

Discover China



STUDENT'S BOOK ONE

学生用书1





















Vocabulary and listening



■ Work in pairs. Discuss which adjectives describe these people.

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gāo □ 高 tall kù niánqīng 口 年轻 young shuài

□可爱 cute

□矮

kù □酷 cool

handsome

short

lǎo piàoliang □老 old □ 漂亮 pretty

Now listen and check the adjectives you hear.



Listen to the conversation.

Anna and Wang Yu are talking about Yao Ming.

Ānnà Tā shì shéi Tā shì Yáo Míng shì ma 安娜: 他是谁? 他是姚明,是吗?

Wáng Yù Shì 王玉:是。

Annà Tā shì nǎli rén 安娜: 他是哪里人?

Wáng Yù Shànghǎirén dànshì xiànzài zhù zài Měiguó 王玉:上海人,但是现在住在美国。

Ānnà Tā duō dà Sānshíwǔ suì 安娜:他多大?三十五岁?

Wáng Yù Wǒ bù zhīdào 王玉: 我不知道。

Ānnà Tā zhēn gāo 安娜:他真高!

Wáng Yù Yế hến shuài hến kù Tā shì wố zuì 王玉: 也很帅, 很酷! 他是我最

> xǐhuan de lánqiú yùndòngyuán 喜欢的篮球运动员!





生词 New words

shéi 谁	who	gāo 高	tall
Shànghǎi 上海	Shanghai	shuài)ो	handsome
xiànzài 现在	now	kù 酷	cool
duō dà 多大	how old	zuì 最	most
suì 岁	year(s) old	xǐhuan 喜欢	like
zhīdào 知道	know	lánqiú 篮球	basketball
zhēn 真	really, so	yùndòngyuán 运动员	athlete



3 Listen again and answer the questions.

Yáo Míng shì năli rén

- 1 姚 明 是哪里人? Yáo Míng zhù zài nǎli 2 姚 明 住在哪里?
- 2 姚 明 住在哪里? Yáo Míng zuò shénme gōngzuò
- 3姚明做什么工作?



4 Listen and number the people in the order you hear them.









Work in pairs. Choose a famous athlete you know and act out the conversation in Activity 2.

Pronunciation and speaking

The finals: "ao" "uei" "en"



11 Listen and number the sounds you hear.

- □ ao
- ui (uei)
- □ en



2 Say the sentences aloud.

Zǎoshang hǎo Gāo lǎoshī

- 1 早上 好,高老师! Suí lǎoshī shì Suí Wēi de bàba
- 2 隋老师是隋薇的爸爸。 Chén Zhēn shì Shēnzhènrén
- 3 陈 真 是 深圳人。 Tā hěn shuài yě hěn kù
- 4他很帅,也很酷!

Now listen and repeat.



B Listen and say the words.

shéi	zuì	suì
1 谁	最	岁
duō dà	lánqiú	yùndòngyuár
2 多大	篮球	运动员
xǐhuan	zhīdào	xiànzài
3 喜欢	知道	现在

5 Work in pairs.

Student A: Tell your partner about the person you have written about in Activity 4, but do not say their name. Use your notes to help you.

Student B: Listen and guess the person's identity.

Now change roles.



CHINESE TO GO

Welcoming and saying goodbye to guests

Qĭng jìn

请 进。 Please come in.

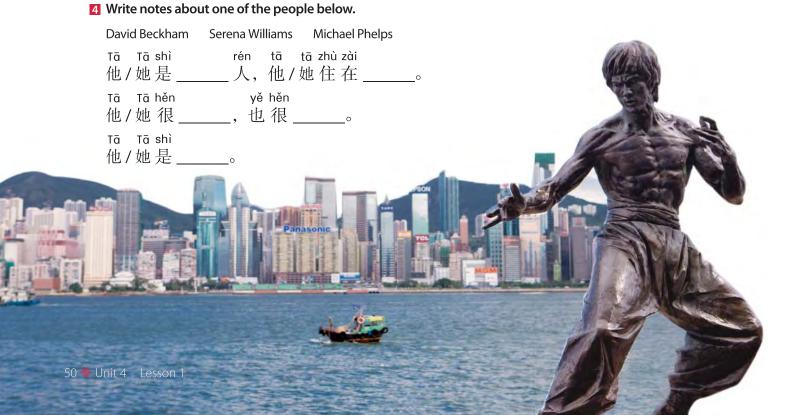
Mànzŏu

慢走。 Goo

Goodbye. (literally: walk slowly)

Yīhuìr jiàn

一会儿见。 See you later!



Reading and writing

1 Match the words with the meanings.

xìngmíng

- 1 姓名 niánlíng
- a place of birth
- 2 年龄
- **b** nationality
- chūshēngdì 3 出生地
- c full name
- guójí 4 国籍
- **d** age



Read Wang Yu's Sina profile and check the true statements.

Wáng Yù shì Shànghǎirén

- □ 1 王 玉 是 上海人。
 - Xióngmāo zhēn kù
- □ 2 熊猫 真 酷!
 - Yáo Míng hěn shuài
- □ 3 姚明 很 帅。
 - Lǐ Xiǎolóng hěn kě'ài
- □ 4 李 小龙 很 可爱。

Answer the questions.

Wáng Yù duō dà

- 1 王玉多大?
 - Wáng Yù de diànzǐ yóuxiāng shì shénme
- 2 王玉的电子邮箱 是什么?
 - Wáng Yù zuì xǐhuan de yùndòngyuán shì shéi
- 3 王玉最喜欢的 运动员 是谁? Wáng Yù zuì xǐhuan de yǎnyuán shì shéi
- **4** 王玉 最 喜欢 的 演员 是 谁?

生词 New words

xìnqmínq full name 姓名 niánlíng 年龄 age chūshēngdì place of 出生地

birth guójí 国籍

nationality

dònqwù animal 动物

xióngmāo 能猫 panda

kě'ài 可爱 cute

yănyuán 演员 actor, actress

diànzi yóuxiang email box/ 电子 邮箱 address



4 Match the questions with the information they ask for.

Tā Tā duō dà

1 他/她 多 大?

Tā Tā jiào shénme míngzi

2 他/她 叫 什么 名字?

Tā Tā zuì xǐhuan de yǎnyuán shì shéi

3 他/她 最 喜欢 的 演员 是 谁? Tā Tā zuì xǐhuan de yùndòngyuán shì shéi

4 他/她 最 喜欢 的 运动员 是 谁? Tā Tā zuì xǐhuan de dòngwù shì shénme

5 他/她 最 喜欢 的 动物 是 什么? Tā Tā de diànzǐ yóuxiāng shì shénme

6 他/她的电子邮箱 是什么? Tā Tā de chūshēngdì shì nǎli

7 他/她的 出生地 是哪里?

xìngmíng

a 姓名

b 年龄

niánlíng

chūshēngdì

diànzĭ yóuxiāng

c 出生地

d 电子 邮箱

zuì xǐhuan de rén hé dòngwù

e最喜欢的人和动物

5 Design an online personal profile for yourself.



Language in use

Interrogative pronoun

shéi **谁**

1 Look at the sentences.

Subject	Predicate			
(noun / 谁)	Verb	Object (noun / 谁)		
тā	shì	wǒ mèimei		
她	是	我妹妹。		
тā	shì	shéi		
她	是	谁?		
Shéi	shì	nǐ mèimei		
谁	是	你妹妹?		
Wáng Yù	rènshi	Mǎkè		
王 玉	认识	马克。		
Wáng Yù	rènshi	shéi		
王 玉	认识	谁?		
Shéi	rènshi	Măkè		
谁	认识	马克?		

Now check the two correct explanations.

- □ 1 The question word 谁 can be used at both the beginning and the end of a question.
- □ 2 谁 means "who" or "whom".
- \square 3 can only be used in a sentence with 是.
- 2 Write questions about the underlined parts of the sentences using 谁.

Tā shì wǒ māma

1 她 是 我 妈妈。

Wáng Yù shì wǒ mèimei

2 王 玉 是 我 妹妹。

Zhè shì tā bàba

3 这是他爸爸。

Turn to page 164 for grammar reference.

Numbers in Chinese

Look at the numbers.

Chi	nese	English	Cl	nine	se	English
	shí 十	ten		shí 十	yī —	eleven
èr —	shí 十	twenty		shí 十	wǔ 五	fifteen
sān = sì	shí 十	thirty	èr —	shí 十		twenty-two
sì 四	shí 十	forty	wǔ 五	shí 十	bā 八	fifty-eight

Now check the two correct explanations.

- 1 Chinese numbers such as twenty, thirty, forty, etc are formed by adding an affix to the characters for 2 to 9.
- Chinese numbers such as twenty, thirty, forty, etc are formed by adding the character for 10 after the characters for 2 to 9.
- Chinese numbers such as eleven, fifteen, twentytwo, etc are formed by adding the characters for 1 to 9 after the characters for 10 to 90.

2 Write the numbers in Chinese.

1 fifty 2 seventy

3 twelve

4 thirty-three

Turn to page 164 for grammar reference.

Asking about age using



1 Look at the sentences.

Subject	Predicate	
Mǎkè 马克	duō dà 多 大?	How old is Mark?
Tā 他	shíjiǔ suì 十九岁。	He is 19 years old.
Tā Tā 她/他	duō dà 多 大?	How old is she/he?
Та Та	sì suì	She/He is 4 years
她/他	四岁。	old.

Now answer the questions.

- 1 What does 多大 mean?
- 2 Where is 多大 positioned in the Chinese sentence?

2 Write questions for the answers using 多大.

Wŏ èrshí suì

1 我二十岁。

Wǒ māma wǔshíyī suì

2 我妈妈五十一岁。 Yǒngmín shíbā suì

3 永民 十八岁。

Turn to page 165 for grammar reference.



1 Look at the sentences.

Subject	Adverb	Adjective		
Wŏ	zhēn hěn	gāoxìng		
我	真/很	高兴。		
I am really/very	/ hарру.			
Nǐ māma	zhēn hěn	niánqīng		
你 妈妈	真/很	年轻。		
Your mum is really/very young.				

Now answer the questions.

- 1 In the English sentences, which word appears before adjectives such as "happy" and "young" which is not used in Chinese?
- 2 Are there any differences in word order between these English and Chinese sentences?

2 Translate the sentences into English.

Yáo Míng hěn shuài

1姚明很帅。

Bàba zhēn gāo

2 爸爸 真 高!

Wǒ de lǎoshī zhēn niánqīng

3 我的老师真 年轻!

Turn to page 165 for grammar reference.

Communication activity

Work in pairs. Choose the three coolest individuals of all time. Think about the reasons for your choice.

Name	Reasons to support your choice
míngzi 名字	lǐyóu 理由

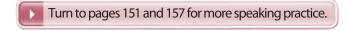
shì zuì kù de yǎnyuán A: Bruce Lee 是最酷的演员, tā de Zhōngguó gōngfu hěn bàng 他的中国功夫很棒。 Wǒ xǐhuan

B: 我喜欢 Michael Jackson, tā shì zuì kù de míngxīng 他是最酷的明星。



Work with another pair. Discuss your choice of the coolest people and explain your reasons.

Now vote for the coolest individual of all time.



Cultural Corner

I was born in the Year of the Horse.

The Chinese zodiac operates on a twelveyear cycle, using the following twelve animals: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

Each animal has certain characteristics that people born under the sign are said to share. Horoscopes were developed around these animal signs to predict a person's personality and destiny.

For example, people born in the Year of the Horse (1966, 1978, 1990 and 2002) are considered to be cheerful, popular and hardworking.

The Chinese zodiac can be used to indirectly find out how old people are, as the age of a person can be calculated through asking their zodiac sign.

Character writing

These are two common radicals in Chinese. Do you know any other characters with the same radicals?

Radicals	Meaning	Examples
土	earth	在,地
¥	water	江,演

1 Look at the characters and identify the radicals.

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2 Match the words with the meanings.

chūshēngdì

- 1 出生地 zài
- a Shanghai

2 在

- **b** pretty
- piàoliang 漂亮
- c place of birth
- Shànghǎi 4 上海
- d at, in
- **I** Trace the characters in the boxes.



Review and practice

1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

zhè mèimei wǒ shì

- 1 这/妹妹/我/是/。
- piàoliang yě hěn tā hěn gāo 河京 / 山 / 徂 / 岫 / 徂 / 京 / J
- 2 漂亮 /也/很/她/很/高/!
- yùndòngyuán shì tā lánqiú 3 运动员 /是/她/篮球/。
 - 趋列贝 / 定 / 妮 / 蓝
 - shí bā suì tā
- 4 十八/岁/她/。
- 2 Put the sentences in Activity 1 in the correct order to make a coherent passage.
- 图 Make as many sentences as you can using the words 真 and 很 with the words in the box.

māma niánqīng piàoliang 年轻 漂亮 妈妈 dàjiā nĭmen shuài gāo 大家 你们 高 帅 Wáng xiǎojiě míngxīng xìnggăn 王 小姐 明星 性感 gāoxìng jiějie 高兴 姐姐

Vocabulary extension

1 Look at the expressions used to describe people.



tóufa cháng 头发 长



tóufa duǎn 头发 短



gèzi gāo 个子高

gèzi ǎi 个子矮

2 Describe the people using the appropriate expressions.



- Tā de hěn 1 她(的 _____) 很 ____。
- Tā hěn 2 他 很 _____。

Tā de zhēn 他(的 _____) 真 _____。

Vocabulary list

3/5			
谁	shéi	pron.	who
上海	Shànghǎi	n.	Shanghai
现在	xiànzài	n.	now
多大	duō dà		how old
岁	suì	n.	year(s) old
知道	zhīdào	V.	know
真	zhēn	adv.	really, so
高	gāo	adj.	tall
帅	shuài	adj.	handsome
酷	kù	adj.	cool
最	zuì	adv.	most
喜欢	xĭhuan	V.	like
篮球	lánqiú	n.	basketball
运动员	yùndòngyuán	n.	athlete
姓名	xìngmíng	n.	full name
年龄	niánlíng	n.	age

出生地	chūshēngdì	n.	place of birth
国籍	guójí	n.	nationality
电子邮箱	diànzĭ yóuxiāng	n.	email box/address
动物	dòngwù	n.	animal
熊猫	xióngmāo	n.	panda
可爱	kě'ài	adj.	cute
演员	yănyuán	n.	actor, actress
老	lăo	adj.	old
年轻	niánqīng	adj.	young
漂亮	piàoliang	adj.	pretty
矮	ăi	adj.	short (height)
头发	tóufa	n.	hair
长	cháng	adj.	long
短	duăn	adj.	short (length)
个子	gèzi	n.	(person) height



Discover

WORKBOOK ONE

练习册1



UNIT 4 他真高! He's so tall!

LESSON 1

Objectives

- 1 Vocabulary: words used to describe people
- **2 Vocabulary:** adjectives used to describe appearance
- **3 Conversation and listening:** talk about favourite people and their appearance
- **4 Pronunciation:** the finals "ao" "uei" (ui) "en"

2 Use as many adjectives as possible to describle the people in the pictures.

ăi	niánqīng	lǎo
a矮	d 年轻	g 老
gāo	kě' ài	shuài
b 高	e 可爱	h 川
kù c 西告	piàoliang f 漂亮	

Vocabulary

■ Write eight words used to describe people with the characters in the box.

nián	piāo	zhī	ài
年	漂	知	爱
míng	dào	huan	xìng
名	道	欢	姓
xǐ	qīng	míng	dà
喜	轻	明	大
xīng	kě	duō	liàng
星	可	多	亮

1	5	
2	6	
3	7	
4	8	





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Conversation and listening



3 Listen to the conversation and check the true statemen

statements.	write pinyin for the words.
	1 老
永民: 他是谁?	2 早上
安娜: 他是刘丽的哥哥。	3 对不起
永民: 他叫什么名字?	4 最高
安娜:他叫刘明。	5 真
永民:他多大?	6 很好
安娜:二十八岁。	7 熊猫
永民:他做什么工作?	8 国籍
安娜: 他是记者。	9 姚明
永民: 真酷!	10 澳大利亚人
口 1 仲且刘丽的耳耳	Now make sentences using the words given.
□ 1 他是刘丽的哥哥。	11 老师 早上
□ 2 刘丽的哥哥姓刘明。	
口 3 他二十八岁。	
□ 4 他是老师。	12 姚明 国籍
□ 5 他不在学校工作。	
	13 熊猫 真
	14 我 最喜欢

Pronunciation

Objectives

- 1 Reading: find basic information about someone in their personal profile
- 2 Writing: create a personal profile for yourself
- **3 Grammar:** interrogative pronoun 谁 (shéi) and ask about age using 多大 (duō dà)
- 4 Grammar: numbers in Chinese
- 5 Grammar: 真 (zhēn) / 很 (hěn) + adjective

Reading



- Read Anna's Sina profile and check the true statements.
 - □ 1 安娜十九岁。
 - □ 2 她的出生地不是伦敦。
 - □ 3 安娜不喜欢篮球。
 - □ 4 王玉是安娜的同学。

Writing

- 2 Answer the questions.
 - 1 你多大?
 - 2 你是哪国人?
 - 3 你最喜欢的同学是谁?
 - 4 你最喜欢的演员是谁?

Now design a Sina profile for yourself.



Grammar

B Write questions for the answers using 谁 or 多大.

Wŏ shíbā suì

1 我十八岁。

Tā shì Liú Dàwěi

2他是刘大伟。

Wŏ jiějie sānshí suì

3 我姐姐三十岁。

Wŏ de tóngxué shíjiǔ suì

4 我的同学十九岁。

Tā hé Wáng xiānsheng zài dàxué gōngzuò

5他和王 先生 在大学工作。

4 Complete the table with the numbers in Chinese.

Numbers	Chinese	Numbers	Chinese
11	+-	24	二十四
12	十二	38	三十八
13		45	
14	十四	47	
15	十五	52	
16		56	
17	十七	63	
18		67	六十七
19	十九	71	
21	二十一	90	九十
22		99	

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Now listen and order the numbers in the sequence you hear them.

□ a 19	□ e 24
□ b 34	☐ f 95
□ c 18	□ g 80
□ d 71	□ h 27

5 Put 真 or 很 in the correct places in the sentences.

Nǐ māma niánqīng

1 你妈妈 年轻!

Tā kù

2 他酷!

Wáng lăoshī shuài

3 王 老师 帅!

Măkè xĭhuan Běijīng

4 马克喜欢北京。

Xióngmāo kě' ài

5 熊猫 可爱。

Tā gāo

6 她 高!

Now check the correct sentences.

Shǐ yīshēng hěn niánqīng 口7 史 医生 很 年轻。

Tā xǐhuan hěn lángiú

□ 8 他 喜欢 很 篮球。

Zuò jìzhě zhēn kù

□9做记者真酷!

Tā gēge zhēn gāo
□ 10 他哥哥 真 高!

Tā jiějie shì hěn hǎo

□11 她姐姐是很好。

Yáo Míng bù zhēn shuài □ 12 姚明不真 帅。

Objectives

- 1 Conversation: talk about favourite people
- **2** Character reading: recognize characters with the radicals \pm and $\hat{}$
- 3 Character writing: describe where people live
- **4 Vocabulary extension:** expressions used to describe people

Conversation

■ Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

yùndòngyuán	lánqiú	hěn
运动员	篮球	很
xiànzài	kù	ma
现在	酉告	呾

- A: 你喜欢 (1) 吗?
- B: 我 (2) ______喜欢篮球。
- A: 你喜欢的篮球 (3) ______ 是谁?
- B: 我最喜欢姚明。他很 (4) _____。
- A: 他住在上海 (5) _____?
- B: 不, 他 (6) _____ 住在美国。

Character reading

2 Match the radicals with the meanings.

- 1 土
- a earth
- 2 }
- **b** water

Now match the words with the meanings.

- 3 演员
- **c** Australia
- 4 澳大利亚
- d Hollywood
- 5 现在
- e actor, actress
- 6 好莱坞
- f now

Character writing

3 Make sentences using the words given.

- 1 住在
- 澳大利亚
- 2 现在
- 好莱坞

Vocabulary extension

4 Match the sentences with the people.

- Tā gèzi gāo tóufa duǎn hěn shuài 1 他个子高,头发短,很帅。____
- Tā gèzi ăi hěn piàoliang
- 2 她个子矮、很漂亮。
 - Tā bù niánqīng tóufa duǎn
- 3 他不年轻,头发短。





CHARACTER WRITING

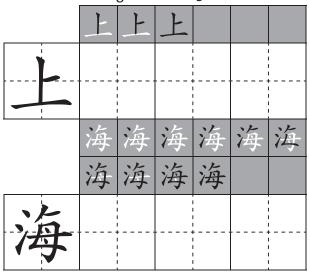
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- 1 Practise six characters with the radicals \pm and \hat{i}
- 2 Learn to write seven common words for describing people's appearance
- **11** Write the words containing the radicals \pm and \hat{i} .

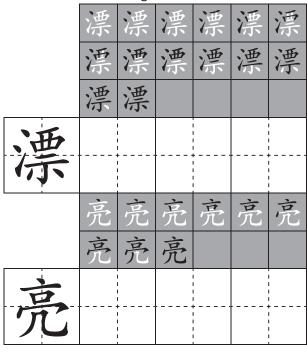
chūshēngdì place of birth



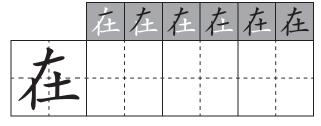
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piàoliang pretty

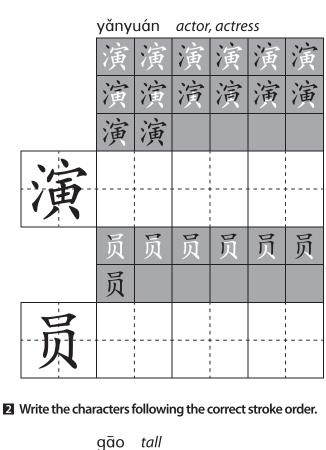


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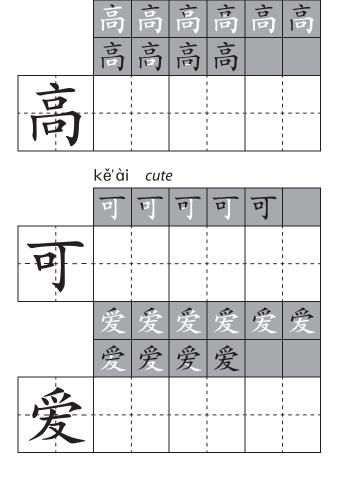


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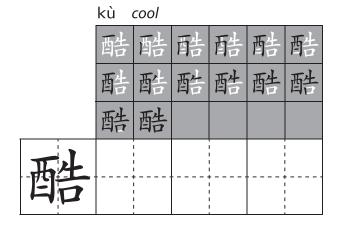
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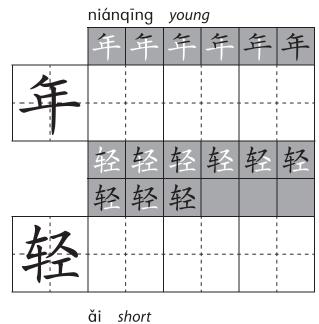


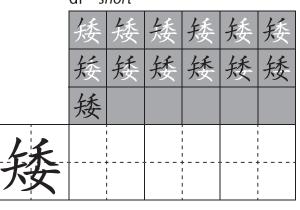
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SELF-ASSESSMENT

Complete the checklist, using the criteria below.

1 = I need a lot of help to do this. 4 = I can do this very well.

2 = I can do this with a little help. 5 = I can do this almost perfectly.

3 = I can do this fairly well.

LANGUAGE SKILL	PROGRESS	YOUR SCORE
PRONUNCIATION	• I can identify and say words with the finals "ao", "uei" and "en".	
VOCABULARY	 I can say at least six adjectives about people's appearance I know common words and phrases to describe people's appearance. I can describe my favourite people and animals. 	
GRAMMAR	 I can ask questions with the interrogative pronoun 谁. I can say the numbers from 11 to 99 in Chinese. I can ask about age using 多大. I can use the adverbs 真 and 很 with adjectives to indicate a high degree. 	
LISTENING	I can understand simple descriptions of people's appearance.	
READING	 I know the meanings of the radicals ± and ;. I can read basic information about people in their personal profiles. 	
SPEAKING	I can talk about people's appearance.I can ask who someone is and how old they are.	
WRITING	 I can write six characters with the radicals ± and う, and seven common words for describing people's appearance. I can create a simple personal profile. 	