



# ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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## Activities

### 1 Look at the following verbs. Are they action verbs, non-action verbs, or both?

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| 1. 穿<br>chuān<br>to wear   | 4. 学<br>xué<br>to learn |
| 2. 写<br>xiě<br>to write    | 5. 挂<br>guà<br>to hang  |
| 3. 下雨<br>xià yǔ<br>to rain |                         |

### 2 Using your answers from the previous section, complete the following sentences with 着 or 在.

1. 他 穿 外套。  
Tā chuān wàitào.  
He is wearing a jacket.
2. 我 写 作业。  
Wǒ xiě zuòyè.  
I am doing my homework.
3. 外面 下 雨。  
Wàimiàn xià yǔ.  
It's raining outside.
4. 我 学 德文。  
Wǒ xué Déwén.  
I'm learning German.
5. 墙上 挂 一张照片。  
Qióngshang guà yīzhāng zhàopiàn.  
On the wall hangs a picture.

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## 3 Read the following passage. We provide the verbs and you have to decide which aspectual particles, 着 or 在, to use with the given verbs based on the context.

今天是星期五，外面 1. 下 雪。我 2. 看 手表， 3. 等 爸爸回来。妈妈 4. 做 晚饭。妹妹 5. 听 音乐\_6. 做 功课。然后我看到爸爸 7. 笑 向我走来。他 8. 穿 夹克，手里 9. 拿 蛋糕。蛋糕的盒子上 10. 写 ：祝你生日快乐！

Jīntiān shì xīngqīwǔ, wàimiàn 1. xià xuě. Wǒ 2. kàn shǒubiǎo, 3. děng bàba huílái. Māma 4. zuò wǎnfàn. Mèimei 5. tīng yīnyuè 6. zuò gōngkè. Ránhòu wǒ kàndào bàba 7. xiào xiàng wǒ zǒulái. Tā 8. chuān jiákè, shǒulǐ 9. ná dàngāo. Dàngāo de hézishang 10. xiě: Zhù nǐ shēngri kuàilè!

It was snowing outside. I looked at my watch, waiting for dad to come back. Mom was making dinner. My little sister was listening to music while doing her homework. Then I saw dad walking towards me with a smile on his face. He was wearing a jacket, holding a cake in his hand. On the cake box, it said "Happy birthday to you!"

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- 1**
1. Both
  2. Action verb
  3. Non-action verb
  4. Action verb
  5. Non-action verb

- 2**
1. 他穿着外套。  
Tā chuānzhe wàitào.  
He is wearing a jacket.
  2. 我在写作业。  
Wǒ zài xiě zuòyè.  
I am doing my homework.
  3. 外面下着雨。 / 外面在下雨。  
Wàimiàn xiàzhe yǔ. / Wàimiàn zài xiàyǔ.  
It's raining outside.
  4. 我在学德文。  
Wǒ zài xué Déwén.  
I'm learning German.
  5. 墙上挂着一张照片。  
Qiángshang guàzhe yīzhāng zhàopiàn.  
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- 3**
1. 着
  2. 着
  3. 着
  4. 在
  5. 着
  6. 在
  7. 着
  8. 着
  9. 着
  10. 着

