



**Mandarin
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Level: 

My MEP Projects 1

Project: Learning Chinese Through Technology

Project Series: ICT

Time: 1 Week

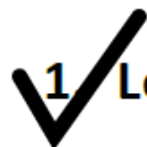


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Choose this Project because it is fun and because it will teach you lots of useful ways to look up words on the internet, a tablet or a smartphone. You will also discover amazing tools that will help take your Chinese to new levels!

By completing this project, you'll equip yourself with necessary tools and knowledge to complete the second assignment 😊

Go for it!



1 Learning Chinese keyboard input

- a. Find a computer OR tablet for this task.
- b. If it runs on **Windows**, search Youtube for the tutorial called 'How To Add Chinese Keyboard on Windows 10' (**0:43** minutes long).

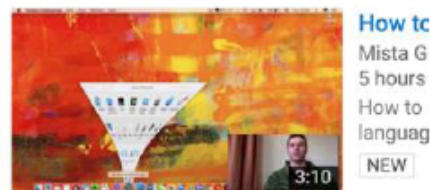
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOpSLXrp-l4>

If you don't have Windows 10, try searching for 'How to type Chinese in Windows 7' (or 8). Mac users, keep reading.

If you're using a **Mac**, search for the Youtube tutorial: 'How to Type Chinese on a Mac' (**3:09** minutes long, roughly the 9th video down).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVx3ZpK42DY>

The video thumbnail should look like this:



- c. Try installing Chinese input yourself. **Don't worry** if you can't get it to work! Just try your best.
- d. Open Word or Pages and type a short text about yourself in characters.
- e. Save the document.
- f. Make a note in the box below if you had any problems installing the keyboard or typing in Chinese.

✓ 2 Online dictionaries and smartphone apps

Many people don't realise how many great tools there are to help them improve their Chinese skills. *You* are going to be one of the lucky ones who know tons!

- a. Go to Youtube and search for a video called 'Top Tech Tips for Chinese Learners' (**6:47** minutes long).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHqZi4EO80o>
- b. Watch the video and note down the names of the different apps and websites introduced in the box below.

Names of apps	Names of websites

- c. If you have a smartphone or tablet, download Pleco (if your phone is full, you might need to delete things like pictures or music, but it's worth it!). If you don't have a smartphone, use MDBG on a computer (<https://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php>).
- d. Now, look up the following words and write down the Chinese characters and pinyin in the box provided.

NOTE: On Pleco, some words have a character in brackets – use that one as it is simplified Chinese, which you are learning! For example, mobile phone is 手機 (-机), so use 手 with 机.

Task: Input the following phrases in English and see if you can find the equivalent in simplified Chinese and pinyin (pronunciation):

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| 1. Hello – 你好 (nǐ hǎo) | 2. See you – 再见 (zài jiàn) |
| 3. Sorry – 对不起 (duì bù qǐ) | 4. China – 中国 (zhōng guó) |

3/ Explore the use of the following apps/websites by using them to respond to the task!

Pleco (recommended on the phone):

There is a “handwriting” button for you to draw up characters in order to input it.

Google Translate (on the phone):

You will need to install “simplified Chinese keyboard” in order to use the handwriting input.

MDBG (recommended on the laptop):

There is a “brush” button where you can click to draw up characters in order to input it.

Google Translate (on the laptop):

Make sure that you "open in “Google Translate” so you can see a "pen" button to draw characters.

Task: Input the characters and find out the pronunciation and meanings of individual characters, as well as the whole. For example, 新 means new, 闻 means hear, 新闻 together means the news. Doesn't news mean something new that you hear :)

1. 手机 _____

2. 电脑 _____

3. 地图 _____

4. 飞机 _____

Note: Once you finish, you can check your answers in the following page ☺ See if you have found the same information☺

Syllable (pinyin)	shǒu	jī
Character	手	机
Individual meaning	hand	machine
Collective meaning	Mobile phone	

Syllable (pinyin)	diàn	nǎo
Character	电	脑
Individual meaning	electricity	brain
Collective meaning	Computer/laptop	

Syllable (pinyin)	dì	tú
Character	地	图
Individual meaning	ground	picture
Collective meaning	Map	

Syllable (pinyin)	fēi	jī
Character	飞	机
Individual meaning	fly	machine
Collective meaning	Plane	



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***Congratulations in completing the first assignment.
Well-done!***

***Now you can use all the tools and knowledge that
you have to continue your journey onto the second
assignment 😊***