

DAILY CHINESE ASSESSMENT

Let's hear from experienced teachers on how daily practice helps to boost pupils' Chinese language learning.

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Consistent daily practice plays a vital role in mastering the Chinese language as it helps integrate different language skills for pupils to apply more effectively and naturally. Experienced Chinese teachers 周雨彤老师 and 李雅洁老师, author of *P1B Chinese Daily Intensive Practice* (\$13.90) and *P1 Daily Dose of Chinese* (\$17.90) respectively, share with us their views on this.

Q How can consistent daily practice improve pupils' Chinese language?

周老师: Research has shown that, to retain information, we need to view and revise the material between five to seven times. Thus, consistent daily practice is exactly what a pupil needs to obtain a better grasp of the language. To help pupils learn and apply, we as teachers also need to provide the essential scaffoldings and create opportunities to support their growth.

李老师: Language learning is a cumulative process that requires continuous input, especially for beginning learners, thus daily practice is essential. My pupils showed improvement and grew confidence in their language usage after spending just 5 to 10 minutes studying Chinese every day.

Q What are the other key benefits of daily practice?

李老师: Daily practice not only enhances pupils' input for language

acquisition, but it also allows pupils to review content when their memory curve drops. Furthermore, it helps develop good study habits and reduce the inertia of doing homework by incorporating regular blocks of study time into their daily schedule.

Q How can parents support their child during daily practice?

周老师: Daily practice is a skill-building exercise for pupils to reinforce their learning. Parents should allow their child to make mistakes and create organic opportunities for them to pick up new language skills consistently and steadily.

李老师: At lower primary levels, it is necessary for parents to patiently guide their child on the requirements and address any difficulties they may encounter. Parents can also help create a non-distracting environment for their child during revision.

Q How is your book structured to support daily practice, and what makes this approach effective for pupils?

周老师: *P1B Chinese Daily Intensive Practice* covers the four essential components of language learning, namely listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The ratio of challenging to easy questions is relatively balanced, which means it challenges pupils without undermining their confidence in their daily practice. The wide use of illustrations, nursery rhymes, as well as age and level-appropriate vocabulary

and passages also makes it a fun and useful language book for both parents and children.

李老师: *P1 Daily Dose of Chinese* is designed based on the new syllabus textbook, and each lesson is written in order, from Pinyin to words, phrases, sentences, and dialogues. Each lesson content is relevant to pupils' daily lives and within the appropriate difficulty level. It is also well-structured for parents to help their child consolidate what they have learnt daily.



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