day 1 it's me!

Introduce yourself out loud: your name, where you're from, your age and what you do.

"Tell us about yourself" opens almost every conversation in Chinese, and every speaking test. Today you build an answer you can say in half a minute.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
介绍	jièshào	introduce	我来介绍一下，这是我妈妈。 Let me introduce you: this is my mum.
自己	zìjǐ	oneself (myself, yourself…)	我自己做饭。 I cook for myself.
叫	jiào	to be called	我叫安娜。 My name is Anna.
名字	míngzi	name	她叫什么名字? What's her name?
姓	xìng	surname; be surnamed	他姓李。 His surname is Li.
今年	jīnnián	this year	我今年二十岁。 I'm twenty this year.
岁	suì	years old	我二十岁。 I'm twenty.
十	shí	ten	十、二十、三十 ten, twenty, thirty
学生	xuéshēng	student	我是学生。 I'm a student.
认识	rènshi	to know (someone)	你认识他吗? Do you know him?

pattern 我叫……，我是……人 (say who you are)

我叫 **name** ，我是 **country** 人

叫 gives your name and 姓 gives just your surname. 是 links you to what you are: 我是学生, 我是英国人 (a country + 人 = a person from there). Your age goes 今年 + number + 岁, with no 是.

我叫小明，我是中国人。 **wǒ jiào Xiǎomíng wǒ shì Zhōngguó rén** I'm Xiaoming. I'm Chinese.

她叫安娜，她是英国人。 **tā jiào Ānnà tā shì Yīngguó rén** Her name is Anna. She's from the UK.

王老师是北京人。 **Wánglǎoshī shì Běijīng rén** Teacher Wang is from Beijing.

我姓王，是你们的汉语老师。 **wǒ xìng Wáng shì nǐmen de Hànyǔ lǎoshī** My surname is Wang. I'm your Chinese teacher.

dialogue who are you?

teacher wang 大家好！我姓王，是你们的汉语老师。
dàjiā hǎo wǒ xìng Wáng shì nǐmen de Hànyǔ lǎoshī · Hello, everyone! My surname is Wang, and I'm your Chinese teacher.

teacher wang 请你们介绍一下自己。你叫什么名字?
qǐng nǐmen jièshào yíxià zìjǐ nǐ jiào shénme míngzi · Please introduce yourselves. What's your name?

anna 老师好！我叫安娜，我是英国人。
lǎoshī hǎo wǒ jiào Ānnà wǒ shì Yīngguó rén · Hello, Teacher! I'm Anna, and I'm from the UK.

teacher wang 安娜，你今年多大?
Ānnà nǐ jīnnián duō dà · Anna, how old are you?

anna 我今年二十四岁。我是学生，在北京学习汉语。
wǒ jīnnián èrshísì suì wǒ shì xuéshēng zài Běijīng xuéxí Hànyǔ · I'm twenty-four. I'm a student, learning Chinese in Beijing.

teacher wang 你的汉语很不错!
nǐ de Hànyǔ hěn búcuò · Your Chinese is really good!

anna 谢谢老师！认识您很高兴。
xièxie lǎoshī rènshi nín hěn gāoxìng · Thank you! It's very nice to meet you.

teacher wang 认识你，我也很高兴。
rènshi nǐ wǒ yě hěn gāoxìng · Nice to meet you too.

repeat listen, then say it back

我叫安娜。 **wǒ jiào Ānnà** My name is Anna.

我是英国人。 **wǒ shì Yīngguó rén** I'm from the UK.

你叫什么名字? **nǐ jiào shénme míngzi** What's your name?

认识你很高兴。 **rènshi nǐ hěn gāoxìng** Nice to meet you.

我今年二十四岁。 **wǒ jīnnián èrshísì suì** I'm twenty-four.

我在北京学汉语。 **wǒ zài Běijīng xué Hànyǔ** I'm learning Chinese in Beijing.

reply answer out loud

你叫什么名字？ nǐ jiào shénme míngzi What's your name?
→ 我叫安娜。 wǒ jiào Ānnà

你是哪国人？ nǐ shì nǎ guó rén Which country are you from?
→ 我是英国人。 wǒ shì Yīngguó rén

你今年多大？ nǐ jīnnián duō dà How old are you?
→ 我今年二十四岁。 wǒ jīnnián èrshísì suì

你是学生吗？ nǐ shì xuéshēng ma Are you a student?
→ 是，我是学生。 shì wǒ shì xuéshēng
→ 我是学生，我在学汉语。 wǒ shì xuéshēng wǒ zài xué Hànyǔ

你姓什么？ nǐ xìng shénme What's your surname?
→ 我姓李。 wǒ xìng Lǐ
→ 我姓李，叫李小明。 wǒ xìng Lǐ jiào Lǐ Xiǎomíng

talk 60 seconds

Please introduce yourself.

请介绍一下你自己。 qǐng jièshào yíxià nǐ zìjǐ

我来介绍一下自己。 wǒ lái jièshào yíxià zìjǐ

我叫……，我是……人。 wǒ jiào wǒ shì rén

我今年……岁。 wǒ jīnnián suì

认识你们很高兴！ rènshi nǐmen hěn gāoxìng

model answer

大家好！我来介绍一下自己。 dàjiā hǎo wǒ lái jièshào yíxià zìjǐ

我叫安娜，我是英国人。 wǒ jiào Ānnà wǒ shì Yīngguó rén

我今年二十四岁。 wǒ jīnnián èrshísì suì

我是学生，在北京学习汉语。 wǒ shì xuéshēng zài Běijīng xuéxí Hànyǔ

我很喜欢北京，也很喜欢说汉语。 wǒ hěn xǐhuan Běijīng yě hěn xǐhuan shuō Hànyǔ

认识你们很高兴！ rènshi nǐmen hěn gāoxìng

Hello, everyone! Let me introduce myself. My name is Anna, and I'm from the UK. I'm twenty-four. I'm a student, learning Chinese in Beijing. I really like Beijing, and I love speaking Chinese. Nice to meet you all!

good to know · Ask an adult's age with 你今年多大？ For a child, 你几岁？ is the usual question. A country name + 人 is a person from there: 中国人, 英国人, 美国人, 外国人 (a foreigner).

That's your first talk in Chinese: name, country, age, what you do. Say it once more today and it will come out on its own next time.
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day 2 my family

Say who is in your family and what they do, with 有, 的, 都 and 也.

"How many people are in your family?" is one of the first things people in China will ask you, and a classic speaking question.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
家	jiā	home; family	这是我家。 This is my home.
口	kǒu	mouth; (for household members)	我家有三口人。 There are three people in my family.
爸爸	bàba	dad	这是我爸爸。 This is my dad.
妈妈	māma	mum	我妈妈是老师。 My mum is a teacher.
哥哥	gēge	older brother	我有两个哥哥。 I have two older brothers.
姐姐	jiějie	older sister	她是我姐姐。 She's my older sister.
弟弟	dìdi	younger brother	我弟弟十岁。 My younger brother is ten.
妹妹	mèimei	younger sister	小明有一个妹妹。 Xiaoming has a younger sister.
爷爷	yéye	grandpa (dad's father)	我爷爷今年八十岁。 My grandpa is eighty this year.
奶奶	nǎinai	grandma (dad's mother)	奶奶很喜欢喝茶。 Grandma loves drinking tea.

pattern 我家有……口人 (who is in your family)

我家有 | number | 口人: | who | 和我

口 is the measure word for the people in a family: 我家有四口人. 的 works like "'s": 小明的妹妹, Xiaoming's sister; with close family you can drop it: 我爸爸. 都 (all, both) and 也 (also) go before the verb.

小明家有五口人。 **Xiǎomíng jiā yǒu wǔ kǒu rén** There are five people in Xiaoming's family.

这是小明的妹妹。 **zhè shì Xiǎomíng de mèimei** This is Xiaoming's little sister.

我爸爸是老师，我妈妈也是老师。 **wǒ bàba shì lǎoshī wǒ māma yě shì lǎoshī** My dad is a teacher, and my mum is a teacher too.

我没有姐姐，也没有弟弟。 **wǒ méiyǒu jiějie yě méiyǒu dìdi** I don't have an older sister or a younger brother.

dialogue how many of you?

anna 小明，你家有几口人？
Xiǎomíng nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén · Xiaoming, how many people are in your family?

xiaoming 五口人：奶奶、爸爸、妈妈、妹妹和我。
wǔ kǒu rén nǎinai bàba māma mèimei hé wǒ · Five: Grandma, Dad, Mum, my little sister and me.

anna 你爸爸妈妈做什么工作？
nǐ bàba māma zuò shénme gōngzuò · What do your mum and dad do?

xiaoming 我爸爸是医生，我妈妈在公司工作。他们都很忙。
wǒ bàba shì yīshēng wǒ māma zài gōngsī gōngzuò tāmen dōu hěn máng · My dad's a doctor and my mum works at a company. They're both very busy.

xiaoming 你家呢？你有哥哥姐姐吗？
nǐ jiā ne nǐ yǒu gēge jiějie ma · What about your family? Do you have any brothers or sisters?

anna 我家有四口人：爸爸、妈妈、哥哥和我。我没有姐姐，也没有弟弟。
wǒ jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén bàba māma gēge hé wǒ wǒ méiyǒu jiějie yě méiyǒu dìdi · There are four of us: Dad, Mum, my older brother and me. No sisters, and no younger brother.

xiaoming 你的爷爷奶奶呢？
nǐ de yéye nǎinai ne · And your grandparents?

anna 他们都在英国。我很想他们！
tāmen dōu zài Yīngguó wǒ hěn xiǎng tāmen · They're both in the UK. I miss them a lot!

repeat listen, then say it back

这是我妈妈。 zhè shì wǒ māma This is my mum.

他们都很忙。 tāmen dōu hěn máng They're all busy.

我家有四口人。 wǒ jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén There are four of us in my family.

我爸爸是老师。 wǒ bàba shì lǎoshī My dad is a teacher.

你有哥哥姐姐吗？ nǐ yǒu gēge jiějie ma Do you have any older brothers or sisters?

爷爷奶奶都很好。 yéye nǎinai dōu hěn hǎo Grandpa and Grandma are both well.

reply answer out loud

你家有几口人？ nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén How many people are in your family?
→ 我家有四口人。 wǒ jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén
→ 四口人：爸爸、妈妈、哥哥和我。 sì kǒu rén bàba māma gēge hé wǒ

你有哥哥姐姐吗？ nǐ yǒu gēge jiějie ma Do you have any older brothers or sisters?
→ 我有一个哥哥，没有姐姐。 wǒ yǒu yí gè gēge méiyǒu jiějie

你爸爸妈妈做什么工作？ nǐ bàba māma zuò shénme gōngzuò What do your mum and dad do?
→ 我爸爸是老师，我妈妈在公司工作。 wǒ bàba shì lǎoshī wǒ māma zài gōngsī gōngzuò

你的爷爷奶奶在哪儿？ nǐ de yéye nǎinai zài nǎr Where are your grandparents?
→ 他们都在英国。 tāmen dōu zài Yīngguó

你是哪国人？ nǐ shì nǎ guó rén Which country are you from?
→ 我是英国人。 wǒ shì Yīngguó rén

talk 60 seconds

How many people are in your family? What do they all do?

你家有几口人？他们都做什么？ nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén tāmen dōu zuò shénme

我家有……口人：……和我。 wǒ jiā yǒu kǒu rén hé wǒ

我爸爸是…… wǒ bàba shì

我妈妈在……工作。 wǒ māma zài gōngzuò

他们都……，我也……。 tāmen dōu wǒ yě

model answer

我家有四口人：爸爸、妈妈、哥哥和我。 wǒ jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén bàba māma gēge hé wǒ

我爸爸是老师，我妈妈在公司工作。 wǒ bàba shì lǎoshī wǒ māma zài gōngsī gōngzuò

我哥哥是医生。 wǒ gēge shì yīshēng

他们都很忙，我也很忙。 tāmen dōu hěn máng wǒ yě hěn máng

我的爷爷奶奶也在英国，他们都很好。 wǒ de yéye nǎinai yě zài Yīngguó tāmen dōu hěn hǎo

我很爱我的家人！ wǒ hěn ài wǒ de jiārén

There are four of us in my family: Dad, Mum, my older brother and me. My dad is a teacher and my mum works at a company. My brother is a doctor. They're all busy, and so am I. My grandparents are in the UK too, and they're both well. I love my family very much!

good to know · 口 counts the people in a family (我家有四口人); 个 counts brothers, sisters and people in general (我有一个哥哥). 哥哥 and 姐姐 are older, 弟弟 and 妹妹 are younger: Chinese always says which.

Now you can bring your whole family into a conversation. Tell someone about them today, even if it's only your mirror.

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day 3 a good friend

Describe a good friend and say why you like them, with 因为……所以……

Speaking questions love a “why?”. A short reason with 因为 turns a one-line answer into a real one.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
朋友	péngyou	friend	小明是我朋友。 Xiaoming is my friend.
谁	shéi	who	他是谁? Who is he?
个子	gèzi	height, build (of a person)	他个子很高。 He’s tall.
高	gāo	tall, high	小明很高。 Xiaoming is tall.
眼睛	yǎnjing	eye(s)	她眼睛很大。 She has big eyes.
漂亮	piàoliang	pretty; beautiful	你的手机很漂亮。 Your phone is really pretty.
喜欢	xǐhuan	to like	你喜欢大白吗? Do you like Dabai?
为什么	wèishénme	why	你为什么不去? Why aren’t you going?
因为	yīnwèi	because	因为下雨，我不去了。 It’s raining, so I’m not going.
所以	suǒyǐ	so, therefore	我很忙，所以不能去。 I’m busy, so I can’t go.

pattern 他个子很高 (describe a person)

person | 个子 / 眼睛 | 很 | adjective

Chinese names the person first, then the part you describe: 他个子很高, literally “he, height very tall”. Adjectives take 很, never 是. Then give your reason: 因为 + reason, 所以 + result.

王老师个子不高。 **Wánglǎoshī gèzi bù gāo** Teacher Wang isn’t tall.

妹妹眼睛很大，很漂亮。 **mèimei yǎnjing hěn dà hěn piàoliang** His sister has big eyes; she’s very pretty.

因为她很爱笑，所以我很喜欢她。 **yīnwèi tā hěn ài xiào suǒyǐ wǒ hěn xǐhuan tā** She’s always smiling, so I really like her.

dialogue best friends

little sister 安娜姐姐，你的好朋友是谁？
Ānnà jiějie nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì shéi · Anna, who's your best friend?

anna 是你哥哥小明啊！
shì nǐ gēge Xiǎomíng a · Your brother Xiaoming, of course!

little sister 我哥哥？你为什么喜欢他？
wǒ gēge nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan tā · My brother? Why do you like him?

anna 因为他人很好，所以我们是好朋友。
yīnwèi tā rén hěn hǎo suǒyǐ wǒmen shì hǎo péngyou · Because he's a really nice person. That's why we're good friends.

anna 你呢？你的好朋友是谁？
nǐ ne nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì shéi · What about you? Who's your best friend?

little sister 是我的同学。她个子很高，眼睛很大，很漂亮。
shì wǒ de tóngxué tā gèzi hěn gāo yǎnjing hěn dà hěn piàoliang · A girl in my class. She's tall, with big eyes. She's really pretty.

anna 你为什么喜欢她？
nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan tā · Why do you like her?

little sister 因为她很爱笑，所以我很喜欢跟她一起玩！
yīnwèi tā hěn ài xiào suǒyǐ wǒ hěn xǐhuan gēn tā yìqǐ wán · She's always laughing, so I love playing with her!

repeat listen, then say it back

她很漂亮。 **tā hěn piàoliang** She's very pretty.

他个子很高。 **tā gèzi hěn gāo** He's tall.

小明眼睛很大。 **Xiǎomíng yǎnjing hěn dà** Xiaoming has big eyes.

你的朋友是谁？ **nǐ de péngyou shì shéi** Who's your friend?

他是我的好朋友。 **tā shì wǒ de hǎo péngyou** He's a good friend of mine.

你为什么喜欢他？ **nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan tā** Why do you like him?

reply answer out loud

你的好朋友是谁？ nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì shéi Who is your good friend?
→ 我的好朋友是小明。 wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì Xiǎomíng

他个子高吗？ tā gèzi gāo ma Is he tall?
→ 他个子很高。 tā gèzi hěn gāo
→ 很高，眼睛也很大。 hěn gāo yǎnjing yě hěn dà

你为什么喜欢他？ nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan tā Why do you like him?
→ 因为他人很好。 yīnwèi tā rén hěn hǎo
→ 因为他很有意思，所以我喜欢他。 yīnwèi tā hěn yǒu yìsi suǒyǐ wǒ xǐhuan tā

你家有几口人？ nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén How many people are in your family?
→ 我家有四口人。 wǒ jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén

你叫什么名字？ nǐ jiào shénme míngzi What's your name?
→ 我叫安娜。 wǒ jiào Ānnà

talk 60 seconds

Who is your good friend? Why do you like them?

你的好朋友是谁？你为什么喜欢他？ nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì shéi nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan tā

我的好朋友是…… wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì

他个子……，眼睛……。 tā gèzi yǎnjing

因为……，所以……。 yīnwèi suǒyǐ

我们经常一起……。 wǒmen jīngcháng yìqǐ

model answer

我的好朋友是小明。 wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì Xiǎomíng

他是北京人，在大学学习。 tā shì Běijīng rén zài dàxué xuéxí

他个子很高，眼睛很大。 tā gèzi hěn gāo yǎnjing hěn dà

我喜欢他，因为他人很好，也很有意思。 wǒ xǐhuan tā yīnwèi tā rén hěn hǎo yě hěn yǒu yìsi

我们经常一起吃饭，一起说汉语。 wǒmen jīngcháng yìqǐ chī fàn yìqǐ shuō Hànyǔ

因为有小明，所以我在北京很快乐。 yīnwèi yǒu Xiǎomíng suǒyǐ wǒ zài Běijīng hěn kuàilè

My good friend is Xiaoming. He's from Beijing and studies at the university. He's tall, with big eyes. I like him because he's a really nice person, and fun too. We often eat together and speak Chinese together. Because I have Xiaoming, I'm happy in Beijing.

good to know · Answer a 为什么 question by starting with 因为: 为什么？ 因为他人很好. 他人很好 means "he's a nice person": 人 here is his character. And children call a young woman 姐姐, "big sister", as a friendly title.

You can now paint a person in a few words and say why they matter to you. That "why" is what makes an answer sound like you.
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day 4 where i live

Say where your home is and what it's like, where you live now, what is in your room, and how far it is from places.

"Where do you live?" and "What's your home like?" come up in every chat with a new friend, and in speaking tests too.

words to say

word	pinyin	meaning	example
住	zhù	to live; to stay	我住在北京。 I live in Beijing.
哪里	nǎlǐ	where	你住在哪里? Where do you live?
房间	fángjiān	room	这是我的房间。 This is my room.
床	chuáng	bed	床上有一只猫。 There's a cat on the bed.
旁边	pángbiān	next to, beside	我家在学校旁边。 My home is next to the school.
离	lí	(distance) from	我家离学校很近。 My home is close to school.
远	yuǎn	far	车站远不远? Is the station far?
近	jìn	near, close	超市很近。 The supermarket is very close.
大	dà	big; large	大白很大! Dabai is big!
小	xiǎo	small; little	你的猫真小! Your cat is so small!

pattern 我住在..... (where you live and where things are)

我 | 住在 | place | 。

住在 + place is where you live. 在 + place before another verb is where you do it: 我在房间里看书. 有 says what is there (房间里有床); 在 says where a thing is (床在桌子旁边). 离 + place + 近/远 is near or far.

小明住在北京。 **Xiǎomíng zhù zài Běijīng** Xiaoming lives in Beijing.

我在房间里看书。 **wǒ zài fángjiān lǐ kàn shū** I read in my room.

我的房间里有电脑。 **wǒ de fángjiān lǐ yǒu diànnǎo** There's a computer in my room.

小明家离大学有点儿远。 **Xiǎomíng jiā lí dàxué yǒudiǎnr yuǎn** Xiaoming's home is a bit far from the university.

dialogue anna's little room

xiaoming 你的房间真不错！
nǐ de fángjiān zhēn búcuò · Your room's really nice!

anna 谢谢！房间很小，但是我很喜欢。
xièxie fángjiān hěn xiǎo dànshì wǒ hěn xǐhuan · Thanks! It's small, but I love it.

xiaoming 你的床很大啊。床左边是桌子，右边是椅子。
nǐ de chuáng hěn dà a chuáng zuǒbian shì zhuōzi yòubian shì yǐzi · Your bed's big! The desk is on its left and the chair on its right.

anna 对，我每天在这里看书、学汉语。
duì wǒ měi tiān zài zhèlǐ kàn shū xué Hànyǔ · Yes, I read and study Chinese here every day.

xiaoming 这儿离大学远吗？
zhèr lí dàxué yuǎn ma · Is it far from the university?

anna 不远，很近，走路十分钟。
bù yuǎn hěn jìn zǒulù shí fēnzhōng · No, it's close: ten minutes on foot.

xiaoming 旁边有商店吗？
pángbiān yǒu shāngdiàn ma · Are there any shops nearby?

anna 有，楼前面就有一个超市，后面还有一个饭馆。
yǒu lóu qiánmiàn jiù yǒu yí gè chāoshì hòumiàn hái yǒu yí gè fànguǎn · Yes, there's a supermarket right in front of the building, and a restaurant behind it.

repeat listen, then say it back

我住在三楼。 **wǒ zhù zài sān lóu** I live on the third floor.

你住在哪里？ **nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ** Where do you live?

我的房间很小。 **wǒ de fángjiān hěn xiǎo** My room is very small.

床在桌子旁边。 **chuáng zài zhuōzi pángbiān** The bed is next to the desk.

我家离大学很近。 **wǒ jiā lí dàxué hěn jìn** My place is very close to the university.

你家离这儿远吗？ **nǐ jiā lí zhèr yuǎn ma** Is your place far from here?

reply answer out loud

你住在哪里？ nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ Where do you live?
→ 我住在北京。 wǒ zhù zài Běijīng
→ 我住在大学旁边。 wǒ zhù zài dàxué pángbiān

你的房间大吗？ nǐ de fángjiān dà ma Is your room big?
→ 不大，有点儿小。 bú dà yǒudiǎnr xiǎo

你家离这儿远吗？ nǐ jiā lí zhèr yuǎn ma Is your place far from here?
→ 不远，很近。 bù yuǎn hěn jìn
→ 有点儿远。 yǒudiǎnr yuǎn

你的好朋友是谁？ nǐ de hǎo péngyou shì shéi Who is your good friend?
→ 我的好朋友是小明。 wǒ de hǎo péngyou shì Xiǎomíng

你家前面有什么？ nǐ jiā qiánmiàn yǒu shénme What is in front of your home?
→ 我家前面有一个超市。 wǒ jiā qiánmiàn yǒu yí gè chāoshì
→ 前面有一个饭馆。 qiánmiàn yǒu yí gè fànguǎn

talk 60 seconds

Where is your home? What is it like?

你的家在哪儿？那里怎么样？ nǐ de jiā zài nǎr nàlǐ zěnmeyàng

我的家在……，离……很远。 wǒ de jiā zài lí hěn yuǎn

那里……，但是…… nàlǐ dànshì

现在我住在…… xiànzài wǒ zhù zài

我的房间里有…… wǒ de fángjiān lǐ yǒu

model answer

我的家在英国，离北京很远。 wǒ de jiā zài Yīngguó lí Běijīng hěn yuǎn

那里不大，但是很漂亮，我爸爸妈妈都住在那里。 nàlǐ bú dà dànshì hěn piàoliang wǒ bàba māma dōu zhù zài nàlǐ

现在我住在北京，在大学旁边。 xiànzài wǒ zhù zài Běijīng zài dàxué pángbiān

我的房间在三楼，不大，有点儿小。 wǒ de fángjiān zài sān lóu bú dà yǒudiǎnr xiǎo

房间里有床、桌子和椅子，桌子在床旁边。 fángjiān lǐ yǒu chuáng zhuōzi hé yǐzi zhuōzi zài chuáng pángbiān

因为这儿离大学很近，所以我每天走路去上课。 yīnwèi zhèr lí dàxué hěn jìn suǒyǐ wǒ měi tiān zǒulù qù shàngkè

My home is in the UK, a long way from Beijing. It isn't big, but it's beautiful, and my mum and dad both live there. Now I live in Beijing, next to the university. My room is on the third floor; it isn't big, it's a bit small. There's a bed, a desk and a chair, and the desk is next to the bed. It's very close to the university, so I walk to class every day.

good to know · 哪里 and 哪儿 both mean "where"; 哪儿 sounds more like Beijing. Floors: 三楼 is the third floor. In China 一楼 is the ground floor, so 三楼 is two flights up.

Your home town, your room, the shop out front: you can now take someone on a tour in Chinese. That's unit 1's last new frame. Next comes a whole Sunday with the Li family.
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day 5 mission: sunday with the li family

Talk about your family and your pets for a minute and a half, and answer quick questions on your friends and your home.

This is unit 1 as a mock round: repeat, answer, then one long talk, the three parts of a speaking test, all about the people (and pets) in your life.

chapter 1 meet grandma and dabai

xiaoming 安娜，你来了！这是我奶奶。
Ānnà nǐ lái le zhè shì wǒ nǎinai · Anna, you made it! This is my grandma.

anna 奶奶好！我叫安娜，是小明的朋友。
nǎinai hǎo wǒ jiào Ānnà shì Xiǎomíng de péngyou · Hello, Grandma! I'm Anna, Xiaoming's friend.

grandma 你好，你好！认识你很高兴。你的汉语真好！
nǐhǎo nǐhǎo rènshi nǐ hěn gāoxìng nǐ de Hànyǔ zhēn hǎo · Hello, hello! So nice to meet you. Your Chinese is wonderful!

anna 谢谢奶奶！这是你们的狗吗？
xièxie nǎinai zhè shì nǐmen de gǒu ma · Thank you! Is this your dog?

xiaoming 对，它叫大白。它很大，很爱跟人玩。
duì tā jiào Dàbái tā hěn dà hěn ài gēn rén wán · Yes, he's called Dabai. He's big, and he loves to play with people.

grandma 大白也是我们的家人！
Dàbái yě shì wǒmen de jiārén · Dabai is part of the family too!

chapter 2 grandma's children

grandma 安娜，你家有几口人？
Ānnà nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén · Anna, how many people are in your family?

anna 四口人：爸爸、妈妈、哥哥和我。您呢？
sì kǒu rén bàba māma gēge hé wǒ nín ne · Four: Dad, Mum, my brother and me. And you?

grandma 我有两个孩子：一个儿子，一个女儿。小明的爸爸是我儿子。
wǒ yǒu liǎng gè háizi yí gè érzi yí gè nǚér Xiǎomíng de bàba shì wǒ érzi · I have two children, a son and a daughter. Xiaoming's dad is my son.

ms zhang 我是他的妻子。我先生是医生，每天都很忙！
wǒ shì tā de qīzi wǒ xiānsheng shì yīshēng měi tiān dōu hěn máng · And I'm his wife. My husband's a doctor, and he's busy every single day!

anna 您的女儿住在哪儿？
nín de nǚér zhù zài nǎr · Where does your daughter live?

grandma 她住在上海，离北京很远。
tā zhù zài Shànghǎi lí Běijīng hěn yuǎn · She lives in Shanghai, a long way from Beijing.

chapter 3 a room and a cat

little sister 安娜姐姐，你住在哪里？
Ānnà jiějie nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ · Anna, where do you live?

anna 我住在大学旁边。你们看，这是我的房间！
wǒ zhù zài dàxué pángbiān nǐmen kàn zhè shì wǒ de fángjiān · Next to the university. Look (she shows a photo on her phone), this is my room!

little sister 你的床旁边是什么？是猫吗？
nǐ de chuáng pángbiān shì shénme shì māo ma · What's that next to your bed? Is it a cat?

anna 对，那是我的猫。它很小，很爱睡觉。
duì nà shì wǒ de māo tā hěn xiǎo hěn ài shuìjiào · Yes, that's my cat. She's tiny and loves to sleep.

xiaoming 安娜很爱她的猫！
Ānnà hěn ài tā de māo · Anna really loves her cat!

grandma 今天你来我们家，我们都很高兴。下个星期天再来吧！
jīntiān nǐ lái wǒmen jiā wǒmen dōu hěn gāoxìng xià gè xīngqītiān zài lái ba · We're all so happy you came today. Come again next Sunday!

repeat listen, then say it back

这是我们的狗。 **zhè shì wǒmen de gǒu** This is our dog.

我有两个孩子。 **wǒ yǒu liǎng gè háizi** I have two children.

我丈夫是医生。 **wǒ zhàngfu shì yīshēng** My husband is a doctor.

我的猫很爱睡觉。 **wǒ de māo hěn ài shuìjiào** My cat loves to sleep.

我住在大学旁边。 **wǒ zhù zài dàxué pángbiān** I live next to the university.

reply answer out loud

你今年多大？ **nǐ jīnnián duō dà** How old are you?
→ 我今年二十四岁。 **wǒ jīnnián èrshísì suì**

你爸爸妈妈做什么工作？ **nǐ bàba māma zuò shénme gōngzuò** What do your mum and dad do?
→ 我爸爸是老师，我妈妈在公司工作。 **wǒ bàba shì lǎoshī wǒ māma zài gōngsī gōngzuò**

你为什么喜欢你的好朋友？ **nǐ wèi shénme xǐhuan nǐ de hǎo péngyou** Why do you like your good friend?
→ 因为他人很好。 **yīnwèi tā rén hěn hǎo**
→ 因为他很有意思，所以我很喜欢他。 **yīnwèi tā hěn yǒu yìsi suǒyǐ wǒ hěn xǐhuan tā**

你的房间里有什么？ **nǐ de fángjiān lǐ yǒu shénme** What's in your room?
→ 有床、桌子和椅子。 **yǒu chuáng zhuōzi hé yǐzi**

你家有狗吗？ **nǐ jiā yǒu gǒu ma** Do you have a dog?
→ 没有，但是我有一只猫。 **méiyǒu dànshì wǒ yǒu yì zhī māo**
→ 有，我家有一只狗。 **yǒu wǒ jiā yǒu yì zhī gǒu**

talk 90 seconds

Talk about your family. Do you prefer dogs or cats? Why? Talk for a minute and a half.

说一说你的家人。你喜欢狗还是猫？为什么？ shuō yi shuo nǐ de jiārén nǐ xǐhuan gǒu háishi māo wèi shénme

我家有……口人：…… wǒ jiā yǒu kǒu rén

他个子……，眼睛……。 tā gèzi yǎnjing

我喜欢……，因为……，所以……。 wǒ xǐhuan yīnwèi suǒyǐ

model answer

我家有四口人：爸爸、妈妈、哥哥和我。 wǒ jiā yǒu sì kǒu rén bàba māma gēge hé wǒ

我爸爸是老师，我妈妈在公司工作，他们都很忙。 wǒ bàba shì lǎoshī wǒ māma zài gōngsī gōngzuò tāmen dōu hěn máng

我哥哥是医生，他个子很高，很爱笑。 wǒ gēge shì yīshēng tā gèzi hěn gāo hěn ài xiào

我很喜欢猫。 wǒ hěn xǐhuan māo

我在北京有一只猫，它很小，眼睛很大，很爱睡觉。 wǒ zài Běijīng yǒu yì zhī māo tā hěn xiǎo yǎnjing hěn dà hěn ài shuìjiào

我也喜欢狗，小明家的狗叫大白，它很爱跟人玩。 wǒ yě xǐhuan gǒu Xiǎomíng jiā de gǒu jiào Dàbái tā hěn ài gēn rén wán

但是我的房间很小，所以我没有狗。 dànshì wǒ de fángjiān hěn xiǎo suǒyǐ wǒ méiyǒu gǒu

我很爱我的家人和我的猫！ wǒ hěn ài wǒ de jiārén hé wǒ de māo

There are four of us in my family: Dad, Mum, my older brother and me. My dad is a teacher and my mum works at a company; they're both busy. My brother is a doctor; he's tall and always smiling. I really like cats. In Beijing I have a cat: she's tiny, with big eyes, and she loves to sleep. I like dogs too: Xiaoming's dog is called Dabai, and he loves playing with people. But my room is very small, so I don't have a dog. I love my family and my cat!

Unit 1 done: you can talk about yourself, your family, a friend and your home, for a full minute and a half. Next unit: your day, hour by hour.
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