



## LESSON A.6

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# AT THE AIRPORT

# 在机场 ZÀI JĪCHĀNG

# LESSON A.5 REVISION



Construct words/phrases from the below characters:

计  
jì

度  
dù

飞  
fēi

世  
shì

哪  
nǎ

打  
dǎ

沙  
shā

火  
huǒ

酒  
jiǔ

刺  
cì

车  
chē

算  
suàn

激  
jī

界  
jiè

滩  
tān

机  
jī

划  
huà

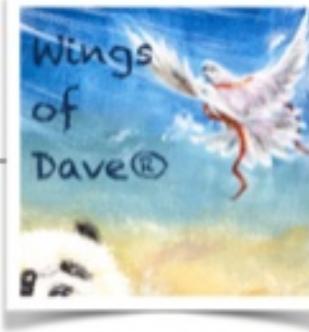
吧  
bā

假  
jià

里  
nlǐ

# ESSENTIAL REMINDER BEFORE YOU TRAVEL...

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# AT THE MONEY EXCHANGE



在外币兑换处 *zài wàibì duìhuàn chù*

我要飞往中国。

*wǒ yào fēi wǎng zhōngguó*

I am flying to China. (Lit. I want fly towards China)

我可以兑换一些人民币吗?

*wǒ kěyǐ duìhuàn yīxiē rénmínbì ma*

May I exchange some Chinese yuan?

今天英镑对人民币的汇率是一对九。

*jīntiān yīngbàng duì rénmínbì  
de huìlù shì yī duì jiǔ*

Today's exchange rate from pound to yuan is 1:9.

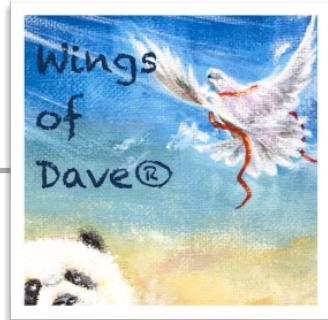
好吧, 请给我两千元。

*hǎo ba, qǐng gěi wǒ liǎng qiān yuán*

Ok, may I have 2,000 yuan please. (Lit. Please give me 2,000 yuan)

# AT THE CHECK IN...

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在办理登机手续 *zài bànlǐ dēng jī shǒuxù*

下一位

*xià yī wèi*

Next, please.

飞往上海的航班会准时吗?

*fēi wǎng shànghǎi de hángbān huì zhǔnshí ma*

Will the flight to  
Shanghai be on time? (Lit. flying  
towards Shanghai's flight will be on  
time?)

会的。

*huì de*

Yes, it will be.

哪个登机口?

*nǎge dēng jī kǒu*

Which gate?

# AT THE BOARDING GATE...

在登机口 *zài dēng jī kǒu*



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各位先生女士...

*gèwèi xiānshēng nǚshì*

Ladies and gentlemen.

这航班将延迟两个小时。

*zhè hángbān jiāng yánchí liǎng gè xiǎoshí*

This flight will be delayed by two hours.

很抱歉！

*hěn bàoqièn*

Apologies!

糟糕！

*zāogāo*

Terrible!

# ASKING FLIGHT ATTENDANT

问空姐 *wèn kōngjiě*



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*May (you) give me a glass of water?*  
可以给我一杯水吗?  
*kěyǐ gěi wǒ yībēi shuǐ ma*

*I'd like a gin and tonic.*  
我想要金汤力。  
*wǒ xiǎng yào jīntāng lì*

*May I have an extra blanket?*  
我可以有多一条毯子吗?  
*wǒ kěyǐ yǒu duō yītiáo tǎnzi ma*

# GRAMMAR - REQUEST

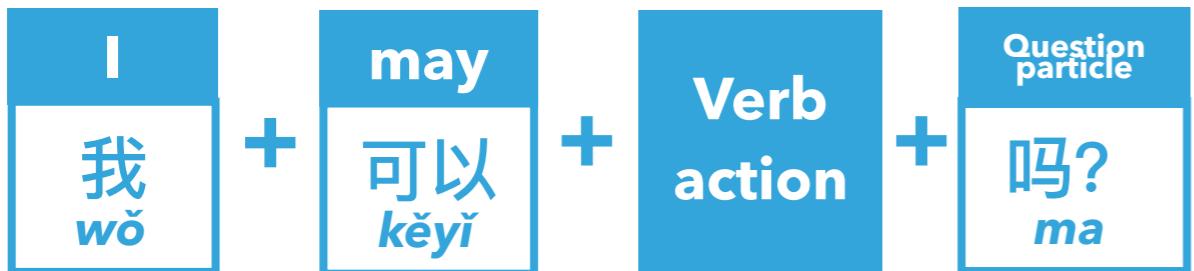


may

可以  
kěyǐ

- Use "may" as a request in two ways, one may be more preferable than the other depending on the context.

1.



*May I have a glass of water?*  
我可以有一杯水吗?  
wǒ kěyǐ yǒu yībēi shuǐ ma

2.



*May (you) give me a glass of water?*  
可以给我一杯水吗?  
kěyǐ gěi wǒ yībēi shuǐ ma

*May I exchange some Chinese yuan?*  
我可以兑换一些人民币吗?  
wǒ kěyǐ duìhuàn yīxiē rénmínbì ma

*May (you) give me some Chinese yuan?*  
可以给我一些人民币吗?  
kěyǐ gěi wǒ yīxiē rénmínbì ma

*yīlù shùnfēng*  
"Bon voyage"

## What does it mean?

- This idiom can be broken down into two parts: 一路 (*yīlù*) means the **whole journey**, 顺风 (*shùnfēng*) means **tailwind**.
- Together it is a wish: may a favourable wind send you home safely.
- In the old days, crossing between lands was achieved by sea. Hence it is crucial to have favourable weather conditions.

## How is it used?

- 祝您一路顺风! (*zhù nín yīlù shùnfēng*). Adding 祝您 “wishing you” in the front to give good luck wish to a traveller, i.e. have a nice trip!

## Other variations

- 祝你一路顺风顺水! (*zhù nǐ yīlù shùnfēng shùnshuǐ!*). May a favourable wind and water send you home safely. Basically I wish you all the best!
- 一帆风顺 (*yífānfēngshùn*). Smooth sailing!
- 一路平安 (*yīlù píng'ān*). A safe journey!



one

yī

road

路  
lù

favourable

顺  
shùn

wind

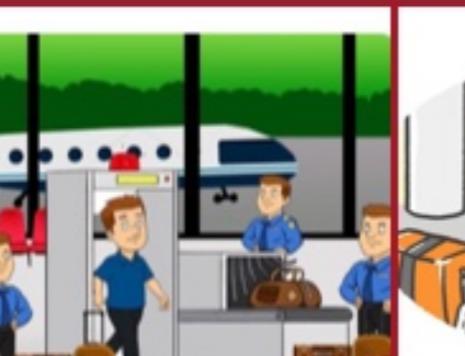
风  
fēng

# APPENDIX - INSIDE THE AIRPORT

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在机场内 *zài jīchǎng nèi*



				
duty free	departures	arrivals	customs	baggage reclaim
免税	出发	到达	海关	行李认领
miǎnshuì	chūfā	dàodá	hǎiguān	xínglǐ rènlíng
				
terminal	boarding gate	flight number	take off	landing
候机楼	登机口	航班	起飞	着陆
hòu jī lóu	dēng jī kǒu	hángbān	qǐfēi	zhuólù

# APPENDIX – CHINESE AIRLINES

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Air China	中国国际航空 <i>zhōngguó guójì hángkōng</i>	China
China Eastern Airlines	中国东方航空 <i>zhōngguó dōngfāng hángkōng</i>	China
China Southern Airlines	中国南方航空 <i>zhōngguó nánfāng hángkōng</i>	China
Cathay Pacific	国泰航空公司 <i>guótài hángkōng gōngsī</i>	HK
Air Macau	澳门航空 <i>àomén hángkōng</i>	Macau
China Airlines	中华航空 <i>zhōnghuá hángkōng</i>	Taiwan
Eva Air	长荣航空 <i>zhǎng róng hángkōng</i>	Taiwan



## 人民币 *rénmínbì*

- Renminbi, literally **people's currency**, is the legal tender of the People's Republic of China, which is issued by the **People's Bank of China** 人民银行 (*rénmíng yínháng*). It has another name, Chinese Yuan.
- Abbreviation: **RMB**
- Short official name: **CNY (Chinese Yuan)**
- Nickname: **kuài (块)**
- Symbol: **¥**
- Monetary unit: **yuán (元)**
- Fractional units: **jiǎo (角) 1/10** and **fēn (分) 1/100**
- Exchange rate: 1 GBP 英镑 (*yīngbàng*) to 8.8 CNY

How many yuan?

几块钱?  
***jǐ kuài qián***

# ADVANCED - PILOT'S ANNOUNCEMENT



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## 飞机师的广播 *fēijī shī de guǎngbò*



**Passengers:**  
各位乘客:  
*gèwèi chéngkè*

*The plane is now  
experiencing airflow and may be  
bumpy.*

飞机现在遇到气流，可能会有些颠簸。  
*fēijī xiànzài yù dào qìliú, kěnénghuì yǒuxiē diānbō*

*Please fasten your seatbelt.*  
请系好安全带。  
*qǐng xì hǎo ānquán dài*

*Please go to the nearest  
emergency exit.*  
请到最近的紧急出口。  
*qǐng dào zuìjìn de jǐnjí chūkǒu*

# CLASSROOM EXERCISE A.6 - YES OR NO



- How do you respond to the below questions?

Questions		yes	no
你会说普通话吗?	nǐ huì shuō pǔtōnghuà ma	being 是 shì	不是 bù shì
我可以试试吗?	wǒ kěyǐ shì shì ma	have 有 yǒu	没有 méiyǒu
你要茶吗?	nǐ yào chá ma	want 要 yào	不要 bù yào
你有钱吗?	nǐ yǒu qián ma	right 对 duì	不对 bù duì
这个门吗?	zhège mén ma	can 能 néng	不能 bù néng
这是我的吗?	zhè shì wǒ de ma	would 会 huì	不会 bù huì
你能不能走?	nǐ néng bùnéng zǒu	may 可以 kě yǐ	不可以 bù kě yǐ

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