
Chapter 1. Module 1: Orientation

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The Orientation Module and associated resource modules provide the linguistic tools needed to begin the study of Chinese. The materials also introduce the teaching procedures used in this course.

The Orientation Module is not a typical course module in several respects. First, it does not have a situational topic of its own, but rather leads into the situational topic of the following module—Biographic Information. Second, it teaches only a little Chinese grammar and vocabulary. Third, two of the associated resource modules (Pronunciation and Romanization, Numbers) are not optional; together with the Orientation Module, they are prerequisite to the rest of the course.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this module and the two associated resource modules, the student should:

1. Distinguish the sounds and tones of Chinese well enough to be able to write the **Hànyǔ Pīnyīn** romanization for a syllable after hearing the syllable.
2. Be able to pronounce any combination of sounds found in the words of the Target Lists when given a romanized syllable to read. (Although the entire sound system of Chinese is introduced in the module, the student is responsible for producing only sounds used in the Target Sentences for ORN. Producing the remaining sounds is included in the Objectives for Biographic Information.)
3. Know the names and locations of five cities and five provinces of China well enough to point out their locations on a map, and pronounce the names well enough to be understood by a Chinese.
4. Comprehend the numbers 1 through 99 well enough to write them down when dictated, and be able to say them in Chinese when given English equivalents.
5. Understand the Chinese system of using personal names, including the use of titles equivalent to "Mr.," "Mrs.," "Miss," and "Comrade."
6. Be able to ask and understand questions about where someone is from.
7. Be able to ask and understand questions about where someone is.
8. Be able to give the English equivalents for all the Chinese expressions in the Target Lists.
9. Be able to say all the Chinese expressions in the Target Lists when cued with English equivalents.
10. Be able to take part in short Chinese conversations, based on the Target Lists, about how he is, who he is, and where he is from.

Tapes for ORN and associated resource modules

Orientation (ORN)					
Unit 1	1 C-1	1 P-1	1&2 D-1		
Unit 2	2 C-1	2 P-1			
Unit 3	3 C-1	3 P-1	3 D-1	3 C-2	3 P-2
Unit 4	4 C-1	4 P-1	4 D-1	4 C-2	4 P-2

Pronunciation and Romanization (P&R)					
P&R 1	P&R 2	P&R 3	P&R 4	P&R 5	P&R 6

Numbers			
NUM 1	NUM 2	NUM 3	NUM 4

Classroom Expressions (CE)
CE 1

Unit 1 Target List

1. A: **Nǐ shì shéi?**
你是谁？
Who are you?

B: **Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.**
我是王大年。
I am **Wáng Dànián** (Daniel King).
- A: **Wǒ shì Hú Měilíng.**
我是胡美玲。
I am **Hú Měilíng**.
2. A: **Nǐ xìng shénme?**
你姓什么？
What is your surname?

B: **Wǒ xìng Wáng.**
我姓王。
My surname is **Wáng** (King).
- A: **Wǒ xìng Hú.**
我姓胡。
My surname is **Hú**.
3. A: **Tā shì shéi?**
他/她是谁？
Who is he/she?

B: **Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ.**
他是马明理。
He is **Mǎ Mínglǐ**.
- A: **Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng.**
他是马先生。
He is Mr. **Mǎ**.
- B: **Tā shì Mǎ tài tai.**

她是马太太。

She is Mrs. Mǎ.

A: Tā shì Mǎ xiǎojiě?

她是马小姐。

She is Miss Mǎ.

B: Tā shì Mǎ tóngzhì

他/她是马同志。

He/she is Comrade Mǎ.

4. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?

王先生，他是谁？

Mr. Wáng, who is he?

B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ xiānsheng.

他是马明理先生。

He is Mr. Mǎ Mínglǐ.

5. A: Xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?

先生，她是谁？

Sir, who is she?

B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ tàitai.

她是马明理太太。

She is Mrs. Mǎ Mínglǐ.

6. A: Tóngzhì, tā shì shéi?

同志，她是谁？

Comrade, who is she?

B: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán tóngzhì.

她是方宝兰同志。

She is Comrade Fāng Bǎolán.

Unit 2 Target List

1. A: **Nǐ shì Wáng Xiānsheng ma?**

你是王先生吗？

Are you Mr. **Wáng**?

B: **Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.**

我是王大年。

I am **Wáng Dànián**.

A: **Wǒ bú shì Wáng Xiānsheng.**

我不是王先生。

I'm not Mr. **Wáng**.

2. A: **Nǐ xìng Wáng ma?**

你姓王吗？

Is your surname **Wáng**?

B: **Wǒ xìng Wáng.**

我姓王。

My surname is **Wáng**.

A: **Wǒ bú xìng Wáng.**

我不姓王。

My surname isn't **Wáng**.

3. A: **Nín guìxìng?**

您贵姓？

Your surname? (POLITE)

B: **Wǒ xìng Wáng.**

我姓王。

My surname is **Wáng**.

4. A: **Nǐ jiào shénme?**

你叫什么？

What is your given name?

B: **Wǒ jiào Dànián.**

我叫大年。

My given name is Dànián (Daniel).

5. A: Nǐ hǎo a?

你好啊？

How are you?

B: Wǒ hǎo. Nǐ ne?

我好。你呢？

I'm fine. And you?

A: Hǎo. Xièxie.

好。谢谢。

Fine, thanks.

6. míngzi

名字

given name

Unit 3 Target List

1. A: **Nǐ shì Měiguó rén ma?**
你是美国人吗？
Are you an American?

B: **Shì.**
是。
Yes (I am).

B: **Bú shì.**
不是。
No (I'm not).
2. A: **Nǐ shì Zhōngguó rén ma?**
你是中国人吗？
Are you Chinese?

B: **Shì, wǒ shì Zhōngguó rén.**
是，我是中国人。
Yes, I'm Chinese.

B: **Bú shì, wǒ bú shì Zhōngguó rén.**
不是，我不是中国人。
No, I'm not Chinese.
3. A: **Nǐ shì něiguó rén?**
你是哪国人？
What is your nationality?

B: **Wǒ shì Měiguó rén.**
我是美国人。
I'm an American.

B: **Wǒ shì Zhōngguó rén.**
我是中国人。
I'm Chinese.

B: **Wǒ shì Yīngguó rén.**

我是英国人。

I'm English.

4. A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?

你是哪儿的人？

Where are you from?

B: Wǒ shì Jiāzhōu rén.

我是加州人。

I'm a Californian.

B: Wǒ shì Shànghǎi rén.

我是上海人。

I'm from Shanghai.

5: Déguó

德国

Germany

6: Èguó (Éguó)

俄国

Russia

7: Fàguó (Fǎguó)

法国

France

8: Riběn

日本

Japan

Unit 4 Target List

1. A: Āndésēn xiānsheng, nǐ shì nǎrde rén?

安德森先生，你是哪儿的人？

Where are you from, Mr. Anderson?

B: Wǒ shì Dézhōu rén.

我是德州人。

I'm from Texas.

A: Āndésēn fūren ne?

安德森夫人呢？

And Mrs. Anderson?

B: Tā yě shì Dézhōu rén.

她也是德州人。

She is from Texas too.

2: A: Tā shì Yīngguo rén ma?

他是英国人吗？

Is he English?

B: Bú shì, tā bú shì Yīngguo rén.

不是，他不是英国人。

No, he is not English.

A: Tā àiren ne?

他爱人呢？

And his wife?

B: Tā yě bú shì Yīngguo rén.

她也并不是英国人。

She isn't English either.

3. A: Qǐngwèn, nǐ lǎojiā zài nǎr?

请问，你老家在哪儿？

May I ask, where is your family from?

B: Wǒ lǎojiā zài Shāndōng.

我老家在山东。

My family is from Shāndōng.

4. A: Qīngdǎo zài zhèr ma?

青岛在这儿吗？

Is Qīngdǎo here? (pointing to a map)

B: Qīngdǎo bú zài nàr, zài zhèr.

青岛不在那儿，在这儿。

Qīngdǎo isn't there; it's here. (pointing to a map)

5. A: Nǐ àiren xiànzài zài nǎr?

你爱人现在在哪儿？

Where is your spouse now?

B: Tā xiànzài zài Jiānádà.

他/她现在在见那大。

He/she is in Canada now.

Figure 1.1. On a Běijīng street

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Unit 1

Introduction

Topics Covered in this Unit

1. Questions and answers about full names and surnames.
2. Titles and terms of address ("Mr.," "Mrs.," etc.).

Prerequisites to the Unit

(Be sure to complete these before starting the unit.)

1. Background Notes
2. P&R 1 (Tape 1 of the resource module on Pronunciation and Romanization), the tones.
3. P&R 2 (Tape 2 of the resource module on Pronunciation and Romanization), the tones.

Materials You Will Need

1. The C-1 and P-1 tapes, the Reference List and Reference Notes.
2. The drill tape (1D-1)

About the C-1 and P-1 Tapes

The C-1 and P-1 tapes are your introduction to the Chinese words and structures presented in each unit. The tapes give you explanations and practice on the new material. By the time you have worked through these two tapes, you will be competent in understanding and producing the expressions introduced in the unit.

With the C-1 tape, you learn to understand the new words and structures. The material is presented in short conversational exchanges, first with English translations and later with pauses which allow you to translate. Try to give a complete English translation for each Chinese expression. Your goal when using the C-1 tape is to learn the meanings of all the words and structures as they are used in the sentences.

With the P-1 tape, you learn to put together these sentences. You learn to pronounce each new word and use each new structure. When the recorded instructions direct you to pronounce a word or say a sentence, do so out loud. It is important for you to hear yourself speaking Chinese, so that you will know whether you are pronouncing the words correctly. Making the effort to say the expression

is a big part of learning it. It is one thing to think about how a sentence should be put together or how it should sound. It is another thing to put it together that way or make it sound that way. Your goal when using the P-1 tape is to produce the Target List expressions in Chinese when given English equivalents. At the end of each P-1 tape is a review of the Target List which you can go over until you have mastered the expressions.

At times, you may feel that the material on a tape is being presented too fast. You may find that there is not enough time allowed for working out the meaning of a sentence or saying a sentence the way you want to. When this happens, stop the tape. If you want to, rewind; Use the control buttons on your machine to make the tape manageable for you most and to get the most out of it.

About the Reference List and the Reference Notes

The Reference List and the Reference Notes are designed to be used before, during, or directly after work with the C-1 and P-1 tapes.

The Reference List is a summary of the C-1 and P-1 tapes. It contains all sentences which introduce new material, showing you both the Chinese sentences written in romanization and their English equivalents. You will find that the list is printed so that either the Chinese or the English can be covered to allow you to test yourself on comprehension, production, or romanization of the sentences.

The Reference Notes give you information about grammar, pronunciation, and cultural usage. Some of these explanations duplicate what you hear on the C-1 and P-1 tapes. Other explanations contain new information.

You may use the Reference List and Reference Notes in various ways. For example, you may follow the Reference Notes as you listen to a tape, glancing at an exchange or stopping to read a comment whenever you want to. Or you may look through the Reference Notes before listening to a tape, and then use the Reference List while you listen, to help you keep track of where you are. Whichever way you decide to use these parts of a unit, remember that they are reference materials. Don't rely on the translations and romanizations as subtitles for the C-1 tape or as cue cards for the P-1 tape, for this would rob you of your chance to develop listening and responding skills.

About the Drills

The drills help you develop fluency, ease of response, and confidence. You can go through the drills on your own, with the drill tapes, and the teacher may take you through them in class as well.

Allow more than half an hour for a half-hour drill tape, since you will usually need to go over all or parts of the tape more than once to get full benefit from it.

The drills include many personal names, providing you with valuable pronunciation practice. However, if you find the names more than you can handle the first time through the tape, replace them with the pronoun *tā* whenever possible. Similar substitutions are often possible with place names.

Some of the drills involve sentences which you may find too long to understand or produce on your first try, and you will need to rewind for another try. Often, particularly the first time through a tape, you will find the pauses too short, and you will need to stop the tape to give yourself more time. The performance you should aim for with these tapes, however, is full comprehension and full, fluent, and accurate production while the tape rolls.

The five basic types of drills are described below.

1. Substitution Drills: The teacher (T) gives a pattern sentence which the student (S) repeats. Then the teacher gives a word or phrase (a cue) which the student substitutes appropriately in the original sentence. The teacher follows immediately with a new cue.

Example 1.1. Here is an English example of a substitution drill:

- T: Are you an American?
- S: Are you an American?
- T: (cue) English
- S: Are you English?
- T: (cue) French
- S: Are you French?

2. Transformation Drills: On the basis of a model provided at the beginning of the drill, the student makes a certain change in each sentence the teacher says.

Example 1.2. Here is an English example of a transformation drill, in which the student is changing affirmative sentences into negative ones:

- T: I'm going to the bank.
- S: I'm not going to the bank.
- T: I'm going to the store.

- S: I'm not going to the store.

3. Response Drills: On the basis of a model given at the beginning of the drill, the student responds to questions or remarks by the teacher as cued by the teacher.

Example 1.3. Here is an English example of a response drill:

- T: What is his name? (cue) Harris
- S: His name is Harris.
- T: What is her name? (cue) Noss
- S: Her name is Noss.

4. Expansion Drills: The student adds something to a pattern sentence as cued by the teacher.

Example 1.4. Here is an English example of an expansion drill:

- T: He isn't Chinese, (cue) Japanese.
- S: He isn't Chinese. He's Japanese.
- T: She isn't German. (cue) French.
- S: She isn't German. She's French.

5. Combination Drills: On the basis of a model given at the beginning of the drill, the student combines two phrases or sentences given by the teacher into a single utterance.

Example 1.5. Here is an English example of a combination drill:

- T: I am reading a book. John gave me the book.
- S: I am reading a book which John gave me.
- T: Mary bought a picture. I like the picture.
- S: Mary bought a picture which I like.

References

Reference list

1. A: Nǐ shì shéi?
你是谁?
Who are you?
B: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
我是王大年。
I'm Wáng Dànián.
2. A: Nǐ shì shéi?
你是谁?
Who are you?
B: Wǒ shì Hú Měilíng.
我是胡美玲。
I'm Hú Měilíng.
3. A: Tā shì shéi?
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ.
他是马明理。
He is Mǎ Mínglǐ.
4. A: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ.
他是马明理。
He is Mǎ Mínglǐ.
B: Tā shì Hú Měilíng.
她是胡美玲。
She is Hú Měilíng.
5. A: Nǐ xìng shénme?
你姓什么?
What is your surname?
B: Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.
6. A: Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?
B: Tā xìng Mǎ.
他姓马。

7. A: His surname is Mǎ.
Tā shì shéi?
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng.
他是马先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ .
8. A: Tā shì shéi?
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ xiānsheng.
他是马明理先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ Mínglǐ.
9. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
王先生，他是谁?
Mr. Wáng, who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ xiānsheng.
他是马明理先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ Mínglǐ.
10. A: Xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
先生，他是谁?
Sir, who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng
他是马先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ.
11. A: Xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
先生，她是谁?
Sir, who is she?
B: Tā shì Mǎ tàitai.
她是马太太。
She is Mrs. Mǎ.
12. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
王先生，她是谁?
Mr. Wáng, who is she?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ tàitai.
她是马明理太太。
She is Mrs. Mǎ Mínglǐ.
13. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
王先生，她是谁?
Mr. Wáng, who is she?

14. B: Tā shì Mǎ xiǎojiě.
她是马小姐。
She is Miss Mǎ.
A: Tā shì shéi?
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ tóngzhì.
他是马明理同志。
He is Comrade Mǎ Mínglǐ.
15. A: Tóngzhì, tā shì shéi?
同志，她是谁?
Comrade, who is she?
B: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán.
她是方宝兰。
She is Fāng Bǎolán.
16. A: Tóngzhì, tā shì shéi?
同志，她是谁?
Comrade, who is she?
B: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán tóngzhì.
她是方宝兰同志。
She is Comrade Fāng Bǎolán.

Vocabulary

nǐ	你	you
shéi	谁	who
shénme	什么	what
shì	是	to be
tā	他, 她, 它	he, she, it
tàitai	太太	Mrs.; wife, married woman, lady
tóngzhì	同志	comrade
wǒ	我	I
xiānsheng	先生	Mr., sir, husband, teacher
xiǎojiě (xiǎojie)	小姐	Miss, lady, daughter (polite)
xìng	姓	to be surnamed

Reference Notes

Notes on № 1-4

1. A: **Nǐ shì shéi?**
你是谁?
Who are you?
B: **Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.**
我是王大年。
I'm **Wáng Dànián.**
2. A: **Nǐ shì shéi?**
你是谁?
Who are you?
B: **Wǒ shì Hú Měilíng.**
我是胡美玲。
I'm **Hú Měilíng.**
3. A: **Tā shì shéi?**
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: **Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ**
他是马明理。
He is **Mǎ Mínglǐ.**

The verb **shì** means “to be” in the sense of “to be someone or something,” as in “I am Daniel King.” It expresses identity. (In Unit 4 you will learn a verb which means “to be” in another sense, “to be somewhere,” as in “I am in **Běijīng**.” That verb expresses location.) The verb **shì** is in the Neutral tone (with no accent mark) except when emphasized.

Unlike verbs in European languages, Chinese verbs do not distinguish first, second, and third persons. A single form serves for all three persons.

Wǒ	shì	Wáng Dànián.	I am Wáng Dànián.
我	是	王大年	
Nǐ	shì	Hú Měilíng.	You are Hú Měilíng.
你	是	胡美玲	
Tā	shì	Mǎ Mínglǐ.	He is Mǎ Mínglǐ.
他	是	马明理	

Later you will find that Chinese verbs do not distinguish singular and plural, either, and that they do not distinguish past, present, and future as such. You need to learn only one form for each verb.

The pronoun **tā** is equivalent to both “he” and “she.” (and it), but the writing is different: he → **他**, she → **她**, it → **它**.

The question **Nǐ shì shéi?** is actually too direct for most situations, although it is all right from teacher to student or from student to student. (A more polite question is introduced in Unit 2.)

Unlike English, Chinese uses the same word order in questions as in statements.

Tā	shì	shéi?	Who is he?
他	是	谁？	
Tā	shì	Mǎ Mínglǐ?	He is Mǎ Mínglǐ.
他	是	马明理	

When you answer a question containing a question word like **shéi**. “who,” simply replace the question word with the information it asks for.

Notes on № 5-6

5. A: Nǐ xìng shénme?
你姓什么?
What is your surname?
B: Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.
6. A: Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?
B: Tā xìng Mǎ.
他姓马。
His surname is Mǎ.

Xìng is a verb, “to be surnamed.” It is in the same position in the sentence as shì, “to be.”

Wǒ	shì	Wáng Dànián.
我	是	王大年
I	am	Wáng Dànián.
Wǒ	xìng	Wáng.
我	性	王
I	am surnamed	Wáng.

Notice that the question word shénme. “What,” takes the same position as the question word shéi “who.”

Nǐ	shì	shéi?
你	是	谁?
You	are	who?
Nǐ	xìng	shénme?
你	性	什么?
You	are surnamed	what?

Shénme is the official spelling. However, the word is pronounced as if it were spelled shémma, or even shéma (often with a single rise in pitch extending over both syllables.) Before another word which begins with a consonant sound, it is usually pronounced as if it were spelled shém.

Notes on № 7-8

7. A: Tā shì shéi?
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng.
他是马先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ .
8. A: Tā shì shéi?
他是谁?
Who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ xiānsheng.
他是马明理先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ Mínglǐ.

After the verb *shì* you may have the full name alone, the surname plus title, or the full name plus title.

Tā	shì	Mǎ	Mínglǐ	
他	是	马	明理	
Tā	shì	Mǎ		xiānsheng.
他	是	马		先生。
Tā	shì	Mǎ	Mínglǐ	xiānsheng.
他	是	马	明理	先生。

Xiānsheng, literally “first-born,” has more of a connotation of respectfulness than “Mr.” *Xiānsheng* is usually applied only to people other than oneself. Do not use the title *xiānsheng* (or any other respectful title, such as *Jiàoshòu*, “Professor” when giving your own name. If you want to say “I am Mr. Jones,” you may say *Wǒ xìng Jones*.

When a name and title name are said together, logically enough it is the name which gets the heavy stress: *WÁNG xiānsheng*, You will often hear the title pronounced with no full tones: *WÁNG Xiānsheng*.

Notes on № 9-12

9. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
王先生，他是谁？
Mr. Wáng, who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ xiānsheng.
他是马明理先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ Mínglǐ.
10. A: Xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
先生，他是谁？
Sir, who is he?
B: Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng
他是马先生。
He is Mr. Mǎ.
11. A: Xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
先生，她是谁？
Sir, who is she?
B: Tā shì Mǎ tài tai.
她是马太太。
She is Mrs. Mǎ.
12. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
王先生，她是谁？
Mr. Wáng, who is she?
B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ tài tai.
她是马明理太太。
She is Mrs. Mǎ Mínglǐ.

When you address someone directly, use either the name plus the title or the title alone. **Xiānsheng** must be translated as “Sir” when it is used alone, since “Mr.” would not capture its respectful tone. (**Tàitai**, however, is less respectful when used alone. You should address Mrs. **Mǎ** as **Mǎ tài tai**.)

Notes on № 13-16

13. A: Wáng xiānsheng, tā shì shéi?
王先生，她是谁？
Mr. Wáng, who is she?
- B: Tā shì Mǎ xiǎojiě.
她是马小姐。
She is Miss Mǎ.
14. A: Tā shì shéi?
他是谁？
Who is he?
- B: Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ tóngzhì.
他是马明理同志。
He is Comrade Mǎ Mínglǐ.
15. A: Tóngzhì, tā shì shéi?
同志，她是谁？
Comrade, who is she?
- B: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán.
她是方宝兰。
She is Fāng Bǎolán.
16. A: Tóngzhì, tā shì shéi?
同志，她是谁？
Comrade, who is she?
- B: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán tóngzhì.
她是方宝兰同志。
She is Comrade Fāng Bǎolán.

See the Background Notes on Chinese Personal Names and Titles for *tóngzhì*.
“Comrade,” and the use of maiden names.

Drills

Substitution drill.

Give affirmative response to all questions.

1. Mǎ Mínglǐ

马明理

Mǎ Mínglǐ

Tā shì Mǎ Mínglǐ.

他是马明理。

He is Mǎ Mínglǐ.

2. Hú Měilíng

胡美玲

Hú Měilíng

Tā shì Hú Měilíng.

她是胡美玲。

She is Hú Měilíng.

3. Wáng Dànián

王大年

Wáng Dànián

Tā shì Wáng Dànián.

他是王大年。

He is Wáng Dànián.

4. Lǐ Shìmín

李世民

Lǐ Shìmín

Tā shì Lǐ Shìmín.

他是李世民。

He is Lǐ Shìmín.

5. Liú Lìróng

刘丽容

Liú Lìróng

Tā shì Liú Lìróng.

她是刘丽容。

She is Liú Lìróng.

6. Zhāng Bǎolán

张宝兰

Zhāng Bǎolán

Tā shì Zhāng Bǎolán.

她是张宝兰。

She is Zhāng Bǎolán.

Response Drill

When the cue is given by a male speaker, male students should respond. When the cue is given by a female speaker, female students should respond.

1. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Wáng Dànián

王大年

Wáng Dànián

Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.

我是王大年。

I am Wáng Dànián.

2. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Hú Měilíng

胡美玲

Hú Měilíng

Wǒ shì Hú Měilíng.

我是胡美玲。

I am Hú Měilíng.

3. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Liú Shìmín

李世民

Liú Shìmín

Wǒ shì Liú Shìmín.

我是李世民。

I am Liú Shìmín.

4.	Nǐ shì shéi? 你是谁? Who are you?
Cue	Chén Huìrán 陈蕙然 Chén Huìrán
	Wǒ shì Chén Huìrán. 我是陈蕙然。 I am Chén Huìrán.
5.	Nǐ shì shéi? 你是谁? Who are you?
Cue	Huáng Déxián 黄德贤 Huáng Déxián
	Wǒ shì Huáng Déxián. 我是黄德贤。 I am Huáng Déxián.
6.	Nǐ shì shéi? 你是谁? Who are you?
Cue	Zhào Wǎnrú 赵婉如 Zhào Wǎnrú
	Wǒ shì Zhào Wǎnrú. 我是赵婉如。 I am Zhào Wǎnrú.
7.	Nǐ shì shéi? 你是谁? Who are you?
Cue	Jiǎng Bǐngyíng

蒋冰莹
Jiǎng Bīngyíng

Wǒ shì Jiǎng Bīngyíng.

我是蒋冰莹。

I am Jiǎng Bīngyíng.

8. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Gāo Yǒngpíng

高永平

Gāo Yǒngpíng

Wǒ shì Gāo Yǒngpíng.

我是高永平。

I am Gāo Yǒngpíng.

Response drill.

Answer according to the cues.

1. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Wáng Dànián

王大年

Wáng Dànián

Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.

我是王大年。

I am Wáng Dànián.

2. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Hú Měilíng

胡美玲

Hú Měilíng

Wǒ shì Hú Měilíng.

我是胡美玲。

I am Hú Měilíng.

3. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Liú Shìmín

李世民

Liú Shìmín

Wǒ shì Liú Shìmín.

我是李世民。

I am Liú Shìmín.

4. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Chén Huìrán

陈蕙然

Chén Huìrán

Wǒ shì Chén Huìrán.

我是陈蕙然。

I am Chén Huìrán.

5.

Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Huáng Déxián

黄德贤

Huáng Déxián

Wǒ shì Huáng Déxián.

我是黄德贤。

I am Huáng Déxián.

6.

Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Zhào Wǎnrú

赵婉如

Zhào Wǎnrú

Wǒ shì Zhào Wǎnrú.

我是赵婉如。

I am Zhào Wǎnrú.

7.

Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Jiǎng Bǐngyíng

蒋冰莹
Jiǎng Bīngyíng

Wǒ shì Jiǎng Bīngyíng.

我是蒋冰莹。

I am Jiǎng Bīngyíng.

8. Nǐ shì shéi?

你是谁?

Who are you?

Cue

Gāo Yǒngpíng

高永平

Gāo Yǒngpíng

Wǒ shì Gāo Yǒngpíng.

我是高永平。

I am Gāo Yǒngpíng.

Unit 2

Introduction

Topics covered in this unit

1. Questions and answers about given names.
2. Yes/no questions.
3. Negative statement.
4. Greetings.

Prerequisites to the Unit

1. P&R 3 and P&R 4 (Tapes 3 and 4 of the resource module on Pronunciation and Romanization).

Materials You Will Need

1. The C-1 and P-1 tapes, the Reference List and Reference Notes.
2. The 2D-1 tape.

References

Reference list

1. A: Tā shì Wáng tàitai ma?
她是王太太吗?
Is she Mrs. Wáng?
B: Tā shì Wáng tàitai.
她是王太太。
she is Mrs. Wáng.
2. A: Nǐ shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?
你是王先生吗?
Are you Mr. Wáng?
B: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
我是王大年。
I'm Wáng Dànián.
3. A: Nǐ shì Mǎ xiānsheng ma?
你是马先生吗?
Are you Mr. Mǎ.
B: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
我是王大年。
I'm Wáng Dànián.
4. A: Nǐ shì Mǎ xiānsheng ma?
你是马先生吗?
are you Mr. Mǎ?
B: Wǒ bú shì Mǎ xiānsheng.
我不是马先生。
I'm not Mr. Mǎ.
5. A: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
我是王大年。
I am Wáng Dànián.
B: Wǒ bú shì Wáng Dànián.
我不是王大年。
I am not Wáng Dànián.
6. A: Nǐ xìng Fāng ma?
你姓方吗?
Is your surname Fāng?
B: Wǒ bú xìng Fāng
我不姓方。

7. A: My surname isn't Fāng.
Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.
B: Wǒ bú xìng Wáng.
我不姓王。
8. A: My surname isn't Wáng.
Nǐ xìng Mǎ ma?
你姓马吗?
Is your surname Mǎ?
B: Bù xìng Mǎ. Xìng Wáng.
不姓马。(我)姓王。
9. A: My surname isn't Mǎ. My surname is Wáng.
Nín guìxing?
您贵姓?
Your surname? (polite)
B: Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
10. A: My surname is Wáng.
Nǐ jiào shénme?
你叫什么?
What is your given name?
B: Wǒ jiào Dànián.
我叫大年。
My given name is Dànián.
11. A: Nǐ hǎo a?
你好啊?
How are you?
B: Wǒ hǎo.
我好
I'm fine.
12. A: Nǐ hǎo a?
你好啊?
How are you?
B: Wǒ hǎo. Nǐ ne?
我好，你呢?
I'm fine. And you?
A: Hǎo, xièxie.
好，谢谢。
Fine, thanks.

Vocabulary

a	啊	question marker
bù/bú	不	not
bú shì	不是	not to be
guìxìng	贵姓	honorable name
hǎo	好	to be fine, to be well, ok, good
jiào	叫	to be called, named
ma	吗	question marker at the end of the sentence
míngzi	名字	given name, full name
ne	呢	question marker
xièxie	谢谢	thank you

Reference Notes

Notes on № 1-3

1. A: Tā shì Wáng tàitai ma?
 她是王太太吗？
 Is she Mrs. Wáng?
 B: Tā shì Wáng tàitai.
 她是王太太。
 she is Mrs. Wáng.
2. A: Nǐ shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?
 你是王先生吗？
 Are you Mr. Wáng?
 B: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
 我是王大年。
 I'm Wáng Dànián.
3. A: Nǐ shì Mǎ xiānsheng ma?
 你是马先生吗？
 Are you Mr. Mǎ.
 B: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
 我是王大年。
 I'm Wáng Dànián.

The marker **ma** may be added to any statement to turn it into a question which may be answered “yes” or “no,”

The reply to a yes/no question is commonly a complete affirmative or negative statement, although, as you will see later, the statement may be stripped down considerably.

Notes on № 4-5

4. A: Nǐ shì Mǎ xiānsheng ma?
你是马先生吗?
are you Mr. Mǎ?
- B: Wǒ bú shì Mǎ xiānsheng.
我不是马先生。
I'm not Mr. Mǎ.
5. A: Wǒ shì Wáng Dànián.
我是王大年。
I am Wáng Dànián.
- B: Wǒ bú shì Wáng Dànián.
我不是王大年。
I am not Wáng Dànián.

The negative of the verb *shì*, “to be,” is *bú shì*, “not to be.” The equivalent of “not” is the syllable *bù*. The tone for the syllable *bù* depends on the tone of the following syllable. When followed by a syllable with a High, Rising, or Low tone, a Falling tone is used (*bù*). When followed by a syllable with a Falling or Neutral tone, a Rising tone is used (*bú*).

Example 1.6. Examples

bù fēi 不飞 (not to fly)

bù féi 不肥 (not to be fat)

bù fěi 不诽 (not to slander)

bú fèi 不费 (not to waste)

Almost all of the first few verbs you learn happen to be in the Falling tone, and so take *bú*. But remember that *bù* is the basic form. That is the form the syllable takes when it stands alone as a short “no” answer—*bù*—and when it is discussed, as in “*bù* means ‘not’.”

Notice that even though *shì*, “to be,” is usually pronounced in the Neutral tone in the phrase *bú shì*, the original Falling tone of *shì* still causes *bù* to “be pronounced with a Rising tone: *bú*.”

Wǒ		shì		Wáng Dànián.
我		是		王大年。
I		am		Wáng Dànián.

Wǒ	bú	shì		Mǎ xiānsheng.
我	不	是		马先生。
I		am	not	Mǎ xiānsheng.

Notes on № 6-8

6. A: Nǐ xìng Fāng ma?
你姓方吗?
Is your surname Fāng?
- B: Wǒ bú xìng Fāng
我不姓方。
My surname isn't Fāng.
7. A: Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.
- B: Wǒ bú xìng Wáng.
我不姓王。
My surname isn't Wáng.
8. A: Nǐ xìng Mǎ ma?
你姓马吗?
Is your surname Mǎ?
- B: Bù xìng Mǎ. Xìng Wáng.
不姓马。(我)姓王。
My surname isn't Mǎ. My surname is Wáng.

It is quite common in Chinese—much commoner than in English—to omit the subject of a sentence when it is clear from the context.

Notes on № 9

9. A: Nín guìxìng?
您贵姓?
Your surname? (polite)
- B: Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.

Nín is the polite equivalent of nǐ, “you.”

Guìxìng is a polite noun, “surname.” Guì means “honorable.” Xìng which you have learned as the verb “to be surnamed” is in this case a noun, “surname.”

Literally, Nín guìxìng? is “Your surname?” The implied question is understood, and the “sentence” consists of the subject alone.

Notes on № 10

10. A: Nǐ jiào shénme?
 你叫什么？
 What is your given name?
- B: Wǒ jiào Dànián.
 我叫大年。
 My given name is Dànián.

Jiào is a verb meaning “to be called.” In a discussion of personal names, we can say that it means “to be given-named.”

Notes on № 11

11. A: Nǐ hǎo a?
你好啊?
How are you?
- B: Wǒ hǎo.
我好
I'm fine.

Notice that the Low tones of **wǒ** and **nǐ** change to Rising tones before the Low tone of **hǎo**: **Ní hǎo a? Wó hǎo.**

Hǎo is a verb: “to be good” “to be well” “to be fine.” Since it functions like the verb “to be” plus an adjective in English, we will call it an adjectival verb.

Wǒ	hǎo.
我	好。
I	am fine

Nǐ	hǎo	a?
你	好	阿?
You	are fine	?

Notes on № 12

12. A: Nǐ hǎo a?
你好啊？
How are you?
- B: Wǒ hǎo. Nǐ ne?
我好，你呢？
I'm fine. And you?
- A: Hǎo, xièxie.
好，谢谢。
Fine, thanks.

The marker **ne** makes a question out of the single work **nǐ**, “you”: “And you?” or “How about you?”

Xiè is the verb “to thank.” “I thank you” would be **Wǒ xièxie ni**. **Xièxie** is often repeated: **Xièxie, xièxie**.

Notes on № 13

One way to ask what someone's given name is: **Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?** 你叫什么名字？

Drills

Transformations drill

Create a question from the statement

1 Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng.

他是王先生。

He is Mr. Wáng.

Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?

他是王先生吗？

Is he Mr. Wáng?

2. Tā shì Hú tàitai.

她是胡太太。

She is Mrs. Hú.

Tā shì Hú tàitai ma?

她是胡太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Hú?

3. Tā shì Liú tóngzhì.

他是刘同志。

He is Comrade Liú.

Tā shì Liú tóngzhì ma?

他是刘同志吗？

Is he Comrade Liú?

4. Tā shì Zhāng xiǎojiě.

她是张小姐。

She is Miss Zhāng.

Tā shì Zhāng xiǎojiě ma?

她是张小姐吗？

Is she Miss Zhāng?

5. Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng.

他是马先生。

He is Mr. Mǎ.

Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng ma?

他是马先生吗？

Is he Mr. Mǎ?

6. Tā shì Fāng xiǎojiě.

她是方小姐。

She is Miss Fāng.

Tā shì Fāng xiǎojiě ma?

她是方小姐吗？

Is she Miss Fāng?

7. Tā shì Lín tóngzhì.

他是林同志。

He is Comrade Lín.

Tā shì Lín tóngzhì ma?

他是林同志吗？

Is he Comrade Lín?

Response drill

Give a positive answer to the question.

1. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?

他是王先生吗？

Is he Mr. Wáng?

Shì. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng.

是。他是王先生。

Yes. He is Mr. Wáng.

2. Tā shì Zhào tàitai ma?

她是赵太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Zhào?

Shì. Tā shì Zhào tàitai.

是。她是赵太太。

Yes. She is Mrs. Zhào.

3. Tā shì Chén tóngzhì ma?

她是陈同志吗？

Is she comrade Chén?

Shì. Tā shì Chén tóngzhì.

是。她是陈同志。

Yes. She is Comrade Chén.

4. Tā shì Liú xiǎojiě ma?

她是刘小姐吗？

Is she Miss Liú?

Shì. Tā shì Liú xiǎojiě.

是。她是刘小姐。

Yes. She is Miss Liú.

5. Tā shì Sòng xiānsheng ma?

他是宋先生吗？

Is he Mr. Sòng?

Shì. Tā shì Sòng xiānsheng.

是。他是宋先生。

Yes. He is Mr. Sòng.

6. Tā shì Sūn tài tai ma?

她是孙太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Sūn?

Shì. Tā shì Sūn tài tai.

是。她是孙太太。

Yes. She is Mrs. Sūn.

7. Tā shì Zhāng xiānsheng ma?

他是张先生吗？

Is he Mr. Zhāng?

Shì. Tā shì Zhāng xiānsheng.

是。他是张先生。

Yes. He is Mr. Zhāng.

Response drill

All of your answers will be negative. Give the correct name according to the cue.

1. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?

他是王先生吗？

Is he Mr. Wáng?

Cue

Liú

刘

Liú

Bú shì. Tā shì Liú xiānsheng.

不是。他是刘先生。

No. He is Mr. Liú.

2. Tā shì Gāo xiǎojiě ma?

她是高小姐吗？

Is she Miss Gāo?

Cue

Zhào

赵

Zhào

Bú shì. Tā shì Zhào xiǎojiě.

不是。她是赵小姐。

No. She is Miss Zhào.

3. Tā shì Huáng tóngzhì ma?

她是黄同志吗？

Is she Comrade Huáng?

Cue

Wáng

王

Wáng

Bú shì. Tā shì Wáng tóngzhì.

不是。她是王同志。

No. She is Comrade Wáng.

4. Tā shì Yáng tàitai ma?

她是杨太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Yáng?

Cue Jiǎng

蒋

Jiǎng

Bú shì. Tā shì Jiǎng tàitai.

不是。她是蒋太太。

No. She is Mrs. Jiǎng.

5. Tā shì Mǎ xiānsheng ma?

他是马先生吗？

Is he Mr. Mǎ?

Cue Máo

毛

Máo

Bú shì. Tā shì Máo xiānsheng.

不是。他是毛先生。

No. He is Mr. Máo.

6. Tā shì Zhōu xiǎojiě ma?

她是周小姐吗？

Is she Miss Zhōu?

Cue Zhào

赵

Zhào

Bú shì. Tā shì Zhào xiǎojiě.

不是。她是赵小姐。

No. She is Miss Zhào.

7. Tā shì Jiāng xiānsheng ma?

他是江先生吗？

Is he Mr. Jiāng?

Cue Jiǎng

蒋
Jiǎng

Bú shì. Tā shì Jiǎng xiānsheng.

不是。他是蒋先生。

No. He is Mr. Jiǎng.

Transformation drill

This drill is a combination of the two previous drills. Give an affirmative or a negative answer according to the cue.

1. Tā shì Liú tàitai ma?

她是刘太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Liú?

Cue

Liú

刘

Liú

Shì. Tā shì Liú tàitai.

是。她是刘太太。

Yes. She is Mrs. Liú.

2. Tā shì Liú tàitai ma?

她是刘太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Liú?

Cue

Huáng

黄

Huáng

Bú shì. Tā shì Huáng tàitai.

不是。她是黄太太。

No. She is Mrs. Huáng.

3. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?

他是王先生吗？

Is he Mr. Wáng?

Cue

Wáng

王

Wáng

Shì. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng.

是。他是王先生。

Yes He is Mr. Wáng.

4. Tā shì Gāo tài tai ma?

她是高太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Gāo?

Cue Zhào

赵

Zhào

Bú shì. Tā shì Zhào tài tai.

赵不是。她是赵太太。

No. She is Mrs. Zhào.

5. Tā shì Táng xiǎo jiě ma?

她是唐小姐吗？

Is she Miss Táng?

Cue Táng

唐

Táng

Shì. Tā shì Táng xiǎo jiě.

是。她是唐小姐。

Yes. She is Miss Táng.

6. Tā shì Huáng xiān sheng ma?

他是黄先生吗？

Is he Mr. Huáng?

Cue Wáng

王

Wáng

Bú shì. Tā shì Wáng xiān sheng.

不是。他不是王先生。

No. He is Mr. Wáng.

7. Tā shì Zhāng tài tai ma?

她是张太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Zhāng?

Cue Jiāng

江
Jiāng

Bú shì. Tā shì Jiāng tàitai.

不是。她是江太太。

No. She is Mrs. Jiāng.

Transformation drill

Transform the sentence according to the model.

1. Nǐ shì Zhāng xiānsheng ma?

你是张先生吗？

Are you Mr. Zhāng?

Nǐ xìng Zhāng ma?

你姓张吗？

Is your surname Zhāng?

2. Nǐ shì Zhào tàitai ma?

你是赵太太吗？

Are you Mrs. Zhào?

Nǐ xìng Zhào ma?

你姓赵吗？

Is your surname Zhào?

3. Nǐ shì Jiǎng xiǎojiě ma?

你是蒋小姐吗？

Are you Miss Jiǎng?

Nǐ xìng Jiǎng ma?

你姓蒋吗？

Is your surname Jiǎng?

4. Nǐ shì Liú tóngzhì ma?

你是刘同志吗？

Are you Comrade Liú?

Nǐ xìng Liú ma?

你姓刘吗？

Is your surname Liú?

5. Nǐ shì Sòng tàitai ma?

你是宋太太吗？

Are you Mrs. Sòng?

Nǐ xìng Sòng ma?

你姓宋吗？

Is your surname Sòng?

6. Nǐ shì Lǐ xiānsheng ma?

你是李先生吗？

Are you Mr. Lǐ?

Nǐ xìng Lǐ ma?

你姓李吗？

Is your surname Lǐ?

7. Nǐ shì Sūn tóngzhì ma?

你是孙同志吗？

Are you Comrade Sūn?

Nǐ xìng Sūn ma?

你姓孙吗？

Is your surname Sūn?

Transformation drill

Transform the sentence using **bú xìng**.

1. Wǒ xìng Zhāng.

我姓张。

My surname is Zhāng.

Wǒ bú xìng Zhāng.

我不姓张。

My surname is not Zhāng.

2. Wǒ xìng Chén.

我姓陈。

My surname is Chén.

Wǒ bú xìng Chén.

我不姓陈。

My surname is not Chén.

3. Wǒ xìng Huáng.

我姓黄。

My surname is Huáng.

Wǒ bú xìng Huáng.

我不姓黄。

My surname is not Huáng.

4. Wǒ xìng Gāo.

我姓高。

My surname is Gāo.

Wǒ bú xìng Gāo.

我不姓高。

My surname is not Gāo.

5. Wǒ xìng Sūn.

我姓孙。

My surname is Sūn.

Wǒ bú xìng Sūn.

我不姓孙。

My surname is not Sūn.

6. Wǒ xìng Zhāng.

我姓张。

My surname is Zhāng.

Wǒ bú xìng Zhāng.

我不姓张。

My surname is not Zhāng.

7. Wǒ xìng Zhōu.

我姓周。

My surname is Zhōu.

Wǒ bú xìng Zhōu.

我不姓周。

My surname is not Zhōu.

Expansion drill

Transform the sentence according to the model.

1. Wǒ bú shì Lǐ xiānsheng.

我不是李先生。

I'm not Mr. Lǐ.

Wǒ bú xìng Lǐ.

我不姓李。

My surname is not Lǐ.

2. Wǒ bú shì Wáng tàitai.

我不是王太太。

I'm not Mrs. Wáng.

Wǒ bú xìng Wáng.

我不姓王。

My surname is not Wáng.

3. Wǒ bú shì Chén xiānsheng.

我不是陈先生。

I'm not Mr. Chén.

Wǒ bú xìng Chén.

我不姓陈。

My surname is not Chén.

4. Wǒ bú shì Lín tóngzhì.

我不是林同志。

I'm not Comrade Lín.

Wǒ bú xìng Lín.

我不姓林。

My surname is not Lín.

5. Wǒ bú shì Zhōu xiǎojiě.

我不是周小姐。

I'm not Miss Zhōu.

Wǒ bú xìng Zhōu.

我不姓周。

My surname is not Zhōu.

6. Wǒ bú shì Jiǎng xiānsheng.

我不是蒋先生。

I'm not Mr. Jiǎng.

Wǒ bú xìng Jiǎng.

我不姓蒋。

My surname is not Jiǎng.

7. Wǒ bú shì Sòng tàitai.

我不是宋太太。

I'm not Mrs. Sòng.

Wǒ bú xìng Sòng.

我不姓宋。

My surname is not Sòng.

Expansion drill

Expand the sentence using the model.

1. Tā bú shì Wáng xiānsheng.

他不是王先生。

He is not Mr. Wáng.

Cue

Huáng

黄

Huáng

Tā bú shì Wáng xiānsheng, tā xìng Huáng.

他不是王先生，他姓黄。

He is not Mr. Wáng, his surname is Huáng.

2. Tā bú shì Jiǎng tàitai.

她不是蒋太太。

She is not Mrs. Jiǎng.

Cue

Jiāng

江

Jiāng

Tā bú shì Jiǎng tàitai, tā xìng Jiāng.

她不是蒋太太，她姓江。

She is not Mrs. Jiǎng, her surname is Jiāng.

3. Tā bú shì Liú tóngzhì.

他不是刘同志。

He is not comrade Liú.

Cue

Lín

林

Lín

Tā bú shì Liú tóngzhì, tā xìng Lín.

他不是刘同志，他姓林。

He is not Comrade Liú, his surname is Lín.

4. Tā bú shì Sòng xiǎojiě.

她不是宋小姐。
She is not Miss Sòng.

Cue Sūn
孙
Sūn

Tā bú shì Sòng xiǎojiě, tā xìng Sūn.
她不是宋小姐，她姓孙。
She is not Miss Sòng, her surname is Sūn.

5. Tā bú shì Zhào xiānsheng.
他不是赵先生。
He is not Mr. Zhào.

Cue Zhōu
周
Zhōu

Tā bú shì Zhào xiānsheng, tā xìng Zhōu.
他不是赵先生，他姓周。
He is not Mr. Zhào, his surname is Zhōu.

6. Tā bú shì Jiāng tóngzhì.
他不是江同志。
He is not Comrade Jiāng.

Cue Zhāng
张
Zhāng

Tā bú shì Jiāng tóngzhì, tā xìng Zhāng.
他不是江同志，他姓张。
He is not Comrade Jiāng, his surname is Zhāng.

7. Tā bú shì Sūn tàitai.
她不是孙太太。
She is not Mrs. Sūn.

Cue Sòng

宋
Sòng

Tā bú shì Sūn tàitai, tā xìng Sòng.

她不是孙太太，她姓宋。

She is not Mrs. Sūn, her surname is Sòng.

Expansion drill

Expand the sentence using the model.

1. Wǒ bú xìng Fāng.

我不姓方。

My surname is not Fāng.

Cue

Hú

胡

Hú

Wǒ bú xìng Fāng, xìng Hú.

我不姓方。姓胡。

My surname is not Fāng, it's Hú.

2. Wǒ bú xìng Sūn.

我不姓孙。

My surname is not Sūn

Cue

Sòng

宋

Sòng

Wǒ bú xìng Sūn, xìng Sòng.

我不姓孙，姓宋。

My surname is not Sūn, it's Sòng.

3. Wǒ bú xìng Yáng.

我不姓杨。

My surname is not Yáng.

Cue

Táng

唐

Táng

Wǒ bú xìng Yáng, xìng Táng.

我不姓杨，姓唐。

My surname is not Yáng, it's Táng.

4. Wǒ bú xìng Jiǎng.

我不姓蒋。

My surname is not Jiǎng.

Cue

Zhāng

张

Zhāng

Wǒ bú xìng Jiǎng, xìng Zhāng.

我不姓蒋，姓张。

My surname is not Jiǎng, it's Zhāng.

5.

Wǒ bú xìng Zhōu.

我不姓周。

My surname is not Zhōu.

Cue

Zhào

赵

Zhào

Wǒ bú xìng Zhōu, xìng Zhào.

我不姓周，姓赵。

My surname is not Zhōu, it's Zhào.

6.

Wǒ bú xìng Wáng.

我不姓王。

My surname is not Wáng.

Cue

Huáng

黄

Huáng

Wǒ bú xìng Wáng, xìng Huáng.

我不姓王，姓黄。

My surname is not Wáng, it's Huáng.

7.

Wǒ bú xìng Jiāng.

我不姓江。

My surname is not Jiāng.

Cue

Jiǎng

蒋
Jiǎng

Wǒ bú xìng Jiāng, xìng Jiǎng.

我不姓江，姓蒋。

My surname is not Jiāng, it's Jiǎng.

Response drill

Respond according to the cue and the model.

1. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?

他是王先生吗？

Is he Mr. Wáng?

Cue

Wáng

王

Wáng

Shì. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng.

是。他是王先生。

Yes. He is Mr. Wáng.

2. Tā shì Wáng xiānsheng ma?

他是王先生吗？

Is he Mr. Wáng?

Cue

Huáng

黄

Huáng

Tā bú shì Wáng xiānsheng, tā xìng Huáng.

他不是王先生，他姓黄。

He is not Mr. Wáng. His surname is Huáng.

3. Tā shì Liú tàitai. ma?

她是刘太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Liú?

Cue

Lín

林

Lín

Tā bú shì Liú tàitai. Tā xìng Lín.

她不是刘太太。她姓林。

He is is not Mr. Wáng. His surname is Huáng.

4. Tā shì Chén xiǎojiě ma?

她是陈小姐吗？

Is she Miss Chén?

Cue

Chén

陈

Chén

Shì. Tā shì Chén xiǎojiě.

是。她是陈小姐。

Yes. She is Miss Chén.

5. Tā shì Máo xiānsheng ma?

他是毛先生吗？

Is he Mr. Máo?

Cue

Máo

毛

Máo

Shì. Tā shì Máo xiānsheng.

是。他是毛先生。

Yes. He is Mr. Máo.

6. Tā shì Jiāng tóngzhì ma?

他是江同志吗？

Is He/she Comrade Jiāng?

Cue

Zhāng

张

Zhāng

Tā bú shì Jiāng tóngzhì. Tā xìng Zhāng.

他不是江同志。他姓张。

He/she isn't Comrade Jiāng. His/her surname is Zhāng.

7. Tā shì Sòng tàitai. ma?

她是宋太太吗？

Is she Mrs. Sòng?

Cue

Sòng

宋
Sòng

Shì. Tā shì Sòng tàitai.

是。她是宋太太。

Yes. She is Mrs. Sòng.

8. Tā shì Lǐ xiānsheng ma?

他是李先生吗？

Is he Mr. Lǐ?

Cue

Wáng
王
Wáng

Tā bú shì Lǐ xiānsheng. Tā xìng Wáng.

他不是李先生。他姓王。

He isn't Mr. Lǐ. His surname is Wáng.

Transformation drill

Respond according to the model.

1 Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Wáng.
他姓王。
His surname is Wáng.

2 Wǒ xìng Chén.
我姓陈。
My surname is Chén.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Chén.
他姓陈。
His surname is Chén.

3 Wǒ xìng Liú.
我姓刘。
My surname is Liú.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Liú.
他姓刘。
His surname is Liú.

4 Wǒ xìng Huáng.

我姓黄。
My surname is Huáng.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Huáng.
他姓黄。
His surname is Huáng.

5 Wǒ xìng Sòng.
我姓宋。
My surname is Sòng.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Sòng.
他姓宋。
His surname is Sòng.

6 Wǒ xìng Lǐ.
我姓李。
My surname is Lǐ.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?
他姓什么?
What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Lǐ.
他姓李。
His surname is Lǐ.

7 Wǒ xìng Wáng.
我姓王。
My surname is Wáng.

Student 1 Tā xìng shénme?

他姓什么？

What is his surname?

Student 2 Tā xìng Wáng.

他姓王。

His surname is Wáng.

Transformation drill

Transform the statement according to the model.

1. Wǒ xìng Wáng jiào Dànián.

我姓王叫大年。

My surname is Wáng, and my given name is Dànián.

Cue Nǐ xìng Wáng jiào shénme?

Dànián.

大年。

Dànián.

你姓王叫什么？

Your surname is Wáng, and what is your given name?

2. Wǒ xìng Hú jiào Měilíng.

我姓胡叫美玲。

My surname is Hú, and my given name is Měilíng.

Cue Nǐ xìng Hú jiào shénme?

Měilíng.

美玲。

Měilíng.

你姓胡叫什么？

Your surname is Hú, and what is your given name?

3. Wǒ xìng Lǐ jiào Shìyīng.

我姓李叫世英。

My surname is Lǐ, and my given name is Shìyīng.

Cue Nǐ xìng Lǐ jiào shénme?

Shìyīng.

世英。

Shìyīng.

你姓李叫什么？

Your surname is Lǐ, and what is your given name?

4. Wǒ xìng Fāng jiào Bǎolán.

我姓方叫宝兰。

My surname is Fāng, and my given name is Bǎolán.

Cue Nǐ xìng Fāng jiào shénme?

Bǎolán.

宝兰。

Bǎolán.

你姓方叫什么？

Your surname is Fāng, and what is your given name?

5. Wǒ xìng Sūn jiào Déxián.

我姓孙叫德贤。

My surname is Sūn, and my given name is Déxián.

Cue Nǐ xìng Sūn jiào shénme?

Déxián.

德贤。

Déxián.

你姓孙叫什么？

Your surname is Sūn, and what is your given name?

6. Wǒ xìng Chén jiào Huìrán.

我姓陈叫蕙然。

My surname is Chén, and my given name is Huìrán.

Cue Nǐ xìng Chén jiào shénme?

Huìrán.

蕙然。

Huìrán.

你姓陈叫什么？

Your surname is Chén, and what is your given name?

7. Wǒ xìng Zhāng jiào Zhèn hàn.

我姓张叫振汉。

My surname is Zhāng, and my given name is Zhèn hàn.

Cue

Nǐ xìng Zhāng jiào shénme?

Zhèn hàn.

振汉。

Zhèn hàn.

你姓张叫什么？

Your surname is **Zhāng**, and what is your given name?

Combination drill

Transform the sentence according to the model.

- 1 Tā xìng Chén. Tā jiào Bǎolán.
她姓陈。她叫宝兰。
Her surname is Chén. Her given name is Bǎolán.

Tā xìng Chén, jiào Bǎolán.
她姓陈，叫宝兰。
Her surname is Chén, given name Bǎolán.

- 2 Tā xìng Lǐ. Tā jiào Mínglǐ.
他姓李。他叫明理。
His surname is Lǐ. His given name is Mínglǐ.

Tā xìng Lǐ, jiào Mínglǐ.
他姓李，叫明理。
His surname is Lǐ, given name Mínglǐ.

- 3 Tā xìng Hú. Tā jiào Bǎolán.
她姓胡。她叫宝兰。
Her surname is Hú. Her given name is Bǎolán.

Tā xìng Hú, jiào Bǎolán.
她姓胡，叫宝兰。
Her surname is Hú, given name Bǎolán.

- 4 Tā xìng Jiāng. Tā jiào Déxián.
他姓江。他叫德贤。
His surname is Jiāng. His given name is Déxián.

Tā xìng Jiāng, jiào Déxián.
他姓江，叫德贤。
His surname is Jiāng, given name Déxián.

- 5 Tā xìng Zhōu. Tā jiào Zǐyàn.
她姓周。她叫紫燕。
Her surname is Zhōu. Her given name is Zǐyàn.

Tā xìng Zhōu, jiào Zǐyàn.

她姓周，叫紫燕。

Her surname is **Zhōu**, given name **Zǐyàn**.

6 **Tā xìng Zhāng. Tā jiào Tíngfēng.**

他姓张。他叫廷峰。

His surname **Zhāng**. His given name is **Tíngfēng**.

Tā xìng Zhāng, jiào Tíngfēng.

他姓张，叫廷峰。

His surname is **Zhāng**, given name **Tíngfēng**.

7 **Tā xìng Chén. Tā jiào Huìrán.**

她姓陈。她叫蕙然。

Her surname is **Chén**. Her given name is **Huìrán**.

Tā xìng Chén, jiào Huìrán.

她姓陈，叫蕙然。

Her surname is **Zhāng**, given name **Huìrán**.

Unit 3

Introduction

Topics covered in this unit

1. Nationality.
2. Home state, province, and city.

Prerequisites to the unit

1. P&R 5 and P&R 6 (Tapes 5 and 8 of the resource module on Pronunciation and Romanization.)
2. NUM 1 and NUM 2 (Tapes 1 and 3 of the resource module on Numbers), the numbers from 1 to 10.

Material you will need

1. The C-1 and P-1 tapes, the Reference List and Reference Notes.
2. The C-2 and P-2 tapes, the workbook.
3. The 3D-1 tape.

References

Reference List

1. A: Nǐ shì Měiguó rén ma?
你是美国人吗?
Are you American?
B: Wǒ shì Měiguó rén.
我是美国人。
I'm American.
2. A: Nǐ shì Zhōngguó rén ma?
你是中国人吗?
Are you Chinese?
B: Wǒ shì Zhōngguó rén.
我是中国人。
I'm Chinese.
3. A: Wáng xiānsheng, nǐ shì Yīngguó rén ma?
王先生，你是英国人吗?
Mr. Wáng, are you English?
B: Wǒ bú shì Yīngguó rén.
我不是英国人。
I'm not English.
4. A: Nǐ shì Zhōngguó rén ma?
你是中国人吗?
Are you Chinese?
B: Bú shì.
不是。
No.
A: Nǐ shì Měiguó rén ma?
你是美国人吗?
Are you American?
B: Shì.
是。
Yes, I'm.
5. A: Mǎ xiǎojiě shì Měiguó rén ma?
马小姐是美国人吗?
Is Miss Mǎ an American?
B: Bú shì, tā bú shì Měiguó rén.
不是，他不是美国人。

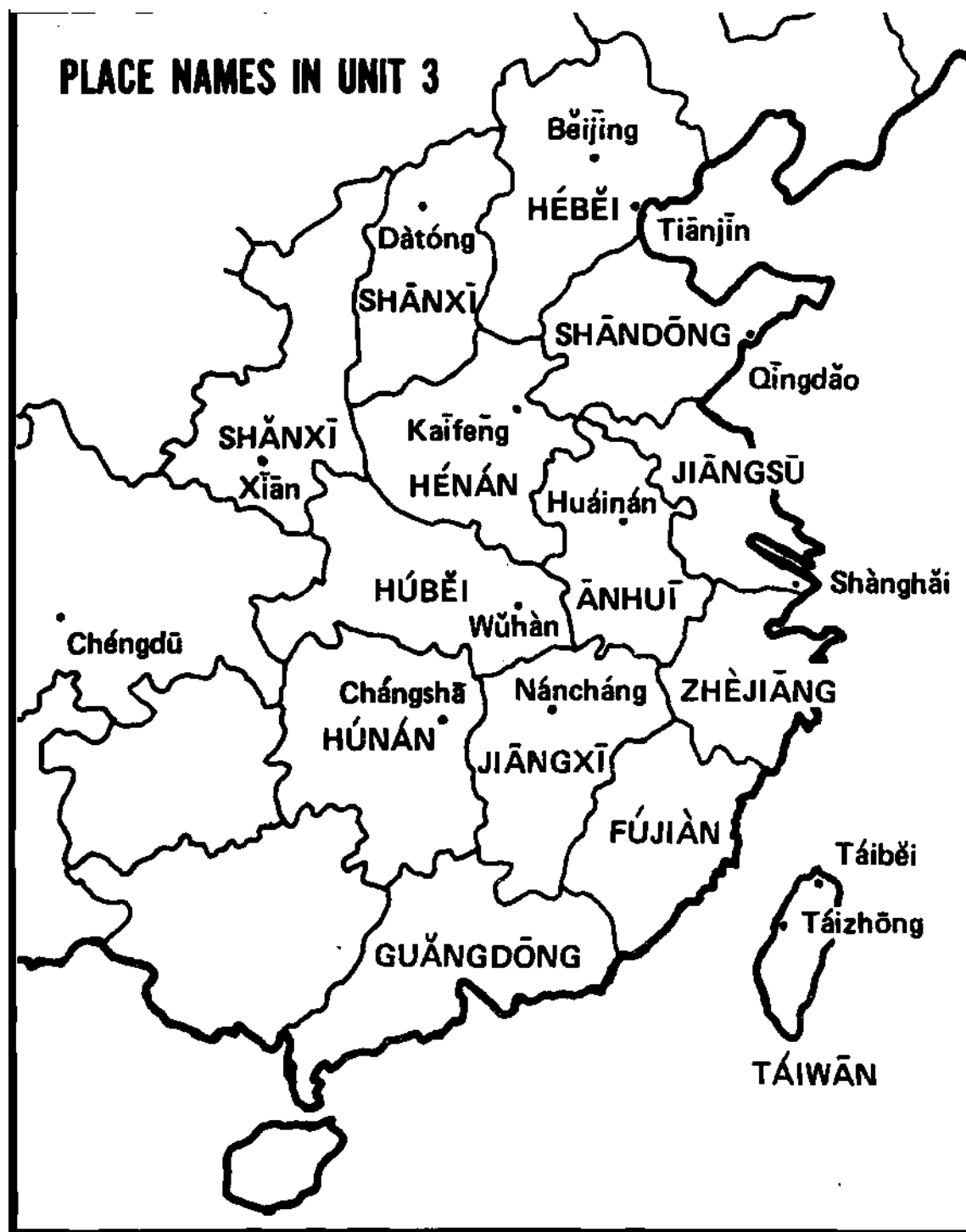
- No, she is not an American.
6. A: Tā shì Zhōngguó rén ma?
她是中国人吗?
Is she Chinese?
B: Shì, tā shì Zhōngguó rén.
是，她是中国人。
Yes, she is Chinese.
6. A: Nǐ shì nǎiguó rén?
你是哪国人?
What is your nationality?
B: Wǒ shì Měiguó rén.
我是美国人。
I'm American.
7. A: Tā shì nǎiguó rén?
他是哪国人?
What is his nationality?
B: Tā shì Yīngguó rén.
他是英国人。
He is English.
8. A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where are you from?
B: Wǒ shì Shànghǎi rén.
我是上海人。
I'm from Shànghǎi.
9. A: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán de xiānsheng.
他是方宝兰的先生?
He is Fāng Bǎolán's husband.
10. A: Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where is he from?
B: Tā shì Shāndōng rén.
他是山东人。
He's from Shāndōng.
11. A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
你是哪儿的人?
Where are you from?
B: Wǒ shì Jiāzhōu rén.
我是加州人。
I'm Californian.

12. A: Nǐ shì Měiguó rén ma?
你是美国人吗?
Are you an American?
- B: Nǐ shì nǎguó rén?
你是哪国人?
What's your nationality?
- A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
你是哪儿的人?
Where are you from?

Vocabulary

-de	—的	possessive Marker
Déguo	德国	Germany
Èguo Éguo	俄国	Russia
Fàguó Fǎguo	法国	France
Jiāzhōu	加州	California
Měiguó	美国	America, United States
nǎr	哪儿	where?
něi-	哪—	which?
něiguó	哪国	which country?
rén	人	person
Rìběn	日本	Japan
Shāndōng	山东	a province name
Shànghǎi	上海	a city name
Yīngguó	英国	England
Zhōngguó	中国	China

Figure 1.2. 0021-FSI-StandardChinese-Module01ORN-StudentText-7.png



Reference Notes

Notes on № 1-3

1. A: Nǐ shì Měiguó rén ma?
你是美国人吗?
Are you American?
B: Wǒ shì Měiguó rén.
我是美国人。
I'm American.
2. A: Nǐ shì Zhōngguó rén ma?
你是中国人吗?
Are you Chinese?
B: Wǒ shì Zhōngguó rén.
我是中国人。
I'm Chinese.
3. A: Wáng xiānsheng, nǐ shì Yīngguó rén ma?
王先生，你是英国人吗?
Mr. Wáng, are you English?
B: Wǒ bú shì Yīngguó rén.
我不是英国人。
I'm not English.

Rén is a noun, “person” or “persons”; so Měiguó rén is a noun phrase, literally “American person.” Sometimes, however, it is preferable or necessary to translate expressions of this sort as adjectives or prepositional phrases.

Tā shì Měiguó rén .	他是美国人。	He is an American (noun phrase)
Tā shì Zhōngguó rén.	他是中国人。	He is Chinese (adjective)
Tā shì Shāndōng rén.	他是山东人。	Hi is from Shāndōng. (prepositional phrase)

Although Měiguó rén is translated here as “an American,” in other contexts it may be translated as “the American,” “American,” or “the Americans.” Later you will learn the various ways to indicate in Chinese whether a noun is definite or indefinite, singular or plural.

The syllable *-guó* usually loses its tone in expressions like Měiguó rén. (some speakers drop the tone when the word stands alone: Měiguó.)

Notes on № 4-5

4. A: Nǐ shì Zhōngguó rén ma?
你是中国人吗?
Are you Chinese?
B: Bú shì.
不是。
No.
A: Nǐ shì Měiguó rén ma?
你是美国人吗?
Are you American?
B: Shì.
是。
Yes, I'm.
5. A: Mǎ xiǎojiě shì Měiguó rén ma?
马小姐是美国人吗?
Is Miss Mǎ an American?
B: Bú shì, tā bú shì Měiguó rén.
不是，他不是美国人。
No, she is not an American.
A: Tā shì Zhōngguó rén ma?
她是中国人吗?
Is she Chinese?
B: Shì, tā shì Zhōngguó rén.
是，她是中国人。
Yes, she is Chinese.

The short “yes” answer **shì** is really the verb “am” of the longer, more complete answer. The short “no” answer **bú shì** is really the “am not” of the longer answer.

It is possible to reduce a “no” answer to **bù** (note the Falling tone), but polite usage requires that you follow it up with a more complete answer. Both the short answers **shì** and **bú shì** are commonly followed by complete answers.

Notes on № 6-7

6. A: Nǐ shì nǎiguó rén?
你是哪国人?
What is your nationality?
- B: Wǒ shì Měiguó rén.
我是美国人。
I'm American.
7. A: Tā shì nǎiguó rén?
他是哪国人?
What is his nationality?
- B: Tā shì Yīngguó rén.
他是英国人。
He is English.

Něi- is the question word “which.” It is a bound word—a word which cannot stand alone—not a free word.

něi-	guo	rén
哪	国	人
which	country	person

Notice that the syllable -guó, “country,” in the phrase nǎiguó rén may lose its rising tone.

Notes on № 8-11

8. A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where are you from?
B: Wǒ shì Shànghǎi rén.
我是上海人。
I'm from Shànghǎi.
9. A: Tā shì Fāng Bǎolán de xiānsheng.
他是方宝兰的先生?
He is Fāng Bǎolán's husband.
10. A: Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where is he from?
B: Tā shì Shāndōng rén.
他是山东人。
He's from Shāndōng.
11. A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
你是哪儿的人?
Where are you from?
B: Wǒ shì Jiāzhōu rén.
我是加州人。
I'm Californian.

nǎr is the question word “where.” The syllable **de** is the possessive marker; it functions like the English possessive ending -'s.

nǎr	-de	rén
哪儿	的	人
where	's	person

By reversing the word order, a slightly more idiomatic translation is possible: “a person of where.” The closest English equivalent is “a person from where.” To clarify the role of **-de** in this expression, the tape gives the following example of **-de** functioning like the English possessive ending -'s:

Fāng Bǎolán	-de	xiānsheng
方宝兰	的	先生
Fāng Bǎolán	's	husband

Notes on № 12

12. A: Nǐ shǐ Měiguó rén ma?
你是美国人吗?
Are you an American?
- B: Nǐ shì nǎguó rén?
你是哪国人?
What's your nationality?
- A: Nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
你是哪儿的人?
Where are you from?

Drills

Response Drill

All responses will be affirmative.

1. Tā shì Zhōngguó rén ma?

他是中国人吗？

Is he Chinese?

Tā shì Zhōngguó rén.

他是中国人。

He is Chinese.

2. Tā shì Rìběn rén ma?

他是日本人吗？

Is he Japanese?

Tā shì Rìběn rén.

他是日本人。

He is Japanese.

3. Tā shì Zhōngguó rén ma?

他是中国人吗？

Is he Chinese?

Tā shì Zhōngguó rén.

他是中国人。

He is Chinese.

4. Tā shì Měiguó rén ma?

他是美国人吗？

Is he American?

Tā shì Měiguó rén.

他是美国人。

He is American.

5. Tā shì Déguó rén ma?

他是德国人吗？

Is he German.

Tā shì Déguó rén.

他是德国人。

He is German.

6. Tā shì Jiānádà rén ma?

他是加拿大人吗？

Is he Canadian?

Tā shì Jiānádà rén.

他是加拿大人。

He is Canadian.

7. Tā shì Fàguó rén ma?

他是法国人吗？

Is he French.

Tā shì Fàguó rén.

他是法国人。

He is French.

Response Drill

Answer according to the model.

1. Tā shì Jiānádà rén ma?

他是加拿大人吗？

Is he Canadian?

Cue

Yīngguó

英国

England

Tā bú shì Jiānádà rén. Shì Yīngguó rén.

他不是加拿大人。是英国人。

He's not Canadian. (He) is English.

2. Tā shì Rìběn rén ma?

他是日本人吗？

Is he Japanese?

Cue

Zhōngguó

中国

China

Tā bú shì Rìběn rén. Shì Zhōngguó rén.

他不是日本人。是中国人。

He's not Japanese. (He) is Chinese.

3. Tā shì Yīngguó rén ma?

他是英国人吗？

Is he English?

Cue

Měiguó

美国

America

Tā bú shì Yīngguó rén. Shì Měiguó rén.

他不是英国人。是美国人。

He's not English. (He) is American.

4. Tā shì Měiguó rén ma?

他是美国人吗？

Is he American?

Cue

Jiānádà

加拿大

Canada

Tā bú shì Měiguó rén, Shì Jiānádà rén.

他不是美国人。是加拿大人。

He's not American. (He) is Canadian.

5. Tā shì Èguó rén ma?

他是俄国人吗？

Is he Russian?

Cue

Déguo

德国

Germany

Tā bú shì Èguó rén. Shì Déguó rén.

他不是俄国人。是德国人。

He's not Russian. (He) is German.

6. Tā shì Yuènnán rén ma?

他是越南人吗？

Is he Vietnamese?

Cue

Zhōngguo

中国

China

Tā bú shì Yuènnán rén. Shì Zhōngguo rén.

他不是越南人。是中国人。

He's not Vietnamese. (He) is Chinese.

7. Tā shì Fàguo rén ma?

他是法国人吗？

Is he French?

Cue

Yīngguo

英国
England

Tā bú shì Fàguó rén. Shì Yīngguó rén.

他不是法国人。是英国人。

He's not French. (He) is English.

Response Drill

Answer according to the cue.

1. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Fàguó

法国

France

Tā shì Fàguó rén.

他是法国人。

He is French.

2. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Zhōngguó

中国

China

Tā shì Zhōngguó rén.

他是中国人。

He is Chinese.

3. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Měiguó

美国

America

Tā shì Měiguó rén.

他是美国人。

He is American.

4. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Jiānádà

加拿大

Canada

Tā shì Jiānádà rén.

他是加拿大人。

He is Canadian.

5. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Rìběn

日本

Japan

Tā shì Rìběn rén.

他是日本人。

He is Japanese.

6. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Èguó

俄国

Russia

Tā shì Èguó rén.

他是俄国人。

He is Russian.

7. Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

Cue

Déguó

德国

Germany

Tā shì Déguó rén.

他是德国人。

He is German.

Response Drill

Respond according to the cue.

1. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where is he from?

Cue Běijīng
北京
Běijīng

Tā shì Běijīng rén.
他是北京人。
He is from Běijīng.

2. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where is he from?

Cue Shànghǎi
上海
Shànghǎi

Tā shì Shànghǎi rén.
他是上海人。
He is from Shànghǎi.

3. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人?
Where is he from?

Cue Chángshā
长沙
Chángshā

Tā shì Chángshā rén.
他是长沙人。
He is from Chángshā.

4. Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？
Where is he from?

Cue Táizhōng
台中
Táizhōng

Tā shì Táizhōng rén.
他是台中人。
He is from Táizhōng.

5. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人？
Where is he from?

Cue Táiběi
台北
Táiběi

Tā shì Táiběi rén.
他是台北人。
He is from Táiběi.

6. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人？
Where is he from?

Cue Tiānjīn
天津
Tiānjīn

Tā shì Tiānjīn rén.
他是天津人。
He is from Tiānjīn.

7. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他是哪儿的人？
Where is he from?

Cue Běijīng

北京
Běijīng

Tā shì Běijīng rén.

他是北京人。

He is from Běijīng.

Transformation Drill

Transform the sentence according to the model.

1. Tā shì Běijīng rén.

他是北京人。

He is from Běijīng.

Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？

Where is he from?

2. Tā shì Zhōngguó rén.

他是中国人。

He is from China.

Tā shì nǎiguó rén?

他是哪国人？

Where is he from?

3. Tā shì Jiānádà rén.

他是加拿大人。

He is from Canada.

Tā shì nǎiguó rén?

他是哪国人？

Where is he from?

4. Tā shì Táiběi rén.

他是台北人。

He is from Táiběi.

Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？

Where is he from?

5. Tā shì Shànghǎi rén.

他是上海人。

He is from Shànghǎi.

Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？

Where is he from?

6. Tā shì Yīngguó rén.

他是英国人。

He is from England.

Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

Where is he from?

7. Tā shì Měiguó rén.

他是美国人。

He is from America.

Tā shì nǚguó rén?

他是哪国人？

Where is he from?

8. Tā shì Táizhōng rén.

他是台中人。

He is from Táizhōng.

Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？

Where is he from?

Transformation Drill

Transform the sentence according to the model.

1. Tā shì Lǐ tàitai.

她是李太太。

She is Mrs. Lǐ.

Tā bú shì Lǐ tàitai.

她不是太太。

She is not Mrs. Lǐ.

2. Tā xìng Gāo.

他姓高。

Her surname is Gāo.

Tā bú xìng Gāo.

他不姓高。

Her surname is not Gāo.

3. Tā shì Táiběi rén.

她是台北人。

He is from Táiběi.

Tā bú shì Táiběi rén.

她不是台北人。

Hi is not from Táiběi.

4. Tā xìng Liú.

他姓刘。

Her surname is Liú.

Tā bú xìng Liú.

他不姓刘。

Her surname is not Liú.

5. Tā shì Měiguó rén.

她是美国人。

She is American.

Tā bú shì Měiguó rén.

她不是美国人。
She is not American.

6. Tā shì Jiānádà rén.

她是加拿大人。
She is Canadian.

Tā bú shì Jiānádà rén.
她不是加拿大人。
She is not Canadian.

Transformation Drill

Transform the sentence according to the model.

1. Tā xìng Hú.

他姓胡。

His surname is Hú.

Tā xìng Hú ma?

他姓胡吗？

Is his surname Hú?

2. Tā shì Běijīng rén.

他是北京人。

He is from Běijīng.

Tā shì Běijīng rén ma?

他是北京人吗？

Is he from Běijīng?

3. Tā shì Wáng Dànián.

他是王大年。

He is Wáng Dànián.

Tā shì Wáng Dànián ma?

他是王大年吗？

Is he Wáng Dànián?

4. Tā xìng Lín.

她姓林。

Her surname is Lín.

Tā xìng Lín ma?

她姓林吗？

Is her surname Lín?

5. Tā shì Zhōngguó rén.

她是中国人。

She is Chinese.

Tā shì Zhōngguó rén ma?

她是中国人吗？
Is she Chinese?

Transformation Drill

Ask the question corresponding to the statement.

1. Tā xìng Zhāng.

他姓张。

His surname is Zhāng.

Tā xìng shénme?

他姓什么？

What's his surname?

2. Tā shì Běijīng rén.

他是北京人。

He is from Běijīng.

Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？

Where is he from?

3. Tā shì Wáng Dànián.

他是王大年。

He is Wáng Dànián.

Tā shì shéi?

他是谁？

Who is he?

4. Tā shì Rìběn rén.

他是日本人。

He is Japanese.

Tā shì nǎiguó rén?

他是哪国人？

What is his nationality?

5. Tā shì Shāndōng rén.

他是山东人。

He is from Shāndōng.

Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他是哪儿的人？

Where is he from?

6. Tā shì Chén tóngzhì.

他是陈同志。

He is Comrade Chén.

Tā shì shéi?

他是谁？

Who is he?

Unit 4

Introduction

Topics covered in this unit

1. Location of people and places.
2. Where people's families are from.

Prerequisites to the unit

1. NUM 3 and NUM 4 (Tapes 3 and 4 of the resource module on Numbers.)
2. CE 1, on Classroom Expressions.

Material you will need

1. The C-1 and P-1 tapes, the Reference List and Reference Notes.
2. The C-2 and P-2 tapes , the workbook.
3. The 4D-1 tape.

References

Reference List

1. A: Qǐngwèn, nǐ shì nǎrde rén?
请问，你是哪儿的人？
May I ask, where are you from?
B: Wǒ shì Dézhōu rén.
我是德州人。
I'm from Texas.
2. A: Qǐngwèn, Āndésen fūren shì nǎrde rén?
请请问，安德森夫人是哪儿的人？
May I ask, where is Mrs. Andersen from?
B: Tā yě shì Dézhōu rén.
她也是德州人。
She is from Texas too.
3. A: Tā shì Yīngguó rén ma?
他是英国人吗？
Is she English?
B: Bú shì, tā bú shì Yīngguó rén.
不是，他不是英国人。
No, he is not English.
A: Tā àiren ne?
他爱人呢？
And his wife?
B: Tā yě bú shì Yīngguó rén.
她也并不是英国人。
She isn't English either.
4. A: Qǐngwèn, Qīngdǎo zài nǎr?
请问，青岛在哪儿？
May I ask, where is Qīngdǎo?
B: Qīngdǎo zài Shāndōng.
青岛在山东。
Qīngdǎo is in Shāndōng.
5. A: Qǐngwèn, nǐ lǎojiā zài nǎr?
请问，你老家在哪儿？
May I ask, where is your family from?
B: Wǒ lǎojiā zài Āndàlüè.

- 我老家在安大略。
My family is from Ontario.
- B: **Wǒ lǎojiā zài Shāndōng.**
我老家在山东。
My family is from **Shāndōng.**
6. A: **Chén Shìmín tóngzhì zài nǎr?**
陈世民同志在哪儿?
Where is Comrade **Shìmín**?
- B: **Tā zài nàr.**
他在那儿。
He's there.
7. A: **Qīngdǎo zài nǎr?**
青岛在哪儿?
Where is **Qīngdǎo**?
- B: **Zài zhèr.**
在这儿。
It's here.
8. A: **Nǐ àiren xiànzài zài nǎr?**
你爱人现在在哪儿?
Where is your wife now?
- B: **Wǒ àiren xiànzài zài Jiānádà.**
我爱人现在在加拿大。
My wife is in Canada now.

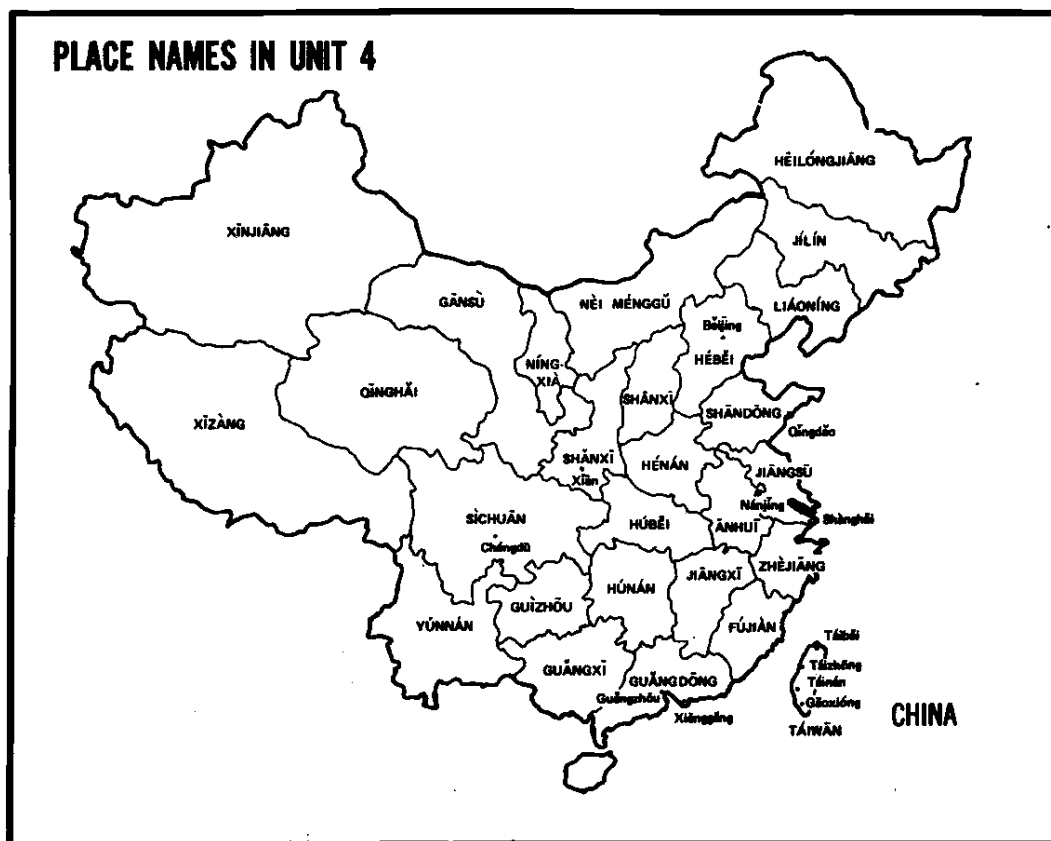
Vocabulary

àiren	爱人	spouse
Āndàlüè	安大略	Ontario
Dézhōu	德州	Texas
fūren	夫人	Lady, Madame, Mrs., wife (of a high ranking person)
Jiānádà	加拿大	Canada
lǎojiā	老家	“original home”
nàr (nèr)	那儿	there
Qīngdǎo	青岛	a city name
Qǐngwèn	请问	May I ask?
xiànzài	现在	now
yě	也	also, too, either
zài	在	to be in/at/one
zhèr	这儿	here

Additional required vocabulary not presented on C-1 and P-1 tapes.

Learn the pronunciation and location of any five cities and five provinces of China on the maps on page 80-81.

Figure 1.3. 0021-FSI-StandardChinese-Module01ORN-StudentText-8.png



Reference Notes

Notes on № 1

1. A: **Qǐngwèn, nǐ shì nǎrde rén?**
请问，你是哪儿的人？
May I ask, where are you from?
- B: **Wǒ shì Dézhōu rén.**
我是德州人。
I'm from Texas.

Qǐngwèn: Literally, **qǐng** means “request,” and **wèn** means “ask (for information).” **Qǐngwèn** is used as English speakers use “excuse me,” to get someone’s attention in order to ask him a question.

Note

Qǐngwèn is NOT the word used for saying “excuse me” when you step on someone’s foot. For that, you say **duìbuqǐ**.

Notes on № 2

2. A: Qǐngwèn, Āndésen fūren shì nǎrde rén?
 请请问，安德森夫人是哪儿的人？
 May I ask, where is Mrs. Andersen from?
- B: Tā yě shì Dézhōu rén.
 她也是德州人。
 She is from Texas too.

Names: In the People's Republic, a foreigner is known by the standard phonetic equivalent of his full name. His given name is followed by his surname, which is followed by the appropriate title, Mr. David Anderson will be called **Dàiwéi Āndésèn xiānsheng**. In Taiwan, there is no set way of giving names to foreigners. Sometimes, as in the PRC, a phonetic equivalent of the full name is used (though there are no standard versions). Sometimes, the equivalent is based entirely on the surname. Mr. Anderson, for instance, might be **Ān Désèn xiānsheng**. The surname may also be translated, as when "King" is translated into **Wáng**. It is also common to base the Chinese surname on the first syllable of the original surname, and the Chinese given name on something else (often the original given name). In Taiwan, **Dàwèi** is a common phonetic equivalent for "David." "Mr. David Anderson," therefore, might be **Ān Dàwèi xiānsheng**.

Here is a chart of some of the Chinese names that might be given to Mr. David Anderson.

PRC

Dàiwéi	Āndésèn	xiānsheng
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TAIWAN

Ān	Désèn	xiānsheng
Ān	Dàwèi	xiānsheng

Titles: In the PRC, a foreign man is addressed as **xiānsheng**, and a married woman as either **fūren** or **tàitai**, depending on her status. The term **fūren** is an especially respectful term used to address the wife of a high-ranking official or businessman. **Fūren** is also used this way on Taiwan.

An unmarried foreign woman in the PRC may be addressed as **xiǎojiě** "Miss." Married or unmarried women may be addressed as **Nǚshì**. or "Ma'am." **Nǚshì** will be introduced in BIO, Unit 1.

The term **tóngzhì**, "Comrade," was originally used only by members of the Communist Party to address other members. It is now the general term of address used by all Chinese adults in the PRC. It should be remembered, though, that **tóngzhì** does carry a distinct political implication. Visitors in the People's Republic, who are not citizens and who do not take part in efforts to realize Communist ideals, will not be addressed as **tóngzhì** and should not feel obliged to address anyone else as such.

Yě is an adverb meaning "also," or "too." It always comes before the verb.

Notes on № 3

3. A: Tā shì Yīngguó rén ma?
他是英国人吗?
Is she English?
- B: Bú shì, tā bú shì Yīngguó rén.
不是, 他不是英国人。
No, he is not English.
- A: Tā àiren ne?
他爱人呢?
And his wife?
- B: Tā yě bú shì Yīngguó rén.
她也不是英国人。
She isn't English either.

Àiren, which originally meant “loved one,” “sweetheart” or “lover,” is used in the PRC for either “husband” or “wife,” i.e., for “spouse.”

The possessive phrase **Tā Àiren**, “his wife” (or, “her husband”), is formed by putting the words for “he” (or “she”) and “spouse” together.

The marker **-de** (which you have seen in **nǎrde rén**) is not needed when the possessive relationship is felt to be very close. (See also the notes on No. 5.)

Yě in a negative sentence is usually translated as “either.” In this case, **bù** comes between **yě** and the verb. Possible English translations for **yě**, in both affirmative and negative sentences, are:

Tā yě shì Yīngguó rén.	她也是英国人。	She is English too. She is also English.
Tā yě bú shì Yīngguó rén.	她也不是英国人。	She is not English either. She is also not English.

Notes on № 4

4. A: Qǐngwèn, Qīngdǎo zài nǎr?
 请问，青岛在哪儿？
 May I ask, where is Qīngdǎo?
- B: Qīngdǎo zài Shāndōng.
 青岛在山东。
 Qīngdǎo is in Shāndōng.

Zài is the verb “to be in/at/on,” that is, “to be somewhere.” Zài involves location, while shì involves identity, “to be someone/something.”

Notes on № 5

5. A: Qǐngwèn, nǐ lǎojiā zài nǎr?
请问，你老家在哪儿？
May I ask, where is your family from?
- B: Wǒ lǎojiā zài Āndàlùè.
我老家在安大略。
My family is from Ontario.
- B: Wǒ lǎojiā zài Shāndōng.
我老家在山东。
My family is from Shāndōng.

Literally, **lǎojiā** is “old home” (“original home,” “ancestral home,” “native place”), that is, the place you and your family are from. When a Chinese asks you about your **lǎojiā**, he probably wants to know about your hometown, the place where you grew up.

When you ask a Chinese about his **lǎojiā** however, he will tell you where his family came from originally. A Chinese whose grandparents came from the province of **Guǎngdōng** will give that as his **lǎojiā**, even if he and his parents have spent all of their lives in **Sichuān**.

Nǐ lǎojiā zài nǎr? (literally “Where is your original home?”) asks for the LOCATION of the town you come from.

The question is answered with **zài** plus the name of the province (or state) that the town is located in: **Wǒ lǎojiā zài Dèzhōu (Āndàlùè, Shāndōng)**. **Nǐ lǎojiā shì nǎr?** (translated into English as “What is your original home?” asks about the IDENTITY of the town you come from. That question is answered with **shì** plus the name of the town (or city): **Wǒ lǎojiā shì Jiùjīnshān (Qǐngdǎo, Shànghǎi)**.

Compare:

Wó lǎojiā zài Guǎngdōng.	我老家在广东。	My original home is in Guǎngdōng .
Wǒ lǎojiā shì Guǎngzhōu.	我老家是广州。	My original home is Guǎngzhōu .

The possessive **nǐ lǎojiā**, like **tā àiren**, does not require a possessive marker. However, if more than one word must be used to indicate the possessor, **-de** is often inserted after the last word: **nǐ àirende lǎojiā**, “your spouse’s original home” or “where your spouse’s family comes from.”

Notes on № 6-8

6. A: Chén Shìmín tóngzhì zài nǎr?
陈世民同志在哪儿?
Where is Comrade Shìmín?
- B: Tā zài nàr.
他在那儿。
He's there.
7. A: Qīngdǎo zài nǎr?
青岛在哪儿?
Where is Qīngdǎo?
- B: Zài zhèr.
在这儿。
It's here.
8. A: Nǐ àiren xiànzài zài nǎr?
你爱人现在在哪儿?
Where is your wife now?
- B: Wǒ àiren xiànzài zài Jiānádà.
我爱人现在在加拿大。
My wife is in Canada now.

You have learned three words for asking and telling about locations.

nǎr	哪儿	where
nàr (nèr)	那儿	there
zhèr	这儿	here

Notice that the question word **nǎr** is in the Low tone, while the answer words **nàr** and **zhèr** are both in the Falling tone. Also notice that the vowel sound in **zhèr** is different from that in **nǎr** and **nàr**. (Some speakers prefer **nèr** to **nàr**.) When you are talking about movable things and people that you presume are not nearby (“nearby,” being approximately within pointing range), you usually ask where they are NOW. The “present time” word may be omitted if the time has been established earlier in the conversation.

Nǐ àiren xiànzài zài nǎr?	你爱人现在在哪儿?	Where is your wife now?
Tā zài Běijīng.	她在北京。	She's in Běijīng (now).

If you ask about someone or something you presume to be nearby (a pair of scissors in a drawer, for instance, or a person in a group across the room), you do not use **xiànzài**.

In English, the words “here” and “there” are used to refer to locations of any size. In Chinese, however, **zhèr** and **nàr** are usually not used for cities, provinces, and countries (with the exception that you may use **zhèr** to refer to the city you are in). Instead, you repeat the name of the place.

Compare these two exchanges in **Beijing**:

Country:	Mǎdīng xiānsheng xiànzài zài Zhōngguó ma?
	Tā xiànzài zài Zhōngguó.
	Is Mr. Martin in China?
	He is here now.
City:	马丁先生现在在中国马？
	他现在在中国。
	Mǎdīng xiānsheng xiànzài zài Shànghǎi ma?
	Tā bú zài Shànghǎi; tā zài zhèr.
City:	Is Mr. Martin in Shànghǎi ?
	He is not there; he is here.
	马丁先生现在在上海马？
	他不在上海；他在这儿。

Jiānádà “Canada”: Although the middle syllable of this word is marked with the Rising tone, at a normal rate of speech you will probably hear **Jiānādà**.

Drills

Response Drill

Respond to the question “Where is He/she from?” according to the cue.

1. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他/她是哪儿的人?
Where is he/she from?

Cue Húnán
湖南
Húnán

Tā shì Húnán rén.
他/她是湖南人。
He/She is from Húnán.

2. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他/她是哪儿的人?
Where is he/she from?

Cue Shāndōng
山东
Shāndōng

Tā shì Shāndōng rén.
他/她是山东人。
He/She is from Shāndōng.

3. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他/她是哪儿的人?
Where is he/she from?

Cue Héběi
河北
Héběi

Tā shì Héběi rén.

他/她是河北人。
He/She is from Héběi.

4. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他/她是哪儿的人?
Where is he/she from?

Cue Jiāngsū
江苏
Jiāngsū

Tā shì Jiāngsū rén.
他/她是江苏人。
He/She is from Jiāngsū.

5. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他/她是哪儿的人?
Where is he/she from?

Cue Guǎngdōng
广东
Guǎngdōng

Tā shì Guǎngdōng rén.
他/她是广东人。
He/She is from Guǎngdōng.

6. Tā shì nǎrde rén?
他/她是哪儿的人?
Where is he/she from?

Cue Húběi
湖北
Húběi

Tā shì Húběi rén.
他/她是湖北人。
He/She is from Húběi.

7. Tā shì nǎrde rén?

他/她是哪儿的人？

Where is he/she from?

Cue

Sìchuān

四川

Sìchuān

Tā shì Sìchuān rén.

他/她是四川人。

He/She is from Sìchuān.

Transformation Drill

Ask the appropriate “where” question, as in the example.

1. Zhāng tóngzhì fūren shì Běijīng rén.

张同志夫人是北京人。

Comrade Zhāng’s wife is from Běijīng.

Qǐngwèn, Zhāng fūren shì nǎrde rén?

请问张夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. Zhāng from?

2. Huáng tóngzhì fūren shì Shànghǎi rén.

黄同志夫人是上海人。

Comrade Huáng’s wife is from Shànghǎi.

Qǐngwèn, Huáng fūren shì nǎrde rén?

请问黄夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. Huáng from?

3. Wáng tóngzhì fūren shì Nánjīng rén.

王同志夫人是南京人。

Comrade Wáng’s wife is from Nánjīng.

Qǐngwèn, Wáng fūren shì nǎrde rén?

请问王夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. Wáng from?

4. Lǐ tóngzhì fūren shì Guǎngzhōu rén.

李同志夫人是广州人。

Comrade Lǐ’s wife is from Guǎngzhōu.

Qǐngwèn, Lǐ fūren shì nǎrde rén?

请问李夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. Lǐ from?

5. Zhào tóngzhì fūren shì Xiānggǎng rén.

赵同志夫人是香港人。

Comrade Zhào’s wife is from Hong Kong.

Qǐngwèn, Zhào fūren shì nǎrde rén?

请问赵夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. **Zhào** from?

6. **Máo tóngzhì fūren shi Qīngdǎo rén.**

毛同志夫人是青岛人。

Comrade **Máo**'s wife is from **Qīngdǎo**.

Qǐngwèn, Máo fūren shi nǎrde rén?

请问毛夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. **Máo** from?

7. **Chén tóngzhì fūren shi Běijīng rén.**

陈同志夫人是北京人。

Comrade **Chén**'s wife is from **Běijīng**.

Qǐngwèn, Chén fūren shi nǎrde rén?

请问陈夫人是哪儿的人？

May I ask, where is Mrs. **Chén** from?

Transformation Drill

Change affirmative statements to negative statements.

1. Tā shì Héběi rén.

他/她是河北人。

He/She is from Héběi.

Tā bú shì Héběi rén.

他/她不是河北人。

He/She is not from Héběi.

2. Tā shì Shāndōng rén.

他/她是山东人。

He/She is from Shāndōng.

Tā bú shì Shāndōng rén.

他/她不是山东人。

He/She is not from Shāndōng.

3. Tā shì Jiāngsū rén.

他/她是江苏人。

He/She is from Jiāngsū.

Tā bú shì Jiāngsū rén.

他/她不是江苏人。

He/She is not from Jiāngsū.

4. Tā shì Fújiàn rén.

他/她是福建人。

He/She is from Fújiàn.

Tā bú shì Fújiàn rén.

他/她不是福建人。

He/She is not from Fújiàn.

5. Tā shì Zhèjiāng rén.

他/她是浙江人。

He/She is from Zhèjiāng.

Tā bú shì Zhèjiāng rén.

他/她不是浙江人。

He/She is not from Zhèjiāng.

6. Tā shì Húnán rén.

他/她是湖南人。

He/She is from Húnán.

Tā bú shì Húnán rén.

他/她不是湖南人。

He/She is not from Húnán.

7. Tā shì Sìchuān rén.

他/她是四川人。

He/She is from Sìchuān.

Tā bú shì Sìchuān rén.

他/她不是四川人。

He/She is not from Sìchuān.

Transformation Drill

Add **yě** to the statement.

1. Tā shì Héběi rén.

他/她是河北人。

He/She is from Héběi.

Tā yě shì Héběi rén.

他/她也是河北人。

He/She is from Héběi too.

2. Tā shì Zhèjiāng rén.

他/她是浙江人。

He/She is from Zhèjiāng.

Tā yě shì Zhèjiāng rén.

他/她也是浙江人。

He/She is from Zhèjiāng too.

3. Tā shì Fújiàn rén.

他/她是福建人。

He/She is from Fújiàn.

Tā yě shì Fújiàn rén.

他/她也是福建人。

He/She is from Fújiàn too.

4. Tā shì Húnán rén.

他/她是湖南人。

He/She is from Húnán.

Tā yě shì Húnán rén.

他/她也是湖南人。

He/She is from Húnán too.

5. Tā shì Jiāngsū rén.

他/她是江苏人。

He/She is from Jiāngsū.

Tā yě shì Jiāngsū rén.

他/她也是江苏人。

He/She is from Jiāngsū too.

6. Tā shì Shāndōng rén.

他/她是山东人。

He/She is from Shāndōng.

Tā yě shì Shāndōng rén.

他/她也是山东人。

He/She is from Shāndōng too.

7. Tā shì Hénán rén.

他/她是河南人。

He/She is from Hénán.

Tā yě shì Hénán rén.

他/她也是河南人。

He/She is from Hénán too.

Transformation Drill

Add **yě** to the statement.

1. Zhào xiānsheng bú shì Táiwān rén.

赵先生不是台湾人。

Mr. Zhào isn't from Táiwān.

Zhào xiānsheng yě bú shì Táiwān rén.

赵先生也不是台湾人。

Mr. Zhào isn't from Táiwān either.

2. Lǐ xiānsheng bú shì Táiběi rén.

李先生不是台北人。

Mr. Lǐ isn't from Táiběi.

Lǐ xiānsheng yě bú shì Táiběi rén.

李先生也不是台北人。

Mr. Lǐ isn't from Táiběi either.

3. Wáng xiānsheng bú shì Táizhōng rén.

王先生不是台中人。

Mr. Wáng isn't from Táizhōng.

Wáng xiānsheng yě bú shì Táizhōng rén.

王先生也不是台中人。

Mr. Wáng isn't from Táizhōng either.

4. Huáng xiānsheng bú shì Táinán rén.

黄先生不是台南人。

Mr. Huáng isn't from Táinán.

Huáng xiānsheng yě bú shì Táinán rén.

黄先生也不是台南人。

Mr. Huáng isn't from Táinán either.

5. Liú xiānsheng bú shì Táidōng rén.

刘先生不是台东人。

Mr. Liú isn't from Táidōng.

Liú xiānsheng yě bú shì Táidōng rén.

刘先生也不是台东人。

Mr. **Liú** isn't from **Táidōng** either.

6. **Hú xiānsheng bú shì Jīlóng rén.**

胡先生不是基隆人。

Mr. **Hú** isn't from **Jīlóng**.

Hú xiānsheng yě bú shì Jīlóng rén.

胡先生也不是基隆人。

Mr. **Hú** isn't from **Jīlóng** either.

7. **Chén xiānsheng bú shì Gāoxióng rén.**Mr.

陈先生不是高雄人。

Mr. **Chén** isn't from **Gāoxióng**.

Chén xiānsheng yě bú shì Gāoxióng rén.

陈先生也不是高雄人。

Mr. **Chén** isn't from **Gāoxióng** either.

Response drill

Give a negative answer to the questions..

1. Mǎ tóngzhì shì Běijīng rén ma?

马同志是北京人吗？

Is Comrade Mǎ from Běijīng?

Tā bú shì Běijīng rén.

他/她不是北京人。

He/She isn't from Běijīng.

2. Tā àiren ne?

他/她爱人呢？

And his/her spouse?

Tā àiren yě bú shì Běijīng rén.

他/她爱人也不是北京人。

He/She isn't from Běijīng either.

3. Zhāng tóngzhì shì Shànghǎi rén ma?

张同志是上海人吗？

Is Comrade Zhāng from Shànghǎi?

Tā bú shì Shànghǎi rén.

他/她不是上海人。

He/She isn't from Shànghǎi.

4. Tā àiren ne?

他/她爱人呢？

And his/her spouse?

Tā yě bú shì Shànghǎi rén.

他/她也不是上海人。

He/She isn't from Shànghǎi either.

5. Jiāng tóngzhì shì Nánjīng rén ma?

蒋同志是南京人吗？

Is Comrade Jiāng from Nánjīng?

Tā bú shì Nánjīng rén.

他/她不是南京。
He/She isn't from Nánjīng.

6. Tā àiren ne?
他/她爱人呢?
And his/her spouse?

Tā yě bú shì Nánjīng rén.
他/她也不是南京人。
He/She isn't from Nánjīng either.

7. Chén tóngzhì shì Guǎngzhōu rén ma?
陈同志是广州人吗?
Is Comrade Chén from Guǎngzhōu?

Tā bú shì Guǎngzhōu rén.
他/她不是广州人。
He/She isn't from Guǎngzhōu.

8. Tā àiren ne?
他/她爱人呢?
And his/her spouse?

Tā yě bú shì Guǎngzhōu rén.
他/她也不是广州人。
He/She isn't from Guǎngzhōu either.

9. Sūn tóngzhì shì Chéngdū rén ma?
孙同志是成都人吗?
Is Comrade Sūn from Chéngdū?

Tā bù shì Chéngdū rén.
他/她不是成都人。
He/She isn't from Chéngdū.

10. Tā àiren ne?
他/她爱人呢?
And his/her spouse?

Tā yě bú shì Chéngdū rén.

他/她也不是成都人。

He/She isn't from Chéngdū either.

11. Máo tóngzhì shì Qīngdǎo rén ma?

毛同志是青岛人吗？

Is Comrade Máo from Qīngdǎo?

Tā bú shì Qīngdǎo rén.

他/她不是青岛人。

He/She isn't from Qīngdǎo.

12. Tā àiren ne?

他/她爱人呢？

And his/her spouse?

Tā yě bú shì Qīngdǎo rén.

他/她也不是青岛人。

He/She isn't from Qīngdǎo either.

13. Yáng tóngzhì shì Běijīng rén ma?

杨同志是北京人吗？

Is Comrade Yáng from Běijīng?

Tā bú shì Běijīng rén.

他/她不是北京人。

He/She isn't from Běijīng.

14. Tā àiren ne?

他/她爱人呢？

And his/her spouse?

Tā yě bú shì Běijīng rén.

他/她也不是北京人。

He/She isn't from Běijīng either.

Response Drill

Respond according to the cue.

1. Qǐngwèn, Qīngdǎo zài nǎr?
请问青岛在哪儿？
May I ask, where is Qīngdǎo?

Cue Shāndōng
山东
Shāndōng

Qīngdǎo zài Shāndōng.
青岛在山东。
Qīngdǎo is in Shāndōng.

2. Qǐngwèn, Nánjīng zài nǎr?
请问南京在哪儿？
May I ask, where is Nánjīng?

Cue Jiāngsū
江苏
Jiāngsū

Nánjīng zài Jiāngsū.
南京在江苏。
Nánjīng is in Jiāngsū.

3. Qǐngwèn, Guǎngzhōu zài nǎr?
请问广州在哪儿？
May I ask, where is Guǎngzhōu?

Cue Guǎngdōng
广东
Guǎngdōng

Guǎngzhōu zài Guǎngdōng.
广州在广东。
Guǎngzhōu is in Guǎngdōng.

4. Qǐngwèn, Shànghǎi zài nǎr?

请问上海在哪儿？

May I ask, where is Shànghǎi?

Cue

Jiāngsū

江苏

Jiāngsū

Shànghǎi zài Jiāngsū.

上海在江苏。

Shànghǎi is in Jiāngsū.

5. Qǐngwèn, Běijīng zài nǎr?

请问北京在哪儿？

May I ask, where is Běijīng?

Cue

Héběi

河北

Héběi

Běijīng zài Héběi.

北京在河北。

Běijīng is in Héběi.

6. Qǐngwèn, Qīngdǎo zài nǎr?

请问青岛在哪儿？

May I ask, where is Qīngdǎo?

Cue

Shāndōng

山东

Shāndōng

Qīngdǎo zài Shāndōng.

青岛在山东。

Qīngdǎo is in Shāndōng.

7. Qǐngwèn, Shànghǎi zài nǎr?

请问上海在哪儿？

May I ask, where is Shànghǎi.

Cue

Jiāngsū

江苏
Jiāngsū

Shànghǎi zài Jiāngsū.

上海在江苏。

Shànghǎi is in Jiāngsū.

Transformation Drill

Transform the statement according to the model.

1. Lín tóngzhì shì Húběi rén.

林同志是河北人。

Comrade Lín is from Húběi.

Lín tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Húběi.

林同志的老家在河北。

Comrade Lín's family is from Húběi.

2. Wáng tóngzhì shì Shānxī rén.

王同志是山西人。

Comrade Wáng is from Shānxī.

Wáng tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Shānxī.

王同志的老家在山西。

Comrade Wáng's family is from Shānxī.

3. Huáng tóngzhì shì Shǎnxī rén.

黄同志是陕西人。

Comrade Huáng is from Shǎnxī.

Huáng tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Shǎnxī.

黄同志的老家在陕西。

Comrade Huáng's family is from Shǎnxī.

4. Gāo tóngzhì shì Fújiàn rén.

高同志是福建人。

Comrade Gāo is from Fújiàn.

Gāo tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Fújiàn.

高同志的老家在福建。

Comrade Gāo's family is from Fújiàn.

5. Lǐ tóngzhì shì Sìchuān rén.

李同志是四川人。

Comrade Lǐ is from Sìchuān.

Lǐ tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Sìchuān.

李同志的老家在四川。

Comrade **Lǐ**'s family is from **Sìchuān**.

6. **Zhōu tóngzhì shì Zhèjiāng rén.**

周同志是浙江人。

Comrade **Zhōu** is from **Zhèjiāng**.

Zhōu tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Zhèjiāng.

周同志的老家在浙江。

Comrade **Zhōu**'s family is from **Zhèjiāng**.

7. **Máo tóngzhì shì Húnán rén.**

毛同志是湖南人。

Comrade **Máo** is from **Húnán**.

Máo tóngzhì de lǎojiā zài Húnán.

毛同志的老家在湖南。

Comrade **Máo**'s family is from **Húnán**.

Response Drill

Respond according to the cue.

1. Tā àiren zài nǎ?
他/她爱人在哪儿?
Where is his/her spouse?

Cue Měiguó
美国
America

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Měiguó.
他/她爱人现在在美国。
His/Her spouse is in America now.

2. Tā àiren zài nǎ?
他/她爱人在哪儿?
Where is his/her spouse?

Cue Jiānádà
加拿大
Canada

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Jiānádà.
他/她爱人现在在加拿大。
His/Her spouse is in Canada now.

3. Tā àiren zài nǎ?
他/她爱人在哪儿?
Where is his/her spouse?

Cue Yīngguó
英国
England

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Yīngguó.
他/她爱人现在在英国。
His/Her spouse is in England now.

4. Tā àiren zài nǎ?

他/她爱人在哪儿？

Where is his/her spouse?

Cue

Déguo

德国

Germany

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Déguó.

他/她爱人现在在德国。

His/Her spouse is in Germany now.

5.

Tā àiren zài nǎr?

他/她爱人在哪儿？

Where is his/her spouse?

Cue

Měiguó

美国

America

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Měiguó.

他/她爱人现在在美国。

His/Her spouse is in America now.

6.

Tā àiren zài nǎr?

他/她爱人在哪儿？

Where is his/her spouse?

Cue

Fàguó

法国

France

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Fàguó.

他/她爱人现在在法国。

His/Her spouse is in France now.

7.

Tā àiren zài nǎr?

他/她爱人在哪儿？

Where is his/her spouse?

Cue

Èguo

俄国
Russia

Tā àiren xiànzài zài Èguó.

他/她爱人现在在俄国。

His/Her spouse is in Russia now.

Criterion Test

The purpose of the Criterion Test at the end of each module is to show you not only how much of the material you have learned, but also what points you need to work on before beginning to study another module.

Since the primary goal of ORN is to introduce the sound system of Standard Chinese, this test focuses on your ability to discriminate and produce tones, vowels, and consonants. Additionally, there are sections which test your ability to comprehend and produce numbers from 1 through 99 and the material in the ORN Target Lists.

Your knowledge of personal names and titles and the romanization system is also tested. Read the Objectives at the beginning of the module for a description of exactly what the test covers.

Note: Although the entire sound system is introduced in the Pronunciation and Romanization Module, you will be tested here only on those sounds which occur in the Target Sentences. Other sounds will be included in Criterion Tests for later modules.

Following is a sample of the Criterion Test for this module. Each section of the test, with directions and a sample question, is represented here so that you may know exactly what is expected of you after studying the ORN Module.

Minimum scores are suggested for each section of the test. Achieving these scores means that you are adequately prepared for the next module. If you fall below the minimum criterion on any section, you should review relevant study materials.

You will use a tape to complete Part I of the test. Part II is written, and you will complete Part III with your instructor. Part IV of the test (Diagnostics) indicates the passing score for each section and review materials for each section.

Part I

1. This section tests your ability to distinguish the four tones. In your test booklet you will see two syllables after each letter. The speaker will pronounce both syllables, and then say one of them again. You are to decide which syllable was repeated, and circle the appropriate one to indicate your choice. The syllables may occur in any of the four tones, regardless of which tone was used previously in the module. The same syllable may occur more than once in this section.

For example, the speaker might say: fēi ... fěi and then repeat fēi

a. fēi fěi

2. This section tests your ability to recognize the four tones in isolated syllables. The speaker will pronounce a syllable twice; you add to the written syllable the tone that you hear. Again, the syllables may occur in any of the four tones, regardless of which tone was used previously in the module.

For example, the speaker might say: fěi...fěi

a. fei → fěi

3. This section tests your ability to recognize the four tones in two-syllable combinations. The speaker pronounces each two-syllable item twice and then pauses a moment for you to mark tones on the written syllables. For the first ten items, one of the two tones is already marked. For the last ten items, you must fill in both tones.

For example: the speaker might say: cháběi...cháběi

a. chabei → cháběi

4. In this section, you are tested on syllables which differ minimally in sound. The speaker will pronounce each syllable in an item once; then he will pronounce one of the syllables again. Decide which of the syllables was repeated, and indicate your choice by circling that written syllable in your test booklet. The syllables in this test do not necessarily correspond in every way to syllables in the Target Lists. They may vary in tone, for example.

For example, the speaker might say: fàn...fàng and then repeat fàng.

a. fàn fàng

5. In this section, you complete the romanization for the syllables that you hear. As the speaker says a syllable, write the appropriate vowel or consonant letter(s) in the blank. This tests your ability to recognize the sounds of a syllable and to use the romanization system correctly. The speaker will say each syllable twice.

For example, the speaker might say: pàng...pàng then you would write:

a. pàng

6. This section tests your ability to understand the numbers 1 through 99 in Chinese. For each item, the speaker will say a number, and you write down the numerals for that number.

For example, you might hear: shí-sān

a. 13

7. This section tests your ability to understand questions and answers about where someone is from and where he is now. Listen to a conversation between Mr. Johnson and Comrade Zhào, who have just met. You will hear the conversation three times. The third time you hear it, a pause will follow each line. You may use these pauses to fill in the boxes in your booklet with appropriate information. (You do not have to wait for the second repetition of the conversation to fill in the answers, of course.)

For example: [You will hear a conversation similar to conversations you heard on the C-2 tapes in this module.]

	Home State or Province	Present Location
Comrade Zhào		
Mr. Johnson (Yuēhànsūn)		
Comrade Zhào's husband		
Mrs. Johnson		

8. This section tests your ability to comprehend Chinese utterances by asking you for the English equivalents. For each item, the speaker will say a sentence from the Target List twice. You indicate your understanding of the sentence by circling the letter of the English sentence which most closely matches the meaning of the Chinese sentence.

For example, you might hear: *nǐ shì shéi?...nǐ shì shéi?*

- a. Who is she?
- b. Who is he?
- c. Who are you?

Part II

1. This section tests your general understanding of the Chinese system of personal names and titles. Read the family histories in your test booklet, and answer the questions.

For example,

Yáng Tíngfēng is the Chinese name used by an American, Timothy Young, now that he is living in Taipei. His Chinese surname is:

- a. *Yáng*
- b. *Tíngféng*
- c. *Yáng Tíngféng*

Part III

1. This section tests your ability to pronounce the four tones. Simple sound combinations have been chosen so that special attention may be given to tone production. For each item, choose one syllable and read it aloud. As you do so, put a circle around the one you choose. The instructor will note the syllable he hears. Be sure to choose a fair sampling of all four tones, and select them in random order.

For example, you might say: *má*

a. mā má mǎ mà

2. This section tests your ability to pronounce Chinese sounds from the Target Lists, as well as your ability to read romanization. For each item, choose one syllable and read it aloud. As you do so, put a circle around the one you choose. The instructor will note the syllable he hears. Be sure to choose syllables from each column as you go through this section of the test.

For example, you might say: nín

a. nín...níng

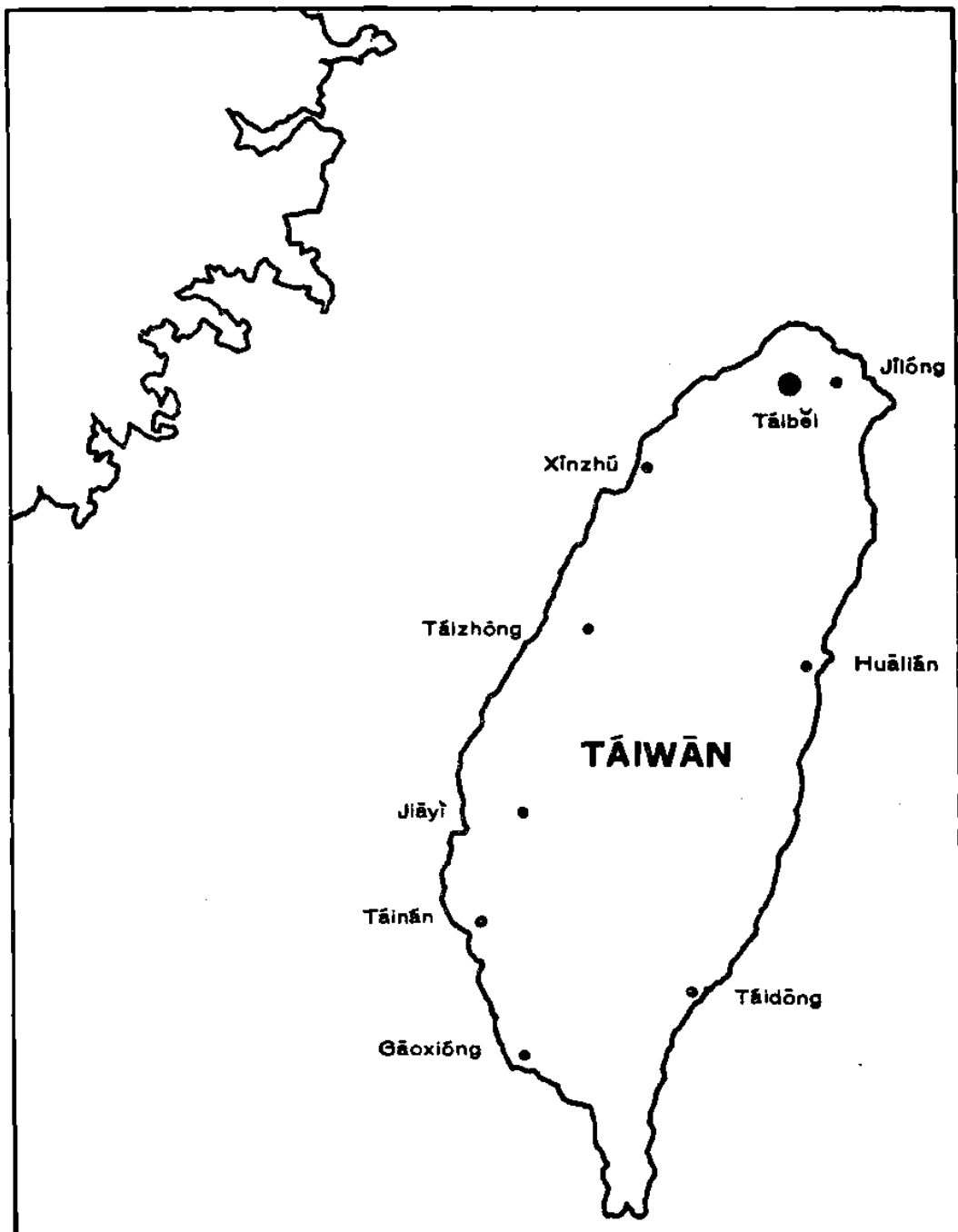
3. This section tests your ability to locate and name main cities and provinces in China. Using the map in your booklet, point out to your instructor five cities and five provinces and name them. Pronunciation is of secondary importance here.
4. This section tests your ability to produce sentences in Chinese. Your instructor will say an English sentence from the Target Lists, and you translate it into Chinese. Your Chinese sentence must “be correct,” both in grammar and in content.
5. This section tests your ability to make conversational use of the material covered in this module. Although limited in scope, this conversation between you and your instructor represents a situation which you are likely to encounter in the real world. As in any conversation, you are free to ask for a repetition or rephrasing of a sentence, or you may volunteer information on the subject. It is not so much the correctness of your pronunciation and grammar that is being tested as it is your ability to communicate effectively.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Map of China



Appendix 2: Map of Taiwan



Appendix 3: Countries and Regions

Appendix 4: American States

Alabama	阿拉巴马	Ālābāmǎ
Alaska	阿拉斯加	Ālāsījiā
Arizona	亚利桑那	Yàlīsāngnà
Arkansas	阿肯色	Ākěnsè, Akānsàsī
California	加州, 加利福尼亚	Jiāzhōu, Jiālǐfóniyà
Colorado	科罗拉多	Kēluólādūō
Connecticut	康涅狄格, 康乃狄克	Kāngnièdígé, Kāngnǎidígé
Delaware	特拉华	Tèlāhuá, Délāwēi (ěr)
Florida	佛罗里达	Fóluólídá
Georgia	乔治亚, 佐治亚	Qióozhìyà, Zuǒzhìyà
Hawaii	夏威夷	Xiàwēiyí
Idaho	爱达荷	Àidáhé
Illinois	伊利诺	Yīlìnuò (sī)
Indiana	印第安纳	Yīndiànnà
Iowa	爱奥华	Yīāhuá, Àiāhuá
Kansas	堪萨斯	Kānsàsī
Kentucky	肯塔基	Kěntǎjī
Louisiana	路易斯安那	Lùyìsīānnà
Maine	缅因	Miǎnyīn
Maryland	马里兰	Mǎlǐlán
Massachusetts	马萨诸塞	Mǎsāzhūsài, Mǎshěng
Michigan	密歇根,	Mìxiēgēn, Mìzhīān
Minnesota	明尼苏达	Míngní-sūdǎ
Mississippi	密西西比	Mìxīxībǐ
Missouri	密苏里	Mìsūlǐ
Montana	蒙大纳	Méngdà-nà
Nebraska	内布拉斯加	Nèibùlāsījiā
Nevada	内华达	Nèihuádá
New Hampshire	新罕布什尔	Xīn Hānbùshí'ěr, Xīn Hǎn-bùxià
New Jersey	新泽西	Xīn Zéxī
New Mexico	新墨西哥	Xīn Mòxīgē

New York	纽约	Niǔyuē
North Carolina	北卡罗来纳	Běi Kǎluóláinà, Běi Kǎluólínnà
North Dakota	北达科他	Běi Dákētā, Běi Dákēdá
Ohio	俄亥俄	Éhàié
Oklahoma	俄克拉荷马	Ékèlāhémǎ, Ākèlāhémǎ
Oregon	俄勒冈	Élègāng
Pennsylvania	宾州, 宾夕法尼亚, 宾西法尼亚	Bīnxhōu, Bīnxīfǎníyà, Bīnxīfǎnníyà
Rhode Island	罗得岛	Luódé Dǎo, Luódédàilán
South Carolina	南卡罗来纳	Nán Kǎluóláinà, Nán Kǎluólínnà
South Dakota	南达科他	Nán Dákētā
Tennessee	田纳西	Tiánnàxī
Texas	得克萨斯	Dézhōu, Dékèsàsī
Utah	犹他	Yóutā, Yōuta
Vermont	佛蒙特	Wēiméngtè, Fóméngtè
Virginia	维吉尼亚, 弗吉尼亚	Wēijīníyà, Fójīníyà
Washington	华盛顿	Huáshèngdùn
West Virginia	西弗吉尼亚	Xī Fójīníyà
Wisconsin	威斯康星	Wēisīkāngxīn(g)
Wyoming	怀俄明	Huáiyémíng

Appendix 5: Canadian Provinces

Alberta	阿尔伯塔, 艾伯塔	(Yǎbódá) Ā'ěrbótǎ, Àibótǎ
British Columbia	英属哥伦比亚	Yīngshǔ Gēlúnbǐyà
Manitoba	马尼托巴	Mǎnnítuōbā
New Brunswick	新不伦瑞克	Xīn Bùlúnzīwéikè
Newfoundland	纽芬兰与拉布拉多	Niǔfēnlándǎo
Northwest Territories	西北领地	Xīběilíngdì
Nova Scotia	新斯科舍	Xīn Sīkèshè
Ontario	安大略省	Āndàlüè
Prince Edward Island	爱德华岛	Àidéhuádǎo
Quebec	魁北克	Kuíběikè
Saskatchewan	萨克其万, 萨斯喀彻温	Sàkèqíwàn, Sàsīkāchèwēn
Yukon	育空	Yùkōng

Appendix 6: Common Chinese Names

Note

Wikipedia has a nice page about Chinese names, more complete than this short list. Take a look here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_common_Chinese_surnames#Mainland_China,_Hong_Kong,_Macau,_and_Taiwan

Surnames					
Huáng	黄	Zhōu	周	Liú	刘
Wáng	王	Jiāng	江	Chén	陈
Zhāng	张	Jiǎng	蒋	Yáng	杨
Lǐ	李	Gāo	高	Sīmǎ	司马
Zhào	赵	Lín	林	Oūyáng	欧阳
Máo	毛	Sūn	孙	Hú	胡
Táng	唐	Sòng	宋	Wú	吴
Mǎ	马	Fāng	方	Liáng	梁
Qián	钱	Zēng	曾	Hé	何

Given names (male)					
Dá lǐ	达礼	Yǒng píng	永平	Shào wén	绍文
Míng lǐ	明理	Zì qiáng	自强	Shì yīng	世英
Dà nián	大年	Jié	杰	Tíng fēng	廷峰
Shì mín	世民	Zhī yuǎn	知远	Chéng	诚
Huá	华	Guó quán	国权	Zhèn hàn	振汉
Dé xián	德贤				

Given names (female)					
Juān	娟	Huì wén	蕙文	Mín zhēn	敏贞
Lì róng	丽容	Dé fēn	德芬	Huì rán	蕙然
Wǎn rú	婉如	Lù	露	Bīng yíng	冰莹
Xiù fēng	秀风	Yù zhēn	玉珍	Zǐ yàn	紫燕
Qiǎo yún	巧云	Měi lì	美丽		

Appendix 7: Chinese Provinces

Pinyin spelling	Chinese spelling	Map spelling
Ānhuī	安徽	Anhwei
Fújiàn	福建	Fukien
Gānsù	甘肃	Kansu
Guǎngdōng	广东	Kvangtung
Guànzhōu	官洲岛	Kvangsi
Guǐzhōu	贵州	Kveìchou
Hébuǐ/Héběi	河北	Hopeh
Hēilóngjiāng	黑龙江	Heilungkiang
Hénán	河南	Honan
Húběi	湖北	Hupeh
Húnán	湖南	Hunan
Jiāngsū	江苏	Kiangsu
Jiāngxī	江西	Kiangsi
Jílín	吉林	Kirin
Liáoníng	辽宁	Liaoning
Nèiměnggǔ	内蒙古	Inner Mongolia
Níngxià	宁夏	Ninghai
Qīnghǎi	青海	Tsinghai
Shāndōng	山东	Shantung
Shānxī	山西	Shansi
Shǎnxī	陕西	Shensi
Sìchuān	四川	Szechuan
Táiwān	台湾	Taiwan
Xīnjiāng	新疆	Xinjiang
Xīzàng	西藏	Tibet
Yúnnán	云南	Yunnan
Zhèjiāng	浙江	Chekiang

Appendix 8: Chinese Cities

Pinyin spelling	Chinese spelling	Map spelling
Běijīng	北京	Peking
Chángshā	长沙	Ch'ang-sha
Chéngdū	成都	Ch'eng-tu
Dàtóng	大同	Ta-t'ung
Gāoxióng	高雄	Kao-hsiung
Guǎngzhōu	广州	Canton
Hángzhōu	杭州	Hang-chou
Hánkǒu	汉口	Han-k'ou
Hǎinán	海南	Huai-nan
Jīlóng	基隆	Chi-lung
Kāifēng	开封	K'ai-feng
Nánchāng	南昌	Nan-ch'ang
Nánjīng	南京	Nanking
Qīngdǎo	青岛	Tsingtao
Shànghǎi	上海	Shanghai
Táiběi	台北	Taipei
Táidōng	台东	T'ai-tung
Táinán	台南	T'ai-nan
Táizhōng	台中	T'ai-chung
Tiānjīn	天津	Tientsin
Wúchāng	武昌	Wu-ch'ang
Wǔhàn	武汉	Wu-han
Xiān	西安	Sian