

Lesson 23: A Weekend with Grandma



Zhao Hanyu is a Grade 7 student. She is talking to her grandma on the phone.

Hanyu: Hello, Grandma! It's me, Hanyu.

Grandma: Hello, Hanyu. How is school going? Are you doing well these days?

Hanyu: Yes. I am learning a lot of interesting things at school. And I am reading some English stories. I can read you one this weekend.

Grandma: Are you coming to visit us this weekend?

Hanyu: Yes, Grandma. I am going to come over tomorrow. But I will go to the bookstore first.

Grandma: Sure, my little bookworm. The bookstore is just two bus stops away. It's very close.

Hanyu: Do you need anything from the supermarket? I can get it for you.

Grandma: No. I always buy my groceries at the morning market. The vegetables are fresh and not too expensive.

Hanyu: What are we going to have for dinner?

Grandma: Dumplings, of course.

Hanyu: Yay! My favourite food!



Dig In



Bookstore, bookworm, weekend, anything, supermarket. All of these words are made up of two small words. Can you find more words like these? Make a list.

Let's Do It!

1 What is Zhao Hanyu going to do this weekend? Listen and tick the correct statements.

- She is going to buy some books at the bookstore.
- She is going to read an English story to her grandma.
- She is going to visit her grandparents.
- She is going to buy some groceries at the market.
- She is going to have dumplings with her grandparents.

2 Read the lesson and answer the questions.

1. How far is the bookstore from Hanyu's grandma's house?
2. Where does Hanyu's grandma buy her groceries? Why?
3. What are Hanyu and her grandparents going to have for dinner tomorrow?



3 What are you going to do this weekend? Make a to-do list for this weekend. Talk about your list with a partner and then write a report.

Example:

Weekend To-Do List

1. do my homework
2. go to the park with my cousins
3. buy a new T-shirt
4. buy some snacks for school
5. help wash the dishes at home

My Weekend To-Do List

Report: On Saturday evening, I'm going to do my homework. On Sunday morning, I'm going to the park with my cousins. On Sunday afternoon, I am going to buy a new T-shirt for my dad and some snacks for school. On Sunday evening, I am going to help my mum wash the dishes at home.

Lesson 15: The Zoo Is Open



- What animals do you think are dangerous? Why?
- What rules should we obey at the zoo?

It's Saturday. Jenny, Danny and Brian don't have classes today. They go to the zoo.

At a quarter to eleven, Brian, Jenny and Danny arrive at the zoo. They go through the entrance and see a sign.



Danny: *(He points to the sign.)* Why can't we take photos?

Brian: Maybe cameras scare the animals. When animals are scared, they can be dangerous.

Jenny: Look! There's a bear. And he's sleeping.

Danny: It's nearly noon. He's very lazy! Wake up, Mr. Bear! I have some donuts for you!

Jenny: Danny, stop! You can't feed donuts to a bear!

Brian: Remember the sign? We can't feed the animals.

Danny: Oh, that's right! Sorry, I forgot. Let's see the pandas. They're so cute.

Jenny: We don't have any pandas at the Edmonton Zoo, Danny.

Danny: Why not?

Jenny: Pandas live mainly in China. They eat bamboo. We don't have any bamboo here in Edmonton.

Danny: I see. But we have lots of grass here. Look at those giraffes. They like eating grass. Maybe the pandas could eat some grass instead of bamboo.

Jenny: And maybe you could eat some carrots instead of all those donuts.

Danny: You're funny, Jenny. I'm a dinosaur, not a rabbit.



Let's Do It!

1 Listen and tick the correct answers.

1. What day is today?
 Saturday. Sunday.
2. Where do they go?
 The zoo. The park.
3. What time is it when they arrive?
 11:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
4. What do they see at the entrance?
 A photo. A sign.
5. What animals do they see?
 A bear and a panda. A bear and some giraffes.

2 Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words or phrases in the box.

danger nearly instead of go through take photos wake up

1. This box is too big. It can't _____ the door.
2. We took the plane _____ the train to travel there.
3. Excuse me, can I _____ here? It's beautiful!
4. The boys are playing soccer on the street. It's very _____.
5. I never remember my dreams when I _____.
6. It was _____ 10:00 p.m. when he got home last night.

PROJECT



WE'RE GOING TO THE ZOO!

Have you ever visited a zoo? Write a story about your trip to the zoo. Don't forget to answer these questions:

- When did you go to the zoo?
- Who went to the zoo with you?
- What animals did you see?
- What animals did you like best? Why?
- Did you feed any animals?
- Are zoos good for animals? Why or why not?



Zoos help stop animals from going extinct.

Lesson 45: Different Manners



- In your opinion, what are good manners?
- Do you think cultures shape manners?



I have many good friends in Canada, though Canadian culture is different from Chinese culture.

My name is Wu Zhou. I have lived in Canada for twenty-three years. In Canada, I call myself Joe Wu. Joe is an English name that sounds like Zhou.

Though I have lived here for a long time, I still don't feel Canadian. This is probably because North American manners and Chinese manners are so different.

In China, being modest is a virtue. If someone praises you and says that your English is excellent, you should be modest and say, "No, no. My English is still poor." But in North America, this is usually a sign of being weak and not confident. You should just say, "Thank you."

In Canada, people only ask children about their age. It's not polite to ask an adult's age. They think it is private. But this is common in many places in China.

In both China and North America, it is polite to offer an elderly person a seat on the bus. In North America, however, an elderly person may feel embarrassed about being offered a seat.

When Chinese people eat out in restaurants, they may take turns paying for the meal. In Canada, however, people often share the cost of a meal.

In China, if your guests have no food on their plates, it's polite to put food on their plates. In Canada, you pass food to guests, but you don't usually put food on their plates.

In China, people seldom give extra money to waiters, waitresses, taxi drivers or hotel workers. In North America, this is always done. It is called "tipping".

It's interesting to experience two different cultures. I think understanding cultural differences really helps us to understand each other, live together and work together.

Let's Do It!

- 1 Read the lesson and match the behaviours with the correct countries.

Canada

China

- asking an adult's age
- putting food on a guest's plate
- giving a tip to waiters and hotel workers
- sharing the cost of a meal in a restaurant

- 2 Match and complete the sentences.

Although people have different cultures and customs,

Brian hasn't been to China,

He has been at the new school for only a few days,

Though Liu Feng has many friends in America,

but he has already made many friends there.

they have the same feelings.

he still feels lonely.

but he knows a lot about our country.

Note that we should not use "although/though" and "but" together in the same sentence.



- 3 Fill in the blanks with the words or phrases in the box.

pay for praise take turns modest private

1. We should _____ little Debbie for her courage.
2. It's a long way. We can _____ driving.
3. They asked him to _____ the damage, but he refused.
4. Don't talk about other people's _____ things. It's not polite.
5. Jack is a _____ man who is admired by many people.

- 4 What cultural differences, besides the ones already discussed, have you noticed between China and English-speaking countries? Share your ideas with your classmates.