



Traffic stop: the first **five minutes**

32 Mandarin phrases that cover a whole traffic stop — pulling them over, ID and licence, directing, emergencies, and closing it out without a scene. **Every phrase has audio online, spoken at a natural pace.**

IF YOU ONLY MEMORIZE FIVE

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| 1 | 请把车停到路边。 | Qǐng bǎ chē tíng dào lùbiān. | Please pull over to the side of the road. |
| 2 | 请出示你的证件。 | Qǐng chūshì nǐ de zhèngjiàn. | Please show me your ID. |
| 3 | 等一下，我叫翻译。 | Děng yíxià, wǒ jiào fānyì. | One moment - I will call a translator. |
| 4 | 请退后。 | Qǐng tuì hòu. | Please step back. |
| 5 | 谢谢配合。 | Xièxie pèihé. | Thank you for your cooperation. |

01 Pull over

拦停 4

请把车停到路边。
Qǐng bǎ chē tíng dào lùbiān.

Please pull over to the side of the road.

请把车熄火。
Qǐng bǎ chē xīhuǒ.

Please turn off the engine.

请把车窗摇下来。
Qǐng bǎ chēchuāng yáo xiàlái.

Please roll down your window.

请出示驾驶证和行驶证。
Qǐng chūshì jiǎzhào hé xíngshìzhèng.

Please show your driver license and registration.

02 ID check

查验证件 4

请出示你的证件。
Qǐng chūshì nǐ de zhèngjiàn.

Please show me your ID.

请问你叫什么名字？
Qǐngwèn nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?

What is your name?

你住在哪里？
Nǐ zhù zài nǎlǐ?

Where do you live?

请在这里签字。
Qǐng zài zhèlǐ qiānzì.

Please sign here.

03 When they don't speak English

语言不通时 4

你会说英语吗？

Nǐ huì shuō Yīngyǔ ma?

Do you speak English?

请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yìdiǎn.

Please speak a little slower.

我听不懂。

Wǒ tīng bú tài dǒng.

I do not quite understand.

等一下，我叫翻译。

Dēng yíxià, wǒ jiào fānyì.

One moment - I will call a translator.

04 Directing & safety

指挥与安全 5

请跟我来。

Qǐng gēn wǒ lái.

Please come with me.

请在这里等。

Qǐng zài zhèlǐ děng.

Please wait here.

请退后。

Qǐng tuì hòu.

Please step back.

这里不能停车。

Zhèlǐ bù néng tíng chē.

You cannot park here.

请走人行道。

Qǐng zǒu rénxíngdào.

Please use the sidewalk.

05 Emergencies

紧急情况 5

你需要帮忙吗？

Nǐ xūyào bāngmáng ma?

Do you need help?

你受伤了吗？

Nǐ shòushāng le ma?

Are you hurt?

别担心，我们会帮你。

Bié dānxīn, wǒmen huì bāng nǐ.

Do not worry, we will help you.

有急事打 911。

Yǒu jíshì dǎ 911.

In an emergency, call 911.

救护车马上到。

Jiùhùchē mǎshàng dào.

The ambulance is on its way.

谢谢配合。

Xièxiè pèihé.

Thank you for your cooperation.

你可以走了。

Nǐ kěyǐ zǒu le.

You are free to go.

注意安全。

Zhùyì ānquán.

Stay safe.

07 At the border

请出示护照。

Qǐng chūshì hùzhào.

Please show your passport.

请出示签证。

Qǐng chūshì qiānzhèng.

Please show your visa.

你来美国做什么？

Nǐ lái Měiguó zuò shénme?

What is the purpose of your visit?

你打算待多久？

Nǐ dāsuan dāi duōjiǔ?

How long do you plan to stay?

你有返程机票吗？

Nǐ yǒu fǎnchéng jīpiào ma?

Do you have a return ticket?

请看镜头。

Qǐng kàn jìngtóu.

Please look at the camera.

请把行李放在这里。

Qǐng bǎ xíngli fàng zài zhèlǐ.

Please put your luggage here.

Asking is the easy half. These 10 short answers cover most of what comes back at you — and they are what makes the exchange either work or stall.

好的。 Hǎo de.	OK.
我不懂。 Wǒ bù dǒng.	I don't understand.
我的英语不好。 Wǒ de Yīngyǔ bù hǎo.	My English isn't good.
这是我的驾照。 Zhè shì wǒ de jiǎzhào.	Here's my licence.
我没有带。 Wǒ méiyǒu dài.	I don't have it with me.
我住在这附近。 Wǒ zhù zài zhè fùjìn.	I live nearby.
我超速了吗? Wǒ chāosù le ma?	Was I speeding?
我要打电话给朋友。 Wǒ yào dǎ diànhuà gěi péngyou.	I need to call a friend.
请等一下。 Qǐng děng yíxià.	Please wait a moment.
谢谢。 Xièxie.	Thank you.

THE NUMBERS YOU'LL NEED



Door numbers, licence digits, phone numbers. Say the digit and hold up fingers at the same time. — yī to 十 shí.

IF THEY HOLD OUT A PHONE

It is almost always a relative who speaks English. Take it, say 你好 (nǐ hǎo), and you have an interpreter on the line. Nothing else on this sheet gets you further, faster.



Scan to hear
all 32 phrases

THREE THINGS THAT MAKE IT WORK

- Say it once, then point.** Repeating the same Chinese three times only makes it louder, not clearer. Say it, then put a finger on the line so they can read the pinyin themselves.
- Chinese first, English only if they look lost.** People switch to English the moment they hear English. Lead with the Chinese and hold the English back for the moment it is actually needed.
- 等一下, 我叫翻译。 is a tool, not an admission.** Say it early. It tells the person the process is moving, and it buys you the thirty seconds you need for the next step.

Hear all 32 phrases spoken out loud — free

Whole-phrase playback, or syllable by syllable when it's loud on the floor. Works on any phone, no signup.

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