

The Chinese language is simple to learn, really! In this first episode, Yao explains in details why it is so.

Yao used this example to explain that why you don't have to worry about conjugation of the verb in Chinese:

Diànshì	TV
Kàn	Watch
Zuótiān	yesterday

Zuótiān, wǒ kàn diànshì.  
I watched TV yesterday.

### VOCABULARY:

zhuōzi	desk, table
yǐzi	chair
bǐ	pen, pens
diànnǎo	computer
nǐhǎo	hello, hi
wǒ	I, me
shì	to be
zhè	this, it

### SENTENCES:

1. Zhè shì zhuōzi.  
This is a table.

2. Zhè shì yǐzi.  
This is a chair.

3. Zhè shì diànnǎo.  
This is a computer.

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Have fun learning Chinese!

4. Zhè shì bǐ.  
This is a pen.

5. Wǒ shì Yǎo.  
I am Yao.

6. Nǐ shì Kevan.  
You are Kevan.

**NOTE:**

The sound may sound very foreign to you. No wonder, it's a foreign language for you! The script you see here is called Pinyin- the phonetical transliteration system of the Chinese characters. The small caps on top of the vowels are called Chinese tones. At this stage you don't need to dig any further into more details of Pinyin, since we will bring it up gradually in the future sessions.

**TAKE MY ADVICE:**

1. Forget about any stereotypes you heard about the Chinese language. People may told you it's such a hard language that you can't learn it, I guarantee you 99% of these men knew nothing about this language and simply regurgitated to you what their friends had told them, the rest is trying to discourage you with their own bad experience and failure.

2. Don't bother yourself with the grammar yet, don't be obsessed with these foreign sounds you hear, don't worry about tones now. For time being, I just want you to mechanically reproduce what you hear in the recording, mimic easy syllables as closely as you can.

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