



Lesson11 The best season to visit China

Part 1 Objectives

Topic: Seasons and weather

Key vocabulary: 气温、大雾、天气、多云、春天、夏天、秋天、冬天

Grammar Point: 要是……的话, 就…… (If... then...)

Communication Skill: To be able to talk about seasons and describe the weather

Part 2 Vocabulary

Chinese		English	Examples
qìwēn 气温	n.	temperature	e.g. 今天的气温比昨天高。 (The temperature today is higher than yesterday.)
dàwù 大雾	n.	dense fog	e.g. 今天早上有大雾, 所以我没开车。 (There was a dense fog in the morning, so I didn't drive the car.)
tiānqì 天气	n.	weather	e.g. 伦敦的天气怎么样? (How is the weather in London?)
duōyún 多云	n.	cloudy	e.g. 今天多云, 我可以出去打球吗? (Today is cloudy, can I go out to play ball games?)
chūntiān 春天	n.	spring	e.g. 我喜欢春天, 因为春天有很多花。 (I like spring, because there are many flowers in Spring.)
xiàtiān 夏天	n.	summer	e.g. 夏天, 大家喜欢去游泳。 (People like to go swimming in summer.)
qiūtiān 秋天	n.	autumn	e.g. 我觉得秋天很浪漫。 (I think autumn is very romantic.)
dōngtiān 冬天	n.	winter	e.g. 我的弟弟喜欢在冬天滑雪。 (My little brother likes to go skiing in winter.)

Part 3 More vocabulary

More vocabulary on seasons		
度 [dù] degree	拍 [pāi] to film	阿凡达 [āfándá] Avatar
云南 [yúnnán] Yunnan	左右 [zuǒyòu] or so	南方 [nánfāng] south
湖南 [húnán] Hunan	选择 [xuǎnzé] choice; to choose	免费 [miǎnfèi] free



Part 4 Reading

Version A

要是你春天去中国的话，我建议你到中国云南(Yunnan)。云南的春天，气温在20度左右，不冷也不热，到处都有花。

要是你夏天去中国的话，我建议你到张家界(zhāngjiājiè)。张家界在中国湖南(Hunan)，那里有很多山。张家界很有名，电影《阿凡达》(Avatar)就是在那儿拍(filmed)的。夏天，张家界的气温在24度左右(or so)，经常下雨。下雨的时候，山上会有大雾，美极了!

要是你秋天去中国的话，你可以有很多选择(choice)，因为秋天很多地方的天气都很好，景色也很美。

要是你冬天去中国的话，就去南方(south)的三亚，因为那里很暖和。

Version B

Yàoshì nǐ chūntiān qù zhōngguó de huà, wǒ jiànyì nǐ qù zhōngguó yúnnán. Yúnnán de chūn tiān, qìwēn zài 20 dù zuǒ yòu, bù lěng yě bú rè, dào chù dōu yǒu huā.
要是你春天去中国的话，我建议你到中国云南(Yunnan)。云南的春天，气温在20度左右，不冷也不热，到处都有花。

Yàoshì nǐ xiàtiān qù zhōngguó de huà, wǒ jiànyì nǐ qù zhāngjiājiè (zhāngjiājiè)。Zhāngjiājiè zài zhōngguó húnán (Hunan), nàlǐ yǒu hěn duō shān。Zhāngjiājiè hěn yǒumíng, diànyǐng 《āfándá》 jiù shì zài nàr pāi (filmed) de。Xiàtiān, zhāngjiājiè de qìwēn zài 24 dù zuǒ yòu (or so), jīngcháng jiù shì zài nàr pāi (filmed) de。Xiàtiān, zhāngjiājiè de qìwēn zài 24 dù zuǒ yòu (or so), jīngcháng xià yǔ。Xià yǔ de shíhòu, shān shàng huì yǒu dà wù, měi jí le!
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Yàoshì nǐ qiūtiān qù zhōngguó de huà, nǐ kěyǐ yǒu hěn duō xuǎnzé, yīnwèi qiūtiān hěn duō dìfāng de tiānqì dōu hěn hǎo, jǐngsè yě hěn měi。
要是你秋天去中国的话，你可以有很多选择(choice)，因为秋天很多地方的天气都很好，景色也很美。

Yàoshì nǐ dōngtiān qù zhōngguó de huà, jiù qù nánfāng de sānyà, yīnwèi nàlǐ hěn nuǎnhuo。
要是你冬天去中国的话，就去南方(south)的三亚，因为那里很暖和。



1. Choose the correct answer.

1 What is the normal temperature in Yunnan during the spring?

- A Twenty degrees or so
- B Thirty degrees or so

2 Where is Zhangjiajie?

- A In Hunan Province
- B In Yunnan Province

3 What is the typical weather in Zhangjiajie during the summer?

- A Sunny
- B Rainy and foggy

4 What is the meaning of “要是……的话”?

- A If...
- B Because...

2. True or false.

1	2	3	4

- 1 According to the author, Yunnan's weather is good all year round.
- 2 It is beautiful in the mountains of Zhangjiajie when it is foggy.
- 3 The author does not think autumn is the perfect season to travel to China.
- 4 Sanya is warm in the winter.

Part5 Listening

1	2	3	4

- 1 Meimei's home is in Beijing.
- 2 Meimei likes Beijing's autumn the most.
- 3 The temperature of Beijing in autumn is around 20 degrees.
- 4 The man does not like London's weather.



Part 6 Grammar

要是.....的话, 就.....(if.....then.....)

Either “要是” or “的话” can be omitted. “就” is not necessary.

“要是.....的话, 就.....” is usually used in spoken Chinese.

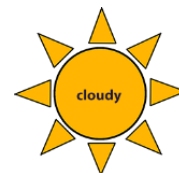
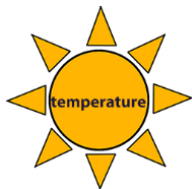
English	Chinese		
		condition	result
If you go to China in spring, I suggest you go to Yunnan.	要是	你春天去中国 you go to China in spring	的话 我建议你去云南。 I suggest you to go to Yunnan
If you miss me, then call me.		你想我 you miss me	

More examples:

- 要是你不想在家吃饭, 我们就点外卖吧。(If you do not want to eat at home, then we can order the take-away.)
- 要是你想去中国, 我们明天就去。(If you want to go to China, then we go tomorrow.)
- 要是你需要帮助, 就去找警察。(If you need help, then go to find the police.)

Part 7 Exercises

1. Translate the following words.



2. Matching.





3. Translate.

1) If the weather is very hot, then I will go swimming.

要是 很热 天气 我 游泳 就 去

2) If it rains, then I will play with the computer at home.

要是 玩电脑 在家 下雨 我 就

3) If I go to China, then I will buy gift for you.

要是 去 中国 我 就 买 礼物 你 给