

# Your Chinese Bible - Practical Words and Phrases

## Important sayings

English	Chinese Character/Pin Yin	Phonetic English
Hello/Hi	nǐ hǎo 你 好	knee how
What is your name?	nín jiào shénme? 您 叫 什 么?	neen jeao shnn-muh?
Good Bye	zài jiàn 再 见	zi gee'en
Yes	shì 是	shr
No	bú shì 不 是	boo shr
Right/ Correct	duì 对	dway
Wrong	bú duì 不 对	boo dway
No, thanks	bú yòng le, xiè xiè 不 用 了, 谢 谢	boo yong la, sheh sheh
Thank you	xiè xiè 谢 谢	sheh sheh
You are welcome	bú yòng xiè 不 用 谢	boo yong sheh
Sorry	duì bu qǐ 对 不 起	dway boo chee
I do not understand	wǒ tīng bù dǒng 我 听 不 懂	wore ting boo dong
I would like...	wǒ yào 我 要...	wore yeow
What's this?	zhè shì shénme? 这 是 什 么?	rJer shrr shnn-muh?
How much (money)...?	duōshao qián? ...多 少 钱?	...Dwor-shaow chyen?
I want to go to ...	wǒ xiǎng qù... 我 想 去...	Wor sshyang chyoo ...
Make it cheaper	piányi yìdiǎn 便 宜 一 点	peean ee edean
Too expensive	tài guì le 太 贵 了	tie gway la
Do you have...?	yǒu méi yǒu 有 没 有...	yo may yo
I don't need...	bú yào 不 要...	boo yeow...

## Directions

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Stop!	tíng 停!	ting
Turn left	zuǒ guǎi 左拐	zaw
Turn right	yòu guǎi 右拐	yo
Go straight	yì zhí zǒu 一直走	ee zha zo
Where is...?	... zài nǎ lǐ ...在 哪 里	...zi nar lee
There	nà lǐ 那 里	nar lee
Here	zhè lǐ 这 里	jur lee
Toilet	cè suǒ 厕 所	tsur saw
How long (time)...?	duō jiǔ ...多 久?	...dor joe

## At the restaurant

English	Chinese Character/Pin Yin	Phonetic English
Chopstick	kuài zǐ 筷 子	kwhy za
Knife	dāo 刀	dow
Fork	chā zǐ 叉 子	char z
Spoon	sháo zi 勺 子	sheow z
Water	shuǐ 水	shway
Coke	kě lè 可 乐	kur la
Bill	mǎi dān 买 单	my dan



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## Numbers

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1	yī 一	e
2	èr 二	r
3	sān 三	san
4	sì 四	sz
5	wǔ 五	oo
6	liù 六	leo
7	qī 七	chee
8	bā 八	bah
9	jiǔ 九	jeo
10	shí 十	shr
11	shí yī 十一	shr e
12	shí èr 十二	shr r
13	shí sān 十三	shr san
14	shí sì 十四	shr sz
20	èr shí 二十	r shr
30	sān shí 三十	san shr
100	yì bǎi 一百	ee bye
1,000	yì qiān 一千	ee chee an
10,000	yí wàn 一万	ee wan



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## Pronouns

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I/Me	wǒ 我	wore
You	nǐ 你	knee
He/She/It	tā / tā / tā 他 / 她 / 它	tar

## Figures of speech

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That's good.	hǎo 好	how
Not good.	bù hǎo 不 好	boo how
Very good.	hěn hǎo 很 好	hun how



### 1. How many people around the world use Chinese?

Chinese is used by approximately 1.5 billion people around the world, that is almost one fifth of the world population, including people in China (Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan included), Chinese people in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar, as well as Chinese communities all over the world.

### 2. Is it difficult to learn Chinese?

Chinese is often quoted as being the most difficult language to learn on the planet. Much of this is due to the difficulty in remembering Chinese characters (3-4,000 in common use). While learning to read and write is a laborious process, learning to speak a few phrases is relatively easy. Writing Chinese characters are especially difficult because they are much more complicated than English words. It is important to practice on a regular basis, ideally spare some time on it every day or every week. See free Chinese lessons on our Wechat official account: **LilyChinese** and website: <https://bilingoal.com>

### 3. How many Chinese characters do you need to know?

There is no specific total number of Chinese characters. However, mastering 3000-4000 frequently used characters is enough to cover daily conversations and readings.

### 4. What is pinyin? Is it useful for learning Chinese?

Pinyin is a very useful tool for learning Chinese. It serves the same purpose as the international phonetic symbols used in dictionaries to show how English words are pronounced, and is an efficient way of representing Chinese sounds with the Roman alphabet. Pinyin can be thoroughly learnt in a few hours, but a working knowledge of Chinese characters takes months, if not years of hard study.

