

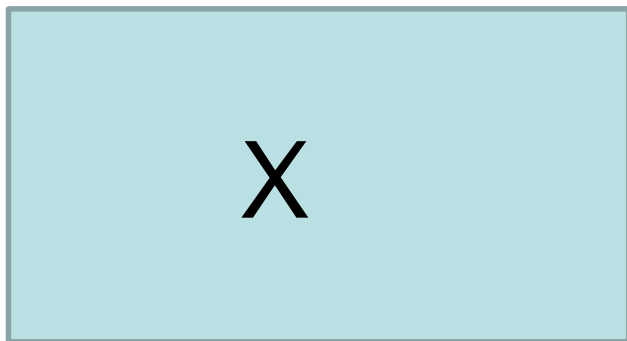
Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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没问题



To make comparisons in Chinese you can use this structure:

X compared to Y is-big (remember that Chinese adjectives come with the verb 'to be' build in)

Y compared to X is-small

The character that means 'compared to' is 比 (bǐ)

So you'd say:

'X' 比 'Y' 大

'Y' 比 'X' 小

中国 比 英国 大

Because a couple of people couldn't make the time of the re-arranged class (sorry) we had a lesson made up of review and consolidation but, apart from the structure above, nothing new.

First we practised listening and then we went over the exercise below – first translating from Chinese to English and then – always much harder – from English to Chinese.

Try it out on the next pages.

Finally we practised speaking as we had done once before – looking at pictures of famous people and trying to ask/answer questions about name, nationality etc

一个名人	A celebrity (name person)
一个明星	A star (in both senses)
一个电影明星	A film star (电影 = electric shadow = film)

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Match the Chinese with the English.

tā bú zài jiā

(1) 他不在家。

tā jiā méi yǒu rén

(2) 他家没有人。

xiāng gǎng shì yí ge gǎng kǒu

(3) 香港是一个港口。

tā gē geshàng dà xué èr nián jí

(4) 他哥哥上大学二年级。

tā yǒu hǎo duō péng you

(5) 她有好多朋友。

nà ge rén shì wǒ dà jiě

(6) 那个人是我大姐。

zhè ge rén shì shuí

(7) 这个人是谁？

tā de péng you bù duō

(8) 他的朋友不多。

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Say the dates in Chinese.

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Match the Chinese with the English.

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- (b) She has many friends.
- (c) He is not at home.
- (d) That person is my eldest sister.
- (e) There is nobody in his home.
- (f) Who is this person?
- (g) He does not have many friends.
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Not much 作业 today

- Workbook page 70, exercise 18