Part One

NARRATIVE: FINDING A BETTER PLACE

I. Listening Comprehension

A. Textbook Narrative (True/False)

( ) 1. Wang Peng has been living in the dorm for a week so far.
( ) 2. Wang Peng feels that the dorm is too noisy, and that his room is not big enough.
( ) 3. It only took Wang Peng two days to find an apartment.
( ) 4. It is very convenient to go to school from the apartment.
( ) 5. The apartment is furnished and has its own kitchen too.

B. Workbook Narrative (True/False)

( ) 1. In China, all college students live in student dorms.
( ) 2. All American colleges have student dorms, but not all students live in the dorms.
( ) 3. Chinese students live in dorms because it is very quiet there.

II. Speaking Exercises

A. Answer the questions in Chinese based on the dialogue in the textbook.

1. How long has Wang Peng been living in the dorm?
2. Why does Wang Peng wish to move out?
3. How long has Wang Peng been looking for an apartment?
4. How did Wang Peng learn about that apartment?
5. Can you describe that apartment?

B. Practice your conversation skills with a partner.

Describe where you live. How many bedrooms are there? What are the living room, kitchen, and bathroom like?
III. Reading Comprehension

A. Answer the questions about the dialogue in the textbook.

1. 王朋現在住在哪兒？住了多久了？

2. 王朋為什麼要找公寓？

3. 王朋怎麼找公寓？

4. 王朋覺得那套公寓方便嗎？合適嗎？為什麼？

B. Read the passage and answer the questions. (True/False)

小馬現在住在學生宿舍，他一個人住一個房間。宿舍裏有餐廳、圖書室、電腦室，還有洗衣房，非常方便。小馬不太會做飯，很喜歡認識新朋友，所以他很喜歡住宿舍。他聽說在校外租房子比住宿舍便宜，但是得跟別人一起住，還得自己做飯。小馬雖然想住便宜的房子，但是不想自己做飯，所以他現在還不知道他下學期是不是應該搬出去住。

Questions:

( ) 1. 小馬和他的同學住在同一個房間。
( ) 2. 小馬想用電腦的時候，他必須去學校的電腦中心。
( ) 3. 小馬覺得自己做飯沒有在餐廳吃飯方便。
( ) 4. 住學校宿舍雖然比住在學校外頭貴，可是很方便。
( ) 5. 小馬有很多錢，所以他想住在宿舍。
( ) 6. 下個學期小馬住在哪兒，現在還不太清楚。

IV. Writing & Grammar Exercises

A. Complete the following short dialogues.

1. A: 你聽錄音聽了幾個鐘頭了？

   B: ________________________________。

2. A: ________________________________？

   B: 我學中文學了八個月了。

3. A: 你上大學上了多久了？

   B: ________________________________。

B. Rewrite the following sentences using the structure “連...都/也....”

1. 他忘了女朋友的生日。

   2. 我最近很忙，沒有時間睡覺。
3. 他中文學得很好，看得懂中國電影。

4. 這個房間很小，放不下一張書桌。

5. 這個字很難寫，老師不會寫。

C. Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

1. He has slept for over twenty hours (but less than thirty). (V + 了 + Nu + M, 多)

2. How can we study Lesson Twenty when we haven't studied Lesson Nineteen yet? (連...都，怎麼)

3. I have a little over ten dollars (but less than eleven). (多)

4. You'd better not rent that apartment because it is not furnished. (最好)

5. The kitchen is too small. There is not even enough room for a dining table and four chairs. (V + 不下)

6. Yesterday evening, over twenty people went to see the movie. (多)

7. My apartment is only one mile away from the school. (離)

8. Because the dorm is noisy, she plans to move out.
9. The ad in the newspaper says that the apartment is near the school.

10. That apartment has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. It’s not furnished.

Writing Practice
Write a letter to your Chinese friend telling him or her that you have lived in the dorm for a year now. You plan to move out because the dorm is too noisy, and the room is too small. Ask your friend if he or she knows any apartment near the university that is for rent. You are looking for a one-bedroom apartment with a kitchen and a bathroom. It would be best if the apartment is also furnished.
Part Two

DIALOGUE: CALLING ABOUT AN APARTMENT FOR RENT

I. Listening Comprehension

A. Textbook Dialogue (True/False)

( ) 1. The apartment is a studio.
( ) 2. The apartment has a study with a desk and bookcases.
( ) 3. The rent is $450.00 per month including utilities.
( ) 4. Pets are not allowed in the apartment.
( ) 5. Wang Peng decided not to rent the apartment because it is too expensive.

B. Workbook Dialogue (Multiple Choice)

( ) 1. Wang Peng says his apartment is:
   a. quiet and convenient but not well furnished.
   b. quiet and well furnished but not convenient.
   c. quiet and convenient but the kitchen is a bit too small.

( ) 2. It is most likely that tomorrow Wang Peng will eat:
   a. in a Chinese restaurant.
   b. in his own apartment.
   c. in the student dorm where he used to live.

( ) 3. Wang Peng promised to invite the girl:
   a. to eat in a restaurant.
   b. to a dinner cooked by himself.
   c. to cook dinner for him in his apartment.

( ) 4. Which of the following statements can most reasonably be concluded from the dialogue?
   a. Wang Peng is not a good cook yet.
   b. Wang Peng does not want to cook.
   c. The girl is going to teach Wang Peng how to cook.

II. Speaking Exercises

A. Answer the following questions about the dialogue in the textbook.

1. How did Wang Peng start his phone call to the landlord? How did the landlord respond?
2. What did the landlord say about the furniture in the apartment?
3. What is the $450.00 for? Explain.
4. Can dogs be kept in the apartment? Why?

B. Practice your conversation skills with a partner.
You don’t like the house you are currently living in, so you make phone calls to look for a new one. Ask about the rent, environment, and facilities.

III. Reading Comprehension

A. Answer the following questions based on the dialogue in the textbook.

1. 那個公寓有幾個臥室？

2. 那個公寓有什麼傢俱？

3. 王朋是不是一個很吵的人？你怎麼知道？

4. 如果你要租那套公寓，你得付四百五十元押金，對不對？

5. 你可以在公寓養狗嗎？為什麼？

B. Read the passage and answer the questions. (True/False)

在台灣租房子要付一個月的房租當押金。以後要是想搬走，必須在搬家前一個月讓房東知道，要不然押金就拿不回來了。另外，搬家的時候也得把房子打掃乾淨。
Questions:

( ) 1. 在台灣租房子，押金是一個月的房租。
( ) 2. 要是你想三月十五號搬家，你二月十五號就得告訴房東，要不然他不會把押金還給你。
( ) 3. 你搬出去的時候房東會幫你打掃房子。

C. Read the dialogue and answer the questions. (True/False)

房东：这套公寓是一房一廳，还有一个小厨房。客厅不大，除了一张沙发，没有别的家具。可是卧室不但很大，而且很漂亮。卧室有一张书桌，一个书架，和一张很舒服的单人床。

张先生：好，卧室很不错。

房东：我知道，對您來說，卧室不但是您睡覺的地方，而且是您工作的房間。您一定每天都在卧室看书吧？

张先生：不，我不在卧室睡觉，也不在卧室看书。

房东：真的？您在哪兒睡覺？

张先生：我在客厅的沙發上睡。

房东：那誰在卧室睡覺呢？

张先生：我的狗。

房东：是嗎？您也不在卧室看书？
張先生：對，我每天工作的地方是廚房，因為我得給我的狗做飯。

Questions:
( ) 1. In the apartment, the bedroom is the best room.
( ) 2. Both the bedroom and living room are well furnished.
( ) 3. The reason Mr. Zhang likes the bedroom is because he will be spending most of his time there.
( ) 4. We can assume that nobody will be using the desk.
( ) 5. Pets are allowed in this apartment building.
( ) 6. We can assume that Mr. Zhang’s dog likes canned food.

D. Read the passage and answer the questions. (True/False)

小白上個月在學校附近找了一套小公寓，一房一廳，還帶傢俱。房租每個月只要兩百二十塊。小白覺得比住在學校宿舍便宜多了，所以就搬進去了。可是他搬進去以後才知道，他每個月得付八十塊錢的水電費。小白覺得太貴了。昨天他又找到了一套房子，雖然離學校有三英裏，可是很安靜，房租每個月兩百五十塊，不用付水電費。小白想下個星期搬去。他知道，因為他在現在的公寓只住了一個月，所以房東會罰他一個月的房租。

Questions:
( ) 1. 小白在他現在的房子住了兩個星期。
( ) 2. 小白搬進他現在的公寓，因為他覺得房租很便宜。
( ) 3. 小白一直住在學校外邊。
( ) 4. 要是小白不從現在的公寓搬出去，他每個月要付給房東三百塊。
( ) 5. 小白現在住的地方離學校三英里。
( ) 6. 小白下個月只用付兩百五十塊的房租了。
( ) 7. 我們不知道小白的新公寓帶不帶傢俱。
( ) 8. 小白從現在的公寓搬出去以前，還得付給房東兩百二十塊錢。

IV. Writing & Grammar Exercises

A. Following the example, rewrite the following sentences using the structure “question word + 都.”

EXAMPLE: A: 他常常看錄像嗎？

B: 他什麼錄像都不看。

1. A: 你的朋友會唱什麼歌？

B: ____________________________________________。

2. A: 除了聽音樂以外，今天晚上你還想做什麼？

B: ____________________________________________。
3. A: 這個孩子喜歡看什麼書？

B: ____________________________

4. A: 你餓了吧，想吃什麼？

B: ____________________________

B. Complete the following dialogue.

A: 你在這個公寓住了多久了？(more than a year)

B: ____________________________

A: 房租每個月多少錢？(six hundred)

B: ____________________________

A: 押金多少錢？(one thousand)

B: ____________________________

A: 你可以在你的公寓裏養動物嗎？(not allowed)

B: ____________________________

A: 你的公寓帶傢俱嗎？(not furnished)

B: ____________________________

A: 要是你想找一個可以養動物和帶傢俱的公寓，我可以幫你看報上的廣告。

(No, thanks. I can read the newspapers myself.)

B: ____________________________
C. Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

1. He didn’t like any of the apartments. (interrogative pronoun with 都)

2. He reads all kinds of advertisements. (什麼...都)

3. There is a sofa in the living room. In addition, there is a bookshelf and a desk in the living room. (有，還有)

4. There are two single beds in the bedroom. One is on the left side, and the other is on the right side. (有)

5. No pets are allowed in this dormitory. (interrogative pronoun with 都，許)

6. The landlord said that I need to pay an additional one month’s rent as deposit. However, the rent is extraordinarily cheap. It’s only $300 a month. I need not pay for utilities.

Writing Practice

A. Write a letter asking your friend to find you a one-bedroom apartment near the university. You prefer a furnished apartment under $500.00 per month. You don’t mind paying a security deposit, but you do not wish to pay for utilities. Also, since you have a dog, you need to find a place where pets are allowed.
B. You wish to rent out the extra room in your house. Can you write an advertisement for it? Be sure to include the following information:

The room is furnished with a single bed, a desk, two chairs, and two bookshelves.
Utilities are included.
One month’s rent is required as a security deposit.
Monthly rent is $250.00.
Quiet people are preferred.