

Unit 2, Reference List

1. A: Zhèiběn Fǎwén zhōukān  
xiāngdāng bú cuò!  
This French weekly is quite good!
- B: À! Nǐ xiànzài duì Fǎwén  
hěn yǒu yánjiū le, néng  
kàn Fǎwén zázhi le!  
Oh! You know a lot about French now;  
you can read French magazines!
2. A: Nánǚ píngděng shì bu shì  
Zhōngguó rén de kànfǎ?  
Is equality between men and women  
a Chinese viewpoint?
- B: Shì, kěshì nèi shì Zhōngguó  
rén de xīn guānniàn, bú  
shì lǎo guānniàn.  
Yes, but that's a new concept of the  
Chinese, not an old one.
3. A: Zhèipiān wénzhāng bù hǎo ma?  
Isn't this article any good?
- B: Bú shì zhèige yìsi. Wénzhāng  
bú cuò, jiù shì cháng le  
yidiǎnr.  
That wasn't what I meant. The article  
is pretty good, it's just that it's  
a bit long.
- B: Nǐ hái yǒu shénme bié de  
wénzhāng ma?  
Do you have any other articles?
4. A: Nǐ jiéhūn yǐqián yìzhí dōu  
gēn fùmǔ yìqǐ zhù ma?  
Before you got married did you  
live with your parents all along?
- B: Bú shì, wǒ méi jiéhūn jiù  
líkāi jiā dúlì shēnghuó le  
qī-bā nián.  
No, I left home before I got  
married and lived independently for  
seven or eight years.
5. A: Nǐ kàn, zhèr yǒu yìpiān  
guānyú tóngjūde xīnwén.  
Look, here's a news article about  
"living together."
- B: Suànle ba. Zhèizhǒng  
xīnwén yǒu shénme yìsi?  
Forget it. What's interesting about  
that kind of news?
6. A: Nǐ jiějie yìxué fāngmiàn de  
shū yuè lái yuè duō le!  
Your sister is getting more and more  
medical books!
- B: Shì a, tā zài pīnmìng xué  
yī ne.  
Yes, she's studying medicine with  
all her energy.

7. A: Liú Xiānshengde kè shízài méi yìsi. Mr. Liú's class is really boring.
- B: Nǐ tīngxiāqu, mànmanr huì yǒu xìngqùde. If you keep attending it, gradually you'll become interested.
8. A: Xiàng Wáng Jiàoshòu zhèi-yangde lǎoshī zhēnshi bù duō. There really aren't many teachers like Professor Wáng.
- B: Nǐ shuōduì le. Rúguǒ bú shì tā bāngzhu wo, wǒ zhēn bù xiǎng xué le. You're right. If it weren't for the help he's given me, I wouldn't want to study anymore.
9. A: Sānnián yǐqián wǒ jiu bú kào fùmǔ shēnghuó le. I stopped depending on my parents for a living three years ago.
- B: Nǐ néng zìjǐ guǎn zìjǐ, zhēn bú cuò. It's really great that you can take care of yourself [be your own boss].
10. A: Tā xiěde jǐběn xiǎoshuō xiànzài dōu hěn liúxíng. The novels he wrote are all very popular now.
- B: Nà dāngrán, xiàng tā nèiyang yǒu dìwei yǒu zhīshide rén, xiěde xiǎoshuō yíding yǒu yìsi. Of course. Novels written by someone with his position and knowledge are sure to be interesting.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED VOCABULARY

11. yǒu bāngzhu to be helpful
12. yǒu dàolǐ to make sense
13. zìyóu to be free; freedom
14. -bèizi all one's life, lifetime
15. Xīnwén Zhōukān Newsweek
16. fùnǚ woman; women, womankind

## VOCABULARY

bāngzhu -bèizi	help; to help all one's life, lifetime
dàolǐ	principle, truth, hows and whys; reason, argument, sense
dìwei dúlì	position, status to be independent; independence
fùnǚ	woman; women, womankind
guǎn	to take care of; to mind, to bother about
guānniàn	concept, idea, notion
jiéhūn (jiēhūn)	to get married
kào	to depend on, to rely on; to lean against; to be near, to be next to
liúxíng	to be common, to be popular, to be prevalent
méi yìsi	to be uninteresting, to be boring; to be pointless, to be meaningless; to be a drag; to be without value, not worthy of respect
nánnǚ	men and women, male-female
-piān	(counter for sheets, articles or pieces of writing)
píngděng pǐnmìng	equality; to be equal (of people) with all one's might, for all one is worth, desperately, like mad; to risk one's life, to defy death
shēnghuó shízài suàn le	life; to live; livelihood really; to be real forget it, let's drop the matter, let it go at that; come off it, come on
tóngjū	to cohabit; cohabitation
wénzhāng	article, essay; prose (writing) style
xiàng	to be like, to resemble; like; such as
xiāngdāng	quite, pretty, considerably

-xiaqu	(resultative ending which indicates continuing an action)
xìngqu	interest
xīnwén	news
<u>Xīnwén Zhōukān</u>	<u>Newsweek</u>
xué yī	to study medicine
yī	medical science, medicine (used in phrases like <u>xué yī</u> )
yīxué	medical science, medicine
yìzhí	all along, continuously, all the time (up until a certain point)
yǒu bāngzhu	to be helpful
yǒu dàolǐ	to make sense
yǒu xìngqu	to be interested
yǒu yánjiū	to have done research on; to know a lot about
yuè...yuè...	the more...the more...
yuè lái yuè...	more and more..., increasingly...
zhīshi	knowledge
zhōukān	weekly publication, weekly magazine, a "weekly"
zìyóu	freedom; to be free