

Story Telling 1 《约会》

Rearrange the following sentences so they make sense as a story. Sentences 1 and 10 have been numbered. Complete Sentence 10 after rearranging the sentences so the story has an ending. Pay attention to uses of particle 了.

1 今天天气比昨天好得多。

王朋约了李友去公园 gōngyuán 滑冰。

李友不高兴了。

他们下午两点在公园见面。

不但不下雪，而且会暖和一点儿。

王朋说：对不起，对不起，我的车出 chū 问题了。

两点半的时候，王朋才来。

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Grammar Notes

Uses of particle 了

1. Particle 了 can be used after a verb to indicate a completed action. If the verb has an object 了 is usually put before the object as in 王朋约了李友去公园滑冰。 *Wang Peng asked Li You to go ice skating in the park.* A completed action may be in the past or future; for example, 我吃了饭就上网。 *I will surf the internet after I have eaten.* This situation (to surf the internet after having eaten) is expected to happen in future.
2. 了 can be used at the end of a sentence to indicate a new situation as in 李友不高兴了。 *Li You became unhappy* (because Wang Peng was late for half an hour). Also, 了 indicates a new situation in the sentence 我的车出问题了。 *My car got a problem.* Wang Peng did not expect his car to break down.
3. 要/快要 and sentence final 了 can be used together to indicate an imminent situation as in 火车要开了。 *The train is about to depart.* Compare with the sentence 火车开了。 *The train has departed/departed.*

Story Telling 2 《糟糕的一天》

Rearrange the following sentences so they make sense as a story. Sentences 1 and 9 have been numbered. Complete Sentence 9 after rearranging the sentences so the story has an ending. Pay attention to uses of resultative complements.

1 今天早上小高去上中文课。

九点上课，他九点半才来，因为他坐错车了。

小高点了两盘素的。

小白看了一下小高的功课，说：“老师，小高做错功课了。”

上课的时候，老师问：“小高，你做功课了吗？”

吃完了，小高说：“糟糕！糟糕！我的钱不够。”

中午小高和小白一起在中餐馆吃饭。

小高想吃肉饺子。服务员告诉他肉饺子卖完了。

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Grammar structures

Resultative complements

错 can be used as a resultative complement after a verb (and before an object) as in 坐错车了 *took the wrong bus*, 做错功课了 *did the wrong homework*.

完 can be used as resultative complement after a verb (and before an object) as in 吃完了 *eat up/eaten up*, 卖完了 *sold out*.