



LESSON A.6

AT THE AIRPORT

在机场 ZÀI JīCHǎNG

LESSON A.5 REVISION



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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
lǐ

ESSENTIAL REMINDER BEFORE YOU TRAVEL...



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签证
qiānzhèng



墨镜
mòjìng



护照
hùzhào



防晒霜
fángshài shuāng



登机牌
dēng jī pái



外币
wàibì



相机
xiàngjī



AT THE MONEY EXCHANGE



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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 rénminbì 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 rénminbì
de huìlǜ 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...



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在登机口 *zài dēng jī kǒu*

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 bàoqiàn

Apologies!

糟糕！

zāogāo

Terrible!

ASKING FLIGHT ATTENDANT

问空姐 *wèn kōngjiě*



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



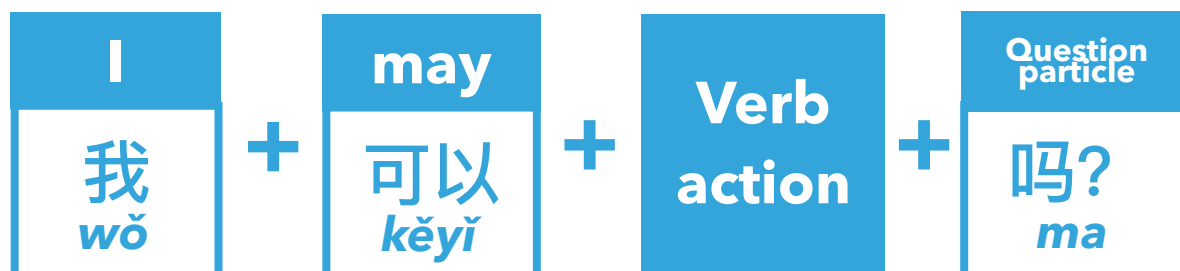
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may

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

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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 (*yīfānfēngshùn*). 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

免税

miǎnshuì



departures

出发

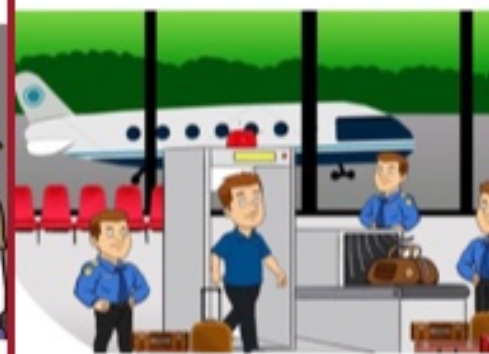
chūfā



arrivals

到达

dàodá



customs

海关

hǎiguān



baggage reclaim

行李认领

xínglǐ rènling



terminal

候机楼

hòu jī lóu



boarding gate

登机口

dēng jī kǒu



flight number

航班

hángbān



take off

起飞

qǐfēi



landing

着陆

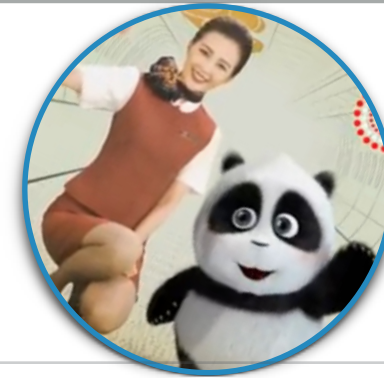
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APPENDIX – CHINESE AIRLINES



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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, kěnéng
huì yǒuxiē diānbǒ*

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	bù shì 不是
我可以试试吗?	wǒ kěyǐ shì shì ma	have 有 yǒu	méiyǒu 没有
你要茶吗?	nǐ yào chá ma	want 要 yào	bù yào 不要
你有钱吗?	nǐ yǒu qián ma	right 对 duì	bù duì 不对
这个门吗?	zhège mén ma	can 能 néng	bù néng 不能
这是我的吗?	zhè shì wǒ de ma	would 会 huì	bù huì 不会
你能不能走?	nǐ néng bùnéng zǒu	may 可以 kě yǐ	bù kě yǐ 不可以

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