**第一课 问候 Lesson 1 Greetings**

**I. 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. Video [10:18]: [Introduction to China in 10 minutes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IqdV5EfByg)

 **II. Tone Language**



**III. Pinyin Chart**

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| Image result for 聲母韻母 | * Video [3:16]: [聲母韻母歌](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6jX4oZrlwo)
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**IV. How to write Chinese characters?**

Two basic rules: 1) Top before bottom; 2) Left before right

**V. Vocabulary Table**

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| **中文 (Chinese)** | **拼音 (Pinyin)** | **英文 (English)** |
| **你** | **nǐ** | **You** |
| **好** | **hǎo** | **Good** |
| **您**  | **nín**  | **You (with respect)** |
| **你们** | **nǐ men** | **You guys** |
| **爷爷** | **Yé yé** | **Grandpa** |
| **早上** | **zǎo shàng** | **Morning** |
| **小明** | **xiǎo míng** | **Boy’s name (Little Bright)** |

**\*\*Homework: Write at least twice Chinese characters and Pinyin above.**

**VI. 对话 Dialogue**

小明: 爷爷, 您好!

Xiǎo míng: Yé yé, nín hǎo!

Xiao Ming: Hello Grandpa.

爷爷: 小明, 你好!

Yé yé: xiǎo míng nǐ hǎo
Grandpa: Hello Xiao Ming.

小明: 爷爷, 早上好。

Xiǎo míng: Yé yé, nín hǎo!

Xiao Ming: Good morning, grandpa.

爷爷: 小明, 早上好。

Yé yé: xiǎo míng nǐ hǎo
Grandpa: Good morning, Xiao Ming.

# VII. 成长汉语Growing up with Chinese

# Hostess: Charlotte MacInnis (Ai Hua), A white-faced Chinese

Charlotte MacInnis, an American girl who has embraced and adopted Chinese culture and tradition as her own. Meanwhile, she is beloved by the Chinese people, and they have accepted her as a Chinese, not a foreigner. She has graced the stages and TV screens of China since the young age of 10. "Ai Hua", meaning Love China, is her Chinese name. And the name proves very appropriate, for not only does she love the Chinese, but the Chinese love her as well.

**III. Videos**

1. Video [14:55]: [Growing up with Chinese Lesson 1 Greetings](http://english.cntv.cn/program/learnchinese/20100803/100891.shtml) - CCTV
2. Video [14:55]: [Growing up with Chinese Lesson 1 Greetings](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH6gQPLLxiw) - Youtube
3. Video [5:38]: [6 Reasons Why You Should Learn Mandarin!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF2Gcj8zEoc)

**茉莉花 Jasmine Follower**

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| **中文 (Chinese)** | **拼音 (Pinyin)** | **英文 (English)** |
| 茉莉花 | mò lì huā | Jasmine flower |
| 一朵 | yì duǒ | A piece of (Flower) |
| 美丽的 | měi lì de | Beautiful |
| 芬芳 | fēn fāng | Fragrant; aromatic |
| 满 | mǎn | Full, complete |
| 枝桠 | zhī yā | Branches |
| 又 | yòu | Also |
| 香 | xiāng | Good-smelling; fragrant |
| 白 | bái | White |
| 夸 | kuā | To praise |
| 让 | ràng | Let |
| 将 | jiāng | Be going to; will\shall |
| 摘下 | zhāi xià | pluck down; pick off |
| 送給 | sòng gěi | Give away; give |
| 別人 | bié rén  | Other people |
| 家 | jiā | Home; household |

**Chinese Folk Song Lyrics:**

**茉莉花 Jasmine Flower**

好一朵美丽的茉莉花

Hǎo yì duǒ měi lì de mò lì huā

What a beautiful jasmine flower!

好一朵美丽的茉莉花

Hǎo yì duǒ měi lì de mò lì huā

What a beautiful jasmine flower!

芬芳美丽满枝桠

Fēn fāng měi lì mǎn zhī yā

Fragrant and beautiful smell fulfills branches

又香又白人人夸

Yòu xiāng yòu bái rén rén kuā

Also good-smelling also white everyone praises

让我来将你摘下

Ràng wǒ lái jiāng nǐ zhāi xià

Let me come to pluck you down

送给别人家

Sòng gěi bié rén jiā

Give to other people’s household

茉莉花呀茉莉花

Mò lì huā ya mò lì huā

Jasmine flower oh jasmine flower

* Video [2:12]: [Jasmine Flower Song](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOzG6DWK9vg)
* Video [4:15]: [歌曲《茉莉花》宋祖英 席琳.迪翁 2013央视蛇年春晚](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D30y6GSO8QI)