**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.

 **II. Tone Language**



**III. Pinyin Chart**

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|  | * 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)** |
| 早上 | zǎo shàng | Early + Upper => Morning |
| 好 | hǎo | Good |
| 您  | nín  | You (with respect) |
| 你 | nǐ | You |
| 叫 | jiào | Be called |
| 什么 | shén me | What? |
| 名字 | míng zì  | Name |
| 我 | wǒ  | I |
| 姓 | xìng | Surname |
| 呢 | ne | Question particle |

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

**VI. 对话 Dialogue**

A: 早上好!

 Zǎo shàng hǎo!

 Good morning!

B: 您好!

 Nín hǎo!

 How are you?

A: 你叫什么名字?

 Nǐ jiào shén me míng zì?

 What is your name?

B: 我姓刘, 叫欣萍. 您呢?

 Wǒ xìng liú, jiào xīn píng. Nín ne?

 My surname is Liu, first name is Shin-Ping. How about you?

A: 我叫贝德.

 Wǒ jiào bèi dé.

 My name is Bei De.

**VII. Videos**

1. Video [5:14]: [History of Chinese characters](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIGXOdVwjb0)
2. Video [3:36]: [10 Fun Facts About China](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbUn6dg0hS8)
3. Video [5:38]: [6 Reasons Why You Should Learn Mandarin!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF2Gcj8zEoc)