LESSON 17 ▲ Dating

Part One

DIALOGUE I: SEEING A CHINESE MOVIE

I. Listening Comprehension

A. Textbook Dialogue I (True/False)

( ) 1. Wang Peng and Li You are in the same Chinese class.
( ) 2. Wang Peng likes Li You, but Li You does not like Wang Peng.
( ) 3. Wang Peng is inviting Li You to see a Chinese movie.
( ) 4. After the movie, they will go get something to eat.
( ) 5. They decided not to go to the movie because the tickets are hard to get.
( ) 6. They will go to the movie with two other friends.

B. Workbook Dialogue I (True/False)

( ) 1. The woman declined the invitation because she was busy.
( ) 2. The woman is a student, while the man seems to be a librarian.
( ) 3. The dialogue occurred at 5:30 p.m.
( ) 4. The man will call the woman in order to help her return her books to the library.

II. Speaking Exercises

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

2. Do you think that Wang Peng and Li You like each other? Explain.
3. What will Wang Peng and Li You do this weekend?
4. Do you think that Li You wants to see the Chinese movie? Explain.
5. Do you think that they will be able to see the movie? Explain.
6. Who else will be going to the movie with them?
B. Practice your conversation skills with a partner.
Tell your friend that you went to see an excellent opera. The tickets were very difficult to get, but you were able to get them eventually by going through a lot of trouble.

III. Reading Comprehension
A. Answer the questions about the dialogue in the textbook.

1. 你覺得李友喜歡王朋嗎？為什麼？

2. 《活著》的電影票容易買嗎？你怎麼知道？

3. 李友不想看《活著》，對不對？

4. 一共有幾個人一起去看電影？

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

小謝跟小馬認識已經快半年了，他們都在同一班學日文。小馬去過日本，日文說得比小謝好，所以他常常幫助小謝複習說日文。小馬不太會做飯，週末的時候，小馬常常請小馬到她家去吃飯，一起說日文，也一起看日文的錄像。小馬覺得他越來越喜歡小謝。小謝覺得小馬人很好，又聰明，又用功，還很喜歡幫助別的同學。這個星期小謝的爸爸媽媽要來看她，她想把小馬介紹給他們。
Questions:

1. 小謝的日文老師也是小馬的日文老師。
2. 一年以前小謝不認識小馬。
3. 小謝說日文說得比小馬更好。
4. 週末小謝常常請小馬到日本飯館去吃飯。
5. 小謝對小馬的印象很好。
6. 小謝的爸爸媽媽沒有見過小馬。

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

[Note: See the supplementary vocabulary in the textbook for the new words in this passage.]

在中國，很多女孩找男朋友，喜歡找比自己高，而且年紀比自己大的男孩。以前有地方同姓的人不能結婚。在台灣，有些男人不喜歡跟比自己小三歲、六歲或者九歲的人結婚，因為很多人說如果這樣，結婚以後不會快樂。

Questions:

1. 在中國，很多女孩子喜歡自己比男朋友高。
2. 很多中國女孩喜歡找比自己大的男朋友。
( ) 3. 以前，有的地方姓王的女孩子不能跟姓王的男人结婚。
( ) 4. 在台湾，有些男人觉得太太可以比自己小三岁，可是不能比自己小六岁。
( ) 5. 在台湾，很多人觉得男人比太太大四岁或者五岁，结婚以后不会快乐。

IV. Writing & Grammar Exercises

A. Make sentences using the words and phrases provided.

EXAMPLE: 玩开心

→ 昨天我們玩得很開心。

1. 打球 累

2. 跳舞 高興

3. 忙 沒有時間睡覺

4. 看書 忘了時間
B. Make "topic-comment" sentences with the given topics.

EXAMPLE: 學中文/很有意思
             → 學中文，我覺得很有意思。

1. 中文錄像/很好看

2. 健康保險/很重要

3. 生日舞會/很好玩

4. 住在宿舍/很方便

5. 在飯館吃飯/太貴

6. 吃藥打針/沒有用

C. Complete the following sentences by selecting from the potential compounds listed below.

買不到，聽不到，吃不到，想不到，想不起來，吃不(習)慣，看不懂，聽不懂

EXAMPLE: 我沒學過日文，聽不懂日文。
           (unable to understand Japanese)

1. 她媽媽來美國才半年，________________。
           (not used to American food)

2. 我的中文不太好，________________。
           (unable to understand Chinese movies)
3. 那個書店只有中文書和英文書，
   (unable to buy Japanese books)

4. 老師說話說得太快，
   (unable to understand)

5. 李友的電話號碼，
   (unable to recall)

D. Complete the following sentences using 就 in the final clause.

1. 今天看電影的人真少，
   (only the two of us)

2. 我們班的同學都去過中國，
   (I am the only one who hasn't.)

3. 他不會打球，不會唱歌，不會跳舞，
   (can only read)

4. 今天來參加小林的生日舞會的人我都不認識，
   (only knows Little Lin)

E. Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

1. He finished his homework a long time ago. He is watching TV now. (早就)

2. I have wanted to watch that video for a long time. (早就)

3. I am the only one who is going to China to travel. (就)

4. I have not been to New York. (topic-comment sentence)
5. My father has a very good impression of my boyfriend.

6. He bought too much fruit. We can’t eat it all. (potential complement)

7. Little Jin and Old Tian work at the same place. Little Jin has a very good impression of Old Tian. They have become good friends.

**Writing Practice**

Write a letter to your Chinese friend whom you met last weekend at a birthday party. Say that you enjoyed dancing together very much, and that you really had a great time at the party. There will be an opera at your school next Friday, and you would like to extend an invitation to the opera. Before going to the opera, you would like to have dinner together.
II. Speaking Exercises

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

2. How did Bai Jianming know Li You's phone number?
3. Can Li You go out with Bai Jianming next weekend after her exam? Explain.
4. Would Li You be willing to go out with Bai Jianming if she were free? Explain.
B. Practice your conversation skills with a partner.

You met someone at a dance last weekend. You like that person very much. Call and invite him or her to have dinner first and then go to a movie. When you make the phone call tell him or her that you danced together last weekend.

C. Role-playing

Someone you don’t like is calling you and asking you for a date. Try to decline the invitation politely by explaining that you will be busy for the next two weekends.

III. Reading Comprehension

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

1. 白健明會跳舞嗎？你怎麼知道？

2. 白健明為什麼打電話給李友？

3. 這幾個週末，李友要做什麼？

4. 你覺得李友喜歡白健明嗎？為什麼？

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

李友：王朋，今天晚上想不想跟我去看歌劇？票我已經買了。我昨天考試考得不錯，我們應該慶祝慶祝。

王朋：跟你去看歌劇？太好了！那我今天晚上不打掃房間了。

李友：明天我幫你打掃房間。你也喜歡看歌劇？

王朋：我不太喜歡歌劇，可是我喜歡請我看歌劇的人。
李友：我知道了！要是明天張英請你看歌劇，你一定也喜歡她了，對不對？
王朋：不對，我只喜歡今天請我看歌劇的人。

Questions:
( ) 1. Li You wants to go to the opera, even though she didn’t do well on the exam.
( ) 2. Wang Peng previously planned to clean his room this evening.
( ) 3. Tomorrow Wang Peng will help Li You clean her room.
( ) 4. Li You sounds like an opera fan.
( ) 5. Wang Peng is very happy to accept the invitation, even though he is not an opera fan.
( ) 6. Wang Peng suggests he would like whomever takes him to the opera this evening.
( ) 7. Li You will ask Zhang Ying to take Wang Peng to the opera tomorrow.

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

小白：哎，李友，好久不見。明天有一個音樂會，我買了兩張票。我請你跟我去聽音樂，好嗎？
李友：你真客氣，可是，對不起，我明天晚上得整理房間。你還是和張英去吧。
小白：你不是很喜歡音樂嗎？上個月學校開音樂會，你早上六點鐘就去買票了，對不對？
李友：對，我很喜歡聽音樂，可是我明天我不想去了，因為我的房間好久沒打掃了。
小白：哎，告訴你吧，李友。這兩張票是我幫王朋買的。怎麼樣，明天晚上不想打掃房間了吧？
Questions:

( ) 1. 李友説明天晚上的音樂會沒有意思。
( ) 2. 李友讓小白請張英去聽音樂。
( ) 3. 小白買了兩張票，可是不是給他自己
       買的。
( ) 4. 李友上個月去學校的音樂會了。
( ) 5. 小白覺得李友明天晚上一定不會打掃
       房間，她會跟王朋一起去聽音樂。

IV. Writing & Grammar Exercises

A. Following the example, combine each pair of sentences into one. Create two different combinations,
   one following A and one following B.

EXAMPLE: 我昨天看了一個電影。那個電影很有意思。
          → A: 我昨天看了一個很有意思的電影。
          → B: 我昨天看的那個電影很有意思。

1. 我朋友給我買了一件衣服。那件衣服很合適。
   → A: __________________________________________________
   → B: __________________________________________________

2. 我上個星期天認識了一個朋友。那個朋友很喜歡看歌劇。
   → A: __________________________________________________
   → B: __________________________________________________
3. 我的表姐前天吃了一種藥。那種藥沒有用。
   → A: ________________________________
   → B: ________________________________

4. 她的男朋友送了她一件襯衫。那件襯衫不便宜。
   → A: ________________________________
   → B: ________________________________

5. 他的女朋友買了一盤錄音帶。那盤錄音帶很好聽。
   → A: ________________________________
   → B: ________________________________

6. 他昨天在圖書館借了一本書。那本書是新的。
   → A: ________________________________
   → B: ________________________________

B. Translate the following time expressions into Chinese.

1. next week _______________________

2. the day after tomorrow _______________________

3. the month after next _______________________

4. the week before last _______________________

5. the year after next _______________________

6. the semester after next _______________________

C. Complete the following sentences by using the reduplicated forms of the following verbs or verb phrases.

1. 功課做完了，_______________，你想一起去嗎？
2. 下個星期六是我媽媽五十歲生日，_______________。
3. 今天晚上有很多朋友來我家玩，我得先_______________。
4. 我的中文說得還不夠好，老師_______________。
5. 你的床上有書，地上也有書，你應該_______________。

D. Translate the following into Chinese.

1. Look at it carefully. It is my book, not yours. (reduplication of verb)
2. Forget it. I know you two won’t help me. (算了吧，你倆)
3. The day after tomorrow I will go to see an opera with the girl who often helps me.
4. I would like to try it. (reduplication of verb)
5. If you don’t have time to help me clean the house, then forget it. (要是，就算了)
6. A: After the examination, let’s have a big celebration. (好好兒)

   B: OK. It’s a deal.

7. I went through a lot of trouble before I bought the opera tickets.

8. A: After the exam, I will take you out for dinner. We’ll have a good celebration.

   B: It’s a deal.

9. Before I go traveling, I have to clean my house and put my room in order.

10. A: Do you remember her phone number?

    B: I can’t recall it, either. Let’s ask someone else.

    A: Forget about it. It doesn’t matter.

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**Writing Practice**

Write a couple of paragraphs describing what you did over the past three weekends. You might want to include things such as studying, traveling, doing household chores, etc.