



Talking About Language

1 Absolute Beginner



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Main Dialogue

Steve and Emily are signing up for a language course.



Translation

What languages can you speak?

I can speak a little French.

Focus

我会说一点 _____。

Wǒ huì shuō yīdiǎn _____.

I can speak a little _____.

Example

我会说一点 **法语**。

Wǒ huì shuō yīdiǎn **Fǎyǔ**.

I can speak a little **French**.

Key Vocabulary



中文

Zhōngwén

Chinese



英语

Yīngyǔ

English



日语

Rìyǔ

Japanese



西班牙语

Xībānyáyǔ

Spanish

A-Z Describing Skills

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| 不擅长 | bù shàncháng | bad at |
| 精通 | jīngtōng | expert in |
| 擅长 | shàncháng | good at |
| 善于 | shànyú | great at |
| 很不擅长 | hěn bù shàncháng | terrible at |

A-Z Abilities

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|---|------|--------|
| 听 | tīng | listen |
| 读 | dú | read |
| 说 | shuō | speak |
| 写 | xiě | write |

Questions and Answers

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| Q. 你在学习韩语吗? <i>Nǐ zài xuéxí Hányǔ ma?</i> Are you learning Korean? | A. 是的。 <i>Shì de.</i> Yes, I am. |
| Q. 你在哪里学英语? <i>Nǐ zài nǎlǐ xué Yīngyǔ?</i> Where do you study English? | A. 我在网上上课。 <i>Wǒ zài wǎngshàng shàngkè.</i> I'm taking a class online. |
| Q. 你会说意大利语吗? <i>Nǐ huì shuō Yìdàlì yǔ ma?</i> Can you speak Italian? | A. 不怎么会。 <i>Bù zěnmē huì.</i> Not really. |
| Q. 你学西班牙语多久了? <i>Nǐ xué Xībānyáyǔ duōjiǔ le?</i> How long have you been learning Spanish? | A. 三年。 <i>Sān nián.</i> For three years. |

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