

BEGINNER LEVEL

This Chinese beginners' course is designed for those with little to no previous knowledge of Chinese language. The course will introduce students to the basic features of the Chinese language including Pinyin (the Chinese phonetics system), basic knowledge about Chinese characters, and explore elements of Chinese culture. Meanwhile, the course will introduce students to 343 Chinese Characters, 352 Chinese words and expressions, and related grammatical items.

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What can you achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pronounce words correctly according to Pinyin. • have a better understanding of strokes, some more radicals and components, character structure and stroke order; be able to recognize and typewrite 133 characters; be able to hand write some easy ones. • acquire 138 Chinese words and expressions. • have a sound understanding of basic Chinese classroom expressions. • acquire some simple Chinese sentence patterns. • make simple conversations to talk about age, family, school and possessions, ask reasons and give answers, make requests and provide comment, shopping and dining, express preferences and ability etc. • develop basic understanding about Chinese culture (Chinese family members; Chinese dragon). 	
Textbook	Units 3-5 from New Contemporary Chinese series books 1	
What will you learn	Pronunciation	The tone changes of “一” ; improve pronunciation of pinyin
	Character	132 Chinese Characters
	Vocabulary	138 Words and expressions
	Grammar	The measure words “个” “本” ; “Verb + 一下” ; the reduplication of verbs; attributives; “和”, “也” and “还”; the particle “吧”.
	Culture	Members of a Chinese family; the meaning of Chinese dragon.