

Unit 23, Part 1: Transformation and Response Drills

1. Your interlocutor has a poor sense for history. She'll ask you if an event occurred in a certain century, but she's always two centuries too early, so correct her by saying **Bú shi** followed by the correct statement.

Zài shíliù shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 16th century?"

Bú shi, zài shíbā shìjì.

"No, it was in the 18th century."

Zài shíjiǔ shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 19th century?"

Bú shi, zài èrshiyī shìjì.

"No, it was in the 21st century."

Zài shíqī shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 17th century?"

Bú shi, zài shíjiǔ shìjì.

"No, it was in the 19th century."

Zài shí'èr shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 12th century?"

Bú shi, zài shísì shìjì.

"No, it was in the 14th century."

Zài shíbā shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 18th century?"

Bú shi, zài èrshí shìjì.

"No, it was in the 20th century."

2. Your interlocutor will again ask you if an event occurred in a certain century, but this time she'll always be one century too late. Correct her by saying **Bú shi** followed by the correct statement.

Zài èrshiyī shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 21st century?"

Bú shi, zài èrshí shìjì.

"No, it was in the 20th century."

Zài shíjiǔ shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 19th century?"

Bú shi, zài shíbā shìjì.

"No, it was in the 18th century."

Zài shísān shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 13th century?"

Bú shi, zài shí'èr shìjì.

"No, it was in the 12th century."

Zài èrshí shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 20th century?"

Bú shi, zài shíjiǔ shìjì.

"No, it was in the 19th century."

Zài shíliù shìjì ma?

"Was it in the 16th century?"

Bú shi, zài shíwǔ shìjì.

"No, it was in the 15th century."

3. Answer the woman's questions in Chinese, based on the English cues provided.

Měiguó shi yóu duōshǎoge zhōu zǔchéngde?

(cue: 50 states)

"Of how many states does the U.S. consist?"

Měiguó shi yóu wǔshíge zhōu zǔchéngde.

"The U.S. consists of 50 states."

Táiwān shi yóu duōshǎoge xiàn zǔchéngde?

(cue: 14 counties)

"Of how many counties does Taiwan consist?"

Táiwān shi yóu shísi ge xiàn zǔchéngde.

"Taiwan consists of 14 counties."

Jiā'nádà shi yóu jǐge shěng zǔchéngde?

(cue: 10 provinces)

"Of how many provinces does Canada consist?"

Jiā'nádà shi yóu shíge shěng zǔchéngde.

"Canada consists of 10 provinces."

Zhōngguó shì yǒu duōshǎo gè shěng zǔchéngde?

(cue: 23 provinces)

“Of how many provinces is China composed?”

Xiānggǎng shì yǒu něixiē dìfāng zǔchéngde?

(cue: Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, and the New Territories)

“What does Hong Kong consist of?”

Zhōngguó shì yǒu èrshīsān'gè shěng zǔchéngde.

“China is composed of 23 provinces.”

Xiānggǎng shì yǒu Xiānggǎng dǎo, Jiǔlóng, hé Xīnjiè zǔchéngde.

“Hong Kong consists of Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, and the New Territories.”