

On Wednesday, I had a language practicum which involved going to a restaurant with my teacher and asking for a menu, ordering a meal without, meat, gluten, soy or msg, ordering a beverage and getting the check. All good skills! But I nearly cried when she said I had to ask a stranger for directions. Speaking in Mandarin, I asked a man who was repairing a street light where the restaurant was, but he didn't understand me. My teacher was standing next to me and telling me what to say. It was all very awkward. I didn't know what the man was saying to me and didn't know what I was supposed to do next. Then a student walked by (we're on a college campus) and said in English "It's that way." Kind of hilarious. The rest of our excursion was fine. That's language boot camp, no big deal.

And trying things...

After class I had plans to meet Nick who teaches at Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing. I was given his email address by a friend when I was working on my Fulbright application, and he had read over my proposal and given me some tips. I was looking forward to meeting him, but I couldn't get my phone to load the directions. (The internet on campus can be slow, and I later realized the roaming on my phone was turned off. Nice. Still figuring things out.) I had looked them up the day before so I knew the subway stop, and I knew the restaurant wasn't far. I figured I'd just get close and then ask directions. I mean, I practically aced my practicum, right? Maybe this was my do-over.

I made it to the subway stop and asked directions, in Mandarin and English, from many people. One woman I asked stayed with me to help until we found a police officer who smartly recommended I ask at a nearby hotel. I received excellent directions from the concierge, found the restaurant and had a great time with Nick and his wife Lindsay. Thank goodness for so many kind people who tried to help but just had no idea where an expat restaurant was.

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150 复习作业 review homework

《中文听说读写》Level 1-2

第十二课 吃饭 (一)

9.7/10 好!

一、看拼音写句子

1. Zhèi ge fàn guǎn rén zěnmē zhème duō, hǎoxiàng yí gè wèizi dōu méi yǒu le. 这个饭馆儿人怎么这么多,好像一个位子都没有了。

2. Nà zhāng zhuōzi méi yǒu rén, wǒ men zuò nà, hǎo ma? 那张桌子没有人,我们坐那,好吗?

3. Wǒ hěn è, yě hěn kě, kuài diǎn cài ba. 我很饿,也很渴,快点菜吧。

4. Xiǎo Wáng bú yào ròu, tā chī sù, wǒ men yào yì pán dòu fu. 小王不要肉,他吃素,我们要一盘豆腐。

5. Cài hěn kuài jiù néng zuò hǎo, méi wèn tí. 菜很快就能做好,没问题是。

二、写量词 (m.)

- 一 (盘) 豆腐, 一 (瓶) 可乐, 一 (盘) 菜, 一 (杯) 酒,
- 一 (张) 桌子, 一 (个) 位子, 一 (盘) 饺子, 一 (张) 床, *chuáng bed*
- 一 (份) 报, 一 (碗) 饭, 一 (碗) 汤, 一 (家) 饭馆 *cān guǎn*

三、改写句子

Example: 我今年夏天没有看电影。

→ 我今年夏天一个电影都 (也) 没有看。

1. 他今天早上没有吃东西。
→ 他今天早上一点儿都没有吃。

2. 饭馆里人很多, 没有位子。
→ 饭馆一个都没有位。

3. 我最近忙极了, 没有时间。
→ 我最近忙极了, 一点儿都没有时间。

4. 这篇课文的生词又多又难, 我不懂。

这篇课文的生词又多又难, 一点儿东西都没有懂。

This is what my homework looks like, several pages like this. If you can read Mandarin it's pretty elementary stuff, "Bring us a plate of tofu without meat."