

From 7 June to 19 July 2025, the [Online Confucius Institute at The Open University](#) will offer a free online HSK 1 (Chinese Proficiency Test) preparation course. This course is tailored for learners who have some basic knowledge of Chinese and can recognize approximately 80 to 100 commonly used Chinese characters. Although character writing is not required, character recognition is beneficial for reading comprehension questions (note: all characters in HSK 1 are accompanied by Pinyin).

Whether or not you have previously studied Chinese in a structured way, this seven-week course provides comprehensive guidance to help you master the vocabulary and sentence patterns required for HSK 1. In addition to language content, the course also familiarizes learners with the format and expectations of the HSK 1 exam. Emphasis is placed on developing core skills in listening, reading, and speaking at the beginner level.

Even if you do not intend to take the HSK exam, this course presents an excellent opportunity to reinforce your existing knowledge and build confidence in using Chinese for basic, everyday communication.

- **Instructor:** Jiayi, a native Chinese speaker
- **Date & time:** 12-1pm (British summer time) on each Saturday from 7 June to 19 July.
- **Platform:** Zoom (link will be provided upon registration)
- **Session topics** (might be subject to change depending on learners' progress)

Session No.	Date	Topics
Session 1	7th June	Hello; Thank you and welcome; What's your name
Session 2	14 <sup>th</sup> June	She is my Chinese teacher; Her daughter is 20 years old this year
Session 3	21 <sup>st</sup> June	I can speak Chinese; What's the date today
Session 4	28 <sup>th</sup> June	I'd like some tea; Where does your son work
Session 5	5th July	Can I sit here; What's the time now
Session 6	12 <sup>th</sup> July	What will the weather be like tomorrow; He is learning to cook Chinese food
Session 7	19 <sup>th</sup> July	She has bought quite a few clothes; I came here by air

Spaces are limited – first come, first served, please register with [this form](#) or using the QR code below.

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