

16th June 六月, 十六日

In today's lesson we spent most of the time revising the 'survival' vocabulary introduced last lesson. You can find it here:

The language we practised was like this:

I want to go to Beijing Wǒ yào qù běijīng 我要去北京

Did you go to the hotel yesterday? zuótiān nǐ qù fàndiàn ma? 昨天你去饭店吗?

The shop is very big Shāngdiàn hěn dà 商店很大

He will go to the bookshop tomorrow tā míngtiān qù shūdiàn 他明天去书店

Shanghai is very, very expensive shànghǎi hěn guì hěn guì 上海很贵很贵

This red wine isn't good zhège hóngjiǔ bù hǎo 这个红酒不好

Do you want to go to an Internet cafe? nǐ yào qù wǎngbā ma? 你要去网吧吗?

I would like to eat plain, boiled rice Wǒ xiǎng yào chī bái fàn 我想要吃白饭

The restaurant is small fàndiàn hěn xiǎo 饭店很小

Because Chinese doesn't have tenses, you can use time words such as 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow' to make it clear what time period you're referring to.

We finished with a game, practising the vocab and also the expression:
I would like

This is a key expression - and also it's useful for its constituent parts: Yao means 'to want' and 'xiang' means 'to think' (or by itself can mean 'would like').

So in order of politeness - the most polite is: 我想要 (this one is good for ordering things in a 吧 or 饭店)

Then comes 我想

Then most direct of all 我要

I 'want'

Homework:

Try to read the 作业 (homework) sheet . As far as you can, cover up the pinyin so you get practise in reading the characters. It's more challenging - but much more satisfying when you get there :)

I've also uploaded a copy of the images of the recent vocab – so you can practise.