

Lesson 1 - Introduce Yourself in Chinese

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Today, we are going to talk about introducing yourself.

Now, first of all, as you may know, Chinese is a tonal language. That means the tones you use when pronouncing a word can change its meaning. Mandarin Chinese has four basic tones, the **high level tone**, mā; the **rising tone**, má; the **falling rising tone**, mǎ; and the **falling tone**, mà. There is also a fifth **neutral tone**, ma. We will cover the tones in detail along with more examples in lesson 2.

When introducing yourself, you might want to talk about your name, your nationality, your occupation and so on. Let's start with how to say Hello.

1. Hello: 你好
nǐ hǎo

你 means you, 好 means good. And together they mean “hello”.

2. My name is Yishuang : 我叫 Yishuang
wǒ jiào

我 means I, 叫 means to be called, and Yishuang is my name.

Together they mean “I am called Yishuang”, or “my name is Yishuang”.

If your name is Tom, you would say, ^{wǒ jiào} 我叫 Tom.

3. I am from China: ^{wǒ lái zì zhōngguó} 我来自 中国

^{wǒ} 我 means I, ^{lái zì} 来自 means come from, and ^{zhōngguó} 中国 means China.

Together ^{wǒ lái zì zhōngguó} 我来自 中国 means "I come from China".

The U.S. is ^{měiguó} 美国. If you are from the U.S., you can say ^{wǒ lái zì měiguó} 我来自 美国

Britain is ^{yīngguó} 英国. If you are from Britain, you can say ^{wǒ lái zì yīngguó} 我来自 英国

Australia is ^{ào dà lì yà} 澳大利亚. If you are from Australia, you can say

^{wǒ lái zì ào dà lì yà} 我来自 澳大利亚.

4. I am a teacher. ^{wǒ shì lǎo shī} 我是老师

^{wǒ} 我 is I, ^{shì} 是 is the verb to be (is, am, are), and ^{lǎo shī} 老师 means teacher.

^{wǒ shì lǎo shī} 我是老师, I am a teacher.

Student is ^{xué sheng} 学生. If you are a student, you can say ^{wǒ shì xué sheng} 我是学生

Doctor is ^{yī shēng} 医生. If you are a doctor, you can say ^{wǒ shì yī shēng} 我是医生

Engineer is ^{gōngchéngshī} 工程师. If you are an engineer, you can say ^{wǒ shì} 我是

gōngchéngshī
工 程 师

5. Nice to meet you. ^{hěngāoxìngrènshi nǐ}很高兴认识你

^{hěn}很 means very, ^{gāoxìng}高兴 means delighted, happy, ^{rènshi}认识 means to meet or know someone, and ^{nǐ}你 means you. Together they mean “Nice to meet you” or “I’m pleased to meet you”