

Lesson 3

In today's lesson we looked again at the character:

也 Which means:

'Also ,too' (The 'e' in pinyin sounds like 'er' in the word her')

In the dialogue

我也很好 wǒ yě hěn hǎo

'I'm fine too'

[I also very good]

New character: 呢

You can 'bounce a question back' simply using the particle 'ne' 呢

你呢?

And you? [Same question to you]

英国 = England (in China, generally used to mean

'Britain') yīng guó 英国人 = British

不(bù) before the verb makes a negative. Eg:

我不是中国人。我是英国人。你呢?

wǒ bù shì zhōngguó rén. Wǒ shì yīngguó rén. Nǐ ne?

I'm not Chinese. I'm British. How about you?

我不是中国人。我是希腊人。

我不是意大利人。我是意大利人。

意大利 - Italy

希腊 - Greece

We also looked at numbers up to 10. Lots of vocabulary here which it's important to keep up with.

Here's the link to the Quizlet for lots of regular vocab practice:

<https://quizlet.com/155284207/mandarin-beginners-1-2016flashcards/>

Cultural notes

This week in China is 'golden week' when most of the country have a week's holiday. This is to celebrate 国庆节 (National Day) celebrated on 1st Oct every year– which this year is very close to the second biggest festival in China 中秋节 – mid-Autumn festival (this year on 24th September).

The character for festival is 节

作业 (Homework)

Consolidate vocab so far, sign up for Quizlet and practise writing numbers, using the handout.

Chinese vocabulary covered so far:

country	国	guó
work	工	gōng
king	王	wáng
jade	玉	yù
To be (is, are, am ...etc)	是	shì

Not, negative	不	bù
Britain	英国	yīng guó
British	英国人	yīngguó rén

One	一	yī
Two	二	èr
Three	三	sān
Four	四	sì
Five	五	wǔ
Six	六	liù
Seven	七	qī
Eight	八	bā

Nine	九	jiǔ
Ten	十	shí
Middle	中	zhōng
Language, culture	文	wén
Chinese language (middle language)	中文	zhōngwén
Mouth	口	kǒu
Big	大	dà
Small	小	xiǎo
Hello	你好	nǐ hǎo
You	你	nǐ
Good	好	hǎo
Teacher	老师	lǎoshī
Goodbye	再见	zài jiàn
Thank you	谢谢	xiè xiè
How are you?	你好吗?	nǐ hǎo ma?
Very good, very well	很好	hěn hǎo
very	很	hěn
Question marker	吗	ma
China (middle country)	中国	zhōngguó