

你

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: nǐ

Simplified: 你

Definition:
you

你們 nǐmen: you (plural)

你好 Nǐ hǎo! How are you!

好

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: hǎo

Simplified: 好

Definition:
good

很好 hěn hǎo: very good, very well

不好 bù hǎo: not good, not fine

很不好 hěn bù hǎo: very bad

嗎

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: ma

Simplified: 吗

Definition:
interrogative

你忙嗎 Nǐ máng ma? Are you busy?

他好嗎 Tā hǎo ma? How is he?

我

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: wǒ

Simplified: 我

Definition:
I

我們 wǒmen: we, us

我的 wǒ de: my, mine

我很好 Wǒ hěn hǎo: I am fine.

很

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: hěn

Simplified: 很

Definition:
very

很好 hěn hǎo: very good

很忙 hěn máng: very busy

很早 hěn zǎo: very early

呢

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: ne

Simplified: 呢

Definition:
interrogative

你呢 Nǐ ne? How about you?

他們呢 Tāmen ne? How about them?

我們呢 Wǒmen ne? How about us?

也

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: yě

Simplified: 也

Definition:
also

也很忙 yě hěn máng: also quite busy.

也好 yě hǎo: also fine

忙

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: máng

Simplified: 忙

Definition:
busy

不忙 bù máng: not busy

很忙 hěn máng: very busy

太忙 tài máng: too busy

不

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: bù

Simplified: 不

Definition:
not

不好 bù hǎo: not good, not well

不忙 bù máng: not busy

哥哥不忙 gēge bù máng: older brother is not busy

哥

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: gē

Simplified: 哥

Definition:
older brother

哥哥 gēgē: elder brother, older brother

大哥 dàgē: the oldest brother

二哥 èrgē: the second oldest brother

他

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: tā

Simplified: 他

Definition:
he

他哥哥 tā gēgē: his elder brother

他弟弟 tā dìdi: his younger brother

他忙 Tā máng.: He is busy.

弟

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: dì

Simplified: 弟

Definition:
younger brother

弟弟 didi: younger brother

大弟 dàdi: the oldest younger brother

小弟 xiǎodi: the little brother

們

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: men

Simplified: 们

Definition:
plural suffix

我們 wǒmen: we, us

你們 nǐmen: you (plural)

他們 tāmen: they, them

都

Lesson: 1-3

Pinyin: dōu

Simplified: 都

Definition:
all

都好 dōu hǎo: both/all are fine

都忙 dōu máng: both/all are busy

他們都好 Tāmen dōu hǎo. They are both fine.

這

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: zhè

Simplified: 这

Definition:
this

這個朋友 zhège péngyou: this friend

這本書 zhèběn shū: this book

這是誰 Zhèi shì shéi? Who is this (person)?

是

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: shì

Simplified: 是

Definition:
is

我是弟弟 Wǒ shì dìdi. I am the younger brother

她是老師 Tā shì lǎoshī. She is a teacher.

那是車 Nà shì chē. That is a car.

爸

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: bà

Simplified: 爸

Definition:
father

我爸爸 wǒ bàba: my father

你爸爸 nǐ bàba: your father

她爸爸 tā bàba: her father

媽

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: mā

Simplified: 妈

Definition:
mother

我媽媽 wǒ māma: my mom/mother

你媽媽 nǐ māma: your mother

他媽媽 tā māma: his mother

朋

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: péng
Simplified: 朋

Definition:
friend

好朋友 hǎo péngyou: good friend(s)

朋友好 péngyou hǎo: friends are fine/well

朋友們 péngyoumen: friends

友

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: yǒu
Simplified: 友

Definition:
friend

好朋友 hǎo péngyou: good friend(s)

友誼 yǒuyí: friendship

友邦 yǒubāng: friendly state/country

的

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: de
Simplified: 的

Definition:
possessive

我的大夫 wǒ de dàifu: my doctor

媽媽的車 māma de chē: mother's car

哥哥的書 gēge de shū: older brother's book(s)

車

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: chē
Simplified: 车

Definition:
car

汽車 qìchē: automobile, car

跑車 pǎochē: sports car

火車 huǒchē: a train

那

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: nà
Simplified: 那

Definition:
that

那個朋友 nèige péngyou: that friend

那位大夫 nàwèi dàifu: that (medical) doctor

那枝筆 nèizhi bǐ: that pen

她

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: tā
Simplified: 她

Definition:
she

她的朋友 tā de péngyou: her friend(s)

她是大夫 Tā shì dàifu. She is a doctor.

她的尺 tā de chǐ: her ruler

書

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: shū
Simplified: 书

Definition:
book

誰的書 shéi de shū: who's book

書包 shūbāo: backpack, book bag

看書 kàn shū: to study, to read (book)

大

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: dà
Simplified: 大

Definition:
big

一個大車 yíge dà chē: a large car/van

大哥 dàgē: the oldest brother

大哥大 dàgēdà: a cellular phone (slang)

夫

Lesson: 4-6
Pinyin: fū
Simplified: 夫

Definition:
man

大夫 dàifu: (medical) doctor

農夫 nóngfū: farmer

丈夫 zhàngfū: husband

哪

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: nǎ

Simplified: 哪

Definition:
which

哪國人 nǎguó rén? citizen of which country?

哪個好 Nǐge hǎo? Which one is better?

到哪兒去 dào nǎr qù? where does one go?

國

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: guó

Simplified: 国

Definition:
country

英國人 Yīngguó rén: an Englishman

德國人 Dégúo rén: German nationals

法國人 Fǎguó rén: a French

人

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: rén

Simplified: 人

Definition:
person

中國人 Zhōngguó rén: Chinese (person)

日本人 Riběn rén: Japanese (person)

人人 rénren: everybody, everyone, all

誰

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: shéi

Simplified: 谁

Definition:
who

他是誰 Tā shì shéi? Who is he?

給誰 gěi shéi? to whom does one give?

誰的車 Shéi de chē? Whose car is it?

老

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: lǎo

Simplified: 老

Definition:
old

老人 lǎo rén: old person/people

那位老先生 nèiwèi lǎo xiānsheng: that elderly gentleman

師

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: shī

Simplified: 师

Definition:
teacher

老師 lǎoshī: teacher, instructor, mentor

師範大學 shīfàn dàxué: Normal University

出師 chūshī: to dispatch army

漢

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: hàn

Simplified: 汉

Definition:
Chinese

漢人 Hànrén: Chinese people

漢語 Hànyǔ: Chinese language

漢朝 Hàrcháo: (or Hàndài) Han dynasty

語

Lesson: 4-6

Pinyin: yǔ

Simplified: 语

Definition:
language

語言 yǔyán: language

語言學 yǔyánxué: linguistics

漢語 Hànyǔ: Chinese language

什

Lesson: 7

Pinyin: shén

Simplified: 什

Definition:
what

什麼 shénme: what

什麼東西 shénme dōngxi? what thing (is it)?

什麼時候 shénme shíhòu? what time; when?

麼

Lesson: 7

Pinyin: me

Simplified: 么

Definition:
interrogative

什麼 shénme: what

什麼車 Shénme chē? What (kind of) car?

什麼地圖 Shénme dìtú? What (kind of) map?

地

Lesson: 7

Pinyin: dì

Simplified: 地

Definition:
earth

地圖 dìtú: map

地球 dìqiú: Earth (planet), globe

地理 dìlǐ: geography

圖

Lesson: 7

Pinyin: tú

Simplified: 图

Definition:
picture

地圖 dìtú: map

畫圖 huà tú: to draw picture

圖畫 túhuà: a painted picture

看

Lesson: 7

Pinyin: kàn

Simplified: 看

Definition:
to look

看書 kànshū: to read book

看朋友 kàn péngyou: to visit a friend

你看 Nǐ kàn! Look!

請

Lesson: 8

Pinyin: qǐng

Simplified: 请

Definition:
please

請喝茶 Qǐng hē chá! Please have some tea.

請進 Qǐng jìn! Please come in.

你請誰 Nǐ qǐng shéi? Who are you inviting?

喝

Lesson: 8

Pinyin: hē

Simplified: 喝

Definition:
to drink

喝茶 hē chá: to drink tea

喝水 hē shuǐ: to drink water

喝酒 hē jiǔ: to drink alcoholic beverage

茶

Lesson: 8

Pinyin: chá

Simplified: 茶

Definition:
tea

喝茶 hē chá: to drink tea

茶杯 cháběi: tea cup

茶壺 cháhú: tea pot

您

Lesson: 8

Pinyin: nín

Simplified: 您

Definition:
you (honorific)

您好 Nín hǎo! How are you (polite)!

您請 Nín qǐng! After you, please!

您請喝茶 Nín qǐng hē chá! Please have some tea (polite form)!

進

Lesson: 8

Pinyin: jìn

Simplified: 进

Definition:
to enter

請進 Qǐng jìn! Please come in!

前進 qiánjìn: to advance forward

進步 jìnbù: to progress, progression

歡

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: huān
Simplified: 欢

Definition:
joy

歡迎 huānyíng: welcome

喜歡 xǐhuān: to like, prefer

歡樂 huānlè: to be happy and joyous

迎

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: yíng
Simplified: 迎

Definition:
to greet

歡迎 Huānyíng! Welcome!

迎接 yíngjiē: to greet, to extend welcome

迎面 yíngmiàn: from the opposite direction

謝

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: xiè
Simplified: 谢

Definition:
to thank

謝謝 (你) Xièxie (nǐ)! Thank you!

感謝 gǎnxiè: to thank, be thankful

謝小姐 Xiè Xiǎojiě: Miss Xie

客

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: kè
Simplified: 客

Definition:
guest

客人 kèrén: guest(s)

客氣 kèqi: be polite, courteous

不客氣 búkèqi: be rude, impolite; "You are welcome!"

氣

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: qì
Simplified: 气

Definition:
air

客氣 kèqi: be polite, courteous

生氣 shēngqì: to anger, be angry

氣球 qìqiú: balloon

吸

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: xī
Simplified: 吸

Definition:
to inhale

吸煙 xī yān: to smoke (cigarette), smoking

吸毒 xī dú: to become addicted to narcotics

吸引 xīyǐn: to attract, to draw (audience)

煙

Lesson: 8
Pinyin: yān
Simplified: 烟

Definition:
smoke

吸煙 xī yān: to smoke (cigarette)

煙火 yānhuǒ: fireworks

煙灰 yānhuī: cigarette ashes

貴

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: guì
Simplified: 贵

Definition:
expensive

您貴姓 Nín guìxìng? What's your (last)name

(honorific form)

貴國 guìguó: your (honorable) country

姓

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: xìng
Simplified: 姓

Definition:
surname

你姓什麼 Nǐ xìng shémmè? What's your

last name?

姓名 xìngmíng: (complete) name

問

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: wèn
Simplified: 问

Definition:
to ask

請問 Qǐngwèn.... Excuse me, may I ask...

你問他吧 Nǐ wèn tā ba! Why don't you ask him!

問題 wèntí: a question

留

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: liú
Simplified: 留

Definition:
to stay

保留 bǎoliú: to retain, to keep

停留 tíngliú: to stop and stay, be stagnant

留學 liúxué: to study abroad

學

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: xué
Simplified: 学

Definition:
to study

學習 xuéxí: to study

學生 xuéshēng: student

同學 tóngxué: classmate

生

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: shēng
Simplified: 生

Definition:
student

學生 xuéshēng: student

生魚 shēngyú: raw fish, sashimi

生字 shēngzì: new words, vocabulary

叫

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: jiào
Simplified: 叫

Definition:
to call

叫什麼 jiào shénme? is called by what name?

別叫 Bié jiào! Don't shout/yell!

別叫他 Bié jiào tā! Don't wake him up!

外

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: wài
Simplified: 外

Definition:
outside

外國人 wàiguó rén: foreigner

外交 wàijiāo: diplomacy, diplomatic

外頭 wàitou: outside

院

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: yuàn
Simplified: 院

Definition:
courtyard

院子 yuànzǐ: yard

學院 xuéyuàn: college

醫院 yīyuàn: hospital

習

Lesson: 9
Pinyin: xí
Simplified: 习

Definition:
to study

學習 xuéxí: to study

練習 liànxí: to practice; exercise

習慣 xíguàn: habit, accustomed to

在

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: zài
Simplified: 在

Definition:
to be at

他在家嗎 Tā zài jiā ma? Is he/she home?

丁雲在嗎 Dīng Yún zài ma? Is Ding Yun in?

在宿舍 zài sùshè: at/in the dormitory

坐

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: zuò
Simplified: 坐

Definition:
to sit

請坐 Qǐng zuò! Please sit down!

坐在地上 zuò zài dìshàng: to sit on the floor

請坐一坐 Qǐng zuòyízuò! Please sit and wait for a while

兒

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: ér
Simplified: 儿

Definition:
son

你在哪兒 Nǐ zài nǎr? Where are you?

兒子 érzi: a son, male child

女兒 nǚér: daughter, female child

宿

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: sù
Simplified: 宿

Definition:
stay overnight

宿舍 sùshè: dormitory

男生宿舍 nánshēng sùshè: boy's dormitory

女生宿舍 nǚshēng sùshè: girl's dormitory

舍

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: shè
Simplified: 舍

Definition:
residence

宿舍 sùshè: dormitory

學生宿舍 xuéshēng sùshè: student dormitory

舍監 shèjiān: dorm master

住

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: zhù
Simplified: 住

Definition:
to reside

你住哪兒 Nǐ zhù nǎr? Where do you live?

住旅館 zhù lǚguǎn: to stay in a hotel

站住 Zhàn zhu! Stop (walking/running)!

多

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: duō
Simplified: 多

Definition:
many

很多 hěn duō: a lot, many, quite a few

多少 duōshǎo: how many; more or less

多少錢 Duōshǎo qián? How much is it?

少

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: shǎo
Simplified: 少

Definition:
few

很少 hěn shǎo: very few, small quantity

多少錢 Duōshǎo qián? How much is it?

不少 bù shǎo: not few, quite a lot

號

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: hào
Simplified: 号

Definition:
number

你幾號 Nǐ jǐ hào? What is your number? 四月七號 sìyuè qīhào: April 7th

八月五號 bāyuè wǔhào: August 5th

電話號碼 diànhuà hàomǎ: telephone number

四

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: sì
Simplified: 四

Definition:
four

十四歲 shísi suì: fourteen years old

四十四隻 sìshísi zhī shí shīzi: forty-four stone

層

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: céng
Simplified: 层

Definition:
floor

三層樓 sāncéng lóu: 3-stories high

千層糕 qiāncéng gāo: multi-layered cake

層層疊疊 céngcéng diédié: layers upon layers

二

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: èr
Simplified: 二

Definition:
two

二十幾歲 èrshíjǐ suì: twenty-some years old

二姐 èr jiě: the second oldest sister

第二次 dìèr cì: the second time

三

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: sān
Simplified: 三

Definition:
three

三字經 Sānzījīng: The "Three-Character" Classic

三次 sān cì: three times

不三不四 bū sān bù sì: improper, unusual

一

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: yī
Simplified: 一

Definition:
one

第一名 dìyī míng: the first place

第一次 dìyī cì: the first time

等一會兒 děng yīhuǐr: wait a moment

五

Lesson: 10
Pinyin: wǔ
Simplified: 五

Definition:
five

五行 wǔxíng: the "Five Elements"

五金行 wǔjīn háng: hardware store

五倫 wǔlún: the five cardinal human relationships

在

Lesson: 11
Pinyin: zài
Simplified: 在

Definition:
to be at

他在家嗎 Tā zài jiā ma? Is he/she home?

丁雲在嗎 Dīng Yún zài ma? Is Ding Yun in?

在宿舍 zài sùshè: at/in the dormitory

還

Lesson: 11
Pinyin: huán
Simplified: 还

Definition:
to return

還書 huán shū: to return the book

還你詞典 huán nǐ cídiǎn: return the dictionary to you

還老師 huán lǎoshī: to return (it) to the teacher

畫

Lesson: 11
Pinyin: huà
Simplified: 画

Definition:
picture

畫報 huàbào: pictorial (magazine)

一本畫報 yīběn huàbào: a copy/volume of pictorial

畫畫 huà huà: to paint pictures

報

Lesson: 11
Pinyin: bào
Simplified: 报

Definition:
newspaper

畫報 huàbào: pictorial (magazine)

誰的報 shéi de bào: whose newspaper

老師的報 lǎoshī de bào: teacher's newspaper

詞

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: cí

Simplified: 词

Definition:
word

詞典 cídiǎn: dictionary

生詞 shēngcí: vocabulary

歌詞 gēcí: lyrics (of a song)

典

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: diǎn

Simplified: 典

Definition:
compilation

詞典 cídiǎn: dictionary

古典 gǔdiǎn: classical

經典 jīngdiǎn: classics, classical canon

現

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: xiàn

Simplified: 现

Definition:
now

現在 xiànzài: now, at the present, currently

現代 xiàndài: modern, contemporary

現代化 xiàndàihuà: modernization

用

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: yòng

Simplified: 用

Definition:
to use

你用嗎 Nǐ yòng ma? Are you using it?

他們用不用 Tāmen yòng bu yòng? Are they using it?

現在不用 xiànzài bú yòng: not using it now

下

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: xià

Simplified: 下

Definition:
below

用一下兒 yòng yíxià: use it for a short while

坐一下兒 zuò yíxià: sit for a while

看一下兒 kàn yíxià: take a quick look; read for a while

再

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: zài

Simplified: 再

Definition:
again

再見 Zài jiàn! Good bye. So long!

See you again!

再看 zài kàn: read again

見

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: jiàn

Simplified: 见

Definition:
to look

再見 Zàijiàn! Good bye!

明天見 Míngtiān jiàn! See you tomorrow!

看見 kàn jiàn: see (and perceive)

六

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: liù

Simplified: 六

Definition:
six

六個人 liùè rén: six people

六位老師 liùwèi lǎoshī: six teachers

十六本書 shíliùběn shū: sixteen books

七

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: qī

Simplified: 七

Definition:
seven

七張畫 qīzhāng huà: seven paintings

七本詞典 qīběn cídiǎn: seven dictionaries

七位客人 qīwèi kèrén: seven guests

八

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: bā

Simplified: 八

Definition:
eight

八個學生 bāge xuésheng: eight students

八張地圖 bāzhāng dìtú: eight maps

八位大夫 bāwèi dàifu: eight doctors

九

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: jiǔ

Simplified: 九

Definition:
nine

九個弟弟 jiǔge dìdì: nine younger brothers

五十九 wǔshíjiǔ: 59

九十二 jiǔshíèr: 92

十

Lesson: 11

Pinyin: shí

Simplified: 十

Definition:
ten

再看十本 zài kàn shíběn: read ten more books

十個學生 shíge xuésheng: ten students

十個朋友 shíge péngyou: ten friends

女

Lesson: 12

Pinyin: nǚ

Simplified: 女

Definition:
female

女人 nǚrén: female

女學生 nǚxuéshēng: female student

女朋友 nǚpéngyou: girl friend

先

Lesson: 12

Pinyin: xiān

Simplified: 先

Definition:
first

先生 xiānsheng: Mr.

先去 xiān qù: go or leave first

先喝 xiān hē: drink first

認

Lesson: 12

Pinyin: rèn

Simplified: 认

Definition:
to recognize

認識 rènshi: to recognize, to know

認字 rènzì: to recognize characters

認真 rènzhēn: careful and diligent

識

Lesson: 12

Pinyin: shì

Simplified: 识

Definition:
to recognize

認識 rènshi: to know or recognize a person

知識 zhīshi: knowledge

常識 chángshi: common sense

英

Lesson: 12

Pinyin: yīng

Simplified: 英

Definition:
England

英國 Yīngguó: England

英文 Yīngwén: English (or Yīngyǔ)

英雄 yīngxióng: hero

法

Lesson: 12

Pinyin: fǎ

Simplified: 法

Definition:
France

法國 Fǎguó: France

法文 Fǎwén: French (or Fǎyǔ)

語法 yǔfǎ: grammar

常

Lesson: 12
Pinyin: cháng
Simplified: 常

Definition:
often

常常 chángcháng: often, frequently

平常 píngcháng: ordinary, common;

去

Lesson: 12
Pinyin: qù
Simplified: 去

Definition:
to go

常去 chángqù: go often

回去 huíqù: to go back, to return

去年 qùnián: last year, the bygone year

名

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: míng
Simplified: 名

Definition:
name

名字 míngzi: name

有名 yǒumíng: famous, reputable

字

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: zì
Simplified: 字

Definition:
character

名字 míngzi: name

寫字 xiě zì: to write characters

中國字 Zhōngguózi: Chinese characters

喂

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: wèi
Simplified: 喂

Definition:
hello

喂 Wéi! Hello (when making or

啊

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: à
Simplified: 啊

Definition:
interjection

啊呀 Aya!: "Aya!" (an exclamation to show surprise); Oh, no!

你好啊 Nǐhǎo a! How are you!

商

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: shāng
Simplified: 商

Definition:
trade

商人 shāngrén: businessman, merchant

商店 shāngdiàn: shop, store

商品 shāngpǐn: commodity

店

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: diàn
Simplified: 店

Definition:
shop

商店 shāngdiàn: store, shop

書店 shūdiàn: bookstore

花店 huādiàn: florist

買

Lesson: 13
Pinyin: mǎi
Simplified: 买

Definition:
to buy

買筆 mǎibǐ: to buy a pen

買書 mǎishū: to buy a book

買賣 mǎimài: a business