

## Lesson 1 Greetings &amp; 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)

## Key Sentences



1. Nǐ hǎo!  
你好!
2. Nǐ hǎo ma?  
你好吗?
3. Wǒ hěn hǎo. Nǐ ne?  
我很好。你呢?

Hello!

How are you?

I'm very well. And you?

4. Zàijàn!

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: Zàijàn!

再见!

Good-bye.

A: Zàijàn!

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?

A: Wǒ yě búcuò.

我也不错。

B: Míngtiān jiàn!

明天见!

A: Míngtiān jiàn!

明天见!

(4) (At a friend's party)

A: Lili, nǐ zěnmeyàng?

丽丽, 你怎么样?

B: Mǎmǎhūhū. Nǐ ne?

马马虎虎。你呢?

A: Wǒ yě mǎmǎhūhū.

我也马马虎虎。

*Pretty good too.*

*See you tomorrow.*

*See you tomorrow.*

*Lili, how are things going?*

*Just so-so. What about you?*

*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。

(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.

**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										

