

Lesson 12 Oral Practice

1. Mr. and Mrs. Zhao talk about Desheng and Hailin.

A: It looks like Hailin is very well-behaved, and also her family and our family are perfectly matched in social status.

B: Yes. Mrs. Wu's niece is nice looking and is quite smart, too. But I heard that she is very ambitious.

A: It doesn't matter if she is ambitious. The only important thing is that she loves our son.

B: It does matter I think.

A: How does it matter?

B: People who are very ambitious like Hailin don't even have time to do their own things, let alone to take care of their husband and children?

A: You think too much. Relax. It looks like Desheng and Hailin have similar interest.

B: But I can see from her talking that she also wants to go to graduate school. How can she manage to find time to do house work, then?

A: But you need to understand that Desheng is a "bookworm". The only thing he knows how to do is read. If it doesn't work this time, then when will we ever have grandchildren?

B: The only thing you want to do is to have grandchildren. You must know that I can't stand it when she thinks she is very knowledgeable and puts on airs too easily.

2. Hailin and Desheng talk to each other.

H: Before I thought that you were a "bookworm". The only thing you knew how to do was to read from morning till night.

D: Why did you think that way?

H: Because your glasses are as thick as the bottom of a beer bottle.

D: Ha... I thought before I met you that you must think yourself somebody special because you are from the US.

H: Really? My personality is not like that. But I am surprised to find out that you are not the same as I thought before. It is quite fun to listen to your talking, and I can also see from your talking that you are very knowledgeable and considerate.

D: Thank you. I think you are cute and sensible, not like some people who often put on airs just because they once lived in the US.