



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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- 1 Use subjectless sentences to describe the change in the weather indicated by the following pictures. Clue: The pictures indicate the current weather, which is different from the previous one.



变晴
biànqíng
turn sunny



打雷
dǎléi
thunder



下雨
xiàyǔ
rain



变阴
biànyīn
turn cloudy

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2 Context: A teacher tells her students to do the following in class. Write the instructions in Mandarin using subjectless sentences.

Mandarin Chinese	Pinyin	Translation
上课	shàngkè	class begins
打开	dǎkāi	open
书	shū	book
翻到	fāndào	turn to
第十页	dìshíyè	page 10
回答	huídá	answer
问题	wèntí	question
下课	xiàkè	class dismissed

1. Let's begin.
2. Open the book please.
3. Turn to page 10 please.
4. Answer the question please.
5. That's all for today.

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3 Answer the following questions using subjectless sentences.

1. 你昨天去学校了吗?
Nǐ zuótiān qù xuéxiào le ma?
Did you go to school yesterday?
2. 妈妈，我可以看电视吗?
Māma, wǒ kěyǐ kàn diànshì ma?
Mom, can I watch TV?
3. 小王，你觉得我的文章怎么样?
Xiǎo Wáng, nǐ juéde wǒ de wénzhāng zěnmeyàng?
Xiao Wang, what do you think of my article?
4. 我们明天要考试吗?
Wǒmen míngtiān yào kǎoshì ma?
Do we have an exam tomorrow?

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1. 变晴了。
Biànríng le.
It is sunny now.
2. 下雨了。
Xiàyǔ le.
It is raining.
3. 打雷了。
Dǎléi le.
It's thundering.
4. 变阴了。
Biànyīn le.
It is cloudy now.

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1. 上课了。
Shàngkè le.
Let's begin.
2. 请打开书。
Qǐng dǎkāi shū.
Please open the book.
3. 请翻到第十页。
Qǐng fāndào dìshíyè.
Please turn to page 10.
4. 请回答问题。
Qǐng huídá wèntí.
Please answer the question.
5. 下课了。
Xiàkè le.
That's all for today.

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1. 去了。
Qù le.
I did.
OR
没去。
Méi qù.
I didn't.
2. 可以。
Kěyǐ.
You can.
OR
不行。
Bùxíng.
You cannot.
3. 写得很好。
Xiě de hěn hǎo.
Your article is very well written.
OR
写得挺好。
Xiě de tǐng hǎo.
Your article is good.
4. 有。
Yǒu.
We do.
OR
没有。
Méiyǒu.
We don't.

