

第二课 感谢和道歉

Lesson 2 Say "Thank You" & "I'm Sorry"

Text

(1)

Duìbuqǐ!

A: 对不起!

I'm sorry!

Méi guānxi!

B: 没关系!

It doesn't matter!

(2)

Xièxie nǐ!

A: 谢谢 你!

Thank you!

Bú kèqì!

B: 不 客气!

You're welcome!

(3)

Xièxie!

A: 谢谢!

Thank you!

Bú yòng xiè.

B: 不用 谢。

You're welcome.

Words

词语 Word/Phrase	拼音 Pinyin	词性 Part of Speech	词义 Meaning
对不起	duìbuqǐ	v.	to be sorry
没关系	méi guānxi		It's doesn't matter, that's OK
谢谢	xièxie	v.	to thank
不客气	bú kèqi		You're welcome, don't mention it
不	bù	adv.	not, no
用	yòng	v.	need, use

Grammar

méi guānxi bú kèqi

1. 没关系 VS 不客气

没关系 means it doesn't matter, and we usually say it to respond to **对不起**; **不客气** means you're welcome, which is normally used to answer **谢谢**. You can never match them like the following:

duìbuqǐ bú kèqi

对不起 - 不 客气 ✕

xièxie méi guānxi

谢谢 - 没 关系 ✕

Bú yòng xiè.

2. 不用谢 You are welcome.

不用谢 literally means no need to say thank you. It can also be shortened to 不谢.

不 is a common negative adverb which is often used before a verb or an adjective.

For example:

Positive	Negative
shì 是 to be	bú shì 不是 not to be
xǐhuan 喜欢 like	bù xǐhuan 不喜欢 not like
piàoliang 漂亮 beautiful	bú piàoliang 不漂亮 not beautiful

Expansion

语音 Pronunciation

1. The initials and finals we've learned in today's lesson

汉字 character	声母 Initial	韵母 Final	声调 Tone
对	d	ui	ˊ
不	b	u	ˊ
起	q	i	ˇ
没	m	ei	ˊ

关	g	uan	-
谢	x	ie	
客	k	e	、

Pinyin chart

	u	e	ei	ie	ui	uan
d	du	de	dei	die	dui	duan
b	bu	-	bei	bie	-	-
q	-	-	-	qie	-	-
g	gu	ge	gei	-	gui	guan
x	-	-	-	xie	-	-
k	ku	ke	-	-	kui	kuan

 means it does not exist in Chinese.

2. Tone Sandhi of “不”

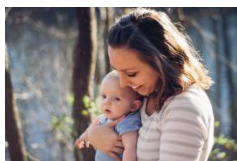
When 不 is followed by a fourth tone, the tone of 不 turns into the second tone.

不 (bù) + 、 → 不 (bú) + 、				
不是	bù	shì	bú	shì
不会	bù	huì	bú	huì
不爱	bù	ài	bú	ài

3. The Neutral Tone

Besides four tones, there is a special tone which is short and light in Chinese, we call it “the neutral tone”. Now, let’s practise these neutral tone words together.

Practice:



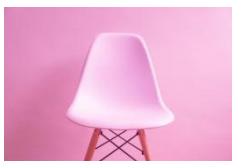
māma

妈妈



bàba

爸爸



yǐzi

椅子



xiézi

鞋子

短语 Phrase

Méi shì.

1. 没 事。 That's OK!

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Duìbuqǐ.

A: 对不起。 I'm sorry.

Méi shì.

B: 没事。 That's OK.

(2)

Xièxie nǐ!

A: 谢谢 你! Thank you!

Méi shì!

B: 没事! That's OK.

没事 means that's OK. It can be used to answer both **对不起** and **谢谢**. In spoken Chinese, it is more commonly used than **不客气** and **没关系**.

Bù hǎo yìsi.

2. 不 好 意思。 Excuse me. I'm sorry.

Bù hǎo yìsi, wǒ bú shì gùyì de.

- 不好意思, 我不是故意的。

I'm sorry. I didn't mean it.

Bù hǎo yìsi, qǐng wèn nǐ huì shuō Yīngyǔ ma?

- 不好意思, 请问你会说英语吗? Excuse me, can you speak English?

Bù hǎo yìsi, wǒ néng zuò zhèr ma?

- 不好意思, 我能坐这儿吗?

Excuse me, can I sit here?

不好意思 is a really commonly used phrase in our daily life. It usually means “Excuse me” or “I’m sorry” in the sense that someone is embarrassed for having done something.

Situations where it's appropriate to use are like these:

- You accidentally bump into someone on the subway
- You make a customer wait on hold for a little too long
- You interrupt someone to ask for a favor
- You excuse yourself from a conversation