



SPEAKING • EARLY BEGINNER

Shop for Clothes in Mandarin: Colors, Sizes & Fit

Choose a garment, color, classifier, and size; ask to try it on; describe the fit; check the price; and complete a short clothes-shopping exchange in Mandarin.

Yǒu zhōnghào de lán sè wàitào ma?

有中号的蓝色外套吗？

Do you have a medium blue jacket?

Use a size and color to narrow the request; store labels vary.

By the end, you can...

- ✓ Identify and request several common clothing items and colors
- ✓ Choose 件, 条, or 双 for the target garment phrase
- ✓ Ask for a size and say whether an item is too big, too small, or suitable



Early beginner

75–95 minutes across several sessions

25 pages

Answer guide

Self-contained print practice. Audio and web tools are optional.



1

Choose the garment, not just the word

After this page, you can Recognize six useful clothing nouns and connect each one to a shopping decision.

CHOOSE

A compact wardrobe

Hanzi	Pinyin	Meaning	Shopping cue
衣服	yīfu	clothes / clothing	general category
衬衫	chènshān	shirt	upper-body item
外套	wàitào	jacket / coat	outer layer
裤子	kùzi	pants / trousers	long lower-body item
裙子	qúnzi	skirt	lower-body item
鞋	xié	shoes	paired item



Find, cover, recall

Find one useful row. Cover it and reconstruct the target form before checking.



2

Choose the garment, not just the word

CONTINUED

After this page, you can Recognize six useful clothing nouns and connect each one to a shopping decision.

 **CHOOSE**

Pick the item

Choose the garment that matches the shopper's need.

1

WORKED EXAMPLE

a shirt

☐ 裤子☐ 鞋

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

2

pants / trousers

☐ 外套☐ 裤子☐ 裙子

3

a jacket or coat

☐ 衬衫☐ 外套☐ 鞋

4

a paired item worn on the feet

☐ 裙子☐ 衣服☐ 鞋

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



3

Use color to make a choice

After this page, you can Read a color label, attach it to a garment, and request the color you want.

MATCH

Six written color labels

The words—not a swatch—carry the meaning, so the page remains usable in grayscale.

Hanzi	Pinyin	Meaning	Garment chunk
黑色	hēisè	black	黑色的外套 · black jacket
白色	báisè	white	白色的衬衫 · white shirt
红色	hóngsè	red	红色的裙子 · red skirt
蓝色	lánsè	blue	蓝色的裤子 · blue pants
绿色	lǜsè	green	绿色的外套 · green jacket
灰色	huīsè	gray	灰色的鞋 · gray shoes

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4

Use color to make a choice CONTINUED

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 **MATCH**

Read the color decision

Choose the matching meaning or line.

5

WORKED EXAMPLE

我要黑色的。



I want the black one.



I want the white one.



I do not want clothes.

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

6

蓝色的衬衫



blue shirt



green skirt



gray jacket

7

You want to ask whether another color is available.



有别的颜色吗?



你穿多大号?



试衣间在哪儿?

8

Which question asks someone's color preference?



你喜欢什么颜色?



这件多少钱?



大小合适吗?

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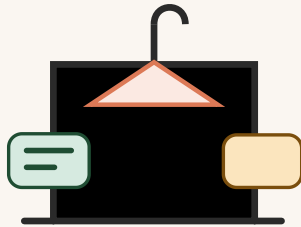
5

Count the garment as a useful chunk

After this page, you can Choose 件, 条, or 双 between the number or demonstrative and the noun.

COUNT

Three clothing classifiers



Use the visual cue, then find the matching row.

Classifier	Pinyin	Use in this pack	Model
件	jiàn	many garments; here: shirts and jackets	一件衬衫 · yī jiàn chènshān
条	tiáo	long lower-body garments; here: pants and skirts	一条裤子 · yī tiáo kùzi
双	shuāng	items used as a pair; here: shoes	一双鞋 · yī shuāng xié



Find, cover, recall

Find one useful row. Cover it and reconstruct the target form before checking.



6

Count the garment as a useful chunk CONTINUED

After this page, you can Choose 件, 条, or 双 between the number or demonstrative and the noun.

COUNT

Complete the shopping chunk

Choose the target classifier for this garment meaning.

9

WORKED EXAMPLE

一 ____ 衬衫

☒ 件

☐ 条

☐ 双

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

10

两 ____ 鞋

☐ 件

☐ 条

☐ 双

11

这 ____ 裤子

☐ 件

☐ 条

☐ 双


One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



7

Count the garment as a useful chunk CONTINUED

After this page, you can Choose 件, 条, or 双 between the number or demonstrative and the noun.

COUNT

Complete the shopping chunk

Choose the target classifier for this garment meaning.

12

那 ___ 外套

☐ 件☐ 条☐ 双

13

一 ___ 裤子

☐ 件☐ 条☐ 双

14

Which is a complete phrase for “this pair of shoes”?

☐ 这双鞋☐ 鞋这双☐ 这件鞋

One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



8

Ask about size and react to fit

After this page, you can Request a store size, then say whether the item is too big, too small, or suitable.

RESPOND

Size and fit lines

Size words name the shop label; fit words report what you experience.



Nǐ chuān duō dà hào?

你穿多大号？

What size do you wear?

多大号 asks for the size label



Wǒ chuān zhōnghào.

我穿中号。

I wear a medium.

小号 / 中号 / 大号 = small / medium / large



Yǒu dàhào ma?

有大号吗？

Do you have a large?

Ask rather than assume availability



Cover + retrieve

Choose one line. Hide it, say it once, then uncover and repair one detail.



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4

Zhè jiàn tài dà le.

这件太大了。

This one is too big.

太 + adjective + 了 marks too much here

5

Zhè jiàn tài xiǎo le.

这件太小了。

This one is too small.

Ask for another size next

6

Dàxiǎo héshì.

大小合适。

The size fits.

合适 means suitable or a good fit



Cover + retrieve

Choose one line. Hide it, say it once, then uncover and repair one detail.



10

Ask about size and react to fit CONTINUED

After this page, you can Request a store size, then say whether the item is too big, too small, or suitable.

RESPOND

Choose the useful fit response

Respond to the stated need or fit result.

15

WORKED EXAMPLE

Staff: 你穿多大号? You wear medium.



我穿中号。



我喜欢蓝色。



一百块。

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

16

The item is too small.



这件太小了。



大小合适。



这件太大了。

17

You want to ask for a large.



有大号吗?



有黑色吗?



多少钱?

18

The item fits well.



大小合适。



太小了。



没有中号。

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



11

Try, compare, or keep looking

After this page, you can Ask permission, locate the fitting room, and move the choice forward without pressure.

CHOOSE

Six choice-moving lines



Wǒ kěyǐ shìchuān ma?

我可以试穿吗？

May I try it on?

ask permission



Shìyījiān zài nǎr?

试衣间在哪儿？

Where is the fitting room?

locate the place



Zhè jiàn zěnmeyàng?

这件怎么样？

How about this one?

offer or ask for an opinion



Yǒu biéde yánsè ma?

有别的颜色吗？

Do you have another color?

request an alternative



Wǒ xǐhuan lán sè de.

我喜欢蓝色的。

I like the blue one.

the understood noun can be omitted



Wǒ zài kànkàn.

我再看看。

I'll keep looking.

delay the decision politely



Cover + retrieve

Choose one line. Hide it, say it once, then uncover and repair one detail.



12

Try, compare, or keep looking CONTINUED

After this page, you can Ask permission, locate the fitting room, and move the choice forward without pressure.

 **CHOOSE**

Move to the next shopping step

Choose the line that performs the stated job.

19

WORKED EXAMPLE

Ask to try the item on.



我可以试穿吗？



我穿中号。



我买这件。

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

20

Ask where to try it on.



试衣间在哪儿？



这件多少钱？



你喜欢什么颜色？

21

The style is right, but you want another color.



有别的颜色吗？



大小合适。



我穿大号。

22

You are not ready to choose.



我再看看。



我买这件。



大小合适。

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



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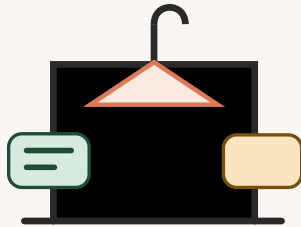
Use all the clues on a fictional rack

After this page, you can Combine item, color, size, fit, and price information to make a justified choice.

DECIDE

One shopper's try-on notes

Every option and price is invented for this exercise.



Use the visual cue, then find the matching row.

Code	Color + item	Size	Fit note	Price
A	蓝色衬衫	中号	合适	120块
B	白色衬衫	小号	太小	90块
C	黑色外套	大号	太大	200块
D	黑色裤子	中号	合适	150块



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14

Use all the clues on a fictional rack CONTINUED

After this page, you can Combine item, color, size, fit, and price information to make a justified choice.

 **DECIDE**

Choose from the evidence

Answer only from the fictional notes above.

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WORKED EXAMPLE

Which code is a medium blue shirt that fits?

- ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

24

Which code is a medium black pair of pants that fits?

- ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

25

Which item costs 90块 in this exercise?

- ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

26

Which two codes have 合适 as the fit note?

- ☐ A and D ☐ A and B ☐ B and C ☐ C and D

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



15

Follow one complete shop exchange

After this page, you can Track how garment, color, size, try-on, fit, price, and choice form one conversation.

ACT

A jacket that fits

A customer chooses from fictional stock and a fictional price.

店

店员

Nǐ hǎo, qǐngwèn nǐ xiǎng mǎi shénme?

你好，请问你想买什么？

Hello. What would you like to buy?

顾客

Wǒ xiǎng mǎi yí jiàn wàitào.

我想买一件外套。

I'd like to buy a jacket.

顾

店

店员

Nǐ xǐhuan shénme yánsè?

你喜欢什么颜色？

What color do you like?

顾客

Wǒ xǐhuan lánsè. Yǒu zhōnghào ma?

我喜欢蓝色。有中号吗？

I like blue. Do you have a medium?

顾

店

店员

Yǒu. Zhè jiàn zěnmeyàng?

有。这件怎么样？

Yes. How about this one?

Replay it three ways Read · switch roles · change one detail



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顾客

Wǒ kěyǐ shìchuān ma?

我可以试穿吗?

May I try it on?

店员

Kěyǐ. Shìyījiān zài nàbiān.

可以。试衣间在那边。

Yes. The fitting room is over there.

店

顾

顾客

Dàxiǎo héshì. Zhè jiàn duōshao qián?

大小合适。这件多少钱?

The size fits. How much is this one?

店员

Yībǎi bāshí kuài.

一百八十块。

180 kuài.

店

顾

顾客

Hǎo, wǒ mǎi zhè jiàn. Xièxie.

好，我买这件。谢谢。

Okay, I'll buy this one. Thank you.

Replay it three ways Read · switch roles · change one detail



17

Run the shop again with new choices

After this page, you can Produce a flexible role-play that changes at least two details.

✓ REHEARSE

Seven jobs for the customer and staff

Check each job after it appears in your exchange.

1

Name the garment with 件, 条, or 双

☐

2

Ask or answer about color

☐

3

Ask for a store size

☐

4

Ask to try the item on

☐

5

Say how it fits

☐

6

Ask the price without inventing a current real-world claim

☐

7

Choose the item or say 我再看看

☐



18

Run the shop again with new choices CONTINUED

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REHEARSE

My changed-detail shop role-play

27

Write an eight-to-ten-turn fictional shop exchange. Choose a garment, color, and size that differ from page 7. Include the correct target classifier, one try-on line, one fit reaction, one price question, and a final choice or delay.

Success looks like Accept any coherent exchange with independently chosen details, a correct target classifier for the intended garment, understandable size and fit language, a try-on request, a price question, and a clear decision. Pinyin may replace Hanzi.

Choose your mode Write in Hanzi · write in tone-marked pinyin · say and record it



19

Check your work

After this page, you can compare your response, understand the repair, and choose one item to replay later.

✓ ANSWER GUIDE

Answers with useful feedback

Closed tasks have a direct answer. Open tasks include a model or success criteria; your response does not need to match word for word.

1

a shirt
chèn shān
衬衫

2

pants / trousers
kù zǐ
裤子

3

a jacket or coat
wài tào
外套

4

a paired item worn on the feet
xié
鞋

5

我要黑色的。
I want the black one.

6

蓝色的衬衫
blue shirt

Do not stop at checking. Circle one repair and make that response again with the answer covered.



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jiàn

件

10

两 ____ 鞋

shuāng

双

11

这 ____ 裤子

tiáo

条

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那 ____ 外套

jiàn

件

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13

— ___ 裤子

tiáo

条

Why: Use 条 for pants in this beginner clothing set.

14

Which is a complete phrase for “this pair of shoes”?

zhè shuāng xié

这双鞋

15

Staff: 你穿多大号? You wear medium.

Wǒ chuān zhōnghào.

我穿中号。

16

The item is too small.

Zhè jiàn tài xiǎo le.

这件太小了。

17

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Yǒu dàhào ma?

有大号吗?

18

The item fits well.

Dàxiǎo héshì.

大小合适。

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B

26

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ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER

Customer: Wǒ xiǎng kànkàn nà tiáo hēisè de kùzi. / Staff: Nín chuān duō dà hào? / Customer: Dà hào. Yǒu dà hào ma? / Staff: Yǒu. / Customer: Wǒ kěyǐ shìchuān yíxià ma? / Staff: Kěyǐ, shìyījiān zài nàbian. / Customer: Dàxiǎo zhèng héshì. Duōshao qián? / Staff: Yībǎi wǔshí kuài. / Customer: Hǎo, wǒ yào zhè tiáo.

顾客：我想看看那条黑色的裤子。 / 店员：您穿多大号？ / 顾客：大号。有大号吗？ / 店员：有。 / 顾客：我可以试穿一下吗？ / 店员：可以，试衣间在那边。 / 顾客：大小正合适。多少钱？ / 店员：一百五十块。 / 顾客：好，我要这条。

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