

Chinese Basics 006

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老板	lǎo bǎn	boss / shop owner
相框	xiàng kuàng / xiàng kuāng	picture frame
多少钱	duō shao qián	how much money
块	kuài	yuan /RMB (Chinese currency)
贵	guì	expensive
质量	zhì liàng	quality
看起来	kàn qǐ lái	looks like
歪	wāi	crooked
艺术	yì shù	art
风格	fēng gé	style
高级	gāo jí	high class
拍照	pāi zhào	take photos
放进去	fàng jìn qù	put inside
照片	zhào piàn	photo
明星	míng xīng	celebrity
便宜	pián yi	cheap
吉利	jí lì	lucky
冰激凌	bīng jī líng	ice cream
大冷天	dà lěng tiān	freezing weather
爱	ài	love
还是	hái shì	still
算啦	suàn la	forget it / never mind
成交	chéng jiāo	deal

吧

Ba is a very common Chinese particle that makes a sentence sound softer, more casual, or less direct. It is often used for suggestions, guesses, requests, or to make a statement sound more natural in conversation.

老板，这个相框多少钱？

lǎo bǎn zhè ge xiàng kuàng duō shao qián

Shopkeeper, how much is this picture frame?

二十块。

èr shí kuài

Twenty yuan.

二十块?

èr shí kuài

Twenty yuan?

有点贵。

yǒu diǎn guì

A bit expensive.

十块可以吗?

shí kuài kě yǐ ma

Can ten yuan work?

不行不行，这个质量很好。

bù xíng bù xíng zhè ge zhì liàng hěn hǎo

No, no. This quality is very good.

可是它看起来有点...歪。

kě shì tā kàn qǐ lái yǒu diǎn wāi

But it looks a little crooked.

歪? 那是艺术风格,

wāi nà shì yì shù fēng gé

Crooked? That is artistic style.

很高级。

hěn gāo jí

Very high class.

那我拍照会不会也变艺术?

nà wǒ pāi zhào huì bú huì yě biàn yì shù

Then will my photos also become artistic?

当然，放进去，

dāng rán fàng jìn qù

Of course. Put them in.

你的照片马上变明星。

nǐ de zhào piàn mǎ shàng biàn míng xīng

Your photos will immediately become celebrity photos.

那明星可以便宜一点吗？

nà míng xīng kě yǐ pián yi yì diǎn ma

Then can celebrities get a cheaper price?

十块。

shí kuài

Ten yuan.

十块不行，十八块吧。

shí kuài bù xíng shí bā kuài ba

Ten yuan will not work. Make it eighteen yuan.

吉利。

jí lì

A lucky number.

十八？

shí bā

Eighteen?

那我就没钱买冰激凌了。

nà wǒ jiù méi qián mǎi bīng jī líng le

Then I will not have money to buy ice cream.

可是今天这么冷。

kě shì jīn tiān zhè me lěng

But it is so cold today.

我就爱大冷天吃冰激凌。

wǒ jiù ài dà lěng tiān chī bīng jī líng

I just love eating ice cream in cold weather.

这样吧，十五块。

zhè yàng ba shí wǔ kuài

How about this? Fifteen yuan.

还是太贵了。

hái shì tài guì le

Still too expensive.

算啦。

suàn la

Forget it.

我不买了。

wǒ bù mǎi le

I am not buying it anymore.

我走啦。

wǒ zǒu la

I am leaving.

等等。十二块你要不要？

děng děng shí èr kuài nǐ yào bú yào

Wait, wait. Do you want it for twelve yuan?

好，成交。

hǎo chéng jiāo

Okay, deal.