

Flash Cards
for
Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters
Lessons 1 to 20

(front side, Chinese characters, Pinyin and English)

一

yī

one

Note: Yī, with the first tone, refers to the number and digit *one*. When yī is followed by a syllable using tones 1, 2, or 3, its tone will become yì, for example yīqī (together). When yī is followed by a syllable using a neutral tone or tone 4, it needs to be changed to yí, for example yíge.

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 1

二

èr

two

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 2

三

sān

three

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 3

四

sì

four

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 4

五

wǔ

five

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 5

六

liù

six

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 6

七

qī

seven

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 7

八

bā

eight

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 8

九

jiǔ

nine

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 9

十

shí

ten

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 10

零

líng

zero

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 11

两

liǎng

two (for pairs)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 12

百

bǎi

hundred

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 13

元

yuán

Chinese dollar

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 14

块

kuài

a measure word (used
for money, slices, or
block-shaped items)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 15

我

wǒ

I; me

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 16

你

nǐ

you

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 17

他

tā

he; him

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 18

她

tā

she; her

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 19

叫

jiào

be named; call

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 20

姓

xìng

family name;
be surnamed

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 21

什

shén

what

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 22

么

me

a suffix (used to form
a question word or an
indefinite pronoun)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 23

名

míng

name

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 24

字

zì

character; letter
(of alphabet)

Note: zì loses its tone in the compound **míngzì**
(name).

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 25

好

hǎo

good

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 26

李

Lǐ

family name; plum

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 27

王

Wáng

family name; king

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 28

男

nán

male

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 29

美

měi

beautiful

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 30

请

qǐng

please; invite

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 31

问

wèn

ask

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 32

您

nín

you

(honorific use)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 33

是

shì

yes; be

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 34

不

bù

not

Note: When the syllable following **bù** uses tone 1, 2, or 3, **bù** is tone 4, for example **bù hǎo**. When **bù** is followed by a syllable using tone 4, it needs to be changed to **bú**, for example **bú huì**.

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 35

哪

nǎ

where

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 36

儿

ér

son; a word suffix
to form indefinite
pronouns of location

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 37

国

guó

nation; country

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 38

人

rén

person; people

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 39

中

zhōng

middle; center; China

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 40

英

yīng

English;
British; brave

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 41

们

men

(plural suffix
for people)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 42

的

de

(possessive marker)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 43

朋

péng

friend

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 44

友

yǒu

friend

Note: **yǒu** loses its tone in the compounds
péngyou (friend) and **shìyou** (roommate).

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 45

家

jiā

home; family

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 46

有

yǒu

have

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 47

几

jǐ

how many

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 48

个

ge

a general
measure word

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 49

口

kǒu

mouth; a measure
word for people in
a family

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 50

没

méi

not
(negation word
for 有)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 51

爸

bà

father

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 52

妈

mā

mother

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 53

哥

gē

older brother

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 54

姐

jiě

older sister

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 55

弟

dì

younger
brother

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 56

妹

mèi

younger sister

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 57

岁

suì

years of age

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 58

多

duō

many; much

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 59

大

dà

big; large

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 60

父

fù

father
(formal)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 61

母

mǔ

mother
(formal)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 62

亲

qīn

kin

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 63

和

hé

and; with

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 64

做

zuò

do; make

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 65

工

gōng

work

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 66

作

zuò

make

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 67

老

lǎo

old

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 68

师

shī

teacher; master

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 69

学

xué

study; learn

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 70

生

shēng

student; born;
live; raw

Note: **shēng** loses its tone in **xuésheng**
(*student*).

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 71

呢

ne

how about;
what about

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 72

也

yě

also; too

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 73

医

yī

doctor;
(things relating
to medicine)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 74

女

nǚ

female

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 75

今

jīn

today; now; current

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 76

明

míng

tomorrow; bright

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 77

昨

zuó

yesterday

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 78

天

tiān

day; sky; heaven

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 79

年

nián

year

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 80

月

yuè
month

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 81

日

rì
day

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 82

星

xīng
star

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 83

期

qī
period
(of time)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 84

吗

ma
an interrogative
particle

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 85

谢

xiè
to thank

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 86

再

zài
again

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 87

见

jiàn
to see

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 88

上

shàng

above; up;
attend; in

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 89

下

xià

below; down;
leave; exit

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 90

平

píng

common; flat

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 91

常

cháng

often

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 92

喜

xǐ

happy

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 93

欢

huān

happy

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 94

看

kàn

look; see

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 95

书

shū

book

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 96

电

diàn

electric

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 97

视

shì

look

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 98

影

yǐng

shadow; reflection;
image

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 99

打

dǎ

play; hit

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 100

球

qiú

ball

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 101

买

mǎi

buy

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 102

东

dōng

east

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 103

西

xī

west

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 104

都

dōu

both; all

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 105

周

zhōu

week; cycle

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 106

末

mò

end

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 107

想

xiǎng

want; think; miss

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 108

吃

chī

eat

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 109

饭

fàn

meal

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 110

谁

shuí/
shéi

who

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 111

还

hái/
huán

still; or/to return

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 112

地

dì

land

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 113

方

fāng

direction; side;
square; place

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 114

早

zǎo

early; morning

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 115

晚

wǎn

late

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 116

可

kě

can

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 117

以

yǐ

with

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 118

时

shí

time

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 119

候

hòu/hou

time; moment

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 120

觉

jué/jiào

feel/sleep

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 121

得

de

a particle
indicating manner

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 122

这

zhè

this; here

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 123

那

nà

that; there

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 124

怎

zě

how

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 125

样

yàng

type; fashion; way

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 126

钱

qián

money

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 127

很

hěn

very

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 128

太

tài

too

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 129

小

xiǎo

small; little

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 130

贵

guì

expensive;
nobility; your
(honorific)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 131

便

pián /

biàn

cheap/
convenient

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 132

宜

yí

appropriate

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 133

错

cuò

wrong; mistake

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 134

了

le

a particle indicating
completion or change
of state

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 135

双

shuāng

pair

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 136

鞋

xié

shoe

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 137

裤

kù

trousers; pants

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 138

裙

qún

skirt; dress

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 139

子

zi

a noun suffix; son

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 140

件

jiàn

piece; a measure
word

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 141

衣

yī

clothes

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 142

服

fú

clothes; service

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 143

少

shǎo

few; less

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 144

点

diǎn

a little; dot

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 145

能

néng

can

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 146

要

yào

want; will

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 147

吧

ba

a particle indicating
suggestion/
supposition

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 148

试

shì

try; test

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 149

穿

chuān

wear; pass through

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 150

知

zhī

know

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 151

道

dào

road

Note: The dào in zhīdào loses its tone.

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 152

城

chéng

city

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 153

市

shì

city; market

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 154

宾

bīn

guest

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 155

馆

guǎn

building;
establishment

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 156

往

wǎng

to; toward

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 157

前

qián

ahead; in front of

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 158

走

zǒu

walk; go

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 159

分

fēn

divide; minutes

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 160

钟

zhōng

clock

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 161

就

jiù

then

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 162

到

dào

arrive

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 163

客

kè

guest

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 164

气

qì

air; energy

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 165

对

duì

correct; across; facing

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 166

起

qǐ

rise

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 167

里

lǐ

inside

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 168

銀

yín

silver

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 169

行

háng /

xíng

line; row/travel; OK

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 170

过

guò

pass

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 171

街

jiē

street

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 172

路

lù

road

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 173

在

zài

at; in; on

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 174

公

gōng

public; metric

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 175

园

yuán

park; garden

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 176

旁

páng

side; beside

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 177

边

biān

edge; side

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 178

远

yuǎn

far

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 179

近

jìn

close

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 180

商

shāng

business

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 181

花

huā

flower; spend
(money or time)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 182

店

diàn

store

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 183

卖

mài

sell

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 184

校

xiào

school

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 185

后

hòu

behind

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 186

开

kāi

open; on; drive

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 187

关

guān

close; off

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 188

门

mén

door

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 189

左

zuǒ

left

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 190

右

yòu

right

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 191

现

xiàn

right now

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 192

面

miàn

surface; face; noodle

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 193

漂

piāo /
piào

float/beautiful

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 194

亮

liàng

bright

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 195

冷

lěng

cold

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 196

热

rè

hot

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 197

凉

liáng

cool

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 198

快

kuài

fast

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 199

暖

nuǎn

warm

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 200

比

bǐ

compare

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 201

但

dàn

but

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 202

雨

yǔ

rain

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 203

雪

xuě

snow

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 204

风

fēng

wind

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 205

春

chūn

spring

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 206

夏

xià

summer

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 207

秋

qiū

autumn

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 208

冬

dōng

winter

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 209

舒

shū

comfortable

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 210

来

lái

come

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 211

去

qù

go

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 212

次

cì

an instance;
a time

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 213

南

nán

south

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 214

只

zhǐ/zhī

only/a measure word
for certain animals

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 215

北

běi

north

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 216

外

wài

outside

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 217

同

tóng

be similar

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 218

意

yì

meaning

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 219

每

měi

every

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 220

而

ér

but; and

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 221

且

qiě

moreover

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 222

所

suǒ

place

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 224

午

wǔ

midday

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 224

夜

yè

night

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 225

文

wén

written language;
culture

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 226

京

jīng

capital of a country

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 227

始

shǐ

beginning; start

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 228

汉

hàn

Han ethnic group

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 229

语

yǔ

language
(especially spoken)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 230

久

jiǔ

long
(time ago)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 231

认

rèn

recognize; know

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 232

识

shí

know; knowledge

Note: shí loses its tone in rènshi, zhīshi and chángshi.

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 233

会

huì

know how to; will

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 234

听

tīng

listen; listening; hear

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 235

说

shuō

speak; say

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 236

写

xiě

write; writing

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 237

难

nán

difficult; hard

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 238

容

róng

appearance; tolerate

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 239

易

yì

easy; trade

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 240

考

kǎo

test; check

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 241

最

zuì

most

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 242

练

liàn

practice; train

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 243

复

fù

repeat; return

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 244

习

xí

study; habit

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 245

话

huà

language; speech

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 246

先

xiān

first; prior

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 247

然

rán

so; thus

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 248

用

yòng

use; employ

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 249

历

lì

history; experience

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 250

史

shǐ

history; annal

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 251

化

huà

transform; make into

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 252

节

jié

festival; holiday

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 253

跟

gēn

and; with

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 254

课

kè

class; course

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 255

事

shì

thing; affair

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 256

睡

shuì

sleep

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 257

半

bàn

half

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 258

间

jiān

room; a definite
time or space

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 259

脑

nǎo

brain; mind

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 260

邮

yóu

post

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 261

网

wǎng

net; internet

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 262

读

dú

read; study

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 263

新

xīn

new

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 264

闻

wén

news; famous

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 265

运

yùn

move; luck

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 266

动

dòng

move; stir
(the emotions)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 267

休

xiū

rest

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 268

息

xī/xī

information/rest

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 269

聊

liáo

chat

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 270

张

Zhāng

(surname); open;
spread out

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 271

迎

yíng

to welcome;
go towards

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 272

礼

lǐ

gift; etiquette

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 273

物

wù

object; matter

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 274

猫

māo

cat

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 275

狗

gǒu

dog

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 276

坐

zuò

sit; by
(car/bus)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 277

喝

hē

drink

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 278

茶

chá

tea

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 279

水

shuǐ

water

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 280

酒

jiǔ

alcohol;
alcoholic drink

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 281

房

fáng

house; room

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 282

室

shì

room

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 283

厅

tīng

hall

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 284

院

yuàn

courtyard;
establishment

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 285

因

yīn

because; reason

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 286

为

wèi

for

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 287

颜

yán

color; appearance

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 288

色

sè

color

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 289

白

bái

white; blank

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 290

黄

huáng

yellow

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 291

粉

fěn

powder

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 292

音

yīn

sound; musical note

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 293

乐

yuè

music

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 294

自

zì

self; from

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 295

己

jǐ

self

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 296

果

guǒ

fruit; result

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 297

住

zhù

live; reside; stop

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 298

找

zhǎo

look for; find

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 299

慢

màn

slow

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters 300

公斤

gōngjīn

kilogram

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

鸡蛋

jīdàn

chicken egg

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

晴

qíng

clear sky;
sunny

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

介绍

jièshào

introduce;
introduction

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

跑步

pǎobù

jog; run

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

题

tí

topic; theme

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

向

xiàng

toward;
direction

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

妻子

qīzi

wife

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

手表

shǒubiǎo

wristwatch

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

它

tā

it

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

药

yào

medicine; medication

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

希望

xīwàng

hope

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

眼睛

yǎnjīng

eye

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

阴

yīn

cloudy;
overcast; yin
(i.e., yin and yang)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

出

chū

exit; out

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

羊肉

yáng ròu

lamb

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

旅游

lǚyóu

travel

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

丈夫

zhàngfu

husband

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

鱼

yú

fish

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

正在

zhèng

zài

(progressive marker)

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters

自行车

zìxíngchē

bike

Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters