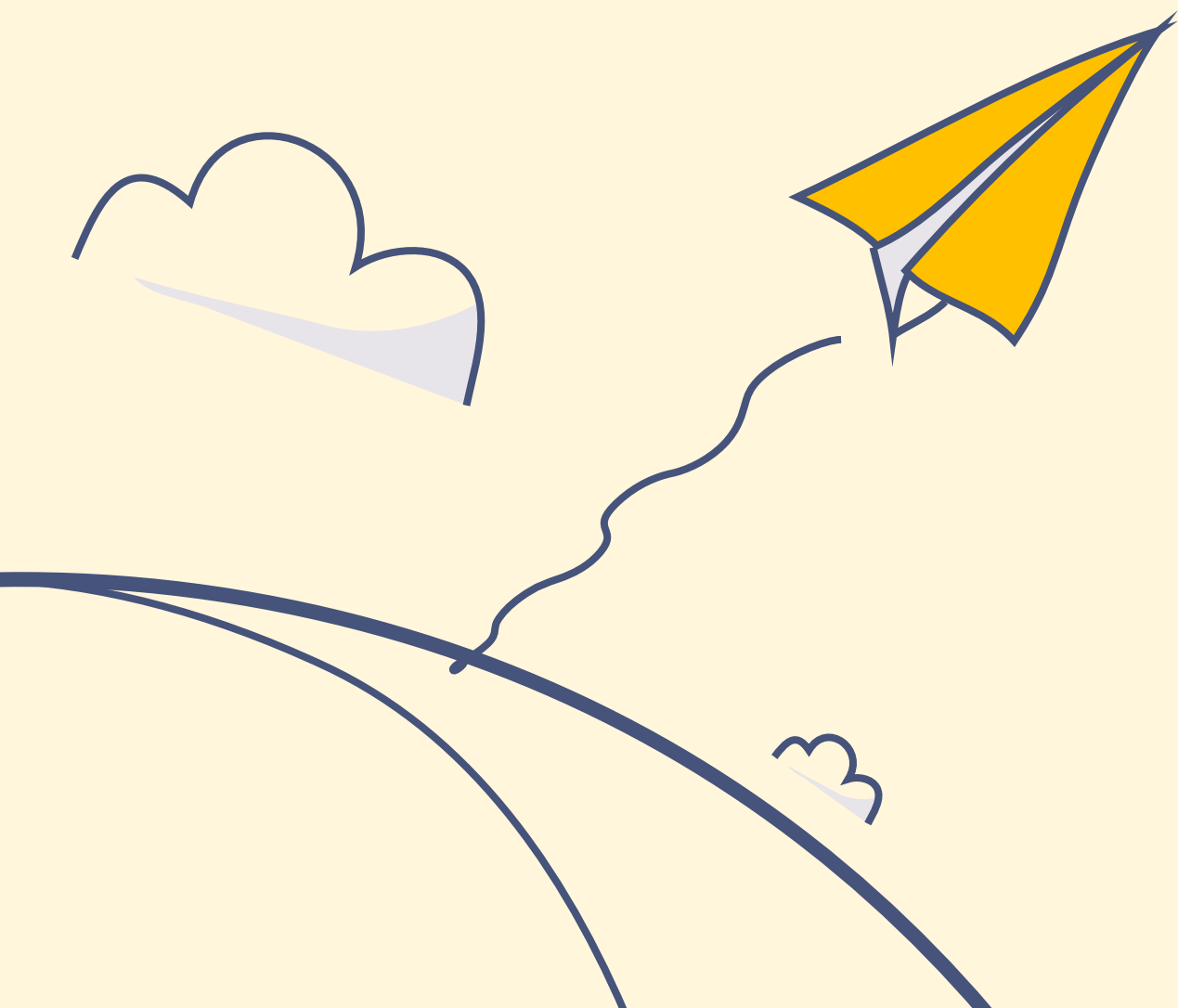


Basic Chinese for International Students

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Lesson 9

Shopping

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this lesson, you will learn to use Chinese to

- Speak about the color, size, and price of a purchase;
- Recognize Chinese currency;
- Pay bills in cash or with a credit card;
- Determine the proper change you should receive;
- Ask for a different size and/or color of merchandise;
- Exchange merchandise.

Step 1

Dialogue 2

measure word for a pair



- 双
- shuāng
- m

shoes



- 鞋
- xié
- n

to exchange; to change



- 换
- huàn
- v

same; alike

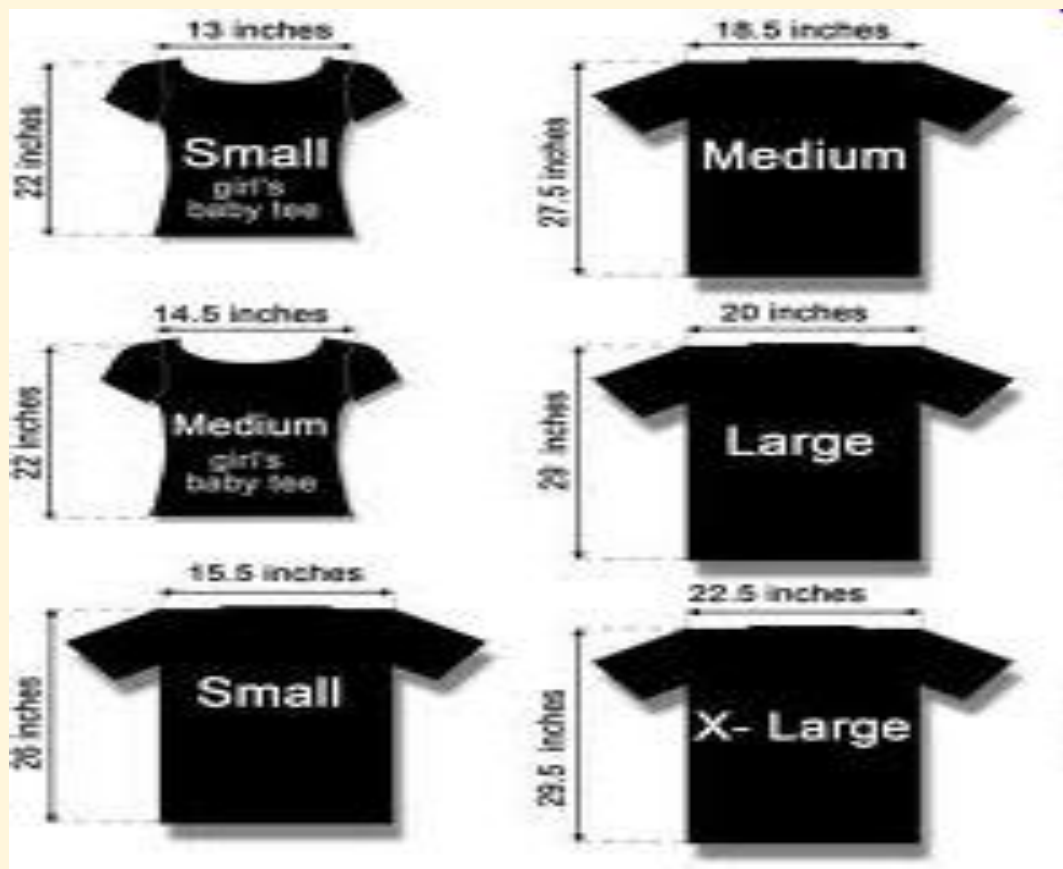


- 一样
- yíyàng
- adj

although

- 虽然
- suīrán
- conj

size



- 大小
- dàxiǎo
- n

brown; coffee



- 咖啡色
- kāfēisè
- n

measure word for kinds, sorts, types



- 种
- zhǒng
- m

black



- 黑
- hēi
- adj

style



- 样子
- yàngzi
- n

very; rather

- 挺
- tǐng
- adv

it



- 它
- tā
- pr

here



- 这儿
- zhèr
- pr

to pay with a credit card



- 刷卡
- shuā kǎ
- vo

to receive; to accept



- 收
- shōu
- v

credit card



- 信用卡
- xìnyòngkǎ
- n

however;but

- 不过
- búguò
- conj

again

- 再
- zài
- adv

to pay money



- 付钱
- fù qián
- vo

1. 双	shuāng	m	(measure word for a pair)
2. 鞋	xié	n	shoes
3. 换	huàn	v	to exchange; to change
4. 一样	yíyàng	adj	same; alike [See Grammar 6.]
5. 虽然	suīrán	conj	although [See Grammar 7.]
6. 大小	dàxiǎo	n	size
7. 咖啡色	kāfēisè	n	brown; coffee color
8. 种	zhǒng	m	(measure word for kinds, sorts, types)
9. 黑	hēi	adj	black
10. 样子	yàngzi	n	style

11.	挺	tǐng	adv	very; rather
12.	它	tā	pr	it
13.	这儿	zhèr	pr	here
14.	刷卡	shuā kǎ	vo	to pay with a credit card
	刷	shuā	v	to brush; to swipe
	卡	kǎ	n	card
15.	收	shōu	v	to receive; to accept
16.	信用卡	xìnyòngkǎ	n	credit card

17. 不过

búguò

conj

however; but

18. 再

zài

adv

again

19. 付钱

fù qián

vo

to pay money

付

fù

v

to pay

Dialogue II : Exchanging Shoes

Dialogue II

Wang Peng: Excuse me, this pair of shoes is too small. Can I exchange them for another pair?

Salesperson: No problem. How about this pair?

Wang Peng: No, they won't do either. This pair is the same size as the other one.

Salesperson: What about this pair in black?

Wang Peng: This pair is the right size, but it's not a good color. Do you have any in brown?

Salesperson: I'm sorry. We only have black ones for this kind of shoes.


Wang Peng: The style of the pair is pretty nice. This is it. Can I use my credit card here?

Salesperson: I'm sorry, we don't take credit cards. But this pair is the same price as the other one. You don't need to pay again.





Dialogue II : Exchanging Shoes

 对不起，这双鞋太小了。能不能换一双？


 没问题。您看，这双怎么样？


 也不行，这双跟那双一样^⑥大。

 那这双黑的呢？


 这双鞋虽然大小合适，可是^⑦颜色不好。有没有咖啡色的？

 对不起，这种鞋只有黑的。

 Duìbuqǐ, zhè shuāng xié tài xiǎo le. Néng bu néng huàn yì shuāng?

 Méi wèntí. Nín kàn, zhè shuāng zěnmeyàng?

 Yě bù xíng, zhè shuāng gēn nà shuāng yíyàng^⑥ dà.

 Nà zhè shuāng hēi de ne?

 Zhè shuāng xié suīrán dàxiǎo héshì, kěshì^⑦ yánsè bù hǎo. Yǒu méiyǒu kāfēisè de?

 Duìbuqǐ, zhè zhǒng xié zhǐ yǒu hēi de.

Dialogue II : Exchanging Shoes



这双鞋样子挺好的^①，就是它
吧^②。你们这儿可以刷卡吗？



对不起，我们不收信用卡。不
过，这双的钱跟那双一样，您不
用再付钱了。



Duìbuqǐ, zhè zhǒng xié zhǐ yǒu hēi de.



Zhè shuāng xié yàngzi tǐng hao de^①...jiù shì tā ba^②. Nǐmen zhèr kěyǐ shuā kǎ ma?



Duìbuqǐ, wǒmen bù shōu xìnyòngkǎ. Búguò, zhè shuāng de qián gēn nà shuāng yíyàng, nín búyòng zài fù qián le.

Dialogue II : Exchanging Shoes



这双鞋样子挺好的^①，就是它
吧^②。你们这儿可以刷卡吗？

LANGUAGE NOTES

① 挺+adj+的

(tǐng+adj+de)

means "it's rather
adj." The 的 (de)

is optional.

② 就是它吧

(jiù shì tā ba) is

an expression

one often uses

when making a

decision at the

end of a process

of selection. It

roughly means

"This is it"

or "I'll take it." [See

That's How the

Chinese Say It!

after Lesson 10.]

Dialogue II : Exchanging Shoes

6. 跟/和...(不)一样 (gēn/hé...{bù} yíyàng, {not} the same as...)

To express similarity or dissimilarity between objects, persons, or actions, we use the structure 跟/和...(不)一样 (gēn/hé... {bù} yíyàng).

① 你的衬衫跟我的一样。

Nǐ de chènshān gēn wǒ de yíyàng.

(Your shirt is the same as mine.)

② 贵的衣服和便宜的衣服不一样。

Guì de yīfu hé piányi de yīfu bù yíyàng.

(Expensive clothes are different from cheap ones.)

Following 一样 (yíyàng), an adjective can be used:

③ 弟弟跟哥哥一样高。

Dìdi gēn gēge yíyàng gāo.

(The younger brother is as tall as the older one.)

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④ 这个电脑跟那个电脑一样新。

Zhè ge diànnǎo gēn nà ge diànnǎo yíyàng xīn.

(This computer is as new as that one.)

⑤ 常老师写汉字写得跟王老师（写汉字写得）一样漂亮。

Cháng Lǎoshī xiě Hànzì xiě de gēn Wáng Lǎoshī (xiě Hànzì xiě de) yíyàng piàoliang.

Teacher Chang writes Chinese characters as nicely as Teacher Wang does.

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7. 虽然…，可是/但是… (suīrán..., kěshì/dànshì..., although...yet...)

This pair of conjunctions links the two clauses in a complex sentence. Note, however, that 虽然 (suīrán) is often optional.

① 虽然这双鞋很便宜，可是大小不合适。

Suīrán zhè shuāng xié hěn piányi, kěshì dàxiǎo bù héshì.

(Although this pair of shoes is inexpensive, it's not the right size.)

② 这本书很有意思，可是太贵了。

Zhè běn shū hěn yǒu yìsi, kěshì tài guì le.

(This book is very interesting, but it's too expensive.)

Dialogue II : Exchanging Shoes

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中文不容易，但是很有意思。

Zhōngwén bù róngyì, dànshì hěn yǒu yìsi.

(Chinese is not easy, but it's very interesting.)

Whether or not 虽然 (suīrán) is used in the first clause, 可是/但是 (kěshì/dànshì) cannot be omitted in the second. The following sentence is, therefore, incorrect:

(2a) *虽然这本书很有意思，太贵了。

*Suīrán zhè běn shū hěn yǒu yìsi, tài guì le.

Dialogu

G. 跟...一样 (gēn...yíyàng, the same as...)

EXAMPLE: 这件衣服跟那件衣服
一样漂亮。

Zhè jiàn yīfu gēn nà jiàn yīfu
yíyàng piàoliang.

1. 这枝笔 ◇ 那枝笔 ◇ 便宜
2. 这条裤子 ◇ 那条裤子 ◇ 贵
3. 这双鞋 ◇ 那双鞋
◇ 合适
4. 这件衬衫 ◇ 那件衬衫
◇ 大
5. 第九课的语法
◇ 第八课的语法 ◇ 难

1. zhè zhī bǐ ◇ nà zhī bǐ ◇ piányi
2. zhè tiáo kùzi ◇ nà tiáo kùzi ◇ guì
3. zhè shuāng xié ◇ nà shuāng xié
◇ héshì
4. zhè jiàn chènshān ◇ nà jiàn chènshān
◇ dà
5. dì jiǔ kè de yǔfǎ
◇ dì bā kè de yǔfǎ ◇ nán

Dialogue

H. 虽然…可是/但是 (suīrán...kěshì/dànshì, **although...yet**)

EXAMPLE: 虽然中文很难，
可是很有意思。

Suīrán Zhōngwén hěn nán,

kěshì hěn yǒu yìsi.

1. 她的新衣服很多 ◇
她都不穿
2. 这条裤子很便宜 ◇
长短不合适
3. 这件衬衫的颜色很
好看 ◇ 有一点儿小
4. 这双鞋样子挺不错的
◇ 太贵了
5. 这个商店不小
◇ 不能刷卡

1. tā de xīn yīfu hěn duō ◇

tā dōu bù chuān

2. zhè tiáo kùzi hěn piányi ◇

chángduǎn bù héshì

3. zhè jiàn chènshān de yánsè hěn

hǎokàn ◇ yǒu yìdiǎnr xiǎo

4. zhè shuāng xié yàngzi tǐng búcuò de

◇ tài guì le

5. zhè ge shāngdiàn bù xiǎo

◇ bù néng shuā kǎ