

闪 Shǎn

Lesson 十二 Notes

These notes follow no particular order, since they follow the things as they come up in the lesson.

Words

写	xǐe	to write
汉字	hànzì	(chinese) characters
熊猫	xióngmāo	a panda
很有趣	hěn yǒu qù	interesting / fun
玛丽	mǎlì	Mary
马力	mǎlì	horsepower
美丽	měilì	pretty

Page 70, exercise 4 contains a name: 芳芳 fāngfāng. Men don't have names that repeat.

A poem

The poem on page 67, like many Chinese poems, is open to multiple interpretations. It can be used to remember characters, through a “memo-technique”. The original language and characters have been lost. It comes from the Táng dynasty (618 - 907), written by 王之涣 wáng zhīhuàn (686 - 744).

楼	lóu	a traditional building
白日	bái rì	the bright sun
黄河	huáng hé	the yellow river

入口

rùkǒu

entrance

里

lǐ

a unit of distance 500 - 600m

Exercise

This is exercise 五 from page 70.

我没听清楚，请再说一遍。

wǒ méi tīng qīngchu, qǐng shuō yí biàn

I didn't hear clearly, please say it one more time.

对不起，明天我没有时间，恐怕不行。

duìbùqǐ, míngtiān wǒ méi yǒu shíjiān, kǒngpà bù xíng.

I am sorry, I don't have time tomorrow, I am afraid it isn't possible.

Workbook Exercises

Page 40, exercise 5

一 我们去游泳。

wǒmen qù yóuyóu

二 明天天气怎么样？

míngtiān tiānqì zěnmeyàng?

三 样老师很忙。

Yáng lǎoshī hěn máng.

四 京剧很有意思。

jīngjù hěn yǒu yìsi

五 很抱歉，我现在没有时间。

hěn bàoqiàn, wǒ méi yǒu shíjiān.

Lesson 七

我问一下

wǒ wèn yíxià.

Let me ask just now.

我问他一下

wǒ wèn tā yíxià.

Let me ask him just now.

我问一下样老师

wǒ wèn yíxià Yáng lǎoshī.

Let me ask 样老师 just now.

一下 can be translated as “a moment”, or “to be about to”. In Dutch it finds a better translation with “eventjes”.

我们认识一下 wǒmen
rènshi yíxià We just know each other

An important word is the word 就 jiù (therefore, “dus”, then)

您就是张叫授 nín jiù shì
zhāng jiàoshòu You must be professor
张



楼

Cards

Calling cards, or name cards are a common thing in China, since the pronunciation of the name does not quite cover the name. The characters contain the full meaning. Chinese names always have meaning, and are chosen for exactly that. The name 芳芳, mentioned before, means something like ‘lovely fragrance’.

A card is called a 名片 (míngpiàn), it is also important to hand it over with some ceremony, both hands, and a solemn face.

Words and phrases

同学	tóngxué	classmate
同事	tóngshì	“same business” colleague
我来 ...	wǒ lái ...	I will ... I intend to ...
专业	zhuānyè	major, specialty subject
我们两个人都是学生。		

wǒmen liǎng gè rén dōu shì xuésheng.
the *both* of us are students.

You can use 一个人, 两个人, 三个人, etc. as a way of indicating how many you are when you are speaking of 我们.