

## Unit 24, Part 2: Transformation and Response Drills

1. Combine the two shorter sentences into one longer one, adding **Yóuyú** “Due to” or “Because” at the beginning.

**Zhèijītiān tiānqì biànhuà tài dàle. Hěn duō rén dōu zháoliángle.**

“These last few days, the change in the weather has been too great. Many people have caught cold.”

**Yóuyú zhèijītiān tiānqì biànhuà tài dàle, hěn duō rén dōu zháoliángle.**

“Because these last few days the change in the weather has been too great, many people have caught cold.”

**Zuìjìn chángcháng lěngdào língdù yǐxià. Hěn duō xuésheng dōu shēngbìng le.**

“Recently the temperature often drops below zero. Lots of students have gotten sick.”

**Yóuyú zuìjìn chángcháng lěngdào língdù yǐxià, hěn duō xuésheng dōu shēngbìng le.**

“Due to the temperature recently often dropping below zero, lots of students have gotten sick.”

**Las Vegas dǔbóyè hěn fādà. Měinián yǒu hěn duō rén qù Las Vegas wánr.**

“Las Vegas’ gambling industry is very developed. Each year lots of people go there to have fun.”

**Yóuyú Las Vegas dǔbóyè hěn fādà, měinián yǒu hěn duō rén qù Las Vegas wánr.**

“Because the gambling industry in Las Vegas is very developed, each year lots of people go there to have fun.”

**Zirán huánjìng bèi pòhuài. Hóng xīngxīng dào le miànlín juézhōngde dìbù.**

“The natural environment was destroyed. Orangutans have reached the point of facing extinction.”

**Yóuyú zirán huánjìng bèi pòhuài, hóng xīngxīng dào le miànlín juézhōngde dìbù.**

“Due to the natural environment having been destroyed, orangutans have reached the point of facing extinction.”

**Xīnjiāpō yǒu sìzhǒng guānfāng yǔyán. Dàbùfēnde rén kényī shìyòng liǎngzhǒng yǐshàngde yǔyán.**

“Singapore has four official languages. The majority of people are proficient in two or more languages.”

**Yóuyú Xīnjiāpō yǒu sìzhǒng guānfāng yǔyán, dàbùfēnde rén kényī shìyòng liǎngzhǒng yǐshàngde yǔyán.**

“Due to Singapore’s having four official languages, the majority of people are proficient in two or more languages.”

**Pǔtōnghuà hé Guóyǔ jīběishang shì dà-tóng-xiǎo-yì. Wǒ qù Táiwān lǚyóude shíhou, néng tīngdǒng tāmen shuōde huà.**

“Mandarin in Mainland China and Taiwan are basically very similar. When I traveled to Taiwan, I was able to understand what they said.”

**Yóuyú Pǔtōnghuà hé Guóyǔ jīběishang shì dà-tóng-xiǎo-yì, wǒ qù Táiwān lǚyóude shíhou, néng tīngdǒng tāmen shuōde huà.**

“As Mandarin in Mainland China and Taiwan are basically very similar, when I traveled to Taiwan, I was able to understand what they said.”

2. Transform the sentences you hear into sentences that contain the pattern **dào le...dìbù** “reach a point where.”

**Wǒde tóu téngde xiǎng tū.**

“My head hurts so much I feel like throwing up.”

**Wǒde tóu téngde dào le xiǎng tūde dìbù.**

“My head hurts so much it’s reached a point where I feel like throwing up.”

**Zhèijiàn shì bù néng sīliǎo.**

“This matter can’t be settled privately.”

**Zhèijiàn shì dào le bù néng sīliǎode dìbù.**

“This matter has reached a point where it can’t be settled privately.”

**Nǐde bìng děi qù yīyuàn kàn.**

“You must go to a hospital to see a doctor for your illness.”

**Nǐde bìng dào le děi qù yīyuàn kànde dìbù.**

“Your illness has reached a point where you must go to a hospital to see a doctor.”

**Hóng xīngxīng miànlín juézhōng.**

“Orangutans are facing extinction.”

**Hóng xīngxīng dào le miànlín juézhōngde dìbù.**

“Orangutans have reached the point of facing extinction.”

**Wèntí wánquán bù néng jiějué.**

“The problem is completely unsolvable.”

**Nèige wèntí děi zhǎo jiāotōngjǐng.**

“For that problem you have to call a traffic policeman.”

**Wèntí dào le wánquán bù néng jiějué de dìbù.**

“The problem has reached a point where it’s completely unsolvable.”

**Nèige wèntí dào le děi zhǎo jiāotōngjǐng de dìbù.**

“That problem has reached a point where you have to call a traffic policeman.”