

注释 LANGUAGE NOTES**好久不见**

好久不见, “long time no see,” is a common phrase used by acquaintances to greet each other when they haven't seen each other for a while.

和

When 和 is pronounced as [hé] ([hàn] in Taiwan), it means “and.” In the phrase 暖和, it is pronounced as [huo].

华氏

华氏 refers to the Fahrenheit system, which is used in the United States. 摄氏 [shèshì] refers to the Celsius system, which is used in Mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, and most of the rest of the world.

The Verb 刮

The verb 刮 has two traditional forms: 刮 and 颳. In traditional forms, 颳風 [guāfēng] “blowing wind” can also be written as 刮風 [guāfēng]. The difference between the two verbs 刮 and 颳 is that 刮 has more usages than 颳. 颳 is only used in the context of blowing wind. However, 刮 as a verb can have several meanings, including “to blow (wind),” and “to pare, to shave, or to scrape.”

For examples,	刮大风 [guā dàfēng]	“a big wind is blowing”
	刮破 [guāpò]	“to cut or hurt (someone) while shaving”
	刮胡子 [guāhúzi]	“to shave”
	刮掉 [guādiào]	“to scrape off”

语法 GRAMMAR**就/快要...了**

Both 就要...了 and 快要...了 are patterns that are used to indicate that a certain action or event is about to happen. For example,

春天就要来了。	Spring is coming soon.
我们快要见面了。	We are going to see each other soon.

最

最 is used for the superlative meaning “the most.” It occurs before a verb or an adjective. For example,

我最喜欢秋天。	I like autumn the most.
他游泳游得最快。	He is the fastest swimmer.
她最好看。	She is the prettiest.

Adj. + 极了

极了 is an intensifier. It occurs after an adjective to indicate a very high degree of the adjective. For example,

热极了!	It is extremely hot!
冷极了!	It is extremely cold!
我忙极了!	I am extremely busy!
晚会好极了!	The party went very well!

补充课文 ↔↔↔ 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.

小玲: 喂, 大中, 是你吗?

大中: 小玲啊, 是我。好久不见, 你现在怎么样?

小玲: 还不错。时间过得真快, 现在已经是三月了, 我们就要放春假了。

大中: 是啊, 春天就要来了, 我们这儿的天气也快要暖和了。

小玲: 我们这儿已经很暖和了。今天是华氏六十二度, 听说明天要到七十度, 树叶也绿了。

大中: 真的吗? 那太好了! 我们这儿今天还是三十五度。这儿冬天太长, 也太冷, 还常常下雪。不过我们的秋天很美, 也很舒服, 不太冷, 也不太热, 可是太短了。

小玲: 我们这儿春夏秋冬四季分明, 不过冬天不太冷, 可是夏天太热了, 有时候最高温度会到华氏一百度, 热极了。我最喜欢春天, 这儿的春天非常漂亮, 不常常刮风, 也很少下雨。对了, 放春假的时候你能来我这儿玩吗?

大中: 好啊! 我也很想去看看你, 我们可以一起出去玩玩。

小玲: 太好了! 我真高兴, 我们很快就要见面了!

Notes: 树叶 [shùyè]: leaves (of tree)
 舒服 [shūfu]: comfortable
 分明 [fēnmíng]: distinctively different
 温度 [wēndù]: temperature

不过 [búguò]: but; nevertheless
 四季 [sìjì]: four seasons
 最高 [zuìgāo]: highest
 漂亮 [piàoliang]: beautiful