Lesson 12 Oral Practice

1. Mr. and Mrs. Zhao talk about Desheng and Hailin.
   A: It looks like Hailin is very well-behaved, and also her family and our family are perfectly matched in social status.
   B: Yes. Mrs. Wu’s niece is nice looking and is quite smart, too. But I heard that she is very ambitious.
   A: It doesn’t matter if she is ambitious. The only important thing is that she loves our son.
   B: It does matter I think.
   A: How does it matter?
   B: People who are very ambitious like Hailin don’t even have time to do their own things, let alone to take care of their husband and children?
   A: You think too much. Relax. It looks like Desheng and Hailin have similar interest.
   B: But I can see from her talking that she also wants to go to graduate school. How can she manage to find time to do house work, then?
   A: But you need to understand that Desheng is a “bookworm”. The only thing he knows how to do is read. If it doesn’t work this time, then when will we ever have grandchildren?

2. Hailin and Desheng talk to each other.
   H: Before I thought that you were a “bookworm”. The only thing you knew how to do was to read from morning till night.
   D: Why did you think that way?
   H: Because your glasses are as thick as the bottom of a beer bottle.
   D: Ha… I thought before I met you you must think yourself somebody special because you are from the US.
   H: Really? My personality is not like that. But I am surprised to find out that you are not the same as I thought before. It is quite fun to listen to your talking, and I can also see from your talking that you are very knowledgeable and considerate.
   D: Thank you. I think you are cute and sensible, not like some people who often put on airs just because they once lived in the US.