

PUTONGHUA ADULT BEGINNERS COURSE PLANNING (4 months)

Lesson #	Topics	Grammar	Phonetics	Writing / Cultural aspects
Intro	<i>How do you do?</i> - Saying hello	- Overview of Chinese grammar	- Key points of Chinese pronunciation (1)	- Intro
1	- Greetings	- Word Order	- Initials and finals - Tones	- Basic strokes of Chinese characters - Hanyu and Putonghua
2.	<i>Are you busy?</i> - Greetings - Asking what someone wants	- Sentences with an adjectival predicate - Yes- no question ma (吗)	- Key points of Chinese pronunciation (2) - Neutral tone - Third tone sandhi (1) - Spelling rules	- Learn and write basic Chinese Characters - Chinese Characters and simplified characters
3.	<i>Which country does she come from?</i> - Identifying and introducing people - Asking someone's nationality	- Sentences with an adjectival predicate - Yes - no question with ma (吗)	- Key points of Chinese pronunciation (3) - Third tone sandhi (2)	- Learn and write basic Chinese Characters - Chinese Phonetics Alphabet

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4.	<p><i>Nice to meet you!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introducing oneself - Asking for permission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sentences with shi (是) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key points of Chinese pronunciation (4) - Spelling rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn and write basic Chinese Characters - Chinese Phonetics Alphabet
5.	<p><i>Where is the restaurant?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking for someone - Asking for directions - Making an apology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions with an interrogative pronoun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key points of Chinese pronunciation (5) - Retroflex ending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combined character strokes (1) - Daily Meals of Chinese People
6.	<p><i>Let's go swimming, shall we?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making comments and suggestions - Refusing politely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sentences with a verbal predicate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combinations of Initials and Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combined character strokes (2) - Beijing Opera

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7.	<p><i>Do you know him?</i> - Meet someone - Talking about one's major</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attributives expressing possession - V/Adj. and non V/Adj. questions - Questions with ne (呢) - Adverbs: ye (也) and dou (都) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice combinations of Initials and Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combined character components - Chinese names
8.	<p><i>How many people are there in your family?</i> - Talking about family - Talking about school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numbers - Sentences with you (有) - Questions with ji (几) and duoshao (多少) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice combinations of Initials and Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of Chinese characters (1) - Forms of address for family
9.	<p><i>How old are you?</i> - Making an appointment - Talking about age and birthplace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressing the date and days of the week - Time words - Sentences with a nominal predicate: - Sentence with haoma? (好吗?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of Chinese characters (2) - Beijing Roast Duck

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10.	<i>Shopping</i> - <i>Likes and dislikes</i> - <i>Shopping</i>	- Prepositional phrase: zai (在) - Sentences with double objects: gei (给) and song(送) - - Sentences with adjectival predicate and the adverb hen (很)	- Practice	- Structure of Chinese characters (3) - Chinese currency
11.	<i>I can speak Chinese.</i> - <i>Asking the time</i> - <i>Expressing abilities, permission and prohibition</i>	- Telling time - Sentences with modal verbs (1) - Expressing purpose (serial verb phrases) - Sentences with double objects: jiao (教) and wen (问)	- Practice	- Structure of Chinese characters (4) - Loanwords in Chinese
12.	<i>I am not feeling well at all.</i> - <i>Talking about one's health</i> - <i>Expressing one's desire or need</i>	- Sentences with a subject- predicate phrase as predicate - Alternative questions - Sentences with modal verbs (2)	- Practice	- Structure of Chinese characters (5) - Chinese Traditional medicine

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13.	<i>I knew a beautiful girl.</i> - <i>Renting a house</i> - <i>Asking for suggestions</i> - <i>Making a phone call</i> - <i>Making an invitation</i>	- The particle le (了) - Pivotal sentences - Sentences with modal verbs (3)	- Practice	- Using a Chinese dictionary using radicals - Sing a song - Chinese universities' campuses
14.	<i>Merry Christmas to you!</i> - <i>Making a complaint/apology</i> - <i>Passing on someone's regards</i> - <i>Extending holiday greetings</i> - <i>Making a suggestion/an invitation</i>	Review: - 4 kinds of Chinese sentences - 6 common question types	- Practice	- Using a Chinese dictionary using pinyin - Beijing, Shanghai, Changjiang River, Huanghe River and the Great Wall
15.	<i>Review</i>	Review	Review	Review

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