

語法 GRAMMAR

Optative Verbs (能願動詞): 要, 想, 應該, 得, 能, 可以, 會

Optative Verbs are placed before the main verb to express one's wish, desire, obligation, capability, possibility, or permission. Following are the commonly used optative verbs.

Optative verbs	Meaning	Examples	Negation
要 [yào]	1. want, will, to be going to	我要去機場。	不想 (irregular negation)
	2. have to, should	你要多練習中文。	不用 (irregular negation)
想 [xiǎng]	want, intend, would like to	他們想多說英文。 我想吃餃子。	不想
應該 [yīnggāi]	should, ought to, to be supposed to	你應該在宿舍學習。 你應該多休息。	不應該
得 [děi]	have to, to be required to	我得去機場接人。	不用 (irregular negation)
能 [néng]	1. have the ability to	我能開手排擋的車。	不會 (irregular negation)
	2. can (depending on circumstances)	他明天能來上課。	不能
	3. permission — may	我能借他的車。	不能
可以 [kěyǐ]	1. permission — may	我可以借他的車。	不能 (irregular negation) 不可以
	2. can (depending on circumstances)	他明天可以來。	不能 (irregular negation)
會 [huì]	1. know how to, have the ability to	你會開車。	不會
	2. be likely to	他明天會來。	不會

從 ... 去(到) ...

從 ... 去(到)... (from ... to ...) is a common pattern which is used to describe the movement of something from one place (or time) to another. Note that when describing an event, Chinese word order begins with the starting point, then proceeds to the means, to

the arriving point, and then to the action. This reflects the temporal sequence of the event. For example,

Place:	從 Place 1	坐 N	去 (到) Place 2	
	他們	從上海	坐飛機	去 (到)洛杉磯
	Subj.	Place 1	Means	Place 2
				玩。
				VP

They, from Shanghai, took an airplane, arrived in Los Angeles, and had fun.

Time: 這學期是從一月到五月。
This semester is from January to May.

多 VP (學習, 練習)

多 can be placed before a verb to indicate doing more of the verb. For example,

你要多學習。	You need to study more.
你應該多練習漢字 [hànzi]。	You should practice characters more.
請多吃一點兒。	Please eat a little bit more.
我要多睡一點兒。	I want to sleep a little more.

補充課文 — SUPPLEMENTARY PRACTICE

This selection will help you test your comprehension of the grammar and vocabulary you have learned in this lesson. Be prepared to answer questions about the meaning of the passage.

我妹妹和她男朋友要來美國度假，他們要先從上海坐飛機去洛杉磯玩兒，然後再到我這兒來。我得去機場接他們，可是我沒有車，我就跟本樂借車。本樂的車是手排擋的，他問我會不會開。我告訴他我雖然比較喜歡開自排的車，但是我以前也常開手排的車，所以應該沒問題。

妹妹他們這次來，除了想好好地玩兒以外，他們也想多瞭解美國文化，多學一點兒英文。本樂說他也可以趁這個機會跟他們多練習一點兒中文，這樣，他的中文就能進步了。我覺得這是一個好主意。

Notes: 度假 [dùjià]: to spend one's vacation
雖然...但是... [suīrán... dànshì...]:
though..., ... but
瞭解 [liǎojiě]: to understand
趁 [chèn]: to take advantage of
覺得 [juéde]: to think

告訴 [gàosù]: to tell
以前 [yǐqián]: before
除了...以外... [chúle... yǐwài...]: besides
文化 [wénhuà]: culture
機會 [jīhuì]: opportunity
主意 [zhùyì]: idea