

Modal verbs: 会 ^{huì} and 要 ^{yào}

❖ 会: can mean "know how to do sth" (you had to learn or be trained in to do)

I can cook.

But I can't make Chinese food.

We can speak Chinese,

But we can't write Chinese characters.

❖ 会: means "will", indicate that something will happen or someone will do something

1. I will come tomorrow.
2. Will teacher Zhang come this evening?
3. Will it rain tomorrow?
4. I will call my mother tomorrow morning.

Extra ^{nǐ huì shuō hǎnyǔ ma} 你会说汉语吗? (can you speak Chinese?)

- 1) 我会说. (I know how to speak Chinese or I can speak)
- 2) 我不会说. (I don't know how to speak Chinese or I can't speak Chinese)
- 3) 我很会说 (I really know how to speak Chinese or I'm good at speaking Chinese)
- 4) 我会说一点儿 (I can speak a little)
- 5) 我一点儿也不会说 (I can't say a word)

Can you dance?

❖ 要 As “Want to”

1. I want to drink coffee.
2. I want to buy a new cell phone. 手机

❖ 要 As “Need to”

1. I need to work this evening. 今天晚上
2. I need to buy some new clothes. 一些 yì xiē

❖ 要 As “Going to”

1. 明天我要去阿姆斯特丹 ā mǔ sī t è dān
2. I'm going to eat lunch at 12 o'clock. 午饭