

Survival Chinese: Lesson 1—Greetings & Self-Introduction Preview Sheet

2 pages

Before Class – Think About These Questions

(There are no right or wrong answers.)

1. Have you ever heard Chinese before? Where or when?
2. Why do you want to learn survival Chinese?
☐ Travel ☐ Culture ☐ Family/Friends ☐ Fun ☐ Other: _____
3. How do you feel about speaking Chinese out loud?
☐ Excited ☐ A little nervous ☐ Very nervous ☐ Not sure yet

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Say hello politely in Chinese
- Tell someone your name
- Ask and answer simple questions

Note: You do NOT need to memorize anything before class.
This sheet is only to help you feel familiar.

While previewing, which phrase below looks the easiest to say?

Chinese	Pinyin	English
你好	nǐ hǎo——nee how	hello
你好吗?	nǐ hǎo ma?——nee how mah?	how are you?
我很好	wǒ hěn hǎo——woua hen how	I'm good
我不好	wǒ bù hǎo——woua boo how	I'm not good
你呢?	nǐ ne?——nee ne?	and you?
你叫什么名字?	nǐ jiào shén me míng zi? Nee jeeow shen me ming ds?	what's your name?
我叫...	wǒ jiào... wua jeeow...	my name is...
我是中国人	wǒ shì zhōng guó rén wua shì jong gua zen (j as in Jacque)	I'm Chinese
你是美国人吗?	nǐ shì měi guó rén ma? Nee shì mei guo zen mah?	Are you American?
是/不是	Shì/bú shì Shì/boo shì	Yes/No for (am/is/are questions)