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TRAVEL DICTIONARY

CHINESE



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* CHINESE PRONUNCIATION *

Chinese is a tone language. There are four tones:
ā (first), á (second), ǎ (third), à (fourth).

ā – flat, neither rising nor falling
á – rising, just like at the end of a question
ǎ – down and up; imagine a rubber ball falling on the floor and bouncing back up
à – falling, like in the words 'cut', 'put', 'hot'

Latin transcription of Chinese characters is called pinyin, and is based on the English language. Here are the most notable differences between pinyin and English pronunciation.

x is pronounced as a very soft 'sh'
q is pronounced like the 'c' in 'ciao', but somewhat softer
j is much softer than the English 'j', as in 'woulddyou'
e is the schwa sound, ə

* GETTING AROUND *

travel	旅行	lǚ xíng
hitchhiking	搭便车	dā biàn chē
train	火车	huǒ chē
bus	公共汽车	gōng gòng qì chē
car	汽车	qì chē
taxi	出租车	chū zū chē
airplane	飞机	fēi jī
on foot	步行	bù xí ng
metro	地铁	dì tiě
station	站	zhàn
bus station	汽车站	qì chē zhàn
train station	火车站	huǒ chē zhàn
airport	飞机场; 机场	fēi jī chǎng; jī chǎng
ticket	票	piào
the cheapest ticket	最便宜的票	zuì piányi de piào
road	路	lù
road to...	往...的路	wàng...de lù
highway	高速公路	gāo sù gōng lù
crossroads	十字路口	shí zì lù kǒu
pay toll	收费站	shōu fèi zhàn
gas station	加油站	jiā yóu zhàn
interchange	立交桥	li jiāo qiáo
leave	去 / 离开	qù / lí kāi
arrive	到	dào
wait!	等一等!	děng yī děng
stop!	停!	tíng
map	地图	dì tú

*** BASICS ***

hello	你好/您好	nǐ hǎo/ nín hao
bye	再见	zài jiàn
good morning	早上好	zǎo shàng hǎo
good afternoon	你好/您好	nǐ hǎo/ nín hǎo
good evening	晚上好	wǎn shàng hǎo
good night	晚安	wǎn ān
yes/no	是; 对/不是; 不对	shì; duì/ bú shì; bú duì
thank you	谢谢	xiè xiè
you're welcome	不客气	bù keqì
please...	请...	qǐng..
there is	有	yǒu
there isn't	没有	méi yǒu
is there...?	... 有吗?	... yǒu ma?
I want	我要	wǒ yào
I don't want	我不要	wǒ bù yào
excuse me	打扰一下	dǎ rǎo yí xià`r
sorry	对不起	duì bù qǐ
no problem	没问题	méi wèn tí
o.k., deal	好, 行	hǎo, xíng
I need...	我需要/我要..	wǒ xūyào/ wǒ yào ...
have a nice trip!	祝你一路 顺风	zhù nǐ yí lù shùn fēng

*** MONEY 钱 qián ***

money	钱	qián
for free	免费	miǎn fèi
cheap	便宜	pián yi
expensive	贵	guì
cheaper	更便宜	gēn pián yi
the cheapest	最便宜	zuì pián yi
how much is it?	多少钱?	duō shǎo qián?
exchange office	兑换处	duì huàn chù
bank	银行	yín háng
cash machine	ATM 机; 取款机	atm jī; qǔ kuǎn jī
discount	折扣	zhé kòu
change	零钱	líng qián
I have no money	我没有钱	wǒ méi yǒu qián

*** ACCOMMODATION ***

to sleep	睡觉	shuì jiào
where can I sleep?	我在哪儿睡觉?	wǒ zài nǎr shuì jiào?
bed	床	chuáng
room	房间/ 卧室	fáng jiān/ wò shì
hotel	酒店	jiǔ diàn
hostel	招待所/青年旅馆	zhāo dài suǒ/ qīng niǎn lǚ guǎng
private accomodation	私人住宿	sī rén zhù sù
the cheapest room	最便宜的房间	zuì pián yi de fáng jiān
no bathroom	没有浴室/厕所	méi yǒu yù shì/ cè suǒ
tent	帐篷	zhāng peng
sleeping bag	睡袋	shuì dài
blanket	毯子	tǎn zi
backyard	后院	hòu yuán
on the floor	睡在地上	shuì zài dì shàng

*** SPACE 空间 kōngjiān ***

where?	在哪里 / 在哪儿	zài nǎ lǐ / zài nǎr
where to?	去哪里	qù nǎlǐ
here	这里	zhè lǐ
there	那里	nà lǐ
near	近	jìn
far	远	yuǎn
next to	旁边	pá ng biān
in front of	前面	qián miàn
behind	后面	hòu miàn
left	左边	zuǒ biān
right	右边	yòu bian
straight	直走	(yì) zhí zǐ u

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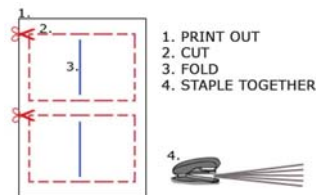
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When putting together into a booklet, use page numbers to guide you.



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* TIME *		
when?	什么时候	shén me shí hou
now	现在	xiàn zài
before	以前	yǐ qián
after	以后	yǐ hòu
yesterday	昨天	zuó tiān
today	今天	jīn tiān
tomorrow	明天	míng tiān
early	早	zǎo
late	晚	wǎn
day	天	tiān
night	黑夜	hēi yè
morning	早上	zǎo shang
evening	晚上	wǎn shang
hour	小时	xiǎo shí
minute	分钟	fēn zhōng
week	星期 / 礼拜	xīng qī / lǐ bài
month	月	yuè
year	年	nián
first	第一	dì yī
next	下一个	xià yī ge
last	最后一个/最后的	zuì hòu yī ge / zuì hòu de
when does it leave?	什么时候出发 ?	shén me shí hou chū fā
when does it arrive?	什么时候到达?	shén me shí hou dào
how long?	多长时间 ?	duō cháng shí jiān
what time is it?	(现在) 几点了 ?	(xiàn zài) jǐ diǎn le?

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* NUMBERS *		
0	零	líng
1/2	一半; 二分之一	yí bàn
1	一	yī
2	二 / 两	èr / liǎng
3	三	sān
4	四	sì
5	五	wǔ
6	六	liù
7	七	qī
8	八	bā
9	九	jiǔ
10	十	shí
20	二十	èr shí
50	五十	wǔ shí
100	百 / 一百	bǎi / yī bǎi
200	两百	liǎng bǎi
500	五百	wǔ bǎi
1,000	一千	yī qiān
1,000,000	一百万	yī bǎi wàn

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* HEALTH/HYGIENE *		
ill	有病	yǒu bìng
pain	痛	tòng
doctor	医生	yī shēng
pharmacy	药店; 药房	yào diàn / yào fāng
medicine	药	yào
dentist	牙医	yá yī
painkiller	止痛药	zhǐ tòng yào
diarrhoea	拉肚子	lā dù zi
constipation	便秘	biàn mì
fever	发烧	fā shāo
inflammation	发炎	fā yán
allergy	过敏	guò mǐn
antibiotic	抗生素	kàng shēng sù
sanitary pads	卫生巾	wèi shēng jīn
condom	安全套	ān quán tào
toilet paper	卫生纸	wèi shēng zhǐ
soap	肥皂	féi zào
shampoo	洗发水	xǐ fā shuǐ
tissues	纸巾	zhǐ jīn
toilet	厕所	cè suǒ
* PAPERWORK *		
passport	护照	hù zhào
visa	签证	qiān zhèng
stamp	章; 盖章	zhāng
ticket	票	piào

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* CONVERSATION *		
I/you/he/she	我 / 你 / 他,她	wǒ / nǐ / tā, tā
name	名字	míng zi
what's your name?	你叫什么名字?	nǐ jiào shén me míng zi?
my name is...	我叫...	wǒ jiào....
nice to meet you	很高兴认识你!	hěn gāo xìng rèn shí nǐ!
where are you from?	你是哪里人/ 你是哪里的?	nǐ shì nǎlǐ rén? / nǐ shì nǎlǐ de?
how are you?	你好吗? / 怎么样?	nǐ hǎo ma? / zěnmeyàng
fine	很好	hěn hǎo
work, job	工作	gōng zuò
student	学生	xué shēng
school	学校	xué xiào
traveller	旅客; 游客	lǚ kè
husband/wife/child	丈夫 / 妻子 / 孩子	zhàng fu / qī zi / hái zi
brother/sister	兄弟 / 姐妹	xiōng dì / jiě mèi
friend	朋友	péng you
country	国家	guó jiā
cheers	干杯	gān bēi
I like	我喜欢	wǒ xǐhuān
I don't like	我不喜欢	wǒ bù xǐ huān
what?	什么	shén me?
this/that	这个 / 那个	zhè ge / nà ge
why?	为什么?	wèi shén me
I understand	我懂	wǒ dǒng
I don't understand	我不懂	wǒ bù dǒng
I know	我知道	wǒ zhī dào
I don't know	我不知道	wǒ bù zhī dào
and/or/but/if	和/或, 还是/但是, 如果	hé/huó,hái shì/ dàn shì, rúguǒ
help!	救命!	jiù mìng!
can I take a photo?	我能拍一张照片吗?	wǒ néng zhào yī zhāng ma?
bon appetit	慢慢吃; 吃饭	mǎnmǎn chī/ chī fàn

The Great Wall - 长城 chángchéng

The Forbidden City - 故宫 gùgōng

Mao Tse Dong - 毛泽东

Chinese Communist Party - 共产党 gòngchǎndǎng

Second World War - 二战 èrzhāng, 第二次世界大战

Tibet - 西藏 xīzāng

Lao Zi - 老子 Lǎozǐ

Confucius - 孔子 Kǒngzǐ

Emperor - 皇帝 huángdì

Empress - 1. (as a wife) 皇后 huánghòu

2. (as a ruler) 女皇帝 nǚ huángdì

Dynasty - 朝代 chádài

* PLACE *

town	镇	zhèn
village	村庄	cūn zhuāng
house	房子	fáng zi
center	中心 / 市中心	zhōng xīn / shì zhōng xīn (town centre)
street	街道	jiē dào
square	广场	guǎng chǎng
entrance	进口 / 入口	jìn kǒu / rù kǒu
exit	出口	chū kǒu
border	边界; 边境	biān jiè; biān jìng
bridge	桥	qiáo
beach	海滩 / 滩; 沙滩	hǎi tān / tān; shā tān
river	河	hé
sea	海	hǎi
mountain	山	shān
hill	小山	xiǎo shān
desert	沙漠	shā mò
church	教堂	jiào táng
mosque	清真寺	qīng zhēn sì
temple	寺 / 寺庙	sì / sì miào
fortress	堡垒	bǎo lǐ
castle	城堡	chéng bǎo

* DESCRIPTION *

good/bad	好 / 坏, 不好	hǎo / huài, bù hǎo
nice/ugly	美 / 丑	měi / chǒu
small	小	xiǎo
big	大	dà
simple	简单	jiǎn dān
complicated	复杂 / 不简单	fù zá / bù jiǎn dān
near	近	jìn
far	远	yuǎn
open	打开, 开	dǎ kāi, kāi
closed	关闭	guān bì
possible	可能的	kě néng de
impossible	不可能的	bù kě néng de
allowed	准	zhǔn
forbidden	不准	bù zhǔn
cold	冷	lěng
warm	暖	wǎn
hot	热	rè
mine	我的	wǒ de
yours	你的	nǐ de
his/hers	他的, 她的	tā de
the same	同样, 一样	tóng yàng, yí yàng
different	不同, 不一样	bù tóng, bù yí yàng
old	老	lǎo
new	新	xīn
a lot	许多	xǔ duō
a few	一点	yí diǎn
enough	足够	zú gòu
too much	太多	tài duō
how many?	多少?	duō shǎo?
fast/slow	快/慢	kuài / màn

* FOOD *

food	食物	shí wu
eat	吃饭 / 吃	chī fàn / chī
where can I eat?	哪里可以吃饭?	nǎ lǐ kě yǐ chī fàn
water	水	shuǐ
drinking water	饮用水	yǐn yòng shuǐ
mini-market	超市	chāo shì
market	市场	shì chǎng
restaurant	餐馆	cān guǎn
bread	面包	miàn bāo
meat	肉	ròu
fruit	水果	shuǐ guǒ
vegetable	蔬菜	shā cài
salt	盐	yán
sugar	糖	táng
soup	汤	tāng
tea	茶	chá
coffee	咖啡	kā fēi
milk	牛奶	niú nǎi
juice	果汁	guǒ zhī
rice	米饭	mǐ fàn

* COMMUNICATION *

Internet	互联网	hù lián wǎng
Internet cafe	网吧	wǎng bā
telephone	电话	diàn huà
mobile phone	手机	shǒu jī
sim card	SIM 卡	SIM kǎ
phone card	电话卡	diàn huà kǎ
post office	邮局	yóu jú