

Mandarin Chinese
Beginners
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没问题

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(1) 今天¹是几月几号?

(2) 今天星期几?

(3) 你多大了?

(4) 你出生¹在哪儿?

(5) 你去过很多国家¹吗?

(6) 你去过日本吗?

(7) 你有没有去过德国¹?

(8) 你有没有去过澳大利亚¹?

(9) 你有没有笔友?

(10) 你现在住在哪儿?

Basic word order

Subject – verb – object (as in English)

- 我看他
- 他看我
- 他们看电视

Topic - comment

- 人很多
- 车很少
- 北京不冷

- 我昨天跟朋友吃了午饭
- 我的弟弟每天看电视
- 我今天下午在机场的门口等你

(Green= subject, red = verb, blue = object. The rest is 'adverbial' information – more information about the verb – when, where, how etc).

- Wǒ zuótiān gēn péng yǒu chī le wǔ fàn
wǒ de dìdì měi tiān kàn diànshì
wǒ jīntiān xiàwǔ zài jīchǎng de ménkǒu děng nǐ

Rules

- 1) State the subject
- 2) State the adverbial information (with the order of time-manner-place)
- 3) State the verb
- 4) The object (if there is one)

John in summer with his friends likes playing tennis

He yesterday very quickly went back home

Now your turn. Put these sentences in order

- wǒ xué le zhōngwén qù nián zài zhōngguó
- zài měi tiān wǒ kàn tā běijīng dōu
- 现在王老师住在女儿美国的 跟她男朋友
(Now teacher Wang's daughter lives in USA with her boy-friend)

Answers

- wǒ qù nián zài zhōngguó xué le zhōngwén
- Wǒ měitiān dōu zài běijīng kàn tā
- 王老师的儿子现在跟她男朋友住在美国

作业

Listening files - as emailed to you. I know it's tough. Just do your best.

Tapescript is on the slide below. Hope you can get most of the meaning:

107岁老人卖鞋垫成“网红”

8月的北京很热。一个107岁的老人在一个大学门口卖鞋垫。

他的名字叫王振荣（Wang Zhenrong），他有一个儿子和两个女儿。他在这里卖鞋垫很多年，这里很多人都认识他。

现在，老人成了“网红”，很多人都来买他的鞋垫。

Simple conversations

1. Hello
2. How are you? And you?
3. What's your name?
4. What's your surname
5. Where are you from?
6. Where do you live?
7. What's *St Albans* like?
8. Can you speak Chinese?
9. How many people are there in your family?
10. Who is there in your family?
11. Do you have children?
12. How many children have you got?
13. How old are they?