

Lesson 1

打招呼

Greetings

Introduction

Dàjiā hǎo, wǒ shì Chén lǎoshī.

大家好，我是陈老师。

Hello everyone, I'm Teacher Chen.

Huānyíng lái dào Tiāntiān Hànyǔ.

欢迎来到天天汉语。

Welcome to Everyday Chinese.

Cóng jīntiān qǐ, wǒ lái jiāo nǐmen rìcháng Hànyǔ,

从今天起，我来教你们日常汉语，

From today on, I'm going to teach you everyday Chinese.

yě jiùshì zài rìcháng shēnghuó zhōng zuì cháng shǐyòng de Hànyǔ kǒuyǔ,

也就是在日常生活中最常使用的汉语口语，

That is the most commonly used spoken Chinese in everyday life,

bǐrú wèn hòu, jièshào, gōngzuò, àihào, jiātíng, jìhuà, děngděng.

比如问候，介绍，工作，爱好，家庭，计划，等等。

such as greetings, introductions, jobs, hobbies, family, plans, etc.

Xīwàng zhège kèchéng duì nǐ de Hànyǔ kǒuyǔ hé tīnglì yǒu bāngzhù.

希望这个课程对你的汉语口语和听力有帮助。

I hope this course will help you improve your Chinese speaking and listening skills.

Hǎo le, xiànzài jiù kāishǐ wǒmen de dì yī kè ba, dǎ zhāohu.

好了，现在就开始我们的第一课吧，打招呼。

OK, let's get started with our first lesson, greetings.

Wèn hòu bié rén, kǒu yǔ li wǒmen cóng lái bù shuō "Nǐ hǎo ma?"

问候别人，口语里我们从来不说“你好吗？”

To greet people, we never say “你好吗？” in spoken Chinese.

Wǒ néng xiǎng dào de zhǐ yǒu xiě xìn de shí hou cái huì yǒu rén yòng dào tā.

我能想到的只有写信的时候才会有人用到它。

I can only think of people using it in a letter.

Wǒmen yě cóng lái bù huì huí dá "Wǒ hěn hǎo."

我们也从来不会回答“我很好”。

And we never respond by saying “我很好” either.

Nà wǒmen gāi zěn me wèn hòu bié rén ne?

那我们该怎么问候别人呢？

So how do we greet people?

Yòu gāi zěn me huí yìng bié rén ne?

又该怎么回应别人呢？

And how do we respond?

Xiànzài wǒ jiù lái gào su nǐ.

现在我就来告诉你。

Let me explain to you right now.

Part 1

Say “你好” to a Stranger

Duì mòshēng rén shuō “Nǐ hǎo.”

对陌生人说“你好”。

Say “你好” to a stranger.

Gāng kāishǐ xué Hànyǔ de shíhòu, “nǐ hǎo” yídìng shì nǐ xué de dì yī ge duǎnyǔ.

刚开始学汉语的时候，“你好”一定是你学的第一个短语。

When you start to learn Mandarin, I bet “你好” is the first phrase you’ll learn.

Shì de, wǒmen jīngcháng duì mòshēng rén shuō “nǐ hǎo”,

是的，我们经常对陌生人说“你好”，

Yes, to be polite, we often say “你好” to a stranger,

tèbié shì dāng nǐ gēn biérén dì yī cì jiànmiàn,

特别是当你跟别人第一次见面，

especially when meeting someone for the first time,

huòzhě wèi le yīnqǐ biérén de zhùyì,

或者为了引起别人的注意，

or to get someone’s attention

huòzhě dǎduàn biérén, qǐngqiú bāngzhù de shíhòu.

或者打断别人、请求帮助的时候。

or to interrupt someone for asking for a favor.

Lái tīng yìxiē duìhuà.

来听一些对话。

Now listen to some example dialogues.

Dialogue 1

Nǐ hǎo!

A: 你好!

Hello!

Nǐ hǎo!

B: 你好!

Hello!

Dialogue 2

Nín hǎo!

A: 您好!

Hello!

Nín hǎo!

B: 您好!

Hello!

Dialogue 3

Nǐ hǎo, qǐngwèn xǐshǒujiān zài nǎr?

A: 你好, 请问洗手间在哪儿?

Excuse me, where is the bathroom?

Zài nà biān.

B: 在那边。

It's over there.

Dialogue 4

Wèi?

A: 喂?

Hello?

Nǐ hǎo, qǐngwèn Zhāng xiānsheng zài ma?

B: 你好, 请问张先生在吗?

Hello, may I speak to Mr. Zhang?

Qǐng děng yíxià.

A: 请等一下。

Hold on, please.

Tip:

"Nín" bǐ "nǐ" gèng yǒu lǐmào.

"您"比"你"更有礼貌。

"您" is more polite than "你".

Wèi le biǎoshì nǐ de zūnjìng,

为了表示你的尊敬,

To show your respect,

nǐ kěyǐ duì lǎoshī, kèhù huòzhě zhǎngzhě shuō "nín".

你可以对老师, 客户或者长者说 "您".

you can use "您" to your teachers, clients, or seniors, etc.

Jìzhù, yào yòng "nǐ hǎo" wèn hòu mòshēng rén.

记住, 要用"你好"问候陌生人。

Remember to use "你好" to greet a stranger .

Part 2

“Hi” to Someone You Know

Wèn hòu nǐ rènshi de rén.

问候你认识的人。

“Hi” to someone you know.

Zài rìcháng Hànyǔ li, wèn hòu nǐ rènshi de rén,

在日常汉语里，问候你认识的人，

In everyday Chinese, to greet people we know well,

xiàng péngyou, tóngshì, línjū, dēngdēng,

像朋友，同事，邻居，等等，

such as friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc.,

wǒmen yìbān huì wèn yí ge xiǎn'ér yìjiàn de wèntí,

我们一般会问一个显而易见的问题，

we often ask a simple and obvious question,

huòzhě zhíjiē de hǎn yíxià duìfāng de míngzì huòzhě zhíyè.

或者直接地喊一下对方的名字或者职业。

or just simply call someone's name or title.

Tīng duìhuà.

听对话。

Listen to these dialogues.

Dialogue 5

(on the street)

Qù nǎr ya?

A: 去哪儿呀?

Where are you going?

Qù chāoshì.

B: 去超市。

To the grocery store.

Dialogue 6

(in the hallway)

Lǐ lǎoshī.

A: 李老师。

Hello, Miss Li.

Èi.

B: 欸。

Hi.

Dialogue 7

(waiting for the elevator)

Zǎo, Wáng jīnglǐ.

A: 早, 王经理。

Morning, Manager Wang.

Zǎo.

B: 早。

Morning.

Dialogue 8

(in the community)

Āyí.

A: 阿姨。

Hello, auntie.

Qù shàng bān a?

B: 去上班啊?

Going to work?

Ng.

A: 嗯。

Yes.

Dialogue 9

(on the phone)

Zuìjìn zǎ yàng?

A: 最近咋样?

How are you?

Máng sǐ le.

B: 忙死了。

Really busy.

Dialogue 10

(on the phone)

Máng shá ne?

A: 忙啥呢?

What's up?

Méi máng shá.

B: 没忙啥。

Nothing much.

Advice:

Kǒuyǔ li, wǒmen jīngcháng yòng "zǎ" zhège cí,

口语里，我们经常用“咋”这个词，

In spoken Chinese, we often use the word ,

" zǎ" jiùshì "zěnmē" de yìsi.

“咋”就是“怎么”的意思。

meaning “怎么”.

Wǒmen hái jīngcháng shǐyòng "shá" lái dài tì "shénme".

我们还经常使用“啥”来代替“什么”。

We also use “啥” a lot instead of “什么”.

Dāng yí ge péngyou wèn nǐ: "Zuìjìn zěnmeyàng?"

当一个朋友问你：“最近怎么样？”

Note that when a friend greets you by saying “最近怎么样？”

huòzhě "Zuìjìn zǎyàng?",

或者“最近咋样”，

or “最近咋样”，

wǒmen yìbān bú huì huídá "Wǒ hěn hǎo."

我们一般不会回答“我很好”。

we almost never say “我很好”.

Suīrán shuō "Wǒ hěn hǎo" bú suàn cuò,

虽然说“我很好”不算错，

Just keep in mind that it's never really WRONG to say “我很好.”

dànshì jíshǐ wǒmen hěn hǎo,

但是即使我们很好,

Even though we're good,

wǒmen yě zhǐshì huì qiānxū de shuō: “Hái xíng”, “Hái kěyǐ”,

我们也只是会谦虚地说, “还行”, “还可以”,

we just humbly say “还行” or “还可以”,

huòzhě gēnjù zìjǐ de qíngkuàng lái kāishǐ tán huà.

或者根据自己的情况来开始谈话,

or start the conversation directly by talking about our current situation,

bǐrú:

比如:

for example:

Dialogue 11

Zuìjìn zěnmeyàng?

A: 最近怎么样?

How's it going?

Yǒu diǎnr lèi.

B: 有点儿累。

A bit tired.

Nǐ zuìjìn zǎyàng?

你最近咋样?

How about you?

Hái xíng.

A: 还行。

Not bad.

Hǎo le, wǒmen zài tīng yí biàn jīntiān de duìhuà.

好了，我们再听一遍今天的对话。

Now, let's listen to today's dialogues one more time.

Conclusion

Jīntiān de duìhuà nǐ dōu míngbai le ma? Xīwàng nǐ dōu lǐjiě le.

今天的对话你都明白了吗？希望你都理解了。

Did you understand today's dialogues? I hope so.

Zhèxiē dōu shì hěn yǒu yòng de kǒuyǔ biǎodá, nǐ yào zhīdào zhèxiē bìngqiě liànxí tāmen.

这些都是很有用的口语表达，你要知道这些并且练习它们。

These are very useful spoken expressions, so you should know them and practice them.

Xià jié kè, wǒ huì jiāo nǐ yǒu lǐmào de wèn biérén de míngzi hé chēnghū biérén.

下节课，我会教你有礼貌地问别人的名字和称呼别人。

Next class, I'll teach you how to politely ask someone's name and address people.

Wǒmen dào shí jiàn!

我们到时见！

See you then!