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TERM B

学中文对话

xué zhōngwén duìhuà

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LESSON B.1

CONFUCIANISM

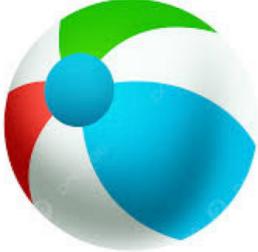
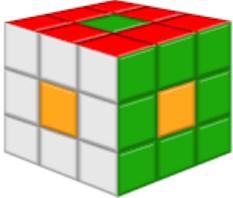
孔子学说

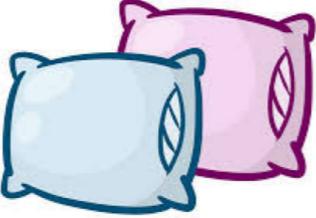
KǒNGZǐ XUÉSHUŌ

DESCRIBE AN OBJECT



形容一样东西 xíngróng yīyàng dōngxī

					
圆形 yuán xíng	方形 fāng xíng	尖 jiān	大 dà	中 zhōng	小 xiǎo

					
硬 yìng	软 ruǎn	重 zhòng	轻 qīng	长 cháng	短 duǎn

CLASSROOM EXERCISE: GUESS AN OBJECT



猜一样东西 cāi yī yàng dōng xī

- Pick an object near you. Don't show it to the group yet. Try to describe it and let others guess what it is.
- The rest of the group may ask questions.

这是.....
zhè shì...

这个很.....
zhè ge hěn...

它有.....
tā yǒu...

我用它来.....
wǒ yòng tā lái...



它没有.....
tā méi yǒu...

它看起来像.....
tā kàn qǐ lái xiàng...

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CONFUCIUS?



孔子 kǒngzǐ



• True or False 对或错 (duì huò cuò):

		对 duì	错 cuò
1	孔子是一位神。 kǒngzǐ shì yī wèi shén		
2	他是中国的父亲。 tā shì zhōngguó de fùqīn		
3	他是一位老师。 tā shì yī wèi lǎoshī		
4	他又叫孔夫子。 tā yòu jiào kǒng fūzǐ		
5	他出生在一个富裕的家庭。 tā chūshēng zài yīgè fùyù de jiātíng		
6	他是半个政治家。 tā shì bàn gè zhèngzhì jiā		
7	他73岁去世。 tā 73 suì qùshì		



孔子简介 kǒngzǐ jiǎnjiè

● 孔子（前551-前479）是中国春秋末期伟大的思想家和教育家。
kǒngzǐ (qián 551-qián 479) shì zhōngguó chūnqiū mòqí wěidà de sīxiǎngjiā hé jiàoyù jiā

● 他早年丧父，虽然生活贫苦，他十五岁便好学不厌。
tā zǎonián sàng fù, suīrán shēnghuó pínkǔ, tā shíwǔ suì biàn hào xué bù yàn

● 他好向别人学习，他说：“三人行，必有我师。”
tā hǎo xiàng biérén xuéxí, tā shuō: "sān rénxíng, bì yǒu wǒ shī"

● 他是一个品德高尚的知识分子，一生都在追求理想的社会。
tā shì yīgè pǐndé gāoshàng de zhīshì fēnzǐ, yīshēng dōu zài zhuīqiú lǐxiǎng de shèhuì

● 他的思想以“仁”为核心，“仁”即“爱人”，
tā de sīxiǎng yǐ "rén" wèi héxīn, "rén" jí "àirén"

● 且应以“礼”为规范，注重“学”和“思”的结合。
qiě yīng yǐ "lǐ" wéi guīfàn, zhùzhòng "xué" hé "sī" de jiéhé

● 孔子三十岁创设私校，开始收弟子。
kǒngzǐ sānshí suì chuàngshè sī xiào, kāishǐ shōu dìzǐ

● 相传他有三千个弟子，他带领了弟子周游列国十四年。
xiāngchuán tā yǒu sānqiān gè dìzǐ, tā dàilǐng dìzǐ zhōuyóu lièguó shí sì nián

● 孔子学说成为中国的文化正统，影响非常深远。
kǒngzǐ xuéshuō chéngwéi zhōngguó de wénhuà zhèngtǒng, yǐngxiǎng fēicháng shēnyuǎn

thinker
思想家
sīxiǎngjiā

thinker
教育家
jiàoyù jiā

destitute
贫苦
pínkǔ

high moral
品德高尚
pǐndé gāoshàng

benevolence
仁
rén

manner
礼
lǐ

disciple
弟子
dìzǐ

orthodox
正统
zhèngtǒng

CLASSROOM EXERCISE: CONFUCIUS'S FAMOUS SAYINGS



孔子名言 kǒngzǐ míngyán

● Match the following famous sayings by Confucius:

1	<p>“己所不欲，勿施于人。” <i>jǐ suǒ bù yù, wù shī yú rén</i></p>	a	<p>“Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.”</p>
2	<p>“移大山始于运小石” <i>yí dàshān shǐ yú yùn xiǎoshí</i></p>	b	<p>“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”</p>
3	<p>“真正的知识，是要知道一个人无知的程度。” <i>zhēnzhèng de zhīshì, shì yào zhīdào yīgè rén wúzhī de chéngdù</i></p>	c	<p>“To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge.”</p>
4	<p>“只要你不停下来，走得多慢并不重要。” <i>zhǐyào nǐ bù tíng xiàlái, zǒu dé duō màn bìng bù zhòngyào.</i></p>	d	<p>“Don't do unto others what you don't want done unto you.”</p>
5	<p>“知之为知之，不知为不知，是知也。” <i>zhīzhī wéi zhīzhī, bùzhī wéi bùzhī, shì zhīyě</i></p>	e	<p>“He who gives no thought to far-flung problems soon finds suffering nearby”</p>
6	<p>“见小利则大事不成。” <i>jiàn xiǎo lì zé dàshì bùchéng</i></p>	f	<p>“If you only see small gains, you will not accomplish great tasks.”</p>
7	<p>“人无远虑，必有近忧。” <i>rén wú yuǎnlǜ, bì yǒu jìn yōu</i></p>	g	<p>“Moving mountain begins with moving small stones.”</p>

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION: QUOTE BY DONALD RUMSFELD



- In response to a question about the lack of evidence linking Iraq government with the supply of weapons of mass destruction to terrorist groups, US Secretary of Defense **Donald Rumsfeld** stated (February 12, 2002):

“There are **known knowns**. These are things we know that we know.

There are **known unknowns**. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know.

But there are also **unknown unknowns**. There are things we don't know we don't know.”

“有已知的已知的，这些是我们知道的事情。

yǒu yǐ zhī de yǐ zhī de, zhèxiē shì wǒmen zhīdào de shìqíng

有已知的未知数，也就是说，有些事情我们知道我们不知道。

yǒu yǐ zhī de wèizhīshù, yě jiùshì shuō, yǒuxiē shìqíng wǒmen zhīdào wǒmen bù zhīdào

但也有未知的未知数，有些事情我们不知道我们不知道。”

dàn yěyǒu wèizhī de wèizhīshù, yǒuxiē shìqíng wǒmen bù zhīdào wǒmen bù zhīdào

matter

事情
shìqíng



CLASSROOM DISCUSSION: CONFUCIUS'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS MONEY



- In Confucius' mind, **acting righteousness** 行义 (xíng yì) is the highest value of life.
- When there is a conflict between money and morality, he would rather suffer poverty than give up morality.
- However, his belief in living in **poverty** 贫 (pín) cannot be regarded as not seeking **wealth** 富 (fù), but only seeking to maintain the basic way of living.
- Confucius once said,

"**Wealth and honor** are what people **desire**; if they don't follow the right way, they won't get it.

Poverty and lowliness are what people **detest**; if they don't follow the right way, they won't get it."

“富与贵，人之所欲也；不以其道，得之不处也。
fù yǔ guì, rén zhī suǒ yù yě; bù yǐ qí dào, dé zhī bù chù yě

贫与贱，人之所恶也；不以其道，得之不去也。”
pín yǔ jiàn, rén zhī suǒ è yě; bù yǐ qí dào, dé zhī bù qù yě



CONFUCIUS THE MOVIE



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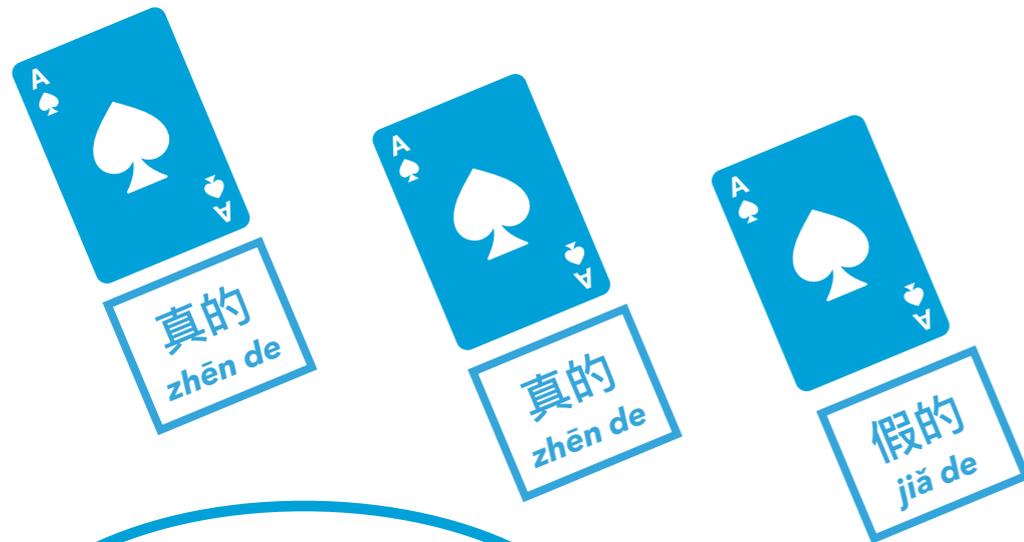
- Made in 2010, featuring **Chow Yun-Fat 周润发** (*zhōurùnfā*)
- 中国哲学家的一生故事。
zhōngguó zhéxué jiā de yīshēng gùshì.

CLASSROOM ICE-BREAKER: TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE!



破冰游戏:
pòbīng yóuxì

《两个真相和一个谎言》
liǎng gè zhēnxiàng hé yīgè huǎngyán



我没有说谎。
wǒ méiyǒu shuōhuǎng



如何玩?
rúhé wán

- To start, one person has to give **three statements** 三句话 (*sān jù huà*) about themselves (different topic each week) to the rest of the group.
- The trick is: all of the statements won't be **true** 真的 (*zhēn de*) – two of the statements given should be and one should be **a lie** 一个谎言 (*yīgè huǎngyán*).
- After you're finished, everyone should **guess** 猜 (*cāi*) which statement they think you made up.
- Once everyone has made their guess, reveal which statement was your lie.

话题:
huàtí

我的工作
wǒ de gōngzuò

CLASSROOM LISTENING EXERCISE: FAMOUS QUOTE



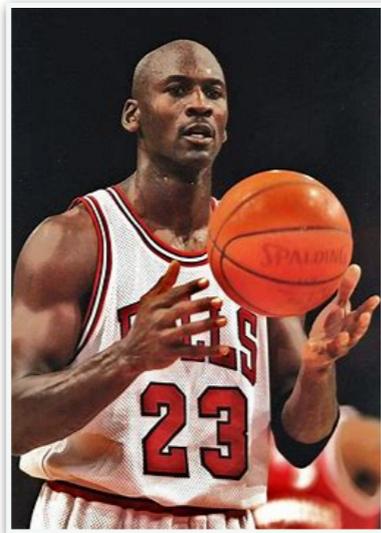
名言 míngyán

- Your tutor is going to quote from the below persons.
- 猜猜是谁说的? *cāi cāi shì shéi shuō de*

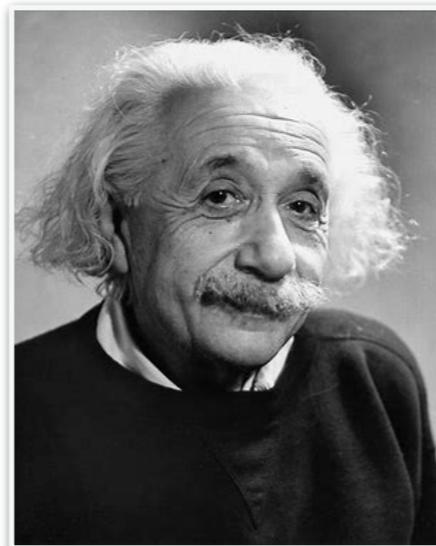
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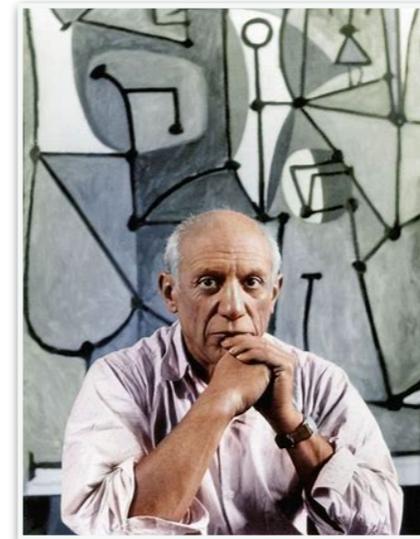
Winston S. Churchill



Michael Jordan



Albert Einstein



Pablo Picasso



Woody Allen

success

成功
chénggōng

failure

失败
shībài

courage

勇气
yǒngqì

value

价值
jiàzhí

action

行动
xíngdòng

selfish

自私
zìsī