Lesson 5

王丽：今天是几月几号？

张娜：今天是九月二十五号。

王丽：今天是星期六吗？

张娜：不是，今天是星期天，今天是我的生日。

王丽: 是吗？你今年多大？

张娜：十九岁。

王丽： 今天我请你吃饭吧。你想吃中国菜还是美国菜？

张娜：太好了，谢谢。我喜欢吃中国菜。

王丽：好，今天晚上几点见？

张娜：晚上七点怎么样？

王丽：好的，晚上七点见！

张娜：再见！

Wang Li： What’s the date today?

Zhang Na：It’s 25th September.

Wang Li： Is it Saturday today?

Zhang Na：No, today is Sunday. It’s my birthday today.

Wang Li: Is it? How old are you?

Zhang Na：Nineteen.

Wang Li： I’ll invite to have dinner, do you like Chinese or American food?

Zhang Na：That’s great, thank you. I like Chinese food.

Wang Li： Ok, when shall we meet tonight?

Zhang Na：What about seven o’clock tonight?

Wang Li： Sounds great, I’ll see you at seven!

Zhang Na：Ok, bye!

Vocabulary

今天 n

几 n

月 n

号 n

九 nu

二十五 nu

星期 n

六 nu

星期天 n

天 n

生日 n

今年 n

多 adv.

大 adj

十九 nu

岁 n

请 v

吃 v

饭 n

太…了

喜欢 v

菜 n

点 m

还是 conj

谢谢 v

再 adv

见 v

晚上 n

怎么样 qpr

today

what

month

date

nine

twenty-five

week

six, Saturday

Sunday

day

birthday

this year

how many, how much, how old

old

nineteen

year of age

to treat

to eat, to have

meal

too, extremely

to like

dishes, cuisine

o’clock

or

thank you

again

to meet

evening, night

Is that OK? How is that?

1. Numbers

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| 一 yi  one | 二 er  two | 三 san  three | 四 si  four | 五 wu  five | 六 liu  six | 七 qi  seven | 八 ba  eight | 九 jiu  nine | 十 shi  ten |
| 十一  Shi yi  eleven | 十二  Shi er  twelve | 十三  Shi san  thirteen | 十四  Shi si  fourteen | 十五  Shi wu  fifteen | 十六  Shi liu  sixteen | 十七  Shi qi  seventeen | 十八  Shi ba  eighteen | 十九  Shi jiu  nineteen | 二十  Er shi  twenty |
| 二十一  Er shi yi  twenty-one | 二十二  Er shi er  twenty-two | 二十三  Er shi san  twenty-three | 二十四  Er shi si  twenty-four | 二十五  Er shi wu  twenty-five | 二十六  Er shi liu  twenty-six | 二十七  Er shi qi  twenty-seven | 二十八  Er shi ba  twenty-eight | 二十九  Er shi jiu  twenty-nine | 三十  San shi  thirty |
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1. Days of the week:

星期 means “week” in Chinese. And to express the days in the week, we simply add the number one to six after 星期 to indicate Monday to Saturday. Sunday in Chinese is special. There are two ways to say Sunday, which are 星期日（written language） and 星期天（spoken language）. In China, a week starts from Monday.

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| 星期一 | 星期二 | 星期三 | 星期四 | 星期五 | 星期六 | 星期天 |

1. Months and years.

In Chinese months and years are quite easy to express.

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| January 一月 | July 七月 |
| February 二月 | August 八月 |
| March 三月 | September 九月 |
| April 四月 | October 十月 |
| May 五月 | November 十一月 |
| June 六月 | December 十二月 |

In spoken Chinese 号is used to refer to the days of the month, 日 is used in the written Chinese.

今天是五月四号。

明天是八月十日。

We use one digital number in Chinese years.

一九五八年

今年是二零一七年。

The order of expressing a date in Chinese is : year, month, date and day.

一九九七年七月一日星期三

二零零八年十月十二日星期五

1. Telling time

Hour: number+点（钟）

两点钟

十点钟

Minute： number+点+number+分, please notice that when there is only a single-digit number of 分, the 零 is must needed before that.

三点十五分

八点零五分

Half an hour: number +点半

五点半

十一点半

Quarter hour

六点一刻

十二点一刻

1. The particle 的

的 in Chinese works the similar as apostrophe-“ ’s” or adjectival possessive pronoun in English. It is placed after nouns, pronouns or noun phrases to indicate the belongingness.

我的生日。

我的姐姐。

When 的 is followed by a term to indicate a close relationship, such as family members. 的 can be omitted.

我妈妈，我爸爸。

1. Alternative questions.

One way of using 还是 is to form an alternative question. Similar usage to “or” in English.

你是中国人还是英国人？

你喜欢中国菜还是美国菜？

1. Ask about degree with 多。

多 is often used to ask about the degree or extent of something. Use 多+ adjective to express “How big? How old? How long?”…..

你今年多大？

你家有多少人？

1. Numbers

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It’s 4th May today.

Tomorrow is 10th August.

We use one digital number in Chinese years.

1958

This year is 2017.

The order of expressing a date in Chinese is : year, month, date and day.

Wednesday, 1st July, 1997

Friday, 12th October, 2008

1. Telling time

Hour: number+点（钟）

two o’clock

ten o’clock

Minute： number+点+number+分, please notice that when there is only a single-digit number of 分, the 零 is must needed before that.

3:15

8:05

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5:30

11:30

Quarter hour

6:15

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My mother and my father

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How old are you?

How many people are there in your family?

Exercise

1. Telling the date.

December 25, 2011

October 13, 1981

July 04, 2000

March 10, 2007

1. Telling the time.

20:00

2:30

5:15

19:05

1. Answer the questions based on the text.

今天是几月几号？

今天是星期六吗？

张娜今年多大？

张娜喜欢吃什么菜？

王丽几点请张娜吃饭？

1. Complete the sentences.

你是学生\_\_\_\_老师？

我是老师。

你的生日是\_\_\_\_\_月\_\_\_\_\_\_号？

我的生日是五月八号。

你今年\_\_\_\_\_\_大？

我今年十八\_\_\_\_\_。

今天是星期\_\_\_\_\_?

今天是星期一。

我今天请你吃饭，\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

好的，谢谢！