PRELIMINARIES

CHINESE MANDARIN

- Mandarin Chinese is the official language of Mainland China and Taiwan, and is one of the official languages of Singapore and the United Nations. It is the most widely-spoken language in the world.
- Mandarin is part of the Chinese family of languages, which in turn is part of the Sino-Tibetan language group.
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- Hanzi (汉字) written Chinese characters

- Chinese characters are originated from pictures. The history of their formation is very long dating back thousands of years ago. Present-day Chinese characters evolved from Chinese characters, are square shaped.
- Traditional Chinese Characters is also used in Korea (a.k.a. Hanja) and Japan (a.k.a. Kanji).

TWO KINDS OF CHINESE CHARACTERS

- Simplified Chinese Characters standardized characters for use in Mainland China. It is also used in Singapore. These are the characters that we study today.
- Traditional Chinese Characters used in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and overseas communities. First appeared during Han Dynasty.

HANYU AND PINYIN

- Hanyu (汉语) The Chinese name for the main Chinese language which means the language of Han and it is spoken by 94% of the population in China. It belongs to Sino-Tibetan language family.
- Pinyin (拼音) is the Romanized version of the Chinese characters. This is also guide to the pronunciation.

INITIALS AND FINALS

- No letters in Mandarin
- Just the beginning and the ending sound
- Different pronunciation for the letters
- Equivalent sound for our letters
- Easier to understand than using Chinese characters
- First step in studying the syllables

FOUR TONES

ā	1 st tone	continuous high pitch
á	2 nd tone	continuous fast rising
ă	3 rd tone	continuous curve rising
à	4 th tone	fast stressed falling
а	neutral sound	no tone

UNIT 1 LESSON 1 - 你好! (Nǐ HĂO!)

Jiāmíng: Nǐ hǎo! (Hello)

你 好!

Jose: Nǐ hǎo! (Hello)

你好!

Jiāmíng: Wǒ jiào Jiāmíng. (I am called Jiaming.)

我 叫 Jiāmíng。

Jose: Wŏ jiào Jose. (I am called Jose.)

我 叫 Jose.

NEW WORDS

你 nǐ (pronoun) you

好 hǎo (adjective) good

我 wǒ (pronoun) I/me

叫 jiào (verb) call/called

OTHER USEFUL GREETINGS

早上好 zǎoshang hǎo good morning

下午好 xiàwǔ hǎo good afternoon

晚上好 wǎnshàng hǎo good evening

UNIT 1 LESSON 2 - 再见! (ZÀI JIÀN!)

CONVERSATION

Basic Greetings When the Class Starts

Qiáo Sī Lǎoshī: Tóngxuémen hǎo! (Hello class!)

同学们好!

Tóngxuémen: Lǎoshī hǎo! (Hello teacher!)

老师好!

Basic Greetings When the Class Ends

Qiáo Sī Lǎoshī: Tóngxuémen zàijiàn! (Goodbye class!)

同学 们 再见!

Tóngxuémen: Qiáo Sī Lǎoshī zàijiàn! (Goodbye Teacher Jho!)

乔思老师再见!

Basic Greetings When the Class Ends (Classmate)

Joan: Míngtiān jiàn! (See you tomorrow!)

明 天 见!

Patrick: Míngtiān jiàn! (See you tomorrow!)

明 天 见!

NEW WORDS

同学 tóngxué (noun) classmate

们 men (plural form)

同学们 tóngxuémen (noun) class

老师 lǎoshī (noun) teacher

再 zài again

见 jiàn see

再见 zàijiàn good bye

明天 míngtiān tomorrow

明天见 míngtiān jiàn see you tomorrow

USEFUL PHRASES IN THE CLASSROOM

现在上课! Xiànzài shàngkè! Now, class will begin!

现在下课! Xiànzài xiàkè! Now, class is over!

UNIT 1 LESSON 3 - 我 是 林老师! (WŎ SHÌ LÍN LĂOSHĪ!)

CONVERSATION 1

Geno: Lín lǎoshī hǎo! (Hello Teacher Lin!)

林 老师 好!

Wǒ shì Geno. (I am Geno.)

我 是 Geno.

Lín Lǎoshī: Nǐ hǎo Geno! (Hello Geno!)

你 好 Geno!

CONVERSATION 2

Calvin: Lín lǎoshī, zǎoshang hǎo! (Good morning Teacher Lin!)

林 老师, 早 上 好!

Lín Lǎoshī: Zǎoshang hǎo Calvin! (Good morning Calvin!)

早上 好 Calvin!

Tā shì Nica. (She is Nica.)

她 是 Nica.

Tā shì John. (He is John.)

他 是 John.

Calvin: Nimen hǎo! (Hello! - plural)

你们好!

Nica, John: Nǐ hǎo! (Hello!)

你 好!

NEW WORDS

是 shì (verb to be) is/are/am/was/were

她 tā (pronoun) she

他 tā (pronoun) he

你们 Nǐmen (pronoun) you- plural

USEFUL PHRASES IN THE CLASSROOM

请跟我说 Qǐng gēn wǒ shuō. Repeat after me.

UNIT 1 LESSON 4 - 谢谢! (XIÈXIE!)

CONVERSATION 1

Lǎoshī: Xièxie nǐ! (Thank you!)

谢谢 你!

John: Bù kèqì (You are welcome!)

不客气

CONVERSATION 2

Lǎoshī: Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì? (What is your name?)

你叫什么名字?

John: Wǒ jiào John. (I called John.)

我 叫 John.

CONVERSATION 3

John: Lǎoshī zàijiàn ! (Goodbye teacher!)

老师 再见!

Lǎoshī: Zàijiàn! (Goodbye!)

老师 再见!

NEW WORDS

谢谢 Xièxie Thank you

不客气 Bù kèqì You are welcome!

什么 shénme what

名 字 míngzì name

USEFUL PHRASES IN THE CLASSROOM

请看黑板. Qǐng kàn hēibǎn. Please look at the blackboard.

UNIT 1 LESSON 5 - 她是学生吗? (TĀ SHÌ XUÉSHĒNG MA?)

CONVERSATION 1

Michael: Tāmen shì xuéshēng ma? (Are they students?)

他们是学生吗?

Joshua: Shì, tāmen shì xuéshēng. (Yes, they are students.)

是, 他们是 学生

CONVERSATION 2

Michael: Tā shì lǎoshī ma? (Is he a teacher?)

他 是 老师吗?

Joshua: Bù, tā bùshì lǎoshī. (No, he is not a teacher.)

不,他 不是老师.

Tā shì xiàozhǎng. (He is a principal.)

他是校长.

NEW WORDS

他们 tāmen (pronoun) they (males/ can be used for of males/females in

the group)

她们 tāmen (pronoun) they (females)

它们 tāmen (pronoun) refers to other things, animals

学生 xuéshēng (noun) student

妈 ma (particle) question answerable by Yes/No

校长 Xiàozhǎng (noun) school principal

USEFUL PHRASES IN THE CLASSROOM

请打开书. Qǐng dǎkāi shū. Please open your book.

UNIT 1 LESSON 6 - 他们是我的朋友 (TĀMEN SHÌ WŎ DE PÉNGYŎU)

INTRODUCING FRIENDS

Nín hǎo, wǒ shì Anna. 您好,我是Anna。 Hello, lam Anna.

Tāmen shì wǒ de péngyǒu. 他们是我的朋友。 They are my friends.

Tā jiào Joan. 她叫Joan。 She is Joan.

Tā jiào Rose. 她叫Rose。 She is Rose.

Tā shì Karen. 她是Karen。 She is Karen.

Wǒmen shì xiǎoxuéshēng. 我们是小学生。 We are elementary students.

CONVERSATION 1

A: Tā shì nǐ de péngyǒu ma? 他是你的朋友吗? (Is he your friend?)

B: Shì, tā shì wǒ de péngyǒu. 是,他是我的朋友。 (Yes, he is my friend.)

CONVERSATION 2

A: Tā shì nǐ de tóngxué ma? 他是你的同学吗? (Is he your classmate?)

B: Shì, tā shì wǒ de tóngxué. 是,他是我的同学。 (Yes, he is my classmate.)

CONVERSATION 3

A: Tāmen shì nǐ de péngyǒu ma? 他们 是你的朋友吗? (Are they your friends?)

B: Bù, tāmen bùshì wǒ de péngyǒu. 不,他们不是我的朋友. (No, they are not my friends.)

Tāmen shì wǒ de lǎoshī. 他们是我的老师. (They are my teachers.)

CONVERSATION 4

A: Tāmen shì nǐ de tóngxué ma? 他们 是你的同学吗? (Are they your classmates?)

B: Bù, tāmen bùshì wǒ de tóngxué . 不,他们不是我的同学. (No, they are not my classmates.)

Tāmen shì wǒ de péngyǒu. 他们是我的朋友. (They are my friends.)

NEW WORDS

我们 wŏmen (pronoun) we/us

的 de denotes possession/ownership

朋友 péngyǒu (noun) friend

小学生 xiǎoxuéshēng (noun) elementary students

中学生 zhōngxuéshēng (noun) high school students

大学生 dàxuéshēng (noun) college students

USEFUL PHRASES IN THE CLASSROOM

请再说一遍. Qǐng zài shuō yībiàn. Please say it again

UNIT 2 LESSON 1 - 他是谁? (TĀ SHÌ SHÉI?)

CONVERSATION

Robert: Tā shì shéi? 他是谁? Who is he?

Ramon: Tā shì wǒ de péngyǒu Ryan. 他是我的朋友 Ryan. He is my friend Ryan.

Robert: Tā yě tī zúqiú ma? 他也踢足球吗? Is he also playing football?

Ramon: Bù, tā bù tī zú qiú. 不,他不踢足球。 No, he is not playing football.

Tā dǎ lánqiú. 他打篮球。 He is playing basketball.

SPORTS IN CHINESE

他 打 什么 球? Tā dǎ shénme qiú? What ball game is he playing?

打 网球 dǎ wǎngqiú play tennis

打 羽毛球 dǎ yǔmáoqiú play badminton

打乒乓球 dǎ pīngpāng qiú play ping pong

踢足球 tī zúqiú play football

打篮球 dǎ lánqiú play basketball

打排球 dǎ páiqiú play volleyball

DAILY CONVERSATION

请进! Qǐng jìn! Please come in.

请坐! Qǐng zuò! Please sit.

请喝茶! Qǐng hē chá! Please drink tea.

UNIT 2 LESSON 2 - 谁是你的好朋友? (SHÉI SHÌ NĬ DE HĂO PÉNGYŎU?)

CONVERSATION

爸爸 Bàba: 玛丽亚·你有好朋友吗? Maria, do you have good/close friend?

Mălìyà, nǐ yǒu hǎo péngyǒu ma?

玛丽亚 Mǎlìyà: 有啊. I have.

Yŏu a.

爸爸 Bàba: 谁是你的好朋友? Who is your good friend?

Shéi shì nǐ de hǎo péngyǒu?

玛丽亚 Mǎlìyà: Angela 是我的好朋友。 Angela is my good friend.

Angela shì wò de hảo péngyǒu.

Peter 和 Carla 也是我的好朋友. Peter and Carla are also my good friends.

Peter hé Carla yěshì wŏ de hǎo péngyǒu.

爸爸 Bàba: 他们都学汉语吗? Are they all studying Hanyu?

Tāmen dōu xué Hànyǔ ma?

玛丽亚 Mǎlìyà : 不 · Carla不学 汉语 · No, Carla is not studying Hanyu.

Bù, Carla bù xué Hànyǔ.

她 学 法语。 She is studying French.

Tā xuéxí Fǎyǔ.

NEW WORDS

有 yǒu have

啊 a ah

都 dōu both

学 xué study/learn

汉语 Hànyǔ Chinese language

法语 Fǎyǔ French

CLASSROOM CONVERSATION

请安静. Qǐng ānjìng. Quiet please.

请听我说. Qǐng tīng wǒ shuō. Please listen to me.

WHAT LANGUAGE ARE YOU INTERESTED?

汉语 Hànyǔ Chinese

菲律宾语 Fēilǜbīnyǔ Filipino

英语 Yīngyǔ English

法语 Fǎyǔ French

日语 Rìyǔ Japanese

韩语 Hányǔ Korean

UNIT 2 LESSON 3 - 您有几张中文光盘? (NÍN YOU Jǐ ZHĀNG ZHŌNGWÉN GUĀNGPÁN?)

CONVERSATION

Jim: Joseph, Nǐ yǒu jǐ zhāng zhōngwén guāngpán?

Joseph, 你有几张中文光盘?

(Joseph, how many Chinese Compact Disk do you have?)

Joseph: Wǒ yǒu sān zhāng zhōngwén guāngpán.

我有三张中文光盘.

(I have three pieces of Chinese Compact Disk.)

Jim: Jonh, nǐ yǒu jǐ zhāng?

John, 你有几 张?

(John how many do you have?)

John: Wŏ méiyŏu.

我没有.

(I don't have.)

NEW WORDS

 Π jǐ how many

张 zhāng quantifier/ measure word

中文 Zhōngwén Chinese language

光盘 guāngpán compact disk

没有 méiyǒu none

OTHER MEASURE WORDS

四本书 sì běn shū four books

一张 报纸 yī zhāng bàozhǐ one newspaper

五个苹果 wǔ gè píngguǒ five apples

两瓶可乐 liǎng píng kělè two bottles of cola

四碗面条 sì wǎn miàntiáo four bowls of noodles

八杯 咖啡 bā bēi kāfēi eight cups of coffee

MEASURE WORDS NOUN

个 ge 本子 běnzi notebook

杯子 bēizi cup, glass

苹果 píngguǒ apple

张 zhāng 报纸 bàozhǐ newspaper

地图 dìtú map

本 běn 书 shū book

杂志 zázhì magazine

词典 cídiǎn dictionary

把 bǎ 雨伞 yǔsǎn umbrella

USEFUL CLASSROOM PHRASES

请举手! Qǐng jǔ shǒu! Please raise your hand!

手放下! Shǒu fàngxià! Hand down!

UNIT 2 LESSON 4 - 这是谁的钱包? (ZHÈ SHÌ SHÉI DE QIÁNBĀO?)

CONVERSATION

Ivan: Nà shì shénme? (What is that?)

那是什么?

Alex: Shì qiánbāo! Zhè shì shéi de qiánbāo? (It's wallet! Whose wallet is this?)

是钱包! 这是谁的钱包?

Chris: Zhè shì wǒ de! (It's mine!)

这是我的!

Alex: Qiánbāo li yǒu duōshǎo qián? (How much is inside the wallet?)

钱包里有多少钱?

Chris: Sānshíbā yuán, duì ma? (Thirty eight Yuan, right?)

三十八元,对吗?

Alex: Duì, gěi nǐ! (Right, I'll give you.)

对,给你!

Chris: Xièxiè nǐ! (Thanks to you!)

谢谢你!

Alex: Bù kèqì! (Welcome!)

不客气!

NEW WORDS

那 nà that

这 zhè this

钱包 qiánbāo wallet

里 lǐ inside

多少 duōshǎo how many/how much

钱 gián money

元 Yuán Chinese money

对 duì right/correct

给 gěi give

USEFUL CLASSROOM PHRASES

很好! Hěn hǎo! Very good!

非常好 Fēicháng hǎo! Excellent!

UNIT 2 LESSON 5 - 祝你生日快乐 (ZHÙ Nǐ SHĒNGRÌ KUÀILÈ)

CONVERSATION

Mary Grace: Lín lǎoshī nǐ hǎo! 林老师你好! Teacher Lin, hello!

Lín Lǎoshī: Nǐ zhǎo shéi? 你找谁? Who are you looking for?

Mary Grace: Wǒ zhǎo Mark hé Jane. 我找Mark 和 Jane. I am looking for Mark and Jane.

Lín Lǎoshī: Tāmen zài zhèlǐ. 他们在这里。 They are here.

Mary Grace: Tāmen zài zhèlǐ! Xièxiè! 他们在这里! 谢谢! They are here! Thank you!

MARK, JANE AND CLASSMATES SING THE "BIRTHDAY SONG" FOR MARY GRACE...

All: Wǒmen zài zhèlǐ! 我们在这里! We are here!

Zhù nǐ shēngrì kuàilè! 祝你生日快乐! Happy birthday to you!

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Zhù nǐ shēngrì kuàilè! 祝你生日快乐! Happy birthday to you!

Mary Grace: Xièxiè nǐmen! 谢谢你们! Thanks to all of you!

NEW WORDS

您 nín you (polite form)

找 zhǎo look/find

和 hé and 在 zài at

这里 zhèlǐ here

哪里 nǎlǐ where

祝 Zhù to say a wish

生日 shēngrì birthday

快乐 kuàilè happy

UNIT 2 LESSON 6 - 今天我很高兴 (JĪNTIĀN WŎ HĚN GĀOXÌNG)

MY DIARY

Jīntiān shì wǒ de shēngrì. 今天是我的生日。 Today is my birthday.

Wǒ gē péngyǒumen zài yīqǐ. 我跟朋友们在一起。 I am with my friends.

Wǒmen chī dàngāo, 我们吃蛋糕, We ate cake,

tīng yīnyuè. 听音乐. listen to music.

Dàjiā dōu hěn gāoxìng, 大家都很高兴, Everyone is very happy,

Wǒ yě hěn gāoxìng. 我也很高兴. I am also very happy.

NEW WORDS

今天 jīntiān today

听 tīng listen

跟 gēn with

音乐 yīnyuè music

一起 yīqǐ together

大家 dàjiā everyone

吃 chī eat

很 hěn very

蛋糕 dàngāo cake

高兴 gāoxìng happy