

Useful Phrases in Mandarin

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>Mandarin Pronunciation</u>	<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>Mandarin Pronunciation</u>
<u>Hello</u> / How do you do?	ni hao! [nee how]	<u>Hotel</u>	fan dian
<u>How are you?</u>	nee hao ma?	<u>Taxi</u>	chu su chi che
<u>Please</u>	qing [ching]	<u>Bank</u>	yin hang
<u>Thank you</u>	Xie Xie [tsheh tsheh]	<u>Airport</u>	jee chang
<u>Yes</u>	yao [yowl]	<u>Railway station</u>	hor-chur chan
<u>No</u>	bu yao [boo yowl]	<u>Bus station (stop)</u>	chi che chan
<u>It's no bother</u> [= You're welcome]	bu kachi [boo ker chi]	<u>Where is the restroom?</u>	za suo zai na er?
<u>Sorry</u>	douy bu chi	<u>Where is a telephone?</u>	dian hua zai na er?
<u>I can't understand</u>	wo bu tung	<u>When</u> (what time)?	ji dian?
<u>Good-bye</u>	zai jian	<u>The food was delicious</u>	hen hao chi
<u>Good morning</u>	nee zao	<u>Cheers! / Bottoms up!</u>	Gan bai
<u>Good afternoon</u>	xia wu hao	<u>Excellent</u>	hung hao!
<u>Good evening</u>	wan shang hao	<u>Coffee</u>	ka fei
<u>Good night</u>	wan an	<u>Tea</u>	cha
<u>See you tomorrow</u>	ming tian jian	<u>Beer (normally warm)</u>	pi jou
<u>You are nice</u>	nee hung hao	<u>Cold Beer</u>	bing pi jou
<u>I am</u>	wo shi	<u>Mineral water</u>	kuang chuan shia
<u>American</u>	mei guo ren	<u>Ice cubes</u>	bing kuai
<u>May I ask your name?</u>	Ching wen kwei hsing?	<u>SHOPPING:</u>	
<u>My name is</u>	wo jiao	<u>I don't want it</u>	bu yao
<u>I want</u>	wo yao	<u>How much?</u>	duo shao chian
<u>I want to go to</u>	wo yao chuh	<u>It's too expensive</u>	Tai gui le
<u>I want to return to</u>	wo yao whee		

FOUR TONES: 1 – High Level = first tone ex. – **mā** mother
 2 – Rising = second tone ex. – **má** hemp
 3 – Falling Rising = third tone ex. – **mǎ** horse
 4 – Falling = fourth tone ex. – **mà** scold

Hear audio examples at <http://mandarin.about.com/od/pronunciation/a/tones.htm>



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English-Chinese Numbers

Number	English	Chinese Number	Chinese Pronunciation
1	one	一	yee
2	two	二	uhr
3	three	三	sahn
4	four	四	suh
5	five	五	woo
6	six	六	lyo
7	seven	七	chee
8	eight	八	bah
9	nine	九	jyo
10	ten	十	shi