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Learn about China 中国知多少

Country profile 国家概况

China is a country in Asia. Here are some facts about China.



中华人民共和国于 1949 年 10 月 1 日成立，定都北京。

Country: China, 中国 (Zhongguo)
China is officially called the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Capital: Beijing

Located in northern China, Beijing is the political and cultural centre of China.



中国幅员辽阔，有不同的地形地貌，形成风格各异的自然景观。

Size: Around 9,600,000 km²

China looks like a huge rooster on the map. There are many rivers, lakes, mountains and forests in China.



the Himalayas

喜马拉雅山脉是世界上海拔最高的山脉。



the Yellow River

黄河是中国的第二长河，中国人称其为“母亲河”。

Population: Over 1.3 billion
China has the largest population in the world.

Ethnic groups: 56 56个民族有各自的风俗习惯，且绝大多数民族都有自己的语言。
Besides the largest ethnic group, Han, which makes up over 90% of the population, there are also 55 ethnic minorities.



表中的 **Mandarin** 指的是包含北京官话、东北官话等的官话方言。普通话是基于北京官话发展而来的。英语中有时会用 **Mandarin** 来指代普通话。

Language: There is only one writing system in China, but people speak different dialects.

Written	Spoken	
Official	Official	Main dialects
Standardized Chinese characters	Putonghua (Standardized form of the spoken Chinese based on Mandarin)	Mandarin, Wu, Xiang, Gan, Hakka, Min, Cantonese

Symbols of China 中国象征

Is there anything that reminds you of China? Look at some symbols of China.

问问学生他们心目中的龙的形象。告诉学生，龙在中国文化中有重要的地位。人们每逢佳节会舞龙，端午节赛龙舟，还会将龙的形象运用于建筑装饰、服饰设计等等。在古代，龙还是帝王的象征。



The Chinese dragon: It is regarded as a divine creature and a symbol of good luck and power. Chinese people call themselves Descendants of the Dragon.



“大熊猫”一般称为“熊猫”或“猫熊”。

The giant panda: It is China's national treasure and the symbol of WWF. It is listed as one of the vulnerable species in the world.



问问学生是否在动物园见过大熊猫。告诉他们，大熊猫生活在中国海拔两三千米的竹林里，靠吃竹子为生。它们爱吃吃睡睡，也爱爬树嬉戏。



Brain teaser

What is a panda's biggest wish?

(To take a colour photo.)





长城经历了前前后后两千多年的修筑，历代总长度达两万多千米，可以环绕地球赤道半圈。



The Great Wall: In ancient times, it was built for protection against invasions. Today, it is a World Heritage site.

世界遗产 (World Heritage) 是一项由联合国支持、联合国教育科学文化组织负责执行的国际公约建制，以保存对全人类都具普遍价值的独特文化古迹和自然景观为目的。

中国功夫有多种门派，如太极拳 (T'ai chi)、咏春拳 (Wing Chun)、少林功夫 (Shaolin Kungfu) 等等。李小龙 (Bruce Lee) 是著名的功夫巨星。

Chinese kungfu: It is not only about fighting and self-defense, it can also strengthen the body and mind.



Can you do these kungfu stances?



学生三人一组，然后组与组之间互相比，选出全班动作最标准的小组。

