

Date Expression

Vocabularies

qù nián

去 年 last year

jīn nián

今年 this year

míng nián

明 年 next year

qián nián

前 年 the year before last

hòu nián

后 年 the year after next

shàng ge yuè

上 个 月 last month

zhè ge yuè

这 个 月 this month

xià ge yuè

下 个 月 next month

zuó tiān

昨 天 yesterday

jīn tiān

今 天 today



míng tiān

明 天 tomorrow

qián tiān

前 天 the day before yesterday

hòu tiān

后 天 the day after tomorrow

shàng ge xīng qī

上 个星期 last week

zhè ge xīng qī

这 个 星 期 this week

xià ge xīng qī

下 个 星 期 next week

Dialogues

"是.....的(shì...de)" Sturcture

"是.....的(shì...de)" is a very common and important structure in Chinese, it is used to emphasize time, place or manner that occurred in the past. In spoken Chinese, "是 (shì)" is often omitted in positive and interrogative sentences, but not in negative sentences. "是(shì)" can be omitted in the following dialogues, hope you can understand it well.

Sentences with a Nominal Predicate

In dialogues 2,5,6,7, you can omit "是(shì)", changing every sentence to a sentence whose predicate is a nominal element. That's "Sentences with a Nomal Predicate", usually used to indicate age, time, date and so on.



1

Nǐ shì nǎ nián chū shēng de? 你是哪年出生的? In which year were you born?

Wǒ shì 1986 nián chū shēng de. 我是 1986年出生的。 I was born in 1986.

2.

Nǐ de shēng rì shì nǎ tiān? 你的 生 日是 哪 天? When is your birthday?

Wǒ de shēng rì shì 3 yuè 20 hào. 我的生日是3月20号。 My birthday is on March 20th.

3. Nǐ shì nǎ nián dà xué bì yè de? 你是哪年大学毕业的? When did you graduate from university?

Wǒ shì 2008 nián dà xué bì yè de. 我是 2008年大学毕业的。 I graduated from university in 2008.

4. Nǐ shì nǎ nián jié hūn de? 你是哪年结婚的? When did you get married?

Wǒ shì 2016 nián jié hūn de. 我是 2016年结婚的。 I was married in 2016。

5.



Jīn tiān shì duō shǎo hào? 今 天 是 多 少 号? What is the date today?

Jīn tiān shì 2018 nián 8 yuè 15 hào. 今天是 2018年8月15号。 It's August 15th, 2018.

6. Jīn tiān shì jǐ hào? 今天是几号? What is the date today?

Jīn tiān shì 10 yuè 16 hào. 今天是10月16号。 It's Oct 16th.

7. Jīn tiān shì xīng qī jǐ? 今天是星期几? What day is it today?

Jīn tiān shì xīng qī sān. 今天是星期三。 It's Wednesday.

8. Nǐ men shì shén me shí hou rèn shi de? 你们是什么时候认识的? When did you know each other?

Wǒ men shì qù nián rèn shi de. 我们是去年认识的。 We knew each other last year.

9.



Nǐ shén me shí hou qù Měi guó? 你什么时候去美国? When will you go to America?

Wǒ xià ge yuè qù Měi guó. 我下个月去美国。 I'm going to America next month.

10.

Nǐ shì shén me shí hou lái Zhōng guó de?你是什么时候来中国的? When did you come to China?

Wǒ shì qù nián lái Zhōng guó de. 我是去年来中国的。 I came to China last year.