# Hide and seek, a Chinese short story for HSK 1

Měi Líng plays hide and seek with Dòudou, the four-year-old in her building. She hides, he counts to ten, and then she waits... and waits.

你喜欢捉迷藏吗？一个人藏，一个人找。我有一个捉迷藏的故事！
Nǐ xǐhuan zhuōmícáng ma? Yí ge rén cáng, yí ge rén zhǎo. Wǒ yǒu yí ge zhuōmícáng de gùshi!
*Do you like hide and seek? One person hides. One person looks. I have a hide and seek story!*

我们楼里有一个小男孩，叫豆豆。他四岁。
Wǒmen lóu li yǒu yí ge xiǎo nánhái, jiào Dòudou. Tā sì suì.
*There is a little boy in my building. His name is Dòudou. He is four.*

星期六，豆豆和他妈妈来我家玩。豆豆说：“姐姐，我们玩捉迷藏！”我说：“好！”
Xīngqīliù, Dòudou hé tā māma lái wǒ jiā wán. Dòudou shuō: “Jiějie, wǒmen wán zhuōmícáng!” Wǒ shuō: “Hǎo!”
*On Saturday Dòudou and his mom came to my home. Dòudou said: “Big sister, let's play hide and seek!” I said: “OK!”*

豆豆闭上眼睛，数：“一、二、三……”
Dòudou bìshàng yǎnjing, shǔ: “Yī, èr, sān……”
*Dòudou closed his eyes. He counted: “One, two, three...”*

我跑进我的房间。你猜，我藏在哪儿？
Wǒ pǎo jìn wǒ de fángjiān. Nǐ cāi, wǒ cáng zài nǎr?
*I ran into my bedroom. Where did I hide? Guess!*

床下面。
Chuáng xiàmian.
*Under my bed.*

床下面很黑，也不太干净。
Chuáng xiàmian hěn hēi, yě bú tài gānjìng.
*It was dark under the bed. And it was not very clean.*

我听见豆豆说：“八、九、十！我来了！”
Wǒ tīngjiàn Dòudou shuō: “Bā, jiǔ, shí! Wǒ lái le!”
*I heard Dòudou: “Eight, nine, ten! I'm coming!”*

我不动，也不说话。我想：我真会玩捉迷藏！
Wǒ bú dòng, yě bù shuōhuà. Wǒ xiǎng: wǒ zhēn huì wán zhuōmícáng!
*I did not move. I did not talk. I thought: I am so good at this game!*

我等了五分钟。没有人来。
Wǒ děngle wǔ fēnzhōng. Méiyǒu rén lái.
*I waited five minutes. Nobody came.*

我等了十分钟。没有人来。
Wǒ děngle shí fēnzhōng. Méiyǒu rén lái.
*I waited ten minutes. Nobody came.*

我想：豆豆找不到我。我是最好的！
Wǒ xiǎng: Dòudou zhǎo bu dào wǒ. Wǒ shì zuì hǎo de!
*I thought: Dòudou can't find me. I am the best!*

二十分钟了。我的背疼，腿也疼，我还饿了。
Èrshí fēnzhōng le. Wǒ de bèi téng, tuǐ yě téng, wǒ hái è le.
*Twenty minutes. My back hurt. My legs hurt. And I was hungry.*

这时候，我听见豆豆的妈妈在厨房里笑。
Zhè shíhou, wǒ tīngjiàn Dòudou de māma zài chúfáng li xiào.
*Then I heard Dòudou's mom in the kitchen. She was laughing.*

我从床下面出来，走到厨房。豆豆在哪儿？你猜！
Wǒ cóng chuáng xiàmian chūlai, zǒu dào chúfáng. Dòudou zài nǎr? Nǐ cāi!
*I came out from under the bed. I walked to the kitchen. Where was Dòudou? Guess!*

他和妈妈坐在桌子旁边。
Tā hé māma zuò zài zhuōzi pángbiān.
*He was at the table with his mom.*

他在吃冰淇淋。我的冰淇淋！很大的一碗！
Tā zài chī bīngqílín. Wǒ de bīngqílín! Hěn dà de yì wǎn!
*He was eating ice cream. My ice cream! A very big bowl!*

我说：“豆豆！捉迷藏！我等了二十分钟！”
Wǒ shuō: “Dòudou! Zhuōmícáng! Wǒ děngle èrshí fēnzhōng!”
*I said: “Dòudou! Hide and seek! I waited twenty minutes!”*

豆豆看看我，看看冰淇淋，又吃了一口。
Dòudou kànkan wǒ, kànkan bīngqílín, yòu chīle yì kǒu.
*Dòudou looked at me. He looked at his ice cream. He ate one more spoon.*

他说：“你赢了！”
Tā shuō: “Nǐ yíng le!”
*He said: “You win!”*

## Words in the story

捉迷藏
zhuōmícáng
*hide and seek*

藏
cáng
*to hide*

找
zhǎo
*to look for*

你猜
nǐ cāi
*guess!*

闭上眼睛
bìshàng yǎnjing
*to close your eyes*

数
shǔ
*to count*

房间
fángjiān
*room, bedroom*

床下面
chuáng xiàmian
*under the bed*

我来了！
wǒ lái le!
*I'm coming!*

等
děng
*to wait*

没有人来
méiyǒu rén lái
*nobody came*

我的背疼
wǒ de bèi téng
*my back hurts*

我饿了
wǒ è le
*I'm hungry*

听见
tīngjiàn
*to hear*

厨房
chúfáng
*kitchen*

冰淇淋
bīngqílín
*ice cream*

你赢了
nǐ yíng le
*you win*

**Hear this story from an AI chatbot:** kotokin.com/learn/chinese/stories/hide-and-seek