

Beginner Conversational Chinese 2

初级汉语会话 2

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Nǐ zuìjìn zěnmeyàng

Lesson 1 你最近 怎么样

Learning Objective:

1. Exchange greetings at the beginning of an informal chat
2. Express that you are not feeling well.

New Words:

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| 好久不见 | hǎojiǔbújiàn | long time no see |
| 最近 | zuìjìn | recently |
| 怎么样 | zěnmeyàng | how |
| 忙 | máng | busy |
| 今天 | jīntiān | today |
| 怎么 | zěnmē | why |
| 上课 | shàngkè | attend class |
| 感冒 | gǎnmào | catch a cold |
| 不舒服 | bùshūfu | uncomfortable |
| 头疼 | tóuténg | have a headache |
| 嗓子疼 | sǎngziténg | have a sore throat |
| 多 | duō | a lot |
| 休息 | xiūxi | have a rest |
| 水果 | shuǐguǒ | fruit |

对话 1

Hǎojiǔ bú jiàn. Nǐ zuìjìn zěnmeyàng?

A: 好久 不见。你最近 怎么 样?

Tǐng hǎo de. Nǐ ne?

B: 挺好的。你呢?

Wǒ zuìjìn hěn máng. Xiǎo wáng jīntiān zěnmeyàng méi lái shàngkè?

A: 我 最近 很 忙。小王 今天 怎么 没来 上课?

Tā gǎnmào le.

B: 他 感冒 了。

Dialogue 1

A: Long time no see. How are you doing recently?

B: I'm fine. What about you?

A: I'm very busy. Why did Xiaowang not attend class today?

B: He has caught a cold.

对话 2

Xiǎo wáng, Nǐ zuótiān zěnmeyàng méi lái shàngkè?

A: 小王, 你 昨天 怎么 没来 上课?

Wǒ zuótiān bù shūfu.

B: 我 昨天 不 舒服。

Nǐ nǎr bù shūfu?

A: 你哪儿不舒服?

Wǒ tóuténg, sǎngzi téng.

B: 我 头疼、 嗓子 疼。

Nǐ yào duō hē shuǐ, duō xiūxi, duō chī shuǐguǒ.

A: 你 要 多 喝水, 多 休息, 多 吃 水果。

Hǎode, xièxiè!

B: 好的，谢谢！

Dialogue 2

A: Xiaowang, Why did you not attend class yesterday?

B: I felt uncomfortable yesterday.

A: What was troubling you?

B: I had a headache and a sore throat.

A: You should drink more water, get more rest and eat more fruit.

B: OK. Thank you.

Grammar Notes:

1 “Duō(多)” : can function as adverb, means “more”. For example:

Duō hē shuǐ 多喝水

Duō shuō Hànyǔ 多说汉语

2 Here “Zěnmē(怎么)” means why, not how. When 怎么 is used in this sense of surprise. 为什么 also means why, but it does not usually imply this sense of surprise.

3 “Zěnmē yàng(怎么样)” is used to ask about the condition of something or someone. For example:

Nǐ māma shēntǐ zěnmē yàng? 你妈妈身体怎么样?

Míngtiān tiānqì zěnmē yàng? 明天天气怎么样?

Supplementary Words:

牙疼

yáténg

toothache

肚子疼

dùzíténg

stomach ache, abdomen pain

腰疼

yāoténg

backache

腿疼

tuǐténg

pain in the leg

脚疼

jiǎoténg

foot pain

发烧

fāshāo

have a fever

生病

shēngbìng

fall ill

头晕

tóuyūn

feel dizzy

咳嗽

késou

cough

过敏

guòmǐn

allergy, hypersensitive