



Lesson12 Life in Beijing

Part 1 Objectives

Topic: Things to do and places to visit

Key vocabulary: 地铁站、博物馆、体育馆、音乐会、天安门广场、活动、参观、演出

Grammar Point: 除了……以外 except / except for

Communication Skill: To be able to talk about places to visit and things to do in Beijing

Part 2 Vocabulary

Chinese		English	Examples
dìtiězhàn 地铁站	n.	tube station	e.g. 请问，到地铁站怎么走？ (Excuse me, how to get to the tube station?)
bówùguǎn 博物馆	n.	museum	e.g. 博物馆在医院的左边。 (The museum is on the left of the hospital.)
tǐyùguǎn 体育馆	n.	gymnasium	e.g. 体育馆里的人越来越多。 (There are more and more people in the gymnasium.)
yīnyuèhuì 音乐会	n.	concert	e.g. 除了听音乐会以外，他还喜欢去看老电影。 (Apart from going to concerts, he also likes watching old movies.)
Tiān'ānménguǎngchǎng 天安门广场	n.	Tiananmen Square	e.g. 天安门广场是世界上最大的广场。 (Tiananmen Square is the biggest square in the world.)
huódòng 活动	n.	activity	e.g. 这是我们学校第九次举办(jǔbàn)这个活动了。 (This is the ninth time for our school to hold this activity.)
cānguān 参观	v.	to visit	e.g. 你们可以一边参观一边听我说。 (You can listen to me while visiting.)
yǎnchū 演出	n.	performance	e.g. 要是我今天没有演出，我们就去看电影吧。 (If I don't have performance today, then we go to the movies.)

Part 3 More vocabulary

More vocabulary on things to do and places to visit		
有意义 [yǒuyìyì] meaningful	故宫 [gùgōng] Gugong	别的 [biéde] other
紫禁城 [zǐjīnchéng] The Forbidden City	鸟巢 [niǎocháo] The Bird's Nest	附近 [fùjìn] nearby
卤煮火烧 [lǔzhǔhuǒshāo] Luzhu huoshao		



Part 4 Reading

Version A

我是一个法国人，我在中国北京生活了很多年，我住在鸟巢(The Bird's Nest) 体育场附近 (nearby)。虽然“鸟巢”不在市中心，但是那里交通很方便。北京的地铁又快又便宜，我家旁边就有一个地铁站，走路去地铁站只需要五分钟。

上个月，我的法国朋友们来北京看我。我带他们参观了鸟巢体育场、故宫(Gugong) 博物馆、天安门广场和长城。我的朋友们最喜欢长城，但是我最喜欢故宫博物馆。因为我在大学学习过中国历史，所以我觉得故宫博物馆很有意思。

鸟巢体育场经常有体育比赛，我常常跟我的一些中国朋友们去看。在北京，我还经常听音乐会，很多世界有名的音乐家都来北京演出。

我喜欢北京的生活。除了北京以外，别的 (other) 地方我都不去。我也喜欢北京的食物。除了卤煮火烧 (Luzhu huoshao) 以外，别的东西我都吃。

Version B

Wǒ shì yí ge Fǎguó rén, wǒ zài Zhōngguó Běijīng shēnghuó le hěn duō nián, wǒ zhù zài niǎocháo (The Bird's Nest) tǐyù chǎng fùjìn (nearby)。Suīrán “niǎocháo” bú zài shìzhōngxīn, dànshì 鸟巢(The Bird's Nest) 体育场附近 (nearby)。虽然“鸟巢”不在市中心，但是 nàlǐ jiāotōng hěn fāngbiàn。 Běijīng de dìtiě yòu kuài yòu piányi, wǒ jiā pángbiān jiù yǒu yí ge dì tiě zhàn, zǒulù qù dìtiě zhàn zhǐ xūyào wǔ fēnzhōng。 铁路去地铁站只需要五分钟。

Shàng ge yuè, wǒ de Fǎguó péngyou men lái Běijīng kàn wǒ。 wǒ dài tāmen cānguān le niǎocháo tǐyùchǎng、 gùgōng(Gugong) bówùguǎn、 tiān'ānmén guǎngchǎng hé chángchéng。 Wǒ de péngyou men zuì xǐhuan chángchéng, dànshì wǒ zuì xǐhuan gùgōng bówùguǎn。 Yīnwèi wǒ zài dàxué xuéxí guò Zhōngguó lìshǐ, suǒyǐ wǒ juéde gùgōng bówùguǎn hěn yǒu yìsi。 大学学习过中国历史，所以我觉得故宫博物馆很有意思。

Niǎocháo tǐyùchǎng jīngcháng yǒu tǐyù bǐsài, wǒ chángcháng gēn wǒ de yí xiē Zhōngguó péngyou men qù kàn。 Zài Běijīng, wǒ hái jīngcháng tīng yīnyuè huì, hěn duō shìjiè yǒumíng de yīnyuèjiā dōu lái Běijīng yǎnchū。 鸟巢体育场经常有体育比赛，我常常跟我的一些中国朋友们去看。在北京，我还经常听音乐会，很多世界有名的音乐家都来北京演出。



Wǒ xǐhuan Běijīng de shēnghuó。 Chúle Běijīng yǐwài, biéde (other) dìfang wǒ dōu bú qù。
 我 喜欢 北京 的 生活。 除了 北京 以外, 别的 (other) 地方 我 都 不 去。
 Wǒ yě xǐhuan Běijīng de shíwù。 Chúle lǔzhǔhuǒshāo (Luzhu huoshao) yǐwài, biéde dōngxi wǒ
 我 也 喜欢 北京 的 食物。 除了 卤煮火烧 (Luzhu huoshao) 以外, 别 的 东西 我
 dōu chī。
 都 吃。

1. Choose the correct answer.

1 What is the author's nationality?

- A Chinese
- B French

2 How does the author travel around Beijing?

- A By bus
- B By tube

3 What are his French friends' favourite attraction in Beijing?

- A The Great Wall
- B The Tian'anmen Square

4 Why is the author so interested in Gugong Museum?

- A Because he likes ancient architecture.
- B Because he studied Chinese history at university.

2. True or false.

1	2	3	4

- 1 The author has recently moved to Beijing.
- 2 The Bird's Nest stadium is close to city centre.
- 3 The author often goes to sports events and concerts in Beijing.
- 4 The author enjoys his life in Beijing.

Part5 Listening

1	2	3	4

- 1 The father wants to go to visit Gugong museum because he is interested in Chinese history.
- 2 The mother wants to go to see Tiananmen Square.
- 3 The son will not join his parents because he will be busy at work
- 4 They will drive to Gugong museum tomorrow.



Part 6 Grammar

除了.....以外，都(except/except for)

The subject of the sentence can be put either directly before or after 除了.....以外, it can also be after the topic.

Either “除了” or “以外” can be omitted.

English	Chinese					
		Object		Topic	subject	Verb
Except for durians, he likes all the other fruits.	除了	榴莲 durian	以外,	水果 fruit	他 He	喜欢。 to like
Except for the coriander, I eat all the other vegetables.		香菜 coriander		别的 other	蔬菜 fruit	我 I

Negative form: 除了.....以外，都不

The subject of the sentence can be put either directly before or after 除了.....以外, it can also be after the topic.

Either “除了” or “以外” can be omitted.

English	Chinese					
		Object		Topic	subject	Verb
Except for Chinese, I don't like any other language.	除了	汉语 Chinese	以外,	别的语言 other languages	我 I	喜欢。 to like
Except for big mountains, I don't like any other place.		大山 big mountain		别的地方 other places	我 I	喜欢。 to like

More examples:

- 除了筷子以外，别的东西我都会用。
(Except for chopsticks, I can use all the other things.)
- 除了熊猫以外，别的动物我都不想看。
(Except for pandas, I don't want to see any other animals.)
- 除了小吃以外，别的东西他都不想吃。(Except for snacks, he doesn't want to eat any other things.)



Part 7 Exercises

1. Translate the following words.



2. Matching.



3. Translate.

1) Except for the coriander, he eats all the other vegetables.

除了 以外 香菜 蔬菜 别的 都 吃 他

2) Except for strawberry cakes, I don't like any other cakes.

除了 以外 草莓蛋糕 我 别的 蛋糕 不喜欢 都

3) Except for white, she doesn't like any other colors.

除了 以外 白色 她 颜色 别的 都 不喜欢