

# Lesson 1 Greetings & Farewells

## New Words



你好	nǐ hǎo	hello
你	nǐ	you
好	hǎo	good, well
吗	ma	(a question particle)
我	wǒ	I, me
很	hěn	very
呢	ne	(a particle for following up question)
再见	zàijiàn	good-bye
明天	míngtiān	tomorrow
明天见	míngtiān jiàn	see you tomorrow
见	jiàn	see, meet
怎么样	zěnmeyàng	How are things going? / How are you?
马马虎虎	mǎmǎhūhū	so-so
不错	búcuò	not bad, pretty good
不	bù	no, not
也	yě	also, too, either
李	Lǐ	(a Chinese surname)
李冰	Lǐ Bīng	(a Chinese name)
丽丽	Lìlì	(a Chinese name)

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## Key Sentences



- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Nǐ hǎo!<br>你好!                | Hello!                  |
| 2. Nǐ hǎo ma?<br>你好吗?            | How are you?            |
| 3. Wǒ hěn hǎo. Nǐ ne?<br>我很好。你呢? | I'm very well. And you? |

4. Zàijiàn!

再见!

Good-bye.

5. Míngtiān jiàn!

明天见!

See you tomorrow.

6. Nǐ zěnmeyàng?

你怎么样?

How are things going?

7. Mǎmǎhūhū.

马马虎虎。

So-so.

Situational Dialogues



(1) (On the way to work)

A: Nǐ hǎo!

你好!

Hello!

B: Nǐ hǎo!

你好!

Hello!

(2) (Meeting a friend at a bus stop)

A: Nǐ hǎo ma?

你好吗?

How are you?

B: Wǒ hěn hǎo. Nǐ ne?

我很好。你呢?

I'm very well. And you?

A: Wǒ yě hěn hǎo.

我也很好。

I'm very well, too.

B: Zàijiàn!

再见!

Good-bye.

A: Zàijiàn!

再见!

Good-bye.

(3) (In the office)

A: Lǐ Bīng, nǐ hǎo ma?

李冰, 你好吗?

Li Bing, how are you?

B: Búcuò. Nǐ ne?

不错。你呢?

Pretty good. And you?



Chinese Express

A: Wǒ yě búcuò.

我 也 不 错。

*Pretty good too.*

B: Míngtiān jiàn!

明 天 见!

*See you tomorrow.*

A: Míngtiān jiàn!

明 天 见!

*See you tomorrow.*

(4) (At a friend's party)

A: Lili, nǐ zěnmeyàng?

丽丽, 你 怎 么 样?

*Lili, how are things going?*

B: Mǎmǎhūhū. Nǐ ne?

马 马 虎 虎。你 呢?

*Just so-so. What about you?*

A: Wǒ yě mǎmǎhūhū.

我 也 马 马 虎 虎。

*I'm so-so, too.*

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## Language Points

1. **Particle 'ne 呢'**: In this lesson, it is used in follow-up question in a known context without the need to repeat the whole question. It is similar to 'and...' or 'how about...'. For example:

Wǒ hěn hǎo. Nǐ ne?                      *I am very well. And you?*  
我 很 好。 你 呢?

2. **'Zěnmeyàng? 怎么样?'**: It is used as a greeting expression among colleagues, friends, and people who are familiar with each other. For example:

Nǐ zěnmeyàng?                      *How are you?/ How are things going?*  
你 怎 么 样?

## Additional Words

忙	máng	<i>busy</i>
早上好	zǎoshang hǎo	<i>good morning</i>
晚上好	wǎnshang hǎo	<i>good evening</i>
晚安	wǎn'ān	<i>good night</i>

## Exercises

## I. Choose the correct answer:

(1)

A: Nǐ hǎo!

你好!

B: a. Wǒ hǎo.    b. Hěn hǎo.    c. Nǐ hǎo!    d. Nǐ ne?

我 好。    很 好。    你 好!    你 呢?

(2)

A: Nǐ hǎo ma?

你 好 吗?

B: a. Nǐ hǎo!    b. Wǒ yě hěn hǎo.    c. Nǐ ne?    d. Wǒ hěn hǎo.

你 好!    我 也 很 好。    你 呢?    我 很 好。

Chinese Express

(3)

A: Nǐ zěnmeyàng?

你怎么样?

B: a. Nǐ hǎo!    b. Mǎmǎhūhū.    c. Nǐ hǎo ma?    d. Nǐ ne?

你好!    马马虎虎。    你好吗?    你呢?

II. Translate the following dialogues into Chinese:

(1)

A: Hello, Peter!

B: Hello, Emma!

A: How are you?

B: I'm very well. And you?

A: I'm very well, too.

(2)

A: Penny, how are you?

B: Just so-so. What about you?

A: I'm so-so, too.

(3)

A: How are things going?

B: Not so bad. What about you?

A: Not so bad, either.

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III. Translate the following into Chinese:

1. hello
2. good-bye
3. see you tomorrow
4. good
5. very good
6. not so bad
7. so-so

IV. Listening Comprehension 

Circle the correct answer according to the phrases you have heard:

- |                       |              |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a. How are you?    | b. Hello!    | c. How are things going? |
| 2. a. How are you?    | b. Good-bye! | c. Hello!                |
| 3. a. I am very well. | b. Hello!    | c. How are things going? |

- 4. a. I am very well.                      b. So-so.                      c. Not bad.
- 5. a. So-so.                                  b. Not bad.                      c. Good-bye!
- 6. a. I am very well.                      b. Not bad.                      c. So-so.
- 7. a. Hello!                                  b. Good-bye!                      c. See you tomorrow.
- 8. a. See you tomorrow.                      b. Good-bye!                      c. How are things going?

**V. Classroom Activities**

Work with a classmate, find three ways to greet each other and reply.

**VI. Chinese Character Learning**

你										
好										
吗										

