

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 and manners
- Basic information about oneself, such as name, age
- Numbers and related expressions like age, dates, telephone, 1-100
- Family members and how to introduce them
- Order drinks and food
- Nationality
- People / jobs / working place
- Major / department
- Hobbies / leisure / sports
- Likes / dislikes
- Position / direction

Grammar

- Pinyin and phonetics rules
- Basic single characters, strokes, radicals and character structures
- Plural form of pronouns
- Possessive and descriptive functional word 的
- Position word 在
- Basic sentence structures
- Yes-no / where / who / what questions
- Sentence order

Speaking

- To introduce oneself or introduce other people to a third party
- To show greetings as hello, bye, nice to meet you; and manners as thanks, sorry, please
- Ask name, age, telephone number
- Asking questions about where, who, and what
- Can discuss a place to meet to have a drink
- No problem to read with the help of pinyin and try to read without pinyin
- Pronunciation of four tones, tone pairs, neutral tone, and tone sandis

Culture

- Chinese New Year and the twelve Zodiac animal signs
- Honourable way to address people and names
- Read paragraphs describing featured Chinese elements
- Modern China
- Learn some Chinese song or poems
- Short Chinese stories, etc

Textbook

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