第九課 我要去中國

$(P = parent \quad C = child)$

C: Calls parents, tells them s/he wants to go to China during <u>the coming</u> <u>summer vacation</u>.

P: Where exactly in China? For what? With whom? ...

C: To <u>attend</u> a short-term language program. <u>Apart from</u> learning Chinese, also to <u>take advantage of</u> this opportunity to know more about Chinese people, society, and culture.

P: <u>Aren't</u> you taking Chinese at school? <u>Aren't</u> the <u>equipments</u> at <u>the L lab</u> good enough? <u>Don't</u> you have a few classes each week? <u>Didn't</u> you say Chinese is your <u>favorite</u> class?

C: Yeah, I did <u>learn</u> a lot of characters <u>by heart</u>, I did learn a lot of <u>grammatical structures</u>, and the teachers are really good. But my <u>oral Chinese</u> has had <u>little progress</u> – I don't have many <u>chances</u> to speak Chinese. <u>Apart</u> <u>from</u> classes, "Chinese table" is the only time when I can <u>chat</u> with my teacher and classmates. I hope you can "<u>support</u>" this plan of mine.

P: Well, let me talk to your mother/father. We'll <u>think about it</u> and let you know.

C: Thanks. Chinese test tomorrow. Got to hang up. Bye.

P: Bye. Sleep more and eat more!