

Course outline – 30 weeks

Language: Mandarin Chinese

Level: 1

Course book: *Discover China, Student's Book 1* by Ding Anqi, Chen Xin, Jing Lili. Macmillan Education (August 2010)

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Topics and vocabulary	Grammar	Communicative objectives
Four tones Greetings Meeting people and self-introduction words to greet Numbers 1-10 Classroom expressions	Word order Verbs: 叫,姓,是 Questions end with 吗, 呢_	Exchanging greetings Introducing yourself Asking people's names
Family Age Countries and Nationalities Occupations Vocabulary for the above topics	Adverbs : 也, 都, Question words : 哪 什么, Pronoun+ 的	Asking for and giving information about nationalities Describe your family members Talk about age and occupations

<p>Favourites People's appearance Recap of age, occupations and nationalities Words for numbers Adjectives to describe people's appearance</p>	<p>Question word 谁, 也, 多大, 真+adj.</p>	<p>Describe the appearances of the celebrities you like Express likes and dislikes</p>
<p>Addresses Contact numbers Contact means: text , email and post, phone Words for addresses and contact numbers</p>	<p>不 changes of tone Question word 多少 Word order of Chinese addresses</p>	<p>Asking for and giving information about contact numbers and address and email addresses</p>
<p>Dates birthday, Invitation Daily activities Words for days of the week and month and daily activities</p>	<p>Sentences without verbs Invitation :请</p>	<p>Asking for and saying dates and days Making invitations Talking about weekly activities Saying Happy birthday</p>

Time Appointments Making plans for the weekend Words for time, daily activities	Word order Future tense 要 Expressions of time	Asking for and telling the time Making appointments Talking about weekend plans
Clothes Shopping experience Numerals Words for clothes items, colours, places of city	The concept of 2 两 了 The tone changes of 一	Talking about clothes Asking for items, prices and haggling when shopping Blogging
Locations, advertisements Transportation Modes of transports and holiday activities	Have and haven't 有, 没有 Superlatives	Asking for approval; 好吗? Asking for and giving directions Describing locations Discussing which type of transport to take
Sports Likes and dislikes Words for type of sports, abilities	过 past actions 可以, 会 modal verbs Pivotal sentences	Asking and answering questions about spots Talking about likes and dislikes Describing your hobby
Holiday plans Holiday activities Words for holiday activities	Expressing alternatives using 或者, 还是 Expressions to describe routines 每。。。都	Talking about holiday plans Expressing preferences