

Stop Saying "你好 Nǐ hǎo" - Speak like a Native!

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Part 1 :

Saying hello like a native

1. When you meet a friend, you can say:

Hāi!	Hēi!
嗨!	嘿!
Hi!	Hey!

2. If you run into a friend, you can ask him/her by saying :

Nǐ qù nǎr a?
你 去哪儿 啊?
Where are you going?

Hēi, nǐ gàn ma qù a?
嘿, 你 干嘛 去 啊?
Hey, what are you going to do?

3. If your neighbors see you in the community, they probably ask you:

Shàng bān qù a?
上 班 去 啊?
Going to work?

Huí lái la?
回 来 啦?
Coming back?

Chū qù a?
出 去 啊?
Going out?

4. Many Chinese people like to say:

Nǐ chī le ma ?

你吃了吗?

Have you eaten yet?

5. If you greet to others in the morning, you can say:

Zǎo!

早!

Good morning!

Part 2 :

Greeting

1. When you greet to others, you can say:

Nǐ zuì jìn zěn me yàng?

你最近怎么样?

How have you been lately?

Zuì jìn máng shén me ne?

最近忙什么呢?

What have you been doing?

2. If a friend looks unhappy or uncomfortable, you can ask :

Nǐ zěn me le?

你怎么了?

What's the matter?

Nǐ méi shìr ba?

你没事吧?

Are you OK?

3. If your friend looks really bad, you can ask :

Chū shén me shìr le?

出什么事儿了?

What happened?

4. Chinese people often use many dialects also :

Nǐ zǎ le?

你咋了?

What happened ?

Nǐ gàn shá ne?

你干啥呢?

What are you doing?

Nǐ máng shá ne?

你忙啥呢?

What have you been doing?

Nǐ gàn ma ne?

你干嘛呢?

What are you doing?

Nǐ gàn shén me ne ?

你干什么呢?

What are you doing?

Part 3 :

Responding to greetings

1. If someone asks you “ nǐ zěnmeyàng ”, you can say :

Tǐng hǎo de.

挺好的。

Pretty good.

Hái bú cuò.

还不错。

Fine.

Hái xíng.

还 行。

Not bad.

Lǎo yàng zi.

老 样 子。

Same as usual.

*** If you haven't been feeling very well lately, you can say:**

Bù zěn me yàng.

不 怎 么 样。

I'm not good.

2. If someone asks you “ nǐ zěn me le “, “ chū shén me shìr le “, but you don't want to tell others what happened, you can say:

Méi shìr.

没 事 儿。

I'm okay.

3. If someone asks you “ nǐ zuì jìn máng shén me ne “, you can say:

Méi máng shén me.

没 忙 什 么。

Nothing.

*** If you want to tell others the things you have been doing recently, you can say:**

Máng bì yè lùn wén ne!

忙 毕 业 论 文 呢!

Busy with my thesis!

Máng gōng zuò bei!

忙 工 作 呗!

Busy with my work!

4. If someone asks you “ nǐ zài zuò shén me ne”, you can simply say:

Méi zuò shén me.

没 做 什 么。

Nothing.

Wǒ kàn shū ne.

我 看 书 呢。

I'm reading.

Wǒ shuì jiào ne.

我 睡 觉 呢。

I'm sleeping.

* when someone asks you:

Nǐ shén me ne?

Q: 你 + V. + 什么 + 呢?

You can simply say:

Méi shén me.

A: 没 + V. + 什么。

Nǐ máng shén me ne?

(1) Q: 你 忙 什 么 呢?

What are you busy with?

Méi máng shén me.

A: 没 忙 什 么。

Nothing.

Nǐ zuò shén me ne?

(2) Q: 你 做 什 么 呢?

What are you doing?

Méi zuò shén me.

A: 没 做 什 么。

Nothing.

Nǐ kàn shén me ne?

(3) Q: 你 看 什 么 呢?

What are you doing?

Méi kàn shén me.

A: 没 看 什 么。

Nothing.

5. If someone asks you “nǐ chī le ma”, “nǐ qù nǎ a”, you can just answer :

Ng. Ā. Dui.

嗯。 啊。 对。

Yes.