

Unit 19, Part 3: 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 yào xiàng nín	gàobiéle	.	I want to say goodbye to you.
	gàocíle	.	I want to say farewell to you.
	dǎtīng yíjiàn shìqing	.	I want to find out about something from you.
	shēnqǐng yíge gōngzuò	.	I want to apply to you for a job.
	xuéxí	.	I want to learn from you.
	zū yìjiān gōngyù	.	I want to rent an apartment from you.
	bǎozhèng wǒ bú huì zuò nèizhǒng shì	.	I want to guarantee you that I wouldn't do that kind of thing.
	gàobiéle	.	I want to say goodbye to you.
2. Shíjiān guòde	hěn kuài	.	The time passed quickly.
	hěn màn	.	The time passed slowly.
	tài kuàile	.	The time passed too quickly.
	yǒu yídiàn màn	.	The time passed a little slowly.
	hěn kuài	.	The time passed quickly.
3. Wǒ gāng lái de shíhou,	shémme dōu bú huì	.	When I first came, I didn't know anything.
	shéi yě bú rènshi	.	When I first came, I didn't know anyone.
	shémme Zhōngwén dōu bú huì shuō	.	When I first came, I couldn't speak any Chinese.
	yíge zì yě bú huì xiě	.	When I first came, I couldn't write a single character.
	shémme shì dōu bù dǒng	.	When I first came, I didn't understand anything.
	shémme dōu bú huì	.	When I first came, I didn't know anything.
4. Tā lián	yíjù Zhōngguo huà	dōu bú huì.	He didn't even know a single phrase of Chinese.
	yíjù Fǎyǔ	.	He didn't even know a single phrase of French.
	yíjù Pǔtōnghuà	.	He didn't even know a single phrase of Mandarin.
	zuò shālá	.	He didn't even know how to make a salad.
	yíjù Zhōngguo huà	.	He didn't even know a single phrase of Chinese.

5. Wǒ xiànzài lián	yíge péngyou	yě méiyoule.	Now I don't have even a single friend anymore.
	yíkuài qián		Now I don't have even one dollar anymore.
	yìdiǎn chīde		Now I don't have even a little something to eat anymore.
	yìshuāng xié		Now I don't have even one pair of shoes anymore.
	yìběn shū		Now I don't have even one book anymore.
	yíge péngyou		Now I don't have even a single friend anymore.
6. Tā shémme dōu hǎo, jiù shì	fāyīn	chà yidianr.	She's good in everything, it's just that her pronunciation is off a little.
	yǔfǎ		She's good in everything, it's just that her grammar is a little lacking.
	cíhuì		She's good in everything, it's just that her vocabulary is a bit weak.
	kǒuyīn		She's good in everything, it's just that her accent is off a little.
	fāyīn		She's good in everything, it's just that her pronunciation is off a little.
7. Nǐde Yīngyǔ shuōde hěn	biāozhǔn	.	You speak very standard English.
	liúlì		You speak English very fluently.
	bàng		You speak English very well.
	bú cuò		You speak English quite well.
	chà		You speak English very poorly.
	biāozhǔn		You speak very standard English.