



LESSON B.5

COUNTRIES AND NATIONALITIES

国家和民族 GUÓJIĀ HÉ MÍNZÚ

LESSON B.4 REVISION



Construct words/phrases from the below characters:

回
huí

说
shuō

留
liú

告
gào

主
zhǔ

不用
bùyòng

小
xiǎo

一点
yīdiǎn

话
huà

时间
shí jiān

言
yán

急
jí

电话
diànhuà

人
rén

诉
sù

席
xí



People's Republic of China (PRC)

中华人民共和国 (中国)

zhōnghuá rénmin gònghéguó (zhōngguó)

Population: 1.4 billion

人口: 十四亿

rénkǒu: shísì yì

Capital: Beijing

首都: 北京

shǒudū: běijīng

Chairman: Xi Jinping

国家主席: 习近平

guójiā zhǔxí: xījìnpíng

Flower: Peony

花: 牡丹

huā: mǔdān

MOST POPULATED COUNTRIES



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English	Chinese	Pinyin
China	中国	<i>zhōngguó</i>
India	印度	<i>yìndù</i>
United States	美国	<i>měiguó</i>
Indonesia	印度尼西亚	<i>yìndùníxīyà</i>
Brazil	巴西	<i>bāxī</i>
Pakistan	巴基斯坦	<i>bājīsītǎn</i>
Nigeria	尼日利亚	<i>nírìliǎ</i>
Bangladesh	孟加拉国	<i>mèngjiālā guó</i>
Russia	俄罗斯	<i>èluósī</i>
Mexico	墨西哥	<i>mòxīgē</i>

BEST COUNTRIES TO RAISE CHILDREN



English	Chinese	Pinyin
Denmark	丹麦	dānmài
Sweden	瑞典	ruìdiǎn
Norway	挪威	nuówēi
Finland	芬兰	fēnlán
Canada	加拿大	jiānádà
Netherlands/Holland	荷兰	hélán
Switzerland	瑞士	ruìshì
New Zealand	新西兰	xīnxīlán
Australia	澳洲	àozhōu
Austria	奥地利	àodìlì

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>

MOST VISITED CITIES



City

城市

chéngshì

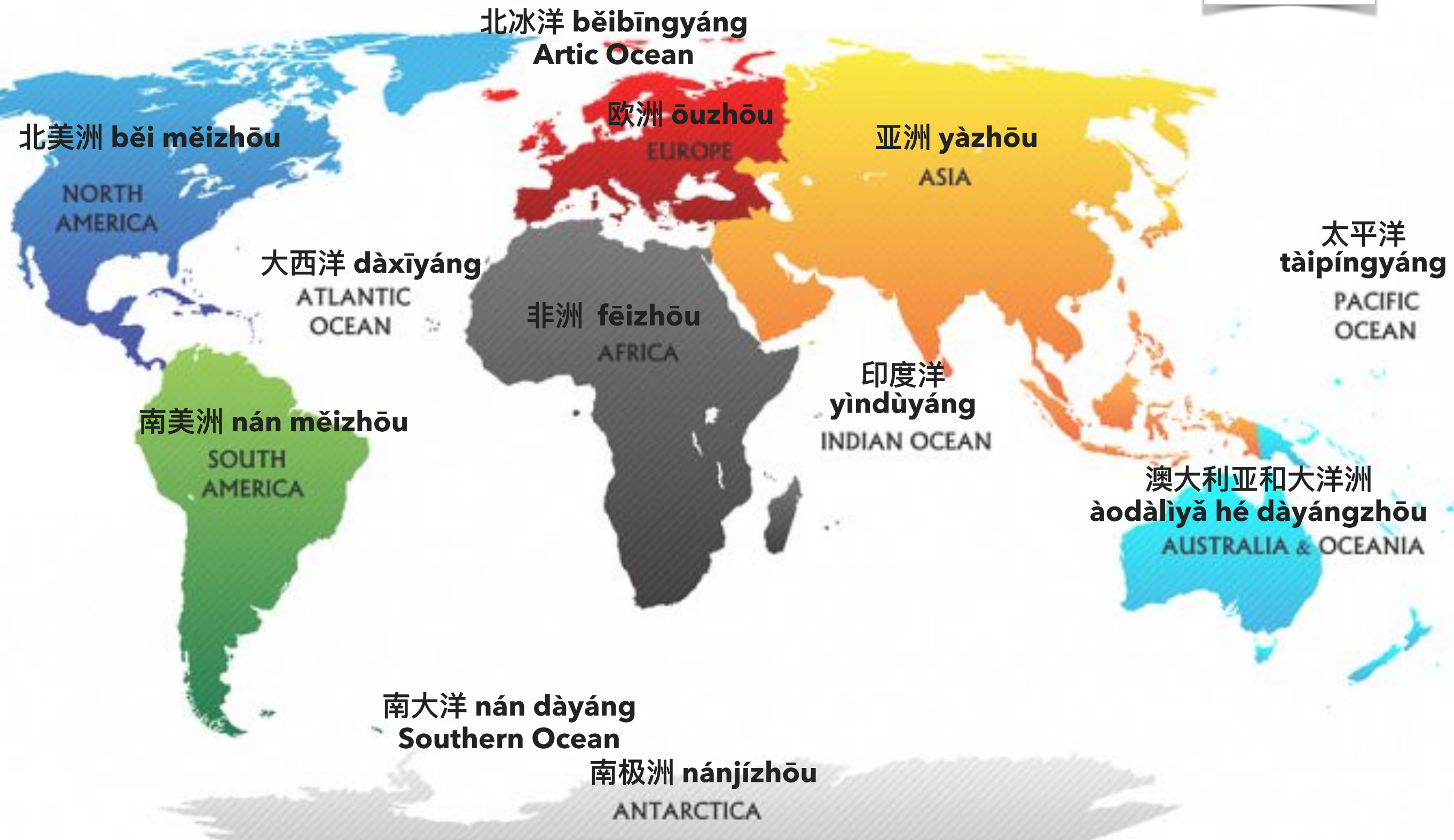


English	Chinese	Pinyin
Bangkok	曼谷	màngǔ
London	伦敦	lúndūn
Paris	巴黎	bālí
Dubai	杜拜	dùbài
Singapore	新加坡	xīnjiāpō
New York	纽约	niǔyuē
Kuala Lumpur	吉隆坡	jílóngpō
Tokyo	东京	dōngjīng
Istanbul	伊斯坦布尔	yīsītǎnbù'ěr
Seoul	首尔	shǒu'ěr

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LANGUAGES AND NATIONALITIES



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People/person

人

rén

Speak

说 / 讲

shuō / jiǎng

Language

(spoken/written)

语言 / 语文

yǔyán / yǔwén



Japanese speak
Japanese

日本人说日文

*rìběn rén shuō
rìwén*



Korean speak
Korean

韩国人说韩语

*hánguó rén shuō
hányǔ*



Spanish speak
Spanish

西班牙人讲
西班牙语

*xībānyá rén jiǎng
xībānyá yǔ*



Turkish speak
Turkish

土耳其人说
土耳其语

*tǔ'ěrqí rén shuō
tǔ'ěrqí yǔ*



Russian speak
Russian

俄罗斯人说俄语

*èluósī rén shuō
èyǔ*

ASKING ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY AND NATIONALITY 1



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你从哪里来?

nǐ cóng nǎlǐ lái

Where are you from?

我住在英国，但我是意大利人。
你呢?

wǒ zhù zài yīngguó, dàn wǒ shì yìdàlì rén. nǐ ne

I live in UK,
but I'm Italian. How about
you?

我来自北京，我在这里学习英语。

wǒ láizì běijīng, wǒ zài zhèlǐ xuéxí yīngyǔ

I'm from Beijing. I study
English here.

真棒！我很喜欢中国文化。

zhēn bàng! wǒ hěn xǐhuān zhōngguó wénhuà

Awesome! I like
Chinese culture very much.

ASKING ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY AND NATIONALITY 2



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你喜欢住在英国还是意大利？

nǐ xǐhuān zhù zài yīngguó háishì yìdàlì

Do you prefer living in UK or Italy?

意大利，但英国有更多的就业机会。

yìdàlì, dàn yīngguó yǒu gèng duō de jiù yè jī huì

Italy, but there are more job opportunities in UK.

你国家的人口是多少？

nǐ guójiā de rén kǒu shì duō shǎo

What is the population in your country?

大约六千一百万。

dà yuē liù qiān yī bǎi wàn

61 million approximately.

ASKING ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY AND NATIONALITY 3



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梵蒂冈是意大利的首都吗?

fàndìgāng shì yìdàlì de shǒudū ma

不是，罗马是首都。
梵蒂冈是一个独立的城邦。

bùshì, luómǎ shì shǒudū. fàndìgāng shì yīgè dúlì de chéngbāng

糟糕了！我上学迟到了！

zāogāole! wǒ shàngxué chídàole

啊！我车你去。

A! wǒ chē nǐ qù

Is Vatican the capital of Italy?

No, Rome is the capital. Vatican is an independent city-state.

Terrible! I'm late to school!

Ah, I give you a lift!
(Lit. I drive you go)



Awesome!

真棒

zhēn bàng



Terrible!

糟糕!

zāogāo



POLITICS – ONE CHINA PRINCIPLE



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Complex Cross-Strait relations

- **China** 🇨🇳 views Taiwan as a province and claims Taiwan as part of its territory under its "**One China Principle**" 一个中国原则 (*yīgè zhōngguó yuánzé*).
- **Taiwan** 🇹🇼 views itself as an independent territory with its own democratically elected government.
- **Hong Kong** 🇭🇰 is a Special Administrative Region of China. A former British colony, it was handed over to China in 1997.
- **Macau** 🇲🇴 is a Special Administrative Region of China. A Portuguese territory until 1999, it reflects a mix of cultural influences.

Mainland China

中国大陆
zhōngguó dàlù

Hong Kong

香港
xiānggǎng



Macau

澳门
àomén



Taiwan

台湾
Táiwān





Communist Party of China (CPC) 中国共产党 (中共) *zhōngguó gòngchǎndǎng (zhōng gòng)*

- The CPC is the founding and ruling political party of the People's Republic of China.
- The CPC is officially organised on the basis of **democratic centralism**, a principle conceived by Russian **Marxist** theoretician Vladimir Lenin which entails democratic and open discussion on policy on the condition of unity in upholding the agreed upon policies.
- **Communism** 共产主义 (*gòngchǎn zhǔyì*) is defined by **workers owning** the means of production and, as such has traditionally stood in opposition to **capitalism** 资本主义 (*zīběn zhǔyì*) where industry is controlled by **private owners** for profit.

Is China's growth driven by communist capitalism?

- The Communist Party describes its economic model as “**socialism with Chinese characteristics**”, which in practice means the government **owns** the country's biggest companies – what Lenin referred to as the “**commanding heights of the economy**” – the banks, energy and transport sectors.
- The private sector in China, which contributes a greater percentage of GDP than the state sector, is still very **receptive to the state** – and China isn't classed as a market economy by the World Trade Organisation, in part because of how much **the state intervenes**.

CULTURE – WHAT DID CHINA INVENT?



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Four Great Inventions of Ancient China 四大发明 (*sì dà fāmíng*)



Papermaking

造纸
zàozhǐ

Printing

印刷术
yìnshuā shù

Compass

指南针
zhǐnánzhēn

Gunpowder

火药
huǒyào

Other Inventions

- **Silk** 丝 (*sī*) is made from the cocoons of silkworms. The process was kept secret for hundreds of years. Trade route running from Europe to China was known as the **Silk Road** 丝绸之路 (*sīchóu zhī lù*).
- **Abacus** 算盘 (*suànpán*) was invented in the 2nd century BC. This was a calculator that used sliding beads to help compute math problems quickly.
- **Kites** 风筝 (*fēngzhēng*) were first used as a way for the army to signal warnings.
- **Umbrellas** 雨伞 (*yǔsǎn*) were invented for protection from the sun as well as the rain.

CULTURE: VALENTINE'S DAY AND THE YEAR OF DRAGON



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情人节
qíng rén jié

龙年
lóng nián

你是我的爱人!
nǐ shì wǒ de ài rén!

我祝你龙年行大运!
wǒ zhù nǐ lóng nián xíng dà yùn



APPENDIX – 100 PLUS NUMBERS REVISITED



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100	1,000	10,000	1,000,000	100,000,000	1,000,000,000
百 <i>bǎi</i>	千 <i>qiān</i>	万 <i>wàn</i>	百万 <i>bǎiwàn</i>	亿 <i>yì</i>	十亿 <i>shí yì</i>

Arabic	Chinese	Pinyin	Method
150	一百五十	<i>yībǎi wǔshí</i>	insert 一 before 百, insert 五 before 十, i.e. 1 x 100 + 5 x 10
5,500	五千五百	<i>wǔqiān wǔbǎi</i>	insert 五 before 千, insert 五 before 百, i.e. 5 x 1,000 + 5 x 100
55,000	五万五千	<i>wǔwàn wǔqiān</i>	insert 五 before 万, insert 五 before 千, i.e. 5 x 10,000 + 5 x 1,000
3,500,000	三百五十万	<i>sānbǎi wǔshí wàn</i>	insert 三 before 百万, insert 五十 between 百 and 万, i.e. 3 x 1,000,000 + 50 x 10,000
40,200,000	四千二十万	<i>sìqiān èrshí wàn</i>	insert 四 before 千万, insert 二十 between 千 and 万, i.e. 4 x 10,000,000 + 20 x 10,000
43,000,000	四千三百万	<i>sìqiān sānbǎi wàn</i>	insert 四 before 千万, insert 三百 between 千 and 万, i.e. 4 x 10,000,000 + 300 x 10,000
1,300,000,000	十三亿	<i>shísān yì</i>	insert 十三 before 亿, i.e. 13 x 100,000,000

CLASSROOM EXERCISE B.5 – WHAT CAN YOU SPEAK



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- Role play: working with the person next to you, ask what language do they speak and what is the population in the country or city they come from.

你会说什么语言?
nǐ huì shuō shénme yǔyán?

你国家的人口是多少?
nǐ guójiā de rénkǒu shì duōshǎo

