

Lesson 4
日常活动
Daily Activities



1. Listen and repeat what is said about the following activities.



Tā dǎ lánqiú.
他打篮球。
He plays basketball.



Tā qù shìchǎng.
她去市场。
She goes to the market.



Tā tī zúqiú.
他踢足球。
He plays soccer.



Tā kàn shū.
他看书。
He reads a book.



Tā zài jiā xuéxí.
她在家学习。
She studies at home.



Tā qù shàng bān.
她去上班。
She goes to work.



Tā kàn diànshì.
她看电视。
She watches television.



Tāmen zài xuéxiào
他们在学校学习。
They study at school.

◆ In modern Chinese a sentence is made up of two parts, the subject and the predicate, with the subject placed before the predicate:

Subject	Predicate
他	踢足球。
她	看电视。

The pattern for the verb “to do” used as a predicate is:

Subject + verb (to do) + object (sometimes there is no object in a sentence.) For example:

1. 我们学习汉语。(Wǒmen xuéxí hànyǔ.) We study Chinese.
2. 他努力学习。(Tā nǔlì xuéxí.) He studies hard.
3. 她去商店。(Tā qù shāngdiàn.) She goes to the store.
4. 我去中国。(Wǒ qù zhōngguó.) I go to China.
5. 他们看电视。(Tāmen kàn diànshì.) They watch TV.
6. 我看书。(Wǒ kànshū.) I read a book.
7. 他在家吃早饭。(Tā zài jiā chī zǎofàn.) He eats breakfast at home.
8. 他在书店工作。(Tā zài shūdiàn gōngzuò.) He works at a bookstore.
9. 我在中国学习汉语。(Wǒ zài zhōngguó xuéxí hànyǔ.) I study Chinese in China.
10. 你们踢足球。(Nǐmen tī zúqiú.) You play soccer.
11. 我们六点吃晚饭。(Wǒmen liùdiǎn chī wǎnfàn.) We eat dinner at six o’ clock.

Note that “to” has no equivalent in Chinese, no Chinese translation, see example 3. “At” sometimes is equivalent to the Chinese word 在. 在 can be used as a verb or a preposition, meaning “to be at (a place), in, at.” See examples 7 and 8 above. Sometimes “at” has no Chinese equivalent; see example 11. The preposition “in” is sometimes equivalent to the Chinese word 在; see example 9.

2. Translate the following statements into Chinese. Check your work with the answer key.

We eat breakfast at 6:30.

I go to school at 7:00.

You go to work at 9:30.

He plays soccer after school.

She studies Chinese.

They go to the market in the morning.

We eat lunch at school.

I study at home before dinner.

He reads a book at night.

They watch television at 8:00.



3. Listen to the following statements and fill in the blanks with the missing information. Check the answer key.

A. 张华(Zhānghuá)七点半去_____。

B. 王玲(Wánglíng)_____吃早饭。

C. 刘军(Liújūn)_____以后踢_____。

D. 李刚(Lǐgāng)_____以前_____在家里。

E. 赵红 (Zhàohóng)_____去上学。

F. _____, 林京(Línjīng) 打_____。



4. Listen as Chinese citizens ask when an activity is happening. Repeat after the speakers, and then write the time under each picture. Check the answer key.



A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

A. Nǐ shénme shíhòu qù shàngbān? 你什么时候去上班?
B. Nǐ shénme shíhòu qù shàngxué? 你什么时候去上学?

C. Nǐ shénme shíhòu chī wǔfàn? 你什么时候吃午饭?
D. Nǐ shénme shíhòu huíjiā? 你什么时候回家?

Question “When?” 什么时候 (shénme shíhòu)?
什么时间 (shénme shíjiān)?

1. 你什么时候去上学? When do you go to school?
我早上八点去上学。I go to school at 8:00 am.
(eight o' clock in the morning)
2. 你什么时候吃早饭? When do you eat breakfast?
我七点半吃早饭。I eat breakfast at seven thirty.

5. Rearrange the following statements into a logical order for a daily schedule. Check the answer key.

1. 我跟我朋友去吃午饭。
2. 我看电视。
3. 我去上学。
4. 我跟我家人吃晚饭。
5. 我去练篮球。
6. 我吃早饭。
7. 我做作业。



6. Listen to the following passage about the daily activities of a Chinese citizen. Then read the English version and make a list of differences between the two passages. Check your work with the answer key.

你好，我叫张年，我是辽宁省沈阳市人。我是这个学校的教师。我教数学和音乐。我每天早上六点起床。我跟我爷爷、奶奶住在一起。早上我们一起吃早餐。我七点四十五分必须到校。我住在学校附近，所以我步行(去学校)。我最晚不超过七点半从家走。学校早上八点开始上课，下午三点半下课。每星期二和星期四我呆在学校负责游泳俱乐部(的活动)。下班以后，我经常去给我奶奶买东西。

我五点到家。我和我爷爷、奶奶大约六点钟吃晚饭。晚饭后，我准备第二天的课。我看一个小时的电视，然后睡觉。

Hello, My name is Li Hong, and I'm from Xi'an, Shanxi province. I am a student at Yu Hong high school. My favorite subjects are math and music. I get up everyday at 6:30 am. I live with my grandparents. We eat breakfast together in the morning. I have to be at school by 8:00 am. I take the bus to school. School ends at 3:30 pm. Every Tuesday and Thursday I stay at school and swim. On the other days, I usually go shopping for my grandmother. I get home by 5:00 and eat dinner with my grandparents at 6:30. My sister and I do our homework after dinner then we watch TV. We go to bed by 9:30 pm.



End-of-Lesson Tasks

1. Write out your daily schedule of activities, including the times, in Chinese. For example start with what time you get up, then eat breakfast, etc. “I get up at 6:00 and eat breakfast at 6:30. I go to school at”
2. Prepare a list of questions, in Chinese, to ask someone about their daily schedule. For example,
“When do you go to school?” “What time do you eat dinner?”

Vocabulary

早上/早晨/上午	zǎoshàng/zǎochéng/shàngwǔ	morning
下午	xiàwǔ	afternoon
晚上	wǎnshàng	evening
夜晚	yèwǎn	night
什么时候	shénmeshíhòu	when
什么时候	shénmeshíhòu	what time
去	qù	to go
学习	xuéxí	to study
玩	wán	to play
工作	gōngzuò	to work
看	kàn	to watch
读/看	dú/kàn	to read
吃	chī	to eat
学校	xuéxiào	school
家	jiā	home
早餐/早饭	zǎocān/zǎofàn	breakfast
午餐/午饭	wǔcān/wǔfàn	lunch
晚餐/晚饭	wǎncān/wǎnfàn	dinner
足球	zúqiú	soccer
篮球	lánqiú	basketball
排球	páiqiú	volleyball
电视	diànshì	television
书	shū	book
市场	shìchǎng	market
以前	yǐqián	before
在..其间	zài...qījiān	during
在...之后	zài...zhīhòu	after
在...	zài...	at (place)
在....之内 (里)	zài...zhīnèi (lǐ)	in
在 ...上	zài...shàng	on

Answer Key

2.

我们六点半吃早饭。

我七点上学。

你九点半上班。

他放学以后踢足球。

她学习中文(汉语)。

他们早上去市场。

我们在学校吃午饭。

晚饭以前我在家学习。

他晚上看书。

他们晚上八点看电视。

3.

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| A. 上班 | Zhanghua goes to work at 7:30. |
| B. 六点四十五 | Wangling eats breakfast at 6:45. |
| C. 五点钟, 足球场 | Liujun plays soccer after 5 o'clock. |
| D. 上班, 呆 | Ligang waits at home before going to work. |
| E. 七点十五 | Zhaohong goes to school at 7:15. |
| F. 篮球 | Linjing plays basketball on Sunday. |

4.

- A. 五点四十 5:40
- B. 十二点半 12:30
- C. 八点十五 8:15
- D. 九点二十五 9:25

5.

我吃早饭。	I eat breakfast.
我去上学。	I go to school.
我跟我朋友去吃午饭。	My friends and I eat lunch.
我去练篮球。	I play basketball.
我跟我家人吃晚饭。	I eat dinner with my family.
我作作业。	I do my homework.
我看电视。	I watch television.

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Hello. My name is Zhang Nian and I am from Shenyang city, Liaoning province. I am a teacher at This School. I teach math and music. I get up everyday at 6:00 am. I live with my grandparents. We eat breakfast together in the morning. I have to be to school by 7:45. I live close to the school, so I walk. I leave the house by 7:30. School starts at 8:00 am and ends at 3:30. Every Tuesday and Thursday I stay at school to supervise the swim club. After I get off from work, I often go shopping for my grandmother. I get home about 5:00. My grandparents and I eat dinner about 6:00, then I work on my lessons for the next day. I watch TV for an hour and then I go to bed.

Differences:

张年 (Zhang Nian)	Li Hong
辽宁省沈阳市人	from Xi'an, Shanxi province
这个学校	Yu Hong high school
教师	student
六点起床	get up everyday at 6:30
最晚七点半从家走	have to be at school by 8:00am.
步行(去学校)	take the bus to school
每星期二和星期四呆	
在学校负责游泳俱乐部(的活动)	Tuesday and Thursday I stay at school and swim.
六点钟吃晚饭	eat dinner at 6:30
晚饭后, 我准备第二天的课	my sister and I do our homework after dinner
我看一个小时的电视, 然后睡觉	go to bed by 9:30pm.

