

Lesson 4 – notes

We started with the following revision tasks:
What does this say?

1. 你好吗？
2. 我是中国人
3. 中文很好
4. 你是工人
5. 工人很好
6. 你好
7. 中国很好
8. 王很好
9. 她是中国人
10. 谢谢

Translation

1. How are you?
2. I'm Chinese
3. Chinese is very good
4. You are a worker
5. The worker/s is/are very good
6. Hello
7. China is very good
8. The King is very good
9. She is Chinese
10. Thank you

We learnt the character:

文 (wén)

which means language so now we
can talk about 中文 and 英文 -
(zhōngwén and yīngwén) Chinese
and English (language).

We practised numbers from 1 – 10
and then looked at how these
numbers are used in a simple way
to be able to count up to 99.
To say '11' you say: ten-one, '12' is ten-two etc
11 = 十一 12 = 十二 etc

When you get to 20 you simply say two-tens, 30 is three-tens, 40 is four—tens etc 二十, 三十, 四十

So 23 = 二十三 65 = 六十五 99 = 九十九

Writing

The character 也 means ‘also, too’

To write: ‘he’ or ‘she’ you put either the ‘person’ component or the ‘woman’ component in front of it.

也 = yě = also

她 = tā = she

他 = tā = he

In speech you can't tell if “ means ‘he’ or ‘she’ but in writing you can.

One last expression we learnt was how to say “Pleased to meet you”

rènshì nǐ hěn gāoxìng

To know/meet you very happy

You can also express this by saying

hěn gāoxìng rènshì nǐ

Here's a reminder to keep practising with the set of online flashcards on Quizlet:

<https://quizlet.com/155284207/mandarin-beginners-1-2016-flash-cards/>

Practise hard – especially on ‘flashcard’ mode – make sure audio is on and try to say the Chinese word without looking at the screen. Then flip the card to check. The repetition will really help and will soon take the strain off your memory. Honestly !

Here are the links to the two YouTube videos I asked you to look at for homework:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42UEgHpPrxY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eLP3FuuEVs>

Also try practising to write some characters using the notebooks: 田格本