**LESSON SCHEDULE – MANDARIN BEGINNERS A1**

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

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| **1 (°3)** | **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 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 (°4)** | **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 (°5)** | **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 |
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<td>Numbers: one, two … ten 一, 二……十; zero 零; 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.</td>
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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>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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| Page | Family and Family Members | Professions and Work Places | Personal Interests and Abilities:
Give basic information about your subjects of study and fill in a questionnaire;
Ask for help when you don't understand something during the lessons; |
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| 7 (*9) | • Family members: father 爸爸; mother 妈妈; elder brother 哥哥; elder sister 姐姐; younger brother 弟弟; younger sister 妹妹; spouse 爱人;  
• Verbs: have 有;  
• Adverbs: not have 没;  
• Nouns: age 年纪;  
• Measure word: MW for family members 口;  
• Questions: How many/much…? …几/多少?  
• Questions: How old are you? (for older people) 你多大年纪?  
• Questions: How old are you? (for teenagers and other adults) 你多大?  
• Questions: How many people are there in your family? 你家有几口人?  
• The difference between “two 两” and “two 二” ;  
• Sentence pattern: subject + live in 住在 + place;  
• Practise writing Chinese characters. | • 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 在 + place + work 工作;  
• The use of “particle 了”;  
• Practise writing Chinese characters. | • 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。 |
| 8 (*10) | | | p56-61 (Lesson 9);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 8 |
| 9 (*11) | | | p62-67 (Lesson 10);  
WLM;  
e-flashcards;  
ppt_week 9 |
Recognise the most important instructions in a computer programme, such as ‘print’, ‘login’, ‘copy’ and ‘search’

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- 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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10 (*12)

- Nouns: roast duck 烤鸭; lamb hotpot 羊肉火锅; meat 肉; alcohol 酒; tea 茶;
- Modal verbs: may 可以
- Verb: invite 请; drink 喝
- Question: when? 什么时候？
- Question: Are you free...? ...你有空/时间吗？
- Question: How about...? ...怎么样？
- The use of “particle 吧”
- Sentence pattern: too 太 ... particle 了；
- Christmas and New Year greetings

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- Modal verbs: will 要；  
- Adverb: definitely 一定；  
- Measure word for person: 位；  
- Nouns: manager 经理; guest 客人; full name 姓名；  
- Question: Who is calling? 您是哪位？  
- Question: Who do you like to speak? 您找谁？  
- Question: would you like to leave a message? 您要留言吗？  
- Sentence pattern: give 给 + somebody + verb |

- p78-83 (Lesson 13);  
- WLM;  
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<td>• Chinese currency 人民币: RMB; unit of RMB 块/元; 10 cents 角/毛; cent 分;  • Other currencies: pound sterling 英镑; Euro 欧元; US dollar 美元;  • Nouns: money 钱; exchange rate 汇率;  • Verbs: exchange 换; let 让;  • Number: hundred 百  • Question: How much RMB does one … convert to? … how much?  • Question: How much would you like to exchange?  • Reduplication verbs: have a look 看看; think about 想想;  • Tell the price using &quot;unit of RMB&quot;, &quot;10 cents 角&quot; and &quot;cent 分&quot;</td>
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<td>• Nouns: map 地图; English-Chinese dictionary 英汉词典; credit card 信用卡; cash 现金; bookshop 书店;  • 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;  • Do you have…? 有…吗?  • Sentence pattern: can 可以 + verb + particle 吗?</td>
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<td>• 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</td>
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### Describing different sizes and styles
- **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”;**
- **Sentence pattern:** no not adjective 1 no not adjective 2

### Food and Restaurants:
- **Food:** green vegetable 青菜; fried rice 炒饭; 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; settle the bill 结账;
- **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 B? 还是 B?
- **Statement:** A or B.

### Cafes, Pubs and Drinks:
- **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;
- **Measure word for cup:** 杯;
- **Measure word for 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:** adjective + extremely 极了;
- **Sentence pattern:** verb+ verbal suffix 过
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<td>• 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; • Sentence pattern: subject + to be 是 + circumstance + verb + 的</td>
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<td><strong>Travel and Transport:</strong> Talking about different modes of transport; Understanding written instructions to travel from X to Y;</td>
<td>• 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</td>
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<td>• 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</td>
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