

Mandarin

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First online lesson

Intro

- I've tried to put together some learning practice for you that doesn't require any particular software or expertise or logging-in.
- The first bit is just a recap of last lesson – giving you pronunciation and reading aloud practice: Read with Helen!
- Next I'd like you to read and listen to a text – the text that the picture is illustrating.
- Finally I've made a little video focusing on a writing: writing a couple of characters in the text.
- After you click on each link and play the video, close the video and come back here. It may take a while to work through it all. The advantage over a face-to-face lesson is that you can do it in stages. Just don't forget.
- OK – Task 1, [let's start with the revision. Click on this link](#), listen and speak along.

The link may take a long time to load. When you've finished, come back here.



Task 2.

1) First try to read this text. The glossary you need is on the next page

现在，中国很多公司开工了，人们回到了公司，开始工作。中午吃饭的时候，很多人去饭店买饭。在中国杭州，很多人去麦当劳买午饭。但是，他们不能在里面吃饭，只能等在门口买饭。他们说，现在很多饭馆还没开门，所以买饭是一个问题。

现在，很多商店和饭馆开始开门了，人们觉得等饭馆都开门了，吃饭不会是个问题。

公司 - gōngsī - company / firm / corporation

开工 - kāigōng - to begin work

员工 - yuángōng - staff / personnel / employee

难 - nán - hard / difficult

开始 - kāishǐ - to start / to begin / start / beginning

午饭 - wǔfàn - lunch

里面 - lǐmiàn - inside / interior

等 - děng - to wait

门口 - ménkǒu - doorway / gate

饭馆 - fànguǎn - restaurant

开门 - kāimén - to open a door (lit. and fig.) / to open for
business

问题 - wèntí - question / problem / issue / topic

觉得 - juéde - to think / to feel

Task 3)

- [Now click on this link to see the next part.](#) It may be very slow to load so be patient. When it appear, click play.
- When the video finishes, come back here.

- Your homework (if it isn't all homework) is on the next two pages. When you've worked your way through this, do email to give me feedback or suggestions for what we can do.

[REDACTED]

A: 请问，这儿离新京宾馆远吗？

[REDACTED]

B: 不远，走路二十分钟就到。

[REDACTED]

A: 你能告诉我怎么走吗？

[REDACTED]

B: 从这儿一直往前走，到了前面的路口再往右走。

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一直——一直走——一直往前——一直往左走

——从这儿一直走就是我们学校。

——一直往左走就是宾馆。

——从这儿一直往前走。

路口——十字路口——大路口——左边的路口——路口的右边

——前边有一个十字路口。

——路口的右边就是医院。

——从这儿一直往前走，到了前面的路口再往右走。