

# 闪 Shǎn

## Lesson 二 Notes

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

### Present!

When your name comes up as the teacher does a role call you can say 到了 (dào le), which means 'present' or literally 'I have arrived'. 到 means 'to arrive' and 了 is used to indicate that the act is complete.

好 is made up from:

### Adjectives that can function as verbs

好	hǎo	good / be well/good
大	dà	large / be large
小	xiǎo	small / be small

### Reading marks

Chinese has reading marks, like question marks, comma's etc. It is a bit redundant at times however.

### The difference between 'hello', and 'how are you?'

你好 (nǐ hǎo) means 'hello', where as adding 吗 makes it a question.

Therefore 你好吗 means 'How are you?' To return the question is polite, therefore 你呢? is added.

## Learning Chinese

Learning word by word is a most difficult task. It is easier to learn the little melodies, conversations and standard ways to say something. This way you can later build on that.

### Connecting verbs

是 (shì, to be, there is) is a connecting verb:

力波是老师，他很好。他是好老师。(Lìbō shì lǎoshī,  
tā hěn hǎo. Tā shì hǎo lǎoshī)

在 (zài, to be somewhere) is another:

力波在家吗？

Lìbō zài jiā ma?

他在。 / 他不在。

Tā zài / Tā bù zài

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玛丽 mǎ lì

### Conversations

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你是老师，林哪是老师吗？

Nǐ shì lǎoshī, Lín nà shì lǎoshī ma?

她是教授，她不是老师。

Tā shì jiào shòu, tā bù shì lǎoshī.

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玛丽在家吗？

Mǎ lì zài jiā ma?

他不在。

Tā bù zài.

陆音呢？

Lù yīn ne?

他也不在。

Tā yě bù zài.

## Expressions for daily use

晚上好

wǎn shāng hǎo

再见

zài jiàn

谢谢

xiè xiè

## Words

晚	wǎn	late / be late
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上	shāng	evening
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再	zài	again
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见	jiàn	see
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谢	xiè	thanks
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家	jiā	home
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