

Useful Online/app based Teaching Resources (as recommended by the MEP Expert Panel)

The following resources are recommendations made by teachers on the Expert Panel formed by the Department for Education.

General teaching resources

Name	Focus
<p>Chinese Pod</p> <p>https://chinesepod.com/ (MONTHLY PAYMENT REQUIRED)</p> <p>Chinese Pod TV</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/user/ChinesePodTV (FREE)</p>	<p>Podcasts of around 20 minutes including dialogue in Chinese and discussion of the vocabulary and grammar introduced in the dialogue. Excellent resource for independent study - improving listening skills and gaining new vocabulary or consolidating vocabulary and grammar.</p> <p>Each podcast comes with a PDF document which includes a breakdown of new vocabulary and grammar structures. Also has podcasts discussing culture of China. Suitable for all levels with podcasts based on the following levels: Newbie, Elementary, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, Advanced.</p> <p>As above in video format. No accompanying PDF documents</p>
<p>Slow Chinese</p> <p>http://www.slow-chinese.com/shop (WEBSITE - FREE, PODCASTS – PAYMENT REQUIRED)</p>	<p>Contains blog posts about different aspects of Chinese culture and language. Frequently updated and can be used for both listening and reading practice. Podcasts also available at cost that read the articles and are therefore good for listening skills. Suitable for intermediate level and above students.</p>
<p>Go Chinese</p> <p>http://www.gochinese.net/</p> <p>(Annual subscription - £400 a year for <100 users, £600 a year for over 100)</p>	<p>Vocabulary/reading/listening/character input exercises, along with past papers to use alongside Easy Steps to Chinese, Edexcel, IB Ab Initio, IB Standard, A Level, etc.</p> <p>Excellent for independent learning and differentiation and also for teachers inputting own texts/resources, which can be immediately segmented into words, Pinyin added and words translated as necessary by the platform.</p>
<p>Confucius Institute online resources</p>	<p>Cultural information and various topics of interest. Suitable for all levels.</p>

<p>http://www.chinesecio.com/?lang=en</p> <p>http://www.chinesecio.com/cms/zh-hans/culture-lessons-list</p>	
<p>Mock HSK exam level 1 – 6, use the exercises for practice listening and reading comprehension</p> <p>http://www.lse.ac.uk/CIBL/resources/Mock-HSK-tests-levels-1-6.aspx</p>	<p>For A level</p>
<p>Cambridge Pre-U Chinese, use as listening and reading comprehension exercise</p> <p>http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-pre-u-mandarin-chinese-9778/</p>	<p>For A level</p>

Other suitable resources

<p>BBC Learning Zone – Chinese</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/chinese</p>	<p>There are videos and clips related to different areas of real life topics. Suitable for all levels.</p>
<p>Beginner Chinese Games</p> <p>http://howdoilearnchinese.com/</p>	<p>Games for practising basics such as numbers, days/months, colours. For beginners.</p>

http://www.thechinesestaffroom.com/resources/games	
Easy Chinese lessons video from CCTV http://english.cntv.cn/program/learnchinese/easychinese/index.shtml	For beginners
Rosetta Stone http://www.rosettastone.co.uk/lp/h1/?pc=cop&language=chi (PAYMENT REQUIRED)	Comprehensive language learning software, available as downloadable software or as online resources for computers, tablets and smartphones
ULearn Chinese teaching Youth Chinese Test packs levels 1-6	<p>Each text book has five themed units introducing new vocabulary supported with reinforcement exercises. Designed in A5 format and can be printed locally from the supplied pdfs.</p> <p>Workbook - activities linked to the text book are completed by students. Each workbook has a variety of activities suited for a wide age range and these can be printed as required from the supplied pdfs.</p> <p>Teacher's Guide - with a summary of the objectives and key vocabulary for each unit the detailed teaching notes provide support for both Chinese (a Chinese version of the Teacher's guide is provided for Packs 1 and 2) and non-Chinese speaking teachers.</p>
Michel Thomas Language Course Mandarin http://www.michelthomas.com/learn-mandarin-chinese.php (PAYMENT REQUIRED)	Largely audio CD-based, with a visual review course and interactive exercises for PC or Mac. Very clear presentation for beginners.
Collins Easy learning Chinese characters	Learn how to write 250 of the most common Chinese characters, with stroke by stroke guidance on every page.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Learning-Mandarin-Chinese-Characters-Collins/dp/0007450060	
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Online tools/reference sources

Particular recommendations

Name	Focus
Quizlet https://quizlet.com/	Website and app for learning characters and vocabulary. Includes games based on characters. Characters can be put together in sets by teachers or by students. Suitable for all levels. Quizlet Teacher costs, but allows you to check student progress.
The Chairman's Bao http://www.thechairmansbao.com/ (NOW REQUIRES PAYMENT)	Online newspaper in simplified Chinese. Good for practising reading skills, authentic listening material, can save vocabulary lists. Suitable for students at HSK Level 1- 6.
Skritter https://html5.skritter.com/ (PAYMENT REQUIRED)	Website or app that allows you to practise writing characters using the correct stroke order. Suitable for all levels.
Memrise https://www.memrise.com/ (FREE)	App and website for learning characters and vocabulary. Also has pronunciation of each character so is good for oral and visual recognition of characters. Suitable for all levels.
MDBG http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php (FREE)	Online Chinese dictionary. Gives example sentences of how a word is used. The user can draw the character to search for its meaning and can copy the image of the character and put it into a Powerpoint slide which then shows you the moving graphic of how the character is written using the correct stroke order and detailing the radical in a different colour. Suitable for all levels.
All set learning Grammar Wiki	Website (and now a book too) detailing comprehensive information about a wide range of grammar points in

<p>ps://resources.allsetlearning.com/chinese/grammar/Main_Page (FREE)</p>	<p>Chinese. Suitable as a reference resource for both students and teachers, from beginner level to advanced level.</p>
<p>Bing Chinese dictionary</p> <p>http://cn.bing.com/dict/search?q=welcome&FORM=BDVSP6&mkt=zh-cn (FREE)</p>	<p>Online Chinese dictionary which is good for example sentences. Suitable for all levels.</p>
<p>Chinese Tools</p> <p>http://www.chinese-tools.com (FREE)</p>	<p>Website with cultural information but key thing is it allows you to type in Chinese characters if the computer doesn't allow you to. Also allows you to type in Chinese characters which then produces the pinyin with tone marks. Suitable for all levels.</p>
<p>Online English to Chinese, Chinese to English dictionary</p> <p>www.nciku.com</p>	
<p>Sentence of the week – poems or phrases</p> <p>http://www.lse.ac.uk/CIBL/resources/Sentence-of-the-Week.aspx</p>	<p>For A level</p>
<p>HSK and YCT (Youth Chinese Test) past papers</p> <p>http://www.chinesetest.com/godownload.do</p>	<p>Good revision materials for all levels</p>

Other suitable resources

<p>Hanlexon</p> <p>http://www.hanlexon.org/index.htm (PAYMENT REQUIRED)</p>	<p>Website which allows you to create PDF documents of characters with accompanying boxes to practise writing the characters accurately and with the correct stroke order. More suitable for teachers but could be used by students at all levels.</p>
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<p>Arch Chinese</p> <p>http://www.archchinese.com/how_to_write_chinese.html (PAYMENT REQUIRED)</p>	<p>Similar website to Hanlexon but generates a different type of character worksheet. Also generates flashcards. Suitable for teachers or students at all levels.</p>
<p>Chinese characters input online tool</p> <p>www.inputking.com</p>	<p>Suitable for all levels.</p>
<p>Chinese to Pinyin converter</p> <p>http://www.chinesetools.eu/tools/chinese-to-pinyin/index.php#transcribe</p>	<p>Helps students with pronunciation and preparation for speaking exams. Suitable for all levels.</p>
<p>Learning radicals of Chinese characters</p> <p>http://www.chtsai.net/radicals/</p>	<p>Animations to show radical stroke order to form characters.</p>
<p>Mind Snacks Mandarin (PARTLY FREE, MOSTLY PAID)</p>	<p>Games to practice character/Pinyin recognition. Suitable for all learners and levels</p>
<p>Clicker 6</p> <p>http://www.cricksoft.com/support/clicker6.aspx</p>	<p>Build sentences from characters by clicking on them from a box. Allows characters to be presented in the sequence they will be needed, but gives pupils a choice at each stage</p>