

Lesson 28 Expressing "from... to..." with "cong... dao...": 从 + Place / Time + 到 + Place 2

In this lesson, we will focus on the grammatical structure of "从(cóng) + Place/Time + 到(dào) + Place 2/Time 2" and how to use it to express the meaning of "from...to...". We will discuss the meaning of "cong" and "dao", their usage, and examine their different combinations. We will learn about the different ways in which this structure is used to express duration, give directions, and refer to the past.

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand the meaning of "从(cóng) + Place/Time + 到(dào) + Place 2/Time 2" and its usage
- Construct basic sentences with this grammatical structure
- Express distance, give directions, and refer to the past using "cong...dao..."
- Differentiate the various forms of addresses with "cong" and "dao".

Let's dive in now 😊 !

Overview

"从(cóng) + Place/Time + 到(dào) + Place 2/Time 2" is used to express the meaning of "from...to...". It is a useful structure for conveying both distance and duration, and can be used in a variety of contexts, including giving directions and referring to the past.

Examples

- 从北京到上海 (cóng běi jīng dào shàng hǎi) - from Beijing to Shanghai
- 从早上八点到下午五点 (cóng zǎo shàng bā diǎn dào xià wǔ wǔ diǎn) - from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon
- 从这里到那里 (cóng zhè lǐ dào nà lǐ) - from here to there

Workbook

Practice 1

Translate the following sentences into Chinese:

1. From New York to Los Angeles.
2. From Monday to Friday.
3. From the supermarket to home.

Practice 2

Use "从...到" to describe the length of time you studied Chinese last semester: "I studied Chinese from September to December."

Practice 3

Please complete the following addresses with appropriate places:

1. 从家_____公园。(cóng jiā _____ gōng yuán) - from home to the park
2. 从西单_____东直门。(cóng xī dān _____ dōng zhí mén) - from Xidan to Dongzhimen
3. 从学校_____电影院。(cóng xué xiào _____ diàn yǐng yuàn) - from school to the movie theater

Answer 1

1. 从纽约到洛杉矶。(cóng niǔ yuē dào luò shān jī)
2. 从星期一到星期五。(cóng xīng qī yī dào xīng qī wǔ)
3. 从超市到家。(cóng chāo shì dào jiā)

Answer 2

我从九月到十二月学习了中文。(wǒ cóng jiǔ yuè dào shí èr yuè xué xí le zhōng wén.)

Answer 3

1. 从家到公园。(cóng jiā dào gōng yuán)
2. 从西单到东直门。(cóng xī dān dào dōng zhí mén)
3. 从学校到电影院。(cóng xué xiào dào diàn yǐng yuàn)

Conclusion

Well done! You now know how to use "从(cóng) + Place/Time + 到(dào) + Place 2/Time 2" to express the meaning of "from...to..." in a variety of contexts. We have learned how to use this structure to express distance, duration, and give directions. With further practice and study, you will become more confident in using this structure in everyday conversation. Keep it up! 加油! (jiāyóu!)