

The Ultimate Guide to Modern Chinese Lingo

Tailored to Make You Sound Like a Native



Speak Chinese Like a Native

Mandarin Beyond Classroom

Authentic Expressions
Top Buzzwords Slang
Figurative Expressions
Selection of Top Memes
Master Intonations Tips





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Classy Mandarin
Street Mandarin, the Classy Way.



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Chinese Intonations

The Neglected Aspects of Chinese
Intonations: More Than Just Tones



Ditch Textbook Talk- Speak Chinese Like a Local

As a Chinese speaker living in Belgium, I know firsthand the challenges of learning and using a foreign language. And I know the feeling of disconnection when you don't speak the language like a native; That's why my approach focuses on the essential elements of speaking Chinese like a native.

In this book, we'll uncover the key ingredients to elevate your Chinese fluency and add flair to your speech.

Why Speak Like a Native Matters?

Can you relate? You've spent years poring over textbooks and grammar rules, only to discover that real-life conversations are a whole different story.

Have you ever felt that awkward moment when people switch to another language mid-conversation, realizing you're not a native speaker?

That's precisely why I'm committed to helping my Chinese students achieve a truly native accent. I want them to confidently navigate conversations in Chinese, build deeper connections with native speakers, and have positive experiences in China.

Ready to Speak Chinese Like a Native?

Let's break free from robotic speech and delve into the key elements that will transform your “Chinese game” and enable you to achieve natural fluency.

- **Master Intonations:**
 - More than just tones, pitch, and pronunciation.
 - Detailed explanations at the end of this book.
 - **I offer specialized coaching for intonations.**
- **Use Authentic Expressions:**
 - Ditch textbook talk for native-like speech.
 - Use slang, idioms, and proverbs like a native.
 - **This book features over 200 authentic expressions.**
- **Learn to use Erhua:**
 - When an "r" sound added to certain syllable ends.
 - Add a touch of native flair with this unique feature.
 - **I've included examples at the end of this book.**
- **Modal Particles and Fillers:**
 - Fill pauses, connect ideas, and express nuances.
 - And make sentences sound natural and complete.
 - **Check out the examples at the end of the book.**

Who Can Benefit From This Book?



Hit the Intermediate Plateau?

Stuck in the intermediate zone?

Tired of sounding like a textbook?

Break free with this book!

With 200+ real-world expressions, you'll sound like a native in no time.

Learning Chinese Through HSK?

HSK learners often need extra resources to enhance their studies. **This book provides the perfect boost beyond HSK**, helping you think outside the box and speak Mandarin like a native.

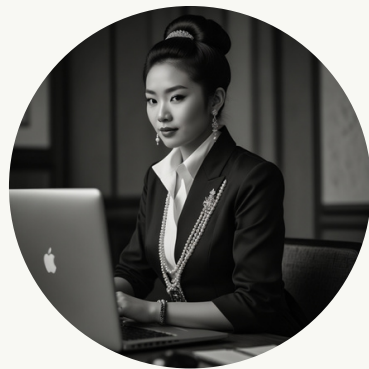
Teaching English to Chinese Speakers?

As an English teacher with basic Chinese language skills, you can enhance your Chinese language proficiency and enrich your English lessons by incorporating the authentic expressions provided in this book to foster deeper connections with your students.

Teaching Chinese to English Speakers?

Level up your Chinese tutoring game! This book has the latest Chinese buzzwords and phrases, making your lessons more engaging and effective.

About Selina



My language journey began in university, where I studied English and Chinese linguistics. I then taught both languages in China and now continue my linguistic adventures in Belgium.

Living in Belgium, I had a wake-up call. I realized my language skills were limited to academic settings. I could ace exams and teach language from textbooks, following the standardized curriculum from school, but connecting with native speakers was a whole different story.

I was constantly lost in colloquial expressions and figurative language. Traditional language learning materials were insufficient.

I am not the only one who face this common challenge.

Many Chinese Mandarin learners, particularly those who primarily rely on HSK textbooks encounter similar challenges in acquiring the intricate nuances of spoken Chinese. This limitation frequently hinders their ability to communicate fluently and naturally with native speakers.

Driven by personal experience and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by Chinese language learners, I embarked on a mission to create online resources and this book.

My goal is to provide authentic learning content that will help learners to speak Chinese like a native.

200+ Authentic Expressions

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What's the Latest Buzz?
Deep Dive into Intonations



**Say goodbye to textbook jargon,
dare to speak Chinese like a native!**

Mastering literal sentences is just the beginning. The real magic of language lies in figurative expressions. This book, curated by a native speaker with linguistic expertise, offers 200+ authentic expressions to take your Chinese to the next level.

Chapter 1

Small Talk, Big Impact

1 . 在 干 嘛 呢 ？

Zài gàn má ne?

What are you doing?

2 . 最 近 去 哪 儿 玩 了 ？

Zùijìn qù nǎr wán le?

Did you travel somewhere lately?

3 . 最 近 怎 么 样 ？

Zùijìn zěnmeyàng

How's going lately?

4 . 最 近 忙 什 么 呢 ？

Zùijìn máng shénme ne?

What are you up to recently?

Breaking the Ice - Catching-up

Small Talk, Big Impact

5. 没事儿, 你呢 ?

Méi shìr, nǐ ne?

Not much, and you?

6. 我就瞎忙。

Wǒ jiù xiā máng

I'm just busy for the
sake of being busy.

7. 我准备躺平。

Wǒ zhǔn bèi tǎng píng

I'm taking a break from
the rat race.

8. 没啥特别的。

Méi shá tè bié de.

Nothing in particular.

Catching-up with a Friend

Small Talk Matters

9. 我准备创业呢。

Wǒ zhǔn bèi chuàng yè ne.

I'm planning to start a business.

10. 我在学摆摊儿呢。

Wǒ zài xué bǎi tǎnr ne.

I'm trying to be a street vendor.

11. 我最近迷上了养生。

Wǒ zuìjìn mí shàng le yǎngshēng.

I've been really into health and wellness lately.

12. 我最近在疯狂虐腹。

Wǒ zuìjìn zài fēngkuáng nüè fù.

I've been killing my abs lately.

Catching-up with a Friend

You wanna a career switch.

13. 我也不想再卷了。

Wǒ yě bù xiǎng zài juǎn le.

I also wanna quit the rat race.

14. 我想换个赛道。

Wǒ xiǎng huàn gè sàidào.

I want to take a different route.

15. 我想做自由职业。

Wǒ xiǎng zuò zìyóu zhíyè.

I want to be a freelancer.

16. 我最近也准备改行了。

Wǒ zuìjìn yě zhǔn bèi gǎi háng le.

I'm thinking to switch my career path.

Ask Someone Out Seriously

Ask Someone Out Without Being Awkward

17. 周末一起去猫咖吸猫呀？

Zhōumò yīqǐ qù māokā xīmāo ya?

Let's hit up a cat cafe this weekend?

18. 周末一起出去浪一下？

Zhōumò yīqǐ chūqù làng yīxià?

Shall we hang out together this weekend?

19. 我下厨，周末小聚一下？

Wǒ xiàchú, zhōumò xiǎojù yīxià?

I'll cook, wanna get together this weekend?

20. 想约你吃顿饭？赏脸吗？

Xiǎng yuēnǐ chī dùn fàn? shǎngliǎn ma?

Would I have the honor to dine with you?

The Cultural Nuances About “next time”



“Next Time” or “No Time”?

"Next time, another day" is a common Chinese phrase that can have multiple meanings, including a genuine intention to meet again or a more subtle refusal.

For examples, when you want to refuse , you say: 下次吧, 改天吧;



Speak Chinese Like A Native

Your Fast Track to Natural Flow.

Hooked on C-dramas but lost in translation? This Ultimate Chinese Slang Guide is your key to unlocking modern lingo. Stop guessing at translations—this guide provides native-level explanations that capture all the subtle nuances, so you can finally understand what's really being said.

Get the Audiobook Bundle for €28
(1000 Native-level Expressions)