

## 4. Role Play Exercises

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### Unit 1, Part 1: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: How are you?  
B: How are you?  
A: Where are you going?  
B: I'm going to the dining hall. How about you?  
A: I'm going to the library.

2. A: Hello!  
B: Hi!  
A: Where are you going?  
B: I'm going back to my dorm. And you?  
A: I'm going to take care of a little something.

3. A: Hello, how are you doing?  
B: Hi!  
A: Where are you going?  
B: I'm going to the library. How about yourself?  
A: I'm also going to the library.

4. A: Hi! Where is Wang Jingsheng going?  
B: Wang Jingsheng is going to the library.  
A: And Ke Leien?  
B: Ke Leien is also going to the library.  
A: And you?  
B: I'm returning to my dorm.

The following role plays use some of the vocabulary from the Classroom Expressions.

5. A: Good morning! How are you? Where are you going?

B: I'm going to take care of some stuff. How about you?

A: I'm going to the dining hall.

B: Good, very good. Goodbye! See you tomorrow.

A: See you tomorrow!

6. A: Good morning! How are you? Where are you going?

B: I'm going back to my dorm.

A: Could you say that again?

B: I'm returning to my dormitory. How about you? Where are you going?

A: I'm also returning to my dormitory.

# Unit 1, Part 2: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: How are you?

B: How are you? I haven't seen you for a long time. How have you been?

A: Fine, thanks. How are your mom and dad?

B: They're both fine, thanks.

A: I'll be going now. So long!

B: So long!

2. A: Hi! Long time no see! How have you been?

B: Pretty good. How have you been?

A: Very busy.

B: I've been very busy, too.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: How is your spouse?

B: He/she's fine, thanks. How about your spouse?

A: He/she's fine, too.

B: I have something I have to do. I'll be going now. See you!

A: See you!

3. A: Haven't seen you for quite a while. How have you been?

B: I've been very busy. How have you been?

A: I've been very busy, too. How are your spouse and children?

B: They're all fine, thanks. How are your mom and dad?

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: They're both fine, too.

B: Where are you going?

A: I'm going to the library. And you?

B: I have something I have to do. I'll be going now...

4. A: Hi! Long time no see! How have you been?

B: I'm very tired. How have you been?

A: I'm also very tired.

B: How is your mom?

A: She's very busy.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

B: How's your dad?

A: He's fine.

B: Where are you going?

A: I'm returning to my dorm. And you?

B: I'm going to the cafeteria. I'll be going now...

A: Bye-bye!

# Unit 1, Part 3: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: Hi, Old Gao, how are you? Have you been busy lately?

B: I'm still the same as before. I'm not too busy. Little Wang, how have you been recently?

A: Pretty good, not too busy. How have your studies been going? Is Chinese hard?

*(switch to another pair of students)*

B: My studies have been quite intense. Chinese is hard! How has your work been going?

A: My work has lately been very busy.

B: I have something I have to do, I'll be going now. Bye!

A: Goodbye. See you tomorrow!

2. A: Hello, Old He!

B: Hello, Little Zhao!

A: How have you been doing recently?

B: Very well, thanks. Still the same as before. How have you been?

A: Not too well. I'm too busy.

B: Recently, I've been very busy, too.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: How are your children?

B: They're all fine. Their studies have been quite intense. How is your spouse?

A: Fine. He/she is not too busy. Where are you going? Are you going to the library?

B: I'm not going to the library. I'm going to the cafeteria.

A: I'm going to the library to take care of a little something. I'll be going now.

B: Bye-bye!

3. A: Hi, Little Wang! How have you been recently?

B: Hi, Old Ke. I'm very sleepy. How have you been? Are you sleepy, too?

A: I'm not sleepy. Recently I've been very busy.

B: How are your studies going? Is Chinese hard?

A: My studies are very intense. Chinese is very hard.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

B: Chinese is not hard, Chinese is easy! Where are you going? Back to the dorm?

A: I'm going to the library. Are you going to the library, too?

B: I'm not going to the library. I'm returning to the dorm. Bye!

A: Bye! See you tomorrow!

4. A: Little He, you're very tall!

B: I'm not tall. Old Zhao, you also are not short!

5. A: My father is very tall. Is your father tall?

B: My father is quite short. My mother is tall.

# Unit 1, Part 4: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: Mr. Lin, Mrs. Lin, welcome, welcome. Come in, come in!  
B: Mr./Miss Ke, how are you? Thank you!  
A: You're welcome. Please sit down, please sit down. Are you both well?  
B: Thank you, we're both very well. Are your parents well?  
A: They're also very well, thank you.  
B: I have a little something, I must be going now. Thank you.  
A: You're welcome. Take it easy. Goodbye!
2. A: Mr. and Mrs. Xie, welcome, welcome. Come in, come in!  
B: Mr./Ms. Wang, how are you? Thank you.  
A: Please sit down, please sit down.  
B: Thank you, thank you.  
*(switch to another pair of students)*  
A: Mr. and Mrs. Xie, I have a little something, I must be going now.  
B: Mr./Ms. Wang, where are you going?  
A: I'm going to take care of something. Mr. and Mrs. Xie, thank you.  
B: You're welcome. Take care. Goodbye. See you tomorrow.
3. A: Teacher Zhao, welcome, welcome. Come in, come in!  
B: Mr./Miss Gao, thank you. Long time no see.  
A: Right, long time no see. Please sit down, please sit down.  
B: Thank you. How have your studies been going? Is Chinese interesting?  
*(switch to another pair of students)*  
A: Chinese is too hard, it's not interesting.  
B: Mr./Miss Gao, I've gotten tired, I must be going now. Thank you.  
A: You're welcome. Take it easy. Goodbye, Teacher Zhao.  
B: Goodbye, goodbye.
4. A: Old Li, how are you? Welcome, welcome!  
B: Little Gao, how have you been lately?  
A: Pretty good. Come in, come in! Have you been well lately?  
B: Still the same as before. How are your spouse and kids? Are you all

well?

A: We're all fine. My spouse is fine. My kids are also fine.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

B: How are your studies?

A: My studies are very intense. How about you? Is your work busy?

B: My work is not too busy.

A: Is your work interesting?

B: My work is uninteresting. Little Gao, I have something, I have to go now. Thank you!

A: You're welcome. Take it easy. Goodbye!



# Unit 2, Part 1: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: What's your name?  
B: My name is \_\_\_\_\_. What's your name?  
A: My name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
B: Is he your teacher?  
A: Correct, he's our Chinese teacher.  
B: What is his name?  
A: His name is Lǐ Qún. He's Malaysian.
2. A: Excuse me, what country are you guys from?  
B: I'm Canadian. She's American. What country are you from?  
A: I'm Chinese.  
B: What's your name?  
A: My name is \_\_\_\_\_. What's your name?  
B: My name is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A: Excuse me, are they your teachers?  
B: They're my classmates, not my teachers.  
A: Are they all Americans?  
B: Not all are. This classmate is also American, but that classmate is Taiwanese.
4. A: Excuse me, what country are you from?  
B: I'm American, Chinese-American. How about you? What country are you from?  
A: I'm also American. Are your classmates all American?  
B: They're not all American. This classmate is American, but that classmate is Japanese.
5. A: What's the name of your Chinese teacher?  
B: Her name is Zhāng Huìqiáng.  
A: What country is she from?  
B: She's Singaporean.  
A: How has Chinese been lately? Is it hard? Is it interesting?

B: Chinese is not hard, it's easy. It's also very interesting.

6. A: Which classmate is Spanish?

B: This classmate is Spanish!

7. A: Which teacher is named Yáng Pēixīn?

B: That teacher is named Yáng Pēixīn!

# Unit 2, Part 2: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: I will introduce you guys. Old Wang, this is Little Li. Little Li, this is Old Wang.  
B: Little Li, how are you? Happy to meet you! Welcome to China!  
C: Old Wang, how are you? Thank you. I'm also happy to meet you.
2. A: Let me introduce you. This is my new roommate, her/his name is \_\_\_\_.  
This is my old classmate, her/his name is \_\_\_\_.  
B: How are you? Welcome to America!  
C: I'm happy to meet you, Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_.  
B: Oh, don't address me like that! It's better if you call me Little \_\_\_\_.  
C: O.K. In that case, why don't you also call me Little \_\_\_\_.
3. A: I'm your new roommate. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm happy to meet you?  
B: How are you? I'm also happy to meet you. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A: Excuse me, what country are you from? Are you American?  
B: I'm not American. I'm Canadian.
4. A: Who is that?  
B: She is our new roommate, her name is Lili.  
A: And who is he?  
B: He is our Chinese teacher, Teacher Zhāng.  
A: And who are they?  
B: They are our new classmates. You don't know them?  
A: I don't know any of them. Please introduce them to me.
5. A: Excuse me, are you Chinese?  
B: No, I'm not Chinese, I'm Japanese. Are you American?  
A: No, I'm not American, I'm Canadian.  
B: How should I address you?  
A: Oh, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. It would be best if you called me Little \_\_\_\_.  
What's your name?  
B: My name is \_\_\_\_\_. In that case, why don't you also call me Little \_\_\_\_.  
A: Little \_\_\_\_\_, I have a little something, I'll be leaving first now. Goodbye!

B: I must also be leaving now. Goodbye!

6. A: Mr./Miss Zhao, how are you?

B: Don't call me like that. Just call me Little Zhao.

A: O.K., in that case you call me Little He, too. Little Zhao, what country are you from?

B: I'm Chinese. So how about you? What country are you from?

A: I'm American. Welcome to America! I'm happy to meet you!

# Unit 2, Part 3: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: How do you do? What's your honorable surname?  
B: My last name is \_\_\_\_\_. What is your honorable surname?  
A: My last name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
B: Excuse me, I have a little something (to do). I'll leave first. Goodbye!  
A: Goodbye!
2. A: That must be your husband/wife?  
B: No, no, he/she is not my husband/wife. He/she is my colleague.  
A: Excuse me, I have a little something (to do). I'll leave first. I'm very happy to meet you?  
B: I'm also very happy to meet you. Goodbye!
3. A: I guess that must be Madam Zhao?  
B: No, no, she's not Madam Zhao. She's my Chinese teacher. Her last name is Chen.  
A: Excuse me, I have a little something (to do). I'll leave first. I'm very happy to meet you?  
B: I'm also very happy to meet you. Goodbye!
4. A: How do you do? What's your honorable surname?  
B: My last name is \_\_\_\_\_. What is your honorable surname?  
A: My last name is \_\_\_\_\_. Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, at what organization do you work?  
B: I work at the Canadian Embassy. Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, where do you work?  
A: I now don't work anymore. I study Chinese.  
*(switch to another group of students)*  
B: Where are you studying Chinese?  
A: I'm studying Chinese at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.  
B: Is Chinese hard?  
A: Chinese is hard, but it's very interesting.
5. A: How do you do? What's your honorable surname?  
B: My last name is \_\_\_\_\_. What's your honorable surname?  
A: My last name is \_\_\_\_\_. Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, what country are you from? Where

do you work?

B: I'm American, I work at a company. Oh, let me introduce you. This is my husband/wife, his/her name is \_\_\_\_.

*(switch to another group of students)*

A: How do you do? I work at the Chinese Foreign Ministry. Where do you work?

C: I'm a college teacher. I work at \_\_\_\_ College.

A: Very happy to meet you! What is your college president's last name?

C: Our college president is surnamed \_\_\_\_\_. Do you know him/her?

A: I know him/her! President \_\_\_\_\_ is very good. The teachers at \_\_\_\_\_ College are also all very good!

# Unit 2, Part 4: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_. Please instruct me more.  
B: My surname is \_\_\_\_\_. Sorry, I didn't bring name cards.  
A: I didn't bring name cards either.  
B: Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, where do you work?  
*(switch to another pair of students)*  
A: I work at Peking University. Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, where do you work?  
B: I work at Sino-American Trading Company.  
A: Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, excuse me, I have to go do something. Goodbye?  
B: Bye!
2. A: General Manager Li, this is Manager Xie from China Trading Company.  
B: Oh, welcome, welcome! My name is Li. Sorry, I didn't bring name cards.  
C: My name is Gao. I work at Sino-American University. Please give me more advice.  
B: Mr./Ms. Gao, I suppose that you must be Chinese?  
*(switch to another group of students)*  
C: Yes, my spouse and I are both Chinese. I suppose that you are Chinese, too?  
B: No, I'm not Chinese, I'm American, Chinese-American.  
A: Excuse me, I have to go work now. I'll leave now before you all. Goodbye!
3. A: Hello! You must be Ms. Bai from the Chinese Foreign Ministry?  
B: You made a mistake. My last name is Hou, my last name is not Bai.  
A: Oh, sorry, sorry, I got it wrong.  
B: Never mind.  
*(switch to another pair of students)*  
A: I suppose you must be from Spain?  
B: No, no. I'm not Spanish. I'm Canadian!  
A: Sorry, sorry. I got it wrong!  
B: Never mind. I have to be going now. Goodbye! See you tomorrow!

4. A: Who is that lady?

B: Her last name is Luo. Her whole name is Luó Měiyún.

A: Who is that gentleman?

B: His last name is Shi. His full name is Shī Dàpéng.

A: I suppose they must both be Chinese?

B: That's incorrect, you got it wrong. Neither of them is Chinese; they're Japanese!

5. A: Let's welcome ("we welcome") Madam Wood from the British Embassy!

B: Welcome, welcome! I suppose you must be American, too? Oh, sorry, I got that wrong!

C: You didn't get it wrong. I work at the British Embassy, but I am American.



# Unit 3, Part 1: Role Play Exercises

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1. A: How many students do you have in your Chinese class?

B: There are ten—oh, that's not right, I made a mistake. There are nine.

A: Are they all Americans?

B: They're not all Americans. There are six Americans, two Germans, and a Frenchman.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: How many male students and how many female students?

B: Four men, five women.

A: So, how many teachers do you have in all?

B: In all there are two. One is a male teacher, one is a female teacher.

2. A: Excuse me, how many students do you have in your English class?

B: In all there are six.

A: Are they all Americans?

B: Right, they're all Americans—oh, sorry, they're not all Americans. There's one Brit.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: How many male students and how many female students?

B: Half and half. Three males, three females.

A: So, who is your teacher? I suppose it's a female teacher?

B: Correct, it's a female teacher. Her last name is Ramirez. She's Spanish.

3. A: How many classmates are there in your dormitory?

B: In all there are seven. The dormitory is not big, it's very small.

A: Are your classmates all Americans?

B: They're not all Americans. There are 3 Americans, 3 Japanese, and 1 Singaporean.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: I suppose your classmates are all females?

B: No, they're not all females. There are four males and three females.

A: It's very interesting. Are you going back to your dorm now?

B: No, I'm going to the library to study. Tomorrow there is a test. I'm very

nervous!

4. A: How many colleagues are there in your company?

B: In all there are eight. Four men, four women—half and half. It's a small company.

A: So, I suppose your colleagues must all be Americans?

B: No, they're not all Americans. There are Americans, Taiwanese, and Germans.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: Your company's manager is a male or a female?

B: There's a general manager and a manager. They're both female. The general manager is German, her last name is Weiss. The manager is Taiwanese, her last name is Ma.

A: I know Manager Ma. She is very good.

B: Right, Manager Ma is very good. She is a very interesting person.

## Unit 3, Part 2: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: Is this your mother? How old is she?  
B: Let me try to think. She's forty-six this year—no, forty-seven.  
A: Oh. So I suppose this must be your father?  
B: Yes, he's forty-five years old this year.
2. A: This is your younger brother, right? He's cute. How old is he this year?  
B: He's five years old. Next month he'll be six.  
A: And this is your younger sister, right? She's cute too. How old is she?  
B: She's three years old.
3. A: Is this your older brother? How old is he?  
B: Let me try to think. He's twenty-eight this year—no, twenty-nine.  
A: Oh. So I guess this must be your older sister?  
B: Yes, it's my older sister. She's twenty-seven years old this year.
4. A: You're cute! How old are you?  
B: You try to guess!  
A: Let me try to think... I think you're seventeen?  
B: That's not right. I'm thirty-two. Am I still cute?
5. A: How old are you?  
B: I'll be twenty-one next month. How old are you?  
A: You try to guess.  
B: Twenty years old?  
A: Not correct!  
B: Nineteen years old?  
A: Also not correct! I was twenty-one last month!
6. A: I have neither an older brother nor an older sister.  
B: I have neither a younger brother nor a younger sister.  
A: But you have me, right? I'm also very cute, right?  
B: Right. I have you. You also have me. But you're not cute!

7. A: Let's go back to the dormitory, O.K.?

B: Not good. Going back to the dormitory is uninteresting.

A: In that case, let's go the dining hall, O.K.?

B: Good! Too good!

# Unit 3, Part 3: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: Excuse me, how much is this bag?

B: That bag is 50 dollars.

A: Wow, that's too expensive! How much is this cup?

B: That cup is only 15 dollars, it's very cheap.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: Could I have a look at it?

B: Sure, why don't you take a look. How many do you want?

A: I'll buy one. This is 15 dollars.

B: O.K., thank you. Goodbye!

2. A: Excuse me, how much is that?

B: That briefcase? Let me take a look. That briefcase is 625 dollars.

A: Gosh, that's too expensive! Well, how much is that backpack?

B: That backpack is only 260 dollars, it's very cheap.

A: Could I look at it?

B: Sure, why don't you take a look. The backpacks we sell are very good.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: All right, I'll buy two of them.

B: In all it's 520 dollars.

A: 500 dollars, O.K.?

B: I suppose it's O.K. In all it's 500 dollars.

A: O.K., this is 500 dollars. Thank you. Goodbye.

B: Thank you. Goodbye!

3. A: Do you have backpacks?

B: Backpacks we have. One backpack is 1,500 dollars.

A: Gosh, that's too expensive!

B: It's not expensive, it's very cheap. The backpacks we sell are very good.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: How much is this?

B: That bag is only 600 dollars. How many do you want to buy?

A: Could I take a look at it?

B: Sure, why don't you take a look.

A: I'll buy six of them. How much is that in all?

B: In all it's 3,600 dollars.

4. A: How much is one cent plus five cents?

B: One cent plus five cents is six cents.

A: How much is 90 cents minus 10 cents?

B: 90 cents minus 10 cents is 80 cents.

# Unit 3, Part 4: Role Play Exercises

Practice these role plays in Chinese to improve your spoken fluency.

1. A: Excuse me, when does the next train to Beijing (**Běijīng**) depart?

B: At 11:15. But it's now already 11:10, I'm afraid you're not going to make it.

A: Well, how about the one after the next one?

B: Let me take a look. The one after the next one is 12:30.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: All right. In that case, I'll then take the 12:30 one. How much does it cost?

B: \$28.30.

A: How long does it take to get to Beijing?

B: It takes about one and one-half hours.

A: O.K., thanks.

B: You're welcome!

2. A: Excuse me, when does the next train to Taipei (**Táiběi**) depart?

B: At 9:30. But it's now already 9:25, I'm afraid you're not going to make it.

A: Well, how about the one after the next one?

B: Let me take a look. The one after the next one is 9:45.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: All right. In that case, I'll then take the 9:45 one. How much does it cost?

B: Fifty dollars.

A: How long does it take to get to Taipei?

B: It takes about half an hour. Let me take a look: it takes only twenty-five minutes.

A: O.K., thanks.

B: You're welcome.

3. A: Excuse me, when does the next train to Shanghai (**Shànghǎi**) depart?

B: At 21:05. But it's now already 21:00, I'm afraid you're not going to make it.

A: Well, how about the one after the next one?

B: Let me take a look. The one after the next one is 23:05.

*(switch to another pair of students)*

A: All right. In that case, I'll then take the 23:05 one. How much does it cost?

B: \$133.50.

A: Excuse me, how long does it take to get to Shanghai?

B: It takes about four and a half hours.

A: O.K., thanks.

B: You're welcome!

4. A: What time are you leaving?

B: I'm leaving at seven.

A: What time is it now?

B: It's already a quarter to seven. I'm not going to make it!