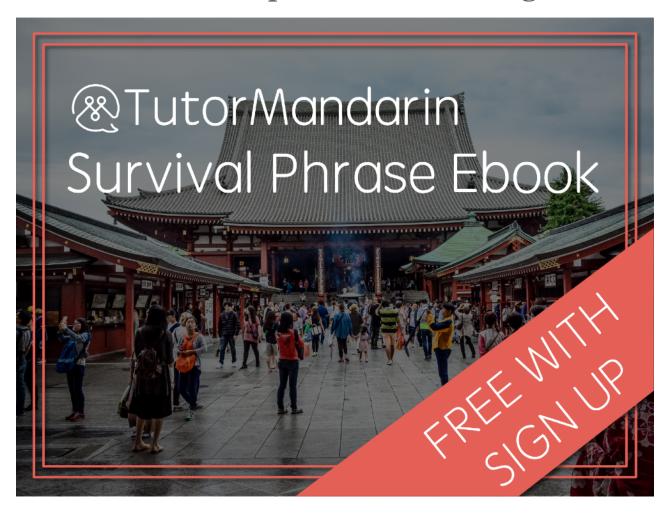
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The "must know" phrases for visiting China



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Intro to Survival Phrases

Mandarin Chinese is the official language of Mainland China and Taiwan. It is also one of the official languages of Singapore! In English, it is often just called "Mandarin" or "Chinese." In China, Mandarin is called Putonghua (普通话), meaning "common speech", while in Taiwan it is referred to as Guoyu (國語), "the national language."

Mandarin has been the main language of education in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau) since the 1950s. Standard Mandarin is close to, but not quite identical with, the Mandarin dialect of the Beijing area. In Singapore, it is officially referred to as HuaYu (华语).

This ebook will teach you the survival phrases you need to survive in China and Taiwan on a daily basis.

Ok, that's it! Enjoy!

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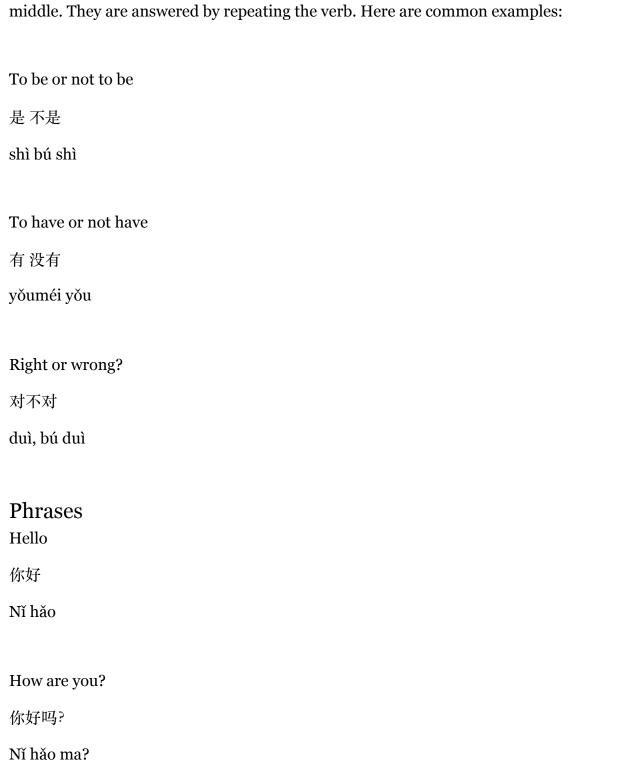
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Basics

Grammar

To be or not to be? Questions are typically asked with two options and a negation in the middle. They are answered by repeating the verb. Here are common examples:



Fine, thank you.
很好,谢谢
Hěn hǎo, xièxie
May I please ask, what is your name?
请问你叫什么名?
Qǐngwèn nǐjiào shěnme míng?
What is your name?
你叫什么名字?
Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?
My name is
我叫。
Wŏ jiào
Nice to meet you.
很高兴认识你。
Hěn gāoxìng rènshì nǐ.
Please.
请。
Qĭng.
Thank you.

谢谢。
Xièxiè.
You're welcome.
不客气。
Bú kèqi.
Excuse me. (To get attention)
请问
qǐng wèn
Excuse me. (begging pardon)
打扰一下。
Dărăo yixià .
Excuse me. (begging pardon)
麻烦您了.
Máfán nín le.
Excuse me. (coming through)
对不起
Duìbùqĭ
Excuse me. (coming through)
请让一下
Qǐng ràng yixià

I'm sorry.
对不起。
Duìbùqǐ.
It's okay. (polite response to "I'm sorry")
没关系.
méiguānxi.
Goodbye
再见。
Zàijiàn
Goodbye (informal)
拜拜。
Bāi-bāi (Bye bye)
I can't speak Chinese.
我不会讲中文。
Wǒ bú huì jiáng zhōngwén.
Do you speak English?
你会说英语吗?
Nǐ huì shuō Yīngyǔ ma?
Is there someone here who speaks English?
这里有人会说英语吗?

Zhèlĭ yǒu rén hùi shuō Yīngyǔ ma?
Help! (in emergencies)
救命!
Jiùmìng!
Good morning.
早安。
zǎo ān.
Good evening.
晚上好。
Wănshàng hǎo.
Good night.
晚安。
Wǎn'ān.
I don't understand (something heard).
我听不懂。
Wǒ tīng bù dǒng.
I don't understand (something read).
我看不懂。
Wǒ kàn bù dǒng.



Where is the toilet?

厕所在哪里?

Cèsuŏ zài năli?

Where is the bathroom (polite)?

洗手间在哪里?

Xǐshǒujiān zài nǎli?

Basics Complete! Great job!

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