



LEARN CHINESE FOR TRAVELLING

(BEGINNER 1)

学旅行中文

xué lǚxíng zhōngwén

Welcome to your Course

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LESSON 2.1

TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF

谈谈自己 TÁN TÁN ZÌJǐ





大家好!
dàjiā hǎo

Hello everyone!
(Lit. big family good)

欢迎大家!
huānyíng dàjiā

Welcome you all!

我很高兴再次见到您们!
wǒ hěn gāoxìng zàicì jiàn dào nínmen

I'm happy to see you
all again!

祝大家新年快乐!
zhù dàjiā xīnnián kuàilè

I wish you all a happy new
year!

A BIT ABOUT ME...



我叫莉莉。
wǒ jiào lìlì

I'm called Lily.

我来自英国。
wǒ láizì yīngguó

I'm from UK.
(I come from UK)

我是一个厨师。
*wǒ shì yīgè chúshī **

I'm a chef.

我会说英语和一点普通话。
wǒ huì shuō yīngyǔ hé yīdiǎn pǔtōnghuà

I can speak English and a little Mandarin.

Note: for 一, change to second tone when preceding fourth tone.



我想去中国旅行。

wǒ xiǎng qù zhōngguó lǚxíng

I want to travel to China. (Lit. I am thinking about going to China travelling.)

我最喜欢广东菜。

wǒ zuì xǐhuān guǎngdōng cài

I like Cantonese cuisine best. (Lit. I most like Cantonese cuisine)

我不喜欢城市度假。

wǒ bù xǐhuān chéngshì dùjià

I don't like city break.

我比较喜欢阳光和海滩。

wǒ bǐjiào xǐhuān yángguāng hé hǎitān

I prefer sun and beach. (Lit. I relatively like...)

Appendix – Professions in a Glance



- Similar to using suffix like -er, -ist and -ian, Chinese often uses certain ending characters to indicate a profession. In many cases, Chinese use gender-neutral terms and it has been like this for centuries.

English	Chinese	Pinyin
businessperson	商人	<i>shāngrén</i>
worker	工人	<i>gōngrén</i>
superman	超人	<i>chāorén</i>
doctor	医生	<i>yīshēng</i>
student	学生	<i>xuéshēng</i>
teacher	老师	<i>lǎoshī</i>
lawyer	律师	<i>lùshī</i>
designer	设计师	<i>shèjì shī</i>
chef	厨师	<i>chúshī</i>
engineer	工程师	<i>gōngchéngshī</i>
architect	建筑师	<i>jiànzhú shī</i>
hairdresser	理发师	<i>lǐfǎ shī</i>
salesman/saleswoman	推销员	<i>tuīxiāo yuán</i>
actor	演员	<i>yǎnyuán</i>
firefighter	消防员	<i>xiāofángyuán</i>
postman/postwoman	邮递员	<i>yóudìyuán</i>
banker	银行家	<i>yínháng jiā</i>
artist	艺术家	<i>yìshùjiā</i>

people

人
rén

livelihood

生
shēng

master

师
shī

member

员
yuán

specialist

家
jiā

Appendix - More Professions



English	Chinese	Pinyin
dentist	牙医	yáyī
nurse	护士	hùshì
accountant	会计	kuàijì
secretary	秘书	mìshū
shopkeeper	店主	diànzhǔ
policeman/policewoman	警察	jǐngchá
plumber	水管工	shuǐguǎn gōng
electrician	电工	diàngōng
singer	歌手	gēshǒu
driver	司机	sījī
journalist	记者	jìzhě
self-employed	自雇	zì gù
homemaker/housewife	家庭主妇	jiā tíng zhǔ fù
retired	退休	tuìxiū
unemployed	失业的	shīyè de

Appendix – Most Visited Countries



English	Chinese	Pinyin
France	法国	<i>fàguó</i>
United States	美国	<i>měiguó</i>
Spain	西班牙	<i>xībānyá</i>
China	中国	<i>zhōngguó</i>
Italy	意大利	<i>yìdàlì</i>
United Kingdom	英国	<i>yīngguó</i>
Germany	德国	<i>déguó</i>
Mexico	墨西哥	<i>mòxīgē</i>
Thailand	泰国	<i>tàiguó</i>
Malaysia	马来西亚	<i>mǎláixīyà</i>

Appendix – Most Visited Cities



City
城市
chéngshì



English	Chinese	Pinyin
Bangkok	曼谷	<i>màngǔ</i>
London	伦敦	<i>lúndūn</i>
Paris	巴黎	<i>bālí</i>
Dubai	杜拜	<i>dùbài</i>
Singapore	新加坡	<i>xīnjiāpō</i>
New York	纽约	<i>niǔyuē</i>
Kuala Lumpur	吉隆坡	<i>jílóngpō</i>
Tokyo	东京	<i>dōngjīng</i>
Istanbul	伊斯坦布尔	<i>yīsītǎnbù'ěr</i>
Seoul	首尔	<i>shǒu'ěr</i>

Appendix – Languages and Nationalities



**People/
person**

人
rén

Speak

说 / 讲
shuō / jiǎng

**Language
(spoken)**

语言
yǔyán

**Language
(written)**

语文
yǔwén

				
Japanese speak Japanese	Korean speak Korean	Spanish speak Spanish	Turkish speak Turkish	Russian speak Russian
日本人说日语	韩国人说韩语	西班牙人讲西班牙语	土耳其人说土耳其语	俄罗斯人说俄语
<i>rìběn rén shuō rìyǔ</i>	<i>hánguó rén shuō hányǔ</i>	<i>xībānyá rén jiǎng xībānyá yǔ</i>	<i>tǔ'ěrqí rén shuō tǔ'ěrqí yǔ</i>	<i>èluósī rén shuō èyǔ</i>