



Talking About Language

1 Absolute Beginner



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Main Dialogue

Steve and Emily are signing up for a language course.



你識講咩語言?

nei5 sik1 gong2 me1
jyu5 jin4?

我識講少少法文。

ngo5 sik1 gong2 siu2
siu2 faat3 man4.

Translation

What languages can you speak?

I can speak a little French.

Focus

我識講少少 _____。

ngo5 sik1 gong2 siu2 siu2 _____.

I can speak a little _____.

Example

我識講少少 **法文**。

ngo5 sik1 gong2 siu2 siu2 **faat3 man2**.

I can speak a little **French**.

Key Vocabulary



中文

zung1 man2

Chinese



英文

jing1 man2

English



日文

jat6 man2

Japanese



西班牙文

sai1 baan1 ngaa4 man2

Spanish

Describing Skills

唔叻	<i>m4 lek1</i>	bad at
專家	<i>zyun1 gaa1</i>	expert in
好叻	<i>hou2 lek1</i>	good at
好勁	<i>hou2 ging6</i>	great at
好差	<i>hou2 caa1</i>	terrible at

Abilities

聽	<i>teng1</i>	listen
讀	<i>duk6</i>	read
講	<i>gong2</i>	speak
寫	<i>se2</i>	write

Questions and Answers

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| Q. 你係咪學緊韓文?
<i>nei5 hai6 mai6 hok6 gan2 hon4 man2?</i>
Are you learning Korean? | A. 係呀。
<i>hai6 aa3.</i>
Yes, I am. |
| Q. 你喺邊度學英文?
<i>nei5 hai2 bin1 dou6 hok6 jing1 man2?</i>
Where do you study English? | A. 我喺網上上堂。
<i>ngo5 hai2 mong5 soeng6 soeng5 tong4.</i>
I'm taking a class online. |
| Q. 你識唔識講意大利文?
<i>nei5 sik1 m4 sik1 gong2 ji3 daai6 lei6 man4?</i>
Can you speak Italian? | A. 唔太識。
<i>m4 taai3 sik1.</i>
Not really. |
| Q. 你學咗西班牙文幾耐?
<i>nei5 hok6 zo2 sai1 baan1 ngaa4 man2</i>
<i>gei2 noi6?</i>
How long have you been learning Spanish? | A. 三年。
<i>saam1 nin4.</i>
For three years. |

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