

⇒ What to Say When You Don't Understand Someone in Chinese

A:

zǎo!

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Good morning!

B:

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A:

wǒ xià zhōu yào zǒu le.

我下周要走了。

I have to leave next week.

B:

shén me? nǐ gāng gāng shuō le shén me?

什么? 你刚刚说了什么?

What? What did you just say?

A:

wǒ shuō wǒ xià zhōu yào zǒu le.

我说我下周要走了。

I said: I have to leave next week.

B:

yào zǒu le? **shén me yì sī?**

要走了? **什么意思?**

"Have to leave..?" **What do you mean?**

A:

wǒ yào lí kāi zhè lǐ le.

我要离开这里了。

I have to leave this place.

B:

lí kāi zhè lǐ le !?

离开这里了 !?

Leave this place!?

nǐ zài shuō shén me?

你在说什么?

What are you saying?

jiě shì yī xià, hǎo ma?

解释一下, 好吗?

Could you explain?

A:

wǒ de yì sī shì shuō nǐ bù huì jīng cháng kàn dào wǒ le.

我的意思是说你不会经常看到我了。

What I mean is that you won't see me often.

B:

wǒ tīng de bù tài míng bái.

我听得不太明白。

I don't quite understand.

nǐ kě yǐ huàn gè shuō fǎ ma?

你可以换个说法吗?

Can you put it another way?

A:

wǒ zhè gè zhōu mò yào bān jiā le.

我这个周末要搬家了。

I'm moving to a new house this weekend.

B:

a? shén me? má fán nǐ zài shuō yī cì.

啊? 什么? 麻烦你再说一次!

Ah? What? Please say that again!

A:

wǒ zhè gè zhōu mò yào bān jiā le.

我这个周末要搬家了。

I'm moving house this weekend.

B:

ó! nǐ de yì sī shì shuō nǐ yào bān xīn jiā le.

哦! 你的意思是说你要搬新家了。

Ah! You mean you're moving to a new house.

A:

duì duì duì! wǒ yào qù yí jiā mǎi zhuō zi, pán zi, chā zi, sháo zi, bēi zi, yǐ zi, shā fā, chuáng...

对对对！我要去宜家买桌子，盘子，叉子，勺子，杯子，椅子，沙发，床...

Correct! I'm going to IKEA to buy a table, plates, forks, spoons, cups, chairs, a sofa, beds...

B:

shén me shén me shén me, qǐng shuō màn yī diǎn!

什么什么什么，请说慢一点！

What? What? What? Please speak more slowly!

A:

wǒ yào qù yí jiā mǎi xiē jiā jù.

我要去宜家买些家具。

I'm going to IKEA to buy some furniture.

nǐ zhè gè zhōu mò kě yǐ bāng wǒ bān jiā ma?

你这个周末可以帮我搬家吗？

Can you help me move this weekend?

B:

bù hǎo yì sī! wǒ méi tīng qīng chǔ.

不好意思！我没听清楚。

Sorry! I didn't hear (you) clearly.

A:

nǐ zhè gè zhōu mò kě yǐ bāng wǒ bān jiā ma?

你这个周末可以帮我搬家吗？

Can you help me move this weekend?

B:

bù hǎo yì sī! wǒ zhè gè zhōu mò... yào jiā bān.

不好意思！我这个周末... 要加班。

Sorry! This weekend I... have to work overtime.

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