

Beginner Classes

When your children are ready to learn Chinese formally and are over 5-year-old, you can have them start with either our New-Phonetic Beginner class or Pin-Yin Beginner class. **It's not uncommon to see older kids in our beginner class. It's never too late to learn a language, and we welcome everyone who is interested with open arms!**



The New-Phonetic (注音, or MPS: Mandarin Phonetic Symbols) Beginner Class was initially designed for children whose parents speak Mandarin at home. Now we also have a few kids from non-Chinese speaking families joining in this particular class. With this specific program, the kids learn to pronounce Mandarin as perfectly as possible by sounding from New-Phobic Symbols. There are 37 New-Phonetic Symbols, and each symbol represents a specific vowel sound or consonant sound. Accompanied by 5 different tones, the whole New-Phonetic system teaches you how to pronounce Chinese words accurately. For non-Chinese speaking families, most of them choose our Pin-Yin Beginner Class to start their kids' formal Chinese learning because they find Pin-Yin system easier to adapt while learning to speak Mandarin.

Although the 2 different sounding systems are introduced, both classes share the same goal of equipping our students with solid fundamental towards more advanced Chinese learning in the future. After completing this beginner program, the students should be able to understand the sounding system, apply it when speaking the words, and spell the words correctly after listening to the pronunciations. Also they will learn strolling rules of Chinese characters and get many practices of the Character writing both in class and through homework. **Conversation practices** play a crucial part during lecture as well.