

COURSE CONTENT –CHINESE (MANDARIN) LEVEL 9

A

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
Surfing the Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about Internet life Expressing persuasion and explanation Understanding the Internet culture of the contemporary Chinese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phrases with 上 before and after another word (eg 上网/网上) Sentence pattern 别+V+了+行不行 to express persuasion Words and expressions of Internet
Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about social and family division of labor between genders Asking rhetorical questions and expressing doubt Understanding women's status in contemporary Chinese society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjectives used as ABB, with three-syllable structure (eg 红通通/冷冰冰) Separable verbs (eg 做饭/帮忙/见面) Pattern 以...为... (to express 'taking for' or 'thinking/regarding as') 又 to express dissatisfaction
DINK Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about marriage and having children Elaborating on phenomenon and explaining causes Understanding the Chinese young generation's views on marriage and parenthood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 之 used as 的 Nouns with the suffix 家 Differences between adverbs 由于 and 因为 in expressing causes Colloquial expressions of approval and disapproval

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Healthy Lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about health diet and country lifestyle Understanding the traditional Chinese notion of "Harmony of Man and Nature" Expressing wishes Understanding coherence of the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compound sentences with corresponding conjunctions and adverbs Colloquial phrases 说了算 and 无所谓" Sentence pattern V+什么+N used to reject suggestions
Life and Death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about life and death Summarizing different opinions of a survey Understanding Chinese people's views on life and death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nouns with the suffixes -界 and -士 Sentence pattern V+就+让+pronoun+V (the same verb) + 呗 (eg 说就让他说呗。) Sentence pattern 还+V+呢 (eg 还洗澡呢, 我哪有时间啊!) Related words in compound sentences (eg 既然...就...; 除非...才...)
Do As The Locals Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking about cultural difference and integration particularly with regard to Chinese immigrants Understanding narrative genre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressing 'between' and 'among' Verbs with 表 (eg 表演/表达/表示) Words used in formal writing