

An aerial photograph of the Great Wall of China, showing the stone wall and watchtowers winding across lush green, rolling mountains. The sky is clear and blue.

Learn to Speak Chinese

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学说中文



Useful Expressions

Greetings:

Nǐ hǎo ---- Hello! (among the friends)

Nín hǎo --- Hello! (show respect)

Shàng wǔ hǎo ---- Good morning!

Zǎo shang hǎo ---- Good morning!

Xià wǔ hǎo ---- Good afternoon!

Wǎn shang hǎo ---- Good evening!

Wǎn ān ---- Good night!



Useful Expressions

Saying Goodbye:

Zài jiàn --- Goodbye!

Míng tiān jiàn --- See you tomorrow!

Duō bǎo zhòng --- Take care.

Thanks:

Xiè xiè ----- Thank you!

Duō xiè ----- Thank you very much!

Bú yòng xiè ----- Not at all!

Bú kè qi ----- You're welcome!



Useful Expressions

Apologies:

Duì bù qǐ---- I'm sorry!

Méi guān xi ---- It doesn't matter!

Duì bù qǐ , wǒ bù dǒng.

Sorry, I can't understand.



Useful Expressions

A: Nǐ hǎo ma?

- How are you?

B: Wǒ hěn hǎo, nǐ ne?

- I'm fine, and you?

A: Bú cuò.

- Not bad.



Shopping

Duō shǎo qián?

How much?

Tài guì le.

That's too expensive.

Pián yi diǎn.

Cheaper please.



Phoetics

(1) Initials and finals

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Finals</i> | ai ei ao ou ua uo uai uei (-ui) |
| <i>Initials</i> | g k h |



Phoetics

| | ai | ei | ao | ou | ua | uo | uai | uei (-ui) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------------|
| g | gai | gei | gao | gou | gua | guo | guai | gui |
| k | kai | kei | kao | kou | kua | kuo | kuai | kui |
| h | hai | hei | hao | hou | hua | huo | huai | hui |
| | ai | ei | ao | ou | wa | wo | wai | wei |

- When there is an initial before “uei”, “uei” is written as “-ui”, such as “guì” and “duì”
- When used alone as syllables, “ua,uo,uai” and “uei” are written as “wa, wo, wai” and “wei” respectively



Read the syllables with tones aloud

| | | | | |
|-----|-------|-------|-----|--------------|
| lāo | láo | lǎo | lào | lǎo shī |
| guō | guó | guǒ | guò | měi guó |
| guī | (guí) | guǐ | guì | guī huā |
| kōu | (kóu) | kǒu | kòu | kě kǒu kě lè |
| huā | huá | (huǎ) | huà | huā hǎi |



Read the syllables and pay attention to the tones

| | | | | |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| dōu tīng | hái tīng | yě tīng | zài tīng | tīng de |
| dōu dú | hái dú | yě dú | zài dú | dú de |
| dōu xiě | hái xiě | yě xiě | zài xiě | xiě de |
| dōu kàn | hái kàn | yě kàn | zài kàn | kàn de |



LECTURE 4

Numbers from 0 to 5

| | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|-------|------|------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| líng | yī | èr | sān | sì | wǔ |
| 零 | 一 | 二 | 三 | 四 | 五 |
| zero | one | two | three | four | five |

Note : The 1 in telephone numbers is often pronounced as yāo so as not to be confused with 7



Numbers from 6 to 10

| | | | | |
|-----|-------|-------|------|-----|
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| liù | qī | bā | jiǔ | shí |
| 六 | 七 | 八 | 九 | 十 |
| six | seven | eight | nine | ten |



Some festivals in China:

※ Guó Qìng Jié

National Day

※ Zhōng Qiū Jié

Mid-Autumn Festival





Name & Nationality

■ Enquiring about name :

A: Nǐ jiào shén me míng zi? ---- What is your name?

B: Wǒ jiào Ammy ---- My name is Ammy.

■ Enquiring about nationality :

A: Nǐ shì nǎ guó rén? What's your nationality?

B: Wǒ shì zhōng guó rén. I am Chinese.



mèng jiā lā

bǎo jiā lì yà

jiǎn pǔ zhài

è guā duō ěr

āi jí

yìn dù ní xī yà

yuē dàn

lí bā nèn

lì bǐ lǐ yà

lì bǐ yà

mǎ lái xī yà

mó ěr duō wǎ

méng gǔ guó

mò sāng bǐ kè

miǎn diàn

nà mǐ bǐ yà

ní bó ěr

ní rì lì yà

孟加拉

保加利亚

柬埔寨

厄瓜多尔

埃及

印度尼西亚

约旦

黎巴嫩

利比里亚

利比亚

马来西亚

摩尔多瓦

蒙古国

莫桑比克

缅甸

纳米比亚

尼泊尔

尼日利亚

Bangladesh

Bulgaria

Cambodia

Ecuador

Egypt

Indonesia

Jordan

Lebanon

Liberia

Libya

Malaysia

Moldova

Mongolia

Mozambique

Myanmar

Namibia

Nepal

Nigeria



ā màn

bā jī sī tǎn

bā là sī tǎn

bā bù yà xīn jǐ nèi yà

fēi lǜ bīn

lú wàng dá

shā tè ā lā bó

sài lā lì áng

nán fēi

sī lǐ lán kǎ

sū dān

xù lì yà

tài guó

tǔ ěr qí

wū gān dá

wěi nèi ruì lā

zàn bǐ yà

jīn bā bù wéi

阿曼

巴基斯坦

巴勒斯坦

巴布亚新几内亚

菲律宾

卢旺达

沙特阿拉伯

塞拉利昂

南非

斯里兰卡

苏丹

叙利亚

泰国

土耳其

乌干达

委内瑞拉

赞比亚

津巴布韦

Oman

Pakistan

Palestine

Papua New Guinea

Philippine

Rwanda

Saudi Arabia

Sierra Leone

South Africa

Sri Lanka

Sudan

Syria

Thailand

Turkey

Uganda

Venezuela

Zambia

Zimbabwe



New words

| | |
|---------|-----------------------|
| shén me | what |
| míng zi | name |
| guó | country/nation |
| shì | am/is/are |
| rén | person |



New words

Wǒ

I / me

Nǐ

you

Tā

he/she/it

Wǒ men

we/us

Nǐ men

you_{pl.}

Tā men

they/ them

An aerial photograph of the Great Wall of China, showing the stone wall and watchtowers winding across a series of lush green mountains. The wall is the central focus, curving through the valleys and along the ridges. The lighting is bright, casting shadows that emphasize the terrain's contours.

Xiè xie!

谢谢!