



80/20 MANDARIN

To People Who Want To Learn Mandarin But Can't Get Started

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INTRODUCTION

What is 80/20 Mandarin?

Let's start off with what it's not. Mastery of a language requires prolonged and intensive study. 80/20 Mandarin is not that! If you'd like to speak Mandarin like a local, I'd suggest you check out <http://bestwaytolearnmandarin.com/>

So why did we make this 80/20 Mandarin language guide? Let me tell you...

We thought that there are three important factors when looking for a Mandarin language guide: the **English word**, with its **Pinyin translation** and its corresponding **Mandarin character**. We were browsing the net and still we couldn't find a language guide that already has these three and does not require us to enter the words one by one. Then we realized, why don't we just make our own language guide that is simple and easy to use?

So here it is! We want learning to be real quick and require little work as humanly possible. And the best part is, anybody can use it for free!

As mentioned, this e-book is based on the Pareto principle or 80/20 rule. We'll explain that a bit more later, but in a nutshell you will only be learning the minimum amount of Mandarin that you need to know, to give the biggest bang for your buck, so to speak. Minimum time and effort, giving

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maximum results and effect. For most languages there are around one hundred words that if you learn you will be able to make yourself understood in that language.

This short e-book will give you those 100 words (plus a few more) that you need to know. Learning these hundred words will not allow you to speak Mandarin fluently but it will allow you to communicate with another native speaker. And to make the learning of these words as easy and painless as possible, we have included a free software program that you can use. It is called Easy Train and it makes learning 80/20 Mandarin fun, easy, and fast!

Let's get started, read on...

Language learning requires intensive study. Whether you want to learn to speak Mandarin, learn to speak English, or some other language altogether, there are various learning techniques to study the language. However, for many learning styles, a computer program can help to teach the basics. A specialized software can help in reviewing grammar, punctuation, and even pronunciation during spare time. It should never be a substitution for a language class, but it can be a valuable addition for some people.

The very best language programs are built with the knowledge that they are not sufficient. Almost any leading-edge program will be built as a supplement to an existing curriculum.

There are three factors to be considered in language learning: effectiveness, adherence, and efficiency.

Effectiveness refers to what language you want to learn and the material to be used in learning the language. You need to choose and use the proper tools to make the language process effective.

If you want to [speak Mandarin like a pro](#), there are many language courses available online.

Adherence is learning a language using the same process without getting bored. You may be too interested with the language but if the system you are using impedes this interest, it's time to reconsider. Thus, find a material that will suit you and your learning environment.

You may have the best material and adherence to your learn-to-speak-Mandarin system, but it is still useless if it would take you a couple of years before you finally grasp the language. It is important that your method is simple, basic, and would allow you to communicate in the shortest period of time.

So basically, there are 100 spoken words, that if someone knows, they can get by with to communicate in any language. They wouldn't be fluent, or know any grammar/sentence structure type of thing, but if they knew these words, they could essentially communicate to someone in that language. According to Pareto's Principle of 80/20, it dictates that 80% of the results in any endeavor come from 20% of the input, material, or effort. By adapting this principle, it is now possible to prioritize material based on its recorded likelihood and frequency of usage.

By learning these basic words (which will only take a few hours,) you will be 80% there in knowing how to speak Mandarin. So that is where you are best spending your time. Learning the other 20% will take months, and that is not the purpose of this book. This e-book will give you the basics to get by, but if you seriously want to learn Mandarin comprehensively and properly, (the other 20%), visit BestWayToLearnMandarin.com for information on a program that will do this. You can find below the list of 100 spoken English words in Mandarin.

Good thing there is a free and versatile learning program available online to help you in learning Mandarin the fun way! [EasyTrain](#) is a flexible program that can help a person learn vocabulary and ask multiple-choice questions depending on the level of difficulty. It was created to help people with various learning styles in using a user-friendly interface.

To use the software, download it [here](#). You can now start using the program. We have made it easy for you because instead of you having to create the database and set the program up by yourself, we already created a file with the words you need to learn.

Once you download the file, all you need to do is open this

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database of words and you're good to go! You can download them [here](#) to use in the software. Once you have Easy Train up and running, with the database opened, the software asks you a question (from the database we have created for you), and then you type the answer. It then applauds when you get the answer right, so it is quite fun and enjoyable learning!

So that's it for your 80/20 Mandarin language guide. Happy learning!! (And keep in mind, if you'd like to master how to talk in Mandarin fluently, I'd suggest you check out <http://bestwaytolearnmandarin.com/>

WRITTEN WORD LIST TO LEARN

<i>English</i>	<i>Pinyin</i>	<i>Mandarin Character</i>
a	yī	一
about	dài	待
all	suǒ yǒu	所有
an	yī gè	一个
and	hé	和
are	shì	是
as	ruò	若
at	yú	于
be	xì	系
but	dàn	但
by	tōng guò	通过
call	chēng hu	称呼
can	kě yǐ	可以
come	lái	来
day	yī tiān	一天
did	méi yǒu	没有
do	zuò	做
down	xià jiàng	下降

each	gè	各个
find	fā jué	发觉
first	zuì chū	第一
for	wèi	为
from	cóng	从
get	huò dé	获得
go	yì	诣
had	yǒu	有
has	yǒu	有
have	yǒu	有
he	tā	他
her	tā	她
him	tā	他
his	tā	他
how	zě	如何
i	wǒ	我
if	zài	如果
in	zài	在
into	chéng	成
is	shì	是

it	tā	它
its	qí	其
like	xiàn	似
long	cháng	长
look	juàn	看
made	tí chū	提出
make	shǐ	使
many	xǔ duō	许多
may	kě néng	可能
more	hái	还
my	wú	我
no	wú	毋
not	fú	弗
now	xiàn zài	现在
number	hào mǎ	号码
of	duì	对
oil	yóu	油
on	shàng	上
one	yī	一

or	huò	或
other	qí tā	其他
out	wài tou	外头
part	bù fen	部分
people	rén	人
said	shuō	说
see	xiàn	见
she	tā	她
so	suǒ yǐ	所以
some	yī xiē	一些
than	bǐ	比
that	bǐ	比
the	zài	在
their	qí	其
them	tā men	他们
then	rán hòu	然后
there	yǒu	有
these	zhè xie	这些
they	tā men	他们

this	zhè	这
time	shí jiān	时间
to	dào	到
two	èr	二
up	shàng	上
use	shǐ yòng	使用
was	shì	是
water	shuǐ	水
way	dào lù	道路
we	wǒ men	我们
were	shì	是
what	shén me	什么
when	hé shí	何时
which	nǎ yī ge	哪一个
who	shéi	谁
will	huì	会
with	tóng	同
word	zì	字
would	kě	可
write	xiě	写

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you	nín	您
your	nín	您

SPOKEN WORD LIST TO LEARN

<i>English</i>	<i>Pinyin</i>	<i>Mandarin Character</i>
(i) am	wǒ shì	(一) 上午
(I) can	wǒ kě yǐ	(一) 可以
(I) come	wǒ lái	(我) 来
(I) find	wǒ fā jué	(我) 找到
(i) go	wǒ fā xiàn	(我) 去
(I) have	wǒ bì děi	(i) 有
(I) know	zhī dao	(我) 知道
(I) like	xǐ huan	(我) 喜欢
(I) love	wǒ ài	(我) 爱
(I) make	wǒ zuò	(i) 作出
(I) see	wǒ kàn	(我) 看到
(I) tell	wǒ gào	(我) 告诉
(I) think	wǒ rèn wéi	(我) 认为
(I) use	wǒ shǐ yòng	(i) 使用

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a	yī	一
after	zhī hòu	后
again	zài cì	再次
airplane	fēi jī	飞机
airport	jī chǎng	机场
all	suǒ yǒu	所有
almost	jī hū	几乎
also	hái	还
always	zǒng shì	总是
an	yī gè	一个
and	hé	和
because	yīn wèi	因为
before	zhī qián	前
big	dà	大
book	shū běn	本书
breakfast	zǎo cān	早餐
bus	bā shì	巴士
but	dàn	但
car	qì chē	汽车

clothes	yī fu	衣服
computer	jì suàn jī	计算机
dinner	wǎn cān	晚餐
either / or	èr zhě zhī yī / hái shì	要么/或
elevator	diàn tī	电梯
fare	yùàn fèi	票价
first	zuì chū	第一
food	shí wù	食品
for	wèi	为
friend	péng	朋友
from	cóng	从
good	hǎo	好
goodbye	zài jiàn	再见
happy	kuài lè	快乐
he	tā	他
hello	nǐ hǎo	您好
here	zhè lǐ	这里
hotel	jiǔ diàn	酒店
how	rú hé	如何

I	wǒ	我
if	zài	如果
in	zài	在
last	qù	去年
little	wēi xiǎo	小
locals	dāng dì	当地人
lunch	wǔ cān	午餐
many	xǔ duō	许多
more	duō	更多
most	zuì	最
much	duō	多
my	wú	我
new	xīn	新
no	wú	毋
not	fú	弗
now	xiàn zài	现在
of	duì	对
often	cháng	常
on	shàng	上
one	yī	一

only	bù guò	不过
or	huò	或
other	qí tā	其他
our	wǒ men	我们
out	wài tou	外头
over	zài zhī shàng	在之上
people	rén	人
place	dì fang	地方
please	qǐng	请
road	dào lù	道路
room	fáng jiān	房间
same	tóng yī	同一
she	tā	她
so	suǒ yǐ	所以
some	yī xiē	一些
sometimes	yǒu shí	有时
stairs	lóu tī	楼梯
still	hái shì	还是
street	jiē	街

such	rú	如
taxi	chū zū chē	出租车
telephone	diàn huà	电话
terminal	zhōng duān jī	码头
thank you	xiè xie	谢谢
that	bǐ	彼
the	zài	在
their	qí	其
them	tā men	他们
then	rán hòu	然后
there is	yǒu	有
they	tā men	他们
thing	shì	事
this	zhè	这
time	shí jiān	时间
to	dào	到
train	huǒ chē	火车
under	zài xià	在下
up	shàng	上

us	wǒ men	我們
very	hěn	很
we	wǒ rén	我们
what	shén me	什么
when	hé shí	何时
where	nǎ r	哪儿
which	nǎ yī ge	哪一个
who	shéi	谁
why	wèi hé	为何
with	tóng	同
yes	wěi	唯
you	nín	您
your	nín	您

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