

## 生词 New Words

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|-----------|------|------------------|---|
| 1. ma     | QPt  | 吗                | (interrogative particle for question expecting yes-no answer) |
| 2. wǒ     | Pr   | 我                | I; me   |
| 3. hěn    | Adv  | 很                | very  |
| 4. ne     | MdPt | 呢                | (a modal particle used for elliptical questions)              |
| 5. yě     | Adv  | 也 <sup>(1)</sup> | too; also   |
| 6. Lín Nà | PN   | 林娜               | (name of a British student)                                   |

## 二. 注释

## Notes

### ① Nǐ hǎo.

“Hello!”, “How do you do?”

This is the most common form of greeting in Chinese. It can be used at any time of day when meeting people for the first time or for people you already know. The response to this greeting form is also “你好”(“Nǐ hǎo”).

### ② Nǐ hǎo ma?

“How are you?”

This is also a form of greeting, often used after you have not seen someone for some time, and the response is usually “我很好”(“Wǒ hěn hǎo”) or other similar formulae.

### ③ Nǐ ne?

“And (how are) you?”

### ④ Yě hěn hǎo.

“(I am) fine (literally, very good), too.”

This is an elliptical sentence, with the subject “我”(wǒ) omitted. In spoken Chinese, when the context is explicit and there is no ambiguity, the subject is often omitted. One may also say “很好”(“Hěn hǎo”) to answer the question “你好吗?” (“Nǐ hǎo ma? ”).

## 三. 语音练习

## Pronunciation Drills

声母 Initials: b p m n l h

韵母 Finals: a o e i u ü

ao en ie in ing uo

[1] Students are required to master the characters of the purple new words in this lesson.