



COURSE STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

Chinese (Mandarin)

Mango's learning system addresses four essential language skills: **reading, listening, speaking, and culture**. Each course chapter contains an overview of conversation goals and grammar goals with a description of what learners will be able to do when they complete the chapter.

As of 2019, the structure and content of the Mango learning system have been substantially revised to align with internationally recognized levels of proficiency. Additionally, the **Mango Proficiency Scale** was created to help individual learners clearly identify their skill level by accomplishing specific goals as they progress through the Mango learning system.

All Mango learning content is created by linguists and reviewed by certified language instructors. Recent changes include adding content to Mango's courses, updating unit and chapter titles to reflect these changes, and reorganizing the course structure to more effectively address learning requirements at each skill level.

The chart below shows how the previous course content corresponds to the reorganized course structure, along with a key to indicate where each chapter falls on the Mango Proficiency Scale.

Mango Proficiency Scale

- ▶ **Beginner 1:** By the end of this level, the learner will be able to have conversations in which they exchange basic information about themselves or someone else, and engage in pleasantries and small talk.
- ▶ **Beginner 2:** By the end of this level, the learner will be able to confidently navigate everyday situations, such as shopping, asking for help or directions, and making plans with friends and acquaintances.
- ▶ **Skilled 1:** By the end of this level, the learner will be able to participate in everyday exchanges and successfully perform routine tasks that require an understanding of how the society functions.
- ▶ **Skilled 2:** By the end of this level, the learner will be able to comprehend advanced subject matter and express feelings and opinions using more complex sentence structures.
- ▶ **Skilled 3:** By the end of this level, the learner will be able to maneuver intricate situations and have formal and informal discussions in social and professional settings.

Current Course Structure

Mango's updated Chinese (Mandarin) Course Structure consists of five (5) units as of March 2019

Unit 1 : Introductions

▶ **Beginner 1**

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Salutations and Small Talk
- ▶ Chapter 2 : Languages and Origins
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Introductions and Professions
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Personal Info and Preferences **new chapter*

Unit 2 : Connections

▶ **Beginner 2**

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Places and Directions
- ▶ Chapter 2 : Currency and Counting
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Food and Drink Culture
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Transportation and Payment
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Help and Requests
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Clarification and Explanation
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Compliments and Corrections
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Relatives and Pets
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Household Rooms and Items
- ▶ Chapter 10 : Career and Hobbies

Unit 3 : Community

▶ **Skilled 1**

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Friends and Relationships
- ▶ Chapter 2 : Cooking and Eating
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Weather and Landscapes
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Shopping and Apparel
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Tasks and Errands
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Recreation and Relaxation
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Travel and Tourism
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Physical Descriptions and Humor
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Opinions and Popular Culture



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Unit 4 : Lifestyle

▶ Skilled 2

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Historic People and Events
- ▶ Chapter 2 : Hospital and Pharmacy
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Thoughts and Emotions
- ▶ Chapter 4 : College and University Life
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Family and Name Origins
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Food Allergies and Ingredients
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Social Events and Gatherings
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Sports and Fitness
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Movies and TV

Unit 5 : Ambitions

▶ Skilled 3

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Airport and Customs
- ▶ Chapter 2 : Hotels and Local Attractions
- ▶ Chapter 3 : House Hunting and Moving
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Utilities and Repair
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Education and Career
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Emergencies and Aid
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Household and Lifestyle
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Hair and Beauty Services
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Events and Schedules

Previous Course Structure

Mango's previous Chinese (Mandarin) Course Structure consisted of four (4) units

Unit 1 : Building the basics.

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Greetings, Gratitude, Goodbyes
- ▶ Chapter 2 : Do you speak English?
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Names and Introductions
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Getting Around
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Shopping and Payment
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Drinks and Dining
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Numbers and Currency
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Getting Help
- ▶ Chapter 9 : What does that mean?
- ▶ Chapter 10 : Languages and Communication

Unit 2 : Expanding the essentials.

- ▶ Chapter 1 : People and Animals
- ▶ Chapter 2 : At Home
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Small Talk
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Dating
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Eating and Cooking
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Weather and Landscape
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Shopping
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Banking and Post Office
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Leisure Activities
- ▶ Chapter 10 : Sightseeing



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Unit 3 : Broadening boundaries.

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Culture, Literature, and Art
- ▶ Chapter 2 : History
- ▶ Chapter 3 : At the Hospital
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Express Thoughts and Feelings
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Higher Learning
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Name Origins
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Dietary Restrictions
- ▶ Chapter 8 : Physical Descriptions
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Getting Ready for the Party
- ▶ Chapter 10 : Sports and Fitness

Unit 4 : Continuing with confidence.

- ▶ Chapter 1 : Going Through Customs
- ▶ Chapter 2 : At the Hotel
- ▶ Chapter 3 : Renting a Home
- ▶ Chapter 4 : Utilities and Appliances
- ▶ Chapter 5 : Choosing a School
- ▶ Chapter 6 : Emergency Situations
- ▶ Chapter 7 : Household Chores
- ▶ Chapter 8 : At the Beauty Salon
- ▶ Chapter 9 : Making Plans
- ▶ Chapter 10 : At the Movies