

Basic Expressions in Chinese

Chinese Phonetic Alphabet (Initial Consonant)		
b (As in bay)	k (As in kit)	z (As in reads)
p (As in pay)	h (As in hat)	c (As in hats)
m (As in may)	j (As in jeep)	s (As in say)
f (As in far)	q (As in cheer)	w (As in way)
d (As in day)	x (As in she)	y (As in yes)
t (As in time)	zh (As in jade)	
n (As in nay)	ch (As in church)	
l (As in lay)	sh (As in shirt)	
g (As in go)	r (As in leisure)	

Orientation		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
东	Dong1	East
西	Xi1	West
南	Nan2	South
北	Bei3	North
中	Zhong1	Middle
上	Shang4	Up
下	Xia4	Down
左	Zuo3	Left
右	You4	Right
前	Qian2	Before
后	Hou4	After
里 (内)	Li3 or Nei4	Inside
外	Wai4	Outside

Geography		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
山	Shan1	Mountain
谷	Gu3	Valley
江(河)	Jiang1 or He2	River
湖	Hu2	Lake
海	Hai3	Sea
湾	Wan1	Bay, Gulf
渠	Qu2	Dyke, Channel
峡	Xia2	Gorge, Canyon
街	Jie1	Street
路	Lu4	Road
巷	Xiang4	Alley, Lane

Numbers 1	
Number	Chinese Pinyin
0	Ling2
1	Yi1
2	Er4
3	San1
4	Si4
5	Wu3
6	Liu4
7	Qi1
8	Ba1
9	Jiu3
10	Shi2
11	Shi2 Yi1
12	Shi2 Er4
20	Er4 Shi2
21	Er4 Shi2 Yi1
30	San1 Shi2
31	San1 Shi2 Yi1
100	Yi1 Bai3
101	Yi1 Bai3 Ling2 Yi1
110	Yi1 Bai3 Yi1 (Shi2)
115	Yi1 Bai3 Yi1 Shi2 Wu3
200	Er4 Bai3
201	Er4 Bai3 Ling
1,000	Yi1 Qian1
1,001	Yi1 Qian1 Ling2 Yi1
10,000	Yi1 Wan4
10,001	Yi1 Wan4 Ling2 Yi1
100,000	Shi2 Wan4
200,000	Er4 Shi2 Wan4
1,000,000	Yi1 Bai3 Wan4
2,000,000	Er4 Bai3 Wan4
10,000,000	Yi1 Qian1 Wan4
20,000,000	Er4 Qian1 Wan4 or Liang3 Qian1 Wan4
100,000,000	Yi1 Yi4
200,000,000	Er4 Yi4 or Liang3 Yi4
1,000,000,000	Shi2 Yi4
2,000,000,000	Er4 Shi2 Yi4

Numbers 2		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
百	Bai3	Hundred
千	Qian1	Thousand
万	Wan4	Ten Thousand
十万	Shi2 Wan4	A Hundred Thousand
百万	Bai3 Wan4	Million
千万	Qian1 Wan4	Ten Million
亿	Yi4	A Hundred Million
十亿	Shi2 Yi4	Billion
百亿	Bai3 Yi4	Ten Billion
千亿	Qian1 Yi4	A Hundred Billion

Pronoun		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
你	Ni3	You
我	Wo3	I, Me
他	Ta1	He, Him
她	Ta1	She, Her
它	Ta1	It
你们	Ni2 Men	You (plural form)
我们	Wo2 Men	We, Us
她们	Ta1 Men	They, Them (female)
他们	Ta1 Men	They, Them (male)
它们	Ta1 Men	They, Them (Not personal)
这个	Zhe4 Ge	This
那个	Na4 Ge	That
这些	Zhe4 Xie1	These
那些	Na4 Xie1	Those

Polite Expressions		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
请	Qing3	Please
劳驾	Lao2 Jia4	Excuse me
你好	Ni3 Hao3	Hello, Hi
谢谢	Xie4 Xie4	Thank you
不用谢	Bu2 Yong4 Xie4	You're welcome
对不起	Dui4 Bu4 Qi3	Sorry
没关系	Mei2 Guan1 Xi4	It doesn't matter
再见	Zai4 Jian4	Goodbye

Transportation		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
机场	Ji1 Chang3	Airport
火车站	Huo3 Che1 Zhan4	Railway Station
汽车站	Qi4 Che1 Zhan4	Bus Station
公交车站	Gong1 Jiao1 Che1 Zhan4	Public Bus Station
飞机	Fei1 Ji1	Airplane
火车	Huo3 Che1	Train
汽车	Qi4 Che1	Bus
公交车	Gong1 Jiao1 Che1	Public Bus
出租车	Chu1 Zu1 Che1	Taxi
自行车	Zi1 Xing2 Che1	Bicycle
游船	You2 Chuan2	Cruise Ship
码头	Ma3 Tou2	Dock

City Facilities		
Chinese Character	Chinese Pinyin	English Meaning
酒店	Jiu3 Dian4	Hotel
餐馆	Can1 Guan3	Restaurant
医院	Yi1 Yuan4	Hospital
邮局	You2 Ju2	Post Office
银行	Yin2 Hang2	Bank
警察局	Jing3 Cha2 Ju2	Police Office
商店	Shang1 Dian4	Shop
厕所	Ce4 Suo3	Washroom
洗手间	Xi3 Shou3 Jian1	
卫生间	Wei4 Sheng1 Jian1	
书店	Shu1 Dian4	Book Store
书	Shu1	Book
地图	Di4 Tu2	Map

Self-introduction		
Chinese	Pinyin	English
你叫什么名字?	Ni3 Jiao4 Shen2 Me Ming2 Zi4 ?	What' your name ?
我叫...	Wo3 Jiao4...	My name is.../ I'm...
你是哪里人?	Ni3 Shi4 Na3 Li3 Ren2?	Where are you from?
我是...人	Wo3 Shi4 ... Ren2.	I come from ...

Bargaining		
Chinese	Pinyin	English
多少钱?	Duo1 Shao3 Qian2 ?	How much is it?
太贵了	Tai4 Gui4 Le	That's too expensive.
便宜点?	Pian2 Yi Dian3 ?	Could you give me a discount? Could you come down a little? Could you give me a better price?

Ask for Directions		
Chinese	Pinyin	English
...怎么走?	... Zen3 Me Zou3 ?	How can I get to ...?
我要去...	Wo3 Yao4 Qu4...	I want to go to ...
...在哪里?	...Zai4 Na3 Li3?	Where is the ...?
我迷路了	Wo3 Mi2 Lu4 Le	I'm lost.
这是我的地址	Zhe4 Shi4 Wo3 De Di4 Zhi3	Here's my address.

Willing Expressions		
Chinese	Pinyin	English
我要...	Wo3 Yao4...	I want...
我想要...	Wo3 Xiang3 Yao4...	I would like...
我需要...	Wo3 Xu1 Yao4...	I need...

Other Expressions for Everyday Use		
Chinese	Pinyin	English
你能帮我吗?	Ni3 Neng2 Bang1 Wo3 Ma1?	Could you please help me ?
你有没有...?	Ni3 You3 Mei2 You3...?	Do you have ...?
几点了?	Ji3 Dian3 Le ?	What's the time?
我病了	Wo3 Bing4 Le	I fell ill.
我不舒服	Wo3 Bu4 Shu1 Fu	