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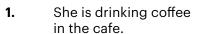
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Write the following sentences using 在 (zài) to indicate an action in progress with a location.

喝	咖啡	咖啡馆
hē	kāfēi	kāfēiguăn
to drink	coffee	cafe
做	意大利面	厨房
zuò	yìdàlì miàn	chúfáng
to cook	spaghetti	kitchen
弹	小提琴	坐
tán	xiǎotíqín	zuò
to play (an instrument)	violin	to sit





→_____.



2. He is cooking spaghetti in the kitchen.

-_____



3. Is she playing the violin sitting on the chair?

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Correct the following sentences.

- 1. 明天你是在家吗? Míngtiān nǐ shì zài jiā ma? Will you be home tomorrow?
- 2. 他们想不在图书馆查资料。 Tāmen xiǎng bù zài túshūguǎn chá zīliào. They don't want to check materials in the library.
- **3.** 我姐姐工作在上海。 Wǒ jiějie gōngzuò zài shànghǎi. My older sister works in Shanghai.
- **4.** 现在他们在公园在放风筝。 Xiànzài tāmen zài gōngyuán zài fàng fēngzheng. They are flying kites in the park now.
 - **-____**.



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3 Rewrite the following sentences into Mandarin Chinese using 在 (zài) when it is needed.

Mary and her husband are having a phone call:

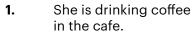
- A: Hi, Mary! How are you?
- B: Hi, Jack! I am still at school. I am sorry I missed your call. I was having class just now. Are you at your office?
- A: Yes, I am still working in the office. I will get off at 5.
- B: Okay. I want to read a bit in the library. How about we meet at the library at 5:30 and we can go home together?
- A: Great! I will meet you at the library. See you soon.



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→她在咖啡馆喝咖啡。 Tā zài kāfēiguǎn hē kāfēi.



- **2.** He is cooking spaghetti in the kitchen.
 - → 他在厨房做意大利面。 Tā zài chúfáng zuò yìdàlì miàn.



- **3.** Is she playing the violin sitting on the chair?
 - → 她坐在椅子上弹小提琴吗? Tā zuò zài yǐzi shàng tán xiǎotíqín ma?





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7 Correct the following sentences.

- 1. 明天你**是在**家吗? Míngtiān nǐ shì zài jiā ma? Will you be home tomorrow?
 - → 明天你**在**家吗?
- 2. 他们想不在图书馆查资料。 Tāmen xiǎng bù zài túshūguǎn chá zīliào. They don't want to check materials in the library.
 - →他们不想在图书馆查资料。
- 3. 我姐姐**工作在上海**。 Wǒ jiějie gōngzuò zài shànghǎi. My older sister works in Shanghai.
 - → 我姐姐在上海工作。
- 4. 现在他们在公园**在**放风筝。 Xiànzài tāmen zài gōngyuán zài fàng fēngzheng. They are flying kites in the park now.
 - →现在他们在公园放风筝。





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Rewrite the following sentences into Mandarin Chinese using 在 (zài) when it is needed.

玛丽和她的丈夫在打电话:

Mălì hé tāde zhàngfu zài dă diànhuà:

Mary and her husband are having a phone call:

A: 嗨,玛丽! 你好吗? Hāi, mǎlì, nǐhǎo ma? Hi, Mary! How are you?

B: 嗨,杰克! 我还**在**学校。对不起,我错过了你的电话。刚刚我**在**上课。你**在**你的办公室吗? Hāi, jiékè! Wǒ hái zài xuéxiào. duìbuqǐ, wǒ cuòguò le nǐde diànhuà. Gānggāng wǒ zài shàngkè. Nǐ zài nǐde bàngōngshì ma? Hi, Jack! I am still at school. I am sorry I missed your call. I was having class just now. Are you at your office?

A: 是的, 我还在办公室工作。我5点下班。

Shìde, wǒ hái zài bàngōngshì gōngzuò. Wǒ wǔ diǎn xiàbān.

Yes, I am still working in the office. I will get off at 5.

B: 好的。我想在图书馆看一下书。我们五点半在图书馆见,怎么样? 我们可以一起回家。

Hǎode. Wǒ xiǎng zài túshūguǎn kàn yíxià shū. Wǒmen wǔdiǎn bàn zài túshūguǎn jiàn, zěnme yàng? Wǒmen kěyǐ yìqǐ huíjiā. Okay. I want to read a bit in the library. How about we meet at the library at 5:30 and we can go home together?

A: 行! 我们在图书馆见。

Xíng! Wŏmen zài túshūguǎn jiàn.

Great! I will meet you at the library.





