

**Ideas for Language Use in a Primary/Intermediate Classroom**

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| Classroom set-up | Posters with classroom instructions, frequently used words and phrases, classroom items labelled in TL, school map in TL, world map in TL  Students names in TL, books labelled in TL, student badges - laminated and safety-pinned - in TL  Toilet pass that has the expression on it asking for permission to go to the toilet - similar pass for going for a drink of water. Have laminated and available so students can grab it and bring it to you when they need to use it.  Sign on the door with the expression “sorry I am late” for anyone coming in after start of lesson. |
| Beginning of day routines | Greetings - standing, bowing etc. if Asian languages  Date and time  Taking the roll  Weather  Ideas for cheat sheets - classroom instructions, asking permission to do things e.g. go to the toilet, phrases that students might say daily |
| Start of lesson preparation | Equipment needed e.g. pencil case items  Activity locations  Classroom instructions  Asking to borrow items |
| Lesson endings | Formulaic phrases for end of day, giving homework |
| Mathematics | Simple maths  Numbering students or groups  Anything to do with basic counting and number, shapes, position and orientation, transformation  Telling the time |
| Social Sciences | Festivals  Seasons  Holidays  Birthday celebrations  Myths and legends comparison  Family background in languages comparison  Meal etiquette/ good manners comparison  Famous people around the world who speak the TL  Cultural differences surrounding schooling and school life  Geography comparison |
| Science | Weather patterns  Seasonal differences  Pets, pet care  Parts of the body |
| English | Poetry - haiku  Parts of speech  Read books in translation from country of TL  Film studies from country of TL |
| Technology | Transport comparison  Food, meal preparation  Textiles from country of TL  Clothing comparison  Govocab.com  EDpuzzle  Using recording devices for conversations/activities and sharing with students  Film students conversations/activities and share |
| Art | Calligraphy  Art styles from country of TL  Famous artists from country of TL |
| PE/Health | Sports/activities specific to country of TL  Nutrition  Food specific to country of TL  Famous sports people from country of TL  Healthy lifestyle comparison |

**Chinese Zhōngwén 中文**

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| *Classroom set-up Instructions*  Please sit down  Please stand up  Please listen  Please wait a moment  Please be quiet  Please show me  Please read a book  Window  Door  Desk  Chair  Whiteboard  Table  Pencilcase  Notebook  Maths book  Reading book  Writing book | Qǐng zuò! 请坐！  Qǐng qǐlì. 请起立。  Qǐng tīng. 请听。  Qǐng děng yíxia. 请等一下。  Qǐng ān jìng. 请安静。  Qǐng ràng wǒ kàn yíxia. 请让我看一下。  Qǐng kàn shū. 请看书。  chuānghu 窗户  mén 门  shūzhuō 书桌  yǐzi 椅子  báibǎn 白板  zhuōzi 桌子  wénjùhé 文具盒  bǐjìběn 笔记本  shùxué shū 数学书  yuèdú shū 阅读书  xiězuò shū 写作书 |
| *Beginning of day routines*  Good morning  Good weather  Terrible weather  Sunny  Rainy  Cloudy  Snow  Storm  Hot weather  Cold weather  Humid | Zǎoshàng hǎo. 早上好。  Hǎo tiānqi. 好天气  Zāogāo de tiānqi 糟糕的天气。  qíngtiān 晴天  yǔtiān 雨天  duō yún 多云  xuě 雪  bàofēngyǔ 暴风雨  yánrè de tiānqi 炎热的天气  hánlěng de tiānqi 寒冷的天气  cháoshī 潮湿 |
| *Asking permission*  May I go to the toilet?  May I borrow a pencil?  May I eat?  May I drink? | Wǒ kě.yǐ qù wèishēngjiān ma? 我可以去卫生间吗？  Kě.yǐ jiè wǒ yì zhī bǐ ma? 可以借我一支笔吗？  Wǒ kě.yǐ chī ma? 我可以吃吗？  Wǒ kě.yǐ hē ma? 我可以喝 吗？ |
| *Daily phrases*  I understand  I don’t understand  I know  I don’t know  Yes that’s right  No  Sorry I’m late  I’m sorry  Excuse me  The dog ate my homework | Wǒ míng.bái. 我明白。  Wǒ bù míng.bái. 我不明白。  Wǒ zhī.dào. 我知道。  Wǒ bù zhī.dào. 我不知道。  Duì, méicuò. 对，没错。  Bú shì./Bú duì. 不是/不对。  Duìbuqǐ, wǒ chí le. 对不起，我迟了。  Duìbuqǐ. 对不起。.  Qǐngwèn/láojià/duìbuqǐ/bùhǎoyìsi 请问/劳驾/对不起/ 不好意思 (context-dependent)  Gǒu bǎ wǒde zuòyè chī le. 狗把我的作业吃了。 |
| *End of day*  Goodbye  See you tomorrow  See you on Monday  Have a nice day | Zàijiàn. 再见！  Míngtiān jiàn. 明天见。  Zhōuyī jiàn. 周一见。  Culturally, Chinese don’t say this. |

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