



Alpaca Course Guide – YCT

Textbooks, Curriculum, Syllabus and Tests		
Who should take	<p>The YCT Chinese course is designed for young learners aged 15 and under who are looking to achieve a solid foundation in Mandarin Chinese. It's particularly suitable for children and teenagers interested in gaining early language proficiency and preparing for future language studies or travel experiences in Chinese-speaking regions. This course is also beneficial for beginners seeking an engaging and effective way to start their Chinese language journey.</p>	
Curriculum Overview	<p>The YCT Chinese course follows the framework of the Youth Chinese Test (YCT), which is divided into four levels: YCT Level 1 to YCT Level 4. Each level progressively builds on basic language skills, focusing on practical vocabulary and everyday communication. The curriculum includes interactive lessons, fun activities, and regular assessments to track progress and ensure comprehensive learning.</p>	
Learning Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listening: Develop basic listening skills through simple audio clips, dialogues, and songs. Practice identifying key information and following instructions. 2. Speaking: Enhance speaking abilities through conversational practice, role-plays, and interactive games. Focus on pronunciation, fluency, and using appropriate vocabulary. 3. Reading: Build reading skills by analyzing short texts, such as stories, dialogues, and simple articles. Learn to understand context, identify main ideas, and answer comprehension questions. 4. Writing: Improve writing skills by composing simple sentences, short paragraphs, and basic essays. Practice using correct grammar and vocabulary in written communication. 5. Cultural Studies: Gain insights into Chinese customs, traditions, and festivals to better understand the cultural context of the language. 	
Learning Goal	<p>By the end of the course, students will be able to:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and use basic Mandarin Chinese in everyday situations. • Demonstrate proficiency in all four key language skills as assessed in the YCT exams. • Engage in simple conversations and interactions with native speakers. • Appreciate and participate in Chinese cultural activities, enhancing their overall language learning experience. • Build a strong foundation in Mandarin Chinese, setting the stage for more advanced language studies in the future. 	