NETCHAI Kids Chinese Course  Lesson 1

# Hello!

nǐ hǎo 你好！ xiè xie 谢谢！ zàijiàn 再见！

This is your very first Chinese lesson! Let's learn how to say hello, and say it cheerfully to your teacher and friends.

## Getting Started — The Sounds of Chinese

Chinese has pinyin (the way to read a word, written in the alphabet) and the four tones (4 heights of sound). Don't read it like English — let's learn it with pinyin.

m (consonant) + a (vowel) + ¯ (tone) → 妈 mā (mother)

### Tone 1

mā

妈

→ high & flat

mother

### Tone 2

má

麻

↗ rising

hemp

Tone 3

# mǎ

## 马

↘↗ down then up

horse

Tone 4

# mà

## 骂

↘ falling

to scold

📕 New Words

1 **你** nǐ — you

2 **好** hǎo — good · well

3 **老师** lǎoshī — teacher

4 **是** shì — to be (am/is/are)

5 **谢谢** xièxie — thank you

6 **不客气** bú kèqi — you're welcome

7 **对不起** duìbuqǐ — I'm sorry

8 **没关系** méi guānxi — it's okay

9 再见

zàijiàn

goodbye

## Can You Say It?

1 nǐ hǎo
你好！

Hello!

2 lǎo shī hǎo
老师好！

Hello, teacher!

3 xiè xie
谢谢！

Thank you!

4 bú kè qi
不客气。

You're welcome.

5 duì bu qǐ
对不起。

I'm sorry.

6

méiguān xi
**没关系。**

It's okay.

7

zài jiàn
**再见！**

Goodbye!

## Story

SCENE 1 — Morning, in the classroom



lǎoshī
老师

nǐ hǎo　wǒ shì wáng lǎo shī
你好！我是 王 老师。

= Hello! I'm Teacher Wang.



xiǎomíng
小 明

lǎo shī hǎo
老师好！

= Hello, teacher!



xiǎohóng
小 红

lǎo shī hǎo
老师好！

= Hello, teacher!



lǎoshī
老师

nǐ hǎo
你好！

= Hello!

SCENE 2 — Goodbye



xiǎomíng
小 明

xiè xie lǎo shī　zài jiàn
谢谢老师！再见！

= Thank you, teacher! Goodbye!



lǎoshī
老师

bú kè qi　zài jiàn
不客气！再见！

= You're welcome! Goodbye!

✨ Word Rules

✨ Point ✨

## Greeting Words

When you meet a friend, say 你好 (nǐ hǎo). To a teacher, say 老师好 (lǎo shī hǎo) (= "teacher + 好"). To say thanks, say 谢谢 (xiè xie), and when you part, say 再见 (zài jiàn).

① 你好！ = Hello! (to a friend)

② 老师好！ = Hello, teacher! (to a teacher)

③ 谢谢！ → 不客气！ (Thank you → You're welcome)

④ 对不起。 → 没关系。(I'm sorry → It's okay)

✨ Point ✨

## "A is B" = 是 (shì)

"A is B" follows the order A + 是 (shì) + B. 是 (shì) means "is / am / are".

① 我是小明。 = I am Xiaoming.

② 你是老师。 = You are a teacher.

Let's Try!

## Greeting Role-Play

With a partner, split into A and B and say it out loud.

A：nǐ hǎo 你好！ → B：nǐ hǎo 你好！

A：xiè xie 谢谢！ → B：bú kè qi 不客气！

A：duì bu qǐ 对不起。 → B：méiguān xi 没关系。

## What Do You Say Here?

In the scenes below, what would you say in Chinese? Say it out loud!

① When you meet a friend in the morning → nǐ hǎo 你好！

② When you meet your teacher in the morning → lǎo shī hǎo 老师好！

③ When you get a present → xiè xie 谢谢！

④ When you say goodbye to a friend → zài jiàn 再见！

⑤ When you apologize to a friend → duì bu qǐ 对不起。

⑥ When someone says "I'm sorry" to you → méiguān xi 没关系。

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