

Unit 20, Part 1: Transformation and Response Drills

1. Your interlocutor will make a statement about someone that could be considered a justification for why he or she speaks a certain language so well. You should use **guàibudé** to respond that “No wonder he or she speaks (name of the language) so well!”

Lǎo Mǎ cóng xiǎo jiù xué Xībānyáyǔ.

“Old Ma’s been learning Spanish since he was little.”

Guàibudé tāde Xībānyáyǔ jiǎngde nèmme hǎo!

“No wonder he speaks Spanish so well!”

Xiǎo Gāo zài jiālǐ gēn fùmǔ shuō Fǎyǔ.

“Little Gao speaks French at home with his parents.”

Guàibudé tāde Fǎyǔ jiǎngde nèmme hǎo!

“No wonder he speaks French so well!”

Lín Xiáojie zài Déguo gōngzuòle shínián.

“Miss Lin worked in Germany for ten years.”

Guàibudé tāde Déyǔ jiǎngde nèmme hǎo!

“No wonder she speaks German so well!”

Xiǎo Zhèng zài Hánguo zhùle èrshínián.

“Little Zheng lived in Korea for twenty years.”

Guàibudé tāde Hánguo huà jiǎngde nèmme hǎo!

“No wonder she speaks Korean so well!”

Wǒ zài Táiwān shàng xiǎoxué shàngdao liùniánjí.

“I attended elementary school in Taiwan until I was in sixth grade.”

Guàibudé nǐde Táiyǔ jiǎngde nèmme hǎo!

“No wonder you speak Taiwanese so well!”

Lǎo Wángde tàitai shì Riběn rén, suóyì tā zài jiālǐ dōu shì shuō Rìyǔ.

“Old Wang’s wife is Japanese, so he speaks all in Japanese at home.”

Guàibudé tāde Rìyǔ jiǎngde nèmme hǎo!

“No wonder he speaks Japanese so well!”