

Useful Words and Phrases

Important sayings

English	Chinese Character/Pin Yin	Phonetic English
Hello/Good Evening	nǐ hǎo 你 好	knee how
What is your name?	nín guì xìng 您 贵 姓	neen gway shing
Good Bye	zài jiàn 再 见	zi gee'en
Yes	shì 是	shr
No	bú shì 不 是	boo shr
Right/ Correct	duì 对	dway
Wrong	bú duì 不 对	boo dway
No, thanks	Bú yòng le, xiè xiè 不 用 了, 谢 谢	boo yong la, sheh sheh
Thank you	Xiè xiè 谢 谢	sheh sheh
You are welcome	Bú yòng xiè 不 用 谢	boo yong sheh
Excuse me	Duì bu qǐ 对 不 起	dway boo chee
I do not understand	wǒ tīng bù dǒng 我 听 不 懂	wore ting boo dong
I would like	wǒ yào 我 要	wore yeow
I How much?	duō shǎo qián 多 少 钱	dor sheow chen
Too expensive	tài guì le 太 贵 了	tie gway la
Do you have...?	yǒu méi yǒu 有 没 有	yo may yo
I don't need that	bú yào 不 要	boo yeow

Directions

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Stop!	tíng 停!	ting
Turn left	zuǒ 左	zaw
Turn right	yòu 右	yo
Go straight	qián 前	chee' an
Where is...?	zài nǎ lǐ 在 哪 里	zi nar lee
There	nà lǐ 那 里	nar lee
Here	zhè lǐ 这 里	jur lee
Toilet	cè suǒ 厕 所	tsur saw
How long (Time)?	duō jiǔ 多 久	dor joe

At the restaurant

English	Chinese Character/Pin Yin	Phonetic English
Chopstick	kuài zǐ 筷 子	kwhy za
Knife	dao 刀	dow
Fork	cha zǐ 叉 子	char z
Spoon	sháo zi 勺 子	sheow z
Water	shuǐ 水	shway
Coke	kě lè 可 乐	kur la
Bill	mǎi dān 买 单	my dan

Numbers

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1	yī 一	e
2	èr 二	r
3	sān 三	san
4	sì 四	sz
5	wǔ 五	oo
6	liù 六	leo
7	qī 七	chee
8	bā 八	bah
9	jiǔ 九	jeo
10	shí 十	shr
11	shí yī 十一	shr e
12	shí èr 十二	shr r
13	shí sān 十三	shr san
14	shí sì 十四	shr sz
20	èr shí 二十	r shr
30	sān shí 三十	san shr
100	yī bǎi 一百	ee bye
1,000	yī qiān 一千	ee chee an
10,000	yī wàn 一万	ee wan

Pronouns

English	Chinese Character/Pin Yin	Phonetic English
I/Me	wǒ 我	wore
You	nǐ 你	knee
He/She/It	tā / tā / tā 他 / 她 / 它	tar

Figures of speech

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That's good.	hǎo 好	how
That's not good.	bù hǎo 不 好	boo how
It was nice.	hěn hǎo 很 好	hun how