



TRAVEL • CONFIDENT BEGINNER

7-Day Mandarin Travel Refresher

Reactivate practical Mandarin for rides, hotels, meals, shops, directions, tickets, and conversation repair in seven focused 15-minute sessions.

Qǐng dài wǒ qù zhège dìzhǐ.

请带我去这个地址。

Please take me to this address.

Ride

By the end, you can...

- ✓ Retrieve a short phrase under light time pressure
- ✓ Confirm a destination, price, time, or choice
- ✓ Repair a missed word instead of abandoning the exchange



Confident beginner

15 minutes a day for 7 days

18 pages

Answer guide

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



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Day 1: Arrival and a ride

After this page, you can Show a written destination and confirm where you are going.

 **CONFIRM**

From the station

The destination below is a fictional practice example.

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Nín hǎo, qǐng dài wǒ qù zhège dìzhǐ.

您好，请带我去这个地址。

Hello. Please take me to this address.

DRIVER

Hǎo, shì Běijīng Lù bāshíbā hào, duì ma?

好，是北京路八十八号，对吗？

Okay, number 88 Beijing Road, right?

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TRAVELER

Duì, xièxie. Dàgài duō cháng shíjiān?

对，谢谢。大概多长时间？

Yes, thanks. About how long?

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



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Day 1: Arrival and a ride CONTINUED

After this page, you can Show a written destination and confirm where you are going.

 **CONFIRM**

My destination card

1

Write the venue name, full Chinese address, and a contact number from your confirmed booking. Do not translate or guess the address.

Success looks like A completed card copies verified booking details exactly; the fictional model demonstrates format only and is not destination data.

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



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Day 2: Hotel check-in

After this page, you can State that you have a reservation and ask one practical question.

∞ CHECK IN

Check-in building blocks

1

Wǒ yùdìng le yí ge fángjiān.

我预订了一个房间。

I reserved a room.

reservation

2

Wǒ jiào Lǐ Ān.

我叫李安。

My name is Li An.

name

3

Zǎocān jǐ diǎn kāishǐ?

早餐几点开始?

What time does breakfast start?

time

4

Wúxiànwǎng mìnmǎ shì shénme?

无线网密码是什么?

What is the Wi-Fi password?

information



Cover + retrieve

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



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Day 2: Hotel check-in CONTINUED

After this page, you can State that you have a reservation and ask one practical question.

CHECK IN

Choose the useful question

Pick the line that asks about breakfast time.

2

WORKED EXAMPLE

Which question do you need?



早餐几点开始?



洗手间在哪儿?



这个多少钱?

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



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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Day 3: Order a meal

After this page, you can Order a quantity, state one need, and ask for the bill.

 ORDER

A short order

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SERVER

Nín hǎo, xiǎng chī diǎnr shénme?

您好，想吃点儿什么？

Hello. What would you like to eat?

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Wǒ yào yì wǎn miàn, bú yào là.

我要一碗面，不要辣。

I'd like a bowl of noodles, not spicy.

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SERVER

Hái yào biéde ma?

还要别的吗？

Anything else?

TRAVELER

Zài lái yì bēi chá. Xièxie.

再来一杯茶。谢谢。

One more cup of tea. Thank you.

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



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Day 3: Order a meal CONTINUED

After this page, you can Order a quantity, state one need, and ask for the bill.

ORDER

Build the request

Put the quantity phrase together.

3

WORKED EXAMPLE

a bowl of noodles

yì / wǎn / miàn

一 / 碗 / 面

One answer yì / wǎn / miàn

一碗面

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



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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Day 4: Price and payment

After this page, you can Ask a price and ask which payment methods this business accepts.

 **ASK**

Ask instead of assume



Zhège duōshao qián?

这个多少钱?

How much is this?
price



Yígòng duōshao qián?

一共多少钱?

How much altogether?
total



Kěyǐ shuākǎ ma?

可以刷卡吗?

Can I pay by card?
ask acceptance



Kěyǐ fù xiànjīn ma?

可以付现金吗?

Can I pay cash?
ask acceptance



Cover + retrieve

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



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Day 4: Price and payment CONTINUED

After this page, you can Ask a price and ask which payment methods this business accepts.

ASK

Current information lives elsewhere

Payment acceptance varies by business and can change. Carry a verified plan, ask the business directly, and treat these lines only as language practice.

Put it in your own words.

Cover this card and explain the idea in one sentence.



A visual anchor for this page's idea



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Day 5: Directions

After this page, you can Ask where something is and confirm one turn.

 FOLLOW

Direction blocks



Dìtiě zhàn zài nǎr?

地铁站在哪儿？

Where is the metro station?

ask



Yìzhí wǎng qián zǒu.

一直往前走。

Go straight ahead.

straight



Zài lùkǒu zuǒzhuǎn.

在路口左转。

Turn left at the intersection.

turn



Shì zhèbiān ma?

是这边吗？

Is it this way?

confirm



Cover + retrieve

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



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Day 5: Directions CONTINUED

After this page, you can Ask where something is and confirm one turn.

 FOLLOW

Follow the instruction

Choose the matching direction.

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WORKED EXAMPLE

At the intersection, turn left.



在路口左转。



一直往前走。



在右边。

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



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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Day 6: Tickets and departure time

After this page, you can Ask for a ticket and confirm a departure point or time.

 **CONFIRM**

At a ticket counter

The destination and time are fictional language examples.

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Wǒ yào yì zhāng qù Sūzhōu de piào.

我要一张去苏州的票。

I'd like one ticket to Suzhou.

STAFF

Shàngwǔ jiǔ diǎn de, kěyǐ ma?

上午九点的，可以吗？

The 9 a.m. one – is that okay?

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Kěyǐ. Zài nǎr shàng chē?

可以。在哪儿上车？

Yes. Where do I board?

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



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Day 6: Tickets and departure time CONTINUED

After this page, you can Ask for a ticket and confirm a departure point or time.

 **CONFIRM**

Choose the classifier

Complete the ticket request.

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WORKED EXAMPLE

我要两____票。



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



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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Day 7: Repair and small talk

After this page, you can keep the exchange going when you miss a word.

REPAIR

Your repair loop



Bù hǎoyìsi, wǒ méi tīng dǒng.

不好意思，我没听懂。

Sorry, I didn't understand.

signal



Qǐng zài shuō yí biàn.

请再说一遍。

Please say that again.

repeat



Qǐng shuō màn yìdiǎnr.

请说慢一点儿。

Please speak a little more slowly.

slow down



Nǐ de yìsi shì... ma?

你的意思是……吗？

Do you mean...?

confirm



Cover + retrieve

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Day 7: Repair and small talk CONTINUED

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REPAIR

My personal trip script

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Write one real destination, one food request, one time question, and one repair phrase. Rehearse the four lines in a new order.

Success looks like A completed response uses the learner's verified destination plus three context-appropriate food, time, and repair lines; the model's destination is format-only.

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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

Write the venue name, full Chinese address, and a contact number from your confirmed booking. Do not translate or guess the address.

ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER

Fictional layout: Shìlì Jiǔdiàn / Běijīng Shì Shìlì Qū Shìlì Lù XX hào / 010-XXXX-XXXX.

Fictional layout—do not travel to it: 示例酒店 / 北京市示例区示例路XX号 / 010-XXXX-XXXX. Replace every field by copying your confirmed booking exactly.

Success criteria: A completed card copies verified booking details exactly; the fictional model demonstrates format only and is not destination data.

Second attempt

Cover the model. Recreate it from memory, change one useful detail, and note the repair you want to revisit.

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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2

Which question do you need?

Zāocān jǐ diǎn kāishǐ?

早餐几点开始?

3

a bowl of noodles

yì / wǎn / miàn

一碗面

4

At the intersection, turn left.

Zài lùkǒu zuǒzhuǎn.

在路口左转。

5

我要两____票。

zhāng

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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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ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER

Fictional destination: Qǐng sòng wǒ dào Shìlì Jiǔdiàn. / Wǒ yào yì wǎn miàn. / Jǐ diǎn chūfā? / Kěyǐ zài shuō yí biàn ma?

Fictional destination example: 请送我到示例酒店。 / 我要一碗面。 / 几点出发？ / 可以说一遍吗？ Replace the first line with your verified destination.

Success criteria: A completed response uses the learner's verified destination plus three context-appropriate food, time, and repair lines; the model's destination is format-only.

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