

Unit Four:

	wǒ shì xú yuán
1. A:	我是徐媛。
	I am Yuan Xu.
	wǒ shì zhōng guó rén
2.	我是中国人。
	I am Chinese.
	wǒ de mǔ yǔ shì zhōng wén
3.	我的母语是中文。
	My mother tongue is Chinese.
	wǒ yě huì shuō yīng yǔ
4.	我也会说英语。
	I can also speak English.
	wǒ zài xué ruì diǎn yǔ
5.	我在学瑞典语。
	I am learning Swedish.
	nǐ huì shuō zhōng guó huà ma
6.	你会说中国话吗？
	Do you speak Chinese?
	wǒ zhǐ huì shuō yì diǎn zhōng guó huà
7. B:	我只会说一点中国话。
	I can only speak a little Chinese.
	nǐ de zhōng guó huà shuō de hěn hǎo
8. A:	你的中国话说得很好。
	You speak Chinese very well.
	nǎ lǐ, shuō de bù hǎo
9. B:	哪里，说得不好。
	No, not that well.
	wǒ xiàn zài zài xué zhōng wén
10.	我现在在学中文。
	I am learning Chinese now.
	nǐ hái huì jiǎng nǎ xiē yǔ yán
11. A:	你还会讲哪些语言？
	What other languages do you speak?
	wǒ hái huì jiǎng ruì diǎn yǔ hé yīng yǔ
12. B:	我还会讲瑞典语和英语。
	I also speak Swedish and English.

Vocabulary:

中文	中国话	英语	瑞典语	母语	讲	说
现在	一点	语言	学	很	好	只
哪里	哪些	还	不	也	和	会

Sentence Structures:

.....是..... Sth. (or sb.) is
...的.....是..... sb.'s is
我的母语是..... My mother tongue is

...会..... sb. can (is able to) do sth.
我会说..... I can speak.....(language)

...会.....吗? Can sb. do sth.?
你会说.....吗? Can you speak(language)

...在..... sb. is doing sth.
我在学..... I am studying (learning).....
我现在在..... I am (doing sth.) now.

*Some more complex structures are introduced in this unit, but are not all written here.

Grammar:

在: present tense in Chinese, meaning that something is been done now.
It is put in front of the verb.

语, 话 and 文: These three words all mean language. 语 and 话 means more of the spoken language, while 文 is mostly used for the written language.

So, the word 'Chinese' in English has three translations in Chinese: 汉语, 中国话, 中文

哪里: this word has two meanings in Chinese. It means 'where', but it is also a polite way to reply to a compliment. Words like this that have totally different meanings is quite common in the Chinese language.

Culture:

Chinese people mostly like to be modest, so when you hear a compliment, you do not normally respond by saying 'thank you'(xiè xiè), which means that you accept it. Mostly people respond with 哪里 or 哪里哪里。