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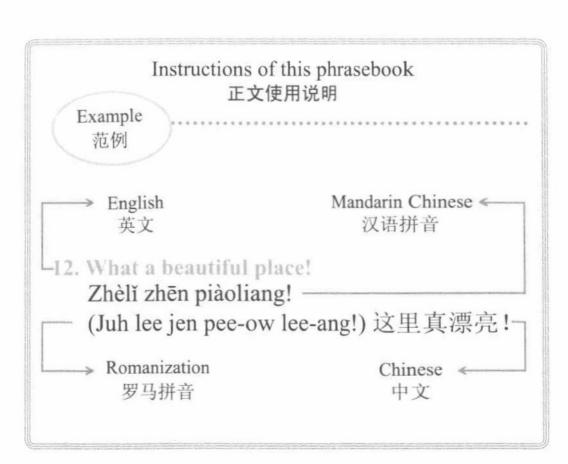
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# FOREWORD Qiányán (前言)



# Mandarin Chinese Hànyǔ Pīnyīn (汉语拼音)

Hanyu Pinyin (汉语拼音), commonly called Pinyin, is the most common variant of Standard Mandarin in use. *Hanyu* means the Chinese language, *pin* means "spell" and *yin* means "sound". Pinyin uses Roman letters to represent sounds in Standard Mandarin, however, they are pronounced differently. The pronunciation of Chinese is generally given in terms of initials and finals.

<b>b</b> (as in <b>b</b> oy)	g (as in girl)	zh (as in judge)
p (as in park)	k (as in kid)	ch (as in church)
m (as in may)	h (as in hat)	sh (as in show)
<b>f</b> (as in <b>f</b> orum)	j (as in jeep)	r (as in rubber)
d (as in dog)	q (as in cheese)	z (as in reads)
t (as in time)	x (as in sheep)	c (as in cats)
n (as in nurse)	w (as in way)	s (as in say)
I (as in love)	y (as in yes)	

ai (as in buy)	ie (as in yes)	
ei (as in eight)	üe (German ü+ye	
ui (as in wait)	er (as in world)	
ao (as in now)	an (as in under)	
OII (as in low)		
iu (as you)	en (as in women) in (as in)	
	ei (as in eight) ui (as in wait) ao (as in now) ou (as in low)	

song) ua (as in waft)
ia) uai (as in wife)
Australian) uan (as one)
oung) uang (u+ang)
neow) uo (as war)
ig)
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Tones are an important part of Chinese. They are the variation of pitch within a syllable and are used to distinguish words with the same Pinyin. There are basically four tones plus a neutral tone in Mandarin Chinese. Each tone is represented by a diacritical mark above a non-medial vowel. The neutral tone is uesd for stressless syllables and its pitch is determined by the tones of adjacent syllables. N. B. a neutral is never a starting tone.

Tones	Tone Marks	Descriptions	Examples
1st tone	-	Flat or High Level Tone (阴平)	Mā (妈) Bā (八)
2nd tone	,	Rising or High-Rising Tone (阳平)	Má (麻) Bá (拔)
3rd tone	~	Falling-Rising or Low Tone (上声)	Mă (马) Bă (把)
4th tone		Falling or High-Falling Tone (去声)	Mà (骂) Bà (爸)
neutral tone	No mark or dot before syllable	Neutral Tone (轻声)	Ma (吗) Ba (吧)



Basic Words & Expressions Jīběn Jùxíng (Gee Ben Jew Shing) 基本句型

Greetings Wènhòu (When Hoh) 问候



# I Questions

- 1. How are you? Nǐ hǎo ma? (Knee how ma?) 你好吗?
- 2. How are you doing? / How is it going?
  How's everything with you? / How have you been?
  Zuìjìn zěnmeyàng? (tz-way qin 'tz' -en muh yang?)
  最近怎么样?
- 3. How have you been recently?
  Zuìjìn shēntǐ hái hǎo ma? ('tz' -way qin shen tee hi how ma?) 最近身体还好吗?
- 4. How's your family?
  Nǐ de jiārén hǎo ma? (Knee duh gee-ah ren how ma?)
  你的家人好吗?
- 5. How was your ...? ... zěnmeyàng? (... 'tz' -en muh yang?)



# ... 怎么样?

- \* vacation/ holiday
- \* weekend

jiàqī (gee-ah chee) 假期 zhōumò (joe moh-uh) 周末

6. What's happening? Jìnlái hǎo ma? (Qin lie how ma?) 近来好吗?

7. What's new?
Jìnkuàng rúhé? (Qin 'qu'-ang roo huh?)
近况如何?

8. Why are you in such a good / bad mood?
Nǐ zěnme xīnqíng zhème (bù) hǎo?
(Knee 'tz'-en muh shin ching juh muh (boo) how?)
你怎么心情这么(不)好?

9. Is anything wrong?

Yǒu shénme bù duìjìn ma? (Yoh shen muh boo 'd' -way qin ma?) 有什么不对劲吗?

\* I / me

\* he (him) / she (her)

\* we / us

we / us

\* you (pl)

\* they / them

\* you

\* mine

wǒ (wuh) 我

tā (ta) 他/她

wŏmen (wuh men) 我们

nǐmen (knee men) 你们

tāmen (ta men) 他们

nǐ (knee) 你

wǒ de (wuh duh) 我的

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\* ours

wŏmen de (wuh men duh) 我们的

\* yours

nǐmen de (knee men duh) 你们的

\* his / hers

tā de (ta duh) 他的/她的

\* theirs

tāmen de (ta men duh) 他们的

10. What have you been busy doing recently?

Zuìjìn máng shénme ne? ('tz'-way qin mang shen muh nuh?) 最近忙什么呢?

11. What happened to ...?

... zěnme le? (... 'tz'-en muh luh?)

... 怎么了?

# II Responses

1. Pretty good. Thanks.

Hěn hǎo. Xièxie. (Hen how. She-ay she-ay.) 很好。谢谢。

2. Fine. And you?

Bù cuò. Nǐ ne? (Boo 'ts'-oh-uh, knee nuh?) 不错。你呢?

3. I'm OK, how about you?

Hái hǎo, nǐ ne? (Hi how, knee nuh?)

还好, 你呢?

# Basic Words & Expressions Jīběn Jùxíng 基本句型



4. Not bad.

Bù cuò. (Boo 'ts'-oh-uh.) 不错。

5. Just so so.

Yībān. ('e' ban.) 一般。

6. So far so good.

Dào mùqián hái hǎo. (Dow moo chee-an hi how.) 到目前还好。

#### III Small Talk

1. Hi / hello! Nǐ hǎo! (Knee how!) 你好!

2. How do you do! (To seniors or superiors to show respect)

Nín hǎo! (Nin how!) 您好!

3. Good morning / afternoon / evening / night! Zǎoshang hǎo! (Tzow shang how!) 早上好! Xiàwǔ hǎo! (She-ah woo how!) 下午好! Wǎnshang hǎo! (Wan shang how!) 晚上好! Wǎn'ān! (Wan an!) 晚安!

4. Long time no see.

Hǎojiǔ bù jiàn. (How gee-oh boo gee-an.) 好久不见。

