

# Greetings.

## VOL. 01

NETCHAI ORIGINAL TEXT

Elementary · Lesson 1

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## 01 Vocabulary

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01 你 (pron.)

nǐ

you

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02 好 (adj.)

hǎo

good; well

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03 您 (pron.)

nín

polite form of "you"

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04 先生 (n.)

xiānsheng

Mr.; sir (honorific for men)

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05 早上 (n.)  
zǎoshang  
morning

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06 吗 (part.)  
ma  
question particle indicating a yes/no question

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07 很 (adv.)  
hěn  
very

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08 我 (pron.)  
wǒ  
I; me

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09 也 (adv.)  
yě  
also; too; as well

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10 工作 (v./n.)  
gōngzuò  
work; to work

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11 忙 (adj.)  
máng  
busy

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12 不 (adv.)  
bù  
no; not

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13 太 (adv.)

tài

too; extremely

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14 呢 (part.)

ne

question particle used at the end of a sentence to prompt a response

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15 爸爸 (n.)

bàba

father; dad

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16 妈妈 (n.)

māma

mother; mom

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17 身体 (n.)

shēntǐ

body; health

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18 他们 (pron.)

tāmen

they; them

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19 都 (adv.)

dōu

all; both; every

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20 谢谢 (v.)  
xièxie  
thank you

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## 02 Proper Nouns

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01 何总  
hé zǒng  
*Short for "He Youpeng, General Manager"*  
President He

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02 田中  
tián zhōng  
surname

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03 李兰  
lǐ lán  
personal name

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04 张军  
zhāng jūn  
personal name

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05 王力  
wáng lì  
personal name

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## 03 Key Sentences

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01

nǐ hǎo  
**你好！**

| Hello. / Hi.

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02

nín hǎo  
**您好！**

| Hello. (used when addressing elders or superiors)

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03

nǐ zǎo  
**你早！**

| Good morning.

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04

nín zǎo  
**您早！**

| Good morning. (used when addressing elders or superiors)

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05

nǐ hǎo ma  
**你好吗？**

| How are you?

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06

hěnhǎo

很好。

I'm fine. / Great.

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07

wǒ yě hěnhǎo

我也很好。

I'm fine too.

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08

nǐ gōngzuò máng ma

你工作忙吗？

Are you busy with work?

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09

bú tài máng nǐ ne

不太忙，你呢？

Not too busy. How about you?

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nǐ bà ba mā ma shēn tǐ hǎo ma

你爸爸妈妈身体好吗？

Are your father and mother in good health?

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tā mendōuhěnhǎo

他们都很好。

They are both very well.

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xiè xiè

谢谢！

Thank you!

## 04 Dialogue

### SCENE 1

hé zǒng

何总

nǐ hǎo tiánzhōng

你好，田中！

tiánzhōng

田中

hé zǒng nín hǎo

何总，您好！

### SCENE 2

lǐ lán

李兰

tiánzhōngxiānsheng nínzǎo

田中先生，您早！

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tiánzhōng

田中

nǐ zǎo lǐ lán  
你早，李兰！

### SCENE 3

zhāng jūn

张军

nǐ hǎoma  
你好吗？

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wáng lì

王力

hěnhǎo nǐ hǎoma  
很好。你好吗？

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zhāng jūn

张军

wǒ yě hěnhǎo  
我也很好。

---

wáng lì

王力

nǐ gōngzuò mǎng ma

你工作忙吗？

---

zhāng jūn

张军

bú tài máng nǐ ne

不太忙，你呢？

---

wáng lì

王力

wǒ yě bú tài máng

我也不太忙。

#### SCENE 4

zhāng jūn

张军

lǐ lán nǐ hǎo

李兰，你好！

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lǐ lán

李兰

nǐ hǎo

你好！

---

zhāng jūn

张军

nǐ bà ba mā mǎ shēn tǐ hǎo ma  
你爸爸妈妈身体好吗？

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lǐ lán

李兰

tā men dōu hěn hǎo nǐ bà ba mā mǎ shēn tǐ hǎo ma  
他们都很好。你爸爸妈妈身体好吗？

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zhāng jūn

张军

tā men yě dōu hěn hǎo xiè xiè  
他们也都很好。谢谢！

## 05 Grammar

### POINT 01

你好！ ⇒ 您好！

Means "hello" and can be used at any time of day. You can replace "你" with other subjects to greet different people.

*\* Use "您好" when speaking to elders or superiors as a sign of respect.*

### POINT 02

你早！ ⇒ 您早！

Means "good morning" and is only used in the morning. You can replace "你" with other subjects.

*\* Use "您早" when speaking to elders or superiors.*

### POINT 03

#### Questions with "吗" (1) ⇒ 你好吗？

Adding "吗" to the end of a statement turns it into a yes/no question. "你好吗？" means "How are you?" and expects an affirmative or negative reply. The standard response is a set phrase such as "我很好." It is typically used between acquaintances.

nǐ shēn tǐ hǎo ma  
① 你身体好吗？

tā men hǎo ma  
② 他们好吗？

### POINT 04

#### Questions with "呢" ⇒ 你呢？

Questions using "呢" are sometimes called elliptical questions. In a given context, "呢" is added after a noun or noun phrase. "你呢？" means "And you?" or "What about you?"

wǒ shēn tǐ hěn hǎo, nǐ ne  
① 我身体很好，你呢？

② wǒ hěnmáng nǐ ne  
我很忙，你呢？

## 06 Translation

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### *Scene 1.*

何总 Hello, Tanaka!

田中 President He, hello!

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### *Scene 2.*

李兰 Mr. Tanaka, good morning!

田中 Good morning, Li Lan!

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### *Scene 3.*

张军 How are you?

王力 I'm fine. How are you?

张军 I'm fine too.

王力 Are you busy with work?

张军 Not too busy. How about you?

王力 I'm not too busy either.

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### *Scene 4.*

张军 Li Lan, hello!

李兰

Hello!

张军

Are your father and mother in good health?

李兰

They are both very well. Are your father and mother in good health?

张军

They are both very well too. Thank you!