### LESSON SCHEDULE – MANDARIN BEGINNERS

**Key Notes:**  
* p – Textbook page;  ppt – PowerPoint;  e-flashcards – electronic flashcards;  WLM – Web Link on Moodle

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| 1    | Introductions: the course and the sound of Chinese; Greetings & Farewells; Introducing yourself | • Basis information about the sound of Chinese *Pinyin* and Chinese characters;  
• Greetings: Hello 你好; How are you? 你好吗; I am fine 我很好; Not bad 不错; Just so 马马虎虎; Not very well 不好; How about you? 你呢? How are things going? 怎么样;  
• Farewells: Goodbye 再见; See you tomorrow 明天见;  
• My name is ... 我叫...;  
• The use of “also 也”;  
• Practise writing Chinese characters. | p1-13(Lesson 1 & The Sound of Chinese);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 1 |
| 2    | Exchanging personal information: Names & Titles | • Pronouns: I 我; you 你; he 他; she 她; you (polite) 您; we 我们; you (plural) 你们;  
• Titles: Mr. 先生; Mrs. 太太; Miss 小姐; friend 朋友;  
• May I ask...请问;  
• May I know your surname? 您贵姓?  
• What's your name/surname? 你叫/姓什么?  
• Who are you? 你是谁?  
• I am glad to meet you. 认识你很高兴。  
• Practise writing Chinese characters. | p14-19 (Lesson 2);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 2 |
| 3    | Exchanging personal information: Nationalities & Languages | • Nationalities: Britain 英国; Germany 德国; France 法国; USA 美国;  
• Languages: Mandarin 汉语; English 英语; French 法语; German 德语; Japanese 日语;  
• Verbs: speak 说; introduce 介绍; come 来;  
• Where do you come from? 你从哪儿来?  
• What’s your nationality? 你是哪国人?  
• Where is your home? 你家在哪儿?  
• Are you busy? 你忙不忙?  
• Sentence pattern: verb + “ a bit 一下”  
• Come from ...: 从... 来  
• Practise writing Chinese characters. | p20-25 (Lesson 3);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 3 |
<p>| 4    | Numbers and Time: | • Numbers: one, two …ten 一, 二......十; zero 零; | p26-31 (Lesson 4); |</p>
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<th>Counting from 1 to 12; Describing time: days, dates, weekdays, month, year; Describing age &amp; birthdays</th>
<th>Time: day 天; date 号, 日; week 星期; month 月; year 年; today 今天; yesterday 昨天; tomorrow 明天; now 现在; Nouns: age 岁; birthday 生日; Chinese New Year 春节; Questions: what is the date...? ...几号? Questions: How old...? ...几岁? The order of a date: year 年, month 月, day 号/日, weekday 星期; Affirmative-negative question: Is it...? 是不是...? Practise writing Chinese characters; Culture introduction: Greeting Etiquettes</th>
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<td>Time: o'clock 点; minute 分; a quarter 一刻; half 半; everyday 每天; morning 早上; evening 晚上; Nouns: shop 商店; door 门; breakfast 早饭; Verbs: get up 起床; eat 吃: open 开; close 关; know 知道; Daily expressions: thanks 谢谢; you are welcome 不客气; sorry 对不起; it doesn’t matter 没关系; Questions: what time...? ...几点? Sentence pattern: number + o'clock 点 + number + minute 分/a quarter 一刻; Sentence pattern: be short of 差 + number + minute 分 + number + o'clock 点; The difference between “know 知道” and “know 认识”; Practise writing Chinese characters.</td>
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<td>6 Addresses and Telephone Numbers</td>
<td>Locations: the Great Wall 长城; hotel 饭店; avenue 大街; road 路; embassy 大使馆; room 房间; Nouns: telephone 电话; number 号; mobile phone 手机; address 地址; business card 名片; Verbs: live 住; be located 在; Questions: where is...? ...在哪儿? Questions: what is your telephone number? 你的电话是多少? Sentence pattern: subject + be at 在 + place; Practise writing Chinese characters.</td>
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### Professions and Work Places

- **Professions:** student 学生; teacher 老师; lawyer 律师; doctor 医生; secretary 秘书; accountant 会计
- **Work places:** bank 银行; hospital 医院; company 公司; university 大学; secondary school 中学; primary school 小学
- **Verbs:** work 工作; retire 退休; learn 学; love 爱; do 做;
- **Questions:** What do you do for a living? 你做什么?
- **Sentence pattern:** subject + in/at + work
- **The use of modal verbs**

### Personal Interests and Abilities

- **Nouns:** cook 做饭; watch film 看电影; watch TV 看电视; kung fu 功夫; go shopping 买东西; reading 看书
- **Modal verbs:** can 会; like 喜欢;
- **Verb:** eat 吃; look 看;
- **Adverbs:** often 常/常常; really 真的; very 非常; a little 一点儿;
- **Time word:** weekend 周末;
- **The use of modal verbs**
- **The use of “a bit 一点儿”**
- **Sentence:** I am sorry, please repeat it once more 对不起，请再说一遍。
- **Question:** Excuse me, what does this character mean? 请问，这个字是什么意思?
- **Question:** Excuse me, how can I say … in Chinese? 请问，…怎么说?
- **Computer instructions:** print 打印; copy 复制; login 登录; search 搜索; register 注册

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**Exchanging foreign currency into RMB.**
- **Question:** How much would you like to exchange? 您要换多少？
- **Reduplication verbs:** have a look 看看; think 想想;
- **Tell the price using “unit of RMB”, “10 cents 毛” and “cent 分”**

**Shops and Shopping 1:**
- **Nouns:** map 地图; English-Chinese dictionary 英汉词典; credit card 信用卡; cash 现金;
- **Verbs:** use 用; accept 收;
- **Measure word for book:** 本;
- **Measure word for flat objects:** 张;
- **Questions:** is it OK 行不行; how much 多少钱;
- **Sentence pattern:** can 会 + verb + particle 吗?

**Shops and Shopping 2:**
- **Nouns:** overcoat 大衣; jumper 毛衣; tie 领带; shirt 衬衫; trousers 裤子; skirt 裙子;
- **Colours:** green 绿; black 黑; red 红; blue 蓝; pink 粉; white 白;
- **Measure word for clothes:** 件;
- **Measure word for tie:** 条;
- **Verbs:** try 试;
- **Adjective:** cheap 便宜; expensive 贵;
- **Of course you can:** 当然可以;
- **The difference between “can 能” and “be able to 会”**;
- **Sentence pattern:** adjective + 的

**Shops and Shopping 3:**
- **Sizes:** large 大; medium 中; small 小; extra large 特大; size 号;
- **Styles:** long 长; short 短; style 样子; type 种;
- **Nouns:** top 上衣; clothes 衣服; shoes 鞋;
- **Adjective:** suitable 合适; difficult 难; beautiful 漂亮;
- **Measure word for shoes:** 双;
- **the largest size:** 最大号;
- **Question:** what size do you wear? 你穿多大号的？
- **The difference between “a little 一点儿” and “somewhat 有点儿”**;

### Resources
- p90-95 (Lesson 15);
- WLM;
- e-flashcards;
- ppt_week 13
- p96-101 (Lesson 16);
- WLM;
- e-flashcards;
- ppt_week 14
- p102-107 (Lesson 17);
- WLM;
- e-flashcards;
- ppt_week 15
### Food and Restaurants:
- **Talking about Different Food:**
- **Discussing your likes and dislikes of certain food:**
- **Ordering some dishes in a Chinese restaurant**

- **Sentence pattern:** no 不 adjective 1 no 不 adjective 2
- **Food:**
  - green vegetable 青菜
  - fried rice 炒菜
  - plain rice 白饭
  - tofu 豆腐
  - spinach 菠菜
  - pork 猪肉
  - beef 牛肉
  - seafood 海鲜
  - prawns 虾
  - soup 汤
  - cooked rice 米饭
  - fish 鱼
- **Verbs:** order dishes 点菜
- **Measure word for poultry:** 只
- **Nouns:**
  - waiter/waitress 服务员
  - vegetarian 素食者
  - menu 菜单
- **Adjective:**
  - tasty 好吃
  - good to drink 好喝
  - good-looking 好看
  - pleasant to listen 好听
- **I will bring it right away.** 我马上来。
- **The bill please.** 请结账。
- **Question:** A or 还是 B?
- **Statement:** A or 或者 B.

### Cafes, Pubs and Drinks:
- **Talking about different drinks:**
- **Discussing the taste of a certain drink:**
- **Ordering some drinks in a Chinese pub**

- **Sentence pattern:** adjective + extremely 极了
- **Drinks:**
  - beer 啤酒
  - coffee 咖啡
  - well-known liquor 名酒
  - tea 茶
  - coke 可乐
- **Verbs:** add 加
- **Nouns:**
  - cream 奶油
  - ice 冰
  - cup 杯
  - bottle 瓶
- **Flavours:**
  - spicy 辣
- **Adjective:**
  - famous 有名
- **Question:** what would you like to drink? 您喝点儿什么?
- **Question:** what does it taste like? 味道怎么样?
- **Sentence pattern:** subject + to be 是 + circumstance + verb + 的

### Hotels and Services:
- **Describing the basic facilities in a hotel:**
- **Talking about a past event**

- **Sentence pattern:** subject + to be 是 + circumstance + verb + 的
- **Verbs:** send 发; check 查; surf the internet 上网;
- **Nouns:**
  - business centre 商务中心; email 电子邮件; toilet 卫生间; problem 问题; computer 电脑
  - measure word for floor 楼
- **Question:** How can I help you? 您有事吗?
- **Of course 当然了;**
- **The use of particle 了;**
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- **Sentence pattern:** subject + to be 是 + circumstance + verb + 的

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### Additional Notes
- **p112-117 (Lesson 19):**
- **p118-123 (Lesson 20):**
- **p124-129 (Lesson 21):**
| 19 | **Travel and Transport:**  
Talking about different modes of transport;  
Understanding written instructions to travel from X to Y;  
| Verbs: sit 坐; ride 骑; walk 走; drive 开车;  
Modes of transport: tube 地铁; train 火车;  
bicycle 自行车; boat 船; public bus 公共汽车;  
aeroplane 飞机;  
Nouns: station 站; supermarket 超市;  
Adjective: far 远; near 近; comfortable 舒服  
| Question: How will you get there? 您怎么去?  
Sentence pattern: subject + sit 坐 + transport + verb;  
Sentence pattern: A + from 离 + B + distance | p130-135  
(Lesson 22);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 19 |
| 20 | **Places and Directions**  
Revision & Open Test  
| Directions: east 东; south 南; west 西; north 北;  
northwest 西北; left 左; right 右; front 前;  
Verbs: turn 拐; arrive 到; stop 停; get on (a car) 上车;  
Where is …? … 在哪儿  
How do I get there on foot? 怎么走?  
How long? 多长时间?  
Straight ahead. 一直往前走。  
Turn right. 向右拐。  
No problem. 没问题。  
Sentence pattern: A + in/at 在 + B + location  
Conversation, Reading and Writing | p136-141  
(Lesson 23);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 20 |