

Unit 18, Part 4: Substitution Drills

Listen to the audio; after each prompt, say the new sentence using that substitution. Do each drill at least twice: first with the book open, then with the book closed. Each drill starts with a model sentence for you to repeat.

1. Wǒ jīnliàng bāng nǐ	dǎtīng	, hǎo ma?	I'll do my best to help you find out, O.K.?
	jiějué		I'll do my best to help you solve it, O.K.?
	qù wèn		I'll do my best to help you and go and ask, O.K.?
	dīng		I'll do my best to help you reserve it, O.K.?
	zhǔnbèi		I'll do my best to help you prepare, O.K.?
	dǎtīng		I'll do my best to help you find out, O.K.?
2. Zuì wǎn	lǐbàiwǔ	gěi nín dáfù, hǎo bu hǎo?	At the latest I'll let you know by Friday, O.K.?
	xià lǐbàiwǔ		At the latest I'll let you know by next Friday, O.K.?
	xià xià lǐbàiwǔ		At the latest I'll let you know by Friday of the week after next, O.K.?
	báyue wǔhào		At the latest I'll let you know by the 5th of August, O.K.?
	lǐbàiwǔ		At the latest I'll let you know by Friday, O.K.?
3. Wànyī	bù róngyi dǎtīngdào	, yě méi guānxi.	In case it's not easy to find out, never mind.
	tā bù néng lái		In case he can't come, that's fine.
	nǐ lái bùliǎo		In case you're not able to come, no sweat.
	tā wǎn lái yídiān		In case she comes a little late, that would be fine.
	Lǐ Lǎoshī xīngqī sān juédìngbuliǎo		In case Teacher Li can't decide on Wednesday, that would be fine.
	nǐ bāngbuliǎo zhèige máng		In case you're not able to help with this favor, that's O.K.
bù róngyi dǎtīngdào		In case it's not easy to find out, never mind.	
4. Wǒ	jīnli	jiù shì.	I'll just try my best.
	míngtiān qù		I'll just go tomorrow.
	jīnliàng bāng nǐ xiǎng ge bànfǎ		I'll just try my best to help you think of a way to handle this.
	wǎn diǎnr qù		I'll just go a little later.
	zǎo diǎnr xiàobān		I'll just leave work a little earlier.
	hòutiān bú qù shàngkè		I'll just not go to class the day after tomorrow.
	bāng nǐde máng		I'll help you, that's just what I'll do.
	jīnli		I'll just try my best.

5. Wǒ gǎi tiān zài lái	bàifǎng	.	I'll come pay you a formal visit some other day.
	dǎrǎo		I'll come disturb you some other day.
	máfan nín		I'll come to trouble you another day.
	kàn nín		I'll come to see you another day.
	liáotiān		I'll come to chat another day.
	wánr		I'll come to have a good time another day.
	zhǎo tā ba		I'll come looking for him some other day.
	bàifǎng		I'll come pay you a formal visit some other day.