

Just this one.....:

On entering the Chinese bazaar, Jake had been intent on purchasing a t-shirt, or perhaps a long-sleeved shirt. He had wanted something adorned with Chinese characters to commemorate his trip. Which raised the question of how exactly he had ended up in this state: arms stretched full of imitation Prada bags, Timberland jackets and pashmina shawls and his wallet considerably lighter than when he left the hotel.

Suffice it to say that learning how to say no is an important skill in China. There are a few ways of accomplishing this though, and in today's Chinese lesson we cover one of the less obvious. Instead of just coming right out with a refusal, we teach you to emphasize only the items you want. "It's this one," you'll say, "exactly this one." This is a polite way to control the conversation while making sure you're understood. And it can come in especially useful when you're shopping. Good luck!

Text :

男: 你想要哪个?
nǐ xiǎng yào nǎ ge ?

Which one do you want?

女: 这个。
zhège 。

This one.

男: 那个怎么样?
nà ge zěnmeyàng ?

How about that one?

女: 不，就这个。
bù , jiù zhège 。

No, exactly this one.

Vocabulary :

我	wǒ	I
你	nǐ	you
她	tā	she
他	tā	he
想要	xiǎng yào	to want
哪个	nǎ ge	which one
这个	zhè ge	this one
那个	nà ge	that one
怎么样	zěnmeyàng	how about it
就	jiù	exactly