

# Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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- This lesson was mainly revision (for those who were in the class last time) and a recap for those who weren't. There was quite a focus on numbers – characters and pronunciation. Once you can count to 10 you can count to 10 – and you have *almost* all you need to count anything in Chinese, so it's worth putting in a lot of practise. It's also important not to practise by counting in order all the time. You need to learn the numbers out of order – so when you see a number in the environment (eg on a number-plate) just ask yourself how you'd say it in Chinese.
- [This rap, made for children](#), is also ridiculously helpful to get the pronunciation.

你好吗？

我是中国人

中文很好

你是工人

工人很好

你好

中国很好

王很好

她是中国人

谢谢

Can you read the following phrases? It's not great literature – but at least it means you've made a start reading sentences!

我是中国人

Wǒ shì zhōng guó rén

我是英国人

Wǒ shì yīng guó rén

不

bù

我不是中国人

wǒ bù shì zhōngguó rén

Remember that when bu4 comes before another 4<sup>th</sup> tone, it is pronounced with a 2<sup>nd</sup> tone: Wo3 bu2 shi4 zhong1guo2 ren2

- 你好吗？
- 我很好，谢谢。你呢？
- 我也很好。你是哪国人？
- 我是英国人。再见。
- 再见

Nǐ hǎo ma?

Wǒ hěn hǎo, xièxiè. Nǐ ne?

Wǒ **yě** hěn hǎo. Nǐ shì **nǎ**  
guó rén?

Wǒ shì yīngguó rén. **Zài jiàn.**

Zài jiàn



## Vocabulary extension – building on what you know

- Big 大
- Too much 太
- Wife 太太
- Heaven 天
- Peace 安
- Gate of Heaven's Peace 天安门
- Door, gate 门

## Person pronouns

• I	• We
• You	• You (plural)
• He	• They
• She	• They

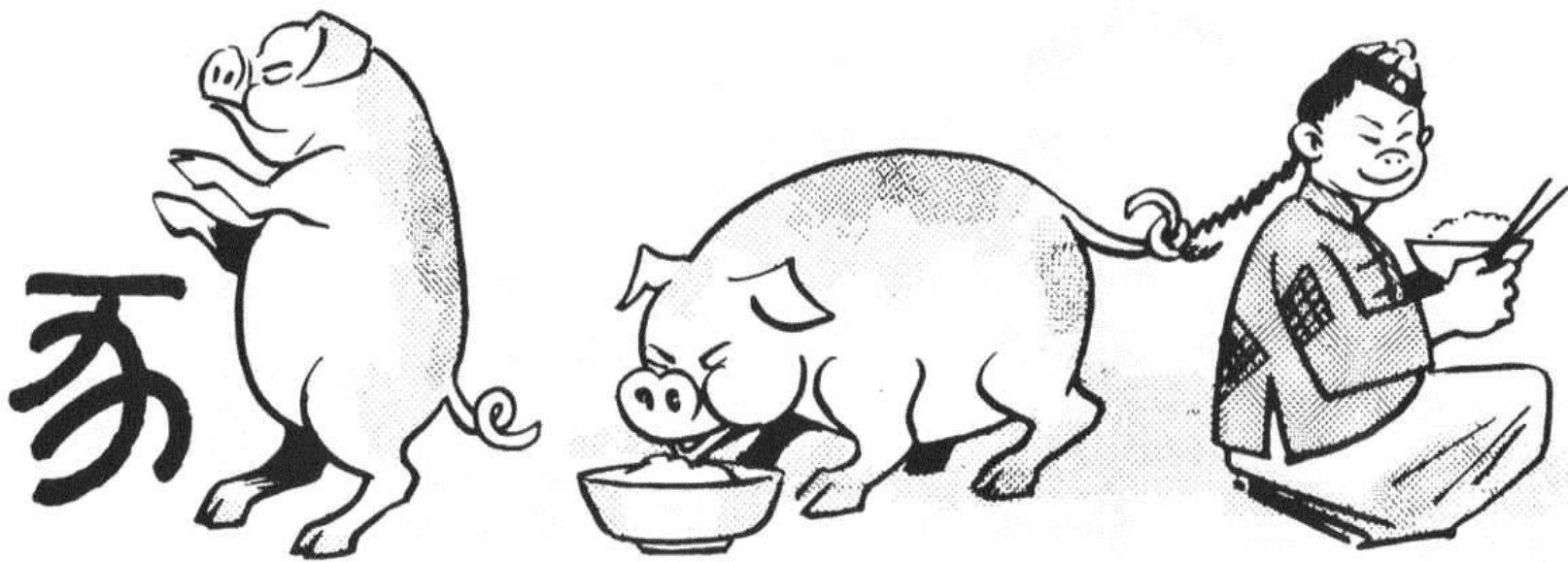
我	我们
你	你们 (plural)
他	他们
她	她们

豕

shǐ

pig

In this pictograph of pig the head is replaced by a line (一). On the left are the belly and paws (彡) and on the right the back and tail (乚). The domestic pig might well symbolise prosperity to man, so closely knit and tied together were their lives. This interdependence probably gave rise to the proverbial saying: "The schoolmaster should not leave his books, nor the poor man his pig."



一 丿 彡 彡 彡 豕 豕

# 家

jiā

house;  
family

A pig (豕) under the roof (宀) gave man his concept of home (家).  
Domesticated, the pig brought man no domestic trouble and was allowed  
freedom to wander about in the house.



'	丶	宀	宀	宀	豕	豕	豕	豕	豕	豕					
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shí yī

十一

shí èr

十二

shí sān

十三

shí sì

十四

shí wǔ

十五

shí liù

十六

shí qī

十七

shí bā

十八

shí jiǔ

十九

èr shí

二十

30

40

50

60

70

80

90

sān shí

sì shí

wǔ shí

liù shí

qī shí

bā shí

jiǔ shí

三十

四十

五十

六十

七十

八十

九十

# 作业 - zuo4 ye4

## Homework

- I've put 3 sets of flashcards in your 'class' so you can use any odd moment in the supermarket queue or a boring meeting to practise vocab.
- If you haven't yet joined the class, here's the link:
- <https://quizlet.com/join/2PaWdF6ZZ>
- I think there are 3 people who haven't yet done this: an Ally, Christina and Tim, I think