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Hello and welcome to
our April newsletter

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My adventure in learning Chinese began with a deep admiration for the culture and its rich authenticity. I was captivated by traditional customs, the elegance of calligraphy, and the allure of Chinese music and films. These elements sparked a curiosity in me that led to language as a key to understanding a world so vastly different from my own.

In the beginning, the path was far from smooth. Grasping the tonal system was particularly daunting—distinguishing between the four tones seemed nearly impossible at first. Learning to write characters was another major challenge; every stroke required precision, and the sheer number of characters to memorize felt overwhelming. There were plenty of moments when I felt discouraged, but my love for the language always pulled me forward.

My Chinese Learning Journey



Never did I expect that one day I'd go from student to teacher at the very place I first began—Discovery Chinese Cultural Training Center. What started as a personal goal evolved into a passion for teaching and guiding others through the same struggles I once faced. Teaching has not only strengthened my grasp of the language but has also deepened my admiration for it.

Throughout this journey, I've met incredible people who have become important parts of my life. I've made lasting friendships, including with native Chinese speakers I connected with online—some of whom have become my closest friends. These relationships have made the experience about more than just grammar and vocabulary—they've given it heart and meaning.

Looking to the future, I know my journey is still ongoing. Although I've both learned and taught the language, my greatest dream is to visit China, to fully immerse myself in the culture, and to see the places I've only read about. Witnessing it all in person would be the ultimate reward for everything I've worked toward.

As I continue to grow, I'm excited for what lies ahead. Learning Chinese has been more than just acquiring a skill—it's been a journey of discovery, one that has shaped me in unexpected ways. I can't wait to see where it takes me next.

MARCH EVENTS SUCCESS



MARCH 14TH 2025



HSK 4 - MARCH 11TH TO MAY 28TH

HSK 5 - MARCH 11TH TO JULY 19TH



Joyce Kirugumi- A Path of Inspiration and Growth



My name is Joyce Kirugumi, and from a young age, I've been captivated by languages and the richness of different cultures. My interest in Chinese, however, began in a rather unique way—through movies. I used to sit with my dad, completely absorbed in Chinese films. The action, the emotions, the expressions all drew me in. Though I relied on English subtitles to follow along, I always found myself wondering: What are they really saying? That simple curiosity planted a seed in me—one that eventually blossomed into a deep passion for the Chinese language and culture.

When I finally had the opportunity to study Chinese, I felt both excited and overwhelmed. It was unlike anything I had ever experienced, and the initial learning curve was steep. But my determination carried me forward. This journey has become so much more than just learning to speak a new language—it has been a powerful path of self-discovery. It has taught me that with persistence, patience, and self-belief, I can overcome even the most daunting challenges. It boosted my confidence and ignited a desire to support others on their own language-learning paths.

As I immersed myself in the language, I was drawn even deeper into the culture. Every aspect fascinated me, from traditions and values to daily life, helping me not just appreciate the language but also the people behind it.

Learning Chinese has opened doors I never imagined. I became a Chinese language teacher, guiding others as they start their own journeys. I've met people from all walks of life, formed meaningful connections, and dared to dream bigger. And while this chapter is just one part of my story, I know the journey is far from over.

What began as a childhood curiosity has shaped the person I am today. I hope to continue inspiring others the same way this language and culture inspired me—and I can't wait to see where this path leads next.

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