

## Chapter 13

## Mail - Telephone

Mail:

address = dìzhǐ 地址

**What is your address?**

Your	<u>address</u>	is	what?
Nǐde	<u>dìzhǐ</u>	shì	shénme?
你的	地址	是	什么?

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envelope = xìnfēng 信封

letter paper, writing paper = xìnzhǐ 信纸

<b>I</b>	<b>need</b>	<b>letter paper</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>two</b>	<b>envelopes.</b>
I	need	<u>letter paper</u>	and	two	<u>envelopes.</u>
Wǒ	xūyào	<u>xìnzhǐ</u>	hé	liǎng gè	<u>xìnfēng.</u>
我	需要	信纸	和	两个	信封。

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letter, letters, mail = xìn 信

<b>Becky,</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>have</b>	<b>a letter.</b>
Becky,	you	have	(a) <u>letter.</u>
Becky,	nǐ	yǒu	<u>xìn.</u>
_____ ,	你	有	信。

mail (collectively) = xìnjiàn 信件

**The Apartment's mail has arrived.**  
 (The) Apartment's mail already arrived.  
 Gōngyù de xìnjiàn yǐjīng lái le.  
 公寓的信件已经来了。

postage stamp = yóupiào 邮票

**I need six postage stamps.**  
 I need six postage stamps.  
 Wǒ xūyào liù zhāng yóupiào.  
 我需要六张邮票。

post card = míngxìnpiàn 明信片

**I also need four postcards.**  
 I also need four postcards.  
 Wǒ yě xūyào sì zhāng míngxìnpiàn.  
 我也需要四张明信片。

post office = yóujú 邮局

**Where is the post office?**  
Post office where?  
Yóujú zài nǎr?  
 邮局在哪儿？

P.O. Box = yóuzhèng xìnxiāng 邮政信箱

**Do you have a P.O. Box?**  
 You have / have not (a) P.O. Box?  
 Nǐ yǒu méiyǒu yóuzhèng xìnxiāng?  
 你有没有邮政信箱？

mailman, postman = yóudiyuán 邮递员

**My uncle is a mailman.**  
 My uncle is (a) mailman.  
 Wǒde bóbo shì yóudiyuán.

我的伯伯是邮递员。

package, parcel = bāoguǒ 包裹

**You have a package.**  
 You have (a) package.  
 Nǐ yǒu bāoguǒ.

你有包裹。

registered letter = guàhàoxìn 挂号信

**I'd like to mail this registered letter.**  
 I would like to mail this registered letter.  
 Wǒ xiǎng yóu zhè fēng guàhàoxìn.

我想邮这封挂号信。

reply, answer = huídá 回答

**I hope his reply comes back as soon as possible.**  
 I hope his reply comes back as soon as possible.  
 Wǒ xīwàng tāde huídá shì huílaide yuè kuài yuè hǎo.

我希望他的回答是回来得越快越好。

send a letter = jì 寄

**I want to mail a letter.**  
 I want to send this letter.  
 Wǒ yào jì zhè fēng xìn.

我要寄这封信。

zipcode = yóudi qūhào 邮 递 区 号

**What is the zipcode?**

Zipcode is what?  
Yóudi qūhào shì shénme?  
 邮 递 区 号 是 什 么 ？

Telephone:

cell phone, cellular phone = shǒujī 手 机

**How much did your cell phone cost?**

Your cell phone how much money?  
 Nǐde shǒujī duōshao qián?  
 你 的 手 机 多 少 钱 ？

hello / if you please = Wèi. 喂 。

**Hello.**

Hello.

Wèi.

喂 。

**(Chinese Usage Note:** “Wèi” is a strange word. It only has one use! It is only used to say “hello” when using the telephone! )

Hello. Who is it, please? = Wèi, nǎ yī wèi ? 喂 , 哪 一 喂 ？

**Hello. Who is it, please?**

Hello, who is it, please?

Wèi, nǎ yī wèi ?

喂 , 哪 一 喂 ？

**(Chinese Usage Note:** Sometimes in Chinese the literal translation does not equal the figurative or common usage of the phrase. Here, the literal translation is, “Hello. Which one?” Forget about that and go with the common usage: “Hello, Who is it please?” Again, this is only used on the telephone).

telephone (*noun*) = diànhuà 电话

**Mr. Zhang, telephone.**

Zhang	Mr.,	your	<u>telephone.</u>
Zhang	Xiānsheng,	nǐde	<u>diànhuà.</u>
_____	先生,	你的	电话。

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telephone (*verb*), to call = dǎ diànhuà 打电话

give to / give for / give = gěi 给

**Please ask her to call me.**

Please	her	<u>telephone call</u>	<u>give to</u>	me.
Qǐng	tā	<u>dǎ diànhuà</u>	<u>gěi</u>	wǒ.
请	她	打电话	给	我。

telephone call (*noun*) = dǎ diànhuà 打电话

**Give me a telephone call.**

Give	me	(a) <u>telephone call.</u>
Gěi	wǒ	<u>dǎ diànhuà.</u>

给 我 打电话。

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telephone book, = diànhuàbù 电话簿

telephone directory

**Do you have a telephone book I can borrow?**

You	have / not have	<u>telephone book,</u>	I	borrow	a bit	can	yes / no?
Nǐ	yǒu méiyǒu	<u>diànhuàbù,</u>	wǒ	jiè	yīxià	kěyǐ	ma?
你	有 没有	电话簿,	我	借	一下	可以	吗?

telephone booth = diànhuàtíng 电话亭

**Where's a telephone booth?**

Telephone booth where?

Diànhuàtíng zàinǎr?

电话亭 在哪儿？

telephone busy signal = Zhànxiàn. 占线。

**Busy signal.**

Busy signal.

Zhànxiàn.

占线。

long-distance telephone call = chángtú diànhuà 长途电话

**How much is a long-distance phone call to Hawaii?**

To call Hawaii long-distance phone call how much money?

Dǎ Xiàwēiyí chángtú diànhuà duōshao qián?

打 夏威夷 长途电话 多少 钱？

telephone calling card = diànhuàkǎ 电话卡

**How much does this calling card cost?**

This telephone calling card costs how much money?

Zhè zhāng diànhuàkǎ zhí duōshao qián?

这 张 电话卡 值 多少 钱？

telephone number = diànhuà hàomǎ 电话号码

**My telephone number is: 2 2 4 - 1 2 1 2.**

My telephone number is: 2 2 4 - 1 2 1 2.

Wǒde diànhuà hàomǎ shì: èr èr sì - yāo èr yāo èr.

我的 电话号码 是: 二 二 四 - 么 二 么 二。