

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 zìrán 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.

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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.”