

# Link Chinese Academy Chinese Study Tips

## 中国通中文培训学习秘籍



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## SECTION ONE - Some Learning Tips

### 第一部分 - 汉语学习小窍门

#### **1.1 Set Goals and Objectives**

A systematic learning process involves setting goals and objectives. It's often much easier to motivate yourself to work if you have something to aim for. Goals can be short or long term. A short term goal in learning Chinese might be to learn enough to be able to greet people and also to converse with native speakers. A longer term aim could be to start the business in China and be able to develop long term relationship with the stakeholders

#### **1.2 E factors**

Learning a language is generally not easy as it needs investment in both the tangible and intangible resources. Some of the **E** factors which we need to look into during the learning process are energy, effort, expenditure, excitement and emotions. You need to realise this and be patient with your progress. We provide you with quality assistance to make this learning process a pleasant experience.

#### **1.3 Time Management**

Finding and managing time are the two key factors which need to be looked into during learning Chinese. Many of us lead busy lives and find it hard to fit new things into an already established routine. Learning Chinese requires discipline and practicing it regularly improves the chances of being able to master it. Create the time slots every week for going through what you have done and also during the commuting, if using buses or trains use the books or CD's to read or listen.

#### **1.4 Participate in classes actively**

Engaging in classes by participating in questions and answers builds your confidence and also gives the chance to clear any queries to avoid any further confusion. It provides you the chance to do a self assessment. Don't be afraid to ask questions, our teachers are always keen in addressing any issues where you need any assistance

### **1.5 Walking an extra mile**

Don't wait until it's time for class to pull out your Chinese books, practice whenever you think you have time. The more you spend the time outside the classroom learning hours the better will be your learning skills.

### **1.6 Reading**

Reading is a fantastic way to learn new vocabulary. Try reading short stories rather than long novels. These are often broken down into short chapters which can be read and then analyzed for language. Don't feel that you have to understand every word. Try to get the general meaning. Underline unknown words and try to guess their meaning from context. You can use your dictionary later to look them up and check if you were right. Use graded readers. These tend to have questions designed to test comprehension of what you have just read.

### **1.7 Don't be Self-conscious**

There are a few old-fashioned methods which might sound quirky but can work:

#### Improve your pronunciation:

Use a mirror to practice making difficult Chinese sounds; Record yourself speaking Chinese and listen afterward, paying attention to tones, problem phonemes.

#### Think in Chinese:

Have an imaginary conversation in Chinese. Think through what you're going to say.

#### Speak to your friends in Chinese:

At LCA, our teachers encourage students to practice by speaking with each other. This doesn't have to be confined to the classroom. Don't worry about picking up bad pronunciation habits-speaking more regularly will give you a much greater level of confidence and you will definitely improve faster.

### **1.9 Continue to Study with LCA!**

We're confident that studying with LCA is the best way to ensure that you learn Chinese as effectively as possible. Your hard work and our proven track record is a winning combination.



## SECTION TWO - Strategies on Chinese Study

### 第二部分 - 汉语学习战略

#### 2.1 Speaking Strategies

##### Immerse Yourself in Chinese: Speaking

- Try to use Chinese at all times in class, even when speaking to your classmates
- Make some Chinese-speaking friends
- Visit places where there are likely to be Chinese speakers

#### 2.2 Listening Strategies

- Predict:
  - What do you know about the topic before listening?
  - What do you know about the speakers? What are they likely to say?
  - What can you guess about the listening from visual support, the context, any gestures or facial expressions?
- Plan:
  - Read any tasks or comprehension questions before you listen
  - Think about possible answers
- As you listen:
  - First listen for overall meaning, then listen for specific information
  - Don't translate
  - Listen for clues in background noises, character/speakers, tone of voice.

##### Immerse Yourself in Chinese: Listening

- Listen to songs in Chinese (use the lyrics for extra support)
- Watch DVDs and TV in Chinese:
  - Choose to watch films with plots you are already familiar with
  - Use English subtitles for the hearing impaired
- Access radio websites
- Watch the news in Chinese:
  - Write down any new words or phrases
  - Look up any unfamiliar words or phrases

- Watch the news later that same day or the next day. Were any of your new words repeated? What were the updates or developments in the story since you last watched?

## **2.3 Reading & Writing Strategies**

### **Immerse Yourself in Chinese: Reading & Writing**

- Visit chat rooms and meet new friends by writing in Chinese online
- Send e-mails
- Send SMS messages
- Use Instant Messenger in Chinese

### **Immerse Yourself in Chinese: Vocabulary**

- Label objects around the house and office
- Review your notes from class and use the 'Personal Dictionary' in the back of this book to organize any new language
- Record language in chunks and phrases
- Look for clues in the word that indicate what the word means (like prefixes and suffixes)



## SECTION THREE - Tips from LCA Teachers

### 第三部分 - LCA教师对学习汉语的建议

#### 3.1 Learning a Language

- The teacher can show you the language and give you tools to help you learn but you must take the most important step and jump in and practice as much as you can.
- Don't be afraid to participate, the teacher will create a friendly and open learning environment in which can experiment and try to speak Chinese.
- Set yourself goals, but make them realistic. Congratulate yourself when you reach your goals.
- Don't expect to understand everything immediately. Be patient, with time and effort the language will slowly become clearer.
- The fact that you're reading this means you have already made an important step.
- Don't give up. Imagine if at the age of 18 months, after a few falls, you decide you don't want to learn to walk!

#### 3.2 In the Classroom

- Participate in the classes. Speak at every opportunity, with respect for others, of course. Listen to others when they are speaking.
- Be prepared to work with your classmates and to speak with them in Chinese. We call this 'pair work' or 'group work.' Learning a language is about communicating with everybody.
- Expect to make lots of mistakes. You won't learn without making mistakes. It's part of the process. If the teacher sees you making mistakes, they know you are trying, if you are not making mistakes, you are not trying hard enough.

#### 3.3 Outside the Classroom

- Participate in the social activities and parties we will be organizing. Practicing outside the classroom is an invaluable opportunity to make the classroom language active.
- You should study at home. There is a fundamental truth... the more time you dedicate, the more you will improve.
- Watch TV (Phoenix TV, CCTV, Chinese language movies and the latest news in Chinese). Have a look at the broadcasting schedules.
- Listen to Chinese language songs.

- Visit Chinese language learning websites. They are full of good ideas for learning and for general Chinese topics.

### **3.4 Learn from Your Mistakes**

- Don't expect to understand everything immediately.
- Fluency first, accuracy second
- Speak ...at every opportunity!
- Participate and persist!
- We can show you the pool...Now jump in!