# Sit!, a Chinese short story for HSK 1

Wáng Lěi's big dog never listens to him. So who does the dog listen to?

你家有狗吗？我有一个狗的故事！
Nǐ jiā yǒu gǒu ma? Wǒ yǒu yí ge gǒu de gùshi!
*Do you have a dog? I have a dog story!*

我家有一只狗。它叫大黄。
Wǒ jiā yǒu yì zhī gǒu. Tā jiào Dàhuáng.
*My family has a dog. His name is Dàhuáng.*

大黄很大。我很爱它。
Dàhuáng hěn dà. Wǒ hěn ài tā.
*Dàhuáng is very big, and I love him very much.*

可是大黄有一个问题。
Kěshì Dàhuáng yǒu yí ge wèntí.
*But there is one problem with Dàhuáng.*

我说："大黄，坐！"你猜，它坐不坐？
Wǒ shuō: "Dàhuáng, zuò!" Nǐ cāi, tā zuò bu zuò?
*I say: "Dàhuáng, sit!" Guess: does he sit?*

它不坐。它看看我，看看电视。大黄就是不听我的话。
Tā bú zuò. Tā kànkan wǒ, kànkan diànshì. Dàhuáng jiùshì bù tīng wǒ de huà.
*He doesn't sit. He looks at me, then at the TV. Dàhuáng just does not listen to me.*

我说："大黄，来！"它不来。它去睡觉。
Wǒ shuō: "Dàhuáng, lái!" Tā bù lái. Tā qù shuìjiào.
*I say: "Dàhuáng, come!" He does not come. He goes to sleep.*

我给它买了好吃的。它都吃了。可是它还是不听我的话。
Wǒ gěi tā mǎile hǎochī de. Tā dōu chī le. Kěshì tā háishi bù tīng wǒ de huà.
*I bought him good things to eat. He ate them all. He still did not listen to me.*

我女儿说："爸爸，它可能听不见你。"
Wǒ nǚ'ér shuō: "Bàba, tā kěnéng tīng bu jiàn nǐ."
*My daughter said: "Dad, maybe he can't hear you."*

我大声说："坐！"大黄看着我。它没坐。
Wǒ dàshēng shuō: "Zuò!" Dàhuáng kànzhe wǒ. Tā méi zuò.
*So I said it loudly: "SIT!" Dàhuáng looked at me. He did not sit.*

这时候，我太太回家了。她还在门口，没看我们。
Zhè shíhou, wǒ tàitai huí jiā le. Tā hái zài ménkǒu, méi kàn wǒmen.
*Then my wife came home. She was still at the door. She did not look at us.*

她小声说了一个字："坐。"你猜，大黄怎么了？
Tā xiǎoshēng shuōle yí ge zì: "Zuò." Nǐ cāi, Dàhuáng zěnme le?
*She said one word, quietly: "Sit." Guess what happened?*

大黄马上坐下了。
Dàhuáng mǎshàng zuòxià le.
*Dàhuáng sat. At once.*

我问太太："它为什么听你的话？"她说："不知道。大家都听我的话。"
Wǒ wèn tàitai: "Tā wèi shénme tīng nǐ de huà?" Tā shuō: "Bù zhīdào. Dàjiā dōu tīng wǒ de huà."
*I asked my wife: "Why does he listen to you?" She said: "I don't know. Everyone listens to me."*

我女儿笑了。我没笑。
Wǒ nǚ'ér xiào le. Wǒ méi xiào.
*My daughter laughed. I did not laugh.*

第二天，我也像我太太一样，小声说："坐。"大黄去睡觉了。
Dì èr tiān, wǒ yě xiàng wǒ tàitai yíyàng, xiǎoshēng shuō: "Zuò." Dàhuáng qù shuìjiào le.
*The next day I did it like my wife and said quietly: "Sit." Dàhuáng went to sleep.*

昨天，我站在厨房里。大黄站在我旁边。
Zuótiān, wǒ zhàn zài chúfáng li. Dàhuáng zhàn zài wǒ pángbiān.
*Yesterday I was standing in the kitchen. Dàhuáng was standing next to me.*

我太太在看电视。她没看我们。
Wǒ tàitai zài kàn diànshì. Tā méi kàn wǒmen.
*My wife was watching TV. She did not look at us.*

她说："坐。"
Tā shuō: "Zuò."
*She said: "Sit."*

大黄坐下了。我也坐下了。
Dàhuáng zuòxià le. Wǒ yě zuòxià le.
*Dàhuáng sat. I sat too.*

## Words in the story

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| 狗<br>gǒu<br>*dog* | 大黄<br>Dàhuáng<br>*Dàhuáng, the dog's name ("Big Yellow")* | 坐<br>zuò<br>*sit* |
| 坐下<br>zuòxià<br>*sit down* | 听我的话<br>tīng wǒ de huà<br>*listen to me, do what I say* | 问题<br>wèntí<br>*a problem* |
| 你猜<br>nǐ cāi<br>*guess!* | 电视<br>diànshì<br>*TV* | 睡觉<br>shuìjiào<br>*to sleep* |
| 还是<br>háishi<br>*still* | 可能<br>kěnéng<br>*maybe* | 大声<br>dàshēng<br>*loudly* |
| 小声<br>xiǎoshēng<br>*quietly* | 太太<br>tàitai<br>*wife* | 女儿<br>nǚ'ér<br>*daughter* |
| 门口<br>ménkǒu<br>*the door, the doorway* | 马上<br>mǎshàng<br>*at once* | 像……一样<br>xiàng…… yíyàng<br>*like, the same as* |
| 厨房<br>chúfáng<br>*kitchen* | 站<br>zhàn<br>*to stand* | 旁边<br>pángbiān<br>*next to* |

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