

## LESSON 3 ▲ Dates and Time

### 第三课 ▲ 时间

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#### Part One

#### DIALOGUE I: TAKING SOMEONE OUT TO EAT ON HIS/HER BIRTHDAY

##### I. Listening Comprehension



##### A. Textbook Dialogue I (True/False)

Quote the key sentence from the dialogue to support your answer.

- ( ) 1. Little Gao will be eighteen years old this year.
- ( ) 2. September 12 is Thursday.
- ( ) 3. Little Bai will treat Little Gao to a dinner on Thursday.
- ( ) 4. Little Gao is American. Therefore, he likes American food.
- ( ) 5. Little Bai refuses to eat American food.
- ( ) 6. They will have dinner together at 6:30 p.m.



##### B. Workbook Dialogue I (Multiple Choice)

- ( ) 1. Today's date is:  
a. May 10.      b. June 10.      c. October 5.      d. October 6.
- ( ) 2. What day is today?  
a. Thursday      b. Friday      c. Saturday      d. Sunday
- ( ) 3. What day is October 7?  
a. Thursday      b. Friday      c. Saturday      d. Sunday



##### C. Workbook Dialogue II (Multiple Choice)

- ( ) 1. What time does the man propose to meet?  
a. 6:30      b. 7:00      c. 7:30      d. 8:00
- ( ) 2. What time do they finally agree upon?  
a. 6:30      b. 7:00      c. 7:30      d. 8:00

( ) 3. What day are they going to meet?

- a. Thursday      b. Friday      c. Saturday      d. Sunday

## II. Speaking Exercises

A. Answer the following questions in Chinese based on Textbook Dialogue I.

1. When is Little Gao's birthday?
2. How old is Little Gao?
3. Who is going to treat whom?
4. What is Little Gao's nationality?
5. What kind of dinner are they going to have?
6. What time is the dinner?

B. Tomorrow is your partner's birthday. Find out how old he/she is and offer to take him/her out to dinner. Ask him/her if he/she prefers Chinese or American food and decide upon the time for the dinner.

## III. Reading Comprehension

A. Read the sentences and answer the questions. (Multiple Choice)

( ) 1. 今天星期六，明天星期几？

- a. Thursday      b. Friday      c. Saturday      d. Sunday

( ) 2. 十月二号星期四，十月四号星期几？

- a. 星期四      b. 星期五      c. 星期六      d. 星期日

B. Fill in the blanks below in English based on the calendar.

2005 年

九 月

22 日

星期一



The date on this calendar is \_\_\_\_\_.

The day of the week is \_\_\_\_\_.

Next month is \_\_\_\_\_.

The day after tomorrow is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of the following is the correct way to say "June 3, 1997" in Chinese? Circle the correct answer.

1. 六月三日一九九七年
2. 三日六月一九九七年
3. 六月一九九七年三日
4. 一九九七年六月三日

Read the following dialogue and answer the questions. (True/False)

小高：小王，你喜欢吃中国饭还是美国饭？

小王：我喜欢吃中国饭。

小高：我请你吃中国饭怎么样？

小王：太好了，谢谢。你星期几请我吃饭？

小高：星期六晚上，怎么样？

小王：星期六晚上我很忙。

小高：为什么？

小王：因为那天晚上我请李友吃晚饭。

Questions:

- ( ) 1. Xiao Wang likes Chinese food better than American food.
- ( ) 2. Xiao Gao offers to take Xiao Wang to dinner.
- ( ) 3. Most likely Xiao Wang and Xiao Gao will not have dinner together on Saturday.
- ( ) 4. Li You will treat Xiao Wang to dinner Saturday evening.

## IV. Writing &amp; Grammar Exercises

## Grammar and Usage

A. Write the following numbers using Chinese characters.

1. 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. 93 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 47 \_\_\_\_\_ 4. 62 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

B. Compose questions to elicit the following answers. Use 还是 in each question.

Example: A: 王朋是中国人还是美国人?

B: 王朋是中国人。

1.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 我喜欢吃美国饭。

2.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 小白是小高的同学。

3.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 小张的爸爸是律师。

4.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 李友是老师。

5.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 星期二是我的生日。

C. Rearrange the following Chinese words into sentences, using the English sentences as clues.

1. 我 / 吃饭 / 今天 / 你 / 怎么样 / 晚上 / 请

How would it be if I take you out to dinner this evening?

2. 星期四 / 星期五 / 吃饭 / 我 / 你 / 还是 / 请

Is it Thursday or Friday that you are going to take me out to dinner?

3. 哥哥 / 小张 / 喜欢 / 他的 / 我 / 我 / 可是 /  
不 / 喜欢

I do not like Little Zhang, but I like his older brother.

4. 美国人 / 美国饭 / 可是 / 他 / 不 / 喜欢 /  
吃 / 是 / 他

He is American, but he does not like to eat American food.

### Translation

Translate the following sentences into Chinese, using the words or phrases in parentheses.

1. What day of the week is June 3? (几)

2. Whose birthday is August 7? (谁的)



3. What month and day is your dad's birthday? (几)
4. How old is Little Gao (this year)? (多大)
5. Is Wang Peng Chinese or American? (还是)
6. Little Bai is American, but he likes to eat Chinese food. (可是)
7. In my family, there are Dad, Mom, a younger brother and I.

### Writing Practice

A. Write today's date in Chinese.

B. Write the current time in Chinese.

**Part Two****DIALOGUE II: INVITING SOMEONE TO DINNER****I. Listening Comprehension****A. Textbook Dialogue II (True/False)**

*Quote the key sentence from the dialogue to support your answer.*

- ( ) 1. Wang Peng will not be free until 6:15.
- ( ) 2. Wang Peng will not be busy tomorrow.
- ( ) 3. Little Bai is inviting Wang Peng to dinner.
- ( ) 4. Tomorrow is Little Bai's birthday.
- ( ) 5. Wang Peng doesn't know Little Gao.
- ( ) 6. Little Li is Little Bai's schoolmate.
- ( ) 7. Wang Peng doesn't know Little Li.

**B. Workbook Dialogue III (True/False)**

*Quote the key sentence from the dialogue to support your answer.*

- ( ) 1. Both speakers in the dialogue are Chinese.
- ( ) 2. The man invites the woman to dinner because it will be his birthday tomorrow.
- ( ) 3. The man likes Chinese food.
- ( ) 4. The woman does not like Chinese food.

**C. Workbook Dialogue IV (True/False)**

*Quote the key sentence from the dialogue to support your answer.*

- ( ) 1. Today the woman is busy.
- ( ) 2. Today the man is not busy.
- ( ) 3. Tomorrow both the man and the woman will be very busy.

## II. Speaking Exercises

A. Answer the questions in Chinese based on Textbook Dialogue II.

1. Why does Little Bai ask if Wang Peng is busy or not?
2. When is Wang Peng busy?
3. Who else will go out for dinner tomorrow with Little Bai and Wang Peng?
4. Does Little Bai know Little Li? How do you know?

B. Invite a mutual friend to join you and your partner for dinner. Explain what the occasion is and who else will be there.

C. Your partner would like to take you out to dinner on your birthday, but you will be very busy that day. Suggest another day for the dinner and decide on a time.

## III. Reading Comprehension

A. Write the following times in ordinary numeral notation (e.g., 1:00, 2:40, 3:10 p.m.).

1. 三点钟: \_\_\_\_\_
2. 两点十分: \_\_\_\_\_
3. 六点五十分: \_\_\_\_\_
4. 晚上八点钟: \_\_\_\_\_
5. 晚上九点一刻: \_\_\_\_\_
6. 晚上十一点半: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Read the passage and answer the questions. (True/False)

明天是小白的同学小高的生日。小白和他姐姐请小高吃饭，因为小白的姐姐也认识小高。小高是美国人，可是他喜欢吃中国饭。明天晚上他们吃中国饭。



## Questions:

- ( ) 1. Tomorrow is Little Bai's birthday.
- ( ) 2. Little Bai's sister knows Little Gao.
- ( ) 3. Little Gao and Little Bai are classmates.
- ( ) 4. Little Gao is Chinese.
- ( ) 5. Little Gao likes Chinese food.
- ( ) 6. Little Gao is going to pay for the dinner.

## C. Read the passage and answer the questions. (True/False)

李小姐、白小姐和高先生是同学。今天是李小姐的生日，晚上六点半白小姐和高先生的妹妹请她吃晚饭，可是李小姐不认识高先生的妹妹。

## Questions:

- ( ) 1. Miss Li and Miss Bai are classmates.
- ( ) 2. Miss Li is going to treat Miss Bai to dinner tonight.
- ( ) 3. Today is Miss Li's birthday.
- ( ) 4. Miss Li will not have dinner at home this evening.
- ( ) 5. Miss Li will see Mr. Gao at 6:30 p.m.
- ( ) 6. Miss Li and Mr. Gao's younger sister are close friends.

## D. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions. (Multiple Choice)

小白：今天是几月几号？

小李：今天是二月二十八号。

小白：是吗？明天是我的生日。我的生日是二月二十九号。明天晚上我请你吃晚饭，怎么样？



小李：太好了，谢谢。可是明天不是二月二十九号。

小白：那明天是几月几号？

小李：明天是三月一号。你今年没有生日。

Questions:

- ( ) 1. Which of the following statements is true?
- a. Xiao Bai has been expecting her birthday all week.
  - b. Xiao Bai almost failed to realize that her birthday was approaching.
  - c. Xiao Li has been expecting Xiao Bai's birthday.
- ( ) 2. Tomorrow will be:
- a. February 28.
  - b. February 29.
  - c. March 1.
- ( ) 3. Which of the following statements is true?
- a. Xiao Bai has forgotten her birthday.
  - b. Xiao Li gave the wrong date for tomorrow.
  - c. Xiao Bai's birthday is off this year's calendar.

#### IV. Writing & Grammar Exercises

##### Grammar and Usage

A. Turn the following dates or time phrases into Chinese using Chinese characters.

1. November 12 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Friday evening \_\_\_\_\_
3. 7:00 this evening \_\_\_\_\_
4. 8:30 p.m. Saturday \_\_\_\_\_
5. quarter after nine \_\_\_\_\_

3. Complete the following exchanges.

1.A: 今天是几月几号?

B: \_\_\_\_\_。

2.A: 你的生日是 \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 我的生日是 \_\_\_\_\_。

3.A: 你今年多大?

B: \_\_\_\_\_。

4.A: 现在几点钟?

B: 现在 \_\_\_\_\_ 点 \_\_\_\_\_ 分。

5.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 我五点三刻吃晚饭。

C. Compose questions using the "A-not-A" form that would elicit the following answers.

Example: A: 王朋明天有没有事?

B: 王朋明天没有事。

1.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 王先生是中国人。

2.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 小高没有弟弟。

3.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 小高喜欢吃美国饭。

4.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 王朋明天不忙。



5.A: \_\_\_\_\_?

B: 小张的爸爸不是医生。

D. Based on the text, answer the following questions with 因为.

1. 小白为什么请小高吃饭?

2. 小白为什么不请小高吃中国饭?

3. 小白为什么问王朋忙不忙?

4. 小白为什么认识小李?

### Translation

Translate the following sentences into Chinese, using the words or phrases in parentheses.

1. Who will you invite to dinner on Monday evening? (谁)

2.A: When are we having dinner tomorrow evening? (几点钟)

B: Half past seven.

3. Little Zhang, will you be busy Thursday evening? (V + 不 + V)

4. We will treat our classmates to dinner. How does that sound? (怎么样)

5.A: Why are you busy today? (为什么, 因为)

B: Because today is my mom's birthday.

6. I know my older brother's classmate, Little Zhang, but he doesn't know me.

### Writing Practice

*Write a note to your friend inviting him/her to have dinner with you tomorrow because it's your birthday.*