

# Useful Phrases in Mandarin

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<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>Mandarin Pronunciation</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>Mandarin Pronunciation</b>
<u>Hello</u> / How do you do?	<b>ni hao!</b> [nee how]	<u>Hotel</u>	<b>fan dian</b>
<u>How are you?</u>	<b>nee hao ma?</b>	<u>Taxi</u>	<b>chu su chi che</b>
<u>Please</u>	<b>qing</b> [ching]	<u>Bank</u>	<b>yin hang</b>
<u>Thank you</u>	<b>Xie Xie</b> [tsheh tsheh]	Airport	<b>jee chang</b>
<u>Yes</u>	<b>yao</b> [yowl]	Railway station	<b>hor-chur chan</b>
<u>No</u>	<b>bu yao</b> [boo yowl]	Bus station (stop)	<b>chi che chan</b>
<u>It's no bother</u> [= You're welcome]	<b>bu kachi</b> [boo ker chi]	<u>Where is the restroom?</u>	<b>za suo zai na er?</b>
<u>Sorry</u>	<b>douy bu chi</b>	Where is a telephone?	<b>dian hua zai na er?</b>
I can't understand	<b>wo bu tung</b>	<u>When</u> (what time)?	<b>ji dian?</b>
<u>Good-bye</u>	<b>zai jian</b>	The food was delicious	<b>hen hao chi</b>
Good morning	<b>nee zao</b>	Cheers! / Bottoms up!	<b>Gan bai</b>
Good afternoon	<b>xia wu hao</b>	Excellent	<b>hung hao!</b>
Good evening	<b>wan shang hao</b>	Coffee	<b>ka fei</b>
Good night	<b>wan an</b>	Tea	<b>cha</b>
See you tomorrow	<b>ming tian jian</b>	Beer (normally warm)	<b>pi jou</b>
You are nice	<b>nee hung hao</b>	<b>Cold Beer</b>	<b>bing pi jou</b>
I am	<b>wo shi</b>	Mineral water	<b>kuang chuan shia</b>
American	<b>mei guo ren</b>	Ice cubes	<b>bing kuai</b>
May I ask your name?	<b>Ching wen kuei hsing?</b>	<b>SHOPPING:</b>	
My name is	<b>wo jiao</b>	I don't want it	<b>bu yao</b>
I want	<b>wo yao</b>	How much?	<b>duo shao chian</b>
I want to go to	<b>wo yao chuh</b>	It's too expensive	<b>Tai gui le</b>
I want to return to	<b>wo yao whee</b>		

**FOUR TONES:** 1 – High Level = first tone      ex. – **mā**      mother  
 2 – Rising = second tone                      ex. – **má**      hemp  
 3 – Falling Rising = third tone                ex. – **mǎ**      horse  
 4 – Falling = fourth tone                        ex. – **mà**      scold

Hear audio examples at <http://mandarin.about.com/od/pronunciation/a/tones.htm>