

HSK 1 Grammar Cheat Sheet

Beginner Mandarin sentence patterns for quick review

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CORE WORD ORDER

- Subject + verb + object: Wo xue Zhongwen.
- Subject + time + verb: Wo jintian xuexi.
- Subject + zai + place + verb: Wo zai jia kan shu.
- Shi links nouns: Wo shi xuesheng.
- You means have or there is: Wo you shu.

QUESTIONS AND NEGATION

- Add ma for yes-no questions.
- Use shenme for what.
- Use shei for who.
- Use bu before many verbs and adjectives.
- Use mei you for not have.

PRACTICE ROUTINE

- Build ten short sentences.
- Swap the subject, time word, and object.
- Read the sentences aloud with careful tones.
- Practise with the Mandarin Syntax Builder.