

Table of Initials

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1. labial +o	b	p	m		f	
2. alveolar +e	d	t	n	l		
3. velar +e	g	k			h	
4. palatal +i	j	q			x	
5. retroflex +i	zh	ch			sh	r
6. Dental sibilant +i	z	c			s	

- The “i” in Chinese sound system stands for two different sounds:
- -i in palatal [ji, qi, xi] is pronounced as a real -i
 - -i in retroflex [zhi, chi, shi, ri] and sibilant [zi, ci, si] groups is pronounced as a prolongation -i of the initial before it

6 Simple Finals



a



e

o



i



ü

u

Finals

Medial	Row	Ending								
		zero	-i	-o/-u	-n	-ng		-r		
None	Row- a	-i	a	ai	ao	an	en	ang	eng	er
		e	ei	ou			ong			
i	Row- i	i	ia		iao	ian		iang	ing	
u		ie			iu			iong		
ü	Row- u	u	ua	uai	uo	uan		uang	ueng	
				ui		un				
	Row- ü	ü				üan				
		üe				ün				

12 basic finals

4 leading finals

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nǐ hǎo



Xuē lǎo shī

wǒ(I)

shì
(to be)

Xuē, Lián

nǐ(you)

xué shēng

tā(he/she)



lǎo shī

zhōng wén
(Chinese language)

shuō

yīng wén
(English language)

ma

(question particle)



ma ?
(question particle)

wǒ(I)

shì
(to be)

lǎoshī

nǐ(you)

zhōngwén
yīngwén

xuéshēng

tā(he/she)



Self-introduction

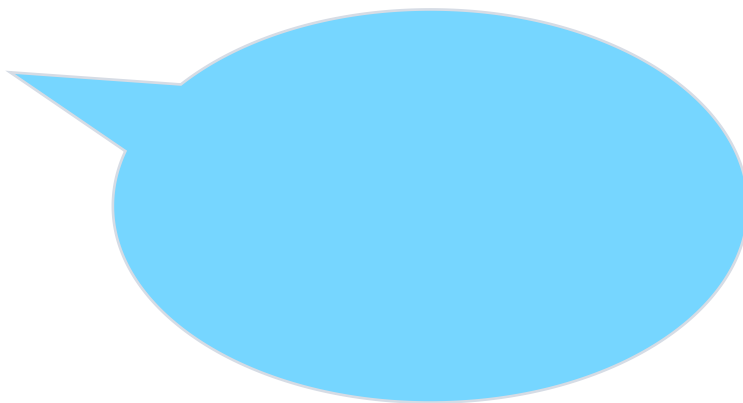


: nǐ hǎo。

wǒ shì Xuē Lián。

wǒ shuō zhōngwén。

wǒ shì zhōngwén lǎoshī。



Lesson1 dì yī kè

问好

wèn hǎo
Greetings



Chinese Basic Sentence

+ ma
(question particle)

Subject

+

Verb

+

Object

我 wǒ (I)

你 nǐ (you)

他/她 tā (he/she)

我们 wǒmen (we)

你们 nǐmen (you)

他们 tāmen (they)

是 shì (to be)

说 shuō (to speak)

姓 xìng (to have the
surname of)

lǎoshī/xuéshēng

zhōngwén/yīngwén

X



贵姓? guìxìng
= (What is) **your honorable surname?**



~~wǒ guì xìng X。~~

wǒ xìng X。



miǎn guì xìng X。✓

Lit: Dispense with the honorable. My surname is X.

Chinese Basic Sentence

Subject

+

Verb

+

Object

+

ma

(question particle)

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你 **nǐ** (you)

他/她 **tā** (he/she)

我们 **wǒmen** (we)

你们 **nǐmen** (you)

他们 **tāmen** (they)

叫 **jiào** (to be called)

XXX/XX

Seldom a given name
that consists only of one
syllable

+

呢 ne

(question particle)

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Often follows a noun or pronoun to form a question when
the content of the question is already clear from the context.



Wǒ xìng Xuē, nǐ ne ?



Wǒ xìng_____。



Wǒ jiào Xuē Lián, nǐ ne ?



Wǒ jiào _____。



Wǒ shì zhōngwén lǎoshī,
nǐ ne ?



Wǒ shì_____。

Introduce yourself (name, 名字 míngzi)

- Nǐ hǎo !
- Wǒ xìng Xuē ,
- Wǒ jiào Xuē Lián ,
- Nǐ ne ?



Asking names (名字 míngzi)

- Being polite to ask questions

- Qǐngwèn

- Asking surname

- Nǐ guì xìng?

- Asking full name

- Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?
(what)



Tā jiào shénme míngzi?



Xí Jìnpíng
Péng Lìyuán



Mǎ Yún



Zhāng Zǐyí



Lǚ Zhìhé



Exchanging greetings

Say Hi to B.

Say Hi to A.



Find out what B's family name is.

Respond to A and ask about his family name.



Respond to B and find out her full name.

Respond to A and ask about his full name.



Respond to B.

Xí Yángyáng

Sūn Yìfēi

Find a partner!

- A: Nǐ hǎo!
- B: _____ !
- A: Qǐngwèn , nǐ guàixìng ?
- B: Wǒ xìng ____。 Nǐ ne ?
- A: Wǒ xìng ____, wǒ jiào ____。 Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi ?
- B: Wǒ jiào ____。

Now, introduce your partner to the class

Tā (he/she).....(surname)

Tā (he/she).....(full name)

Group activity

Dialogue 1: Exchanging Greetings



李友 Lǐ Yǒu



王朋 Wáng Péng

Surname Name + 先生 (xiānsheng)

Surname Name + 小姐 (xiǎojiě)

How to address them?



Xí Jìnpíng

Zhāng Mànyù



Lǐ Liánjié

Wáng Fēi





请问，你贵姓？
Qǐngwèn, nǐ guìxìng?

我姓_____。
Wǒ xìng _____.



____先生/小姐，你好。
____xiānsheng / xiǎojiě , nǐhǎo.

Situation:

- You are meeting someone for the first time, so you two will
 - 1) exchange greetings with each other
 - 2) Ask each other's last name and first name
- Note: do not forget to address each other during your conversation:
- 先生 (xiānsheng, Mr.) ; 小姐 (xiǎojiě, Ms.)