

闪 Shǎn

Lesson 十一 Notes

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

Pronunciation

Letters in pinyin have a different pronunciation. **t** is an aspirated **t**, whereas **d** is a regular **T**. There are more of such aspirated and non-aspirated combinations.

Pinyin also has rules about combinations of tones. Two third tones, 很好 (hěnhǎo) for example becomes a second and third tone. This goes practically automatically. The letters **j**, **y** and **q** followed by a **u** is pronounced as a **ü**. For example:

去

qù (qǜ)

to go somewhere

剧

jù (jǜ)

theatre, opera

住

zhù

to inhabit, to live somewhere

Words

怎么

zěnmē

how

样

yàng

method, way

怎么样

zěnmeyàng

how, which way, which method
(this phrase has a more inviting tone)

有

yǒu

there is, there are, to have

有意思

yǒu yìsi

interesting (has meaning)

行

xíng

to be possible, to be ok, "it will do"

现	xiàn	now
现在	xiànzài	now (here)
想 + main verb	xiǎng	to plan to ...
贵	guì	expensive
一遍	yī biàn	one time (complete, 'front to back')
一次	yī cì	one time
什么时候	shénme shíhou	when?
看	kàn	to look at
写	xiě	to write
吃饭	chīfàn	to eat
好看	hǎo kàn	pretty (to see)
好听	hǎo tīng	pretty (to hear)

Ok?

There are a number of ways of making a request, or asking for confirmation:

我们去游泳，好吗？

wǒmen qù yóuyóǒng, hǎo ma?
shall we go swimming?

明天我们去吃饭，可以吗？

míngtiān wǒmen qù chīfàn, kěyǐ ma?
can (shall) we go eat tomorrow?

我们去学习汉语，怎么样？

wǒmen qù xuéxí hànyǔ, zěnmeyàng?
how about studying chinese?

你们去餐厅，行吗？

wǒmen qù cāntīng, xíng ma?
shall we go to the dining room?

现在去，可以吗？

xiànzài qù, kěyǐ ma?
can we go now?

Wicked cool!

太好了！ tài hǎo le! “too good!”, awesome, wicked cool.

Using a adjective between 太 and 了 makes it to mean “too” + the adjective.
This can be used in sentences, as well as a sort of outcry, for example with:

太贵了！ tài guì le! too expensive!

Another example:

今天我太忙了。 jīntiān wǒ tài máng le.

I say...

The verb 说 can be used to ask people to repeat what they say:

请再说一遍？。

qǐng zài shuō yī biàn. please say it one more time

再 can also be seen in 再见！

你说什么？

nǐ shuō shénme? what do you say?

Phrases

今天晚上行吗？

jīntiān wǎnshāng xíng ma?
is this evening ok?

我们去打网球，行吗？

wǒmen qù dǎ wǎng qiú, xíng ma?

shall we go and play tennis?

你有时间去游泳吗？

nǐ yǒu shíjiān qù yóuyóu ma?

do you have time to go swimming?

今天我没有时间。

jīntiān wǒ méi yǒu shíjiān.

明天我有时间，行吗？

míngtiān wǒ yǒu shíjiān, xíng ma?

明天我没有时间。恐怕不行。

míngtiān wǒ méi yǒu shíjiān. kǒngpà bù xíng.

I don't have time tomorrow. I am afraid it is not possible.

我们去今天晚上看京剧怎么样？

wǒmen qù jīntiān wǎnshāng kàn jīngjù zěnmeyàng?

shall we go see the Beijing opera tomorrow night?

我说京剧很有意思，你说呢？

wǒ shuō jīngjù hěn yǒu yìsi, nǐ shuō ne?

I think opera is very interesting, do you think so too?

Offering an opinion

我说 can be used to offer an opinion.