

## Chinese as a Second Language (CSL)

- Currently 5 levels:

Level 1 has 50 classes and 10 units

Levels 2-5 have 60 classes (each) and 10 units

- Students beginning in Level 1 are expected to know **zero** Chinese and begin with mostly repetition
- Aligned to **YCT standards**

Level 1 students should be able to pass YCT 1 and know approximately 117 words and 18 characters by the end of the level.

Level 2 students should be able to pass YCT 2 and know approximately 299 words and 74 characters by the end of the level.

Level 3 students should know approximately 425 words and have learned 129 characters by the end of the level.

Level 4 students should be able to pass YCT 3 and know approximately 600 words and almost 300 characters by the end of the level.

Level 5 students should know approximately 750 words and 400 characters by the end of the level.\*

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
YCT	YCT1	YCT1 & YCT2	YCT3	YCT3	YCT4	YCT4	YCT4
ACTFL	Novice-Low	Novice-Mid	Novice-High	Novice-High	Intermediate-Low	Intermediate-Low	Intermediate-Low
Suggested Learning Period	4-6 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months
Unit	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Session	50	60	60	60	60	60	60
Vocabulary	117	182	126	159	167	170	168
Chinese Characters	18	56	55	149	125	120	120
Sentence & Grammar	40	41	37	58	45	44	48

- Teachers speak at a **slower-than-normal** speed and are trained to adjust their speech and limit their vocabulary to match the student's level
- Slides have **pinyin** above the characters in levels 2-5.
- Teacher feedback is written in **English**
- All levels have **25 minute classes**

## Chinese Heritage (CH)

- Currently 5 levels:

Every level has 50 classes and 10 units

- Students beginning in Level 1 are expected to be **fluent** in basic Chinese (primary school level)
- Aligned to **Chinese primary school standards**

Level 1 students are equivalent to 1st Grade level (based on Chinese primary school curriculum). They should be able to read approximately 200 characters and write 70 characters by the end of the level.

Level 2 students are equivalent to 1st Grade level. They should be able to read approximately 450 characters and write 150 characters by the end of the level.

Level 3 students are equivalent to 2nd Grade level. They should be able to read approximately 700 characters and write 230 characters by the end of the level.

Level 4 students are equivalent to 2nd Grade level. They should be able to read approximately 950 characters and write 300+ characters by the end of the level.

Level 5 students are equivalent to 2nd Grade level. They should be able to read 1200+ characters and write 350+ characters by the end of the level.

CH Course	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10	Level 11	Level 12
HSK	Level 2		Level 3			Level 4		Level 5		Level 6		
Suggested Learning Period	4-6 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	5-7 months	6-8 months	6-8 months	6-8 months
Unit	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Session	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
New characters learned	207	257	247	238	250	250	200	200	200	150	150	150
New characters written	70	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	50	50	50
Class length	25min	25min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min	40min
Vocabulary	300	500	1,000	1,200	1500-2000							
Sentence & Grammar	50	50	100	80+	100+							
Total characters read	2,860	5,807	9,298	15,061	22,000	Under development						
Total stories read	41	49	50	50	40							

- Teachers speak at a **natural speed**, to replicate the environment in a Chinese classroom.
- Slides have characters and pinyin above **unlearned/new** characters **only**.
- Teacher feedback is written in **Chinese**
- Levels 1 and 2 have 25 minute classes
- Levels 3 and higher have **40 minute classes**

\*numbers are cumulative- Level 2 numbers include the characters learned in Level 1. Level 3 numbers include those words and characters learned in Levels 1 and 2, etc. The chart, however, shows the amounts learned in each individual level.