

闪 Shǎn

Lesson 三 Notes

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

Pronunciation

是 (shì) vs 师 (shī) is fourth tone against first tone.

社会 (Shè Huì)
Society also has a

力波是老师吗? (Lì bō shì lǎo shī ma?)

是。 (Can also be used as an answer to question with 是 in it as the main verb.)

Chinese...

汉

Hàn

comes from the Hàn river.

天安门

Tiān ān mén

the gate of heavenly peace

Pronouns

我 Wǒ

你 Nǐ -> 您 Nín (This is formed by adding the heart radical. Which indicates intention, feeling, and therefore respect.)

他 Tā

她 Tā

Conversation

你好
 你好
 你好吗？
 谢谢，我很好，你呢？
 我也很好，谢谢。
 力波小云都好吗？
 他们都好
 你爸爸妈妈都好吗？

Words

都 dōu both, often used in combination with 也.

爸爸 bàba father, as used by young children

妈妈 māma mother (young children)

父亲 fùqīn father

母亲 mǔqīn mother

父母 fùmǔ parents

忙 máng busy (adjective verb)

小 xiǎo small

很忙 hěn máng

vs

不忙 bù máng

Each phrase has a

Making questions

You can also make questions by repeating the verb in combination with 不 bù:

好不好？

忙不忙？

This is used as often as the combination with 吗.

Phrases

你忙吗？

Are you busy?

我不忙。

I am not busy.

我很忙。

I am very busy.

我不很忙。

I am not very busy.

我不太忙。

I am not too busy. (太, tài)

我也很忙。

I am also very busy.

我们都很忙。

We are all very busy.

Making excuses

对不起

Duì bù qǐ

I am sorry (对 oppose, face, 起 afford)

我要走了

Wǒ yāo zǒu le

I have to go (走 leave)

再见

Zài jiàn

See you later

Possessives

Possessive pronouns are made with the character 的 (de), although that omitting the character is also common in some instances:

我的朋友

Wǒ de péngyǒu

My friend

她是王小云的男朋友。

Tā shì wáng xiǎo yún de nán péngyǒu

Words

男朋友

nán péngyǒu

Boyfriend/fiancee

女朋友

Nǚ péngyǒu

Girlfriend/fiancee