

# 3. Pronouns and Their Forms

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Base	With 们 (Plural)	With 的 (Possession)	Notes
我 (wǒ) - I/me	我们 (wǒmen) - we/us	我的 (wǒ de) - my/mine	
你 (nǐ) - you	你们 (nǐmen) - you all	你的 (nǐ de) - your/yours	
他 (tā) - he	他们 (tāmen) - they	他的 (tā de) - his	
她 (tā) - she	她们 (tāmen) - they (female)	她的 (tā de) - hers	Same pronunciation as male form

## New Vocabulary

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Notes
鸡	jī	chicken	
七	qī	seven	
西	xī	west	
西瓜	xīguā	watermelon	Second syllable often unstressed in casual speech
们	men	plural marker	Never used alone; attaches to pronouns
很	hěn	very	Used between subject and adjective
也	yě	also/too	Comes after subject
的	de	possession marker	Pronounced like "duh"

## Grammar Particles

Particle	Pinyin	Usage	Example
吗	ma	Question marker	你好吗 (nǐ hǎo ma?) - How are you?
的	de	Possession	我的 (wǒ de) - mine
们	men	Plural	我们 (wǒmen) - we

# Important Rules

- 你 (men) is only used with pronouns and some animate nouns
- Word order: Subject + 了 (yě) + Rest of sentence
- Possession: Owner + 的 (de) + Object
- In casual speech, second syllables of common words (like 西瓜 xīguā) are often unstressed

# Finals Review

- i, u, ü (German ü with dots)
- Character structure often has left and right radicals

# Character Components

- Most Chinese characters are composed of radicals
- Common structure: left radical + right radical
- Understanding radicals helps with character recognition and memorization

# Common Phrases and Combinations

Chinese	Pinyin	Literal Meaning	Actual Usage
你好	nǐ hǎo	you good	Hello
你好吗	nǐ hǎo ma?	you good [question]?	How are you?
我好	wǒ hěn hǎo	I very good	I'm very well
你呢	nǐ ne?	you [question]?	And you?
我也好	wǒ yě hěn hǎo	I also very good	I'm good too
早上好	zǎo shang hǎo	morning up good	Good morning
大家好	nǐmen hǎo	you [plural] good	Hello everyone
我们的	wǒmen de	we [plural] [possession]	our/ours
他们的	tāmen de	they [plural] [possession]	their/theirs
你们的	nǐmen de	you [plural] [possession]	your/yours (plural)