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To Our Little Friends

Dear little friends:

Do you know there is a country called China far away in the East? China is not only an ancient country but also a modern one, where live pandas and golden monkeys. In China there are fifty-six nationalities living in harmony. And there are also many scenic spots and historical sites, such as the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Besides, the famous fairy tale of the Handsome Monkey King, Sun Wukong, was created in China. If you want to know more about China, please come and join us to learn Chinese, an ancient and beautiful language!

The Chinese language is totally different from your language. The characters used to record the Chinese language are called Chinese characters, which are square-shaped in written form. There are also four tones in Chinese, giving the language full rhythm and cadence and it is very pleasing to the ear when spoken.

Chinese Paradise is a key from us for you to open the door to the Chinese language, leading you on a pleasant and exciting journey to interesting and enjoyable places in the world of Chinese. This series of textbooks not only presents to you brief introductions to the Chinese culture, descriptions of Chinese characters and short stories, but also includes popular children's songs, folk songs, handicrafts and games. We believe that you will enjoy your Chinese learning experience and soon be able to greet Chinese kids in Chinese and also write beautiful Chinese characters.

Now let's open *Chinese Paradise* and begin our journey of Chinese learning!



The compilers

GREETING

Lesson 1 你好

1. Can you say?



nǐmen
你们(們)
you(plural)



lǎoshī
老师(師)
teacher



2. Can you try?



Nǐ hǎo, Jiékè!
你好, 杰克!

Nǐ hǎo, Nánxī!
你好, 南希!

Nǐ hǎo, Xiǎolóng!
你好, 小龙!

Lǎoshī hǎo!
老师好!



Zàijiàn, Míngmíng!
再见, 明明!

Zàijiàn!
再见!



GREETING

3. Do you know?



Welcome to China!



Where is the capital of China?

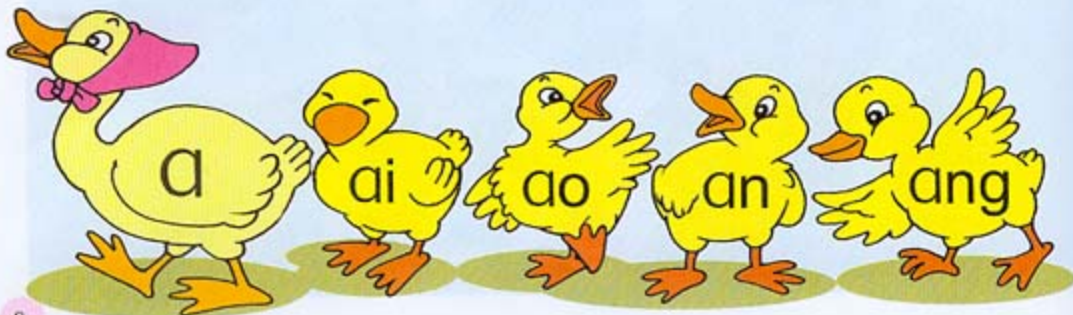


4. Learn to read.



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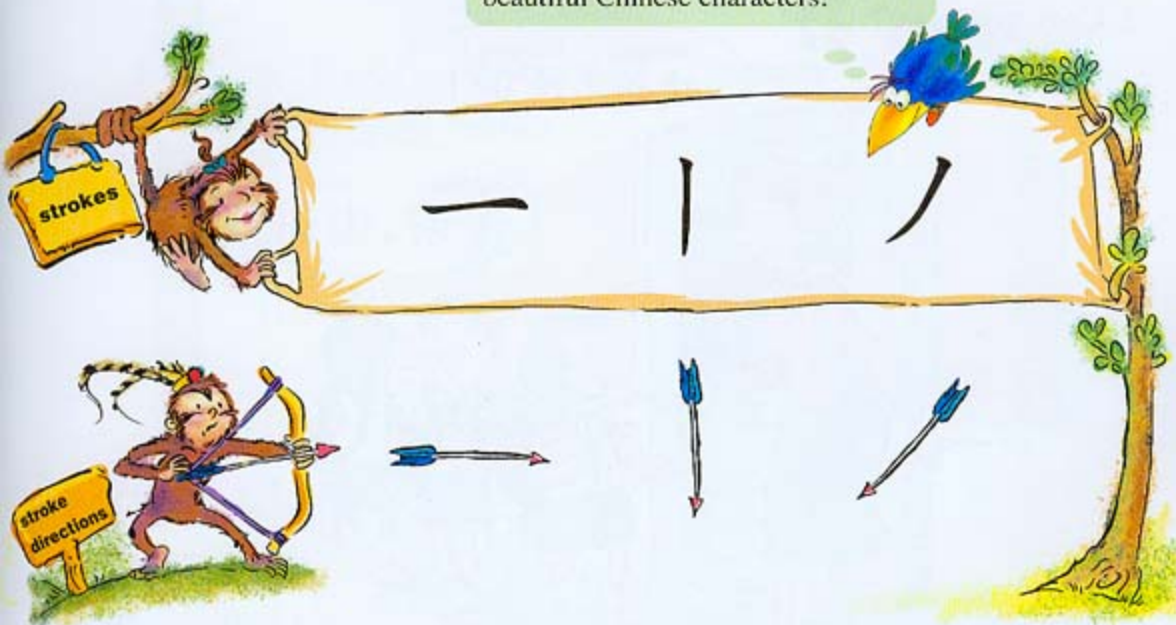
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5. Learn to write.



Start from strokes if you want to write beautiful Chinese characters!



6. Let's do it.



Paper Cutting: Friends

1



2



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4



5



6



7. Let's sing.



Wǔguān Gē
五官歌



Moderato



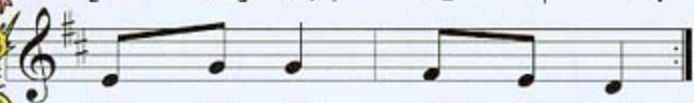
Cháng cháng de , shì shén me ?
[长 长] 的, 是 什 么 ?
Xiǎo xiǎo de , shì shén me ?
[小 小] 的, 是 什 么 ?



Shì tóu fa , shì wǒ de .
是 [头 发], 是 我 的。
Shì zuǐ ba , shì tā de .
是 [嘴 巴], 是 她 的。



Dà dà de , shì shén me ?
[大 大] 的, 是 什 么 ?
Duǎn duǎn de , shì shén me ?
[短 短] 的, 是 什 么 ?



Shì yǎn jīng , shì nǐ de .
是 [眼 睛], 是 你 的。
Shì tóu fa , shì tā de .
是 [头 发], 是 他 的。

