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Shopping

Do you accept credit cards?
Nee-mun show shin-yung ka ma?
 How much is this?
Dwor-shaow CHEE-en?
 Too expensive. Can you reduce price?
Tai gway lah. Nung pyen-yee EE-dee-en ma?
 Do you have a bigger / smaller size?
Nee-mun yoh da-how / shyaw-how ma?
 Where is the milk / formula / diapers / kids' clothing / bottled water located?
Nar yoh NYUU-nai / nai-fuhn / nyao-boo / HAI-dza-deh-YEE-foo / ping zhuahng shway ma?
 Just looking. Thanks.
Wa jir shur kahn-kahn. SHAY shay.
 We will come back later.
Wa-mun hway-lai HO-lai

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Home

We are American / Canadian / Australian / New Zealanders
Wa shur May-gwo-ren / Jyah-nah-dah-ren / Aor-dah-lee-yah-ren / SSHN-see-lahn-ren
 The name of our city is ...
Wa-dah CHUNG-lee Jyaow ...
 It gets very hot / cold / windy / rainy
Shur huhn SHOO / luhng / yoh-fung / dwor-yuu
 We live in a house / apartment
Wa-mun joo de shur fahng-dza / gong-yew
 Our town is quiet / busy / like here
Wa-dah CHUNG-djun shur ahn-jing / fahn-mahng / shyang-jin-duh juh-lee
 This is our home
Jay-guh shur wa-mun-dah JYAH

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Food and Restaurant

Combo Meal #1 / #2 / #3
Tao-tsun dee-yee / dee-arr / dee-sahn
 I want fries / corn / rice (with the meal)
Wa yow zha tuudoh tee-ow / yuu-mee / MEE-fahn
Two / three of these
JUG-guh lee-ang-guh / sahn-guh
 Can I get a fork / spoon / knife?
Ching nee gay wa ee-guh CHAH-dza / TEEOW-gung / DAO-dza ma?
 I'm not very good with chopsticks.
Wa boo shur hung how yong kwai-dza
 I really like the chicken / beef.
Wa hun shee wun jee-ro / NYUU-ro
 I don't like pork / fish / seafood / tofu.
Wa boo shee wun joo-ro / YuUU / hai-way / do-fu
 Hamburger *hahn baow baow*

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Family

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|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|------------------------|
| I / me | You | He/she/it | Wa | <i>nEE tah</i> |
| We / us | You (pl.) | Them/they | Wa-mun | <i>nEE-mun tah-mun</i> |
| Mom | Dad | | | |
| Grandma | Grandma | | | |
| Wai-por | Wai-gong | | | |
| Grandpa | Grandpa | | | |
| Older Sister | Older Sister | | | |
| JyA-h-yah | JyA-h-guh | | | |
| Younger Sister | Younger Brother | | | |
| May-may | DEE-dee | | | |
| Daughter | Son | | | |
| Nu-arr | err-dza | | | |

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Travel

We fly for 17 hours.
Wa-mun fay shing yee-chee shiao-shu
 The bottle has formula for the baby.
Ping-zi yee jing dway ying arr nai fun
 Let's sit down here.
Rrang wa-mun zwo shyia lai djur lee
 No problem! (at baggage inspection...)
May when tee!
 We connect at Tokyo / Hong Kong
Wa-mun gai bien Tokyo / She-ang-gong duh fay-jee
 We are checking three bags.
Wa-mun zjung tzai jian cha sawn bao
 Please be quiet (calm). Hush, hush.
Ahn-jing. Shu, shu.
 That is our bus / airplane / car!
Nay-guh shur wa-mun-dah chee-chuh / fay-ji / chuh-tzu

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Counting and Time

| | | | |
|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 11 | shur-ye | 11 | shur-arr |
| 12 | shur-arr | 12 | shur-arr |
| 13 | shur-sahn | 13 | shur-sahn |
| 20 | arr-shur | 20 | arr-shur |
| 21 | arr-shur-ye | 21 | arr-shur-ye |
| 30 | sahn-shur | 30 | sahn-shur |
| 100 | yee-bai | 100 | yee-bai |
| 200 | arr-bai | 200 | arr-bai |
| 1000 | yee-chyan | 1000 | yee-chyan |
| 2000 | arr-chyan | 2000 | arr-chyan |
| half | bahn | half | bahn |
| 10 | shur | 10 | shur |
| 9 | lyoe | 9 | lyoe |
| 8 | bah | 8 | bah |
| 7 | chee | 7 | chee |
| 6 | lyoo | 6 | lyoo |
| 5 | woo | 5 | woo |
| 4 | suh | 4 | suh |
| 3 | sahn | 3 | sahn |
| 2 | arr | 2 | arr |
| 1 | yee | 1 | yee |
| 0 | leeng | 0 | leeng |

Two Yuan
 Morning
 Arr kwai
 Fiftly Yuan
 Evening
 Tomorrow
 Last week
 Next week
 Zwo-TEE-en jin-TEE-en ming-TEE-en
 Yesterday
 Today
 Tomorrow
 Last week
 Next week
 Shung shing-CHEE shyah shing-CHEE
 Shung shing-CHEE

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Essential Mandarin Phrases for your Adoption Trip



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Most Important Phrases

I'm sorry / Excuse me
Dway boo CHEE
 I don't want it. Thank you
Wa boo yeaow SHAY shay
 Hello
 Good bye
Nee how zigh-fee-en
 Good morning You're welcome
Zao shung how Boo kuh chee
 Excuse me (to get past)
Laow gee-AH
 I understand / I don't understand
Wa ming-dye lah / Wa boo dong
 Pleased to meet you, my name is
Shing-hwey, wa jee-ow ...
 I love you
 Good child
Wa ai nEE NEE zhun gwai

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