

Chinese Student Programs

Linguistic Topics and Themes*

A. Beginning Classes

- Greeting/Introducing/Interacting with new acquaintances/saying farewells
- Names
- Numerals
- Telling time
- Day/Week/Month/Year
- Age
- Height and weight
- Colors
- Describing quantity and quality
- Identifying and describing objects/people
- Family/Relatives/Friends/Teachers
- My home/family life
- My daily routine/my weekly schedule
- My classroom/physical environment
- Academic subjects/school life
- Expressing feelings/dislike/likes
- Leisure activities/hobbies/sports
- Writing one's own name and 20 facts about self
- Jobs/Occupations/Earning a living
- Asking/Giving phone numbers
- Food and drinks /gourmet/cooking/ordering food and beverages in a restaurant
- Community and neighborhood/a map of my neighborhood
- Inquiring about and describing locations/asking for directions
- Comprehending information on business cards, business hours, time tables, class schedule, movie posters, beverage advertisements, and identification cards
- At the library/post office/airport
- Shopping and bargaining/selling and buying/Chinese currency and currency exchange
- Gift-giving
- Thanking/Requesting/Complimenting and responding to compliments
- Weather and weather forecasts/seasons
- Animals
- Countries, nationalities, and languages
- Travel
- Writing e-mails and letters in Chinese

* The linguistics topics and themes introduced in more than one level of classes are listed only under the class at the lowest proficiency level in which it was introduced.

- Visiting a friend
- Dating
- Birthday celebration/birthday party
- Making an appointment
- Seeing a doctor
- Transportation/A tricycle cab runs
- Public and private services
- Home education
- Health and welfare

B. Intermediate Classes

- My friend's home
- My clothes
- Addresses
- Making phone calls
- Mobile phones
- TV programs
- School activities
- After-school life
- Illness
- Paying the bill
- Finding an apartment

C. Advanced/Heritage Classes

- Ending a conversation
- Shopping for and choosing clothes: Comparing color, price, size, and style
- Describing places you have visited
- Commenting on your travel experiences
- Speaking in the Shanghai dialect
- Filling out an application for a library card
- Borrowing and returning books from the library
- Paying fines for overdue books
- Computer and the Internet