

# Jìnbù 1 进步一

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# Introduction

Welcome to 进步 (Jìnbù)!

This is the first of two books designed to help you get started with Chinese. We hope you'll enjoy the books as well as learning a lot from them.

This book has five chapters covering different topics. Each chapter is divided into different sections:

## Core units

These include activities in all four skills – listening, reading, speaking and writing – to get you using Chinese straightaway. You'll find help with grammar and pronunciation as well.

## Culture

Each chapter has one unit which gives you information about China and about young Chinese people's lives. You'll have the chance to do research activities to find out more about everyday life.

## Investigating characters

These pages will help you understand more about Chinese characters: how they developed over time and how they are constructed.

## Key language

At the end of each chapter, you'll find a list of the key language you've been studying in that chapter, as well as grids showing you how the Chinese characters are written.

## Reading and Writing

For each chapter, there is a double page spread at the back of the book, containing extra reading and writing practice to help you progress even further.

## Grammar and Glossary

At the back of the book there is also a grammar section where you can find explanations of all the grammar you'll be covering, as well as some activities to practise it. There is also an English-Chinese wordlist for reference.

Good luck!

祝你学习进步!