

Mandarin Chinese Beginners

Helen Day

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没问题

九十九

三十

十三

五

八十三

六

六十五

十七

四十

十二

九十八

十一

- 你是中国人吗？
- 他们不是工人
- 我们很好
- 王太太说英文

Could you say the following in Chinese?

1.
America

2. He is
Chinese.

7. China

8. I am
Canadian

3. I am
British

4. Canada

9. What is
your
nationality
?

I am
French.

5.
France

6. I am
Japanese.

11. Japan

12. She is
American

Month/moon

To say the names of the month, just say: 1
moon = January, 11 moon = November

Month



yuè

月

Year

nián

年

Date, sun

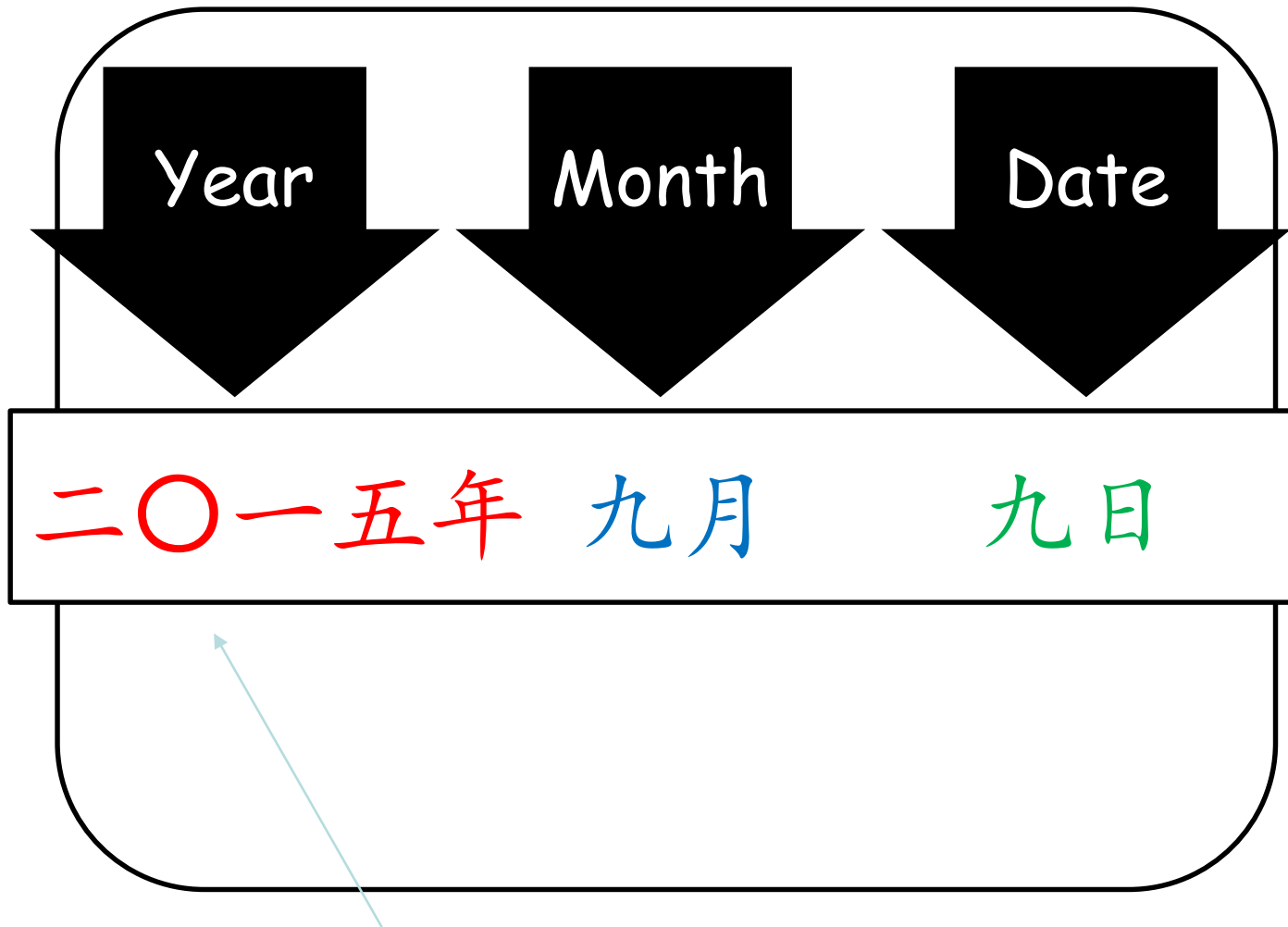
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日

Number

hào

号



0 is pronounced 'ling2'. It is sometimes written like this but the character for ling2 is 零

Read what's on the boxes below

1.
四月

2.
十月

7.
八月

8.
十二月

3.
一月

4.
七月

9.
二月

10.
六月

5.
三月

6.
十一月

11.
五月

12.
九月

Chinese always places a 'measure word' after a number and before a noun. If you are naming a quantity of something, you have to say the unit word after the number, eg: a unit of coffee, 3 units of book. Below is the most important measure word – often used for people. But you can also use it as the universal measure word if you don't know a more specific one.



gè – 'unit of'

So you are literally saying:

I have one unit of son and one unit of daughter

我有一个儿子和一个女儿
有 to have (you3)

儿子 ér zi

女儿 nǚ'ér

孩子 háizi

Homework

- Beginners: review these notes again and again.
- False beginners: Practise chapters 1 & 2 of XiaoMing's Day.