

Alpha School

Mandarin Chinese - Practice Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade: _____

Instructions: Answer each question in the space provided. All foreign-language words in this worksheet are written in Roman letters (transliteration). Say each new word aloud before you write it.

1. Vocabulary matching: Match each Pinyin word (tone numbers) to its English meaning. (1) ni3 hao3 (2) xie4xie (3) shui3 (4) shu1 (5) peng2you. Meanings: A. friend B. water C. hello D. book E. thank you.

2. Translate to English: (a) Wo3 jiao4 Priya. (b) Ni3 hao3 ma? (c) Wo3 yao4 shui3.

3. Translate to Chinese (Pinyin with tone numbers): (a) Good morning. (b) What is your name? (c) I am fine, thank you.

4. Word order: Chinese follows Subject-Verb-Object order. Put these words in order: (a) wo3 / kan4 / shu1 (b) ta1 / chi1 / fan4

5. 'Shi' and 'you': Fill in the correct word (shi4 = is, you3 = have). (a) Wo3 ____ Zhong1guo2 ren2. (I am Chinese.) (b) Wo3 ____ yi1 ben3 shu1. (I have a book.)

6. Measure words: Fill in the correct measure word from the box: (ben3, ge4, bei1). (a) yi1 ____ shu1 (one book) (b) yi1 ____ peng2you (one friend) (c) yi1 ____ shui3 (one cup of water)

7. Numbers: Write these numbers in Pinyin: 1, 5, 10, 20, 100.

8. Tones: The four tones are 1 (high flat), 2 (rising), 3 (falling-rising), 4 (falling). Write the tone number for each syllable: (a) ma1 (mother) (b) ma2 (hemp) (c) ma3 (horse) (d) ma4 (to scold).

9. Reading comprehension: Read the passage (Pinyin), then answer in English.

'Wo3 jiao4 Arjun. Wo3 zhu4 zai4 Beijing. Wo3 you3 yi1 ge4 meimei, ta1 jiao4 Meera. Wo3men mei3tian1 qu4 xue2xiao4. Wo3 xi3huan wan2.'

(a) Where does Arjun live? (b) Who is Meera? (c) What does Arjun like?

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10. Family vocabulary: Write the Pinyin (tone numbers) for: (a) mother (b) father (c) younger sister (d) older brother.

11. Questions: Write a question in Pinyin (tone numbers) for each answer. (a) Answer: Wo3 jiao4 Ravi. (b) Answer: Wo3 zhu4 zai4 Shanghai.

12. Sentence building: Build a Chinese sentence in Pinyin using each set: (a) wo3 / qu4 / xue2xiao4 (b) wo3 / xi3huan / ping2guo3

13. 'Le' for completed actions: Rewrite each sentence as a completed action using 'le'. (a) Wo3 chi1 fan4. (b) Ta1 mai3 shu1.

14. Comparisons: Complete with 'bi3' (than): (a) Wo3 ____ ta1 gao1. (I am taller than him.) (b) Zhe4 ben3 shu1 ____ na4 ben3 shu1 gui4. (This book is more expensive than that one.)

15. Culture: Name one Chinese festival from Lesson 11 and write two facts about it.

ANSWER KEY - For Teacher/Parent Use

1. 1-C, 2-E, 3-B, 4-D, 5-A.
2. (a) My name is Priya. (b) How are you? (c) I want water.
3. (a) Zao3 shang4 hao3. (b) Ni3 jiao4 shen2me ming2zi? (c) Wo3 hen3 hao3, xie4xie.
4. (a) Wo3 kan4 shu1. (b) Ta1 chi1 fan4.
5. (a) shi4; (b) you3.
6. (a) ben3; (b) ge4; (c) bei1.
7. yi1, wu3, shi2, er4shi2, yi1bai3.
8. (a) 1st tone; (b) 2nd tone; (c) 3rd tone; (d) 4th tone.
9. (a) Beijing. (b) His younger sister. (c) Playing / games.
10. (a) ma1ma; (b) ba4ba; (c) mei4mei; (d) ge1ge.
11. (a) Ni3 jiao4 shen2me ming2zi? (b) Ni3 zhu4 zai4 na3li?
12. (a) Wo3 qu4 xue2xiao4. (b) Wo3 xi3huan ping2guo3.
13. (a) Wo3 chi1 le fan4. (b) Ta1 mai3 le shu1.
14. (a) bi3; (b) bi3.
15. Answers vary. Example: Chinese New Year (Chun1jie2) - families gather for a reunion dinner; red envelopes bring good luck.