GCSE Mandarin Chinese Resources
for New Specification 2017

**Textbook**

![AQA GCSE Chinese Textbook 1](image1)

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**Workbook**

![Secondary School Chinese Workbook 1](image2)

The workbook can be used in conjunction with the textbook.

**Online**

![Online Resource](image3)

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Overview

AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1 has entered an AQA approval process for the new GCSE specification. It is the first part of a new two-part series and is aimed at students with some prior knowledge of Chinese: in order to begin this book, students should have a knowledge of about 200 words, and should be able to write 50-100 characters. This course is aligned to the new specification of Mandarin Chinese GCSE and is written with the requirements of non-heritage learners in mind. The course covers all four skills, and is designed to increase the confidence and skills of learners. This course aims to provide everything students need to master the language; it is complete with interactive activities, cultural insight and detailed grammar explanations. A workbook and online portal accompany the textbook, giving opportunity for extra practice and enabling teachers to track students' progress.

Everything you need in one course

AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1 combines a modern communicative pedagogy with thorough grammatical explanations. It includes activities which cover all four skills, as well as activities which focus on study skills. Topics are revisited throughout the book, making sure that students have many opportunities to consolidate their learning. Wherever possible, activities are grounded in real-life situations which students are likely to encounter when they interact with other Chinese speakers.

Pinyin supporting text

Pinyin supporting text is written underneath characters to aid the student with pronunciation. Pinyin is gradually removed throughout the book, as the student's knowledge of vocabulary increases. This ensures that the student is supported at all stages and is encouraged to focus on characters when reading. Rarer characters, such as names, are always supported with pinyin.
AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1

Writing characters
AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1 systematically introduces students to 176 common Chinese characters. After completing this book, students will be able to write between 225-300 characters from memory and recognise 450-500 characters, depending on the students' initial knowledge. Extra character practice is provided in the workbook. Special sections are also devoted to improving handwriting and study skills for memorising characters.

In-depth explanations on grammar and word use
Chinese grammar is thoroughly explained using non-technical language. The book introduces important grammar points such as modal verbs, conjunctions and verbal complements; the book also includes notes on details of word usage, such as knowing when to use 老 and 旧. Common phrases in everyday conversation are introduced in two sections in each unit, entitled ‘Language in Action.’
Cultural knowledge
Going beyond well-known cultural icons such as pandas and chopsticks, *AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1* contains a wealth of information on Chinese culture, both ancient and modern. Our approach helps the student appreciate the diversity of the Chinese speaking world. Cultural sections include both famous masterpieces such as *Journey to the West* and lesser-known culture such as the ‘guess fingers’ game.

**A global perspective**
Students get good exposure to a variety of places where Chinese is spoken. Local elements from Shanghai, Xi’an and Taipei are integrated into the background of each activity to help students understand the diversity and different perspectives of the Chinese speaking world. A brief section introduces students to tips for recognising traditional characters that they may encounter outside of Mainland China.
Differentiated approach
This course facilitates a differentiated classroom by presenting a wide range of activity types, from word recognition to creative writing. Activities are categorised into three levels, marked by an icon (see below). The first level of activity introduces a new topic or structure, allowing for plenty of repetition; the second level encourages fluency and flexibility with the language; the third level helps students work on either creative or analytical skills while learning Chinese. Each unit’s ‘Putting it together’ section contains the most challenging activities: these require students to combine their new knowledge from this unit with previous knowledge. For students who require extra practice, the workbook has plenty of opportunity for consolidating knowledge in a less challenging way.

Written for the new GCSE specification and entered in an AQA approval process
Subject content under the new GCSE specification is categorised into topics which fall across three broader themes. In order for teachers and students to ensure that they have covered these themes successfully, we have provided a GCSE Themes Finder section which shows the relevant units that cover each theme. Some themes will be further covered in the forthcoming AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 2.
Secondary School Chinese for GCSE
Workbook 1

Overview
Workbook 1 accompanies *AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1*, with further activities that align to the textbook contents. The activities provide practice on character writing, tones, language structure and vocabulary, as well as extra reading passages. The workbook provides excellent resources for student consolidation during homework, allowing teachers to track student progress constantly.

Activity 1.1 Practise writing the Chinese characters below. Trace over the grey strokes and then complete the lines in your own writing.

Activity 1.2 Match the following verbs with their objects.
1) 画  a. 照片
2) 跳  b. 电话
3) 玩儿  c. 舞
4) 打  d. 吉他
5) 弹  e. 游戏
6) 拍  f. 画

Activity 1.3 Split up the following words and write each character under the correct heading according to its tone. We have completed the first for you.

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Activity 1.4 Match the Chinese words with the English.
1) to sing  a. 上网
2) to go online  b. 唱歌
3) photo  c. 表演
4) to listen to  d. 照片
5) to perform, a performance  e. 音乐
6) music  f. 听

Students practise each core character from the textbook through tracing and writing exercises.

Workbook 1 contains a wide range of activities, ranging from simple linking exercises and translations to more challenging reading and writing activities.

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Each activity in the workbook is targeted at helping students with specific skills. Activity 1.5 helps students develop accurate knowledge of tones and pinyin for new vocabulary. Activity 1.6 helps students with a new grammar point from Unit 1 (using 一起). Activity 3.10 helps students with longer reading, and combines topics from Unit 3 (family members and jobs) with older topics, such as hobbies.
For students and teachers
Our online portal, accessible through most internet browsers, contains a wealth of resources for both student and teacher. Through interactive activities, students are encouraged to spend more time in language practice outside of school time. Below are some of the key features.

1. AQA GCSE Chinese e-Book 1
This e-Book is an electronic version of the textbook. It is quick to load and easy to navigate, and can be accessed both on computers and mobile devices such as iPad.

2. Sound Zone
The Sound Zone contains the recordings and transcripts for all the listening exercises from AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1.

3. Homework Zone
Students and teachers can login and view auto-marking homework exercises. Teachers track the results of the students through the Review Zone (see next page).

4. Culture Zone
Users can find an engaging range of videos relating to key Chinese cultural topics that are covered in the textbook series.

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For teachers
The teachers’ section of the online portal allows teachers a simple way to login and track the progress of their students over the course of an academic year. Teachers have access to the resources listed below. The publishers are keen that the portal addresses teachers’ needs, and we welcome feedback and dialogue for further improvements.

5. Whiteboard slides
These slides contain the teachable content of AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1, broken up into individual learning points. These slides are ideal for presentation of new material and whole-class speaking activities. All slides have page references to the textbook.

6. Schemes of Work
Each unit is accompanied by a Scheme of Work written by the authors and publishers. The Schemes of Work aid teachers in lesson plans and long term curriculum planning. Schemes of Work are available in both English and Chinese.

7. Review Zone
Teachers can connect with their students’ homework results and comment on their individual performance. The comments appear back in the students’ Homework Zone. The Review Zone is detailed and supports exporting to Microsoft Excel.

8. Score Zone
Student performance is tracked in a teacher’s Score Zone. Student scores are factored by online homework and additional points awarded by the teacher in class. Teachers may also add comments.

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Other books in the series

*Secondary School Chinese for Beginners* is a textbook, workbook and online portal aimed at beginner students in Key Stage 3. It aims to provide an accessible and comprehensive introduction to Chinese. Students cover basic topics such as greetings, family members, common objects, food and time words; students gain a reading knowledge of over 200 words, and learn to write 100 characters. Extra practice on fundamentals such as tones and radicals ensures a solid foundation for further study. This course is the ideal preparation for *AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 1* and was written by the same team.

The authors
William Minter and Leah Russell met studying Chinese Studies at the University of Oxford in 2004. They lived in China for over two years and have since worked at Brighton College, UK and Choate Rosemary Hall, USA, teaching Mandarin and working in admissions. William gained an MA in East Asian Studies from Yale, focusing on Classical Chinese. Leah practises Chinese papercutting art, which she researched while living in Beijing. Their ambition is to make learning Chinese accessible and enjoyable for all students.

Future publications
*AQA GCSE Chinese - Textbook 2* will be published in time for the 18-19 academic year. This will complete the series to equip students to enter the GCSE with confidence and a good degree of mastery of Key Stage 4 level Chinese.

The publishers
Established in 2007 and now celebrating its 10th anniversary, Dragons in Europe is the UK’s specialist provider of Mandarin Chinese teachers and teaching materials to primary and secondary schools. With a team of over 50 experienced teachers and a western-style teaching methodology, the company has enabled a large number of students to enjoy learning about China’s fantastic language and culture. Our dedicated team has published a wide range of textbooks and workbooks, complete with online support and schemes of work, suitable at both primary and secondary level. Please see [www.dragonsineurope.com](http://www.dragonsineurope.com) for more information.

Purchasing the new textbook and workbook for your school
The textbooks and workbooks will be available to purchase in June 2017. If you wish to place a pre-order and take advantage of our early bird discount, please contact gcse@dragonsineurope.com or ring 020 7228 8501.

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