

Mandarin Chinese Beginners One COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

The following is an approximate list of content covered during term 1 & 2 of the course.

Please read carefully and ensure you choose the correct level for you.

This course is for complete beginners and designed for those with no previous knowledge of the language.

If you know more than 65% of the content in the course, your level is too advanced and you should check Chinese Beginners Two.

Topics and Vocabulary

- greetings
- basic information about oneself, such as name, age
- numbers and things related
- family members
- nationality
- jobs
- order drinks or food
- major
- hobbies and sport
- position and direction
- look up dictionaries

Grammar

- Pinyin and phonetics
- basic single characters, strokes and radicals
- basic structures for forming characters and sentences
- ask yes-no, where, who, when questions
- present tense and present continuous
- sentence order

Culture

Students will be introduced to various aspects of Chinese culture, including Chinese festivals, history, tradition, old Chinese philosophy, poems, and Chinese modern life.

5. Textbook

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