

Introduction

Lesson Three

In this lesson, you will listen to a conversation between two people using some words that you have already learned as well as learn some new words too!

Conversation

- Nǐ hǎo! Nǐ zěn me yàng? – Hello! How are you?
- Wǒ hěn hǎo, xiè xie. Nǐ ne? – I'm very well, thanks. And you?
- Wǒ hái kě yǐ bú guò zuì jìn jué de lèi... – I'm okay though lately I feel tired...
- Nǐ wèi shén me jué de lèi? – Why do you feel tired?
- Wǒ yě bù zhī dào wèi shén me – I don't know why...
- Shì bú shì méi yǒu shuì hǎo jiào? – Is it because you didn't sleep well?
- Bú shì, wǒ shuì de hěn hǎo – No, I slept very well
- Shì bú shì méi yǒu chī hǎo nē? – Is it because you didn't eat well?
- Shì, zuì jìn méi yǒu chī hǎo! – Yes, I didn't eat well recently
- Nà wǒ mén qù chī fàn ba! - Then let's go and eat!

Chinese Glossary

1. wǒ / wǒ mén - me / us
2. nǐ / nǐ mén - you / you guys
3. tā / tā mén - him or her / them
4. shuì jiào - sleep
5. jiù - only
6. yě - also
7. xiè xiè - thanks
8. shì / bú shì - yes / no
9. shì bú shì? - is it? / is it so?
10. wèi shén me - why
11. zhī dào - to know / understand
12. qù - go

Homework

1. Think about what the relationship is between wǒ / wǒ mén, nǐ / nǐ mén, tā / tā mén
2. If “bù” means “no” then what does bù zhī dào mean?
3. If somebody asks you, “Is this correct?”, how do you answer “yes” and “no”?
4. If “nǐ shì bú shì?” means “are you?” and “tā shì bú shì?” means “is he/she?” then what do you think “wǒ shì bú shì?” means?
5. What does “wǒ zhī dào” mean? What does “tā zhī dào” mean? What other variations of this can you think of?

EXTRA: Think carefully about why “shì bú shì?” means “is it?” / “is it so?” Consider what the words “shì” and “bú shì” means.

The answers to these questions will be available in the next lesson. Enjoy!