



BUILDING RAPPORT IN... MANDARIN CHINESE

SMALL TALK/ ADMINISTRATION		
Hello	你好 Ni hao	"Nee how"
I am...	我是 wo shi	"Waw sh"
Genetic counselor	遺傳諮詢師 yí chuán zī xún shī	"Yee chwan dz shween sh"
I can speak a little bit of Chinese	我會說一點中文 wo hui shuo yi dian zhong wen	"Waw hway shwo yee dyen johng wen"
May I ask who this is?	請問這是誰 qing wen zhe shi shei	"Ching wuhn juh sh shay"
May I introduce...	讓我介紹 rang wo jie shao	"Rahng wo jyeh shao"
We will use an interpreter today	今天我們會請一位翻譯幫助我們	"Jing tyen wo muhn hway ching yee way fan yee bahng ju wo muhn"
Doctor	醫生 Yi sheng	"Yee shung"
Telephone	電話 Dian hua	"Dyen hwah"
Telephone number	電話號碼 Dian hua hao ma	"Dyen hwah how ma"
Insurance company	保險公司 Bao Xian Gong Si	"Bao shyen gohng ss"
Paperwork/Form	同意書 (consent form)	"Tohng yee shoo"
	拒絕書 (decline form)	"Ju dreh shoo"
	驗血單 (blood draw form)	"Yen shyeh dan"
Signature	簽名 Qian ming	"chyen ming"
Chinese (written language)	中文 zhong wen	"Jong wen"
Traditional writing (Used in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and overseas Chinese communities)	繁體字 (traditional) 繁体字 (simplified) fan ti zi	"Fan tee dz"
Simplified writing (Used in China, Singapore, and Malaysia)	簡體字 (traditional) 简体字 (simplified) Jian ti zi	"Jyen tee dz"
Mandarin Chinese	國語 Guo yu (Mandarin)	"Gwaw yu" (in Taiwan)



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(spoken language)	standard in Taiwan) 普通話 Pu tong hua (Mandarin standard in mainland China)	“Poo tohng hwa” (in mainland China)
Cantonese (spoken language)	廣東話 Guang dong hua	

MEDICAL		
Heredity/Inherited	遺傳 Yi chuan	“Yee chwan”
Chromosomes	染色體 ran se ti	“Ran suh tee”
Genes	基因 (Ji Yin)	“Jee Yeen”
Birth defect	先天性缺陷 xian1 tian1 xing4 que1 xian4	“Shyen tyen shing treh shyen”
Disease	病 Bing	“Bing”
Body	身體 Shen ti	“Shuhn tee”
Head/Face	頭 Tou/ 臉 lian	Head “Toe”/ Face “Lye”
Arms	手臂 Shou3 bi4	“Shoh bee”
Legs	腿 Tui	“Tway”
Hands	手 Shou	“Shoh”
Feet	腳 Jiao	“Jyow”
Heart	心 Xin	“Sheen”
Stomach	肚子 Du zi	“Doo dz”
Brain	腦 Nao	“Nao”
Cancer	癌症 Ai zheng	“Eye jung”
Diagnosis	診斷 zhen3 duan4	“Juhn dwan”
Learning disabilities	學習障礙 xue2 xi2 zhang4 ai4	“Shweh shee jahng eye”
Mental retardation	低能弱智 di1 neng2 ruo4 zhi4	“Dee nung roh juh”
Blood test	血液檢查 xie3 ye4 jian3 cha2	“Shyeh yeh jyen chah”



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FAMILY HISTORY		
Family	家 Jia (Note: also means home)	"Jyah"
Husband	先生 xian sheng (Note: also means Mr.)	"Shyen shung"
Wife	太太 tai tai (Note: also means Mrs.)	"Tie tie" (Like bow tie)
Boyfriend	男朋友 Nan peng you	"Nan pung yoh"
Girlfriend	女朋友 Nu peng you	"Nu pung yoh"
Parent	父母 Fu mu	"Foo moo"
Mother	媽媽 Ma Ma	"Mah mah"
Father	爸爸 Ba Ba	"Bah bah"
Maternal Grandmother	婆婆 Po Po	"Paw Paw"
Maternal Grandfather	公公	"Gohng gohng"
Paternal Grandmother	奶奶	"Nye nye" (Like Bill Nye)
Paternal Grandfather	爺爺	"Yeh yeh"
Sibling	兄弟姊妹	"Shyohng dee jyh may"
Older Brother	哥哥	"Guh guh"
Younger Brother	弟弟	"Dee dee"
Older Sister	姊姊	"Jyh jyh"
Younger Sister	妹妹	"May may"
Pregnant	懷孕	"Hwai yooeen" (Say yooeen fast, as one syllable)
Miscarriage	流產 liu2 chan3; 自然流產 (spontaneous miscarriage); 人工流產 (pregnancy termination/abortion)	Miscarriage "Leo chan"; spontaneous miscarriage "Dz ran leo chan"; elective termination "Run gohng leo chan"
Baby	嬰兒 ying er	"Ying er"
Child	孩子 Hai Zi	"Hi dz"



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What age/ how old?	幾歲 Ji Shui	"Jee shway"
How is this person's health?	身體健康嗎?	"Shuhn tee jyen kahng mah?"
Living	活; 還在嗎? (still around?)	Still around "Hai dzai mah?"
Deceased	死了 (dead) / 過世了 (passed away)	Passed away "Gwo sh luh"
How many?	多少 Duo shao	"Dwo shao"
One	一 Yi (一個 yi ge)	"Yee"
Two	二 er; 兩 liang (兩個 liang ge)	"Er"
Three	三 San	"San"
Four	四 Si	"Ss"
Five	五 Wu	"Woo"
Six	六 Liu	"Leo"
Seven	七 Qi	"Chee"
Eight	八 Ba	"Bah"
Nine	九 Jiu	"Jeo" (Rhymes with Leo)
Ten	十 Shi	"Sh"

For another resource on what to call family members depending on their relationship, see also:

The Complicated Chinese Family Tree (start at 19 sec to skip intro)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCFRoILS1jY>

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