

HSK LEVEL 4

Program Length:

200 classroom hours (8 weeks) - when transitioning from level 3 HSK or equivalent Chinese level
593 classroom hours (25 weeks) - from beginner level

Learning Outcome:

A working vocabulary of around 2,500 Chinese words - increased spoken fluency, including the ability to hold conversations on most current event topics - accurate use of complex sentence patterns, grammatical structures and common Cheng Yu (idioms) in both spoken and written Chinese - ability to read graded material and short stories - ability to handwrite compositions on daily topics using Chinese characters - high level 4 HSK test pass

Class Structure:

Levels 4-6 of the HSK test see a big jump in terms of the range of language skills required and this is reflected in the structure of classes. Our level 4 HSK program is made up entirely of intensive, 2 ½hr targeted practice sessions to really kick your Chinese learning up a gear and ensure every facet of your Mandarin is rapidly boosted to the required test level standard. Intensive focused reading classes are introduced along with targeted written, oral and review sessions.

Extra focus is put on reading comprehension as it is at this stage of the test (levels 4-6) when reading passages start to become longer and timing becomes a critical issue. Tactics for effective skim reading of passages and quick recognition of key words and structures are emphasized (not having enough time is a common issue for test takers) We use reading passages taken directly from past tests combined with our own materials to ensure you get repeated exposure to relevant HSK vocabulary.

Oral sessions focus on moving student's passive vocabulary into the actively usable category. At this stage many students have a large range of vocabulary, yet reproducing that during spontaneous speech in real world conversations can be difficult. The ability to actively use of your full range of vocabulary spontaneously without even thinking is the key to increased fluency and will result in you being able to converse on a much wider range of topics.

Handwriting of characters is required on this level of the test and our written class presents effective techniques for remembering Chinese character composition, correctly linking sentences, writing with correct stroke order and strategies for recognizing radicals.

Twice weekly question and answer sessions take place where you can bring up any language points that may be giving you extra difficulty. A weekly review class takes place every Friday, and you will also be required to take a full mock HSK test each week of the program.

	9am – 11:30am	2pm – 4:30pm	4:40pm – 5:10pm
Monday	Listening focus	Targeted reading	Q and A
Tuesday	Written/Oral	Targeted reading	
Wednesday	Listening focus	Written/Oral	Q and A
Thursday	Written/Oral	Targeted reading	
Friday	Listening focus	Review session	