

Mandarin Chinese
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- This lesson we began by going over the homework – which most people found tricky. I've put the same sentences on the next slide so you can keep having a crack at it. Then we revised some more vocabulary from last lesson including the question: 'What's your nationality?' – literally: 'you are which country person'. nǐ shì nǎ guó rén?

Can you read this? (last lesson's homework)

- 你是美国人吗?
- 她是日本人
- 你的英文不好
- 美国人很好
- 他是哪国人?
- 中国很大
- 你的英文很好
- 他是日本人还是中国人?

哪

nǎ = which

美

měi =

beautiful

Countries – vocab

英国

yīng guó



中国

zhōng guó



美国

měi guó



日本

rì běn



法国

fǎ guó



加拿大

jiā ná dà



We looked at the character below which means peace, contentment and shows a woman on her own under a room ...

安

ĀN

peace;
contentment

The character for peace and contentment is made up of woman (女) and roof (宀). Man conceived the idea that to attain peace he should have only one woman under the roof or confine her within the house.



' ' 宀 女 安 安



北京



长城



香港



上海

伦敦



人 rén person, people

大 dà big
天 tiān sky, heaven, day

门 mén door
们 men the plural
marker

天安门 Tiān'ānmén

我	wǒ	I
你	nǐ	you
他	tā	he
她	tā	she
我们	women	we
你们	nǐmen	you (plural)
他们	tāmen	they
她们	tāmen	they

作业 (homework)

1) Complete the exercise that we started in class – writing the sentences in pinyin and then seeing how much of the same sentences you could write in characters. (See the next page if you don't have a copy)

2) Revise the vocabulary on Quizlet.

In addition, learn the vocabulary on Quizlet called “Places in Chinese:

<https://quizlet.com/161836824/places-in-chinese-flash-cards/>

3) Practise scribbling characters in every spare minute

作业 (homework)

Translate the following. Write in pinyin.

He is American.

How are you?

Very good

Where are you from? (You are which country person?)

English (language)

English (person)

Is she Chinese or Japanese? (*'or' is háishì*)

How many characters of the sentences above could you write?