

## Basic Greetings in Chinese (Formal & Informal)

### Formal

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#### Formal Greetings

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Nǐ hǎo.  
你 好。  
Hello.

Nín hǎo.  
您 好。  
Hello.

Zǎo shang hǎo.  
早 上 好。  
Good morning.

Xià wǔ hǎo.  
下 午 好。  
Good afternoon.

Wǎn shang hǎo.  
晚 上 好。  
Good evening.

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### Informal

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ài hài hùi hā lóu

唉 嗨 嘿 哈喽

Hi Hi Hey Hello

(Say hello to friends)

Wéi?

喂?

Hello?

(say “喂 wéi” when you receive a phone call.)

Zǎo.

早。

Morning.

(short for 早上好 zǎo shang hǎo.)

Qù nǎr a?

去 哪儿 啊?

Where are you going?

Chī le ma?

吃 了 吗?

Have you had your meal?

Hǎo jiǔ bú jiàn.

好 久 不 见。

Long time no see.

Zuì jìn zěn me yàng?

最 近 怎 么 样?

How is everything doing recently?

Jiā lǐ dōu hǎo ma?

家 里 都 好 吗?

How is your family?

Máng shén me ne?

忙 什 么 呢?

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What are you busy with?

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## Dialogues

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### Dialogue 1

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Zǎo.

A: 早。

Morning.

Zǎo.

B: 早。

Morning.

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### Dialogue 2

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Qù nǎr a?

A: 去哪儿啊?

Where are you going?

Qù tú shū guǎn.

B: 去图书馆。

To go to the library.

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### Dialogue 3

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Hài, Xiǎo lì, hǎo jiǔ bú jiàn. Zuì jìn zěn me yàng?

A: 嗨，小丽，好久不见。最近怎么样？

Hi, long time no see. How are you doing recently?

Hái xíng

B: 还行。

Not bad.

Jiā lǐ dōu hǎo ma?

A: 家里都好吗？

How is your family?

Dōu hǎo, nǐ ne?

B: 都好，你呢？

All doing very well. What about your family?

Hái hǎo, jiù shì wǒ bà ba shēng bìng le.

A: 还好，就是我爸爸生病了。

Everything is fine, but my dad is getting sick.

Tā zěn me le?

B: 他怎么了？

What's wrong with him?

Tā zuì jìn hóu lóng tòng, zǒng shì ké sòu.

A: 他最近喉咙痛，总是咳嗽。

He has a sore throat recently and coughs a lot.

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## Dialogue 4

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Wéi, Xiǎo lì a.

A: 喂, 小 丽啊。

Hello, Xiao Li.

Máng shén me ne?

B: 忙 什 么 呢?

What are you busy with?

Gāng gāng xià bān huí jiā, hái méi chī fàn, nǐ chī le ma?

A: 刚 刚 下 班 回 家, 还 没 吃 饭, 你 吃 了 吗?

I just got back home from work, and I haven't had my dinner yet, have you had your dinner?

Wǒ zǎo chī wán le. Zhōu mò yì qǐ qù kàn diàn yǐng ba , 《zhū luó jì shì jiè 2》 .

B: 我 早 吃 完 了。周 末 一 起 去 看 电 影 吧, 《侏 罗 纪 世 界 2》。

I had it already. How about going to see the movie < Jurassic World 2> this weekend?

Hǎo a.

A: 好 啊。

Good idea.

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