

V. Common Chinese Phrases

Meeting People :

English	Chinese Phonetic	Chinese Characters
Hello! (informal)	Nihao!	你好!
Hello! (formal)	Ninhao!	您好!
Good bye!	Zaijian!	再见!
Thank you!	Xiexie!	谢谢!
You are welcome	Bu keqi	不客气。
Excuse me! (sorry!)	Duibuqi!	对不起!
That's ok	Meiguanxi.	没关系。
OK. / Alright.	Hao./Xing.	好。/行。
How is.....?	Zenme yang?	怎么样?
I don't know.	Wo bu zhidao	我不知道。
I don't understand.	Wo tingbudong.	我听不懂。
Good morning!	Zaoshang hao!	早上好!
Good evening!	Wanshang hao!	晚上好!
Good night!	Wan an!	晚安!

Introducing each other :

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What is your name?	Ni jiao shenme mingzi?	你叫什么名字?
My name is ...	Wo jiao.....	我叫。。。。
I am a Canadian.	Wo shi Jianada ren.	我是加拿大人。
Glad to meet you.	Hen gaoxing rensh ni.	很高兴认识你。
I like...	Wo xihuan.....	我喜欢。。。
I am an athlete.	Wo shi yundong yuan	我是运动员。
Olympic Games	Aoyunhui	奥运会
China	Zhongguo	中国
We are going to the soccer field	Wo qu zuqiu chang	我去足球场。
There is the swimming pool	Na shi youyong chi.	那是游泳池。
Where is the athletics field?	Nar shi yundong chang?	哪儿是运动场?
Soccer field	zuqiu chang	足球场
Swimming pool	youyong chi	游泳池
Athletics field	yundong chang	运动场

Shopping and Going Out

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Where is...?	Nar shi.....	哪儿是。。。。
I want to go to...	Wo yao qu.....	我要去。。。。
How much does it cost?	Duoshao qian?	多少钱？
That is too expensive.	Tai gui le.	太贵了。
This is not good.	Bu hao.	不好。
I want to buy...	Wo xiang mai.....	我想买。。。。
Where is the washroom?	Cesuo zai nar?	厕所在哪儿？
Hotel	Fandian/jiudian	饭店 / 酒店
Washroom	Cesuo	厕所
Metro	Ditie	地铁

Numbers

One (1)	yi	一
Two (2)	er	二
Three (3)	san	三
Four (4)	si	四
Five (5)	wu	五
Six (6)	liu	六
Seven (7)	qi	七
Eight (8)	ba	八
Nine (9)	jui	九
Ten (10)	shi	十

Eating in a Restaurant

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It is delicious.	Hen haochi.	很好吃
This is nice wine.	Zhen jiu henhao.	这酒很好。
Drink a toast / Cheers	Ganbei!	干杯!
I want to try chopsticks.	Wo xiang shishi kuaizi.	我想试试筷子。
I'd like to use knife and fork	Wo xiang yao yong dao cha.	我想要刀叉。
I am allergic to seafood	Wo dui haixian guomin.	我对海鲜过敏。
I can't eat fish.	Wo buneng chi yu.	我不能吃鱼。
Chinese food is very delicious	Zhongguo fan hen hao chi.	中国饭很好吃。
Shrimp	xia	虾
Fish	yu	鱼
Seafood	haixian	海鲜
Apple	pingguo	苹果