

# 闪 Shǎn

## Lesson — Notes

These notes follow no particular order, since they follow the things as they come up in the lesson.

Simplified Chinese is mostly used in China. Traditional Chinese is used in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

### Tones

There are four tones in Mandarin Chinese, and a fifth toneless way of pronouncing Chinese:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
mā	má	mǎ	mà	ma
High in voice range, but flat	An upward tone, slightly like a question	First down, then up in voice range, a longer tone	Downward tone, rough, short, hard, abrupt	Without tone

### Pinyin

Pinyin is a method of romanization of Chinese pronunciation. This means that a lot of character are **not pronounced as in English** but have their own way of being pronounced.

Many sounds, as represented by a letter, have an opposite which is aspirated:

Aspirated	Not aspirated	Sound
T (th)	D (t)	T
P (ph)	B (p)	P
Ch (tsh)	Zh (dj)	Dj

## Radicals

Character are made up out of radicals. These radicals are often used to categorize characters. This means you sometimes have to pay attention to what is the complete character.

## Writing Chinese

Writing Chinese is a matter of writing from the wrist. It is not like writing in roman script, since it stems from using a brush. Always write from top to bottom and from left to right.

## Making a question

To make a question you can either add **ma** (吗) at the end, or use a reversal with **bú** (不) soals in **好不好**.

## Names of the characters in the book

The first character is the surname **姓** (xìng)) of the name, this name is more important in China. Het tweede deel is de voornaam **名字** (míngzi)

丁力波	Dīng Lì Bō
马大为	Mǎ Dà Wéi (David March)
林娜	Lín Nà (Natalie Lin)
宋华	Sòng Huá
王小云	Wáng Xiǎo Yún
陆雨平	Lù Yǔpíng
陈老师	Chén Lǎoshī
张教授	Zhāng Jiàoshòu
杨老师	Yáng Lǎoshī

## Conversation

林哪，你好吗？	Lín Nà, nǐ hǎo ma?	Lin Na, how are you?
我很好，你呢？	Wǒ hěn hǎo, nǐ ne?	I am fine, and you?
我也很好。	Wǒ yě hěn hǎo.	I am also fine.

## Words

林	lín	forest
哪	nà	that
你	nǐ	you
好	hǎo	good/fine
吗	ma	(particle to make a question)
我	wǒ	I
很	hěn	very
呢	ne	(particle to return a question)
也	yě	also

## Pronouns

我	wǒ	I
你	nǐ	You
他	tā	He
她	tā	She
我们	wǒmen	We
你们	nǐmen	You (plural)
他们	tāmen	Them (men, or men and women)
她们	tāmen	Them (women)

The radical in 们 is the person radical.