

## BEGINNER LEVEL

This Chinese beginners' course is designed for those with little to no previous knowledge of Chinese language. The course will introduce students to the basic features of the Chinese language including Pinyin (the Chinese phonetics system), basic knowledge about Chinese characters, and explore elements of Chinese culture. Meanwhile, the course will introduce students to 343 Chinese Characters, 352 Chinese words and expressions, and related grammatical items.

<b>BEGINNER 1</b>		
<b>What can you achieve</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• obtain a complete picture of Chinese phonetics, be able to make a pronunciation according to the Pinyin and lay a solid phonetic foundation for future Chinese learning.</li> <li>• have a preliminary concept of Chinese characters; have a basic knowledge of strokes, some radicals and components, character structure and stroke order; be able to recognize and typewrite 115 characters; be able to hand write some simple ones.</li> <li>• acquire 71 Chinese words and expressions.</li> <li>• have a sound understanding of basic Chinese classroom expressions.</li> <li>• acquire some simple Chinese sentence patterns.</li> <li>• be able to communicate with simple expressions about some topics, like self- introduction and greetings, the foreign languages you have learned, asking for someone's name and nationality; shopping and bargaining etc.</li> <li>• develop basic understanding about Chinese culture (Chinese surnames and given names; Chinese tea as a Chinese courtesy).</li> </ul>	
<b>Textbook</b>	Units 0-2 from New Contemporary Chinese series books 1	
<b>What will you learn</b>	Pronunciation	Overview and details of Pinyin (the Chinese phonetic system)
	Character	99 Chinese Characters
	Vocabulary	72 Words and expressions
	Grammar	Simple Sentence pattern: Subject + verb (+ Object); Subject + Adjective Four kinds of question patterns
	Culture	Chinese surnames and given names; Chinese tea as a Chinese courtesy