

EFFORTLESS CHINESE

Shopping and Everyday Services 购物与日常服务 100 句

A listening + speaking practice pack

English meaning > Slow > Natural > Expressive
> Your turn

Use this pack with the video to hear each version, read the pitch trace, and practice speaking.

我先试试这件蓝色的。

Wǒ xiān shìshi zhè jiàn lán sè de.

I'll try this blue one on first.

100 sentences

How to use this pack

The PDF is a visual companion. Use the video for the audio and the speaking pause.

01

Understand

Kai gives you the sentence's natural English meaning first.

02

Listen

Hear the Chinese slowly, then once at a natural pace and expressively.

03

Notice

Follow the F0 trace to see how the natural Chinese sentence moves.

04

Speak

After the cue, use the 3-second turn to repeat the sentence aloud.

The curve is a guide to connected speech, not a line to copy mechanically.

先听懂，再跟读；先模仿，再慢慢说得更自然。

SECTION FOCUS

Find an item and
choose a color.

SITUATION

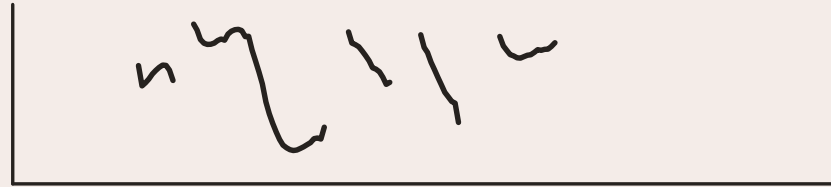
The assistant asks whether you are just browsing or looking for something specific.

INTENTION

Tell the assistant what you want to buy.

PROSODY

Emphasize 衬衫 lightly; finish matter-of-factly.



我想买一件衬衫。

Wǒ xiǎng mǎi yí jiàn chènshān.

I'm looking to buy a shirt.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You see several clothing racks but not the shirts; you ask a shop assistant.

INTENTION

Ask the assistant to locate the shirts.

PROSODY

Soften 请问, then give 衬衫 a clear focus; let the where-question fall naturally.



请问，衬衫在哪儿？

Qǐngwèn, chènshān zài nǎr?

Excuse me, where can I find the shirts?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

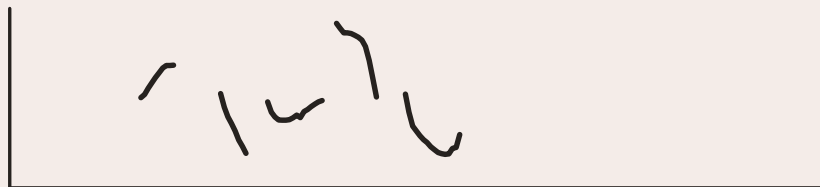
The assistant asks which item you prefer, and you point to one on the rack.

INTENTION

Show a preference for the item you are indicating.

PROSODY

Keep 喜欢 warm but understated; settle on 这个.



我喜欢这个。

Wǒ xǐhuan zhège.

I like this one.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

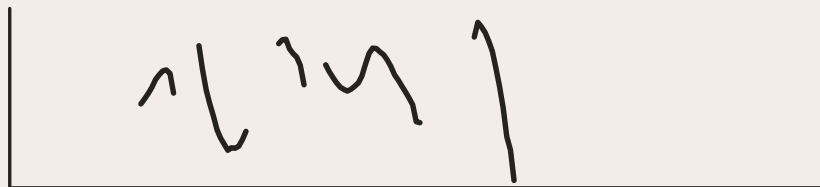
The assistant asks what you are looking for, and you point toward the coat section.

INTENTION

Say which kind of clothing you want to browse.

PROSODY

Keep it relaxed and clear, with a light fall on 外套.



我想看看外套。

Wǒ xiǎng kànkàn wàitào.

I'd like to look at some coats.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

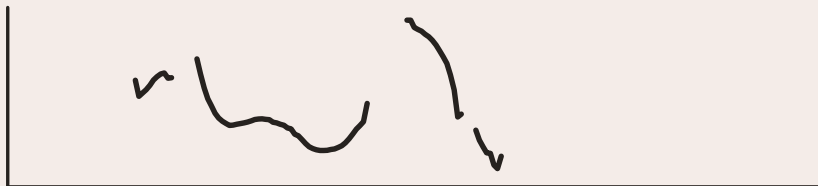
The assistant shows several colors, and you choose the blue item.

INTENTION

Choose the blue option.

PROSODY

Give 蓝色 a small focus and end decisively but casually.



我想要蓝色的。

Wǒ xiǎng yào lán sè de.

I'd like the blue one.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

You hold up a shirt and like its appearance.

INTENTION

Share a positive first impression of the item.

PROSODY

Sound pleasantly interested, with a relaxed fall.



这件看起来不错。

Zhè jiàn kàn qǐ lái bú cuò.

This one looks nice.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

The assistant offers several items, and you want to examine the one in your hand first.

INTENTION

Choose which item to look at before deciding.

PROSODY

Give 先 slight emphasis to mark the order; end softly.



我想先看看这一件。

Wǒ xiǎng xiān kànkàn zhè yí jiàn.

I'd like to look at this one first.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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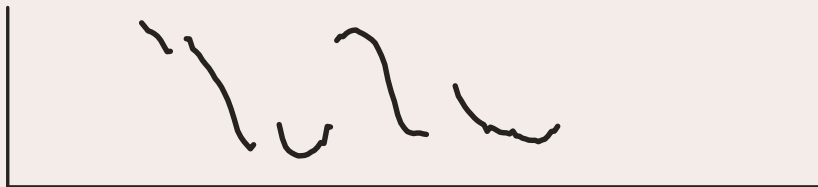
You like the cut of a shirt but want to see its other colors.

INTENTION

Ask whether the item is available in more colors.

PROSODY

Keep 这件 connected to the item in view; give 别的颜色 gentle focus.



这件有别的颜色吗？

Zhè jiàn yǒu bié de yánsè ma?

Does this come in other colors?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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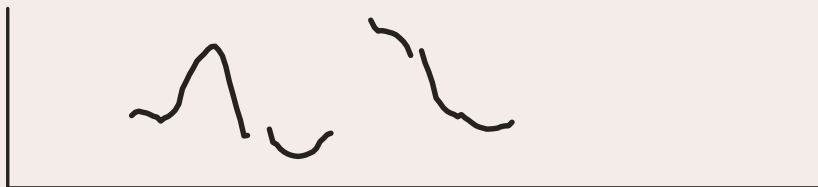
You have not found a white version on the rack and ask the assistant.

INTENTION

Check whether the item comes in white.

PROSODY

Keep it an ordinary availability question; do not force a high ending.



你们有白色的吗？

Nǐmen yǒu báisè de ma?

Do you have this in white?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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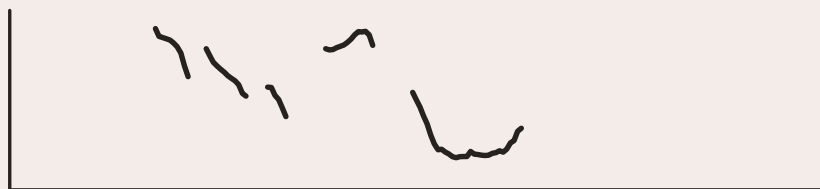
A display item catches your eye, and you ask the assistant about it.

INTENTION

Ask whether the item is a new style.

PROSODY

Keep the question curious and simple; let the ending stay natural.



这件是新款吗？

Zhè jiàn shì xīnkuǎn ma?

Is this a new style?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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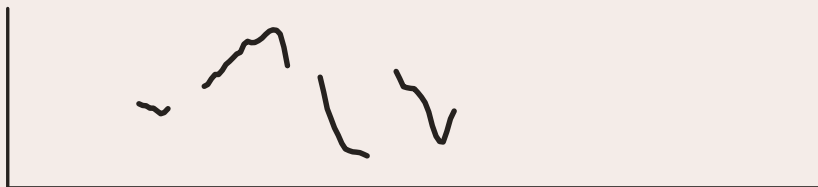
The assistant asks whether you want to try the blue shirt or another color first.

INTENTION

Say that you need more time before choosing.

PROSODY

Keep it calm and open-ended, with a soft fall on 决定.



我还没决定。

Wǒ hái méi juéding.

I haven't decided yet.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

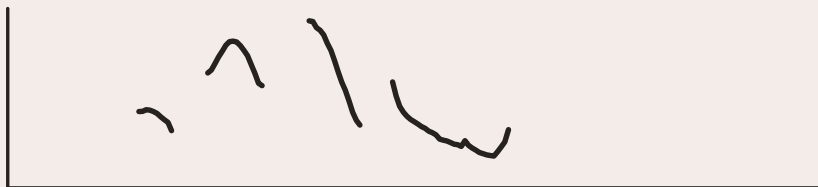
You have found a shirt you may buy and ask before taking it to the fitting room.

INTENTION

Ask permission to try the item on.

PROSODY

Keep 可以 polite and clear; use a light request contour rather than an exaggerated rise.



我可以试一下吗？

Wǒ kěyǐ shì yíxià ma?

Can I try it on?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You compare two shirts on the rack and indicate the one farther away.

INTENTION

Choose one of two options by stating a preference.

PROSODY

Give 更 a light contrastive focus; finish the choice clearly.



我更喜欢那个。

Wǒ gèng xǐhuan nàge.

I like that one better.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

You touch the fabric and want to know what it is made from.

INTENTION

Ask about the fabric of the item.

PROSODY

Stress 什麼料子 lightly; let the information question end naturally.



这件是什么料子的？

Zhè jiàn shì shénme liàozi de?

What is this made of?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

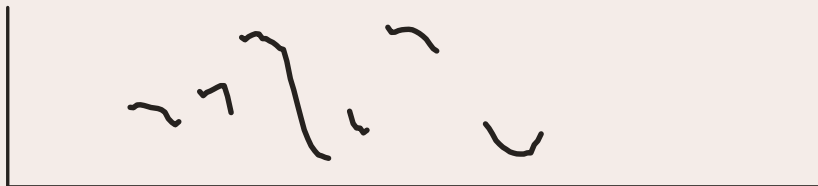
You and a friend are comparing two colors and want their opinion.

INTENTION

Ask a companion to help compare two choices.

PROSODY

Keep the two options in view; let the question end naturally.



你觉得哪个更好？

Nǐ juéde nǎge gèng hǎo?

Which one do you think is better?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

The assistant shows a brightly patterned shirt, but you want a plainer one.

INTENTION

Describe the style you are looking for.

PROSODY

Place light emphasis on 简单一点; keep the request friendly.



我想找一件简单一点的。

Wǒ xiǎng zhǎo yí jiàn jiǎndān yìdiǎn de.

I'm looking for something a little plainer.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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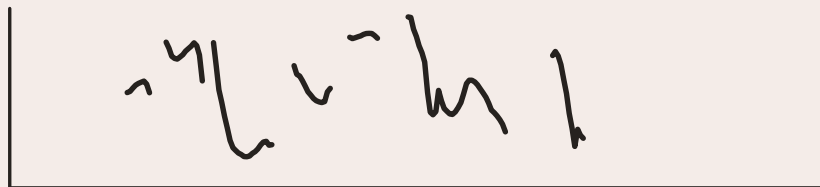
The assistant asks what kind of coat you want, and you choose a color.

INTENTION

Say that you want a black coat.

PROSODY

Keep the request connected and give 黑色 a light focus.



我想找一件黑色的外套。

Wǒ xiǎng zhǎo yí jiàn hēisè de wàitào.

I'm looking for a black coat.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

The assistant cannot find the blue item, so you say that gray will also work.

INTENTION

Accept gray as another color choice.

PROSODY

Give 灰色 a light focus and finish simply.



灰色的也可以。

Huīsè de yě kěyǐ.

Gray is fine too.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

The assistant begins helping, but you want a moment to browse on your own.

INTENTION

Politely say that you are not ready to choose yet.

PROSODY

Pause briefly after 看看; reassure with an easy fall on 不着急.



我先看看，不着急。

Wǒ xiān kànkàn, bù zháojí.

I'm just browsing for now, thanks.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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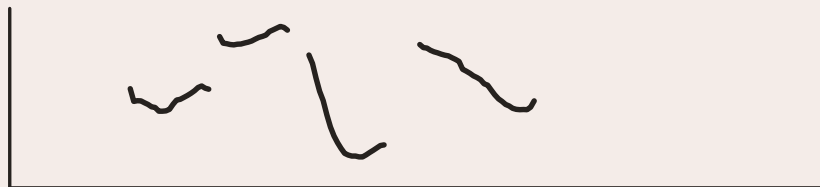
You show the assistant a picture of the style you want and ask for help finding a similar item.

INTENTION

Ask the assistant to help find a similar item.

PROSODY

Keep the request friendly and clear; let the question end naturally.



你能帮我找一下吗？

Nǐ néng bāng wǒ zhǎo yíxià ma?

Could you help me find something like this?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SECTION FOCUS

Ask about your size
and try it on.

SITUATION

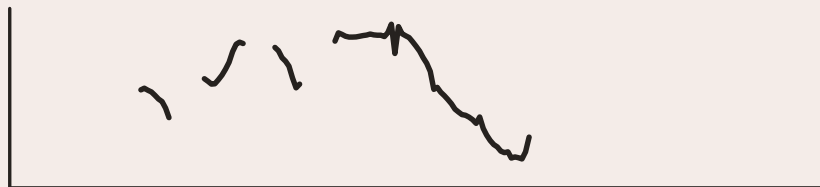
The assistant asks what size you normally wear.

INTENTION

Tell the assistant your usual size.

PROSODY

Say M码 distinctly; keep the rest matter-of-fact.



我平时穿M码。

Wǒ píngshí chuān M mǎ.

I usually wear a medium.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

You hold the shirt against yourself and notice that it may not fit.

INTENTION

Describe the size as slightly too small.

PROSODY

Keep 有点 mild; finish with a small, clear fall on 小.



这个尺码有点小。

Zhège chǐmǎ yǒudiǎn xiǎo.

This size feels a little small.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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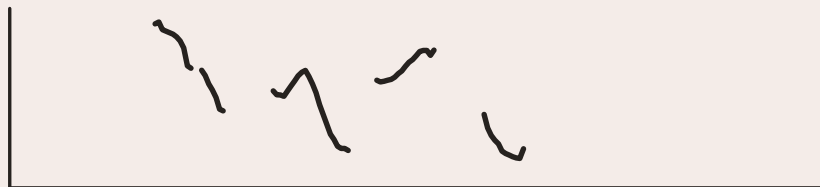
You try the next size and find it comfortable.

INTENTION

Confirm that the size fits well.

PROSODY

Give 刚好 gentle emphasis; end with quiet satisfaction.



这个尺码刚好。

Zhège chǐmǎ gānghǎo.

This size fits just right.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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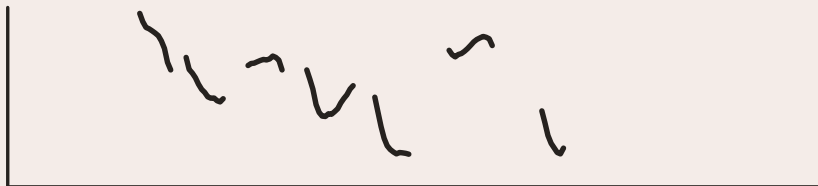
You try on the item and like how it feels.

INTENTION

Tell the assistant that the fit feels comfortable.

PROSODY

Sound genuinely pleased but measured;
let 舒服 settle softly.



这件穿起来很舒服。

Zhè jiàn chuān qǐlái hěn shūfu.

This feels really comfortable.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The shirt on display looks a little small, so you ask the assistant for a larger one.

INTENTION

Ask whether a larger size is available.

PROSODY

Stress 大一点 lightly; use a natural availability-question contour.



这件有大一点的吗？

Zhè jiàn yǒu dà yìdiǎn de ma?

Do you have this in a larger size?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The item is too loose, so you ask whether a smaller size is in stock.

INTENTION

Check for the next size down.

PROSODY

Keep 小一码 crisp; end as a straightforward availability question.



有没有小一码的？

Yǒu méiyǒu xiǎo yì mǎ de?

Do you have the next size down?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You check the sleeves in the mirror and find them longer than you wanted.

INTENTION

Describe one fit issue with the item.

PROSODY

Keep 有点 understated; finish naturally on 长.



袖子有点长。

Xiùzi yǒudiǎn cháng.

The sleeves are a little long.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

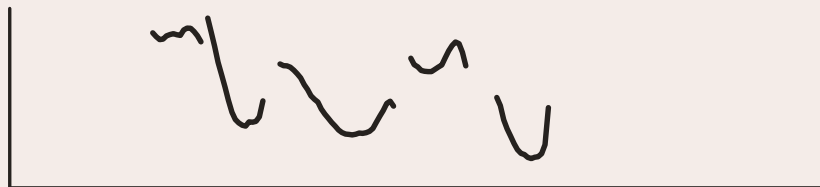
You try the shirt on and point to the tight area at the shoulders.

INTENTION

Explain where the shirt feels too tight.

PROSODY

Use 这里 to anchor the gesture; keep 有点 mild rather than complaining.



肩膀这里有点紧。

Jiānbǎng zhèlǐ yǒudiǎn jǐn.

It's a little tight around the shoulders here.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

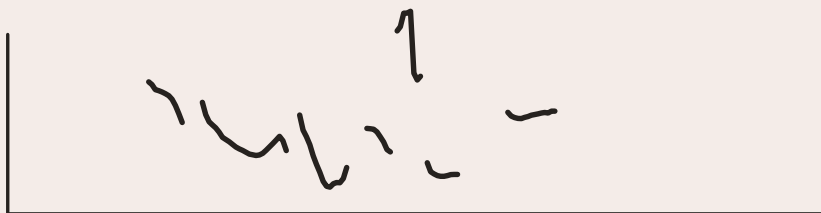
After trying the item, you decide the overall fit is not right.

INTENTION

Tell the assistant that the item does not fit well.

PROSODY

Keep 不合身 clear but not severe; finish gently.



这件有点不合身。

Zhè jiàn yǒudiǎn bù héshēn.

This one doesn't quite fit right.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

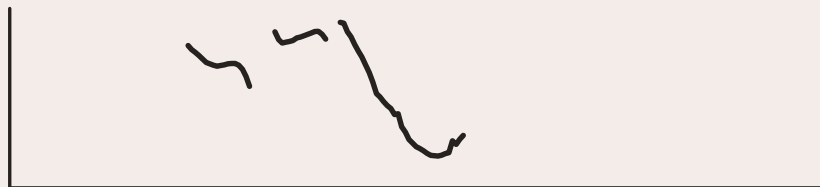
You have chosen a shirt and need to find the fitting room.

INTENTION

Ask where you can try on the clothing.

PROSODY

Give 试衣间 a clear focus; let the where-question fall naturally.



试衣间在哪儿？

Shìyījiān zài nǎr?

Where's the fitting room?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

A friend comes with you and you ask for their opinion while checking the fit in a mirror.

INTENTION

Invite your friend to comment on the fit.

PROSODY

Turn the question warmly toward the friend; keep it light and open.



你觉得呢？

Nǐ juéde ne?

What do you think?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

The assistant asks whether the size feels right, and you are still checking the fit.

INTENTION

Signal that you need another moment before judging the fit.

PROSODY

Keep 不太轻 and leave the decision open with a gentle fall.



我不太确定。

Wǒ bú tài quèdìng.

I'm not quite sure.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

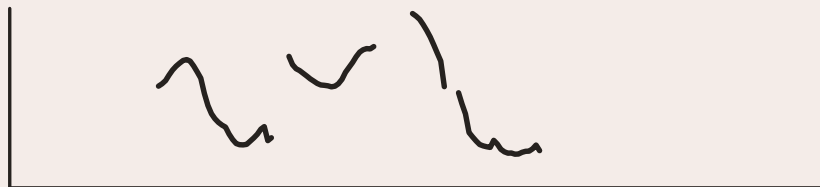
The first size feels tight, and the assistant is nearby.

INTENTION

Ask the assistant for the next size up.

PROSODY

Keep it a polite request; emphasize 大一号 just enough to distinguish the size.



可以拿大一号的吗？

Kěyǐ ná dà yí hào de ma?

Could you get me the next size up?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

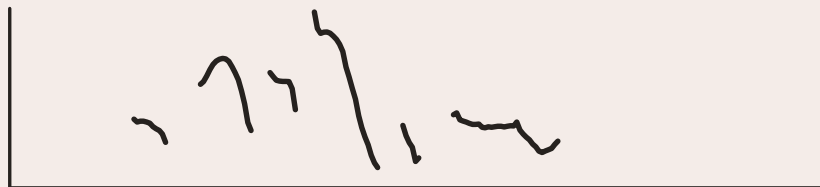
You are unsure whether the area beside the fitting rooms is for trying on clothes.

INTENTION

Check where it is acceptable to try the item on.

PROSODY

Keep 可以 polite; place gentle focus on 这里.



我可以在这里试穿吗？

Wǒ kěyǐ zài zhèlǐ shìchuān ma?

Can I try it on here?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant reassures you that trying on the shirt is allowed.

INTENTION

Give permission and make the customer feel at ease.

PROSODY

Let 当然 sound welcoming; finish calmly on 试穿.



当然可以试穿。

Dāngrán kěyǐ shìchuān.

Of course, you can try it on.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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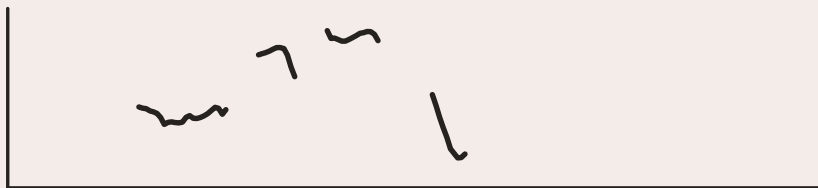
The assistant answers from across the shop, and you did not hear the size.

INTENTION

Explain why you need the assistant to repeat the answer.

PROSODY

Keep it neutral and direct, with a soft finish rather than an apology performance.



我没听清楚。

Wǒ méi tīng qīngchū.

I didn't catch that.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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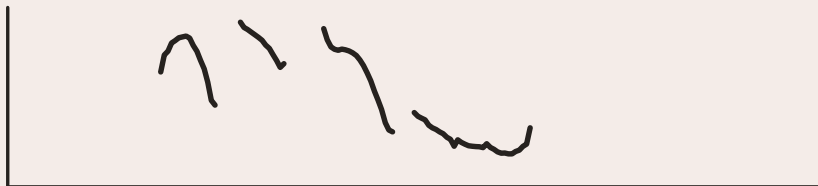
The assistant names a size quickly, and you need to hear the size once more.

INTENTION

Ask the assistant to repeat information you missed.

PROSODY

Soften the request; keep 一遍 clear without adding urgency.



可以说一遍吗？

Kěyǐ zài shuō yí biàn ma?

Could you say that again?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

The size labels are unfamiliar, so you ask the assistant how to choose.

INTENTION

Ask for help choosing a size.

PROSODY

Give 尺码 a clear focus and end with a natural question contour.



这个尺码怎么选？

Zhège chǐmǎ zěnmě xuǎn?

How do I know which size to get?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You like how the item feels but notice that the sleeves are too long.

INTENTION

Say what you like and mention one small fit problem.

PROSODY

Pause lightly at 可是; keep the contrast conversational, not dramatic.



这件穿着不错，可是袖子有点长。

Zhè jiàn chuānzhe búcuò, kěshì xiùzi yǒudiǎn cháng.

This one feels nice, but the sleeves are a little long.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You want to check the fit before deciding whether to buy the item.

INTENTION

Say that you will try it on before deciding.

PROSODY

Keep 先试穿 and 再决定 in two clear, connected beats.



我想先试穿，再决定。

Wǒ xiǎng xiān shìchuān, zài juéding.

I'd like to try it on first, then decide.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SECTION FOCUS

Compare prices and
choose an option.

SITUATION

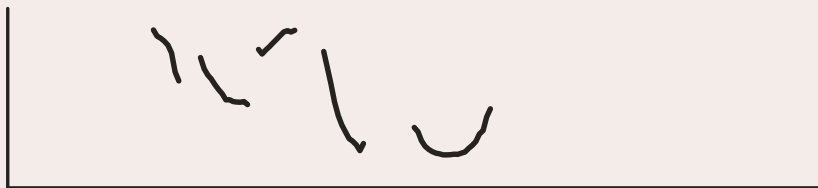
You have chosen a shirt and want to know its price before trying it on.

INTENTION

Ask the assistant for the item's price.

PROSODY

Keep it direct and neutral; let the open question end naturally.



这件多少钱？

Zhè jiàn duōshao qián?

How much is this one?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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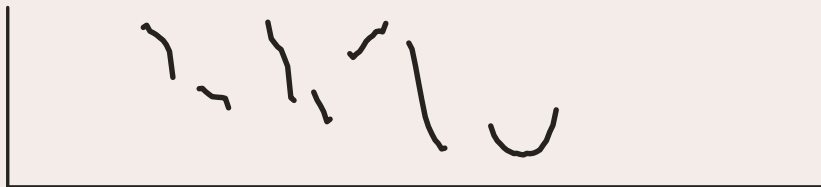
You compare a pair of pants with the shirt and ask the assistant its price.

INTENTION

Ask the price of a second clothing item.

PROSODY

Give 裤子 a light focus; keep the question practical.



这条裤子多少钱？

Zhè tiáo kùzi duōshao qián?

How much are these pants?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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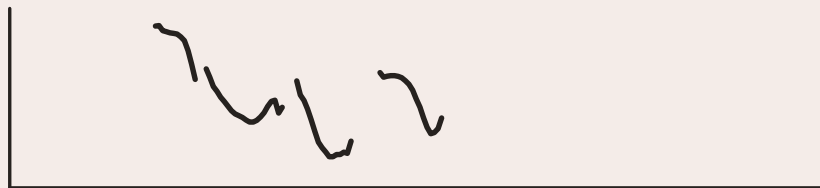
You check the price and find it slightly higher than you expected.

INTENTION

Say that the item is a little above your budget.

PROSODY

Keep 有点 mild; avoid sounding confrontational.



这个有点贵。

Zhège yǒudiǎn guì.

This one is a little expensive.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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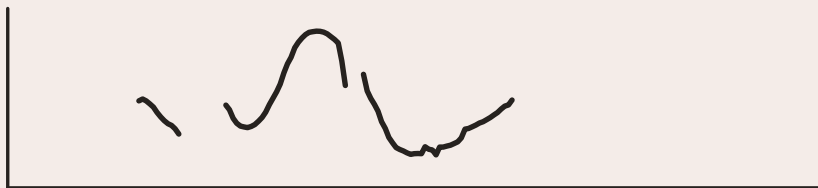
The price is above your budget, so you ask about a cheaper option.

INTENTION

Ask whether a lower-priced option is available.

PROSODY

Keep 便宜一点 clear and polite; finish without sounding demanding.



有便宜一点的吗？

Yǒu piányi yìdiǎn de ma?

Do you have anything a little cheaper?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

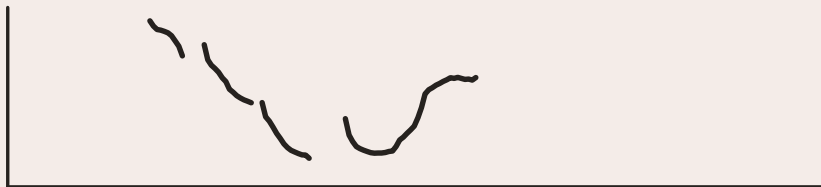
You see a sale sign nearby and ask whether it applies to this item.

INTENTION

Check whether the item has a discount.

PROSODY

Keep 打折 distinct; finish as a simple yes/no question.



这件打折吗？

Zhè jiàn dǎzhé ma?

Is this one on sale?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

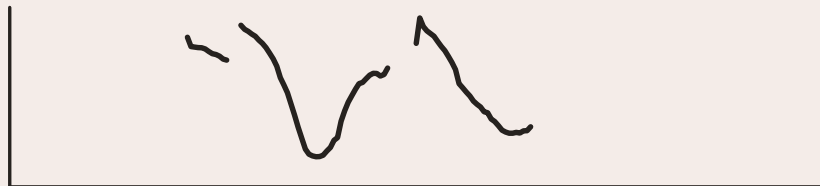
You are ready to choose and ask whether the shop has a current offer.

INTENTION

Ask about a current discount or offer.

PROSODY

Give 现在 a light time focus; leave the question calm.



现在有优惠吗？

Xiànzài yǒu yōuhuì ma?

Do you have any deals right now?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

After comparing two options, you decide the price is acceptable.

INTENTION

Show that the price is within an acceptable range.

PROSODY

Give 还可以 a measured, approving tone; finish with a gentle fall.



这个价格还可以。

Zhège jiàgé hái kěyǐ.

That's a pretty good price.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

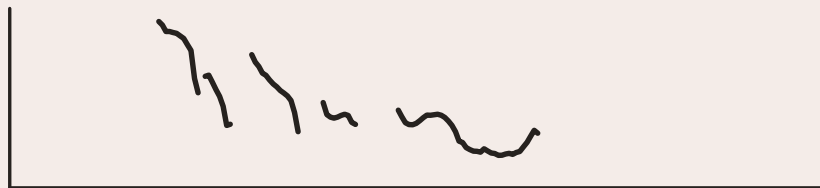
The assistant mentions a sale price and checks whether you are comfortable with it.

INTENTION

Check the customer's response to the offered price.

PROSODY

As the assistant, keep the question open and helpful, without pushing for a yes.



这个价格可以吗？

Zhège jiàgé kěyǐ ma?

Does this price work for you?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

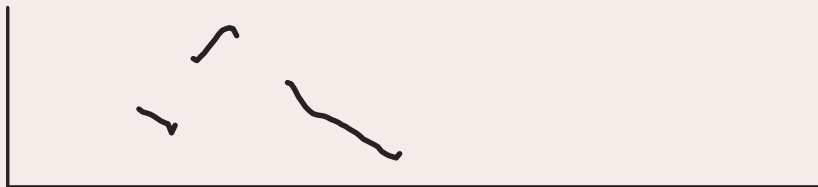
A friend asks which of two colors you would prefer, and you are happy with either.

INTENTION

Say you are flexible between the available choices.

PROSODY

Keep it easygoing and brief, with a soft fall.



我都可以。

Wǒ dōu kěyǐ.

Either one is fine with me.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You try an item that does not suit your taste and tell your companion.

INTENTION

Politely rule out one of the options.

PROSODY

Keep 不太 soft so the comment sounds like a preference, not criticism.



我不太喜欢这个。

Wǒ bú tài xǐhuan zhège.

I don't really like this one.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant explains the price, and you want a moment to compare your options.

INTENTION

Ask for a little time before deciding.

PROSODY

Keep it calm and unhurried; allow a small pause before 想一想.



让我想一想。

Ràng wǒ xiǎng yìxiǎng.

Let me think about it.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

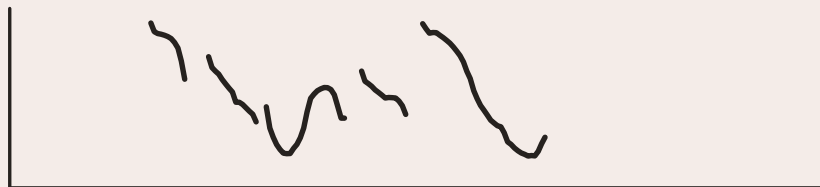
Two similar shirts have different price tags, and you compare their prices.

INTENTION

Check which of two items costs more.

PROSODY

Keep the comparison between 这件 and 那件 balanced; do not force a rise.



这件比那件贵吗？

Zhè jiàn bǐ nà jiàn guì ma?

Is this one more expensive than that one?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

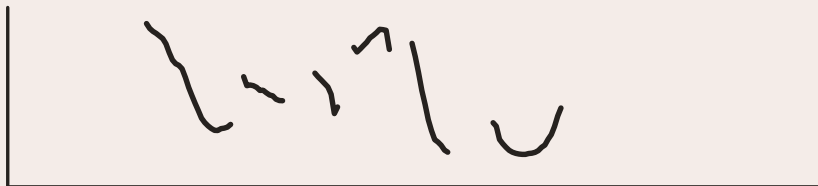
You like two similar items and want to compare their prices.

INTENTION

Ask for the price difference between two items.

PROSODY

Keep 两件 together and focus lightly on 差多少钱.



这两件差多少钱？

Zhè liǎng jiàn chà duōshao qián?

What's the price difference between these two?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

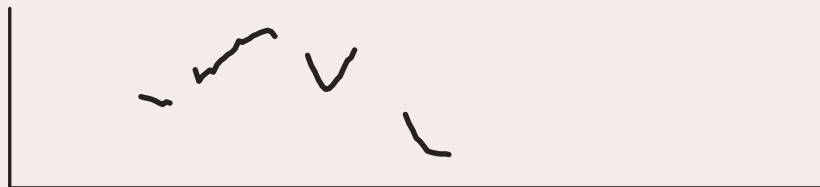
You like two options but need a little more time to choose.

INTENTION

Say that you have not chosen yet.

PROSODY

Keep the answer relaxed and let 好 fall naturally.



我还没选好。

Wǒ hái méi xuǎn hǎo.

I haven't picked one yet.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

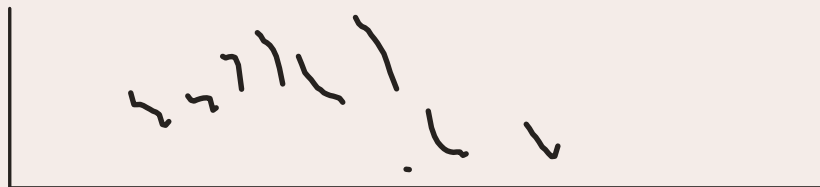
After trying two similar shirts, you decide one fits your needs better.

INTENTION

Explain which option is the better fit for you.

PROSODY

Give 更合适 gentle focus; sound settled rather than absolute.



我觉得这件更合适。

Wǒ juéde zhè jiàn gèng héshì.

I think this one fits me better.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The item is slightly over budget, and you politely ask whether the price can be lowered.

INTENTION

Make a modest, polite request for a lower price.

PROSODY

Keep it gentle and optional; do not make the request sound like a demand.



可以再便宜一点吗？

Kěyǐ zài piányi yìdiǎn ma?

Could you do it for a little less?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant explains a discount that applies when buying two items, and you respond positively.

INTENTION

Show interest in the offer before deciding.

PROSODY

Sound interested but not committed; finish warmly.



这听起来不错。

Zhè tīng qǐlái búcuò.

That sounds good.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

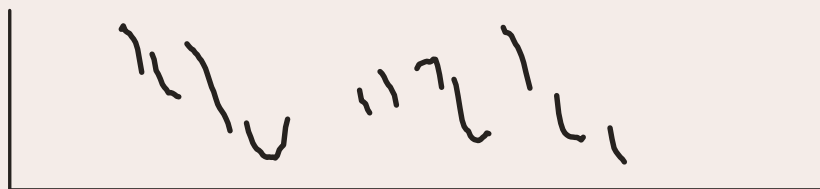
You compare a cheaper shirt with one that fits more comfortably.

INTENTION

Weigh a higher price against a better fit.

PROSODY

Set up the contrast at 不过; give 更舒服 a light concluding focus.



这件贵一点，不过穿起来更舒服。

Zhè jiàn guì yìdiǎn, búguò chuān qǐlái gèng shūfu.

This one costs a little more, but it feels more comfortable.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You are considering two items and ask whether there is a small discount for buying both.

INTENTION

Ask politely about a discount for two items.

PROSODY

Use a small pause after 买; keep the request light and natural.



两件一起买，能便宜一点吗？

Liǎng jiàn yìqǐ mǎi, néng piányi yìdiǎn ma?

Could you give me a discount if I buy both?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

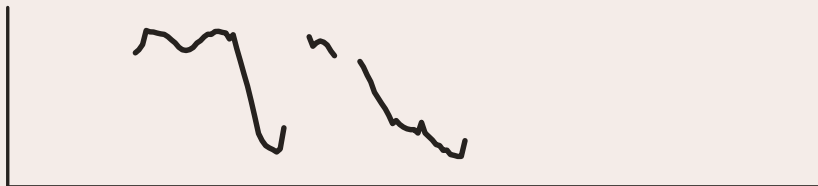
You have checked the fit and price and are ready to choose.

INTENTION

Make a purchase decision.

PROSODY

Let 那 mark the conclusion; end with a relaxed, decisive fall.



那我买这件吧。

Nà wǒ mǎi zhè jiàn ba.

Then I'll get this one.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SECTION FOCUS

Confirm the total
and pay.

SITUATION

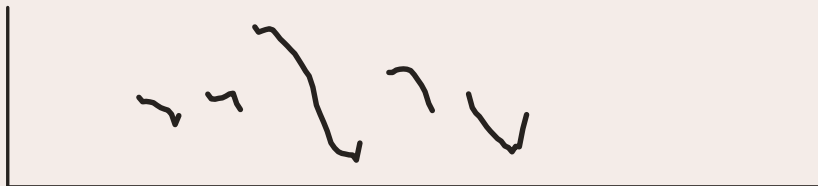
You have compared the items and tell the assistant which one to prepare.

INTENTION

Confirm your final choice before paying.

PROSODY

Give 决定 a clear but calm focus; finish decisively.



我决定买这件。

Wǒ jué dìng mǎi zhè jiàn.

I've decided to go with this one.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

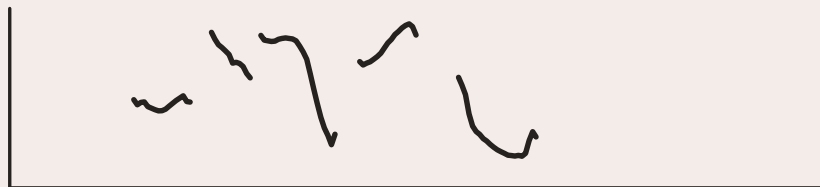
You have chosen the item and the assistant asks whether you are ready to check out.

INTENTION

Ask the assistant to pack the purchase.

PROSODY

Keep 麻烦 polite and light; finish with an easy downward contour.



麻烦帮我装起来。

Máfan bāng wǒ zhuāng qǐlái.

Could you put this in a bag for me, please?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

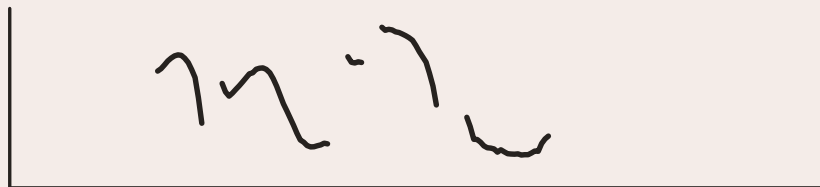
The assistant finishes packing the item,
and you ask for a shopping bag.

INTENTION

Request a bag for the purchase.

PROSODY

Keep it polite and simple; let the request
end naturally.



可以给我一个袋子吗？

Kěyǐ gěi wǒ yí ge dàizi ma?

Could I have a bag, please?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

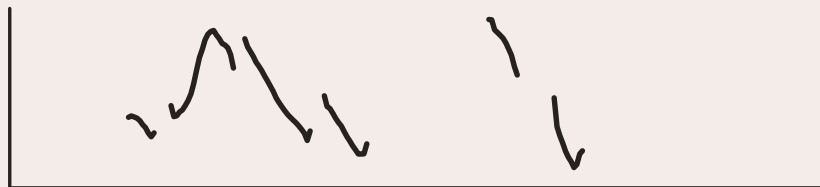
The cashier asks whether you need a bag for the item.

INTENTION

Politely decline a shopping bag.

PROSODY

Keep the refusal friendly; let 谢谢 soften the ending.



我不用购物袋，谢谢。

Wǒ bú yòng gòuwùdài, xièxie.

I don't need a shopping bag, thanks.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The items are at the register, and you ask for the total.

INTENTION

Ask how much you need to pay in total.

PROSODY

Give 一共 a light focus; let the open question fall naturally.



一共多少钱？

Yígòng duōshao qián?

How much is it altogether?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

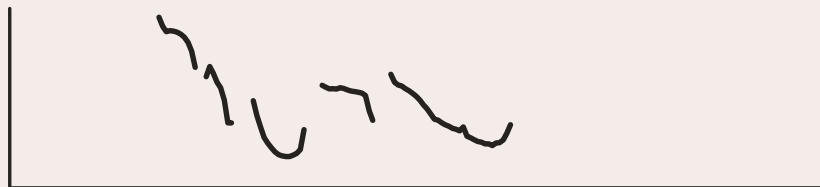
You look at the register screen and want to check the amount before paying.

INTENTION

Confirm that the displayed total is correct.

PROSODY

Sound careful rather than suspicious;
focus gently on 总价.



这个总价对吗？

Zhège zǒngjià duì ma?

Is that the right total?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You are ready to pay and check whether the shop accepts cards.

INTENTION

Ask whether card payment is available.

PROSODY

Keep the question short and practical; avoid an exaggerated rise.



可以刷卡吗？

Kěyǐ shuākǎ ma?

Can I pay with a card?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

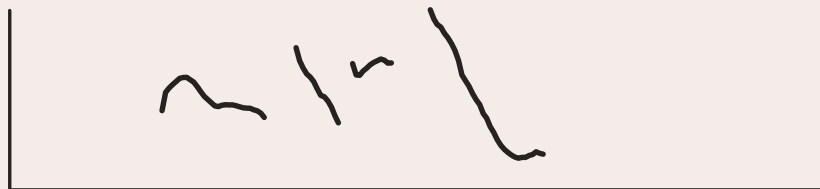
You have cash ready and check whether the shop accepts it.

INTENTION

Ask whether cash payment is accepted.

PROSODY

Keep it short and practical, with a natural question ending.



可以用现金付吗？

Kěyǐ yòng xiànjīn fù ma?

Can I pay in cash?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The cashier asks how you would like to pay, and you choose mobile payment.

INTENTION

Tell the cashier your payment method.

PROSODY

Keep it matter-of-fact; give 手机轻 focus to identify the method.



我用手机支付。

Wǒ yòng shǒujī zhīfù.

I'll use my phone to pay.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The cashier mentions a member price, and you check whether a card is needed.

INTENTION

Ask whether a membership card is required for the purchase.

PROSODY

Keep it concise and curious; finish naturally.



需要会员卡吗？

Xūyào huìyuánkǎ ma?

Do I need a rewards card?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

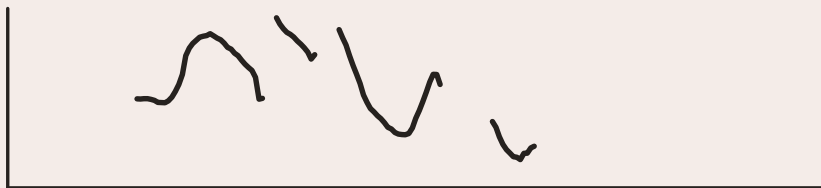
The cashier asks for your membership card, and you realize you left it at home.

INTENTION

Explain why you cannot show the membership card.

PROSODY

Keep the admission straightforward and unembarrassed; finish softly.



我忘了带会员卡。

Wǒ wàng le dài huìyuánkǎ.

I forgot my rewards card.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

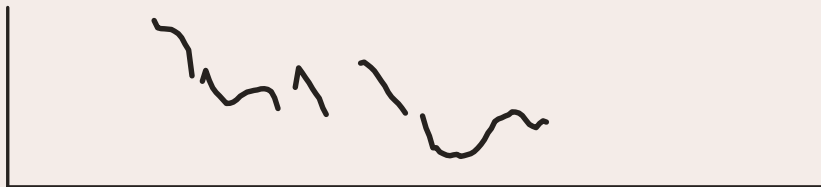
You find a coupon in your phone and ask the cashier how to apply it.

INTENTION

Ask how to use the coupon at checkout.

PROSODY

Keep 优惠券 clear; let 怎么用 carry the information question naturally.



这个优惠券怎么用？

Zhège yōuhuìquàn zěnmē yòng?

How do I use this coupon?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

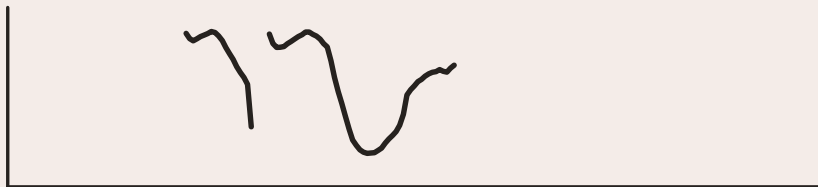
The assistant sees that you are unsure how to use a coupon and offers help.

INTENTION

Offer help with the coupon.

PROSODY

Warm and open, without overplaying the offer.



需要帮忙吗？

Xūyào bāngmáng ma?

Can I help you?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

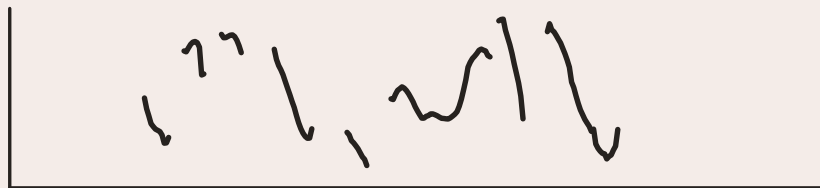
You want to pay by phone and also use a coupon, so you check whether both are accepted.

INTENTION

Ask whether a coupon can be used with mobile payment.

PROSODY

Keep the two details clear, then finish with a natural question contour.



手机支付也可以用优惠券吗？

Shǒujī zhīfù yě kěyǐ yòng yōuhuìquàn ma?

Can I still use a coupon if I pay with my phone?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

You have chosen a payment method and signal that you are ready to complete the purchase.

INTENTION

Move the interaction from choosing a method to paying.

PROSODY

Give 现在 a light focus; finish clearly and calmly.



我现在付钱。

Wǒ xiànzài fù qián.

I'll pay now.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

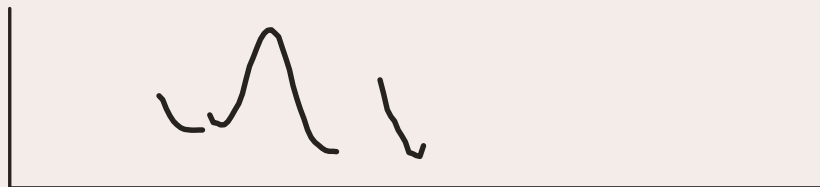
Your payment app is loading, so you ask the cashier to wait briefly.

INTENTION

Ask for a short moment to finish paying.

PROSODY

Keep 请 gentle; let 一下 make the request sound brief and considerate.



请等我一下。

Qǐng děng wǒ yíxià.

Could you give me a second?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

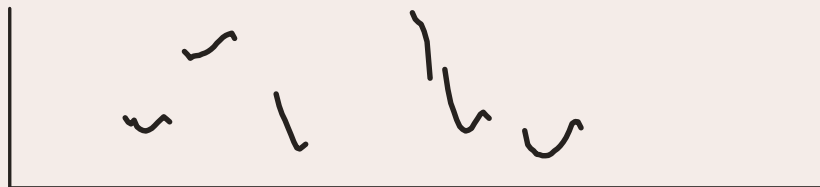
The customer's payment app is slow, and the cashier reassures them.

INTENTION

Reassure the customer that they can take another moment.

PROSODY

Keep both clauses warm and unhurried; soften the final 不着急.



没关系，不着急。

Méi guānxi, bù zháojí.

That's okay, take your time.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

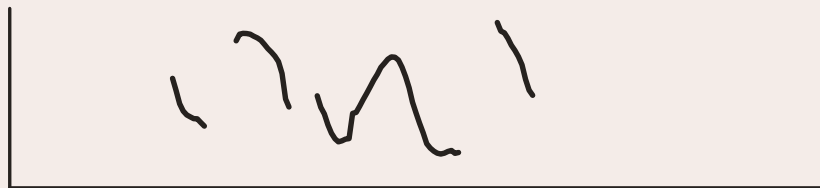
You have paid and want to keep the receipt in case you need to exchange the item.

INTENTION

Ask the cashier for the receipt.

PROSODY

Keep 请 courteous and clear; finish lightly.



小票请给我一下。

Xiǎopiào qǐng gěi wǒ yíxià.

Could I have the receipt, please?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

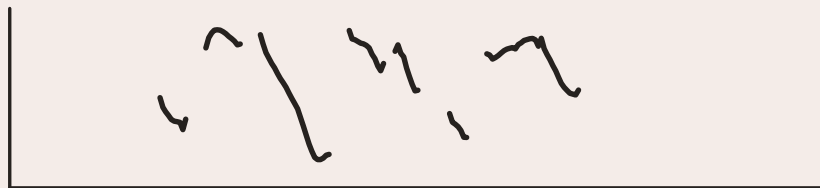
Before leaving, you ask whether the receipt shows how long you have to exchange the item.

INTENTION

Ask where to find the exchange period.

PROSODY

Give 小票 and 换货时间 clear but light focus.



小票上有换货时间吗？

Xiǎopiào shàng yǒu huànhuò shíjiān ma?

Does the receipt say how long I have to exchange it?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

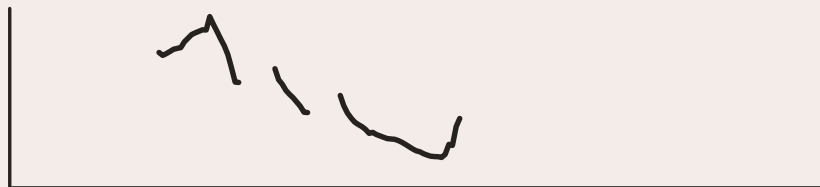
The cashier helps you apply the coupon and complete the payment.

INTENTION

Give sincere thanks for the help.

PROSODY

Make 真的 sincere but not emphatic; finish warmly.



真的谢谢你。

Zhēn de xièxie nǐ.

Thanks so much.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SECTION FOCUS

Ask about an exchange
and get help.

SITUATION

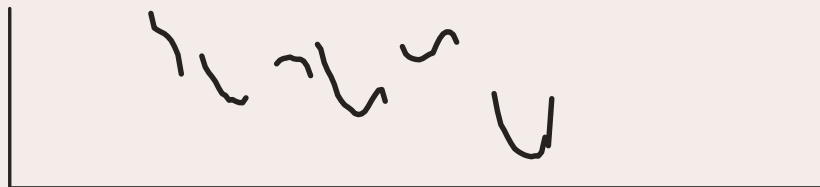
After buying the shirt, you try it on at home and find it feels tight.

INTENTION

Explain why you are asking the shop about an exchange.

PROSODY

Keep 有点 mild; finish with a small, clear fall on 紧.



这件穿着有点紧。

Zhè jiàn chuānzhe yǒudiǎn jǐn.

It's a little tight on me.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

Your companion agrees that the shirt feels too tight.

INTENTION

Agree that the size is small.

PROSODY

Briefly affirm 对, then keep the rest matter-of-fact.



对，这个尺码有点小。

Duì, zhège chǐmǎ yǒudiǎn xiǎo.

Yeah, this size is a little small.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

You return to the shop and explain which size you would like instead.

INTENTION

Request a larger replacement size.

PROSODY

Give 大一号 light focus; end clearly and calmly.



我想换大一号的。

Wǒ xiǎng huàn dà yí hào de.

I'd like to exchange this for the next size up.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant checks the exchange conditions, and you ask whether the larger size is in stock.

INTENTION

Check the availability of the replacement size.

PROSODY

Keep 大一号 distinct; use a simple availability-question contour.



大一号的还有吗？

Dà yí hào de hái yǒu ma?

Do you have this in the next size up?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

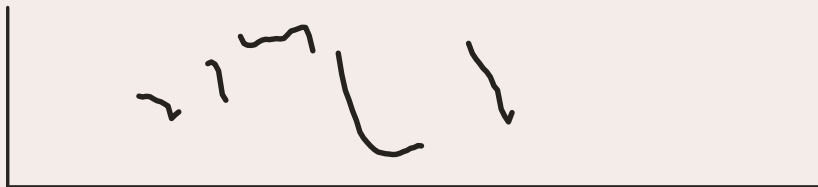
The assistant leaves the counter briefly to check for the larger size.

INTENTION

Tell the customer that you will check the stockroom.

PROSODY

Sound helpful and unhurried; let 找一下 fall gently.



我去帮你找一下。

Wǒ qù bāng nǐ zhǎo yíxià.

I'll go check for you.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant returns after looking for the requested size.

INTENTION

Apologize for making the customer wait briefly.

PROSODY

Soften 不好意思; keep the apology warm and proportionate.



不好意思，让你等了一会儿。

Bù hǎoyìsi, ràng nǐ děng le yíhuìr.

Sorry to keep you waiting.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant apologizes for the short wait, and you reassure them.

INTENTION

Say that the brief wait was fine.

PROSODY

Keep it easy and reassuring, with a soft fall.



没问题。

Méi wèntí.

No problem.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

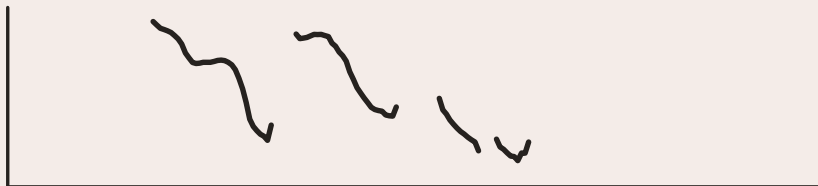
The assistant returns with the replacement size.

INTENTION

Tell the customer that the requested size is available.

PROSODY

Emphasize 大一号 lightly; finish with a helpful fall.



这里有大一号的。

Zhèlǐ yǒu dà yí hào de.

Here's the next size up.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant shows the larger size, and you decide to take it.

INTENTION

Confirm the replacement item you want.

PROSODY

Let 那 mark the decision; end naturally and decisively.



那我换这个吧。

Nà wǒ huàn zhège ba.

Then I'll exchange it for this one.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

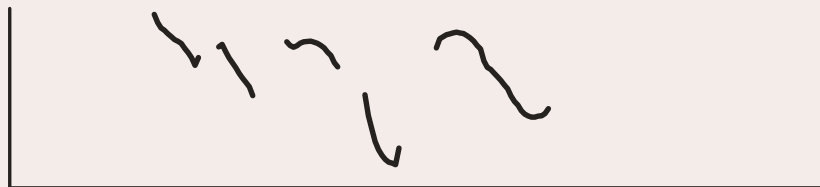
Before processing the exchange, you ask the assistant what you need to bring.

INTENTION

Check whether the receipt is required for an exchange.

PROSODY

Keep 小票 clear; use a calm yes/no question contour.



换货需要小票吗？

Huànhuò xūyào xiǎopiào ma?

Do I need the receipt to exchange it?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

The assistant confirms that the receipt is needed to exchange the item.

INTENTION

Tell the customer what to bring for the exchange.

PROSODY

Answer 可以 plainly; give 小票 a clear practical focus.



可以，要帶着小票。

Kěyǐ, yào dàizhe xiǎopiào.

Yes, you'll need to bring the receipt.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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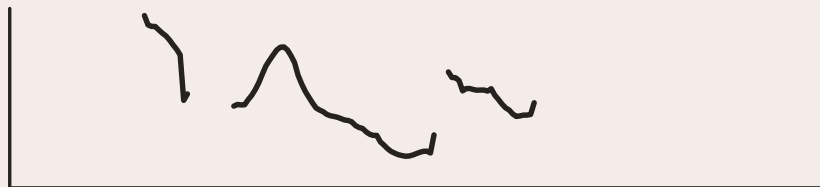
After hearing about the receipt, you check whether the tag must stay attached as well.

INTENTION

Ask whether the tag is also needed for the exchange.

PROSODY

Keep 也 connected to the previous condition; finish naturally.



吊牌也要留着吗？

Diàopái yě yào liúzhē ma?

Do I need to keep the tag on too?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

The assistant confirms that the tag should stay with the item.

INTENTION

Confirm that the tag should be kept.

PROSODY

Briefly affirm 对 and give 吊牌 a clear focus.



对，吊牌也要留着。

Duì, diàopái yě yào liúzhē.

Yes, keep the tag on too.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

The assistant asks when you bought the shirt, and you answer.

INTENTION

Say when you bought the item.

PROSODY

Keep 三天前 connected and let the sentence fall naturally.



我三天前买的。

Wǒ sān tiān qián mǎi de.

I bought it three days ago.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

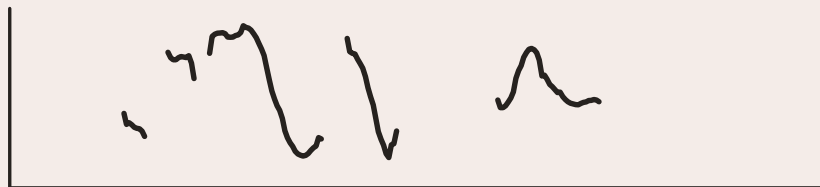
You check whether you can return within three days to exchange the item.

INTENTION

Check the time allowed for an exchange.

PROSODY

Keep the time phrase clear; pause lightly before 可以吗.



我三天内来换，可以吗？

Wǒ sān tiān nèi lái huàn, kěyǐ ma?

Can I exchange it within three days?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

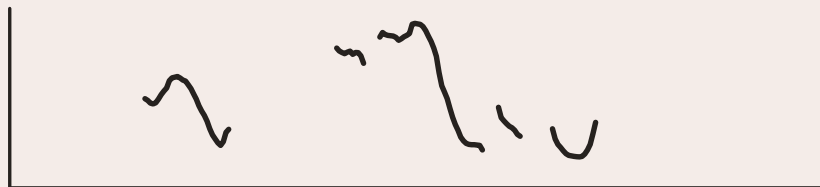
The assistant confirms that you can return within three days.

INTENTION

Confirm the exchange time limit.

PROSODY

Reassure briefly with 可以, then state the time clearly.



可以，三天内来就行。

Kěyǐ, sān tiān nèi lái jiù xíng.

Yes, just come back within three days.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



SITUATION

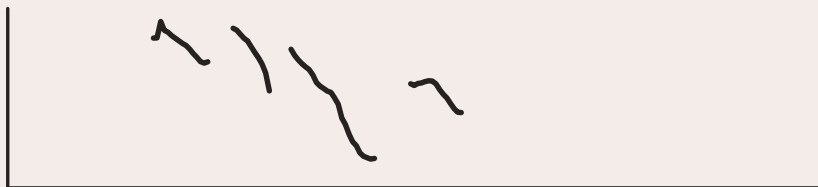
You have chosen the replacement and ask where the staff can handle the exchange.

INTENTION

Ask where to arrange the exchange.

PROSODY

Keep it direct and conversational; avoid a heavy rise.



换货在哪儿办？

Huànhuò zài nǎr bàn?

Where can I exchange it?

Slow

Natural

Expressive



Hear the English meaning, then the Chinese versions; use the video to repeat.

SITUATION

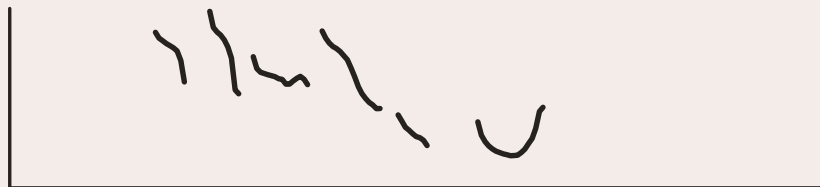
The assistant points to the nearby counter and says the exchange can be handled there.

INTENTION

Tell the customer where the exchange can be handled.

PROSODY

Give 这边 a light focus and finish reassuringly.



在这边办就行。

Zài zhèbiān bàn jiù xíng.

We can do that here.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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SITUATION

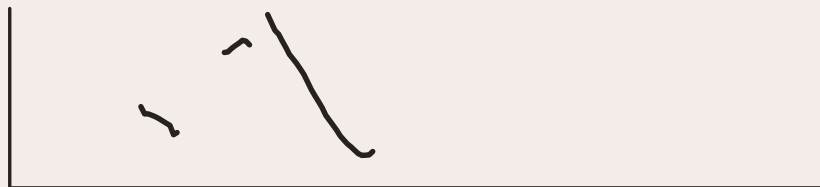
The assistant explains where the exchange can be handled, and you understand.

INTENTION

Show that you understand the instruction.

PROSODY

Short, clear, and gently falling.



我知道了。

Wǒ zhīdào le.

Got it.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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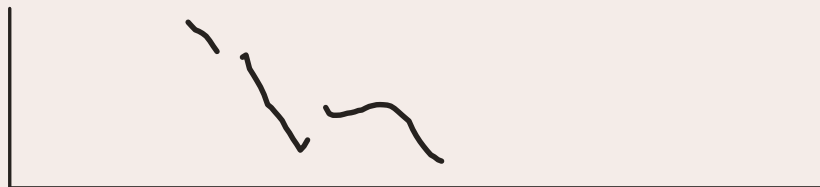
The assistant finishes helping with the exchange, and you thank them.

INTENTION

Thank the assistant for the help.

PROSODY

Warm and sincere, with light emphasis on 谢谢.



谢谢你帮我。

Xièxie nǐ bāng wǒ.

Thanks for your help.

Slow

Natural

Expressive



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