

Snapshots Volume 1 Story Summaries

Chapter	Title	Content	Cultural notes	IC Lesson
1 Family and Names	Story 1: A family photo 我的家人 我的家人	An American student looks at a photo of her Chinese friend's family.	Addressing one's friends' siblings	L1 Greetings L2 Family
	Story 2: What's my name? 我叫什么名字 我叫什麼名字	A young girl wonders about the various ways her family members and others address her.	Nicknames for Children	
2 Birthday Celebrations	Story 1: Weekend with friends 和朋友的周末 和朋友的週末	An American student celebrates his birthday with friends in China.	Paying for birthday dinners	L3 Time and Date L4 Hobbies
	Story 2: Ansong's 19th birthday 安松的19岁生日 安松的19歲生日	An American student celebrates his 19th birthday with his teacher's family in Tianjin.	1. Celebrating birthdays 2. Asking age and relationship status	
3 Cross-Cultural Gatherings	Story 1: An unpleasant conversation 在茶馆聊天 在茶館聊天	An American student confronts traditional assumptions about identity and relationships in Beijing.	1. Heritage and Identity 2. Privacy, Personal Topics and Heteronormativity	L5 Visiting Friends
	Story 2: Guipeng and Honora's Thanksgiving 去朋友家玩儿 去朋友家玩兒	A Chinese student celebrates Thanksgiving at his American friend's house.	1. Address and Courtesy 2. Indoor Etiquette 3. Beverage and Bathing Preferences	
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4 Schedules and Appointments	Story 1: Mr. Li's busy day 一位中国老人 一位中國老人	The busy daily life of a senior in China (Tianjin)	Family support	L6 Making Appointments
	Story 2: Mahjong and matchmaking 约朋友 約朋友	The same senior calls his friends to play mahjong and has matchmaking plans for a younger friend of his.	1. English Tests in China 2. School Community	
5 New Perspectives	Story 1: Building relationships 有朋友真好 有朋友真好	Relationships between an American student and her boyfriend in Beijing	Receiving gifts	L7 Studying Chinese
	Story 2: A trip to the Great Wall 好汉小文 好漢小文	A Chinese American child visits the Huangyaguan Great Wall with his parents.	The Huangyaguan Great Wall	
6 Studying Abroad in Taiwan	Story 1: Making progress 到台湾去学中文 到台灣去學中文	A student travels to Taiwan to learn Chinese with the encouragement of his husband from Taiwan.	Breakfast culture in Taiwan	L8 School Life
	Story 2: Falling in love with calligraphy 写毛笔字是我的爱好 寫毛筆字是我的愛好	The same student practices calligraphy.	Calligraphy	

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7 Shopping and Holidays	Story 1: The perfect gifts 买东西 買東西	A student from New York buys clothes as birthday gifts for her boyfriend in Beijing and learns about some cultural taboos.	Gift taboos	L9 Shopping
	Story 2: A New Yorker's Chinese New Year 纽约人在北京 紐約人在北京	The same student celebrates the Chinese New Year with her boyfriend's family in Beijing.	Red in Chinese Culture	
8 Transportation and (Mis)communication	Story 1: A bus ride to the teashop 在杭州买茶叶 在杭州買茶葉	Two friends take a bus to buy the famous Longjing tea in Hangzhou.	Tea	L10 Transportation
	Story 2: A bewildering emoji 这是什么意思？ 這是什麼意思？	An American student misunderstands the emoji her Chinese friend used in a chat.	Emojis	