

You can learn another language! (Matt 24:14; 9:38; okm 07/5; Awake! 2007 3 p10-12)

- * attitude / effort+perseverance / some ways easier & more fun / fine results / need your help
- * master some basics - how to build sentences
- * gather a beginner's vocabulary & key phrases - use word lists
- can speak like a child - express simple thoughts ['pictures'] joined by link words
- be adaptable - open mind to different form of expression - say it their way
- practise - a little and often - immersion - eat, drink, sleep it [6 days at start?]
- a rut or a step up? - set manageable portions to apply immediately

1 (Word list, key phrases up - to 10 words at a time)

I	wǒ	we	wǒmen
you	nǐ	YOU	nǐmen
he, she, it	tā	they	tāmen
speak	shuō	Hi! Hello! Howdy!	Nǐ hǎo!

2 (Simple thoughts)

I		wǒ	
you		nǐ	
he, she, it		tā	
we	speak	wǒmen	shuō
YOU		nǐmen	
they		tāmen	

3 (Ask questions)

Mandarin pǔtōnghuà is it so? ma?

4 (How to build sentences)

<i>You</i>	<i>nǐ</i>
You <i> speak</i>	nǐ <i>shuō</i>
You speak <i>Mandarin</i>	nǐ shuō <i>pǔtōnghuà</i>
You speak Mandarin, <i>is it so?</i> [=do you?]	nǐ shuō pǔtōnghuà <i>ma?</i>

5 (Be ready for answers)

correct! duì! I do speak it shuō
 no, not bù [or bú] I do not speak it bù shuō

6 (Suitable for immediate use in field or meetings)

xīwàng would like to míngbai understand
 bāngzhù help Shèngjīng the Bible [Holy Scriptures]

7 (Adapt your use of different words)

<i>You understand</i>	<i>Nǐ míngbai</i>
You understand, <i>do you?</i> [= is it so?]	Nǐ míngbai <i>ma?</i>
You understand <i>the Bible</i> , do you?	Nǐ míngbai <i>Shèngjīng</i> ma?

8 (Build up sentences gradually)

<i>We</i>	<i>Wǒmen</i>
We <i>would like</i>	Wǒmen xīwàng
We would like <i>to help</i>	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù
We would like to help <i>you</i>	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ
We would like to help you <i>to understand</i>	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ míngbai
We would like to help you to understand <i>the Bible</i>	Wǒmen xīwàng bāngzhù nǐ míngbai Shèngjīng

