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Chapter 1

Hello

Learn to

- make daily greetings
- say 你好 nǐ hǎo
你早 nǐ zǎo
再见 zàijiàn

New words and expressions T7

nǐ 你	you	zuìjìn 最近	recently
hǎo 好	good	zěnmeyàng 怎么样	how's life
nǐ hǎo 你好	hello	hěny 很	very
Wáng Níng 王 宁	a Chinese name (surname first)	ne 呢	a modal particle
Àimǐ 艾米	Chinese name for Amy	hái xíng 还行	it's fine
zǎo 早	morning	zàijiàn 再见	goodbye

Chapter 2

What is your name?

Learn to

- ask someone's name
- say 您贵姓 nín guìxìng
你叫什么名字 nǐ jiào shēnme míngzi

New words and expressions T14

nín 您	you (polite)	gāoxìng 高兴	glad, pleased
qǐngwèn 请问	may I ask	yě 也	also
guìxìng 贵姓	what's (your) surname	jiào 叫	be called
wǒ 我	I, me	Dǎwēi 大卫	Chinese name for David
xìng 姓	(somebody's) sur- name (is)	shēnme 什么	what
Zhāng Yīng 张英	a Chinese name	míngzi 名字	name
rènshi 认识	know, meet		

Chapter 3

Going to the British Embassy

Learn to

- ask for and offer information about direction and location
- say 去哪儿 qū nǎr
去英国大使馆 qū Yīngguó Dàshǐguǎn

New words and expressions T20

qū 去	go	xièxiè 谢谢	thanks
nǎr 哪儿	where	Běijīng 北京	Beijing (the capital of China)
Yīngguó 英国	Britain	fàndiàn 饭店	hotel
(dà)shǐguǎn (大)使馆	embassy	hǎo 好	O.K., alright
qǐng 请	please	ba 吧	a modal particle
shàng (chē) 上 (车)	get on (bus, train)		

Chapter 4

This is Mr Wang

Learn to

- make an introduction
- say 我来介绍一下 wǒ lái jièshào yíxià
这是王先生 zhè shì Wáng xiānsheng

New words and expressions T26

zhè 这	this	nǐmen 你们	you (plural)
shì 是	be	(Guóshēng) Gōngsī (国生) 公司	(Guosheng) Company
xiānsheng 先生	husband; Mr, sir	de 的	possessive particle
huānyíng 欢迎	welcome	Lǐ Jīng 李京	a Chinese name
wǒ lái jièshào yíxià 我来介绍一下	let me introduce briefly	Wàijiāo Bù 外交部	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
tàitai 太太	wife	míngpiàn 名片	name card
Sūshān 苏珊	Chinese name for Susan		

Chapter 5

Where is the toilet?

Learn to

- ask for and offer information about direction and place
- say 请问, 洗手间在哪儿 qǐngwèn, xǐshǒujiān zài nǎr

New words and expressions T32

xǐshǒujiān 洗手间	toilet	ma 吗	a question particle
zài 在	in, at, on	bù 不	not
lóu shàng 楼上	upstairs	tā 他	he
bùyòng xiè 不用谢	you're welcome	èr lóu 二楼	second floor (British English first floor)
jiā 家	home, family	bù kèqì 不客气	don't mention it

Chapter 6

Do you have a map of China?

Learn to

- make an inquiry and request
- say 有中国地图吗 yǒu Zhōngguó dìtú ma
多少钱 duōshao qián

New words and expressions T38

xiǎng 想	would like	yī 一	one
mǎi 买	buy	duōshao qián 多少钱	how much
míngxìnpian 明信片	postcard	jiǔ 九	nine
jǐ 几	how many	kuāi 块	kuai (a Chinese currency unit)
zhāng 张	measure word for tickets, paper, etc.	máo 毛	mao (a Chinese currency unit)
wǔ 五	five	liù 六	six
yǒu 有	have	duìbuqǐ 对不起	sorry
Zhōngguó 中国	China	méi 没	not, no
dìtú 地图	map		

Chapter 7

How much is a ticket to Suzhou?

Learn to

- ask for information and buy a ticket
- say 多少钱一张票 duōshao qián yì zhāng piào
去人民广场多少钱 qù Rénmín Guǎngchǎng duōshao qián

New words and expressions T44

xǎojiě 小姐	Miss	liǎng 两	two
piào 票	ticket	rénmín 人民	people
sūzhōu 苏州	Suzhou (a city name)	guǎngchǎng 广场	square
wǔshí 五十	fifty	sān 三	three
yào 要	want, need	shíjiǔ 十九	nineteen

Chapter 8

I work at the British Embassy

Learn to

- ask for information about someone's work or profession
- say 你在哪儿工作 nǐ zài nǎr gōngzuò
我在英国使馆工作 wǒ zài Yīngguó Shǐguǎn gōngzuò

New words and expressions T50

Bái Liǎng 白亮	a Chinese name	dàxué 大学	university
gōngzuò 工作	work	lǎoshī 老师	teacher
a 啊	a modal particle	duì 对	correct, yes
tóngshì 同事	colleague	Hànyǔ 汉语	Chinese (language)
Zhōu 周	a Chinese surname		

Chapter 9

What time do we have a meeting?

Learn to



ask the time

say 现在几点 xiānzài jǐ diǎn
现在三点半 xiānzài sān diǎn bàn

New words and expressions



T56

xiānzài 现在	now	bān 半	half
jǐ diǎn 几点	what time is it	kāi huì 开会	to hold / attend a meeting
shí'èr 十二	twelve	sì 四	four
diǎn 点	o'clock	chā 差	short of (in reading time)
líng 零	zero	yí kè 一刻	a quarter of an hour
fēn 分	minute		

Chapter 10

When will you go to Shanghai?

Learn to

ask about days and dates

say 明天几号 míngtiān jǐ hào
你几号去上海 nǐ jǐ hào qù Shànghǎi

New words and expressions T62

míngtiān 明天	tomorrow	shénme shíhou 什么时候	when
hào 号	date	huílai 回来	come back
jīntiān 今天	today	qī 七	seven
bā 八	eight	yuē 月	month
xīngqī 星期	day of the week		