

Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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Say the dates in Chinese.

(1) Monday, December 15

(2) August 17, 2000

(3) November 17, 1997

(4) Tuesday, February 12

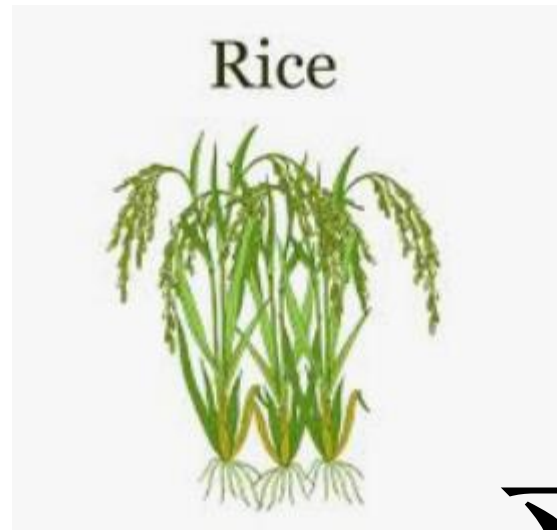
(5) Wednesday, May 2, 2001

(6) October 1, 2001

(7) September 2, 2001

Another very small class today. We began with some revision – saying dates.

Comings and goings



米

Mi3
Mi3fan4 =
rice

来

If you add one stroke to the character for 'rice' you get the verb 'to come' – lai2
To remember this, say to yourself: *You need one more plate when a visitor **comes** to dinner*

To go



qu4

过

Guo4 is a verb which means 'to pass'

If you put it after another verb, it tells you that you *have done* that verb at some point.

EG:

我去过中国

I have been to China

我吃过日本菜

I have eaten Japanese food.

Areas and continents

(We'll go over all this again after Easter, so don't worry if you missed the lesson)

四川
州
洲
欧洲
亚洲

Si4 chuan1 (the Chinese province, particularly famous for spicy food and for pandas! 川 is a character which means 'river')

Zhou1 – area or province

Zhou1 (with the water radical) means 'continent'

Ou1 zhou1 = Europe

Ya4 zhou1 = Asia

英国在欧洲。 中国在亚洲。 日本不在欧洲，是在亚洲

In addition we had a quick look at an HSK 1 paper, to see what the exam would involve (just for curiosity).

Over Easter, use pages of the workbook to revise all recent language.

Also, use the following two Quizlets to learn / practise some core vocabulary

<https://quizlet.com/264584577/part-a-hsk-1-word-list-chinese-to-english-flash-cards/>

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