

Institute of Modern Languages

COURSE CONTENT - M S CHINESE (MANDARIN) LEVEL 8

<u>A</u>

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
The Meaning of Work	 Talking about the meaning of work Reporting results of a survey Showing empathy and support Writing about views on employment 	 Elliptical comparative sentences Rhetorical questions using 干吗 Phrases with the verb 有 Nouns with the suffix –化
A Human Problem	 Talking about workplace relationships Expressing emphasis and negation Changing a narrator in writing 	 Emphasizing positive meaning using the double negation structure 非不可 Softening negation using 哪儿的话 Nouns with the prefix 同- Nouns with the suffix -际 Extensive usage of the verb起来
The Sandwich Generation	 Talking about the intergenerational relationships Telling a story in chronological order Getting to know the characteristics of Chinese families Writing about generational issues 	 Differences between—+V1+才+V2 and —+V1+就+V2 Nouns with the suffix -方 Differences between 俩 and 两 Grammatical features of the Separable Verbs

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Education	 Talking about children's education Expressing complaints and criticisms Understanding rural urbanization in China Writing about the Australian school education 	 Expressing abundance using多的是 Differences between 有利 and 有利于 Extensive usage of 好
Winning the Lottery	 Talking about the Chinese superstition of numbers Reporting results of social surveys Understanding the Chinese concept of wealth Writing on the theme of happiness 	 Expressing contrast using 反而 Expressing subjunctive mood using 假若 Expressing 'even though' using 不也不能 Nouns with the suffix -者
A Dialogue Between Two Towers	Talking about cultural communication	 Nouns with the prefix 双- Nouns with the suffix -性 Nouns with the suffix -星