

LEARNING CHINESE

Monday the 28th of August 2017 is my flight to China, where I will work for 1-3 years as an art teacher. www.kimengelen.com

This is my goal written down via the [S.M.A.R.T. method](#):

SPECIFIC

- What: I want to speak and read Chinese A1 level in 1 year.
- Who: Me
- Where: In China
- When: August 2018
- Which: With the app "[HelloChinese](#)", book "[Mandarijn Chinees Basiscursus](#)" and the word list "[The Most Awesome Wordlist You Have Ever Seen](#)". Maybe later also a tandem or classes (when I am heading for my first exam).
 - Why: It is a nice and fun life goal. I can be proud of me when I have reached this goal. I enhance my chances to communicate with people and it opens up a new culture to me. And it might help me to sell my art (better).

MEASURABLE

- Year:
 1. In 1 year, I want to understand the major gist of conversations. And I am able to make myself more or less understandable: who am I, what do I want to eat, where can I find...?, can you help me with...?
 2. In 1 year, August 2018, I want to have reached A1 level (which is called [HSK1](#) in Chinese)
- Month:
 1. Per month I want to learn 10 Characters (This means also 10 new words). I will think of words I want to know. I can use the word list "[The Most Awesome Wordlist You Have Ever Seen](#)". Since they say that those are the 650 words which help you the most. And/or I use the [HSK1](#) words that are findable online.
 2. 1 chapter from my Dutch Book "[Mandarijn Chinees Basiscursus](#)". The book has 12 chapters.
- Week:

Per week I want to do at least 1 module in the "[HelloChinese](#)" app. And when I am finished with this app. I start again until I am fluent in this information. And also when I start all over I can then focus on the characters. Especially the food section, because this will come in handy when reading menus when I am China. If possible I start with this module.

ACHIEVABLE

Yes, I have now written the steps down to learn Chinese. And to stay engaged I will talk about it every Monday on my Vblog "[Learning Chinese](#)" (Journal, diary or art project on learning Chinese as a foreign language...)

RELEVANT

I am going to China! Minimally for 1-3 years, possibly longer. There I will be immersed in the language. I will hear and see it from up close. Plus I want to communicate. This objective can also grow into a fun life goal; to learn a 5th and (for me) very difficult language.

TIME-BOUND

When I am in China I can write down my habits. But now I could do every day a minimal of 10 minutes. And on Saturday 1 hour in order to study my book. And to stay focussed every Monday my Vblog "[Learning Chinese](#)" (Journal, diary or art project on learning Chinese as a foreign language...)

=====

Augustus 2017:

1. to be; yes; 是 (**shì**)
2. No, not (negative prefix); 不(**bù**)
3. Toilets, 厕所 (**cèsuǒ**) zài nǎli: toilet (at where)
Toilet (luxurious); 洗手间 (**xǐshǒujiān**)
4. Entrance, 入口 (**rùkǒu**)
5. Exit; 出口 (**chūkǒu**)

September 2017:

1. +single; a (article); as soon as; entire; whole; all; throughout; Kangxi radical 1 **yī** 一
2. +stupid (Beijing dialect) **èr** 二
3. **sān** 三
4. **sì** 四
5. **wǔ** 五
6. **liù** 六
7. **qī** 七
8. **bā** 八
9. **jiǔ** 九
10. **shí** 十