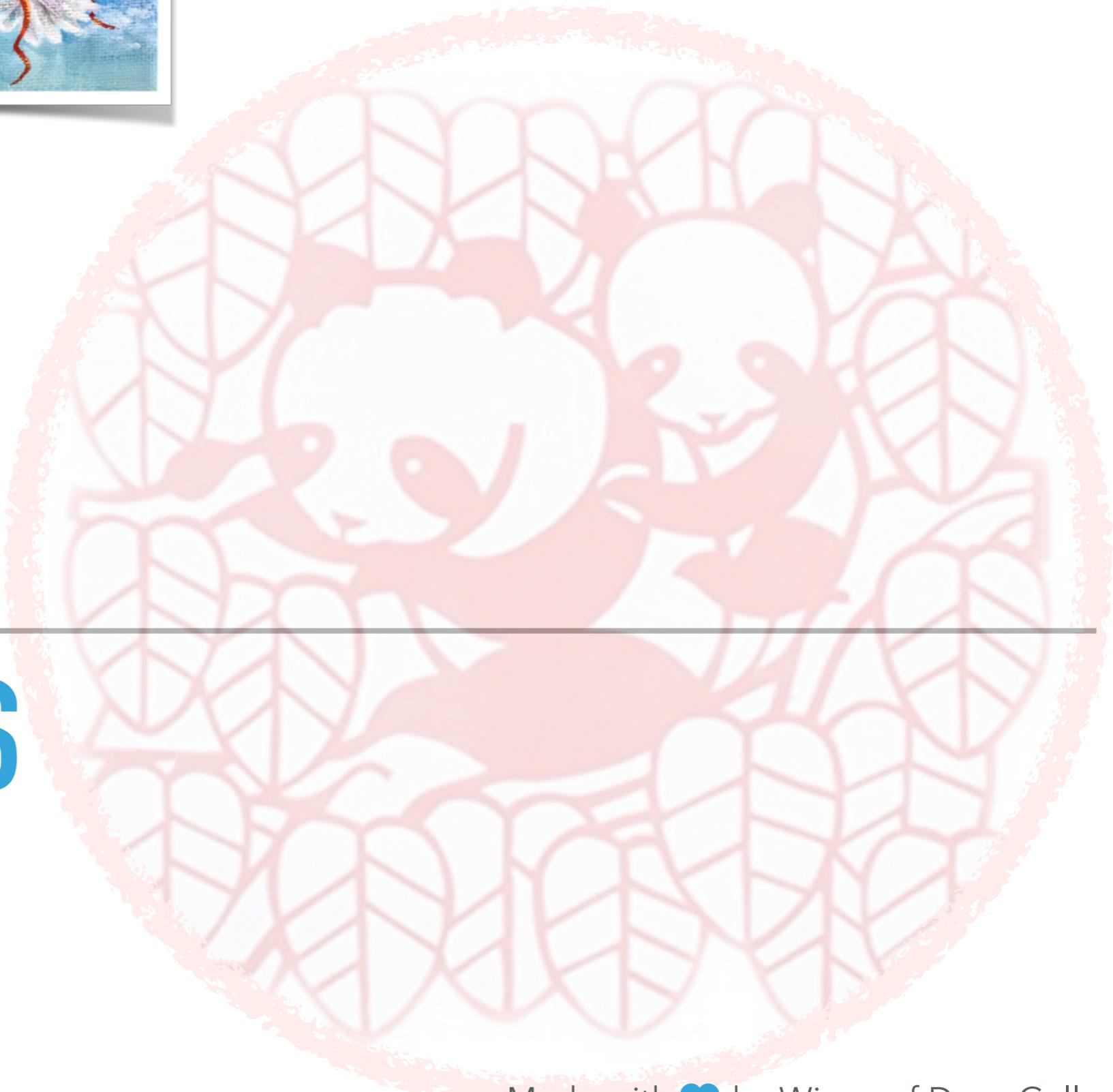




LESSON B.3

PROFESSIONS

职业 ZHÍYÈ



LESSON B.2 REVISION



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 xiāng

I think...

我想.....

wǒ xiǎng

I want...

我要.....

wǒ yào



exercise more

多运动

duō yùndòng



learn a new skill

学习一个新的爱好

xuéxí yīgè xīn de àihào



quit smoking

戒烟

jièyān



win lottery

中彩票

zhòng cǎipiào



get organized

组织起来

zǔzhī qǐlái



eat healthy

吃得健康

chī dé jiànkāng



save money

省钱

shěng qián



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.



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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	lùshī		
designer	设计师	shèjì shī		
chef	厨师	chúshī		
engineer	工程师	gōngchéngshī		
architect	建筑师	jiànzhú shī		
hairdresser	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	livelihood
			人 rén	生 shēng
			master	member
			师 shī	员 yuán
			specialist	
			家 jiā	

ESSENTIAL WORDS



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

我是个医生。

wǒ shì gè yīshēng

幸会!

xìng huì

这是我的名片, 请多指教!

zhè shì wǒ de míngpiàn, qǐng duō zhǐjiào

What's your job?

I'm a doctor.

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

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

我失业了。

wǒ shīyèle

哦, 是这样, 我很抱歉!

Ó, shì zhèyàng, wǒ hěn bàoqiàn

没关系。

méiguānxì

Which company do you
work for?

I'm unemployed.

Ah I see! My
apologies!

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

No worries!

(Lit. No affect)

WHERE DO YOU WORK



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



- 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	yáyī
nurse	护士	hùshì
accountant	会计	kuàijì
secretary	秘书	mìshū
shopkeeper	店主	diànnzhǔ
policeman/policewoman	警察	jǐngchá
plumber	水管工	shuǐguǎn gōng
electrician	电工	diàngōng
singer	歌手	gēshǒu
driver	司机	sījī
journalist	记者	jìzhě
self-employed	自雇	zì gù
homemaker/housewife	家庭主妇	jiātíng zhǔfù
retired	退休	tuìxiū
unemployed	失业的	shīyè de

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 (*jīnzhítǎ*) are just typical examples and they do not represent every organisation. Some organisations across the world operate a less hierarchical / flat structure nowadays.



Chinese Organisation Structure



Western Organisation Structure

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