

CHINESE PHRASE GUIDE

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We have created this Chinese Phrase Guide which you may find useful when you are traveling around in China. You may prepare them in flash card format. This is a fun way for you to practice. You can cut out the phrases of your choice and keep them handy while you travel.

To assemble the phrase cards, you may take the first page (which shows the phrase in English, Chinese, and “Pinyin”) and glue the following page (which provides an English pronunciation of the phrase) onto the back side of the first. Repeat with the pages following. Then, you may cut them along the dotted lines to create the convenient flash cards.

“Pinyin” is Chinese Romanization which is similar to the English phonetic guide. *Pin* means "spell" and *yin* means "sound". It was created by Chinese linguists and has been adopted in all Mandarin speaking regions as the official system for learning Chinese.

While most of the “Pinyin” can be sounded out easily, there are a few exceptions to the general rule which are listed below.

Pinyin	Pronunciation	Example
C	Ts	C in “Empress Cixi” will pronounce as “ts” in “rats”
X	Sh	X in “Xi’an” will pronounce as “sh” in “she”
Q	Ch	Q in “Qing” dynasty will pronounce as “ch” in “church”
ZH	j	ZH in “Zhao” will pronounce as “j” in “jungle”

Other than the phonetics, there are five tones in Mandarin that must be followed for proper pronunciation. If you use the wrong tone, people will not be able to understand you. It’s as if you pronounce the vowels incorrectly in English (such as “bed” and “bad”; “fan” and “fun”, they are very different!).

For example, the sound of “Ma” in first tone means “mom”, while it means “horse” in the third tone, and “yelling” in the fourth tone. A lot of Chinese jokes are caused due to the improper tones. It would be difficult to learn the accurate tones with written materials. Please use audio assistance, or ask for a Chinese friend to help!

Indeed, if you use the improper tone and pronunciation, it can lead to pretty funny situations; but please do not be afraid of trying! As Chinese proverb goes “Practice leads to perfection!”

Remember to speak in a Chinese accent, and most of all, have fun! Xie-Xie!

Hello
你好
Ni Hao

What is your name?
你叫什么名字?
Ni Jiao Shen Me Ming Zi?

How are you?
你好吗?
Ni Hao Ma?

Please
请
Qing

Fine, thank you.
很好, 谢谢。
Hen Hao, XieXie.

Goodbye
再见
Zai Jian

Nice to meet you.
很高兴认你。
Hen Gao Xing Ren Shi Ni.

Goodbye (informal)
拜拜
Bai Bai

My name is (John)
我叫 John
Wo Jiao (John)

Thank you
谢谢你
Xie Xie Ni

**Nee Gee-Ow Shun Muh Ming
Dsu**

Nee How

Ching

Nee How Mah

Zye Gee-an

Hun How, She She

Bye Bye

Hun Gow Shing Run Shh Nee

She She Nee

Wo Gee-ow

You're Welcome
不客气
Bu Ke Qi

Do you understand me?
听懂吗?
Ting Dong Ma?

I'm sorry
对不起
Dui Bu Qi

I can't speak Chinese.
我不会讲普通话。
Wo Bu Hui Jiang Pu Tong Hua.

Excuse me, may I ask...
请问...
Qin Wen

Do you speak English?
你会讲英文吗?
Ni Hui Jiang Ying Wen Ma?

Excuse me (begging pardon)
打扰一下 / 麻烦您了。
Da Rao Yi Xia./Ma Fan Nin Le.

Help! (in emergency)
救命!
Jiu Ming!

I don't understand.
听不懂。
Ting Bu Dong.

Good Morning
早安。
Zao'an

Ting Dong Mah

Boo Kuh Chi

**Wo Boo Hoy Chiang Poo Tong
Hoo-ah**

Dway Boo Chi

**Nee Hoy Chiang Ying Won
Mah**

Ching Won

Gee-oo Ming!

**Dah Row Yee Shia / Mah Fahn
Nin Luh**

Zow Ahn

Ting Boo Dong

Good Afternoon
下午好。
Xiawu Hao

American
美国人
Mei Guo Ren

Good Evening
晚上好。
Wanshang Hao

Canadian
加拿大人
Jia Na Da Ren

Goodnight
晚安。
Wan'an

I'm lost.
我迷路了。
Wo Mi Lu Le.

Please call this number for me.
请帮我打电话。
Qing Bang Wo Da Dian Hua.

Where is the restroom?
厕所在哪里？
Ce Suo Zai Na Li?

Chinese
中国人
Zhong Guo Ren

Where is the...
...在哪？
... Zai Na?

May Guo Run

Tsha-ooH How

Gia Nah Dah Run

Wahn Shang How

Wo Mee Loo Luh

Wahn Ahn

Tsuh Swoe Zai Nah Lee

Ching Bahng Wo Dah Den Hua

...Zye Nah

Zong Guo Run

Hotel
酒店 / 宾馆
Jiu Dian / Bin Guan

Where are we?
我们在什么地方?
Wo men zai shenme difang

Imperial Palace Museum
故宫
Gu Gong

We are in...
我们在...
Wo men zai.....

Great Wall
长城
Chang Cheng

Entrance
入口
Ru Kou

Terra Cotta Warriors
兵马俑
Bing Ma Yong

Exit
出口
Chu Kou

Xintiandi
新天地
Xing Tian Di

Push
推
Tui

**Wo Mon Zye Shun-Mah Dee-
fong**

Joo Den / Bin Guan

Wo Mon Zye...

Goo Gong

Roo Koh

Chang Chung

Choo Koh

Bing Mah Yung

Tway

Shin Tien Dee

Pull
拉
La

Cash
现金
Xian Jin

Men
男
Nan

Credit card
信用卡
Xin Yong Ka

Women
女
: **Nù**

I have...
我有...
Wo You...

No Smoking
禁止吸烟
Jin Zhi Xi Yan

I don't have...
我没有...
Wo Mei You...

Pay
付钱
Fu Qian

I want...
我要...
Wo Yao ...

Shi-en Gin

Lah

Shin Yung Kah

Nahn

Wo Yo

New

Wo May Yo

Chin Dsi Shi Yen

Wo Yow

Foo Chien

I don't want...
我不要...
Wo Bu Yao

Can you make it cheaper?
便宜点。
Pian Yi Dian?

I like...
我喜欢...
Wo Xi Huan...

I don't want it.
我不想要。
Wo Bu Xian Yao.

I don't like...
我不喜欢...
Wo Bu Xi Huan...

I'm not interested.
我没有兴趣。
Wo Mei You Xing Qu.

How much is this?
多少钱?
Zhe Ge Duo Shao Qian?

OK, I'll take it.
我要买这个。
Wo Yao Mai Zhe Ge.

That's too expensive.
太贵了。
Tai Gui Le.

Can I have a bag?
请给我袋子。
Qing Gei Wo Dai Zi.

Pian Yee Dian

Wo Boo Yow

Wo Boo Shiang Yow

Wo Shee Hwan

Wo May Yo Shing Chu

Wo Boo Shee Hwan

Wo Yow My Juh Guh

Duo Shou Chien

Ching Gay Wo Die Dsu

Tie Gway Luh

Good
真好
Zhen Hao

I'm kosher.
我吃素的。
Wo Chi Su De.

Bad
不好
Bu Hao

I'm a vegetarian.
我吃斋。
Wo Chi Zhai.

No
不是
Bu shi.

Breakfast
早饭 / 早餐
Zao Fan / Zao Can

**Do you have it in another
color?**
有其他颜色吗?
You Qi Ta Yan Se Ma?

Lunch
午饭
Wu Fan / Zhong Fan

Can I look at the menu, please?
请给我看看菜单。
Qing Gei Wo Kan Kan Cai Dan

Supper / Dinner
晚饭
Wan Fan

Wo Tsuh Soo Duh

Jun How

Wo Tsuh Jai

Boo How

Zow Fahn / Zow Tsan

Boo Shh

Woo Fahn / Zong Fahn

Yo Tsee Tah Yen Suh Mah

Wahn Fahn

**Ching Gay wo Kahn Kahn Tsai
Danh**

Beef
牛肉
Niu Rou

Eggs
鸡蛋
Ji Dan

Pork
猪肉
Zhu Rou

Bread
面包
Mian Bao

Chicken
鸡
Ji

Noodle
面条
Mian Tiao

Fish
鱼
Yu

Fried rice
炒饭
Chao Fan

Cheese
奶烙 / 芝士
Nai Lao / Zhi Shi

Dumpling
饺子
Jiao Zi

Jee Dahn

New Row

Mee-yen Bow

Joo Row

Mee-yen Tee-ow

Jee

Chow Fahn

Yoo

Gee-ow Dz

Nye Lou / Juh Shz

Rice
米饭
Mi Fan

Green Tea
绿茶
Lù Cha

Coffee
咖啡
Ka Fei

Juice
果汁
Guo Zhi

Milk
牛奶
Niu Nai

Fruit
水果
Shui Guo

Sugar
糖
Tang

Bottled water
矿泉水
Kuang Quan Shui

Tea
茶
Cha

Beer
啤酒
Pi Jiu

Loo Cha

Mee Fahn

Goo-oh Juh

Kah Fe

Shway Goo-oh

New Nai

Kwang Tren Shway

Tang

Pea Joo

Cha

Wine
酒
Jiu

What time is it?
现在几点?
Xian Zai Ji Dian?

Red / White wine
红/白酒
Hong / Bai Jiu

Now
现在
Xian Zai

Roasted duck
烤鸭
Kao Ya

Today
今天
Jin Tian

It was delicious.
好吃极了。
Hao Chi Ji Le.

Tomorrow
明天
Ming Tian

The check please!
请结帐 / 买单。
Qing Jie Zhang. / Mai Dan.

Yesterday
昨天
Zuo Tian

Shee-yen Zye Gee Den

Joo

Shee-yen Zye

Hong / Bye Joo

Gin Tien

Kow Ya

Ming Tien

How Tsuh Gee Luh

Zwo Tien

Ching Gee Jahng / My Dahn

Black
黑色
Hei Se

Yellow
黄色
Huang Se

White
白色
Bai Se

Green
绿色
Lù Se

Gray
灰色
Hui Se

Orange
橙色 / 橘色
Cheng Se / Ju Se

Red
红色
Hong Se

Purple
紫色
Zi Se

Blue
蓝色
Lan Se

Brown
褐色 / 棕色 / 咖啡色
He Se / Zong Se / Ka Fei Se

Hwang Suh

Hey Suh

Loo Suh

Bye Suh

Chung Suh/Joo Suh

Hoy Suh

Dz Suh

Hong Suh

**Huh Suh/Zong Suh/Ka Fei
Suh**

Lan Suh

One

一

Yi

Six

六

Liu

Two

二 / 两

Er / Liang

Seven

七

Qi

Three

三

San

Eight

八

Ba

Four

四

Si

Nine

九

Jiu

Five

五

Wu

Ten

十

Shi

Leo

Yee

Chi

Er / Lee-ang

Bah

San

Joo

Sz

Shh

Woo

Eleven
十一
Shi Yi

Twenty-two
二十二
Er Shi Er

Twelve
十二
Shi Er

Twenty-three
二十三
Er Shi San

Thirteen
十三
Shi San

Thirty
三十
San Shi

Twenty
二十
Er Shi

Forty
四十
Si Shi

Twenty-one
二十一
Er Shi Yi

One hundred
一百
Yi Bai

Are Shh Are

Shh Yee

Are Shh San

Shh Are

San Shh

Shh San

Sz Shh

Are Shh

Yee Bye

Are Shh Yee