

Chinese reading activity materials for low intermediate learners

Reading card:

Make sure Chinese version on the right side of the front side of the card, and English version on the left side of the back side of the card. (If you are using this activity for Chinese English learners, please folded the reading cards from right to left.)

All Chinese sentences and translations of Chinese sentences are selected from *Integrated Chinese*.

快开学了,张天明的家离大学很远,得坐飞机去学校。	No.1
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下飞机以后,张天明马上叫了一辆出租汽车,很快就到了学校宿舍。	No.2
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有的人喜欢学校宿舍,觉得又方便又安全,有的人喜欢住校外,因为校外的房子比较便宜。	No.3
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No.1	School is about to start, Zhang Tianming's home is very far from the university so he has to take a plane to get to school.
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No.2	After Zhang Tianming gets off the plane, he hails a taxi and can immediately. In no time he arrives at his school dormitory.
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No.3	Some people like to live on campus. They think it's both convenient and safe. Some people like to live off campus because off-campus housing is cheaper.
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很多美国人认为十八岁以后就应该离开家搬到别的地方住,我觉得不一定。	No.4
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房间里的家具不多,靠窗户摆着两张书桌,每张桌子的前面有一把椅子。	No.5
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房子前边有很多花,房子后边是一个小山,山上有很多树。	No.6
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No.4	Many Americans think that you should leave home and live somewhere else after you turn eighteen. I don't necessarily agree.
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No.5	There isn't a lot of furniture in the room. Against the windows are two desks, and in front of each desk there is a chair.
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No.6	There are a lot of flowers in front of the house. There is a small mountain on the back side of the house, and there are a lot of trees in the mountain.
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今天是周末,功课也做完了,张天明就给柯林打电话,说他和他的女朋友想吃中国饭,问他想不想去。	No.7
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张天明从家里来的时候,妈妈给他买了一些衣服,想T恤衣、毛衣、牛仔裤什么的。	No.8
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<p>晚饭后,他去一家购物中心买运动鞋,那里没有他喜欢的,于是又开出去了另一个购物中心。</p>	<p>No.9</p>
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<p>No.7</p>	<p>Today is the weekend, and he has already finished his homework, so Zhang Tianming calls Ke Lin and says that he and his girlfriend would like to eat Chinese food. He asks Ke Lin if he would like to go.</p>
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<p>No.8</p>	<p>Before Zhang Tianming came to school, his mom bought him some clothes such as T-shirts, sweaters, jeans, and so on.</p>
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No.9	After dinner he went to a shopping center to get a pair of sneakers. The shopping center didn't have the ones he like, so he drove to another shopping center.
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周末孩子们要去山上，没想到星期六早上下雨了，于是他们就不去了。	No.10
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我给他打了很多次电话都没有人接,于是就给他发了一封电子邮件。	No.11
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小明在商店看见一件毛衣，样子、颜色他都很喜欢，于是就买下来了。	No.12
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No.10	The kids were going to go to the mountains over the weekend, but it rained unexpectedly Saturday morning, so they didn't go.
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No.11	I called him many times, but nobody answered, so I sent him an e-mail.
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No.12	Xiao Ming saw a sweater at the store. He liked the style and the color, so he bought it.
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张天明这个学期选了四门课：世界历史、电脑、政治学和中文。	No.13
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因为张天明在家的時候常常跟父母說中文,所以一年級的中文課,對他來說,聽和說很容易,只是寫漢字有點兒難。	No.14
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对小王来说,今年找工作很重要,要不然吃饭、住房子都会有问题。	No.15
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No.13	Zhang Tianming is taking four courses this semester: World History, Computer Science, Political Science, and Chinese.
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No.14	Because Zhang Tianming often speaks Chinese with his parents at home, first-year Chinese for him is very easy in terms of listening and speaking; only writing Chinese characters is a little difficult.
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No.15	As far as Xiao Wang is concerned, the most important thing this year is to find a job. Otherwise, both food and housing would become problematic.
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对于他来说, 有工作比没有工作好, 可是他觉得工作不好比没有工作更糟。	No.16
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天明是个球迷, 电视里一有球赛, 他就非看不可, 而丽莎是个歌迷, 一有演唱会就去听。	No.17
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这几天天气很奇怪，一会儿很冷，一会儿很热，不少人都感冒了。	No.18
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No.16	For him, it's better to have a job than have no job. However, in his view, having a lousy job is worse than having no job.
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No.17	Tianming is a sports fan. Whenever there is a ball game on TV, he has to watch it. Lisa is a fan of pop music. Whenever there is a concert, she will go and listen.
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No.18	The weather has been really strange the last few days. One minute it's very cold, the next it's very hot. Many people have caught cold.
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张天明在网上看新闻，查资料，玩儿游戏，有时候还在自己的网站上写博客。	No.19
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张天明说他可以没有报纸，没有电话，甚至没有汽车，可是一会儿都离不开电脑。	No.20
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昨天，丽莎、柯林和雪梅和他约好今天一起唱卡拉OK，时间到了也不见他来。	No.21
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No.19	Zhang Tianming reads news, does research, and plays games online. Sometimes, he writes his blog on his website.
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No.20	Zhang Tianming says he can do without newspapers, telephones, and even a car, but he cannot leave his computer for a moment.
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No.21	Yesterday, Lisa, Ke Lin, and Xuemei made a date with him to go sing karaoke today, but he didn't show up on time.
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张天明昨天去购物中心买东西，在那儿看到了他好久不见得两个老同学。	No.22
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张天明的父母收入虽然不少,但是供天明和姐姐上大学，经济上还是有些压力。	No.23
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他们希望孩子们能受到良好的教育，所以孩子一生下来就开始给他们存教育费。	No.24
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No.22	Zhang Tianming went to the shopping center yesterday to do some shopping. There he saw two old classmates who he hadn't seen for a long time.
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No.23	Although Zhang Tianming's parents' income is not inconsiderable, sending Tianming and his sister to college create some financial pressure for them.
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No.24	They hope that their children will receive a good education. Therefore, from the time their children were born, they started saving for their education expense.
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张天明觉得自己已经是大人了，应该找工作挣钱来减轻父母的负担。	No.25
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她嫌学校餐厅的菜不好吃，不是叫外卖，就是跟同学去饭馆。	No.26
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李哲的父母是墨西哥移民，他和他的哥哥都是在加州出生、长大的。	No.27
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No.25	Zhang Tianming feels that he is already an adult and should find a job to alleviate his parents' burden.
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No.26	She finds the food at school cafeteria unappetizing, so she either orders takeout or goes out to restaurants with her classmates.
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No.27	Li Zhe's parents are Mexican immigrants. He and his brother were both born and grew up in California.
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李哲的嫂子十五年前从香港来美国留学，拿到硕士学位以后找到工作，就在美国住下来了。	No.28
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哥哥和嫂子结婚十年了，生活一直很美满，可是最近两年在女儿的教育问题上，意见常常不同。	No.29
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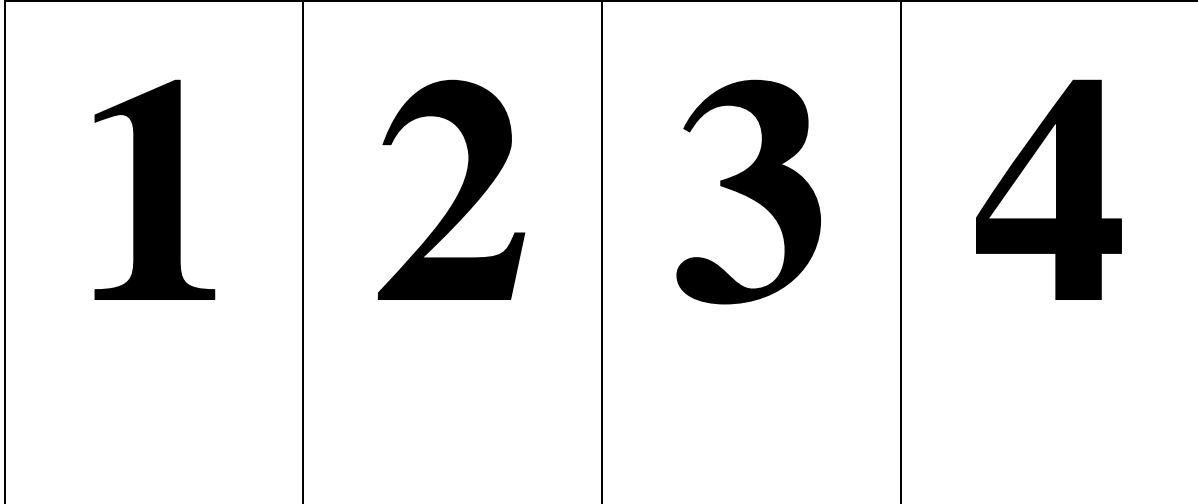
张天明的父母希望他去他们的家乡南京看看，张天明也想带丽莎到中国的一些地方走走。	No.30
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No.28	Li Zhe's sister-in-law came from Hong Kong to the United States fifteen years ago to study. After she got a master's degree and found a job, she settled in America.
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No.30	Li Zhe's older brother and sister-in-law have been married for ten years. They have always been very happy, but in the last couple of years their opinions have differed over their daughter's education.
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No.30	Zhang Tianming's parents hope that he'll go visit their hometown Nanjing. Zhang Tianming also very much want to take Lisa to a few places in China.
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Reference:

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