

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Learn Chinese in Three Minutes #1

Self-Introductions

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Hēi, dàjiā hǎo , wǒ jiào Mǎ Yànrú , hěn gāoxìng yǔ dàjiā jiàn miàn. Hi, everybody , I'm Yanru Ma. Nice to meet you.

In this series, we're going to learn basic Chinese expressions. It's super easy and it only takes three minutes!

In this lesson, you're going to learn how to introduce yourself in Chinese.

Ready? Let's get started!

Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Chén. Hi, I'm Chen.

[slowly] Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Chén.

Start by saying: nǐ hǎo which means "hello" (slowly) "nǐ hǎo." Then, say "wǒ jiào," which means "I'm called." (slowly.) wǒ jiào. After this, say your name. Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Chén. Yes, it's just that easy.

When you introduce yourself, you might want to tell people a little more than your name. Again, it's easy!

You're learning Chinese, so let's say you want to tell people you're a Chinese student.

In Chinese, this is: Zhōngwén xuésheng.

The first word, Zhōngwén, is the word for the Chinese language. (slow) Zhōngwén . Next we have xuésheng. This means student. (slow) xuésheng. All together, it's

Zhōngwén xuésheng

Now, if you want to say, I am a student, just start with the word for “I” we learned before. wǒ. Then add shì. This means “is” (slow) shì. shì.

After this add the word for student. Do you remember it?

Zhōngwén xuésheng

Put them all together, and you have

wǒ shì Zhōngwén xuésheng

Remember, start by saying hello, then say your name:

Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Chén.

Follow with a little bit about you:

wǒ shì Zhōngwén xuésheng

And now you have a nice self introduction:

Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào Chén. Wǒ shì Zhōngwén xuésheng.

Now it's time for Chen's tips.

When men introduce themselves, it's very common for them to shake hands. In business situations, women will do this too. In social or casual situations however, it is common for women to simply nod or smile in order to show friendliness.

Do you know how we say “thank you” in Chinese? Come to our next lesson and you’ll see how easy it is. Zàijiàn! See you then!