

Lesson 8 – Reading Comprehension and Paraphrasing

丁力波是加拿大学生。他家有五口人：爸爸，妈妈，哥哥，
Dīng Lìbō shì Jiānádà xuésheng. Tā jiā yǒu wǔ kǒu rén: bāba, mama, gēge,
弟弟和他。他妈妈姓丁，叫丁云，是中国人。他爸爸叫古波，
dìdì hé tā. Tā mama xìng Dīng, jiào Dīng Yún, shì Zhōngguó rén. Tā bāba jiào Gǔbō,
是加拿大人。二十年前古波在加拿大认识丁云，那时候，丁云
shì Jiānádà rén. Èr shí nián qián Gǔbō zài Jiānádà rénshi Dīng Yún, nà shí hòu, Dīng Yún
学习英语，古波学习汉语。
xuéxì Yīngyǔ, Gǔbō xuéxì Hànyǔ.

现在丁云和古波都是汉语教授。他们有三个男孩子，
Xiànzài Dīng Yún hé Gǔbō dōu shì Hànyǔ jiāo shòu. Tāmen yǒu sān ge nán hái zi,
没有女孩子。现在丁力波和他哥哥，弟弟都在北京。丁力波是
méiyǒu nǚ hái zi. Xiànzài Dīng Lìbō hé tā gēge, dìdì dōu zài Běijīng. Dīng Lìbō shì
语言学院的学生，他学习汉语。他很喜欢语言学院。语言
yǔyán xuéyuàn de xuésheng, tā xuéxì Hànyǔ. Tā hěn xǐhuan yǔyán xuéyuàn. Yǔyán
学院不太大，有十二个系。汉语系有一百个中国老师，学生都
xuéyuàn bù tài dà, yǒu shí èr ge xì. Hànyǔ xì yǒu yībǎi ge Zhōngguo lǎoshi, xuésheng dōu
是外国人。外语系的学生是中国人，外语系有很多外国
shì wàiguó rén. Wàiyǔ xì de xuésheng shì Zhōngguó rén, wàiyǔ xì yǒu hěn duō wàiguó
老师。丁力波的中国朋友都是外语系的学生。丁力波的
lǎoshi. Dīng Lìbō de Zhōngguó péngyou dōu shì dewàiyǔ xì de xuésheng. Dīng Lìbō de
哥哥学习历史专业,他弟弟的专业是经济。
gēge xuéxì lìshǐ zhuānyè, tā dìdì de zhuānyè shì jīngjì.

他们的外婆也在北京。他们常常去外婆家，他们很爱外婆。
Tāmen de wàipó yě zài Běijīng. Tāmen chángcháng qù wàipó jiā, tāmen hěn ài wàipó.

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Ding Libo is a Canadian student. There are five people in his family: father, mother, older brother, younger brother and him. His mother's surname is Ding, she is called Ding Yun, she is Chinese. His father is called Gubo, he is Canadian. Twenty years ago Gubo lived in Canada and go to know Ding Yun, in those days, Ding Yun was studying English, Gubo was studying Chinese.

Now Ding Yun and Gubo are Chinese language professors. They have three boys, no girls. Now Ding Libo and his older brother, younger brother all live in Beijing. Ding Libo is a student of the Language Institute, he studies Chinese. He really likes the Language Institute. The Language Institute is not very big, it has twelve departments. The Chinese language department has one hundred Chinese teachers, all of its students are foreigners. The foreign language department has Chinese students, the foreign language department has a lot of foreign teachers. Ding Libo's Chinese friends are all students of the foreign language department. Ding Libo's older brother studies history as his major, his younger brother's major is economics.

Their maternal grandmother also lives in Beijing. They often go to their grandmother's house, they love their grandmother very much.

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1. 丁力波的妈妈是中国人，他爸爸是加拿大人。
Dīng Libō de màma shì Zhōngguó rén, tā bāba shì Jiānádà rén.
2. 丁力波的妈妈和爸爸都是汉语教授。他哥哥的学习历史专业，他弟弟的专业是经济和他学习汉语。
Dīng Libō de mama hé bāba dōu shì Hànyǔ jiāo shòu. Tā gēge de xuéxī lìshǐ zhuānyè, tā dìdi de zhuānyè shì jīngjì hé tā xuéxī Hànyǔ.
3. 丁力波和他的两个兄弟都在北京。他们的外婆也在北京。
Dīng Libō hé tā de liǎng ge xiōngdì dōu zài Běijīng. Tāmen de wàipó yě zài Běijīng.
4. 他语言学院那学习的不太大，和有不过十二系和一百老师。
Tā yǔyán xuéyuàn nà xuéxī de bù tài dà, hé yǒu búguò shí èr xì hé yì bǎi lǎoshi.

1. Ding Libo's mother is Chinese, his father is Canadian.
2. Ding Libo's mother and father are both Chinese language professors. His older brother's major is history, his younger brother's major is economics, and he is studying Chinese.
3. Ding Libo and his two brothers all live in Beijing. Their grandmother also lives in Beijing.
4. The language institute where he studies is not very big, with only twelve departments and one hundred teachers.