

Mandarin  
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This was a tidying-up loose ends sort of lesson. We reviewed the reading passage about square dancing and went over the reading paper, trying to understand more of it and to answer questions.

Note: more and more you are coming across 'completing verbs'. This is a way that Mandarin can add a lot of subtlety or mood to basic structures.

You've met a few of them. There's no need to go into detail at this stage about exactly how you use them. The main thing is to be aware of them and of roughly the sort of job that the completing verb is doing do.

Eg

看完	finish reading/finish watching
听见	hear
看见	see
准备好	be well prepared – ie to be ready
买好	manage to buy
卖完	sell out
考好	do well in an exam
考完	finish an exam

# 大爷大妈戴着耳机跳广场舞

Dancing 'Aunties and Uncles' wear headphones for square dancing

8月6日，在南宁的一个广场上，100多个大爷大妈戴着耳机、听着音乐，跟着领舞的人一起跳着广场舞。

在中国，很多大爷大妈们放着很大声的音乐跳广场舞。很多人都不喜欢，觉得太吵了。所以南宁广场上的人们就都戴着耳机跳舞。

九年前，他们人还很少，现在已经有121个人了。他们每天都在晚上八点到九点跳一个小时舞。他们每天晚上一起跳舞，有时候还一起去旅游。

大爷 - dàye - uncle (father's older brother) / respectable term for older man of uncle's age

大妈 - dà mā - aunt (father's elder brother's wife) / respectable term for older woman of aunt's age

戴 - dài - to put on or wear (glasses, hat, gloves etc.)

耳机 - ěrjī - headphones / earphones

跳广场舞 - tiào guǎngchǎng wǔ - to square dance

广场 - guǎngchǎng - public square / plaza

音乐 - yīnyuè - music

领舞 - lǐng wǔ - to lead the dance

放 - fàng - to put / to place / to release / to let out

声 - shēng - sound / voice / tone / noise

觉得 - juéde - to think / to feel

吵 - chǎo - to make a noise / noisy

跳舞 - tiàowǔ - to dance

晚上 - wǎnshang - evening / night

旅游 - lǚyóu - to travel / travel / trip / tourism

# 着

- Notice how much the character 着 is used in the passage.
- It is rarely crucial to the basic meaning – it just changes the emphasis of something – putting the emphasis on the duration of an activity
- It's often a little bit like using and '-ing' form in English: eg  
*'putting on music'* rather than *'put on music'*  
*'dancing'* rather than *'dance'*.

# 作业

I've emailed you the last part of the listening test that we didn't do before.

Have a go:

Questions 31 -35

Also – revise the written the characters. You have to keep practising – even ones you think you know well.