Mandarin Language Courses

Helping to Bridge Your Communication Skills

SPECTRUM Language Centre
The objective of this course is to embark students with the following skills:

- basic mandarin communication skills.
- listening, speaking, reading and writing in which the beginner will acquire the students should be confident in using Mandarin for conversation.

### TEACHING METHODS

- **Maximum teacher contact time:** Five lessons a week means that you have more time with your teachers. They will be there to correct your mistakes and point you in the right direction.
- **Intensive focus on all skills:** The longer in lesson, the longer you can seriously focus on your four key skills: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. Of course other skills such as pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and spelling all play a role in effective language communication.
- **Topic based lessons in everyday contexts:** With newspapers, CD’s, internet, video and other authentic resources, our teachers use ‘real-life’ materials that not only help you to understand how language is used by native speakers, but these materials help you to study language independently long after you have left SLC.
- **A focused yet relaxed classroom environment:** Our classrooms are places where hard work is carried out in informal and relaxed settings. Your ability and motivation will improve in a classroom with a great atmosphere.

### LEVEL 1: FOUNDATION

Upon completion of this course, student will be able to cope with the most common everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions, and student will be able to understand people when they speak to you about the situations covered.

#### Subjects

- **Unit 1 - Greetings** - You will be able to greet people in Mandarin, give your name and ask how people are.
- **Unit 2 - Professions** - You will be able to ask and answer questions about your job in Mandarin; you will also be able to ask about and give your phone number.
- **Unit 3 - Nationalities and languages** - You will be able to say where you come from in Mandarin and give the language you speak; you will also be able to ask other people about these subjects.
- **Unit 4 - Family** - You will be able to talk about the people in your family (or, if you prefer, other people’s families) and say how old they are.
- **Unit 5 - Time and transport** - You will be able to tell the time and give days and months in Mandarin; you will also be able to ask for a ticket on public transport.
- **Unit 6 - Freetime activities and weather** - You will be able to say what you like or don’t like, and also talk about your freetime activities in Mandarin; you will also be able to say what the weather is like at the moment or at particular times of the year.
- **Unit 7 - Shopping for clothes** - You will be able to ask about something in a shop in Mandarin, understand and talk about prices, and also describe clothes.
- **Unit 8 - Shopping for food** - You will be able to talk about different meals, also food and drink; you will know what to say to buy these things from a shop using Mandarin.
- **Unit 9 - Accommodation** - You will be able to book accommodation and check in using Mandarin, also know how to ask questions and talk about simple problems.
- **Unit 10 - Restaurants** - You will be able to understand the main items on a menu and order a meal in a restaurant.

### LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE

By the end of this course, you will have expanded the range of situations which you are able to handle in Mandarin, and you will have begun to learn some basic grammar points; you can expect to be understanding more of what people say, and growing in your confidence to respond appropriately.

#### Subjects

- **Unit 1 - Directions** - You will be able to talk about where objects are in relation to one another and ask for directions to different places in Mandarin.
- **Unit 2 - House and home** - You will be able to describe your home in Mandarin and say where in the house and in particular rooms things are to be found.
- **Unit 3 - Talking about people** - You will be able to describe people, in terms of physical appearance and character.
- **Unit 4 - Free time** - You will be able to talk about common free-time activities in Mandarin, and describe their appeal.
- **Unit 5 - Places in the world** - You will be able to talk about cities and countries and where they are in relation to one another; you will also be able to describe how often you do something.
- **Unit 6 - Sickness and health** - You will be able to say how you feel physically and talk about common medical conditions using Mandarin.
UNIT 7 - At the supermarket - You will be able to describe what you are want to buy at the supermarket; also how to say that you are right or wrong, hot or cold, hungry or thirsty.

UNIT 8 - At the chemist's - You will be able to talk about things you need at the chemist's in Mandarin, and both ask for and give reasons for wanting something.

UNIT 9 - The big event - You will be able to talk about events and when they take place during the day.

UNIT 10 - At the cinema - You will be able to describe a film in Mandarin and relate a simple story.

LEVEL 3: ADVANCED

By the end of this course, you will be able to say more in Mandarin about your professional and social life; you will be able to use the phone and write simple messages; you will also have a reasonable feel for the main patterns of the Mandarin language.

Subjects

UNIT 1 - Birthdays - You will be able to talk about giving things to people in Mandarin, and both ask and answer questions using “how?”

UNIT 2 - Our office - You will be able to refer to the things you find in an office, and say more about professional life.

UNIT 3 - At the post office - You will be able to use the services of a post office and talk about communications in general.

UNIT 4 - Preparing food - You will be able to talk about things in the kitchen in Mandarin and say how you prepare food.

UNIT 5 - Eating out - You will be able to discuss a choice of restaurant using Mandarin and make a booking by phone, as well as handling the situation when you arrive; you will also be able to talk about having to do something.

UNIT 6 - Accommodation - You will be able to talk about different types of accommodation using your Mandarin, make a reservation by phone and talk generally about things you are able to do.

UNIT 7 - Nightlife - You will be able to make, accept and decline offers, especially in relation to going out in the evening, and talk about things you want to do in Mandarin.

UNIT 8 - Keeping in touch - You will be able to compose a simple letter or e-mail in Mandarin and discuss the kind of points often covered in correspondence with friends.

UNIT 9 - What do you do at work? - You will be able to discuss your job, talk about your preferences and make contrasts between what you like and don’t like.

UNIT 10 - Meeting people - You will be able to meet and introduce people using Mandarin in a social or business setting, and exchange simple conversation.

DURATION

The programme duration is 3 months per level with a total of 42 hours of contact time and independent learning time of 120 hours.

TUITION FEES

The programme fee is:

- LEVEL 1 : RM 2000.00
- LEVEL 2 : RM 2000.00
- LEVEL 3 : RM 2000.00

WHY STUDY MANDARIN?

Mandarin is the national language of China and Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world. By learning Mandarin you will be able to speak with more people than any other language- including English.

Mandarin is comparatively spoken by fewer non-Chinese than most European languages spoken by non-natives of their respective countries. That means there is a greater demand for Chinese since fewer Westerners are able to speak it.

China is rapidly becoming a world economic power as it opens its doors to foreign investment expands its infrastructure. Those who know Chinese will be valuable to business.

The Chinese population is rapidly expanding its online presence. It will become increasingly useful for online communication.

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