**把我安顿好 Bǎ wǒ āndùn hǎo Place Me Please**

So far, we’ve learned some question (interrogative) words in Chinese such as **什么 shénme (what)**, **多少 duōshǎo (how many)**, and **哪里 nǎlǐ (where)**. Did you notice where the question words are placed in a Chinese sentence?

In English, words are arranged differently for different sentence patterns such as statements and questions. For example, “She is Mary,” (subject + verb + object) and “Who is she?” (interrogative word for object + verb + subject)

In Chinese, sentences stay in the same order whether they are a question or not. So, to answer a Chinese question with a question word, we simply follow these steps.

Let’s use the example question: 你住在**哪里**？Nǐ zhùzài **nǎlǐ**? (Where do you live?)

**Step 1:** Find the interrogative word in the original question.

**Example:**

Find interrogative word: 哪里 nǎlǐ (where?)

你住在**哪里**？Nǐ zhùzài **nǎlǐ**? (**Where** do you live?)

**Step 2:** Replace the interrogative word with the information requested.

**Example:**

Replace 哪里 nǎlǐ (where) with **佛罗里达州 Fóluólǐdá zhōu (Florida)**.

你住在 **佛罗里达州**？Nǐ zhùzài **Fóluólǐdá zhōu (Do you live in Florida)**?

**Step 3:** Change the pronoun if needed (e.g., from “you” to “I”).

**Example:**

Change the pronoun **你 Nǐ(you)** to **“我 Wǒ (I)”**.

我住在**佛罗里达州**？**W**ǒ **zhùzài Fóluólǐdá zhōu (Do I live in Florida)**?

**Step 4:** Change the punctuation from “?” to “.”

**Example:**

Change the punctuation “?” to “.”

我住在**佛罗里达州**。Wǒ zhùzài **Fóluólǐdá zhōu**. (I live in Florida.)

Here are some examples of the questions and answers in Chinese that you’ve learned. The bold part in each question is the interrogative word or the information to replace it.

**Q: 你**叫**什么名字?** Nǐ jiào **shénme míngzi**? What’s your name?

**A:** 我叫丽丽。 Wǒ jiào **Lìli.** My name is Lili.

**Q:** 你姓**什么**? Nǐ xìng **shénme**? What’s your last name?

**A:** 我姓**刘**。 Wǒ xìng **Liú.** My last name is Liu.

**Q:** 你从**哪里来**? Nǐ cóng **nǎlǐ** lái? Where are you from?

**A:** 我从**佛罗里达州**来. Wǒ cóng **Fóluólǐdá zhōu** lái. **Lìli.** I am from Florida.