**第一课 基本对话Lesson 1 Basic Dialogues**

**Introduction:** Standard Chinese (普通话pǔ tōng huà / 国语guó yǔ / 汉语hàn yǔ) is a standardized form of spoken Chinese based on the Beijing dialect of Mandarin. It is the official language of China and Taiwan, as well as one of four official languages of Singapore. It is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

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|  | | **How to write Chinese characters?**  Two basic rules:  1) Top before bottom  2) Left before right | |
| **中文 (Chinese)** | **拼音 (Pinyin)** | | **英文 (English)** | |
| 你 \ 您 | nǐ \ nín | | You \ You with courtesy | |
| 我 | wǒ | | I | |
| 他 \ 她 | tā \ tā | | He \ She | |
| 们 | men | | A group of people | |
| 的 | de | | Of (possessive particle) | |
| 名字 | míng zì | | Name | |
| 是 | shì | | Be; am/is/are | |
| 我的名字是 \_\_\_\_ | wǒ de míng zì shì | | My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 叫 | jiào | | Be called | |
| 什么 | shén me | | What? | |
| 你叫什么名字？ | nǐ jiào shén me míng zì? | | What is your name? | |
| 你 们 | nǐ men | | You (plural) | |
| 好 | hǎo | | Good | |
| 你 好 | nǐ hǎo | | Hello | |
| 您 好 | nín hǎo | | Hello (with courtesy) | |
| 吗 | ma | | A question marker | |
| 你好吗？ | nǐ hǎo ma? | | How are you? | |
| 很 | hěn | | Very | |
| 我很好 | wǒ hěn hǎo | | I am fine. | |
| 呢 | ne | | Question particle | |
| 你呢? | nǐ ne | | How about you? | |
| 也 | yě | | Also, too | |
| 谢谢 | Xiè xiè | | Thanks! | |
| 见到 | jiàn dào | | Seeing | |
| 高兴 | Gāo xìng | | Happy | |
| 见到你很高兴 | jiàn dào nǐ hěn gāoxìng | | Nice to meet you! | |
| 爷爷 | Yé yé | | Grandpa | |
| 早上 | zǎo shang | | In the morning | |
| 早上好 | zǎo shàng hǎo | | Good morning | |
| 一 二 三 四 五 六 七 八 九 十 | yī' èr sān sì wǔ liù qī bā jiǔ shí | | one two three four five six seven eight nine ten | |
| 小明 | xiǎo míng | | Little + Bright => Xiaoming | |
| 麦克 | mài kè | | Wheat+ gram => Mike | |

Homework: Write at least twice Chinese characters above.

对话 (Dialogues):

小明: 早上好! 你好吗？

麦克: 我很好, 谢谢! 你呢?

小明: 我也很好, 谢谢! 你叫什么名字？

麦克: 我叫麦克.

小明: 你呢? 我叫小明.

麦克: 见到你很高兴.

小明: 见到你我也很高兴

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