

HSK 0 · Type a sentence and choose a study routine

Pre-HSK foundations; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Little and daily

Little and daily beats big and weekly: pinyin turns your keyboard Chinese, and the ten-minute loop keeps it alive.

Your first sentence

wo shi xuesheng

Type wo — choose 我.

Type shi — choose 是.

Type xuesheng — choose 学生. 我是学生: I am a student.

Typing corners

ü, apostrophes, long lists

ü: type v. 女 is nv; 绿 is lv.

Xi an: the apostrophe (or a space) splits syllables.

Long list? Keep typing the next syllable.

The ten-minute loop

Say, type, check, tomorrow

Minutes 1-3: say yesterday words aloud, hand with the tones.

Minutes 4-7: type two new words or one sentence.

Minutes 8-9: read back, fix one thing. Minute 10: close the book.

Watch out

Two guards

Do not skip the saying step: typing trains fingers, not the mouth.

Choose by meaning, not by list position.

Missed a day? Restart the loop; the chain beats the length.

Check yourself

Four checks

Type 我是学生: what do you type for 是?

How do you type nǚ?

What does the apostrophe do in xi'an?

Name the four steps of the ten-minute loop.