

GET TALKING MANDARIN CHINESE

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Day 1

Getting to know people

Today you will learn how to do the following:

- ▶ greet people
- ▶ say who you are and
- ▶ ask someone to confirm his or her name and / or identity

PART 1



Here are the key phrases you'll hear in today's conversation. Listen to the English meaning. Then, listen to the Mandarin Chinese expressions and repeat.

▶ English expressions

you (polite)
Hello (polite)
you (casual)
Hello (casual)
to be
Mr. Brown
Are you Mr. Brown?

My name is Wang Lili.
Welcome to Beijing, Mr. Brown.

Thank you.

▶ Mandarin Chinese expressions

nín
Nín hǎo
nǐ
Nǐ hǎo
shì
Bùlǎng xiānsheng
Nín shì Bùlǎng
xiānsheng ma?
Wǒ jiào Wáng Lili.
Bùlǎng xiānsheng,
huānyíng nín lái Běijīng.
Xièxie.

LANGUAGE TIP!

Pay attention to pronunciation and tones. One thing to remember is that Mandarin Chinese verbs are not conjugated in the same way as they are in many other languages.

PART 2



Ms Wang is meeting Peter Brown at the airport. Listen carefully to the conversation. Then answer the questions below.

1. What is Mr Brown's first name? _____
2. What is the woman's full name? _____

PART 3



Listen to the conversation again and answer the questions.

1. What is the first question Ms Wang asks? _____
2. How does Mr Brown respond? _____

PART 4



Now listen to the conversation again. Answer the questions about the meanings of certain words. Then, practise using the expressions.

1. What does *Nín hǎo* mean? _____
2. What does *huānyíng* mean? _____
3. What does *Bùlǎng xiānsheng ma* mean? _____

LANGUAGE TIP!

In a given context, people can understand you even though your tones might not be great but tones are important, especially when it comes to names, in particular people's names or place names. As different tones for the same sound, for example *bā, bá, bǎ, bà*, mean completely different things, everybody would like his or her name to sound the way it is intended. For example, *Xiǎo Wáng* means *little Wang* but *Xiāo Wáng* could mean *exterminate Wang*.

PART 5



TRACK 7

Now it's time to learn some more titles you need to address people in Mandarin Chinese. Listen to the English words and repeat the Mandarin Chinese expressions.

► English expressions

Mrs
Miss
teacher
Teacher Wang
Miss Wang
Mrs. Brown
Mr. Li, the teacher
China

► Mandarin Chinese expressions

Tàitai
Xiǎojie
Lǎoshī
Wáng lǎoshī
Wáng xiǎojie
Bùlǎng tàitai
Lǐ lǎoshī
Zhōngguó

Learning Plus!

OTHER EXPRESSIONS FOR GREETING PEOPLE



TRACK 8

Listen to the English words for greeting people and repeat the Mandarin Chinese expressions.

► English expressions

How are you?
I am fine.
What do you do?
Where are you from?
to know someone
happy
Very happy to know you.

► Mandarin Chinese expressions

Nǐ hǎo ma?
Wǒ hěn hǎo.
Nín zuò shénme gōngzuò?
Nín shì shénme dìfāng rén?
rènshi
gāoxìng
Rènshi nǐ hěn gāoxìng.

Conversation Script

► Mandarin Chinese conversation

Ms Wang *Nín hǎo!*
Mr Brown *Nǐ hǎo!*
Ms Wang *Nín shì Bùlǎng xiānsheng ma?*
Mr Brown *Shì.*
Ms Wang *Wǒ jiào Wáng Lìlì.*
Mr Brown *Wǒ jiào Peter Brown.*
Ms Wang *Bùlǎng xiānsheng, huānyíng nín lái Běijīng.*
Mr Brown *Xièxie.*

► English translation

Ms Wang Hello!
Mr Brown Hello!
Ms Wang Are you Mr Brown?
Mr Brown Yes.
Ms Wang My name is Wang Lili.
Mr Brown My name is Peter Brown.
Ms Wang Welcome to Beijing, Mr. Brown.
Mr Brown Thank you.

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