

Central Club Course Outline:

Chinese (Mandarin): Beginners (a)

The following is meant as an outline guide to the course. The tutor may at her/his discretion make alterations to the content and order of the course. Please ask the Course Administration Staff for guidance if you are in any doubt about the suitability of the level of the course.

Course description

The course focuses on speaking and listening skills, although you will learn to read and write some very basic Chinese characters. The purpose of this course is to give you an **immediate** speaking ability in Chinese. This course is based on Putonghua (Mandarin) meaning “common language.” Standardised Chinese derives largely from Mandarin Chinese.

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	Themes	Language functions	Grammar
1	Brief introduction to Mandarin: Practice: Pinyin:/Initials and Finals Four tones	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to understand : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinyin system ▪ 4 tones ▪ Basic grammar differences ▪ between English and Chinese. ▪ Word order ▪ the knowledge about Chinese ▪ Characters. 	
2	Greetings: Requesting, and giving personal information.	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greet people and respond to Greetings ▪ Use some appropriate forms of address 	Personal pronouns wo (I) and ni (you). Sentences with shi (to be). Yes/No questions with ma .
3	Introduction(1):	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to say: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Your Name ▪ Your Nationality ▪ Whereabouts 	Use of hui (can/be able) Use of question words shenme (what), na li (where) etc Polite talk nali, nail Negation word bu (not, don't etc)
4	Introduction(2) Numbers/Age	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name some of family members ▪ Count from 0-99 	Measure word ge Grammar word le

5	Asking the time	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tell and obtain information regarding the time attract someone's attention 	Use of yijing---le (already) Difference between fen and fenzhong Use of kaimen (open door)
6	Dates:	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> say the days of the week, dates, months of the year and years. find out information regarding dates and days. 	Use of Measure word ge (before years, months and weeks). The question word ji Use of he (and).
7	Food (at home) (I) & Review	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> talk about food 	Use of measure word bei

Should I have experience for the course?

No. This course is designed for complete beginners starting from scratch.

What can I expect to learn?

Pinyin which is writing Chinese words using the Roman alphabet; greetings and introducing oneself in formal and informal conversation, ordering drinks, Chinese food, asking telephone numbers, describing your home and families and friends.

And yes, having fun learning some very simply and basic Chinese characters which will help you if you are planning a trip or moving to where Chinese is spoken.

The Textbook used is KUAILE HANYU (Happy Chinese) Student's Book I (simplified version), ISBN: 7-107-17126-7

What should I bring to the course?

A notebook and a pen would be very handy, be prepared to do homework.

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By phone

Payments by Mastercard/Visa and debit card are accepted. Please have details of your credit card and the course title and course code ready. Call 020 7079 2855