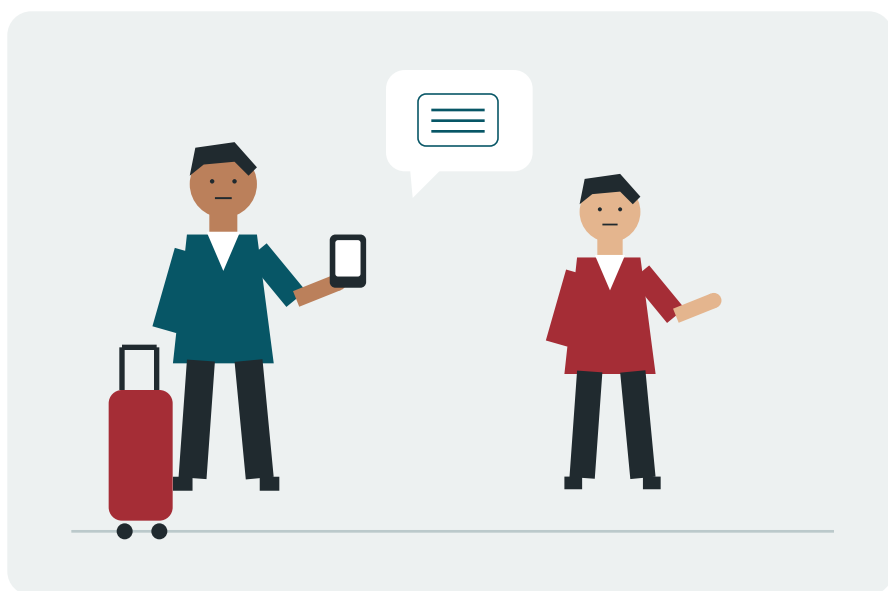


CHINA TRAVEL

Communication Toolkit

Speak • Show • Listen • Navigate • Connect



A practical guide for Mainland China

Everyday journeys • Hosts and colleagues • Hotels • Meals • Meetings •
Getting help

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Chinese as a Second Language

How to use this guide

Start with one short line. Listen for the useful part. You can show the Chinese whenever speaking feels difficult.

FOUR LAYERS, ONE USEFUL PHRASE

你好!

Nǐ hǎo!

knee how!

SAY

Hello!

Chinese

The largest line: point to it or show it.

Pinyin

Tone marks guide your voice. An unmarked Mandarin syllable is neutral: light and brief.

CSL sound clue

An English approximation, without tone marks. Follow pinyin for tone. * means rounded lips with an ee-like tongue position.

English

Your quick meaning check. Names in brackets are fields to fill, not words to read aloud.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Say



Listen



Show



Use app



Backup

PRACTICE

Hear it, say it, switch roles. Start with numbered traveler lines; optional phrases help you go further. Spoken tones can change when words connect.

Repair: p. 9 Urgent help: p. 25 Your details: p. 26

One step at a time

1

SPEAK

Say one short phrase. Point to the item or booking.

2

LISTEN

Catch a useful word, number or direction. Confirm what matters.

3

REPAIR

Ask for a repeat, slower speech, writing or pointing. See page 9.

4

SHOW

Let the person read the Chinese beside your address or booking.

5

TRANSLATE

Use a short sentence in your tested app. Show the result; invite a reply.

USE THE APP

English ↔ Chinese (Simplified/Mandarin). Check recognized words, then reverse direction for the reply. Confirm names, numbers, units, dates and negatives.

SECURITY NOTE

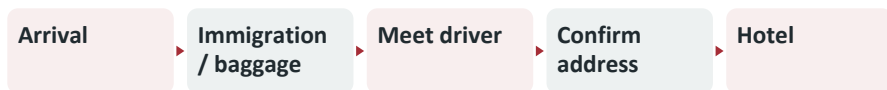
Keep confidential and personal information out of consumer translators without authorization. Use a qualified interpreter for consequential details.

Still stuck? Show a printed address, ask a staffed desk or call your host. You may skip directly to help.

Arrival quick start



AIRPORT TO HOTEL



你好!

Nǐ hǎo!
knee how!

GREET
Hello!

谢谢。

Xièxie.
shyeh shyeh.

THANK
Thank you.

我听不懂。

Wǒ tīngbudǒng.
waw ting boo dohng.

REPAIR
I don't understand what
you're saying.

我需要帮助。

Wǒ xūyào bāngzhù.
waw shyoo* yow bahng joo.

GET HELP
I need help.

请帮我给这个人打电话。

Qǐng bāng wǒ gěi zhège rén dǎ diànhuà.
ching bahng waw gay juh guh run dah dyehn hwah.

CONTACT
Please help me call this
person.

SHOW THIS

请带我去这个地址。

Qǐng dài wǒ qù zhège dìzhǐ.
ching dye waw chyoo* juh guh dee jrr.
Please take me to this address.

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Keep passport and booking ready. Match the driver and plate to your booking; use the official taxi queue or verified pickup. Show the full Chinese address from page 26.

No data? Ask a staffed information desk to help contact your host.

Ready in three weeks

3 WEEKS

Confirm itinerary, business purpose, passport and entry rules. Decide device, connection, expenses and emergency contact. Install apps; begin account checks.

2 WEEKS

Finish payment setup and card verification. Test a host message and call. Save Chinese hotel, station and meeting addresses, including branches and entrances.

1 WEEK

Download Apple Translate languages on iPhone, Pleco files and any available CSL audio. Test offline. Practice arrival, repair and payment. Fill page 26; check dietary wording.

DAY BEFORE

Recheck travel details, pickup, contacts and airline battery rules. Save local copies and print backups. Charge devices; pack cable, adapter and permitted power bank.

AFTER LANDING

Activate your connection and contact your host. Check a small merchant payment; carry cash. If setup fails, use staffed help and the printed plan first.

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Do not test-call emergency numbers. Recheck changing travel rules for your actual route.

Choose the right app



NEED A SENTENCE?

Translate (Apple)

iPhone • Download English + Mandarin; test offline.



iPhone

NEED A SENTENCE?

Microsoft Translator

Android choice; also iPhone. Plan to use with data.



Both

NEED ONE WORD?

Pleco Chinese Dictionary

Both • Download dictionary/audio files. Offline word lookup.



Both

NEED TO PAY?

Alipay

Both • Set up account, identity and card checks; use data.



iPhone



Android

NEED YOUR HOST?

WeChat

Both • Verify account and test contact.
Calls/messages need data.



iPhone



Android

NEED A MAP?

AMap Global

Both • Use English; test routes with data. Save address screenshots.



iPhone



Android

OFFLINE BACKUP: this booklet + printed addresses + Pleco. iPhone: downloaded Apple Translate languages. Download and test before departure.

Set up. Then test.



☐ **INSTALL**

Use the official links on page 6; match the publisher. Select English. Some screens may remain Chinese.

☐ **REGISTER**

Use your own number and country code. Alipay/WeChat support overseas numbers; confirm SMS reception and complete the checks shown.

☐ **VERIFY**

Use official in-app passport/identity steps. Link an eligible card and finish issuer verification. A linked card does not guarantee every payment.

☐ **CONNECT**

Add your host; confirm identity through a known contact. Test a message and an agreed call. Booking and map-account number support can differ.

☐ **SAVE**

Store Chinese destinations, contacts and confirmations locally. Download Pleco files; on iPhone, download both Apple Translate languages.

☐ **TEST OFFLINE**

Airplane mode on, Wi-Fi off: reopen files, audio and a Pleco word. On iPhone, test a new sentence both ways. Android: use printed phrases; do not assume offline sentences.

☐ **TEST ONLINE**

Reconnect for routes and harmless speech translation. After arrival, test contact and a small purchase. Check uncertain payments before retrying.

Phone/OS: _____ Tested: _____

Optional bookings: Trip.com or Railway 12306. Use data; save confirmations. Match passport details and get help early if registration fails.

When the phone fails



SAVED INFORMATION

Chinese addresses, entrances, bookings, route screenshots and hotel/host numbers. Open local copies with data off.



DOWNLOADED AUDIO

Save files when available. A link or a cloud-only file is not an offline backup.



PRINTED CARDS

Carry page 26, hotel and meeting addresses, pickup details and emergency contacts. Keep passport/boarding credentials separately.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Use your meeting point and check-in plan if separated. Ask staff to call the contact on page 26. Keep a way to make ordinary calls.



POWER BANK

Pack charger, cable and adapter. For mainland domestic flights, check clear CCC marks, recalls and each airline's capacity, carriage and use rules.

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Confirm mainland data coverage, roaming cost, SIM/eSIM compatibility and SMS on your registered number. Data-only plans may not provide calls or verification texts.

SECURITY NOTE

Lock your phone, limit permissions and protect sensitive files. Do not depend on any single online service; carry cash and printed help details.

Keep the conversation going

CONVERSATION RECOVERY

Try Mandarin

Ask again

Show
Chinese

Translator

Call contact

我听不懂。

Wǒ tīngbudǒng.
waw tīng boo dohng.

UNDERSTAND

I don't understand what you're saying.

请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yīdiǎn.
ching shwaw mahn ee dyehn.

SLOW DOWN

Please speak a little more slowly.

请再说一遍。

Qǐng zài shuō yī biàn.
ching dzeye shwaw ee byehn.

REPEAT

Please say that again.

请写下来。

Qǐng xiěxiàlai.
ching shyeh shyah leye.

WRITE

Please write it down.

请指给我看。

Qǐng zhǐ gěi wǒ kàn.
ching jrr gay waw kahn.

POINT

Please point it out to me.

请在我的手机上打字。

Qǐng zài wǒ de shǒujī shàng dǎ zì.
ching dzeye waw duh show jee shahng dah dzuh.

TYPE

Please type it on my phone.

请等一下。

Qǐng děng yīxià.
ching dung ee shyah.

PAUSE

One moment, please.

我在用翻译软件。

Wǒ zài yòng fānyì ruǎnjiàn.
waw dzeye yong fahn ee rwahn jyehn.

EXPLAIN TOOL

I'm using a translation app.

请帮我给这个人打电话。

Qǐng bāng wǒ gěi zhègè rén dǎ diànhuà.
ching bahng waw gay juh guh run dah dyehn hwah.

CALL CONTACT

Please help me call this person.

Pause and let the other person respond. If inviting typing, open a blank translation field and keep control of your phone.

Catch the useful words

Ask for writing or pointing. Answers often repeat the question's verb; there is no universal yes/no pair.

是 / 不是

shì / bù shì
shrr / boo shrr
Yes, it is / No, it isn't.

对 / 不对

duì / bù duì
dway / boo dway
Correct / Incorrect.

有 / 没有

yǒu / méiyǒu
yo / may yo
Have or available / Don't have or unavailable.

可以 / 不可以

kěyǐ / bù kěyǐ
kuh ee / boo kuh ee
Can or allowed / Cannot or not allowed.

这里 / 那里

zhèlǐ / nàlǐ
juh lee / nah lee
Here / There.

左 / 右 / 直走

zuǒ / yòu / zhí zǒu
dzwaw / yo / jrr dzoh
Left / Right / Go straight.

今天 / 明天

jīntiān / míngtiān
jeen tyehn / ming tyehn
Today / Tomorrow.

点 / 分钟 / 小时

diǎn / fēnzhōng / xiǎoshí
dyehn / fun johng / shyow shrr
O'clock / Minutes / Hours.

到了 / 等一下

dào le / děng yīxià
dow leh / dung ee shyah
Arrived / Wait a moment.

零 一 二 三 四 五

líng yī èr sān sì wǔ
ling ee er sahn suh woo
0 1 2 3 4 5.

六 七 八 九 十

liù qī bā jiǔ shí
lyoh chee bah jyoh shrr
6 7 8 9 10.

十一 / 二十 / 百 / 千

shíyī / èrshí / bǎi / qiān
shrr ee / er shrr / bye / chyehn
11 / 20 / Hundred / Thousand.

两 / 么

liǎng / yāo
lyahng / yow
Two before many measure words / One when reading digits aloud.

号 / 楼 / 元

hào / lóu / yuán
how / loh / ywen*
Number / Floor / Yuan.

21 = 20 + 1; 35 = 30 + 5. Phones/rooms may use single digits. Confirm CNY totals, full dates and local times. Mainland China: UTC+8.

At the airport



At the airport, show your boarding pass and find the gate.

请问，登机口在哪儿？

Qǐngwèn, dēngjīkǒu zài nǎr?
ching wun, dung jee koh dzeye nahr?

1 SAY

Excuse me, where is the boarding gate?

一直走。

Yízhí zǒu.
ee jrr dzoh.

2 STAFF

Go straight ahead.

是这个航班吗？

Shì zhègè hángbān ma?
shrr juh guh hahng bahn mah?

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Is this the right flight?
[Show booking.]

对。

Duì.
dway.

4 STAFF

That's right.

请指给我看。

Qǐng zhǐ gěi wǒ kàn.
ching jrr gay waw kahn.

REPAIR

Please point it out to me.

开始登机了吗？

Kāishǐ dēngjī le ma?
keye shrr dung jee luh mah?

ASK

Has boarding started?

还没有，请等一下。

Hái méiyǒu, qǐng děng yíxià.
high may yo, ching dung ee shyah.

LIKELY REPLY

Not yet. Please wait a moment.

LISTEN FOR

Gate and flight number; the “go straight” reply.

SHOW THIS

请问，登机口在哪儿？

Qǐngwèn, dēngjīkǒu zài nǎr?
ching wun, dung jee koh dzeye nahr?
Excuse me, where is the boarding gate?

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Check the live gate and airline instructions. If a document is rejected, stay with staff and show your passport and boarding pass.

At the railway station



At the station, show your booking and confirm the train.

是这趟车吗?

Shì zhè tàng chē ma?
shrr juh tahng chuh mah?

1 SAY

Is this the right train?
[Show booking.]

是的, 请出示护照。

Shì de, qǐng chūshì hùzhào.
shrr duh, ching choo shrr hoo jaow.

2 STAFF

Yes. Please show your passport.

这是我的护照。

Zhè shì wǒ de hùzhào.
juh shrr waw duh hoo jaow.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Here is my passport.

请写下来。

Qǐng xiěxiàlai.
ching shyeh shyah leye.

REPAIR

Please write it down.

请问, 进站口在哪儿?

Qǐngwèn, jìnzhànkǒu zài nǎr?
ching wun, jeen jahn koh dzeye nahr?

FIND ENTRANCE

Excuse me, where is the station entrance?

几号站台?

Jǐ hào zhàntái?
jee how jahn teye?

FIND PLATFORM

Which platform number?

我在哪儿等?

Wǒ zài nǎr děng?
waw dzeye nahr dung?

FIND WAITING AREA

Where should I wait?

LISTEN FOR

Exact train number; the passport request.

SHOW THIS

我的车票有问题。

Wǒ de chēpiào yǒu wèntí.
waw duh chuh pyow yo wun tee.
There's a problem with my train ticket.

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Carry the original booked passport; an itinerary cannot admit you. If needed, use a staffed check. Confirm station, date, train, carriage and seat.

Meet your driver



At pickup, confirm your name and show the exact destination.

请问，您是[姓名]吗？

Qǐngwèn, nín shì [name] ma?
ching wun, neen shrr [name] mah?

1 DRIVER

Excuse me, are you [name]?

是的，我是[姓名]。

Shì de, wǒ shì [name].
shrr duh, waw shrr [name].

2 YOUR RESPONSE

Yes, I'm [name].

是这个地址吗？

Shì zhège dìzhǐ ma?
shrr juh guh dee jrr mah?

3 DRIVER

Is this the address?

对，谢谢。

Duì, xièxie.
dway, shyeh shyeh.

4 YOUR RESPONSE

That's right, thank you.

请帮我给这个人打电话。

Qǐng bāng wǒ gěi zhège rén dǎ diànhuà.
ching bahng waw gay juh guh run dah dyehn hwah.

REPAIR

Please help me call this person.

大概多长时间？

Dàgài duō cháng shíjiān?
dah gay dwaw chahng shrr jyehn?

EXTENDED TRAVELER

About how long will it take?

大概三十分钟。

Dàgài sānshí fēnzhōng.
dah gay sahn shrr fun johng.

LIKELY REPLY

About thirty minutes.

LISTEN FOR

Your booked name; the destination question.

SHOW THIS

请带我去这个地址。

Qǐng dài wǒ qù zhège dìzhǐ.
ching dye waw chyoo* juh guh dee jrr.
Please take me to this address.

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Match driver and plate to the booking. Show the full Chinese destination and entrance; an English name may identify the wrong branch.

On the way



During the ride, arrange a stop and ask for time.

请在这里停车。

Qǐng zài zhèlǐ tíng chē.

ching dzeye juh lee ting chuh.

1 SAY

Please stop here.

好的。

Hǎo de.

how duh.

2 DRIVER

Okay.

请等我一下。

Qǐng děng wǒ yíxià.

ching dung waw ee shyah.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Please wait for me a moment.

请帮我给这个人打电话。

Qǐng bāng wǒ gěi zhège rén dǎ diànhuà.

ching bahng waw gay juh guh run dah dyehn hwah.

REPAIR

Please help me call this person.

堵车 / 地址不对 / 到了

dǔchē / dìzhǐ bù duì / dào le

doo chuh / dee jrr boo dway / dow luh

LIKELY STATUS WORDS

Traffic jam / Wrong address / Arrived.

LISTEN FOR

Arrival, traffic or a wrong address. Stops must be safe and legal.

SHOW THIS

请在这里停车。

Qǐng zài zhèlǐ tíng chē.

ching dzeye juh lee ting chuh.

Please stop here.

USE THE APP

Use AMap Global with data. Match the map pin to the written address. Offline: show saved address and route screenshot. If ride-hailing fails, ask the host or hotel for a taxi.

Check in at your hotel



At reception, find your reservation.

我有预订。

Wǒ yǒu yùdìng.
waw yo yoo* ding.

1 SAY

I have a reservation.

请问，您叫什么名字？

Qǐngwèn, nín jiào shénme míngzi?
ching wun, neen jyow shun muh ming dzuh?

2 RECEPTION

May I have your name?

我叫[姓名]。

Wǒ jiào [name].
waw jyow [name].

3 YOUR RESPONSE

My name is [name].

这是我的护照。

Zhè shì wǒ de hùzhào.
juh shrr waw duh hoo jaow.

4 YOUR RESPONSE

Here is my passport.

请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yīdiǎn.
ching shwaw mahn ee dyehn.

REPAIR

Please speak a little more slowly.

怎么连接无线网络？

Zěnmē liánjiē wúxiàn wǎngluò?
dzuhn muh lyen jyeh woo shyehn wahng lwaw?

WI-FI

How do I connect to Wi-Fi?

几点退房？

Jǐ diǎn tuìfáng?
jee dyehn tway fahng?

CHECKOUT

What time is checkout?

LISTEN FOR

Your name and identification; show the booking.

SHOW THIS

我有预订。

Wǒ yǒu yùdìng.
waw yo yoo* ding.
I have a reservation.

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Confirm breakfast location and checkout date/time. Ask for written Wi-Fi instructions. Record deposits separately from the final bill.

Ask the hotel for help



When the room key fails, ask reception for help.

房卡打不开门。

Fángkǎ dǎbukāi mén.

fahng kah dah boo keye mun.

1 SAY

The key card won't open the door.

请到前台来。

Qǐng dào qiántái lái.

ching dow chyeahn teye leye.

2 RECEPTION

Please come to the front desk.

好的。

Hǎo de.

how duh.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Okay.

请指给我看。

Qǐng zhǐ gěi wǒ kàn.

ching jrr gay waw kahn.

REPAIR

Please point it out to me.

我的房间有问题。

Wǒ de fángjiān yǒu wèntí.

waw duh fahng jyehh yo wun tee.

ROOM PROBLEM

There's a problem with my room.

支付失败了。

Zhīfù shībài le.

jrr foo shrr bye luh.

PAYMENT PROBLEM

The payment failed.

请帮我叫辆出租车。

Qǐng bāng wǒ jiào liàng chūzūchē.

ching bahng waw jyow lyahng choo dzoo chuh.

TRANSPORT

Please call a taxi for me.

LISTEN FOR

The instruction to come to the front desk.

SHOW THIS

请把地址写成中文。

Qǐng bǎ dìzhǐ xiěchéng Zhōngwén.

ching bah dee jrr shyeh chung johng wun.

Please write the address in Chinese.

OFFLINE BACKUP

Show the problem or booking. Keep payment history for any charge or deposit check. Get the destination in Chinese before leaving.

Meet your hosts



Meet a host, say your name, and introduce a colleague.

你好!

Nǐ hǎo!
knee how!

1 SAY
Hello!

你好!

Nǐ hǎo!
knee how!

2 HOST
Hello!

我叫[姓名]。

Wǒ jiào [name].
waw jyow [name].

3 YOUR RESPONSE
My name is [name].

很高兴认识你。

Hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ.
hun gow shing run shrr knee.

4 HOST
Nice to meet you.

我也很高兴认识你。

Wǒ yě hěn gāoxìng rènshi nǐ.
waw yeh hun gow shing run shrr knee.

5 YOUR RESPONSE
Nice to meet you too.

请再说一遍。

Qǐng zài shuō yī biàn.
ching dzeye shwaw ee byehn.

REPAIR
Please say that again.

LISTEN FOR

“Nice to meet you”; listen for the host’s name.

SHOW THIS

这是我的同事[姓名]。

Zhè shì wǒ de tóngshì [name].
juh shrr waw duh tong shrr [name].
This is my colleague [name].

CULTURE NOTE

Use real names as people use them. Ask for a repeat and check a written name or contact card; do not invent Chinese names.

Introduce yourself at work



Begin a professional visit with a simple introduction.

我在[公司名称]工作。

Wǒ zài [company name] gōngzuò.
waw dzeye [company name] gohng dzwaw.

1 SAY

I work for [company name].

欢迎你们!

Huānyíng nǐmen!
hwahn ying knee mun!

2 HOST

Welcome!

谢谢您抽时间和我们见面。

Xièxie nín chōu shíjiān hé wǒmen jiànmiàn.
shyeh shyeh neen choh shrr jyehh huh waw mun jyehh myehh.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Thank you for making time to meet us.

请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yīdiǎn.
ching shwaw mahn ee dyehh.

REPAIR

Please speak a little more slowly.

这是我第一次来中国。

Zhè shì wǒ dì-yī cì lái Zhōngguó.
juh shrr waw dee-ee tsuh leye johng gwaw.

EXTENDED IF TRUE

This is my first visit to China.

谢谢您的热情接待。

Xièxie nín de rèqíng jiēdài.
shyeh shyeh neen duh ruh ching jyeh dye.

AT THE CLOSE

Thank you for your hospitality.

LISTEN FOR

The welcome. A smile and thanks are enough.

SHOW THIS

我在[公司名称]工作。

Wǒ zài [company name] gōngzuò.
waw dzeye [company name] gohng dzwaw.
I work for [company name].

CULTURE NOTE

Say your employer name in English or show a business card. Keep introductions brief; use existing documents for technical explanations.

At the restaurant



At a restaurant, ask for a recommendation.

您推荐什么菜？

Nín tuījiàn shénme cài?
neen tway jyehh shun muh tseye?

1 SAY

What dishes do you recommend?

这个很好吃。

Zhège hěn hǎochī.
juh guh hun how chrr.

2 SERVER

This one is delicious.

这个辣吗？

Zhège là ma?
juh guh lah mah?

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Is this spicy?

不辣。

Bù là.
boo lah.

4 SERVER

It isn't spicy.

我要这个。

Wǒ yào zhège.
waw yow juh guh.

5 YOUR RESPONSE

I'd like this one.

请指给我看。

Qǐng zhǐ gěi wǒ kàn.
ching jrr gay waw kahn.

REPAIR

Please point it out to me.

我吃素。

Wǒ chī sù.
waw chrr soo.

DIET

I'm vegetarian.

LISTEN FOR

Spicy or not spicy; point to the exact dish.

SHOW THIS

我对[过敏原]过敏。

Wǒ duì [allergen] guòmǐn.
waw dway [allergen] gwaw min.
I'm allergic to [allergen].

CHECK BEFORE LEAVING

Check the Chinese allergen before travel. Severe allergies/cross-contact need a separate reviewed card. Vegetarian may not clarify broth/sauces. If safety is uncertain, choose another option.

Share a meal



At a hosted meal, offer a simple toast.

谢谢大家!

Xièxie dàjiā!
shyeh shyeh dah jyah!

1 SAY

Thank you, everyone!
[Simple toast.]

干杯!

Gānbēi!
gahn bay!

2 HOST

Cheers!

我不喝酒，谢谢。

Wǒ bù hē jiǔ, xièxie.
waw boo huh jyoh, shyeh shyeh.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

I don't drink alcohol, thank you.

请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yīdiǎn.
ching shwaw mahn ee dyehn.

REPAIR

Please speak a little more slowly.

很好吃!

Hěn hǎochī!
hun how chrr!

COMPLIMENT

It's delicious!

请买单。

Qǐng mǎidān.
ching meye dahn.

WHEN YOU ARE PAYING

The bill, please.

请给我小票。

Qǐng gěi wǒ xiǎopiào.
ching gay waw shyow pyow.

RECEIPT

Please give me a receipt.

LISTEN FOR

The toast. You may raise water or tea.

SHOW THIS

谢谢您的热情接待。

Xièxie nín de rèqíng jiēdài.
shyeh shyeh neen duh ruh ching jyeh dye.
Thank you for your hospitality.

CULTURE NOTE

Let the host guide seating and pace; use serving utensils when provided. Explain dietary needs early. Check before requesting the bill. Water or tea is fine for a toast.

Make a payment



At checkout, establish the total and how to pay.

多少钱?

Duōshao qián?
dwaw shaow chyehn?

1 SAY

How much is it?

二十元。

Èrshí yuán.
er shrr ywen*.

2 CASHIER

Twenty yuan.

怎么付款?

Zěnmē fùkuǎn?
dzuhn muh foo kwahn?

3 YOUR RESPONSE

How do I pay?

您扫这个码。

Nín sǎo zhège mǎ.
neen saow juh guh mah.

4 CASHIER

Please scan this code.

请指给我看。

Qǐng zhǐ gěi wǒ kàn.
ching jrr gay waw kahn.

REPAIR

Please point it out to me.

可以用微信支付吗?

Kěyǐ yòng Wēixin zhīfù ma?
kuh ee yong way sheen jrr foo mah?

ALTERNATIVE WALLET

Can I pay with WeChat Pay?

支付成功 / 支付失败

zhīfù chénggōng / zhīfù shībài
jrr foo chung gohng / jrr foo shrr bye

RECOGNIZE RESULT

Payment successful /
Payment failed.

LISTEN FOR

The amount and who scans whose code.

SHOW THIS

可以用支付宝吗?

Kěyǐ yòng Zhīfùbǎo ma?
kuh ee yong jrr foo baow mah?
Can I pay with Alipay?

SECURITY NOTE

Check recipient and total. Show your payment code only to the cashier. Wait for success and merchant confirmation. Foreign-card linking does not enable every transfer or personal QR payment.

When payment fails



When a payment fails, check before retrying.

First check status: if pending or uncertain, ask before retrying.

PAYMENT RECOVERY

Retry ▶ Network ▶ Wallet ▶ Card ▶ Cash ▶ Host

支付失败了。

Zhīfù shībài le.

jrr foo shrr bye luh.

1 SAY

The payment failed.

请等一下。

Qǐng děng yīxià.

ching dung ee shyah.

2 CASHIER

One moment, please.

可以再试一次吗？

Kěyǐ zài shì yī cì ma?

kuh ee dzeye shrr ee tsuh mah?

3 YOUR RESPONSE

May I try again?

可以。

Kěyǐ.

kuh ee.

4 CASHIER

Yes, you can.

请写下来。

Qǐng xiěxiàlai.

ching shyeh shyah leye.

REPAIR

Please write it down.

请帮我开发票。

Qǐng bāng wǒ kāi fāpiào.

ching bahng waw keye fah pyow.

TAX INVOICE

Please issue a fapiao for me.

LISTEN FOR

Wait, then check the result (page 21).

SHOW THIS

可以付现金吗？

Kěyǐ fù xiànjīn ma?

kuh ee foo shyehn jeen mah?

Can I pay cash?

OFFLINE BACKUP

Check history with the merchant before paying again. Keep receipts. For a fapiao, use exact billing details; never invent a tax number. Fees/acceptance vary.

In a business meeting



In a meeting, point to a written figure and confirm it.

MEETING LADDER

Greet

Introduce

Clarify

Confirm

Thank

Next step

我确认一下，是这个数字吗？

Wǒ quèrèn yíxià, shì zhège shùzì ma?

waw quəwəh* run ee shyah, shrr juh guh shoo dzuh mah?

1 SAY

Let me confirm: is this the number? [Point.]

对。

Duì.

dway.

2 HOST

That's right.

单位是什么？

Dānwèi shì shénme?

dahn way shrr shun muh?

3 YOUR RESPONSE

What is the unit?

请写下来。

Qǐng xiěxiàlai.

ching shyeh shyah leye.

REPAIR

Please write it down.

这是什么意思？

Zhè shì shénme yìsi?

juh shrr shun muh ee suh?

CLARIFY MEANING

What does this mean?

时间 / 数量 / 规格

shíjiān / shùliàng / guīgé

shrr jyehn / shoo lyahng / gway guh

SWAP FOR "NUMBER" IN TURN 1

Time / Quantity /
Specification.

LISTEN FOR

Confirmation, then unit. Ask for the complete value.

SHOW THIS

有英文资料吗？

Yǒu Yīngwén zīliào ma?

yo ying wun dzuh lyow mah?

Do you have materials in English?

SECURITY NOTE

Confirm number + unit, date + local time and specification + revision in writing.
Use English for a role if needed. A nod or app result is not technical sign-off.

Visit a workplace



During a tour, ask before taking a photograph.

这里可以拍照吗？

Zhèlǐ kěyǐ pāizhào ma?

juh lee kuh ee pie jaow mah?

1 SAY

May I take photos here?

不可以拍照。

Bù kěyǐ pāizhào.

boo kuh ee pie jaow.

2 HOST

Photography isn't allowed.

好的，我知道了。

Hǎo de, wǒ zhīdao le.

how duh, waw jrr dow luh.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

Okay, I understand.

请再说一遍。

Qǐng zài shuō yī biàn.

ching dzeye shwaw ee byehn.

REPAIR

Please say that again.

谢谢您带我们参观。

Xièxie nín dài wǒmen cānguān.

shyeh shyeh neen dye waw mun tsahn gwahn.

THANK THE GUIDE

Thank you for showing us around.

下一步怎么安排？

Xià yī bù zěnmē ānpái?

shyah ee boo dzuhn muh ahn pie?

NEXT STEP

What are the next steps?

时间 / 数量 / 规格

shíjiān / shùliàng / guīgé

shrr jyehn / shoo lyahng / gway guh

TIME, QUANTITY, SPECIFICATION

Time / Quantity /
Specification.

LISTEN FOR

The negative answer. If unclear, wait and ask again.

SHOW THIS

这个问题，我们确认后再回复。

Zhègè wèntí, wǒmen quèrèn hòu zài huífù.

juh guh wun tee, waw mun chweh* run ho dzeye hway foo.

We'll respond to this question after checking.

SECURITY NOTE

Follow host and site safety instructions. Ask before photos, recording or uploads.
Confirm quantity/unit and specification/revision on the source document.

Get help now


110

POLICE

119

FIRE

120

AMBULANCE

Show your location. Ask nearby staff to call if needed; English help is not guaranteed.
Do not wait for an app.

我需要帮助。

Wǒ xūyào bāngzhù.

waw shyoo* yow bahng joo.

1 SAY

I need help.

怎么了？

Zěnmē le?

dzuhn muh luh?

2 LISTEN FOR

What's wrong?

我需要看医生。

Wǒ xūyào kàn yīshēng.

waw shyoo* yow kahn ee shung.

3 YOUR RESPONSE

I need to see a doctor.

请帮我给这个人打电话。

Qǐng bāng wǒ gěi zhège rén dǎ diànhuà.

ching bahng waw gay juh guh run dah dyehn hwah.

REPAIR AND CONTACT

Please help me call this person.

我迷路了。

Wǒ mílù le.

waw mee loo luh.

LOST

I'm lost.

我找不到同行的人。

Wǒ zhǎobudào tóngxíng de rén.

waw jaow boo dow tong shing duh run.

SEPARATED

I can't find the people I'm traveling with.

我的护照丢了。

Wǒ de hùzhào diū le.

waw duh hoo jaow dyoh luh.

PASSPORT PROBLEM

I've lost my passport.

SHOW THIS

请叫救护车。

Qǐng jiào jiùhùchē.

ching jyow jyoh hoo chuh.

Please call an ambulance.

Lost passport? Report to local police, then your own embassy/consulate (p. 26).
Never test-call emergency services.

Your travel information

Fill before departure. Verify Chinese addresses and phone numbers with your host. Carry this page; store sensitive documents separately.

Your name

Hotel name (English)

Hotel name + full Chinese address

Hotel phone

Host name + phone with country/area code

Company / site name + full Chinese address

Meeting building, floor + entrance

Emergency contact + phone

Insurance assistance number

Optional dietary / medical wording in checked Chinese

Own-country embassy / consular contact

Meeting point if separated

Checked by: _____ Date: _____ No PINs, passwords, full card numbers or passport numbers.

Speak or show

你好!

Nǐ hǎo!
knee how!

GREET
Hello!

谢谢。

Xièxie.
shyeh shyeh.

THANK
Thank you.

我听不懂。

Wǒ tīngbudǒng.
waw ting boo dohng.

REPAIR
I don't understand what you're saying.

请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yīdiǎn.
ching shwaw mahn ee dyehn.

SLOW DOWN
Please speak a little more slowly.

请指给我看。

Qǐng zhǐ gěi wǒ kàn.
ching jrr gay waw kahn.

SHOW
Please point it out to me.

请帮我给这个人打电话。

Qǐng bāng wǒ gěi zhège rén dǎ diànhuà.
ching bahng waw gay juh guh run dah dyehn hwah.

CALL
Please help me call this person.

请带我去这个地址。

Qǐng dài wǒ qù zhège dìzhǐ.
ching dye waw chyoo juh guh dee jrr.*

GO
Please take me to this address.

我需要帮助。

Wǒ xūyào bāngzhù.
waw shyoo yow bahng joo.*

HELP
I need help.

USE THE APP

English ↔ Chinese (Simplified/Mandarin): one idea; check recognized text; show; reverse for the reply. Confirm numbers and negatives. Protect confidential information.

OFFLINE BACKUP

No data or battery? Show the printed address/contact on page 26. For payment, check status and ask before retrying; use another wallet/card or RMB cash.

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Carry a conversation.

Speak • Show • Listen • Navigate • Connect



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