One hundred dumplings, a Chinese short story for HSK 1

Sūn Lán's son comes home from Shànghǎi, and she makes one hundred dumplings. How many will he eat?

你喜欢吃饺子吗？我有一个饺子的故事！
Nǐ xǐhuan chī jiǎozi ma? Wǒ yǒu yí ge jiǎozi de gùshi!
Do you like dumplings? I have a dumpling story!

我儿子在上海工作。上海很远，他不常回家。
Wǒ érzi zài Shànghǎi gōngzuò. Shànghǎi hěn yuǎn, tā bù cháng huí jiā.
My son works in Shànghǎi. Shànghǎi is far, and he doesn't come home much.

上个月他打电话来：“妈，我星期六回家！”我太高兴了。
Shàng ge yuè tā dǎ diànhuà lái: “Mā, wǒ xīngqīliù huí jiā!” Wǒ tài gāoxìng le.
Last month he called: “Mom, I'm coming home on Saturday!” I was so happy.

我儿子最喜欢吃我包的饺子。星期五下午，我包了一百个饺子！
Wǒ érzi zuì xǐhuan chī wǒ bāo de jiǎozi. Xīngqīwǔ xiàwǔ, wǒ bāole yìbǎi ge jiǎozi!
My son loves my dumplings most of all. On Friday afternoon I made one hundred dumplings!

星期六他回来了，坐下吃饭。你猜，他吃了几个饺子？
Xīngqīliù tā huílai le, zuò xià chī fàn. Nǐ cāi, tā chīle jǐ ge jiǎozi?
On Saturday he came home and sat down to eat. Guess how many dumplings he ate?

三个。就三个！
Sān ge. Jiù sān ge!
Three. Just three!

我说：“多吃点儿！”他说：“妈，我不吃了。我太胖了，我现在吃得很少。”
Wǒ shuō: “Duō chī diǎnr!” Tā shuō: “Mā, wǒ bù chī le. Wǒ tài pàng le, wǒ xiànzài chī de hěn shǎo.”
I said: “Eat more!” He said: “Mom, I'm done. I'm too fat. I eat very little now.”

胖？我看了看他。他不胖，他太瘦了！
Pàng? Wǒ kànle kàn tā. Tā bú pàng, tā tài shòu le!
Fat? I looked at him. He's not fat. He's too thin!

我说：“再吃一个。”他又吃了一个。四个。
Wǒ shuō: “Zài chī yí ge.” Tā yòu chīle yí ge. Sì ge.
I said: “One more.” He ate one more. Four.

我爱人吃了二十个，我吃了十个。
Wǒ àiren chīle èrshí ge, wǒ chīle shí ge.
My husband ate twenty. I ate ten.

还有六十六个饺子。我不高兴。
Hái yǒu liùshíliù ge jiǎozi. Wǒ bù gāoxìng.
There were still sixty-six dumplings. I was not happy.

晚上，儿子说：“妈，晚安。”他去睡觉了。
Wǎnshang, érzi shuō: “Mā, wǎn'ān.” Tā qù shuìjiào le.
In the evening my son said: “Good night, Mom.” He went to bed.

夜里我起来喝水。厨房里有一个人。你猜，他在做什么？
Yèli wǒ qǐlai hē shuǐ. Chúfáng li yǒu yí ge rén. Nǐ cāi, tā zài zuò shénme?
At night I got up for some water. Someone was in the kitchen. Guess what he was doing?

是我儿子。他在吃饺子，凉饺子。
Shì wǒ érzi. Tā zài chī jiǎozi, liáng jiǎozi.
It was my son. He was eating dumplings. Cold dumplings.

他看见了我。他嘴里有一个饺子。他没说话。
Tā kànjiànle wǒ. Tā zuǐ li yǒu yí ge jiǎozi. Tā méi shuōhuà.
He saw me. He had a dumpling in his mouth. He didn't say anything.

我也没说话，回去睡觉了。这次我很高兴。
Wǒ yě méi shuōhuà, huíqu shuìjiào le. Zhè cì wǒ hěn gāoxìng.
I didn't say anything either. I went back to bed. This time I was very happy.

早上，我去厨房看了看。饺子少了二十个。
Zǎoshang, wǒ qù chúfáng kànle kàn. Jiǎozi shǎole èrshí ge.
In the morning I looked in the kitchen. Twenty dumplings were gone.

我问儿子：“睡得好吗？”他说：“很好。”
Wǒ wèn érzi: “Shuì de hǎo ma?” Tā shuō: “Hěn hǎo.”
I asked my son: “Did you sleep well?” He said: “Very well.”

我问：“早上吃饺子吗？”
Wǒ wèn: “Zǎoshang chī jiǎozi ma?”
I asked: “Dumplings for breakfast?”

他说：“不吃了，谢谢妈。我现在吃得很少。”
Tā shuō: “Bù chī le, xièxie mā. Wǒ xiànzài chī de hěn shǎo.”
He said: “No, thanks, Mom. I eat very little now.”

Words in the story

饺子 jiǎozi *dumplings (jiaozi)*	包饺子 bāo jiǎozi *to make dumplings (by hand)*	儿子 érzi *son*
常 cháng *often*	最喜欢 zuì xǐhuan *to like most of all*	就三个 jiù sān ge *just three*
多吃点儿 duō chī diǎnr *eat more*	胖 pàng *fat*	瘦 shòu *thin*
爱人 àiren *husband or wife (an older people's word)*	还有 hái yǒu *there are still*	晚安 wǎn'ān *good night*
夜里 yèli *in the night*	厨房 chúfáng *kitchen*	凉 liáng *cold (food)*
嘴 zuǐ *mouth*	少了 shǎole *fewer, gone*	你猜 nǐ cāi *guess!*

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