

CHAPTER 1

我讀一年級了 ngo5 duk6 jat1 nin4 kap1 liu5 I'm in Primary One!

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我	ngo5	I
讀	duk6	讀 usually means 'to read'. But in Chinese they say I 'read' Primary one/First grade = I am in Primary One
年級	nin4 kap1	grade (at a school)
了	liu5	Grammatical: 了 shows a change of state. I am in primary one. (previously I wasn't, but now I am – that's a change of state).
學會 學會了	hok6 wui2 hok6 wui2 liu5	to study to be able to do something I can now... I am now able to ...
看	hon3	to read
鐘	zung1	the clock
看鐘	hon3 zung1	read the clock = tell the time

每	mui5	every
天	tin1	day
每天	mui5 tin1	every day
自己	zi6 gei2	myself, on my own
起床	hei2 cong4	to get up, get out of bed

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會說	wui2 syut3	I can say
老師早	lou5 si1 zou2	good morning teacher
同學 同學好	tung4 hok6 tung4 hok6 hou2	classmate Hello, classmate
覺得	gok3 dak1	to feel
自己	zi6 gei2	myself (see note below)
已經	ji5 ging1	already
長大	coeng4 daai6	grown up

Note

Be careful with these characters

自己	zi6 gei2	myself (see note below)
已經	ji5 ging1	already

己 and 已 are similar but not the same. On 己 the stroke that curves to the right does not cross over the 丿. on the 已 it does cross the lower line of the 丿.

起床	hei2 cong4	to get up, get out of bed
說:老師早	syut3 lou5 si1 zou2	say: good morning teacher
讀書	duk6 syu1	read books
寫字	se2 zi6	write
遊戲	jau4 hei3	play games
說:同學好	syut3 tung4 hok6 hou2	Hello, classmates