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100 Essential Words and Phrases

The Everyday Mandarin You Actually Need

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Greetings & Basics

你好

**nǐ
hǎo**
Hello

谢谢

xièxie
Thank
you

不客气

bú kèqi
You're
welcome

对不起

duìbuqǐ
Sorry

不好意思

**bù
hǎo
yìsi**
Excuse
me

请

qǐng
Please

再见

zàijiàn
Goodbye

是

shì
Yes

不是

búshì
No

没关系

**méi
guānxi**
It's
okay /
No
problem

Numbers

一

yī
One

二

èr
Two

三

sān
Three

四

sì
Four

五

wǔ
Five

六

liù
Six

七

qī
Seven

八

bā
Eight

九

jiǔ
Nine

十

shí
Ten

Time & Days

今天

jīntiān
Today

明天

míngtiān
Tomorrow

昨天

zuótiān
Yesterday

现在

xiànzài
Now

早上

zǎoshang
Morning

晚上

wǎnshang
Evening

星期一

xīngqīyī
Monday

星期几

**xīngqī
jǐ**
What
day is
it?

点

diǎn
O'clock

分钟

fēnzhōng
Minute

Directions & Getting Around

左边

zuǒbian
Left

右边

yòubian
Right

前面

qiánmiàn
In front /
Ahead

后面

hòumiàn
Behind

这里

zhèlǐ
Here

那里

nàlǐ
There

远

yuǎn
Far

近

jìn
Near

出租车

chūzūchē
Taxi

地铁站

**dìtiě
zhàn**
Subway
station

Food & Drink

水

shuǐ
Water

茶

chá
Tea

米饭

mǐfàn
Rice

菜单

càidān
Menu

好吃

hǎochī
Delicious

买单

mǎidān
The bill

辣

là
Spicy

不辣

**bú
là**
Not
spicy

啤酒

píjiǔ
Beer

早餐

zǎocān
Breakfast

Shopping & Money

多少钱

**duōshao
qián**

How
much
money?

太贵了

tài guì le

Too
expensive

便宜

piányi

Cheap

现金

xiànjīn

Cash

刷卡

shuākǎ

Pay by
card

打折

dǎzhé

Discount

收据

shōujù

Receipt

这个

zhège

This
one

那个

nàge

That
one

找钱

**zhǎo
qián**

Change
(money
given
back)

People & Family

我

wǒ
I /
Me

你

nǐ
You

他

tā
He

她

tā
She

朋友

péngyou
Friend

家人

jiārén
Family

先生

xiānsheng
Mr. / Sir

女士

nǚshì
Ms. /
Madam

名字

míngzi
Name

多大

duō
dà
How
old

Common Questions

什么

shénme
What

哪里

nǎlǐ
Where

谁

shéi
Who

为什么

wèishénme
Why

怎么

zěnmē
How

可以吗

kěyǐ
ma
Is that
okay? /
May I?

几点

jǐ
diǎn
What
time?

多久

duō
jiǔ
How
long?

是不是

shì
bu
shì
Is it
or
not?

有没有

yǒu
méiyǒu
Is
there /
Do you
have

Everyday Actions & Needs

我要

wǒ
yào
I
want

我需要

wǒ
xūyào
I need

帮助

bāngzhù
Help

洗手间

xǐshǒujiān
Bathroom /
Restroom

累了

lèi
le
Tired

饿了

è le
Hungry

渴了

kě le
Thirsty

休息

xiūxi
Rest

走

zǒu
Go /
Walk

等一下

děng
yíxià
Wait a
moment

Emergencies & Asking for Help

救命

jiùmìng
Help!
(emergency)

医院

yīyuàn
Hospital

警察

jǐngchá
Police

我迷路了

**wǒ
mílù
le**
I'm
lost

危险

wēixiǎn
Dangerous

生病了

**shēngbìng
le**
Sick / Ill

打电话

**dǎ
diànhuà**
Make a
phone
call

护照

hùzhào
Passport

大使馆

dàshǐguǎn
Embassy

小心

xiǎoxīn
Be
careful



You've Got the Words. Now Use Them.

A hundred words is a genuinely good start, but words on a page and words you can actually reach for in the moment are two different things. That's really what lessons are for, real conversation, real correction, and someone to actually talk to who'll notice when something's not quite landing yet.

If you've enjoyed this, come say nǐ hǎo. Every course is shaped around you, so there's no fixed price list, just tell me what you're after and we'll work out what fits.

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