

If you have pictures, you can also use English to describe them. Here is my English conversation about how I spent the 2017 Chinese New Year. After you read it, try it yourself.



We visited the Gansu provincial archeology museum.

For Chinese New Year, I took my family to Lanzhou.



On New Year's Eve, we enjoyed a delicious homemade Chinese meal and played majiang. Compared to past years, it was quiet. We heard very little fireworks because, in order to keep the air clean, the government did not permit fireworks this year.



So, the night sky was so clear. Lanzhou was beautiful in the evening.



Why did I use the past tense verb, "was" here? Lanzhou sky remains beautiful today, but since I am telling a story about something I did (my trip), I still use past tense verbs.



My selfies always turn out ugly, but Lanzhou is beautiful...

...except for the dust. The city is surrounded by a desert, so dust is everywhere.



Notice here, I changed my verbs to present tense. Sometimes, when describing our experience in place, we give a short description of the place, using present tense verbs.



I really enjoyed eating mutton sticks (羊肉串) in Lanzhou! It was a great trip. I look forward to going to Lanzhou again.



Mutton sticks

That was easy!  
Now it's your turn.

Find a friend to practice with, or stand in front of a mirror and do it yourself.  
Start now - don't wait!  
Follow this pattern and talk about your Chinese New Year.

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