Chinese Lesson 1: Introduction & Greetings

Welcome & Icebreaker

Introduce yourself in Chinese:

你好！我叫Callum，我是你的中文老师！

(Hi! My name is Callum, I'm your Chinese teacher!)

Ask students:

- Where are you from?

- Why do you want to learn Chinese?

Pinyin & Tones Basics

Explain:

- Chinese uses pinyin for pronunciation.

- There are 4 tones:

  mā (妈 – mom), má (麻 – hemp), mǎ (马 – horse), mà (骂 – scold).

Use 'ma' to demonstrate tone changes.

Practice pronunciation together.

Basic Greetings

Teach these:

你好 (nǐ hǎo) – Hello

你好吗？(nǐ hǎo ma?) – How are you?

我很好 (wǒ hěn hǎo) – I'm very good

谢谢 (xiè xie) – Thank you

不客气 (bú kè qì) – You're welcome

再见 (zài jiàn) – Goodbye

Practice together with repetition drills.

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Simple Dialogue Practice

Mini Conversation:

A: □□□

B: □□□□□□

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B: □□□□□□□

Practice in pairs or via text chat.

Quick Quiz & Wrap-Up

Ask students:

- How do you say 'thank you'?

- What's the 3rd tone?

- Say goodbye in Chinese.

Optional Homework:

- Record a voice intro: '□□□□____□'

- Post a GIF showing a Chinese greeting in the server.