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Intermediate Chinese Sample Syllabus 10 sessions

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This syllabus offers a high level overview of 12 120-minute Chinese tutoring sessions.

Tutoring Goals

- Improve spoken fluency through mastery of past, future and subjunctive tenses
- Develop ease of expression
- Increase knowledge of vocabulary
- Gain comfort reading and writing

Required Materials

- Barron's 501 Spanish Verbs
- Practice Makes Perfect Complete Spanish Grammar
- Easy Spanish Reader
- CC Exercises (provided by tutor)

Session 1: Introduction & the Weather

Content

- Review of Chinese fundamentals, that is session 1-10 from basic syllabus
 - Pinyin, tones, greetings
 - Telling time
 - Asking questions
 - Basic conversation practice (start with a spoken activity from basic syllabus)
- Talking about the weather
 - Basic terms for weather patterns and phenomena
 - Simple weather changes
 - Comparing weather in two places

Spoken Activity

- Present a simple weather forecast



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Session 2: Dining

Content

- Ordering dishes
- Dietary preferences and restrictions
- Rushing orders, recommending dishes
- Paying for meal

Spoken Activity

- Talk through a dinner experience

Session 3: Seeing a Doctor

Content

- Make a doctor's appointment
- Talk about sickness symptoms
- Understand and report medication instructions

Spoken Activity

- Be a patient presenting cold symptoms (set up appointment, meet doctor/tutor, acquire medication)

Session 4: Dating

Content

- Describe your date or significant other
- Invite someone on a date
- Accept dates
- Decline dates

Spoken Activity

- End a phone conversation without hurting the other person's feelings

Session 5: Renting an Apartment

Content

- Name pieces of furniture
- Name your preferences on location and amenities
- Negotiate rent, utilities and security deposit

Spoken Activity

- Describe your current living quarters, with rent and utilities



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Session 6: Review

Content

- Comprehensive review lessons 1–5
- Quiz on characters

Spoken Activity

- Tutor Choice

Session 7: Sports

Content

- Talk about popular sports
- Exercise habits
- Beijing Olympics 2008

Spoken Activity

- Make a comparison between soccer and American football

Session 8: Traveling

Content

- Summer vacations
- Travel itinerary
- Ask for discounts, comparing airfares
- Asking for directions

Spoken Activity

- Speak to a travel agency (tutor) and plan a trip

Session 9: Understanding the News

Content

- Newspaper and News report lingo (not in lesson book so prepare ahead of time)
- Reading and understanding headlines

Spoken Activity

- Summarize 5 news headlines colloquially

Session 10: Review

Content

- Comprehensive review
- Quiz on characters

Spoken Activity

- Tutor's choice

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