

Snapshots Volume 2 Story Summaries

Chapter	Title	Content	Culture Notes	IC Lesson
1 Travel Plans	Story 1: Winter Vacation Destinations 寒假去哪儿玩儿？ 寒假去哪兒玩兒？	Three friends discuss some possible places in China to visit during their winter break.	1. Winter in Harbin 2. Northeastern China	L11 Weather
	Story 2: Temperature Scales 二十多度冷不冷？ 二十多度冷不冷？	An American student in China is deciding where to travel and is confused by the weather forecast for Hainan.	Measuring Temperature	
2 Expanded Understanding	Story 1: An Insistent Host 多吃！多喝！别客气！ 多吃！多喝！別客氣！	An American working in Shanghai attends a dinner with his employer and coworkers and notices some cultural differences.	1. Dining Venues 2. Dish Names 3. Ordering for the Table 4. Overwhelming Hospitality	L12 Dining
	Story 2: Varieties of Chinese 我们都说中文 我們都說中文	A few students in Taiwan hang out and start discussing different terms for and variations within spoken Chinese.	1. Beijing Mandarin vs. Taiwan Mandarin 2. Language Diversity and Regional Identity	
3 Navigating Tianjin	Story 1: Ansong's Experience on Campus 安松在天津师大 安松在天津師大	An American student's experience and impressions upon arriving at Tianjin Normal University's campus.	1. Transportation in China 2. Bring Your Own Toilet Paper	L13 Asking Directions
	Story 2: Going Out for a Meal 和同学去饭馆 和同學去飯館	Several international students in China discuss how best to get from campus to a particular restaurant in the city, where they plan to get a meal.	Affordable Public Transportation	

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4 Making Memories	Story 1: A Birthday Celebration in China 在中国过生日 在中國過生日	A Chinese American student celebrates her birthday with family in China.	1. Jade in Chinese Culture 2. Birthday Noodles in Chinese Culture	L14 Birthday Party
	Story 2: Karaoke Outing 唱卡拉 OK 唱卡拉 OK	A Chinese American student goes out with some Chinese friends to sing karaoke.	Karaoke in China	
5 Healthcare in Taiwan	Story 1: Watermelon Troubles 食物也有属性? 食物也有屬性?	An American living in Taiwan eats watermelon and then feels sick, resulting in a visit to the doctor's office.	Cool-Natured and Warm-Natured Foods	L15 Seeing a Doctor
	Story 2: Care for New Mothers 台湾的月子中心 台灣的月子中心	An American living in Taiwan visits his friend, who is a new mother, at a postpartum care center.	Postpartum Care and Benefits	
6 Budding Romance	Story 1: The First Date 第一次约会 第一次約會	After having spent time texting and video chatting, a Chinese man arranges his first in-person date with the Chinese woman he has been getting to know.	1. Chinese “Super-App” 2. Sichuan Cuisine	L16 Dating
	Story 2: At a Party 生日舞会 生日舞會	A Chinese American student feels a pull towards a Chinese student at a party and starts conversing with her.	Fragrant Hills	

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7 Friendship Abroad	Story 1: Apartment Hunting in the U.S. 在美國租房子真麻煩 在美國租房子真麻煩	A Chinese graduate student struggles to find an apartment in the U.S., eventually receiving help from her American classmates.	1. Using Connections 2. Furnished Apartments	L17 Renting an Apartment
	Story 2: Making Friends in China 一个美国人在中国：一篇日记 一個美國人在中國：一篇日記	An American in China is a bit confused by her Chinese friend's many requests for assistance.	A Helping Hand	
8 A Competition; A Myth	Story 1: A New Challenge 三铁比赛 三鐵比賽	A Chinese student learns to swim and then prepares to participate in a triathlon.	Swimming in China	L18 Sports
	Story 2: Lady White Snake 许仙和白娘子 許仙和白娘子	A simple retelling of the famous Chinese legend of Lady White Snake.	1. Legend of the White Snake 2. Leifeng Pagoda	
9 Summer Abroad in China	Story 1: Ansong Books a Flight 安松订机票 安松訂機票	An American student prepares for his upcoming summer study abroad experience in China.	Chinese Visa	L19 Travel
	Story 2: Ansong Tours Tianjin and Beijing 安松爱旅行 安松愛旅行	An American student travels around Tianjin and Beijing, learning about several local attractions.	Wudadao	

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10 Family Bonds	Story 1: A Family Visit 去北京看儿子 去北京看兒子	A Chinese student has an internship in Beijing; his parents fly in to visit him and explore Beijing for the first time.	Beijing's Imperial Sites	L20 At the Airport
	Story 2: Familial Love 家人的爱 家人的愛	A man comes out to his extended family by announcing his engagement and waits to see how they will respond to the news.	Expressing Care in Chinese Relationships	