

Mandarin Chinese Beginners – Spring Term

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Last lesson's 作业 Zuòyè (homework)

1. 七
2. 十
3. 十二
4. 二十四
5. 三十五
6. 四十一
7. 五十三
8. 六十九
9. 七十八
10. 九十九

作业 Zuòyè (homework)

- 四月十二号，星期五
- 十二月二十五号，星期四
- 九月九号，星期二
- 一月一号，星期三

After reviewing the vocab (answers above) we began by reviewing the vocab of day and date from last lesson.

Next we moved on to read some short extracts of someone introducing themselves: surname, full name, nationality and where they live. The new vocabulary included two important characters: 住 and 在

住

- 住 zhu4 is the verb 'to live' or 'reside'. If you look at the components, you'll see that it has the 'ren2' radical on the left. The component on the right is similar to the character 王 which we know means 'king'. But there's a little dash on the top. This dash represents 'a little bit' – and a 'little bit of king' is 主 which means 'master'.
- The place where a person is master is the place where they 住

在

在 is an extremely useful character which could be translated as 'to be located'. Often this translates into English as 'at' or 'in'.

The are in China

他们在中国

Is he there? (at home)

他在吗？

She isn't in.

她不在。

I live in Beijing

我住在北京

1

我姓李。

我叫李山。

我是中国人。

我住在北京。

wǒ xìng lǐ

我姓李。

wǒ jiào lǐ shān

我叫李山。

wǒ shì zhōng guó rén

我是中国人。

wǒ zhù zài běi jīng

我住在北京。

2

我姓王。

我叫王月。

我也是中国人。

我住在上海。



2

wǒ xìng wáng

我姓王。

wǒ jiào wáng yuè

我叫王月。

wǒ yě shì zhōng guó rén

我也是中国人。

wǒ zhù zài shàng hǎi

我住在上海。





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我姓王。

我叫安一。

我也是中国人。

我住在香港。



wǒ xìng wáng

我姓王。

wǒ jiào ān yī

我叫安一。

wǒ yě shì zhōng guó rén

我也是中国人。

wǒ zhù zài xiāng gǎng

我住在香港。

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- Read the handout you got in class. On the one side of the page there's no pinyin. Practise reading aloud from this side. Try to read with correct pronunciation and the correct tone – and know what you're saying! If you're not sure, turn over to check the pinyin. Don't write any notes on the pinyin-free side. The more you can practise, the better these structures will stick in your mind. If you weren't in the lesson and want a copy, email me

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- <http://www.phrasebotgames.com/#/quizgame/258169766>