(Most Chinese repeat single words/commands 3 times so children are used to this. The marks above words show tone—word goes either up, down, dips or stays the same)

No: Bù (Sounds like: Boo – say boo, boo, boo)

Yes: Shì (Sounds like: Sh-ir)

Come: Lái (Sounds like: Lie – say lie, lie, lie)

Please sit: Qǐng zuò (Sounds like: Ching zou)

Do not hit: Bùyào dǎ (Sounds like: Boo yao da)

Are you hungry: Nǐ èle (Sounds like: Knee uh-le)

Are you thirsty: Nǐ kě (Sounds like: Knee kuh)

I love you: Wǒ ài nǐ (Sounds like: Wo I knee)

We are going: Wǒmen jiāng (Sounds like: wo man jang)

Let’s go: Wǒmen qù (Sounds like: wo man twee)

Go swim: Qù yóuyǒng (Sounds like: Chee you yong)

Go Bath: Qù xǐzǎo (Sounds like: Chee ze zow)

Give \_\_\_\_\_\_: Gěi (Sounds like: gay)

This: Nàgè (Sounds like nah guh)

That: Zhège (Sounds like Jigga)

Hug: Yǒngbào (Sounds like: Yone bow)

Kiss: Wěn (Sounds like: win)

Finished: Qì (Sounds like: chee)

This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Zhè shì \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Juh sh-ir)

Mama: Mama

Daddy: Bà Bà (sounds like: baba)

Older sister: Jiejie (sounds like juh-ay, juh-ay)

Younger sister: Mèimei (Sounds like: may may)

Older brother: Gēgē (Sounds like: guh guh)

Younger brother: Dìdì (Sounds like: dee dee)

Aunt (mother’s sister): Yí Yí (Sounds like yee yee)

Uncle (maternal uncle: Jiù Jiù (Sounds like jew jew)

You: Nǐ (Sounds like: knee)

Me: Wǒ (Sounds like: wo)

He/She: Tā (Sounds like: ta)

Boy: Nánhái (Sounds like: nan hi)

Girl: Nǚhái (Sounds like: new hi)

Cat: Māo (Sounds like: mao)

Dog: Gǒu (Sounds like: gu-ow)

Bird: Niǎo (Sounds like: knee ow)