

Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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- Try to read the text below (handout). Use the pinyin side if you have to, but practise reading it allowed from the no-pinyin side, taking care not to write notes on that side.

他是我的笔友。他叫田家英。他今年十一岁。他是中学

生，上七年级。他去过很多地方。他去过欧洲、美洲、

亚洲和非洲。他去过很多国家。他去过英国、德国、

美国、加拿大、日本、马来西亚、南非等国家。他爸

爸、妈妈都是中国人，但是他出生在法国。他们

一家人现在住在北京。他爸爸、妈妈

都工作

tā shì wǒ de bǐ yǒu tā jiào tián jiā yīng tā jīn nián shí yī suì tā shì zhōng xué
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shēng shàng qī nián jí tā qù guo hěn duō dì fang tā qù guo ōu zhōu měi zhōu
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měi guó jiā ná dà rì běn mǎ lái xī yà nán fēi děng guó jiā tā bà
美国、加拿大、日本、马来西亚、南非等国家。他爸

ba mā ma dōu shì zhōng guó rén dàn shì tā chū shēng zài fǎ guó tā men
爸、妈妈都是中国人，但是他出生在法国。他们

yì jiā rén xiàn zài zhù zài běi jīng tā bà ba mā ma
一家人现在住在北京。他爸爸、妈妈

dōu gōng zuò
都工作。

Countries – vocab

英国

中国

美国

日本

法国

加拿大

These are the names of countries. But if you take off the 国 and replace it with 文 you get the name of the language. This is the formal name for the language – it is what you say if you are talking about studying the language in a formal situation. However, the spoken language is often referred to using 语 instead.

If you use then don't say. Instead say 汉语: The language of the Han people.

To say Mandarin, say 普通话
To say Cantonese, say 广东话
话 means 'speech' (舌 means 'tongue')
广东 is the place we used to call Canton.

Places

This is the 'earth' radical 土.
However, the word for earth or
ground is 地

It uses the component 也 (which
on its own means 'also') + the
earth radical. It's pronounced
'di4'

Di4qiu2 = globe, planet earth

Tu2di4 = map

Di4tie3 = underground (metro)

Di4fang1 = place

- 很多 = very many
- 很多地方 = very many places
- 我去很多地方
- I go to many places
- 我去过很多地方
- I have been to very many places

New Words

- shuō
① 说 (說) speak; talk; say
- hàn
② 汉 (漢) the Han nationality
- yǔ
③ 语 (語) language
- hàn yǔ
汉语 Chinese
- yīng yǔ
英语 English
- rì yǔ
日语 Japanese
- fǎ yǔ
法语 French
- dé yǔ
德语 German
- guǎng
④ 广 (廣) broad
- dōng
⑤ 东 (東) east
- guǎng dōng
广东 Guangdong, a province
in China
- huà
⑥ 话 (話) word; talk
- guǎng dōng huà
广东话 Cantonese
- pǔ
⑦ 普 general; universal
- tōng
⑧ 通 open; through
- pǔ tōng huà
普通话 Putonghua

Practise the latest quizlet lots and lots – ideally using the app.
Make sure you can go from Chinese to English and back again.
Make sure you can recognise the vocab just from the audio.

Practise reading the passage on the handout aloud – teaching yourself to read it without the pinyin.