

**Course Title** Breaking Thro'- Chinese Mandarin  
**Course Level** Beginners Plus  
**Course Description** 6 sessions 90 mins £115 (5 sessions £99)



**Aims** This course provides an intensive focused approach ideal for Beginners who can exchange personal information and want to acquire the practical speaking and listening skills needed to cope with day-to-day scenarios when socialising and travelling abroad. The course is communicative in approach focusing on speaking and listening, and employing a range of participative activities in order to revisit the topic areas detailed below. Key structures of basic grammar are introduced inductively. Practise exchanging greetings, getting about and obtaining goods and services. The course provides the building blocks to enable learners to progress to the next stages: Moving on; Moving On Up (Beginners Plus Level) and then continue to progress all year round.

**Who is it for?**

For those who have completed a short introductory course or equivalent in situ experience and can exchange some basic personal information; and those wish to practise the basics before progressing on at beginner plus pace.

<b>Programme</b>	Open to discussion and amendment at any time
<b>Getting about</b>	<i>Travelling around,asking the way, follow directions to the teahouse,and around town</i>
<b>Buying tickets</b>	<i>Using Chinese currency: units, price, price range;asking and saying "how much?". Buying a ticket.</i>
<b>Colour and Clothes</b>	<i>Talking about colour and articles of clothing. Saying what kind of clothes and what kind of colours you like.</i>
<b>Shopping for clothes</b>	<i>Shopping for clothes.</i>
<b>The weather</b>	<i>To be able to talk about weather and exclaim about extreme weather conditions.</i>
<b>Language Work Out</b>	<i>Flexing and strengthening new language muscles</i>

**Indicative structures to be covered:** phonology – basic sounds of Pinyin;Chinese is a tonal language: Putonghua (common speech) has four tones and neutral a tone. Grammar – basic word order,common sentence patterns,common nouns,numerals,measure words,personal pronouns ans demonstratives,basic expressions of description,common verbs,adjectives and adverbs of degree.Body language,emotional expression.

**Working towards CEFR\* A1 level/ICCLE Stage 1** - \*Common European Framework/International Curriculum of Chinese Language Education.ICCLE

**Speaking and Listening:Intended outcomes at this level**

## Listening

### A1/Stage 1

- I can understand basic, familiar and well-pronounced words in simple sentences, deduce meaning and respond appropriately.
- I can understand basic greetings and phrases (e.g. 'hello', 'good morning', 'excuse me', 'sorry', 'thank you') and methods of addressing people
- I can understand simple questions about myself when people speak slowly and clearly.
- I can understand very simple information concerning numbers and time (e.g. days of the week, months of the year, numbers, prices and times).
- I can understand short simple instructions and directions given in clear slow speech.
- I can understand very limited and brief expressions related to personal and daily life when people speak slowly and clearly.
- I can understand simple words concerning myself, my family, my immediate environment when people speak slowly and clearly.
- I can understand basic numerals

## Speaking

### A1/Stage 1

- I can repeat, retell and recite words and sentences learned, with proper tones
- I can address new acquaintances and make basic introductions (e.g. say who I am, ask someone's name and introduce someone).
- I can initiate and respond to basic greetings and courtesy phrases (e.g. 'please', 'thank you', 'how are you?', 'I'm fine').
- I can make simple purchases, using pointing and gestures to support what I say.
- I can ask and answer very simple questions about myself if I can take my time and get help from the person I am talking to.
- I can reply to simple direct questions about personal details if these are spoken very slowly and clearly in standard language.
- I can indicate that I understand or do not understand.
- I can give and respond to simple instructions and commands.
- I can indicate basic needs and wants.
- I can seek assistance.

**Additional Support Options:** Award-winning GoChinese online Platform £99\*per year



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  - MP3 download
- English definition displayed for each word
- Hanyu Pinyin phonetics and both character forms displayed
- Learning commentary supported
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- Offline support. Printer-friendly version of all online content
- Reads aloud all words precisely and auto-generates the Hanyu Pinyin phonetics

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