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Yes.

What's up everyone? I'm Teacher Mike.

I'm Bert, LuoBoTe. Food expert.

X Bert, I see what you did there. Instead of 'expert', instead of 'p' you put the 'b' cuz it's your name

Ya, X Bert.

Pretty clever. Here's the RV. Little Mike is in there taking a little nap. What are we doing today?

Today we're going to be going into some grocery stores and some other establishments to speak some Chinese because we haven't practiced our Chinese in a long time.

My Chinese got worse. I heard there's a place in LA where you can just speak Chinese, you do not need any English. Is this the place?

Ya this is definitely the city.

Where are we?

We are in San...San Gabriel. I've never been here before.

Me either. You can look around and see all the stores in the background. Everything is in Chinese. I have not seen on non-Chinese person here. We're going to this place. What is this?

Good Fortune Supermarket.

We're gonna go to Good Fortune Market and see who we can talk to in Chinese, maybe practice a bit. Do you think they'll even care that we speak Chinese?

I don't know, I think everyday they get more and more foreigners coming in there to speak Chinese. There's a lot of Chinese here but there's also a mixed community here. There's quite a few different ethnic groups here of people from all around the world.

And if we're in Chinatown, you should speak Chinese.

This is where you go if you want the real Chinese imported foods and you have an abundance of selection.

Or if you don't want to speak any English.

There was just a bee that was flying all around.

Let's stay safe. We've got our masks on. Everyone is being real safe here. A lot of people are wearing gloves I can see, and the, like, face shields, so I feel safer in Chinatown.

Ya, in Chinatown they definitely take corona virus very seriously.

I also see over here...some of these businesses look like they've shut down. I wonder if that's due to COVID? There's like 4 businesses and 3 of them are totally emptied out.

Ya there's a hot pot place, an Oriental Express, coffee...there's a hair salon studio.

I saw a malatang place down the road too. I wonder if that's still open?

I'm getting kind of hungry so maybe we'll get some lunch after this video.

Great.

Alright, let's go hit it!

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Which kind do you recommend?

I think the fatty kind is more delicious.

I'll have the less fatty kind. Can I have 1 pound?

Yes.

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I really scared you?

Yes.

You don't need to be scared to death.

The meat looks pretty good.

Anything else?

I still want to buy some fish. Can I buy it over there?

Yes.

Can you speak Cantonese?

Yes.

How do you say 'thank you'?

Thank you!

You're not far off!

Thank you.

Hi. If want to cook some braised fish in soy sauce, what kind do you recommend?

Braised fish with soy sauce, let me see.

If you don't have it, it's no problem.

No problem, you first auntie.

That's ok.

Thank you.

He doesn't know how to cook it.

Let's go check out their veggies.

Hello, do you have bok choy? Over here, right? Thanks.

He didn't seem to care too much that I could speak Chinese.

I think it's getting more and more common.

That's great. He shouldn't care. If you come in here you should speak Chinese.

Excuse me, do you have bitter melon?

Bitter melon is over there.

Thanks.

I think we have the white kind.

What? White? It's bitter melon?

This is white bitter melon?

This is also bitter melon.

I've never eaten this kind before.

This one tastes good.

Is it more bitter or what's the difference?

No....it tastes good, not as bitter as that one. It tastes much better.

Is it healthier or the same?

It's the same, but it tastes better. It's not so bitter.

I've never eaten white bitter melon.

This is also more expensive.

More expensive? Yes it is, \$3 per pound.

That one is \$2 per pound.

Thanks for your recommendation. I've never seen that before. It looks like corn.

What is this? Sponge gourd?

I've never actually seen this kind before until I was in the Filipino market.

Alright, who else can we talk to?

Excuse me, do you have radish cakes?

Radish cakes are in the glass refrigerators, over there.

Oh, it's this way. We were in the very wrong place. Oh, great. Hong Kong style.

It's actually cheap! It's only \$3. Anyway, she's not impressed either. They do have Tsingtao, there it is. 24...is it a 12 pack? No it's 4 6 packs, that's 24 bottles. Dang! \$36.

I'm not drinking Tsingtao for that price. I'd rather have them for 50¢ a bottle.

That's \$1.50 a bottle...about. \$3.50 for a bottle of Tsingtao. How much is that at Family Mart?

At Family Mart maybe ¥4? ¥5?

Ya, 60¢.

Do you like chicken claws.

Ya.

Really? \$1.68 per pound.

Excuse me, do you have hot pot soup base?

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6, ok thank you.

Where's...oh, right here. Almost found it. Oh! They have the HaiDiLao stuff too!

Ooh, I love HaiDiLao.

This is the stuff right here. I'm gonna have to get some of this for my wife.

Can I check out here?

Yes.

Ok.

Wow! Your Chinese is so good!

It's passable.

Did you learn it here or in China?

I learned it here.

No wonder.

In 2007 I went to QinHuangDao. Do you know it?

I know it. No wonder.

Then I lived in Shanghai for 10 years.

Can I use a credit card?

Yes.

Your hat is cool, I really like it.

Sign please.

Oh, ok.

China has a lot of friendly people and a lot of good food. Where are you from?

Sichuan.

Sichuan! Hot pot.

I've been to Sichuan, I really love it. It's such a fun place. Bye bye!

I miss Beijing. I was there for over 9 years.

9 years and this is your Chinese? So terrible. His is good.