



Chinese Word Order and Sentence Patterns

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Word	Pinyin	Meaning	Example Pinyin
我 + 今天 + 在家 + 工作	I + today + at home + work	我今天在家工作。	I work at home today.
他 + 明天 + 在北京 + 开会	he + tomorrow + in Beijing + have a meeting	他明天在北京开会。	He has a meeting in Beijing tomorrow.
我们 + 晚上 + 在饭馆 + 吃饭	we + evening + at a restaurant + eat	我们晚上在饭馆吃饭。	We eat at a restaurant tonight.
她 + 周末 + 在图书馆 + 看书	she + weekend + at the library + read	她周末在图书馆看书。	She reads at the library on weekends.
学习	xuéxí	study	Wǒ wǎnshang zài jiā xuéxí.
工作	gōngzuò	work	Tā jīntiān zài Shànghǎi gōngzuò.
吃饭	chīfàn	eat a meal	Wǒmen zhōngwǔ zài xuéxiào chīfàn.
看书	kàn shū	read a book	Tā zhōumò zài gōngyuán kàn shū.
跑步	pǎobù	run	Wǒ zǎoshang zài gōngyuán pǎobù.
开会	kāihuì	have a meeting	Lǎobǎn xiàwǔ zài bàngōngshì kāihuì.
I study at home tonight.	我今晚在家学习。	Wǒ jīnwǎn zài jiā xuéxí.	
He eats at the restaurant tomorrow.	他明天在饭馆吃饭。	Tā míngtiān zài fànguǎn chīfàn.	
We have class at school this morning.	我们今天早上在学校上课。	Wǒmen jīntiān zǎoshang zài xuéxiào shàngkè.	
She reads in the library this afternoon.	她今天下午在图书馆看书。	Tā jīntiān xiàwǔ zài túshūguǎn kàn shū.	
你 + 明天 + 在学校 + 学习	nǐ + míngtiān + zài xuéxiào + xuéxí	You study at school tomorrow.	nǐ míngtiān zài xuéxiào xuéxí.
他们 + 每天 + 在公司 + 开会	tāmen + měitiān + zài gōngsī + kāihuì	They have meetings at the company every day.	tāmen měitiān zài gōngsī kāihuì.
我们 + 现在 + 在公园 + 散步	wǒmen + xiànzài + zài gōngyuán + sànbù	We are taking a walk in the park now.	wǒmen xiànzài zài gōngyuán sànbù.
她 + 下午 + 在咖啡店 + 看书	tā + xiàwǔ + zài kāfēidiàn + kànshū	She reads a book in the cafe in the afternoon.	tā xiàwǔ zài kāfēidiàn kànshū.
我 + 早上 + 在家 + 吃早餐	wǒ + zǎoshang + zài jiā + chī zǎocān	I eat breakfast at home in the morning.	wǒ zǎoshang zài jiā chī zǎocān.
他 + 周末 + 在体育馆 + 跑步	tā + zhōumò + zài tǐyùguǎn + pǎobù	He runs at the gym on weekends.	tā zhōumò zài tǐyùguǎn pǎobù.

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他 + 上午 + 在教室 + 学习	Tā shàngwǔ zài jiàoshì xuéxí	He studies in the classroom in the morning.	
我们 + 星期天 + 在超市 + 吃饭	Wǒmen xīngqītiān zài chāoshì chīfàn	We eat at the supermarket on Sunday.	
我 + 每天 + 在健身房 + 跑步	Wǒ měitiān zài jiànshēnfáng pǎobù	I run at the gym every day.	
他们 + 今天 + 在家 + 学习	Tāmen jīntiān zài jiā xuéxí	They study at home today.	
你 + 昨天 + 在商店 + 买什么?	nǐ + zuótiān + zài shāngdiàn + mǎi shénme?	What did you buy at the store yesterday?	nǐ zuótiān zài shāngdiàn mǎi shénme?
他 + 常常 + 在宿舍 + 睡觉	tā + chángcháng + zài sùshè + shuìjiào	He often sleeps in the dormitory.	tā chángcháng zài sùshè shuìjiào
她 + 刚才 + 在厨房 + 做饭	tā + gāngcái + zài chúfáng + zuòfàn	She was cooking in the kitchen just now.	tā gāngcái zài chúfáng zuòfàn
我们 + 明天 + 在机场 + 接人	wǒmen + míngtiān + zài jīchǎng + jiē rén	We will pick someone up at the airport tomorrow.	wǒmen míngtiān zài jīchǎng jiē rén
他们 + 有时候 + 在公园 + 打太极拳	tāmen + yǒushíhòu + zài gōngyuán + dǎ tàijíquán	They sometimes practice tai chi in the park.	tāmen yǒushíhòu zài gōngyuán dǎ tàijíquán
我 + 今年 + 在中国 + 学中文	wǒ + jīnnián + zài Zhōngguó + xué Zhōngwén	I study Chinese in China this year.	wǒ jīnnián zài Zhōngguó xué Zhōngwén
你 + 每天 + 在办公室 + 工作	Nǐ měitiān zài bàngōngshì gōngzuò	You work at the office every day.	Nǐ měitiān zài bàngōngshì gōngzuò
他们 + 上午 + 在医院 + 看病	Tāmen shàngwǔ zài yīyuàn kànbing	They see a doctor at the hospital in the morning.	Tāmen shàngwǔ zài yīyuàn kànbing
我们 + 傍晚 + 在河边 + 散步	Wǒmen bàngwǎn zài hébiān sànbù	We take a walk by the river in the evening.	Wǒmen bàngwǎn zài hébiān sànbù
她 + 平时 + 在家 + 做饭	Tā píngshí zài jiā zuòfàn	She usually cooks at home.	Tā píngshí zài jiā zuòfàn
我 + 晚上 + 在房间 + 听音乐	Wǒ wǎnshàng zài fángjiān tīng yīnyuè	I listen to music in my room at night.	Wǒ wǎnshàng zài fángjiān tīng yīnyuè
他 + 夏天 + 在海边 + 游泳	Tā xiàtiān zài hǎibiān yóuyóu	He swims at the seaside in summer.	Tā xiàtiān zài hǎibiān yóuyóu
她 + 明天 + 在超市 + 买东西	Tā + míngtiān + zài chāoshì + mǎi dōngxì	She will go shopping at the supermarket tomorrow.	
我 + 周末 + 在公园 + 跑步	Wǒ + zhōumò + zài gōngyuán + pǎobù	I jog in the park on weekends.	
你 + 下午 + 在图书馆 + 学习	Nǐ + xiàwǔ + zài túshūguǎn + xuéxí	You study in the library in the afternoon.	
我们 + 明天 + 在教室 + 上课	Wǒmen + míngtiān + zài jiàoshì + shàngkè	We have class in the classroom tomorrow.	
他 + 晚上 + 在宿舍 + 看电视	Tā + wǎnshàng + zài sùshè + kàn diànshì	He watches TV in the dormitory at night.	
他们 + 每天 + 在公司 + 工作	Tāmen + měitiān + zài gōngsī + gōngzuò	They work at the company every day.	

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你 + 每天 + 在图书馆 + 看书	Nǐ měitiān zài túshūguǎn kànshū.	You read books in the library every day.	Nǐ měitiān zài túshūguǎn kànshū.
她 + 今天 + 在教室 + 学习	Tā jīntiān zài jiàoshì xuéxí.	She studies in the classroom today.	Tā jīntiān zài jiàoshì xuéxí.
Subject + Verb + Object	S + V + O	basic SVO word order	
Subject + 是 + Noun	S + 是 + N	A is B (identity)	
Subject + 很 + Adjective	S + 很 + Adj	description with 很	
Subject + 有 + Object	S + 有 + O	have / there is	
Subject + 在 + Place	S + 在 + place	location	
Subject + 去 + Place	S + 去 + place	go to	