



SPEAKING • STARTER

Meet People in Mandarin: Introduce Yourself & Ask Follow-Ups

Build a short, two-way Mandarin introduction with flexible question wording, safe answer choices, simple follow-ups, and a polite way to redirect a personal question.

Wǒ jiào Ānnà. Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?

我叫安娜。你叫什么名字？

My name is Anna. What's your name?

Give one detail, then invite the other person in.

By the end, you can...

- ✓ Give a four-to-six-line beginner introduction with support
- ✓ Ask and answer simple questions about name, origin, language, work or study, and interests
- ✓ Use 你呢 to return a question naturally



Starter

60–90 minutes across several short sessions

19 pages

Answer guide

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



1

Build a two-way introduction

After this page, you can Move through greet, share, ask, respond, and close.

FOLLOW

Five conversation jobs

Job	Hanzi	Pinyin	English
Greet	你好!	Nǐ hǎo!	Hello!
Share	我叫安娜。	Wǒ jiào Ānnà.	My name is Anna.
Ask	你叫什么名字?	Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?	What's your name?
Return	你呢?	Nǐ ne?	And you?
Close	很高兴认识你。	Hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ.	Nice to meet you.



Find, cover, recall

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



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Build a two-way introduction CONTINUED

After this page, you can Move through greet, share, ask, respond, and close.

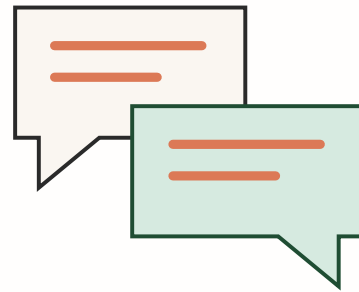
 FOLLOW

Keep the first goal small

Aim for a useful exchange of about two minutes, not a biography. Give one short answer, then ask one related question. If a detail is private, say a different safe detail or use a fictional role.

Put it in your own words.

Cover this card and explain the idea in one sentence.



A visual anchor for this page's idea



3

Name and origin

After this page, you can Ask where someone is from and answer with a country, city, or general place.

ASK

Reusable patterns



Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?

你叫什么名字?

What's your name?

叫 links a person to what they are called



Wǒ jiào Dàwèi.

我叫大卫。

My name is David.

Replace only the name



Nǐ shì nǎlǐ rén?

你是哪里人?

Where are you from?

Literally: you are which-place person?



Wǒ shì Yīngguó rén.

我是英国人。

I'm British.

country + 人



Wǒ láizì Lúndūn.

我来自伦敦。

I'm from London.

来自 introduces the place you come from

**Cover + retrieve**

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



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Name and origin CONTINUED

After this page, you can Ask where someone is from and answer with a country, city, or general place.

ASK

Choose the matching question

Circle the question that would produce the given answer.

1

WORKED EXAMPLE

Answer: 我叫美玲。



你叫什么名字？



你是哪里人？



你会说中文吗？

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

2

Answer: 我是新加坡人。



你喜欢什么？



你是哪里人？



你叫什么名字？

3

Answer: 我来自上海。



你从哪里来？



你做什么工作？



你几岁？

**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.



5

Language, work, study, and interests

After this page, you can Share one current activity and one interest without overloading the conversation.

SWAP

Swap one detail

Question	Answer frame	Example
你会说什么语言？ · What languages can you speak?	我会说_____。	我会说英语和一点中文。
你做什么工作？ · What work do you do?	我是_____。 / 我在_____工作。	我在学校工作。
你是学生吗？ · Are you a student?	是，我是_____学生。 / 不是。	是，我是大学生。
你学什么？ · What do you study?	我学_____。	我学中文。
你喜欢做什么？ · What do you like doing?	我喜欢_____。	我喜欢听音乐。



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Language, work, study, and interests CONTINUED

After this page, you can Share one current activity and one interest without overloading the conversation.

 **SWAP**

Complete the meaning

Choose the answer that fits the question.

4

WORKED EXAMPLE

你会说什么语言？



我会说英语。



我叫安娜。



我来自伦敦。

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

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你学什么？



我学中文。



我是美国人。



我很好。

6

你喜欢做什么？



我喜欢做饭。



我三点到。



我姓王。

7

你是学生吗？



是，我是大学生。



我叫学生。



我在学生。

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



7

Role-play a complete first meeting

After this page, you can Track how two people alternate answers and follow-up questions.



LISTEN

At a community class

Two learners speak before class begins.

安

安娜

Nǐ hǎo! Wǒ jiào Ānnà. Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?

你好！我叫安娜。你叫什么名字？

Hello! My name is Anna. What's your name?

李明

Wǒ jiào Lǐ Míng. Hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ.

我叫李明。很高兴认识你。

My name is Li Ming. Nice to meet you.

李

安

安娜

Wǒ yě hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ. Nǐ shì nǎlǐ rén?

我也很高兴认识你。你是哪里人？

Nice to meet you too. Where are you from?

李明

Wǒ shì Xīnjiāpō rén. Nǐ ne?

我是新加坡人。你呢？

I'm Singaporean. And you?

李

安

安娜

Wǒ shì Jiānádà rén. Nǐ huì shuō shénme yǔyán?

我是加拿大人。你会说什么语言？

I'm Canadian. What languages can you speak?

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



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Role-play a complete first meeting

 CONTINUED

After this page, you can Track how two people alternate answers and follow-up questions.



LISTEN

At a community class

Two learners speak before class begins.

李

李明

Wǒ huì shuō Yīngyǔ, Hànyǔ hé yìdiǎn Rìyǔ.

我会说英语、汉语和一点日语。

I can speak English, Chinese, and a little Japanese.

安娜

Nǐ xǐhuan zuò shénme?

你喜欢做什么？

What do you like doing?

安

李

李明

Wǒ xǐhuan pǎobù. Nǐ ne?

我喜欢跑步。你呢？

I like running. And you?

安娜

Wǒ xǐhuan tīng yīnyuè. Shàngkè le, wǒmen jìnqu ba.

我喜欢听音乐。上课了，我们进去吧。

I like listening to music. Class is starting; let's go in.

安

李

李明

Hǎo!

好！

Okay!

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



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Check the dialogue, then change it

After this page, you can Retrieve key details and transfer the patterns to new roles.

 **CHANGE**

What did you understand?

Answer from the dialogue on page 4.

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WORKED EXAMPLE

Where is Li Ming from?

☐ China☒ Singapore☐ Canada

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

9

Which language does Li Ming speak only a little?

☐ English☐ Chinese☐ Japanese

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.



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Check the dialogue, then change it CONTINUED

After this page, you can Retrieve key details and transfer the patterns to new roles.

 **CHANGE**

What did you understand?

Answer from the dialogue on page 4.

10

What does Anna like doing?

☐ Running☐ Listening to music☐ Cooking

11

What does 你呢 do in this dialogue?

☐ Ends the conversation☐ Returns the current question☐ Asks the time

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.



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Check the dialogue, then change it CONTINUED

After this page, you can Retrieve key details and transfer the patterns to new roles.

CHANGE

Changed-detail role cards

Use the visual cue, then find the matching row.

Role	Name	From	Language	Interest
A	王可	英国人	英语、一点汉语	做饭
B	Sofia	加拿大人	英语、一点汉语	听音乐
C	Sam	新加坡人	英语、汉语、一点日语	跑步

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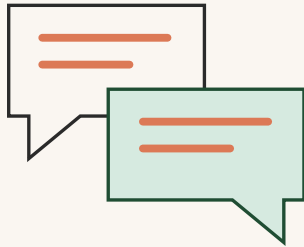
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Choose what to share

After this page, you can Recognize common question variants and answer at the level of detail you choose.

CHOOSE

One topic, more than one response



Use the visual cue, then find the matching row.

Question you may hear	Specific or general answer	Lower-detail answer or redirect
你做什么工作？ / 你在哪里工作？ Nǐ zuò shénme gōngzuò? / Nǐ zài nǎlǐ gōngzuò?	我在学校工作。 Wǒ zài xuéxiào gōngzuò. I work at a school.	我在一家公司工作。 Wǒ zài yì jiā gōngsī gōngzuò. I work at a company.
你多大？ Nǐ duō dà? How old are you?	我三十多岁。 Wǒ sānshí duō suì. I'm in my thirties.	这个我不太想说。 Zhège wǒ bù tài xiǎng shuō. I'd rather not say.
你结婚了吗？ Nǐ jiéhūn le ma? Are you married?	结婚了。 / 还没有。 Jiéhūn le. / Hái méiyǒu. Yes. / Not yet.	我们聊点儿别的吧。 Wǒmen liáo diǎnr biéde ba. Let's talk about something else.
你为什么学中文？ Nǐ wèishénme xué Zhōngwén?	因为我喜欢中国电影。 Yīnwèi wǒ xǐhuan Zhōngguó diànyǐng. Because I like Chinese films.	我还在想。你呢？ Wǒ hái zài xiǎng. Nǐ ne? I'm still thinking. How about you?



Find, cover, recall

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



13

Choose what to share CONTINUED

After this page, you can Recognize common question variants and answer at the level of detail you choose.

CHOOSE

Choose the response move

Choose the response that fits the speaker's goal. A fictional answer is always fine in practice.

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WORKED EXAMPLE

You want to answer the work question without naming your employer.



我在一家公司工作。



这个我不太想说。



你结婚了吗？

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

13

You do not want to answer an age question.



我三十多岁。



这个我不太想说。



我是加拿大人。

14

You want to move to a different topic.



我们聊点儿别的吧。



我叫安娜。



三点见。



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.



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Plan your own two-minute exchange

After this page, you can Prepare safe personal details and leave room for the other speaker.

 **REHEARSE**

My conversation card

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Write four short answers you are comfortable sharing and three questions you can ask. Include one 你呢 follow-up and one closing. Then change one detail and say the exchange again.

Success looks like Any safe, grammatical beginner exchange with four answers, three related questions, one returned question, one closing, and one changed detail is acceptable.

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



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Check your work

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

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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

Answer: 我叫美玲。

Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?

你叫什么名字？

2

Answer: 我是新加坡人。

Nǐ shì nǎlǐ rén?

你是哪里人？

3

Answer: 我来自上海。

nǐ cóng nǎ lǐ lái

你从哪里来？

4

你会说什么语言？

wǒ huì shuō yīng yǔ

我会说英语。

5

你学什么？

wǒ xué zhōng wén

我学中文。

6

你喜欢做什么？

wǒ xǐ huan zuò fàn

我喜欢做饭。

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



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Check your work CONTINUED

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Answers with useful feedback

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你是学生吗？

shì · wǒ shì dà xué shēng

是，我是大学生。

8

Where is Li Ming from?

Singapore

9

Which language does Li Ming speak only a little?

Japanese

10

What does Anna like doing?

Listening to music

11

What does 你呢 do in this dialogue?

Returns the current question

12

You want to answer the work question without naming your employer.

wǒ zài yì jiā gōng sī gōng zuò

我在一家公司工作。

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Check your work CONTINUED

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13

You do not want to answer an age question.

zhè ge wǒ bú tài xiǎng shuō

这个我不太想说。

14

You want to move to a different topic.

wǒ men liáo diǎn ér bié de ba

我们聊点儿别的吧。

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



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Check your work CONTINUED

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Write four short answers you are comfortable sharing and three questions you can ask. Include one 你呢 follow-up and one closing. Then change one detail and say the exchange again.

ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER

Answers: Wǒ jiào Ānnà. / Wǒ shì Jiānádà rén. / Wǒ huì shuō Yīngyǔ hé yìdiǎn Zhōngwén. / Wǒ xǐhuan yīnyuè.

Questions: Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi? / Nǐ shì nǎ guó rén? / Nǐ xǐhuan shénme? Follow-up: Nǐ ne? Closing: Hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ, zàijiàn! Changed detail: Wǒ xǐhuan diànyǐng.

Answers—我叫安娜。 / 我是加拿大人。 / 我会说英语和一点中文。 / 我喜欢音乐。

Questions—你叫什么名字？ / 你是哪国人？ / 你喜欢什么？ Follow-up—你呢？

Closing—很高兴认识你，再见！ Changed detail—我喜欢电影。

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