SYLLABUS

Mandarin Chinese Level 1

17 units · 79 lessons
Approved version of November 1, 2026
Study time: About 77.5 hours

Unit 1: Unit 0 — Mandarin Bootcamp

About 4 hr 55 min

- Lesson 1: 1. Meet Mandarin: Pinyin & the Four Tones
  50 min · Preview
- Lesson 2: 2. Tone Detective: Hear It, Say It
  50 min · Preview
- Lesson 3: 3. Pinyin Building Blocks: Sounds & the Puff Test
  50 min · Preview
- Lesson 4: 4. Brand-New Sounds: j, q, x & ü
  50 min
- Lesson 5: 5. Tongue Twisters: zh, ch, sh, r vs z, c, s
  45 min
- Lesson 6: 6. Smooth Talker: -n or -ng? Plus 不 and 一
  50 min

Unit 2: Unit 1 — Hello! 你好!

About 4 hr 45 min

- Lesson 7: 7. Hello, I'm...: Your First Mini Conversation
  60 min
- Lesson 8: 8. Morning, Night & See You Later
  55 min
- Lesson 9: 9. He, She & Me: Talking About People with 是
  55 min
- Lesson 10: 10. Really? Questions with 吗, 呢 & 也
  55 min
- Lesson 11: 11. Nice to Meet You! Meeting Someone New
  60 min

Unit 3: Unit 2 — Where Are You From? 你是哪国人?

About 4 hr 5 min

- Lesson 12: 12. Guess the Country: 你是哪国人?
  60 min
- Lesson 13: 13. Where Do You Live? 你住在哪儿?
  65 min
- Lesson 14: 14. I Speak a Little: 我会说一点儿
  60 min
- Lesson 15: 15. Group Chat! Who's Who? 这是谁?
  60 min

Unit 4: Unit 3 — My Family 我的家人

About 5 hr

- Lesson 16: 16. Meet My Family: 这是我的家人
  60 min
- Lesson 17: 17. Any Siblings? Using 有 and 没有
  55 min
- Lesson 18: 18. Pets! Dogs, Cats and Birds
  65 min
- Lesson 19: 19. What Does Your Mom Do? Talking About Jobs
  60 min
- Lesson 20: 20. Family Photo: 我家有四口人
  60 min

Unit 5: Unit 4 — Numbers 数字

About 7 hr

- Lesson 21: 21. Talk With Your Hands: 0–10 & Hand Signs
  60 min
- Lesson 22: 22. How Old Are You? Numbers 11–99 with 岁
  60 min
- Lesson 23: 23. What's Your Number? Phone Numbers (and Why 1 Is 幺)
  65 min
- Lesson 24: 24. Hundreds and Thousands: Big Numbers with 百 and 千
  60 min
- Lesson 25: 25. Number Mindset: Why 万 Changes Everything
  55 min
- Lesson 26: 26. Populations: Really Big Numbers with 亿
  60 min
- Lesson 27: 27. Going Viral: Views, Likes & Followers
  60 min

Unit 6: Unit 5 — School 学校

About 5 hr

- Lesson 28: 28. What's in Your Bag? This and That (这 / 那)
  60 min
- Lesson 29: 29. Math or PE? Talking About School Subjects
  60 min
- Lesson 30: 30. Class 3, Grade 10: Meet My Deskmate
  55 min
- Lesson 31: 31. Classroom Survival: Slower, Please!
  65 min
- Lesson 32: 32. My Timetable: Hard Classes, Easy Classes
  60 min

Unit 7: Unit 6 — What Do You Like? 你喜欢什么?

About 4 hr 55 min

- Lesson 33: 33. Hobbies: What Do You Like to Do?
  65 min
- Lesson 34: 34. My Favorite Animal: Saying "the Most" with 最
  55 min
- Lesson 35: 35. Music & Dance: Sing, Dance, Repeat
  55 min
- Lesson 36: 36. Cool or Boring? Describing Things
  60 min
- Lesson 37: 37. We Both Like It: Same and Different
  60 min

Unit 8: Unit 7 — Food & Fruit 吃什么?

About 5 hr

- Lesson 38: 38. Fruit Plate: Apples, Grapes & a Durian Scare
  60 min
- Lesson 39: 39. Colors via Fruit: What Color Is It?
  55 min
- Lesson 40: 40. I'm Starving! Saying What You Want
  55 min
- Lesson 41: 41. Drinks & Bubble Tea: What Are You Drinking?
  65 min
- Lesson 42: 42. Three Meals a Day: Noodles, Rice & Dumplings
  65 min

Unit 9: Unit 8 — Ordering & Shopping 买东西

About 6 hr 15 min

- Lesson 43: 43. Lost and Found: Measure Words
  60 min
- Lesson 44: 44. Ordering Bubble Tea: Less Ice, Half Sugar
  55 min
- Lesson 45: 45. Money: Kuai, Mao and Yuan (and Scan to Pay)
  65 min
- Lesson 46: 46. How Much? 多少钱?太贵了!
  70 min
- Lesson 47: 47. Clothes & Colors: Let Me Try It On
  65 min
- Lesson 48: 48. Night-Market Challenge: Taipei Snacks
  60 min

Unit 10: Unit 9 — Time & My Day 时间

About 4 hr 50 min

- Lesson 49: 49. Days of the Week: Is It the Weekend Yet?
  60 min

- Lesson 50: 50. Dates & Birthdays: 生日快乐!
  55 min
- Lesson 51: 51. Today, Tomorrow, Yesterday: Hotpot When?
  55 min
- Lesson 52: 52. What Time Is It? 现在几点?
  60 min
- Lesson 53: 53. My Daily Routine: Beijing vs. LA
  60 min

Unit 11: Unit 10 — Me & My Body 我的身体

About 3 hr 50 min

- Lesson 54: 54. Face Off: Head & Face Words
  55 min
- Lesson 55: 55. Move It! Arms, Legs & Hands
  60 min
- Lesson 56: 56. Ouch! I Don't Feel Well
  60 min
- Lesson 57: 57. Guess the Animal! (Unit 10 Review)
  55 min

Unit 12: Unit 11 — Where Are You Going? 去哪儿?

About 3 hr 50 min

- Lesson 58: 58. I'm Coming to Beijing! Coming and Going
  55 min
- Lesson 59: 59. Where's My Phone? Location Words
  55 min
- Lesson 60: 60. 哪儿 vs 哪里: North Meets South
  60 min
- Lesson 61: 61. Welcome to My Hood (Unit 11 Review)
  60 min

Unit 13: Unit 12 — Around Town 城里

About 3 hr 45 min

- Lesson 62: 62. Left, Right, Lost: Giving Directions
  55 min
- Lesson 63: 63. Subway, Bus or Bike? Getting Around Town
  60 min
- Lesson 64: 64. Is It Far? Distance & Travel Time
  55 min
- Lesson 65: 65. Subway Challenge (Unit 12 Review)
  55 min

Unit 14: Unit 13 — Weather & Clothes 天气和衣服

About 4 hr

- Lesson 66: 66. What's It Like Out? Talking About Weather
  55 min

- Lesson 67: 67. Too Cold! Seasons & Degrees
  65 min
- Lesson 68: 68. Wear a Coat! Putting On Clothes
  60 min
- Lesson 69: 69. Don't Forget Your Passport! Packing for a Trip
  60 min

Unit 15: Unit 14 — What Are You Doing? 你在做什么?

About 3 hr 5 min

- Lesson 70: 70. What Are You Doing? 在 + Verb
  65 min
- Lesson 71: 71. 你在干嘛? Texting Like a Local
  60 min
- Lesson 72: 72. 喂? Making a Phone Call
  60 min

Unit 16: Unit 15 — My Week 我的一个星期

About 3 hr

- Lesson 73: 73. How Often? Every Day, Often, Never
  60 min
- Lesson 74: 74. First This, Then That: 先...然后...最后
  60 min
- Lesson 75: 75. Weekend Plans: 不见不散! (Unit 15 Review)
  60 min

Unit 17: Unit 16 — Mandarin Challenge 挑战

About 4 hr

- Lesson 76: 76. Challenge 1: Order It Yourself at the Bubble Tea Shop
  60 min
- Lesson 77: 77. Challenge 2: Making Plans Across Town
  60 min
- Lesson 78: 78. Listening Showcase: A Day in Beijing
  55 min
- Lesson 79: 79. Final Challenge: Level 1 Complete!
  65 min

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