



STUDY TIPS FOR MANDARIN LANGUAGE LEARNERS

- **Talk a LOT!** *Talk to your teacher, your classmates, or the waiter at the restaurant. Take advantage of every opportunity to practice speaking.*
- **Repetition.** *Try to use what you learn in class right away, and use it regularly.*
- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes!** *You WILL say things incorrectly in the beginning. It's all part of the learning process!*
- **Practice, practice, practice!** *You can practice anytime, anywhere. Even if you are not reading, writing, or doing homework, you can make a conscious effort to practice.*
 - *Practice saying new words out loud*
 - *Find a Mandarin radio station or look for songs on YouTube*
 - *Try watching a movie in Mandarin*
 - *Go to public events and experience the culture*

Most importantly, **HAVE FUN!** Learning a new language opens up many new doors for both professional development and new social experiences. Take advantage of all the opportunities that this will bring your way!

Here are a few free resources for practice:

- *Websites*
 - BBC Languages: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/chinese/>
 - Chinese-Tools: <http://www.chinese-tools.com/learn/chinese>
 - Live Mocha : <http://livemocha.com/pages/languages/learn-mandarin-chinese/>
 - China Education Center : <http://www.chinaeducenter.com/en/learnchinese/lessons.php>
 - MIT Open Course : <http://ocw.mit.edu/resources/res-21f-003-learning-chinese-a-foundation-course-in-mandarin-spring-2011/online-textbook/part-i-introduction-units-1-4-character-lessons-1-3/>
 - Chinese Learner : <http://www.chineselearner.com/>
- *Cell phone apps:*
 - [FluentU](#)
 - [Chinese Skill](#)