

Daily Language Focus: Meals and Directions

Meal-related Words and Phrases

English	Pinyin	Chinese
waiter / waitress	fú wù yuán	服务员
I want _____. (For ordering)	wǒ yào ____	我要——。
Do you have _____?	yǒu méi yǒu _____?	有没有——?
Yes, we have it.	yǒu	有。
No, we don't have it.	méi yǒu	没有。
order food	diǎn cài	点菜
menu	cài dān	菜单
chopsticks	kuài zi	筷子
bowl	wǎn	碗
Bill, please!	mǎi dān	买单
box-up leftovers	dǎ bāo	打包
carry-out	dài zǒu	带走
cold (for drinks)	bīng de / liáng de	冰的 / 凉的

On the Menu

English	Pinyin	Chinese
rice (cooked)	mǐ fàn	米饭
noodles	miàn	面
fried rice	chǎo fàn	炒饭
stir-fried noodles	chǎo miàn	炒面
dumplings	jiǎo zi	饺子
stir-fried dishes	chǎo cài	炒菜
cold dishes	liáng cài	凉菜
drinks	yǐn liào	饮料
bottled water	kuàng quán shuǐ	矿泉水

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Allergy-related Words and Phrases

English	Pinyin	Chinese
soy sauce	jiàng yóu	酱油
wheat flour	miàn fěn	面粉
peanuts	huā shēng	花生
hot pepper	là jiāo	辣椒
MSG	wèi jīng	味精
Please don't add _____.	qǐng bú fàng _____	请不放——。
I have a(n) _____ allergy.	wǒ duì _____ guò mǐn	我对——过敏。

Directions and Taxis

English	Pinyin	Chinese
taxi	chū zū chē	出租车
take a taxi	dǎ chē	打车
driver	shī fu	师傅
Go to ____.	qù ____	去——。
Turn right.	yòu guǎi	右拐。
Turn left.	zuǒ guǎi	左拐。
Go straight.	zhí zǒu	直走。
Stop here.	zài zhèr tíng (northern) zài zhè lǐ tíng (southern)	在这儿停。 在这里停。
I'll get out here.	wǒ zài zhèr xià (northern) wǒ zài zhè lǐ xià (southern)	我在这儿下。 我在这里下。
Please use the meter.	qǐng dǎ biǎo	请打表。
How do I get to ____?	____ zěn me zǒu?	——怎么走?

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