**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)
* Video [5:41]: [The Chinese Phonetic Song 汉语拼音歌](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4WeL7PvQCU)
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**IV. How to write Chinese characters?**

Two basic rules: 1) Top before bottom and 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 |
| 下午 | xià wǔ | Lower + Noon => Afternoon |
| 晚上 | wǎn shàng | Night + Upper => Evening |
| 好 | hǎo | Good |
| 您  | nín  | You (with respect) |
| 你 | nǐ | You |
| 吗 | ma | A question marker |
| 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! (晚上好; 下午好)

 Zǎo shàng hǎo! (Wǎn shàng hǎo; xià wǔ hǎo)

 Good morning! (Good evening; good afternoon)

B: 早上好! 您好吗？

 Zǎo shàng hǎo! Nín hǎo ma?

 Good morning! How are you?

A: 我很好。 谢谢！ 你叫什么名字?

 Wǒ hěn hǎo. Xiè xiè! Nǐ jiào shén me míng zì?

 I am fine. Thank you! What is your name?

B: 我叫唐祥。 您呢?

 Wǒ jiào táng xiáng. Nǐn ne?

 My name is Sean Tucker. How about you?

A: 我叫刘欣萍。

 Wǒ jiào Liú xīnpíng .

 My name is Shin-Ping Liu

**VII. Videos**

1. Video [6:10]: [Learn to read Chinese ... with ease! | ShaoLan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=troxvPRmZm8)
2. Video [3:21]: [為什麼我決定學習中文? ! (WHY I DECIDED TO LEARN CHINESE?) [中文視頻博客] 外國女孩說中文~!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvSdmXq_YHc)
3. Video [1:31]: [Most complicated Chinese Character - biáng](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP-QjUajBAg)

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**北京奥运会主题曲《我和你》Beijing Olympic Games Theme Song "I and You"**

**I. Vocabulary Table**

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| **中文 (Chinese)** | **拼音 (Pinyin)** | **英文 (English)** |
| 和 | hé | And |
| 心 | xīn | Heart (n) |
| 连 | lián | Connect (v) |
| 同 | tóng | Together (adv) |
| 住 | zhù | Live (v) |
| 地球 | dì qiú | Ground + Ball => Earth; Globe (n) |
| 村 | cūn | Village (n) |
| 为 | wèi | For … (prep) |
| 梦想 | mèng xiǎng | Dream + Desire => Dreams (n) |
| 千里 | qiān lǐ | A Thousand Miles |
| 行 | xíng | Walk; Travel (v) |
| 相会 | xiāng huì | Mutual + Meeting => Meet (v) |
| 在 | zài | At /in/on (prep.) |
| 北京 | běi jīng | North + Capital => Beijing |
| 来 | lái | Come (v) |
| 吧 | ba | Modal particle indicating **suggestion** or surmise |
| 朋友 | péng yǒu | Friends (n) |
| 伸出 | shēn chū | Stretch out (v) |
| 的 | de | Of (Possessive particle) |
| 手 | shǒu | Hand (n) |
| 永远 | yǒng yuǎn | Always + far => Forever |

**II. 北京奥运会主题曲《我和你》劉歡和莎拉布萊曼 Beijing Olympic Games Theme Song "I and you" by Liu Huan and Sarah Brightman**

我和你，心连心，同住地球村;

Wǒ hé nǐ, xīn lián xīn, tóng zhù dì qiú cūn;

I and you, heart to heart, living in the global village together;

为梦想，千里行，相会在北京。

Wèi mèng xiǎng, qiān lǐ xíng, xiāng huì zài běi jīng.

For dreams, traveling thousand miles, meet in Beijing.

来吧！朋友，伸出你的手，

Lái ba! Péng yǒu, shēn chū nǐ de shǒu,

Come on! Friends, stretch out your hand,

我和你，心连心，永远一家人。

wǒ hé nǐ, xīn lián xīn, yǒng yuǎn yī jiā rén.

I and you, heart to heart, we are family forever.

You and me, from one world, we are family.

Travel dream, a thousand miles, meeting in Beijing.

Come together. Put your hand in mine.

You and me, from one world, we are family.

You and me, from one world, we are family.

Travel dream, a thousand miles, meeting in Beijing.

我和你，心连心，同住地球村;

为梦想，千里行，相会在北京。

来吧！朋友，伸出你的手，

You and me, from one world, we are family.

**III. Videos**

Video [4:35]: [北京奥运会主题曲《我和你》MV 劉歡and莎拉布萊曼](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVlDo4CBXCQ)