

Central Club Course Outline:

Chinese (Mandarin): Beginners (b)

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 + Write & recognize new Chinese characters
1	Chinese Characters / Weather	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make the simple comments on the weather understand basic strokes rules of stroke order, radicals of Chinese Characters 	Use of zui= most Use of changchang=often Use of de= possessive 日 月 山 石
2	Food (at the restaurant) (2)	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name a few Chinese dishes order some food and drinks in a restaurant 	Use of like and dislike 饭馆(餐厅) 菜单 米 鱼 肉
3	Job (1)	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name some occupations 	More about Yes/No question 医院 商店 是
4	Job (2)	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say where you work for name more occupations 	Use of zai= in /at/on 工作 公司 经理
5	Hobby (1)	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> talk about your hobbies and interests 	Review xihuan, bu xihuan=like , dislike 什么 音乐
6	Transport (1)	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name some public places eg, train station etc Say where you are and ask where somebody is 	wo zai + place (I am in---) wowo qu + place (I am going - -) 火车 飞机 饭店
7	Transport (2) & Directions & Review	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say how to get to the destination 	Use of zenme= how Use of zuo= to take

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.

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