

Nurturing a Love for CHINESE IN PRESCHOOLERS

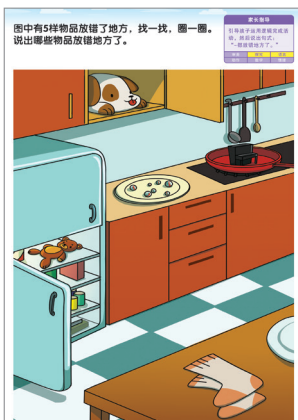
Maximise the early learning stage to spark your tot's interest in Chinese.

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Developed by the Ministry of Education, the revised Nurturing Early Learners Framework 2022 emphasises a greater focus on nurturing a love for learning in preschool education. Emulating the new approach to make learning 'fun' and 'enjoyable', here are some ways to foster fun learning to instil a love for Chinese in your child.

1 Fun Activity Sheets

Start simple with fun activity sheets. For instance, the activity sheet below requires your child to search for five misplaced objects in the picture. Test your child on the Chinese names of the misplaced objects and guide them to form related sentences in Chinese. Simple activities like this create an enjoyable and stress-free environment for your child to gradually improve oral communication skills. Complement this by conversing in Mandarin with your child regularly, especially on topics that interest them, such as food or toys.



2 Naming Activities With Visual Aids

Naming activities are effective ways to introduce preschool children to new vocabulary. To keep your child engaged, use visual aids like picture and word cards with bright and eye-catching colours. Having your child act out certain action words, such as jumping upon seeing the word 跳 on the word card, would also amp up the fun factor.



3 Chinese Culture in Everyday Life

Young children are naturally curious about their surroundings and love to explore new things. Hence, this is the right time to inculcate in them a love for Chinese culture. For one, you could raise your child's awareness of Chinese festivals by involving them in festive shopping and dressing them up in traditional costumes. You can also teach them related vocabulary to reinforce knowledge during these self-initiated 'learning journeys'.

The above are some suggestions on how you can nurture a love for Chinese

in children. Resources designed specially to help children master the language at the preschool level, such as the **Chinese Learning Companion** series (\$11.90 each) and **Preschool Chinese Vocabulary in 5 Minutes** series (\$9.90 each) by Educational Publishing House, can support this process. These two series comprise a wide range of fun-filled activities and colourful illustrations to facilitate effective and engaged learning for early learners.



(Available for Nursery – K2)



(Available for Ages 3 – 4/ 5 – 6)