yī jiǔ jiǔ qī nián wǔ yuè bā rì xīngqī sì shàngwǔ shí diǎn bàn 一九九七年五月八日星期四上午十点半 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 1997

► III. Time Words

(See Textbook I, Lessons 3 and 7)

Selected examples from the textbook:

下午四点,怎么样? (Lesson 3) 12月24号上午8点离开夏威夷······(Lesson 7)

In Chinese, time words are placed before or after the subject. Unlike English, they are not put at the end of a sentence.

Examples:

Zhège xīngqī sān xiàwǔ wǒ qù kàn diànyǐng.

这个星期三下午我去看电影(or 我这个星期三下午去看电影)。

I'm going to see a movie this Wednesday afternoon.

(Incorrect: 我去看电影这个星期三下午)

Bā yuè shí hào women bù shàngxué.

八月十号我们不上学(or 我们八月十号不上学)。

We won't go to school on August 10.

(Incorrect: 我们不上学八月十号)

Jīntiān shàngwǔ tā qù tǐyùguǎn.

今天上午他去体育馆(or 他今天上午去体育馆)。

He's going to the gymnasium this morning.

(Incorrect: 他去体育馆今天上午)

► IV. Numbers

(See Textbook I, Lessons 3, 6, and 7)

Selected examples from the textbook:

坐14路公共汽车, 在大新路下车。(Lesson 3) 那你可以坐地铁。先坐6号车到大中央车站, ……(Lesson 6)