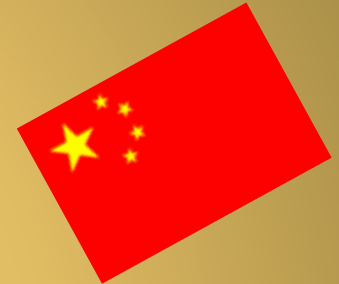


Language of the Month

MANDARIN



Language of the Month: Mandarin

Where it is spoken?

- Mandarin is a variety of Chinese spoken mainly in **China**, **Taiwan**, and **Singapore**.
- Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world!
- Total number of Mandarin speakers: around **1.2 BILLION!**
- Mandarin is also spoken in Malaysia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines, Russia, the USA, Vietnam, Laos, the UK and Mauritius.



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Useful words and phrases

Hello	Nee haoww 你好
Good morning	Dzaoww-shung haoww 早上好
Good afternoon	Shyah-woo haoww 下午好
Thank you	Shyeah-shyeah 谢谢
Please	Qing 請
Yes	Shì 是
No	Bwoo 不
Goodbye	Zài jiàn 再见
What is your name?	Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì? 你叫什麼名字?
My name is...	Wor jyaoww... 我叫
How are you?	Nǐ hǎo ma 你好嗎?
Fine, thanks. And you?	Wǒ hěn hǎo, nǐ ne? 我很好, 你呢?



Nee haoww
Hello



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Dzaoww-shung haoww
Good morning



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Shyah-woo haoww
Good afternoon



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Shyeah-shyeah
Thank you



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Qing
Please



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Shì
Yes



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Bwoo

No



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Zài jiàn
Goodbye



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Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?
What is your name?



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Wor jyaoww...
My name is... (Tina)



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Nǐ hǎo ma?
How are you?



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Wǒ hěn hǎo, nǐ ne?
Fine thanks. And you?








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Numbers 0 to 10

1	yī / 一	
2	èr / 二	
3	sān / 三	
4	sì / 四	
5	wǔ / 五	

6	liù / 六	
7	qī / 七	
8	bā / 八	
9	jiǔ / 九	
10	shí / 十	

Click on the speakers to hear the numbers spoken in Mandarin

Language of the Month: **Mandarin**

Culture

China is the world's most populous country, with 1.35 billion people and its capital city is **Beijing**. Chinese culture is immensely diverse!

Architecture

Industrious Chinese laboring people created many architectural miracles such as **the Great Wall** or the **Forbidden City**.



The Great Wall of China is over 13 miles long and can be seen from space!

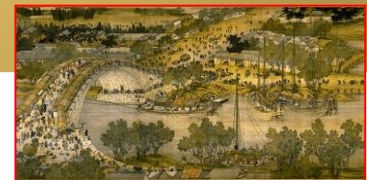
Art

Chinese **calligraphy** is considered supreme among the visual arts in China. In ancient China calligraphy was a means of communication and a way to express yourself.



Chinese art is famous for **landscape painting** and some of the greatest landscape masterpieces have been painted by Chinese artists.

Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival is a panoramic painting by Zhang Zeduan (960-1127)



Language of the Month: Mandarin Culture

Music

China has a long musical tradition. Over the centuries, musicians developed various styles of music and invented or adopted many types of instruments.

From classical traditional music to folk and ethnic music, there is so much to appreciate.

Erhu

The Erhu will probably be the traditional instrument that you'll be most likely to see in a trip to China.

You might see it played for entertainment in public parks or by street musicians.



The **Guzheng** is a plucked string instrument and one of the most ancient Chinese musical instruments.

To watch a Chinese traditional music video, click on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9M4gca_uLB4

Language of the Month: Mandarin

Culture

Dance

Chinese dance may be divided into two main styles: court dances and folk dances.

These range from the classical choreography still used in the Beijing Opera to the many representations of ethnic culture performed in festivals.

Beijing Opera

This is a widespread style of drama. It is drawn from popular legends and folklore which is characterized by face painting, acrobatics and elaborate costumes. Traditional Chinese instruments accompany the acting. Dialog is in Chinese.



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Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year has more than 4,000 years of history!

It is the grandest and **most important annual event** for Chinese people. Most employees in China have at least seven days off work, while **students take one month absence from school!**

Based on the lunar calendar, the festival has no exact date. In 2018, the Chinese New Year officially begins on 16th February.

In London, the Chinese New Year festivities, the biggest celebrations outside Asia, take with colourful parades, performances and displays in and around Chinatown and London's West End.



If you want to know more about the Chinese New Year watch an interesting 4:54 min video. Click https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_u-R-aIq3_E