

Know the Basics

Hello!	nǐ hǎo!	你好!
Goodbye!	zài jiàn!	再见!
Nice to meet you!	hěn gāoxìng jiàn dào nǐ!	很高兴见到你!
What's your name?	nǐ jiào shénme?	你叫什么?
My name is...	wǒ jiào ...	我叫...
How are you?	nǐ hǎo ma?	你好吗?
I'm good!	wǒ hěn hǎo!	我很好!
Please	qǐng	请
Thank you!	xiè xie!	谢谢!
Yes	shì	是
No	bú shì	不是



Mind Your Manners

Chinese people consider gift-giving to be an important part of their culture. It is customary to give gifts on special occasions such as festivals, birthdays, or weddings. If you are invited to a family party, small gifts are welcomed.

Miǎnzi (面子), literally translated as face, is an important concept in Chinese culture. Having "miǎnzi" means to respect someone, while not having "miǎnzi" means to disrespect someone. Having "miǎnzi" means respecting your elders, giving compliments and being agreeable.

Days of the Week

Monday	xīng qī yī	星期一
Tuesday	xīng qī èr	星期二
Wednesday	xīng qī sān	星期三
Thursday	xīng qī sì	星期四
Friday	xīng qī wǔ	星期五
Saturday	xīng qī liù	星期六
Sunday	xīng qī rì	星期日

Chinese language has existed for over 3,000 years and it is the most used mother tongue on the planet with over 1.2 billion speakers

Traditionally, Chinese surnames are placed first

Did you Know?

Chinese has over 50,000 distinct characters, but you will only need about 2-3,000 to be able to read a newspaper

22.6% of internet use is in Chinese

The Great Wall of China

The most famous landmark in China, the Great Wall of China, stretches for 21,000 km, and it is known as the longest structure humans have ever built. Its path winds over rugged landscapes and mountains.

Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

Founded in 1987, the Giant Panda Breeding Center is the most popular destination for the fans of the adorable national animal of China. Located in the region of Chengdu, the Breeding Centre is home to 83 giant pandas.

Cruising river Li

In the province of Guangxi, from the towns of Guilin to Yangshuo, the river Li meanders peacefully through some 80 kilometers of remarkable rock formations and caves.

The Terracotta Warriors Museum

The Terracotta Warriors Museum houses terracotta clay sculptures of more than 8,000 life-size warriors, 520 horses and 100 chariots dating back to 280 BC. It is known as one of the greatest discoveries of modern times.

Hangzhou

Hangzhou, is named by many poets as a "holy and beautiful paradise" mainly because of the West Lake, a six-kilometer-squared stretch of water in the heart of the old city, surrounded by hills, pagodas, and temples.

The Forbidden City & the Imperial Palace

The largest and best-preserved imperial palace in the world is located in Beijing. 24 Chinese emperors lived here over a period of 500 years.

Chopstick Etiquette

It's okay to lift a bowl close to your face and push food into your mouth with chopsticks. Don't set your chopsticks down pointed at another person at the table. Allow elders to be served and begin eating first.

Express Yourself

Wow	Wà	哇
Cool	Kù	酷
Cute	Kě'ài	可爱
Funny	Hǎowán	好玩
Happy	Kāixīn	开心
Good	Hěn hǎo	很好

是 Shì to Chinese

Feeling Peckish?

Learn the following phrases to use them during meal times!

吃好喝好! - Chī hǎo hē hǎo! - Enjoy your meal!

干杯! - Gān bēi! - Cheers!

真好吃/真好喝! - Zhēn hào chī/zhēn hào hē! - So tasty (for food/drink)

	Mooncake A Chinese dessert served during the mid-autumn festival with different fillings such as nuts, red bean paste, roses, lotus seed paste, pork floss, black sesame or ham etc.
	Peking Duck A traditional dish made of roasted duck usually eaten with spring onions, cucumbers and sweet bean sauce with pancakes rolled around the fillings.
	Hotpot A cooking method that originates from China, where raw ingredients are cooked tableside in a giant pot of simmering broth.
	Dumplings Small dumplings are a traditional Chinese dish made with a meat or vegetable filling wrapped in thin dough that can be fried, steamed or boiled.
	Steamed Chicken This dish is widely popular in Southern China, a boneless chicken is marinated, steamed, and served with sauce, vegetables, and rice.
	Chow Mein Chow Mein is a traditional Chinese dish where stir-fried egg noodles are cooked with vegetables and sometimes meat or tofu.

Chinese Writing Practice

Chinese characters are known as 汉字 (hànzì). Generally, one-syllable can represent a word on its own or it can be a part of a polysyllabic word. Chinese hànzì are written from top to bottom, left to right. Learn how to write Hello and Thank you in Chinese below.

你好 - 'hello' - nǐ hǎo

你 好

你 好

你 好

谢谢 - 'thank you' - xiè xie

谢 谢

谢 谢

谢 谢

Most Populated Cities

Find the names of the most populated cities in China. See below to help you find the names and learn how many people are living in that city!

T	R	S	L	C	L	H	N	D	T	G	Y	R	Y	C	Z	O	T	C	W
Q	C	U	G	F	S	C	J	Q	S	A	V	E	G	P	E	P	L	X	Z
S	H	A	N	G	H	A	I	O	Z	D	V	A	Z	Z	Z	R	S	V	A
Z	E	I	R	Q	E	C	G	K	I	K	J	O	K	Z	W	D	T	B	G
S	N	X	I	A	N	J	V	Q	I	B	H	Q	Y	N	P	J	L	Z	U
G	G	N	S	A	Z	S	N	B	U	P	F	Z	W	T	S	K	T	K	A
U	D	C	F	E	H	W	V	Z	N	A	O	Y	Y	L	A	X	I	Q	M
A	U	E	F	Q	E	S	K	Z	L	B	I	W	A	I	B	S	P	R	F
N	K	T	D	J	N	A	N	J	I	N	G	E	D	J	H	X	S	W	L
G	U	K	Y	W	I	T	T	L	S	P	O	O	Y	D	H	J	E	A	D
Z	H	H	Q	E	I	J	R	B	T	I	A	N	J	I	N	Q	Z	T	M
H	Q	A	V	I	C	T	F	O	I	C	H	O	N	G	Q	I	N	G	S
O	C	F	I	E	B	N	V	P	C	P	F	E	Z	W	M	T	A	W	K
U	W	S	Z	I	V	G	S	X	C	Y	M	I	L	F	P	C	H	W	V
J	U	N	Y	I	Z	A	D	X	X	B	B	E	I	I	P	Z	R	J	V
K	H	P	V	K	G	V	Y	J	E	Q	B	E	I	J	I	N	G	E	C
V	A	V	T	Y	O	P	N	H	L	X	M	P	D	P	B	M	A	O	N
L	N	J	K	R	O	X	W	W	X	Q	U	F	G	B	E	G	J	V	I
M	L	B	D	J	P	U	X	G	Z	Q	O	T	W	K	R	T	X	W	X
B	Y	F	V	B	O	W	Q	K	T	Q	S	X	S	D	B	U	E	Z	A

SHANGHAI (population: 26 million)	SHENZHEN (population: 12 million)
BEIJING (population: 22 million)	CHENGDU (population: 9 million)
CHONGQING (population: 16 million)	NANJING (population: 9 million)
TIANJIN (population: 14 million)	WUHAN (population: 8 million)
GUANGZHOU (population: 13 million)	XIAN (population: 8 million)

Numbers

Unlike in the West, the Chinese only use one hand to count numbers. Learn below how to do so!

1 yī 一 2 èr 二 3 sān 三 4 sì 四 5 wǔ 五

6 liù 六 7 qī 七 8 bā 八 9 jiǔ 九 10 shí 十

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