

Lesson Five Oral Practice

1) Talk about your roommate (use the patterns and vocabulary learned in L. 5.)

A

1. Ask B whether B has a roommate at Beijing U.
2. Ask B whether their personalities are the same.
3. Ask B to give you several examples.

B

1. Tell A that you have one.
2. Tell A that your personalities and habits are completely different.
3. Give A several examples, such as, your roommate likes to chat with girls in the dorm, but you like to sit and read quietly; you like to listen to Chinese folk songs (minge), but your roommate likes to listen to American popular songs.

2) Talk about your school life (use the patterns and vocabulary learned in L. 5.)

1. Ask B why B was so excited in the first few days in Beijing U.
2. Ask B whether B has got used to life in Beijing.
3. Ask B whether B has got used to the class schedule; And whether B often oversleeps and B is late for class.
4. Ask B how about B's teachers. Whether the teachers are very strict.
5. Ask B whether B is slow learning Chinese.

1. Tell A that you were so excited because everything was new and fresh to you.
2. Tell A that because you were in a new place and weren't used to the environment, and moreover, you liked to eat raw and cold food, you got sick.
3. Tell A that you weren't used to it in the first week because the first period starts too early, at 8, so you were often late for class.
4. Tell A that though your teachers are very strict, they are very enthusiastic and concerned about the students.
5. Tell A that you are very slow, but your teachers often say that it doesn't matter if you are slow, but you need to study hard and have a good attitude.

3) Talk about how you handle the problems caused by your roommate.

1. Tell B that you heard that B's roommate often sings songs while listening to pop music.
2. Ask B whether B has found a good way to solve the problem.
3. Ask B what happens then.

1. Tell A that it is true, and that sometimes your roommate's singing drives you crazy.
2. Tell A that you have thought up a good way to do it, that is whenever your roommate sings, you start to read Chinese aloud.
3. Tell B that then, your roommate stops singing, and listens to your reading, and sometimes your roommate says your four tones are not as good as his, but you think that though your four tones are not good enough, it is much better than listening to his singing.

