

Is that a watch? - Nà shìbúshì shǒubiǎo?

We are going to learn how to say cup, watch and telephone in Chinese. We learned how to say “this” in Chinese already and I am certain by now you must be very comfortable using it. So in this session’s learnchinese.com we would not bring it up again to bombard your ear, we are going to discover “nà” - the brother of “zhè”.

VOCABULARY:

nà	that
bēizi	cup/glass
shǒubiǎo	watch
diànhuà	telephone

SENTENCES:

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| 1. Nà shì shū. | That is a book. |
| 2. Nà shì bǐ. | That is a pen. |
| 3. Zhè shì shénme? ⁱ | What is that? |
| Zhè shì bēizi. | This is a cup. / This is a glass. |
| 4. Nà shì shénme? | What is that? |
| Nà shì bēizi. | That is a cup. |
| 5. Nà shìbúshì bēizi? | Is that a cup? |
| Shì, nà shì bēizi. | Yes, that is a cup. |
| 6. Nà shì shénme? | What is that? |
| Nà shì diàn nǎo. | That is a computer. |
| 7. Nà shìbúshì shǒubiǎo? | Is that a Watch? |
| Bù, nà búshì shǒubiǎo. | No, that is not a watch. |
| 8. Nà shì shénme? | What is that? |
| Nà shì shǒubiǎo. | That is a watch. |
| 9. Nà shì diànhuà ma? | Is that a telephone? |

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Shì, nà shì diànhuà? Yes, that is a telephone.

EXERCISES:

How many objects could you name so far in Chinese? List them, point to the object close by and say “this is” and then point to the object far away and say “that is”.

NOTE:

Did you heard the mistake made by Kevan before the instructor pointed it out:
Nà shíbúshi bēizi ma?

This is a very common mistake that I would like to attract your attention. In the previous lessons, we learned how to ask Yes-or-No questions in two different ways, but never ever combine them together!! If you are confused, please refer to the lesson 2 and lesson 3.

TAKE MY ADVICE:

Learning a language doesn't really mean sitting seriously beside your desk with a pile of boring books and tapes; Learning a language doesn't necessarily require you to sacrifice hours and hours of your precious time everyday; learning a language doesn't have to be that painful! Just randomly in a day when you check time by looking at your watch, you may see time, but I say “zhè shì shǒubiǎo ma?”

For those of serious learners, I recommend you to read one of my articles titled:
Some advice to help you succeed in learning Chinese

Please follow this link:

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ⁱ More details about this sentence structure in lesson 4.