

## Topic: Mandarin Chinese Accent Challenge: “North or South?”

### Video transcript and notes on accent:

#### 1. South (Guangxi)

- **sh** sounds like **s**

- frequently adds “long” **a** (啊) sound to the end of certain syllables (esp. common in/around Guangdong)

kàn **shū a** , dǎ lán qiú **a** , pá pá shān **a** 。

看 书 啊 ， 打 篮 球 啊 ， 爬 爬 山 啊 。

Read books, play basketball and go hiking.

#### 2. North (Heilongjiang)

- frequently adds **ér** (儿) at the end of certain syllables

- pronounces **w** almost like an English “v” sound (esp. common in/around Beijing)

wán yí huì **ér** shǒu jī , kàn yí huì **ér** diàn yǐng **ér** , xué yí huì **ér** xí , dào xià wǔ chī **wǎn fàn** 。

玩 一 会 儿 手 机 ， 看 一 会 儿 电 影 儿 ， 学 一 会 儿 习 ， 到 下 午 吃 晚 饭 。

Play around with my cell phone, watch some movies, study a little bit and have dinner in the afternoon.

#### 3. South (Guangzhou)

- **ch** sounds like **c**

- **sh** sounds like **s**

- frequently adds “long” **a** (啊) sound to the end of certain syllables (esp. common in/around Guangdong)

gēn péng you qù hē **chá a** , dǎ yǔ máo qiú **a** , zuò yì xiē jiàn **shēn huó dòng a** 。

跟 朋 友 去 喝 茶 啊 ， 打 羽 毛 球 啊 ， 做 一 些 健 身 活 动 啊 。

Drink tea with my friends, play badminton and work out a little.

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## 4. North (Beijing)

- frequently adds **ér** (儿) at the end of certain syllables

zhèi ge zhōu mò kě néng jiù shì hé péng you liáo liáo tiān **ér**, jiàn gè miàn, rán hòu chī gè fàn 。

饭。

This weekend, I'll probably chat and meet up with my friends, then have a meal with them.

## 5. North (Beijing)

- frequently adds **ér** (儿) at the end of certain syllables

- pronounces **w** almost like an English "v" sound (esp. common in/around Beijing)

hé péng you chū qu wán ér 。

和朋 友 出 去 玩 儿。

Hang out with friends.

## Vocabulary List:

Pinyin	Chinese Characters	English
kàn shū	看书	read books
dǎ lán qiú	打篮球	play basketball
pá pá shān	爬爬山	go hiking
wán shǒu jī	玩手机	play with one's cell phone
kàn diàn yǐng	看电影	watch movies
xué xí	学习	study
yí huì ér	一会儿	a little while
chī wǎn fàn	吃晚饭	eat dinner
hē chá	喝茶	drink tea
dǎ yǔ máo qiú	打羽毛球	play badminton
jiàn shēn	健身	work out
liáo liáo tiān	聊聊天	chat
jiàn gè miàn	见个面	meet
chī gè fàn	吃个饭	have a meal
wán	玩	have a good time