

We started by trying to read the following sentences. Note that 'guo4' is used after a verb to show that you have had an experience in your life – not as 'the past tense'. Chinese doesn't really have tenses. So contrast:

I have been to China: 我去过中国

But:

I went to China: 我去了中国 or 我去中国了

The 'warmer' sentences on the board at the start of the lesson:

我去过上海可是我没去过北京

我妈妈不说汉语可是我爸爸汉语说得很好

我弟弟不吃北京烤鸭可是我哥哥吃过两次北京烤鸭

作业

See handouts on website if you weren't in the lesson. Practise reading the text – ideally using the side with no pinyin and using the pinyin only for reference. Answer the question.

Then try to read (or re-read) the passage about the 年终奖 (year end bonus).

The mp3 file is on the website too (assuming it works – this is an experiment) if you'd like to practise listening instead of reading.

4 Match the country with the continent.

zhōng guó

- (1) 中国 nán fēi
- (2) 南非 ào dà lì yà
- (3) 澳大利亚 dé guó
- (4) 德国 fǎ guó
- (5) 法国 mǎ lái xī yà
- (6) 马来西亚 měi guó
- (7) 美国 jiā ná dà
- (8)加拿大 yīng guó
- (9)英国

běi měi zhōu

- (a) 北美洲 yà zhōu
- (b) 亚洲 dà yáng zhōu
- (c) 大洋洲 fēi zhōu
- (d) 非洲 ōu zhōu
- (e) 欧洲

http://www.phrasebotgames.com/#/quizgame/179028551