



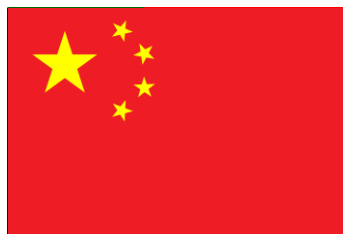
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Syllabus A2



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INITIAL LEVEL: Beginner

TARGET LEVEL: Elementary (A2.1)

OVERALL GOAL: To be able to hold a basic conversation with local speakers.

PROGRAM:

LESSON	TOPIC	COMMUNICATION GOALS	GRAMMER GOALS	BOOK
1	Fundamental Chinese Characteristics of the Chinese language	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand What Chinese sounds like/How Chinese words are formed/ The Essential features of Chinese sentences	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
2	Fundamental Chinese Characteristics of the Chinese language	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand Chinese parts of speech/Common grammatical errors made by foreign speaker	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
3	Common Pitfalls in Basic Vocabulary Usage	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand Single English words corresponding to multiple words in Chinese/Single Chinese words corresponding to multiple words in English/English and Chinese words with similar meanings that function as different parts of speech	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
4	Common Pitfalls in Basic Vocabulary Usage	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand 3 Chinese single-syllable adjectives that cannot be used in front of a noun: 够;多 ; 少/Some Chinese single-syllable "word components" that cannot stand alone/Certain Chinese single-syllable verbs are "bound"	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
5	Common Pitfalls in Basic Vocabulary Usage	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand To think, to feel, to consider, and to believe in the negative/Differences between English "to have" and 有/Chinese word order in directional expression	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
6	Common Pitfalls in Basic Vocabulary Usage	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	Use of reduplication in spoken Chinese/Chinese abbreviations for long compound nouns/Common Chinese words with alternate meanings	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
7	Asking Question in Mandarin	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand grammar rules and sentence structures of Questions seeking a yes/ no answer/A or B "choice" questions/Tagged-on questions: "..., and what about X?"	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

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8	Asking Question in Mandarin	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures of Rhetorical questions/ Questions seeking information using <small>谁, 什么, 何时, 为什么</small> "who, what, when, why, etc./The rhetorical use of question words	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
9	Asking Question in Mandarin	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Questions embedded within a longer sentence/Non-interrogative uses of question words/Question words coupled with negatives to indicate something <small>不确定的</small> "indefinite"	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
10	Asking Question in Mandarin	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Expressing "wherever, whatever, whoever," etc. using a QW/The sentence-ending particle <small>呢</small> and <small>吧</small>	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
11	Messures, Numbers and Units	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand "Measure words" in Chinese do not necessarily indicate quantities/Various categories of measure words/Common errors made by foreign speakers when using measure words	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
12	Messures, Numbers and Units	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand Cardinal vs ordinal numbers/The difference between <small>二</small> and <small>两</small> when translating the number/Numbers having four digits and above <small>100</small>	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

INITIAL LEVEL: Elementary (A2.1) **TARGET LEVEL:** Elementary (A2.2)

OVERALL GOAL: To be able to hold a basic conversation with local speakers.

PROGRAM:

LESSON	TOPIC	COMMUNICATION GOALS	GRAMMER GOALS	BOOK
1	Messures, Numbers and Units	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the use of 几 vs 多少 duoshǎo in referring to quantities/ Larger units precede smaller units in dates, times, addresses, etc. /Conceptualizing dates relative to the present	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
2	Messures, Numbers and Units	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the correct word order for 半 "half" and 多 "and then some"/Expressing approximate quantities/Expressing multiples with 倍/ Expressing fractions and percentages	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
3	Adverbs in Chinese	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures of Single-syllable adverbs that precede verbs/Adverb pairs that are frequently confused with one another	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
4	Adverbs in Chinese	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures of Two-syllable adverbs that modify verbs or entire sentences/Adverbs that function as conjunctions	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

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5	Describing the Manner of an Action	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand how to Describing the manner or result of an action by using a verb complement/Describing the manner of an action using the adverbial form 地/Describing the manner of an action in the negative	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
6	Describing the Manner of an Action	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand how to Use verb complements to describe the degree of an adjective/Adding degrees to a verb complement/ Requesting that something be done in a certain manner	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
7	Conceptualizing Time Using “了”	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures when Using 了 after an action verb to signify a completed action/Using 了 at the end of a sentence to signify a change of status/Using the sentence-ending 了 to signify other situations	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
8	Conceptualizing Time Using “了”	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures when Using the verb-ending and sentence-ending 了 together/Idiomatic usages of 了/Another use of 了 (pronounced liǎo) 了 as a resultative complement	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

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9	Other Verb Aspect Markers	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures of Using 过 to signify that an action or event has occurred/Using the aspect marker 着 to indicate an ongoing action/Other verb aspects expressed by grammatical patterns	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
10	Locations, Events and Actions	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the use of Single-syllable localizers/Using the "modifier particle" 的 with a localizer/Tagging a localizer directly onto its point of reference	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
11	Locations, Events and Actions	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand The cardinal directions 东/南/西/北 in geographic names/Two special usages of 上/Using 以 to signify relationships to reference points	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
12	Locations, Events and Actions	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand how to Add 这 or 那 to indicate a location/Nouns modified by their locations/Stating the location of something vs the existence of something/Stating the location of an action	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

INITIAL LEVEL: Elementary (A2.2)

TARGET LEVEL: Elementary (A2.3)

OVERALL GOAL: To be able to hold a basic conversation with local speakers.

PROGRAM:

LESSON	TOPIC	COMMUNICATION GOALS	GRAMMER GOALS	BOOK
1	Points in Time vs Duration	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Time-when expressions/Time-span expressions/Time-span expressions with verbs that have an object.	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
2	Points in Time vs Duration	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Expressing time lapse/Time-span during which an action or event has NOT occurred/Time-span with 了 to indicate an ongoing situation or action.	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
3	Points in Time vs Duration	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Time-when and time-span expressions according to the clock/Words to express relative time frames/Multiple occurrences vs one specific occurrence.	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

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4	Prepositions in Chinese	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammatical patterns of English prepositions compared to coversbs and postverbs in Chinese/Frequently used coversbs in Chinese/Nouns modified by prepositional phrases	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
5	Prepositions in Chinese	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand grammatical patterns of Some less colloquial coversbs /Coversbs that also function as post- ^{SEP} verbs/ The coverb 把	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
6	Prepositions in Chinese	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules of The coverb 被/ Four important coversbs 让 · 叫 · 由/ Preview of related topics	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
7	The “Verb + Complement”	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures with The classic verb + complement form/ Extending the verb + complement to stative verbs/Parts of speech that can function as complements	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
8	The “Verb + Complement”	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the grammar rules and sentence structures with Using verb + complement phrases figuratively and idiomatically/When a verb + complement has an object/Using verb + complement phrases in questions/	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar

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9	Talking About Travel	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures of Point of origin (from ...); destination (to ..); and mode of transportation/Expressing the timing of a trip	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
10	Talking About Travel	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Focusing on a particular element of a journey/Stating the purpose of coming or going somewhere/The coverb 往 "toward, in the direction of"	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
11	Expressing Comparisons and Distances in Mandarin	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Comparing two entities/Stating "A is not as ... as B"/Stating "A is more ... than B" by using 比	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar
12	Expressing Comparisons and Distances in Mandarin	To be able to form self-structured sentences when speak mandarin with correct grammar	To understand the sentence structures, vocabulary, and grammatical patterns of Negative comparisons/Stating the extent of a difference between A and B/Comparing how two people or "agents" do something	Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar



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