

# Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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After a little revision of some basic characters and radicals, this lesson I dropped you straight into trying to make sense of a text about ping-pong-playing Granny Han.

Here's the text so you can have another go. The glossary is on the next page. Even when you can't recognise a character, it can be helpful to identify the radicals.

A few things to look out for:

Distinguishing 'I' and 'you'. 我 你

Note the 'hand' on the left of 我. It's holding a spear. An aggressive sort of 'here I stand – don't mess with me.

But in 你 the part on the left is a person. The other person – the person you are addressing.

女 female

好 'good' is when a female (left) has a son (right)

很 very. Look for the 'hen house' – steps on the left, a slide as an exit on the right (to stop foxes getting in).

## Ping pong granny

韩奶奶（Grandma Han）是中国河南人，今年81岁。1958年，她上了大学，在大学里很喜欢打乒乓球。

现在，她打球60年了。她每天打两个小时的乒乓球，身体很好。

人们都叫她“乒乓奶奶”。

乒乓球 – pīngpāng qiú - ping-pong / table tennis

奶奶 – nǎi nai - grandmother (paternal) / respectable term for older woman of grandmother's age

上 - shàng - to attend (class, school or university)

大学 – dà xué - university / college

喜欢 – xǐ huan - to like

打 - dǎ - to hit / to strike / to play (a game)

打球 – dǎ qiú - to play ball / to play with a ball

小时 – xiǎo shí - hour

身体 – shēn tǐ - the body / one's health

人们 – rén men - people

叫 - jiào - to call

作业

There's plenty in the reading passage to give you lots of 作业 and revision.

Please go over it as many times as you can.