**Listening Script**

**A Family Trip to Taiwan**

Last month, my parents suggested traveling abroad for the first time.

My brother and I were both very excited.

After talking about it, we decided on Taiwan because my brother, who has a special interest in architecture, wanted to visit the famous Taipei 101 Building, and my parents were interested in trying Taiwanese food.

For me, this would also be the best chance to show off my Chinese, which I have been studying for three years.

**Making Plans**

We decided to stay in Taiwan for four days.

My parents asked my brother and me to plan all of the details for the trip.

The first step was finding a cheap flight.

Some airlines were having special sales on flights to Taiwan, but unfortunately, none of them matched our travel dates. After comparing many different sites, however, we managed to purchase airline tickets at a good price. After that, we went to another site and booked two rooms in a small hotel at a reasonable rate. Then we started making a detailed schedule of our trip. My parents asked us to make a schedule that would allow us to get the most out of the local attractions. Thanks to the help of the Tourism Authority of Taiwan, we were able to get free tourist information and choose the places we wanted to visit. Finally, we made an itinerary of all the things we were going to do - and off we went!

**The Tallest Building in Taiwan**

After arriving at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, we took a taxi into Taipei.

It's an enormous city filled with loud noises, bright lights, and all kinds of activities.

There were a lot of cars, just like at home, but we were surprised by the number of motorcycles on the street. It seemed like everyone in Taipei was riding one!

After we checked into our hotel, the first place we visited was the Taipei 101 building.

Until recently, it was the tallest building in the world, and it's still the tallest one by far in Taiwan. In fact, it's so tall that it had to be built with a special design.

It has a large moving pendulum at the top to help it stand against earthquakes and strong wind. When I heard that, I could almost feel the building moving gently, or so I thought!

from there, we enjoyed the amazing view of the city in all directions.

**A Wonder of Nature**

The next day, we left Taipei to visit Yehliu Geopark, which is in the eastern part of Taipei Province. I asked one woman in Chinese where we should catch the bus to get to the park, but I couldn't understand what she was saying because of her strong accent. She took us to the bus station. What a kind person! During the bus ride, we all enjoyed looking at the views of the countryside. Yehliu Geopark is known for its interesting rock formations. I could tell the park attracted many visitors because the surfaces of the rocks were covered with graffiti left by tourists from around the world.

I also wanted to write my name, but my father firmly told me that it's wrong to damage a natural wonder like that. We saw rocks with all kinds of strange shapes, including one that looked just like a woman's head and neck. A friendly tour guide explained to us that this particular rock is known as the "Queen's Head." He said the shape was formed over thousands of years by water, wind, and sand. Unfortunately, the neck has become very thin and some people are worried it might break in the near future. I'm glad we got to see it before that happens.

**An Exciting Night Market**

On our third day in Taiwan, we visited the famous Shilin Night Market. I couldn't believe how huge and crowded it was. There were many local people shopping there, as well as a lot of tourists enjoying the sights. Throughout the market, vendors were selling all kinds of food such as lamb stew, kebabs, and fruit covered in sugar. We tried many different foods.

By the time we left the market, I was so full that I could hardly walk.

**A Successful Trip**

We returned home from our trip to Taiwan last night. At first, everything was a challenge because we were unfamiliar with the language, customs, and food of Taiwan. However, now I can say that this was part of the fun I had during the trip. I think the best part of the trip was that my brother and I took care of everything and planned the trip all by ourselves! As a result, I feel confident that I can accomplish anything myself. I can't wait to go on another trip!