



LESSON 2.4

ORDERING FOOD AND DRINKS

点菜和饮料 DIǎN CÀI HÉ YǐNLIÀO



big restaurant

大酒家
dà jiǔjiā



canteen

餐馆
cānguǎn



noodle bar/stand

面档
miàn dǎng



cafe

咖啡店
kāfēi diàn



food court

美食广场
měishí guǎngchǎng



Sichuan dish

四川菜
sìchuān cài



Cantonese dish

广东菜
guǎngdōng cài



Beijing dish

北京菜
běijīng cài



Dim sum

点心
diǎnxīn



Shanghai dish

上海菜
shànghǎi cài



Hotpot

火锅
huǒguō

LET'S START WITH FEW ESSENTIAL WORDS



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English	Chinese	Pinyin
a menu	一份菜单	yī fèn càidān
a wine list	一份酒单	yī fèn jiǔ dān
starters	头盘	tóu pán
main courses	主菜	zhǔ cài
desserts	甜点	tiándiǎn
breakfast	早餐	zǎocān
lunch	午餐	wǔcān
dinner	晚餐	wǎncān
waiter/waitress	服务生	fúwù shēng
to order food	点菜	diǎn cài
to pay bill	结账/买单	jié zhàng (fomal) /mǎidān (infomral)

Note: adding measure word
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English	Chinese	Pinyin
to drink	喝	hē
to eat	吃	chī
a (can of) coke	一罐可乐	yī guàn kělè
a (glass of) beer	一杯啤酒	yī bēi píjiǔ
a glass of red wine	一杯红酒	yī bēi hóngjiǔ
a bottle of white wine	一瓶白葡萄酒*	yī píng bái pútáojiǔ
a bottle of mineral water	一瓶矿泉水	yī píng kuàngquán shuǐ
a cup of tea	一杯茶	yī bēi chá
a (bowl of) soup	一碗汤	yī wǎn tāng
a (bowl of) plain rice	一碗白飯	yī wǎn báifàn
egg fried rice	鸡蛋炒饭	jīdàn chǎofàn
fish	鱼	yú
seafood	海鲜	hǎixiān
chocolate ice cream	巧克力冰淇淋	qiǎokèlì bīngqílín

Note: adding measure word

*白酒 is Chinese liquor. 葡萄 is grape

IN A RESTAURANT



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在一家餐馆 *zài yījiā cānguǎn*

几位?
jǐ wèi

How many of you?

三位。
sān wèi

3 people (please).

您有预订吗?
nín yǒu yùdìng ma?

Have you got a reservation?

请稍候, 这边座。
qǐng shāo hòu, zhè biān zuò

Please wait...sit here.

LET'S GET SOME DRINKS FIRST....



你们要喝什么?

nǐmen yào hē shénme?

What would you like to drink?

我想要一杯啤酒, 好吗?

wǒ xiǎng yào yī bēi píjiǔ, hǎo ma

I would like a beer, please
(please = is it okay?)

还有一瓶矿泉水。

hái yǒu yī píng kuàngquán shuǐ

...also a bottle of mineral water.

干杯!

gānbēi

Cheers!



想吃什么?
xiǎng chī shénme

What would **you**
like to eat?

来一个北京烤鸭。
lái yīgè běijīng kǎoyā

Bring us a Peking duck.

还有什么?
hái yǒu shénme?

What else?

我想要龙虾面。
I want lobster noodles.

I want lobster noodles.

Note: skip saying "you" in a one on one informal dialogue.



你吃饱了吗?

nǐ chī bǎole ma

Are you full?

很饱，真好吃!

hěn bǎo, zhēn hǎo chī

Very full. Really
delicious!

(Lit. Really good to eat)

小姐，请结账。

xiǎojiě, qǐng jié zhàng

Miss (little elder sister),
bill please.

让我来。

ràng wǒ lái

Let me pay.

(Literally let me come)



你有素食吗?

nǐ yǒu sùshí ma?

Do you have
vegetarian dishes?

有的，我们有蔬菜和豆腐。

yǒu de, wǒmen yǒu shūcài hé dòufu

Yes,
we have vegetable and tofu
dishes.

请给我麻婆豆腐。

qǐng gěi wǒ má pó dòufu.

Can I have Mapo tofu
please. *(lit. please give me Mapo
tofu)*

非常辣的！你要有点辣吗？

fēicháng là de! nǐ yào yǒudiǎn là ma

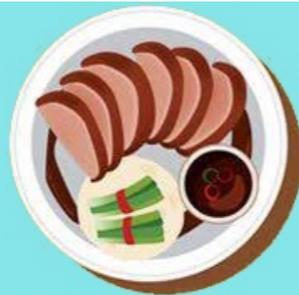
(It is) very spicy!
Would you like mild? (slightly
spicy)

ADVANCED – CHINESE DISHES



Sweet and sour pork

咕佬肉
gū lǎo ròu



Peking duck

北京烤鸭
běijīng kǎoyā



Pak choy with garlic

蒜蓉白菜
suàn róng báicài



Fried noodles

炒面
chǎomiàn



Wonton soup

馄饨 / 云吞汤
húntún / yúntūn tāng



Mapo tofu (beancurd)

麻婆豆腐
mápó dòufu



Dumplings

饺子
jiǎozi



Kung pao chicken

宫保鸡丁
gōng bǎo jī dīng



Shanghai xia long bao

上海小笼包
shànghǎi xiǎo lóng bāo

中国菜 *zhōngguó cài*



Fish and chips

鱼和薯条
yú hé shǔ tiáo



Full breakfast

全套早餐
quántào zǎocān



Sunday roast

週日烤肉
zhōurì kǎoròu



Toad in the hole

裏面烤香肠
guǒ miàn kǎo xiāngcháng



Bangers and mash

香肠和土豆泥
xiāngcháng hé tǔdòu ní



Shepherd's pie

牧羊人的馅饼
mùyáng rén de xiàn bǐng

英国菜
yīngguó cài