

What is Chinese language?

There are **56 ethnic groups** speaking **different dialects** all across China, in 1950's China has standardised one official language is called **Mandarin** (汉语) **hànyu**

1. **Mandarin** 汉语 is the **most widely spoken language in the world**. (1.43 Billions)
2. **Every 5 people 1 speaks Mandarin** 汉语

China

中国

Zhōng guó

What is Pinyin?

Pinyin is the phonetic system of Chinese language.

- Most importantly, it's a great tool to help you learn the accurate pronunciation of Mandarin words and
- input Chinese characters on your computer or smartphone.
- Like **English phonetic symbols**, Pinyin also uses the modern alphabet to build its system. Some sounds that do NOT exist in English phonetic symbols.
- Have a look at all of our videos, listen to the voices in Real Chinese and our tones to hear how native speakers pronounce the sounds.

