

Central Club Course Outline:

Chinese (Mandarin): Beginners c

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	My friends and I Text: 1: Who is he 2 She is taller than I	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe <i>how many</i> in a statement sentence ask and answer people's name either by surname or full name comparing A and B 	Wo you henduo pengyou (I have many friends) A bi B + Adj (A is bigger than B) 比 谁 姓名, 年龄
2	Describing your day or Describing home Text 1: My day or : This is my home	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> state what you do during a day (activities and schedule) 	Wo meitian zaoshang qidian qichuang. (I get up at 7 o'clock in the morning everyday) 每, 起床. 谁, 吃饭
3	Shopping (1) Text: I want to buy-- --	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ask and answer questions regarding shopping 	Chinese Currency term Unit of weight Use of Duo shao= how much, how many 买 两斤 和 还
4	Shopping (2) Text: How much?	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> talk about the price 	Yigong duoshao qian? (How much is it altogether ?) 多少钱 块(元) 毛 分 一共
5	Making telephone calls Text: Hello	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use appropriate phrases on the phone 	Use of wei =hello 打 电话 号码
6	Entertainment and Health (1) Text: I've got a cold	By the end of this lesson, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> talk about health 	Use of shufu = comfortable 病 头疼 肚子 舒服
7	Travel or Entertainment (2) and Review		

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