

TOPICS

As you read through these topics, ask yourself: “What is your main overall goal - to live in China or to be able to talk about China and its culture?” But if the answer is “both”, then what should come *first*?

So as you bear in mind your *communicative needs* as you settle into life in China and begin to make friends with Chinese people, ask yourself: What is the best *order of study* (both topics and vocabulary) to help you communicate on *everyday* topics more easily?

CME Books 1-5

A westerner living in China:

- daily living

Introducing Yourself
The Classroom
The Post Office
The Market
Describing
Telling the Time
Days & Dates
Giving Directions / Address
Getting Public Transport
Eating Out
Buying Daily Necessities
Buying Clothes in a Shopping Mall
Booking an Airplane Ticket
Making a Telephone Call
When I was Young
Learning Chinese
Sports & Leisure
A Letter to My Parents
Eating Out
Planning a Winter Vacation Trip
Renting an Apartment
Post Office
Taking a Taxi
Buying Clothes
Buying Food
Buying Daily Necessities
Seeing a Doctor
An Outing
Talking About the Weather
Banking
An Invitation for a Meal

NPCR Books 1-4

A western university student in China

- university life + Chinese culture

Hello!
Are you busy?
Introducing Yourself (nationality + occupation)
Introducing Others
Where is the Restaurant? (zai4 = at)
Let's go Swimming (swim, play ball & jing1ju4)
Do you know him? (meeting a university professor)
How many in your family? + university departments
He's 20 years old (days & dates)
Buying a CD (and several other things)
I can speak a little Chinese
My whole body is unwell (kan4bing4)
Renting an Apartment
Happy Christmas! (talking about everything!)
She went to Shanghai & Xi'an (changing money)
Borrowing books from the university library
Buying Clothes
Mailing a book at the Post Office + Taking a Bus
Chinese paintings are different from oil paintings
New Year: eating + traditional Chinese music concert
Sports match + describing an apartment
Shaoxing Opera
Hainan Island + Climbing the Great Wall
Recent changes in China: countryside → city
Bike accident → in hospital
Talking about everything (review lesson)
When in Rome do as the Romans do (customs)
Mid-Autumn Festival + giving presents
Paintings, Calligraphy & Plants
Chinese traditional recreational activities
General geography of China

Repairing a Bicycle
Talking About Education
Introducing Yourself
Learning Chinese
Hobbies & Interests
My Computer has been Stolen !
Car Accident
Having a Meal at a Professor's Home
Spring Vacation Trip
Eating at McDonalds
Wandering Around a Night Market
College Sports Day
Buying Food
Festivals
Telephoning My Brother-in-Law
University Clubs
Inviting Friends Home for a Meal
International Trading
Farming Life
Household Repairs
Teacher's Day
Buying Daily Necessities
Planning a Trip to S.E. Asia
Physical Checkup
Striving for the Future
Servicing a Car
Leisure Activities
Finding a Job
Planning a Round-Island Trip
Getting up in the Morning
In the Office
Shopping
Eating Out
Medical Attention
Sports & Hobbies
Festivals
Round Taiwan Trip
Entertaining Guests
Farming & Countryside

East-West different view of privacy
Climbing Mt. Ling + Discussing environmental protection
Feeling unwell on a Three Gorges boat trip
Buying a car and getting a bank loan
China's climate + Tang Poems
Eating in a restaurant
Chinese traditional wedding customs
Dating the Chinese way
Equality of the sexes + working women
Careers + job interview
Countryside: Spring Festival + neighborliness
Chinese literature: Lu Xun and others
Shopping + bargaining
Job interview + letter containing C.V.
Primary school education: pressures on kids
University students: why do part-time jobs?
China's single-child policy + DINKs
Chinese medicine
Traveling into space + East-West eating differs

Vocabulary in NPCR Books 1-3 is often not immediately relevant to your early communicative needs for living and settling into life in China, i.e. it is not that the words below are not useful, but that they appear too *early*.

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(S) = Supplementary vocab.

FRUIT

	<u>lesson</u>	<u>lesson</u>
orange	4	---
apple	4	10
banana	4	10
pineapple	25	---
watermelon	25	41(S)
strawberry	25	---

VEGETABLES

carrot	4	---
cucumber	25	---
onion	4	---
tomato	4	---
potato	48	---

FOOD/COOKING

menu	10	23(S)
fry	41	---
beef	10	---
chicken	10	39
lamb	50 (sheep)	37
pork	10	---
pepper	31	---
salt	31	---
roast	28	9
soy sauce	19	---
sugar	19	---
vinegar	31	---
jam	25	---
bread	11	---
milk	19	9(S)
jiaozi	19	42
baozi	44	---
doujiang	18	---
sea food	31	---
ice cream	17	---

DRINKS

Coca cola	31	34
Sprite	41	9(S)
fruit juice	31	---
beer	19	28
wine	19	9
coffee	11	13

SPORTS

jogging	17	30
swimming	17	6
baseball	17	---
soccer	17	21
basketball	17	---
table tennis	17	---
climb mountains	28	---

BANKING

RMB	30	15
credit card	30	15(S)
bank	30	15
US\$	30	15(S)

TRAVEL

passport	54	18
visa	20	---
air ticket	13	---
airport	13	24(S)
entrance ticket	45	---
camera	28	20
hotel	20	37
luggage	20	24(S)
mountain	8	23
boat/ship	13	34
map	23	24
subway	23	18
sea	28	31

DAILY NECESSITIES

aircon	21	---
electric fan	51	---
cup	2	28
key	17	16(S)
refrigerator	21	50(S)
rice cooker	44	---
shampoo	26	---
towel	26	---
toilet paper	11	---
toothpaste	11	---
trashcan	51	---
washing machine	21	---
comb	26	44
bicycle	9	25

CLOTHING

shirt	12	17
shoes	12	47
trousers	12	17(S)
shorts	12	---
slippers	37	---
socks	12	---
sweater	24	---
T-shirt	24	---
umbrella	53	---

ROOMS & FURNITURE IN A HOUSE

bathroom	21	21
bedroom	21	21
kitchen	21	13
living room	21	21
chair	8	---
desk	21	---
table	8	25

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GENERAL

cell phone	41	42
computer	34	16
McDonalds	9	---
music	28	10
gas	21	---
electricity	21	13
repair	32	49
broken	21	25
bookstore	22	21
drugstore	27	---
spectacles/glasses	33	43(S)
T.V.	18	25
toilet	41	13

MEDICAL / PARTS OF THE BODY

catch cold	27	12
see a doctor	27	12
fever	27	12
headache	27	12
hospital	27	12
throat	55	12
foot	36	49
hand	38	30
leg	38	25
eye	27	44
stomach	27	12(S)

WEATHER

degree	29	23
summer	29	23
autumn	29	23
winter	29	23
spring	29	23
snow	29	23
cold	17	12
cool	24	36
warm	29	39(S)
hot	17	20
rain	17	24
humid	29	---