

Basic Chinese Words and Phrases

Chinese	Pinyin	English
Greetings		
你好!	nǐ hǎo !	Hello
早上好	zǎo shàng hǎo	Good morning
晚上好	wǎn shàng hǎo	Good evening
你好吗?	nǐ hǎo ma ?	How are you?
我很好	wǒ hěn hǎo	I'm fine
你吃了吗?	nǐ chī le ma ?	Have you eaten?
吃了	chī le	I ate
你呢	nǐ ne	And you?
欢迎	huān yíng	Welcome
很高兴见到你	hěn gāo xìng jiàn dào nǐ	Pleased to meet you
Polite ways		
谢谢	xiè xie	Thank you
不客气	bù kè qì	You are welcome
请	qǐng	Please
请问	qǐng wèn	Excuse me?
抱歉	bào qiàn	Sorry
对不起	duì bù qǐ	I'm sorry
没关系	méi guān xi	No problem

不好意思	bù hǎo yì si	Excuse me
借过一下	jiè guò yī xià	Please excuse me
Saying goodbye		
再见	zài jiàn	Good bye
晚安	wǎn ān	Good night
回头见	huí tóu jiàn	See you later
祝您有个美好的一天!	zhù nín yǒu gè měi hǎo de yī tiān !	Have a nice day!
周末愉快	zhōu mò yú kuài	Have a nice weekend
保持联系	bǎo chí lián xì	Keep in touch
一路顺风	yí lù shùn fēng	Have a smooth and safe journey.
慢走	màn zǒu	Take care
What's your name		
我叫 [Name], 你呢?	wǒ jiào [Name], nǐ ne ?	My name is What about you?
怎么称呼?	zěn me chēng hū ?	What is your name?
请问您贵姓?	qǐng wèn nín guì xìng ?	May I have your family name?
Making yourself understood		
我不会说中文	wǒ bù huì shuō zhōng wén	I don't speak Chinese

你会说英语吗?	nǐ huì shuō yīng yǔ ma ?	Do you speak English?
我会说一点中文	wǒ huì shuō yī diǎn zhōng wén	I speak a little Chinese
请说慢一点	qǐng shuō màn yī diǎn	Please speak more slowly
请写下来	qǐng xiě xià lái	Please write it down
请你再说一遍好吗?	qǐng nǐ zài shuō yī biàn hǎo ma ?	Could you please repeat that?
我明白	wǒ míng bái	I understand
我不明白	wǒ bù míng bái	I don't understand
我不知道	wǒ bù zhī dào	I don't know
我知道	wǒ zhī dào	I know
什么意思?	shén me yì si	What do you mean?
Things you might		
see		
入口	rù kǒu	Entrance
出口	chū kǒu	Exit
紧急出口	jǐn jí chū kǒu	Emergency exit
推	tuī	Push
拉	lā	Pull
厕所	cè suǒ	Toilets
空的	kōng de	Vacant

禁止吸烟	jìn zhǐ xī yān	No smoking
打折	dǎ zhé	discount
促销	cù xiāo	promotion
买一送一	mǎi yī sòng yī	two for one
More useful basic Chinese phrases		
对	duì	Yes
不	bù	no
也许吧	yě xǔ ba	maybe
请问，厕所在哪里？	qǐng wèn , cè suǒ zài nǎ lǐ ?	Excuse me, where's the toilet?
多少？	duō shǎo ?	How much?
太贵了	tài guì le	Too expensive
便宜点	pián yi diǎn	Make it cheaper
你是本地人吗？	nǐ shì běn dì rén ma ?	Are you a local?
我从…来	wǒ cóng … lái	I'm from …
你经常来这吗	nǐ jīng cháng lái zhè ma	Do you come here often?
我会想念你的	wǒ huì xiǎng niàn nǐ de	I will miss you
我爱你	wǒ ài nǐ	I love you
别管我	bié guǎn wǒ	Leave me alone!
救命啊！	jiù mìng a	Help!
停下	tíng xià	Stop
生日快乐	shēng rì kuài lè	Happy Birthday

恭喜	gōng xǐ	Congratulations
这个用中文怎么说	zhè gè yòng zhōng wén zěn me shuō	How do you say this in Chinese?
叫警察	jiào jǐng chá	Call the police
你做什么样的工作?	nǐ zuò shén me yàng de gōng zuò ?	What kind of work do you do?
好搞笑	hǎo gǎo xiào	That's hilarious
新春快乐	xīn chūn kuài lè	Happy Chinese New Year
等一下	děng yī xià	Wait a moment
结账，谢谢。	jié zhàng , xiè xie。	The bill, please. Thank you.
我要	wǒ yào	I want...
一瓶啤酒	yī píng pí jiǔ	a beer
一杯咖啡	yī bēi kā fēi	a cup of coffee
一瓶水	yī píng shuǐ	a bottle of water