



Mandarin Language Resources | K-9

Suggestions for Language Learning at Home

Ongoing language learning can be a joyful part of the week. Here are a few creative suggestions that can be used with a variety of e-books, videos, animations, etc. Each activity invites students to use Mandarin in a creative, expressive way.

Summary Poem Activity

- List 10 key words from an assigned text/short animation in Mandarin.
- Do a free verse poem in Mandarin with the words you highlighted.

Advertisement

- Think about an item or product in your house that you found unexpectedly useful. Create an advertisement in Mandarin for that product, with visuals and text, pointing out its benefits.
- Chose the media: Poster (collage or digital) / Video / Audio file

Letter

- Listen to the audiobook, In Mandarin, explain the topic in a letter to your best friend.

Typography Design for Vocabulary

- Listen to an e-book or watch a video in Mandarin. Choose 3 new words you learned today that you would like to remember.
- Design and transform each word as a whole in order to visually show its meaning.

Sticky Notes Annotation for Reading Comprehension

- Use sticky notes to briefly describe key passages of the Mandarin book/magazine that are notable or that you have questions about. *Note:* The “notes” don’t have to be sticky ... you can cut your own small squares of paper (and in any colour you want)!
- You can take a photo of your notes or type what you wrote and share with your teacher.

Microblogging week

- In Mandarin, tell one positive fact of the day or something you are grateful for, in under 280 characters.
- Write one “tweet” per day for a whole week.

Podcast

- Play the part of a content expert and tell us in Mandarin about the best ways to communicate with friends during physical distancing times.

Vlog

- “One Day in the Life of a Student Learning”
- In Mandarin, tell us about your new routines throughout the day.

Travelling Toys | Inspiration for creative writing in the target language

- Choose a little toy or object and make it travel through your house, taking photographs or sketching along the way.
- Take 10 random photos of the toy/object around your house, select 5 and then organize them in a sequence of your choice to create your story, and then write it in Mandarin.

Online Links

[Mandarin Matrix](#) is a customized, cloud-based guided reading solution for learners of Mandarin as a second language from kindergarten through to middle school.

[Memrise](#) allows students to watch and learn from real conversational language from native speakers. It supports personalized learning that gives students the right level of challenge to foster motivation in the language learning process.

[Duolingo](#) is a platform that includes a language-learning website and mobile app, as well as a digital language-proficiency assessment exam.

[BBC Muzzy | Mandarin](#) Students can continue learning Mandarin through animated videos, games, and interactive activities.

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