

闪 Shǎn

Lesson 五 Notes

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

Like / feel like

我很喜欢喝咖啡。

Wǒ hěn xǐhuān hē kāfēi.

I love drinking coffee very much

我很想喝咖啡。

Wǒ hěn xiǎng hē kāfēi.

I very much feel like drinking coffee

Words

饮料

yǐnliào

A drink

喜欢

xǐhuān

like/love, feel sympathy towards someone

汉堡

hànbǎo

hamburger (堡 means fortress)

要

yào

shall, must, want

想要

xiǎng yào

a polite way of asking for something, would like to have

国

guō

country, state (the central character means yade, which is more valuable than gold, and has a protective function.

Making questions

You can make a question in two ways. Firstly by using 吗 at the end of the sentence. The other by adding a repetition of the verb, with 不 in front of it.

你想喝咖啡吗？ vs 你不想喝咖啡？

Pronouns

Chinese knows several pronouns much like any other language to indicate objects:

这	zhè	this (things that are close by)
那	nà	that
谁	shéi	who
哪	nǎ	which

他是谁？ Who is he?

这是我的朋友。 This is my friend.

Pronunciation

‘u’ after y comes from ü whereas a ‘u’ after l is a regular u, and thus pronounced differently.

Where are you from?

你是哪国人？ Nǐ shì nǎ guó rén? From which country
are you?

我们是荷兰人。 Wǒmen shì Hólán rén We are Dutch.

Countries

荷兰	Hélán	Holland
比利时	Bǐlìshí	Belgium

秘魯
中國
英國
德國
法國

Bilǔ

Peru

Zhōngguō

China

Yīngguō

England

Dēguō

Germany

Fǎguō

France