

First Lesson (all levels)

Instructions

To make the first lesson go as smoothly as possible, please feel free to use this script.

These questions will help your teacher get to know a little more about you, your Chinese level, and your learning goals.

The questions are designed so that you can give as much or as little detail as you want depending on your Chinese level and how comfortable you feel.

You can also feel free to ask the teacher some questions of your own.

This script and these questions are completely optional and are merely suggestions for the beginning of the first lesson. The Chinese characters (Hanzi) are displayed in both simplified characters (Simp.) and traditional characters (Trad.)

Script

Teacher: Hello? Can you hear me?

Student: Yes. Can you hear me?

Teacher: Yes. Hello and welcome to ChineseTeachers.com. Would you like to use the standard questions for the first lesson or is there something else you'd like to do?

Student: I think the standard questions are OK.

Teacher: OK. If you can, try to answer the questions in Chinese as much as possible. If you can't, that's fine too. Should I ask the questions in English or Chinese?

(Depending on the student's answer, the teacher will continue in English or in Chinese)

English	Pinyin	Hanzi (Simp. / Trad.)
1. Which nationality are you?	nǐ shì nǎ guó rén?	你是哪国人? 你是哪國人?
2. Where do you live?	nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ?	你住在哪里? 你住在哪裡?
3. How long have you studied Chinese?	nǐ xué zhōngwén duōjiǔ le?	你学中文多久了? 你學中文多久了?
4. Do you have Chinese friends?	nǐ yǒu zhōngguó péngyou ma?	你有中国朋友吗? 你有中國朋友嗎?
5. Why are you studying Chinese?	nǐ wèishénme xué zhōngwén?	你为什么学中文? 你為什麼學中文?
6. What do you want to study today? (Note: It is OK if you do not have a topic in mind. Our teachers always have ideas.)	nǐ jīntiān xiǎng xué shénme ne?	你今天想学什么呢? 你今天想學什麼呢?