

# Introduction

## Lesson Two

In this lesson, we'll continue learning some basic phrases that you might use when you see a friend.

## Greetings!

- Nǐ hǎo mā? -- How are you?
- Nǐ zěn me yàng? - How are you? (Informal)
- Nǐ zuì jìn zěn me yàng? - How have you been recently? (Informal)
- Wǒ hěn hǎo -- I'm very good
- Wǒ jué de lèi -- I feel tired.
- Wǒ hái kěyǐ -- I'm okay
- Nǐ nē? -- And you? / You?

## Pinyin

Pinyin is a very effective tool for us to learn Chinese quickly and easily. As you watch the video lessons, try to mimic the tones as closely as possible.

- First Tone: mā
- Second Tone: má
- Third Tone: mǎ
- Fourth Tone: mà
- Fifth or Neutral Tone: ma

## Homework

1. Revise this lesson.
2. Go to <http://www.wku.edu/~shizhen.gao/Chinese01/pinyin/tones.htm> for more information on tones. It's a useful website with nice visualizations which might help you mentally picture how each tone is supposed to sound.