

# Lesson 9: Where does your son work

## Lesson Objectives

1. Be able to ask where something is, and give a response.
2. Be able to ask where someone works/ eats/ reads ..etc., and give a response

## Expressing location with **zài** :

**Ex:** Je suis à l'école

wǒ **zài** xuéxiào

## The Different Uses of **zai** in Chinese

### ① Expressing location with **(zài)**

- The **(zài)** character can be used to **indicate location** and often be used to state **‘to be located at’**.

**subject + zài + place**

- (tā **zài** jiā) He **is at** home.
- The negation for **(zài)** is **(bú zài)** :
- (tā bú zài jiā) He is **not at** home.

(zài) = en train de (lesson 13)

② Using (zài) to suggest ongoing actions in the present (Lesson 13)

Ex: wǒ zài kàn shū

= I am reading a book

Ex: wǒ zài gōngzuò

= I am working

= Je suis en train de travailler

**Grammar:** zài is a verb.

Typically indicating the location of somebody or something.  
(can be used as a Preposition)

① zài = to be at (Preposition)

zài + location (place) + Verb

Ex. at the hospital to work, at school to work

= zài yīyuàn gōngzuò ( )

② nǎr ? = where (Interrogative Pronoun)

Ex. wǒ de péngyǒu zài nǎr ?

= Où sont mes amis? (where are my friends?)

ne !? (expressing I wonder = what about..?)

ne ?= La particule finale (Et.....?)

Nǐ ne                    ?= what about you?  
= *et vous?* (*et toi?*)

Example:

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wǒ shì Fàguó rén, nǐ ne?

= Je suis français(e), *et* toi?

= I am French. *What about* you?

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Examples:

subject + zài + place

① . Nǐ de érzi zài nǎr gōngzuò?

Your son is at where to work? (*Where* does your son work?)

② A: Yīshēng zài nǎr gōngzuò? ?

The doctor is at where to work? (*Where* does the doctor work)

B: Yīshēng + zài + yīyuàn gōngzuò + +

.

The doctor is at the hospital to work. (*The doctor is working at the hospital*).

# Question words in Chinese



什么

[shén me]

(What?)

谁

[shéi]

(Who?)

哪

[nǎ]

(Which?)

哪儿/哪里

[nǎr/nǎ li]

(Where?)

什么 时候

[shén me  
shí hou]

(When?)

为什么

[wèi shén  
me]

(Why?)

怎么

[zěn me]

(How?)

多少钱

[duō shǎo  
qián]

(How  
much?)

几 [jǐ]

(How many?)

used to ask for  
a smaller number  
(below 10)

多少 [duō shǎo]

(How many?)

used to ask for  
a bigger number  
(above 10)





# Lesson 9 Exercises

## Exercises

2 根据课文内容回答问题。 Answer the questions based on the dialogues.

- ① 小狗在哪儿? Xiǎo gǒu zài nǎr?
- ② 他在哪儿工作? Tā zài nǎr gōngzuò?
- ③ 他儿子在哪儿工作? Tā érzi zài nǎr gōngzuò?
- ④ 她爸爸在家吗? Tā bàba zài jiā ma?
- ⑤ 她爸爸在哪儿呢? Tā bàba zài nǎr ne?

3 用本课新学的语言点和词语描述图片

Describe the pictures using the newly-learned language points and words.



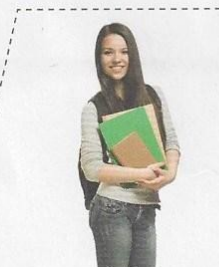
zài  
在\_\_\_\_\_。



zài  
在\_\_\_\_\_。



Wǒ māma shì \_\_\_\_\_, tā zài \_\_\_\_\_。  
我 妈 妈 是 \_\_\_\_\_, 她 在 \_\_\_\_\_。



Wǒ nǚ'ér shì \_\_\_\_\_, tā bù \_\_\_\_\_。  
我 女 儿 是 \_\_\_\_\_, 她 不 \_\_\_\_\_。



第 18-22 题：看问题，选择正确的回答

Questions 18-22: Read the questions and choose the right answer to each of them.

Nǐ hē shuǐ ma?

例如：你喝水吗？

Example: Would you like some water?

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Wǒ shì xuésheng, wǒ bù gōngzuò.

A 我是学生，我不工作。

Nǐ zài nǎr gōngzuò?

18. 你在哪儿工作？

☐

Bú zài, Lǐ lǎoshī zài yīyuàn.

B 不在，李老师在医院。

Wǒ de xiǎo gǒu zài nǎr?

19. 我的小狗在哪儿？

☐

Zài nàr, yǐzi xiàmiàn.

C 在那儿，椅子下面。

Wǒ de bēizi ne?

20. 我的杯子呢？

☐

Tā shì lǎoshī, zài xuéxiào gōngzuò.

D 她是老师，在学校工作。

Nǐ nǚ'ér zài nǎr gōngzuò?

21. 你女儿在哪儿工作？

☐

Bēizi zài zhèr.

E 杯子在这儿。

Qǐngwèn, Lǐ lǎoshī zài ma?

22. 请问，李老师在吗？

☐

Hǎo de, xièxie!

F 好的，谢谢！

第 23-30 题：看句子，选择正确的词语填空

Questions 23-30: Read the sentences and choose the right words to fill in the brackets

zài	nǎr	ne	míngzi	shénme
A 在	B 哪儿	C 呢	D 名字	E 什么

Nǐ jiào shénme

例如：你叫 什么 ( D ) ?

Example: What is your name?

Nǐ bàba zuò gōngzuò?

23. 你爸爸做 ( ) 工作?

Nǐ hǎo, qǐngwèn Wáng lǎoshī zài

24. 你好，请问 王 老师在 ( ) ?

Wǒ érzi shì yīshēng, yīyuàn gōngzuò.

25. 我儿子是 医生，( ) 医院 工作。

Nǐ de māo

26. 你的猫 ( ) ?

jiā  
F 家

xuéxiào  
G 学校

yīyuàn  
H 医院

shāngdiàn  
I 商店

Nǐ yǒu jǐ kǒu rén?  
27. 你 ( ) 有几口人?

Wǒ xiǎng qù mǎi yí ge bēizi.  
28. 我 想 去 ( ) 买 一个 杯子。

Míngtiān xiàwǔ wǒ xiǎng qù kàn shū.  
29. 明天 下午 我 想 去 ( ) 看 书。

Tā bàba shì yīshēng, zài gōngzuò.  
30. 他 爸爸 是 医生, 在 ( ) 工作。