

SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

Chinese Upper Intermediate 1

Materials:

Liping, Jiang (2013) *Experiencing Chinese: Intermediate Course (II)*. Higher Education Press: Beijing, China.

Liping, Jiang (2013) *Experiencing Chinese: Intermediate Course (II) Workbook*. Higher Education Press: Beijing, China.

Overview of Course Contents	Synopsis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern technology and life• Mobile phone market analysis• Pets, animals, and human beings• Stray animals and society• Colour, language and history• Colour and personality• Celebrities and their stories• A debate on reality TV shows• Overview and consolidation	<p>This is a 20-hour course designed for learners who have learned around 2,000 words and are able to use functional words and sentence connectors in their speech to produce cohesive discourse to discuss some interesting topics in daily life.</p> <p>This course aims at increasing students' language competence so that they can conduct a simple survey of a project, discuss its pros and cons, with reasons, examine its feasibility and make suggestions. Conducting survey, discussions and debates are encouraged in class. The learning of semi-technical words in IT, medicine, popular culture, art and music provides opportunities for students to discuss issues and give opinions about topics that are important in today's China.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students should be able to discuss such topics as modern technology, children's addiction to computer games, pets and animals, colours and culture, and reality TV shows. They will learn how to accurately use functional words such as 明明、几乎、偏偏、免得、毕竟、并、尽管、则、所谓、归、仅仅、恐怕、由此可见 and sentence connectors like 除了...就是..., 之所以...是因为..., 假如...就..., 不过...而已. Around 200 new words should be learned in this course.</p>