

Chinese (Simplified)				
Language Guide				
Countries where the language is spoken				
Mainland China, Singapore, Malaysia, United States, Canada				
ISO language code:	zh-CN	See Codes for the Representation of Names of Languages.		
Commentary on the language				
Character language - uses simplified characters. See relation to zh-SG (Simplified Chinese for Singapore) and zh-TW (Traditional Chinese). Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese are written dialects. Spoken Chinese dialects include: Mandarin (mainland), Cantonese (Hong Kong), and many others. Spoken dialects of Chinese vary greatly from province to province. Even Chinese speakers may not understand the dialect spoken in a neighboring province.				
Language fonts:	标楷, 宋体, SimSun, SimHei, Hei, Batang, Arial Unicode MS			
Available in unicode?	Yes			
Characteristis of the language				
Alphabet?	N/A			
Capitalization:	Capitalization is not used in Simplified Chinese.			
Formatting:	Bold or underline can be used. Please note that in modern writing, underlining is generally reserved for hyperlinks.			
Punctuation:	Period: 。 Ellipses: …… (Six dots, not three) Exclamation marks, and question marks are used.			
<i>End punctuation</i>				
<i>Commas:</i>	Chinese has TWO types of commas that can not be interchanged. Comma: ， Serial comma: 、			
<i>Colons/semi-colons:</i>	Colons and semi-colons are used.			
<i>Apostrophes & quotes:</i>	Apostrophes are not used. TWO types are quotation marks are used. “XYZ” OR 《Titles》			
<i>Dashes:</i>	Hyphens are not used. Range dash: ~ Long dash: —— (Looks like the Chinese character meaning "one")			
Line breaks:	Within the body text, lines can break between nearly all characters. Have the line breaks of headers and subheaders reviewed by a Chinese linguist.			
Numbers:	Large numbers are based on 10,000s, not on 1,000s like in English.			
<i>Numbers 0-10:</i>	零 / 〇, 一, 二, 三, 四, 五, 六, 七, 八, 九, 十 (normal form) (Pinyin pronunciation: Líng, Yī, Èr, Sān, Sì, Wǔ, Liù, Qī, Bā, Jiǔ, Shí) 零, 壹, 贰, 叁, 肆, 伍, 陆, 柒, 捌, 玖, 拾 (formal, typically used on bank cheques to avoid fraud or plagiarism)			
<i>Decimals:</i>	Decimal periods are used, like with English, e.g. 0.25, 0.5, 0.75.			
<i>Ordinal numbers:</i>	EN: 1st, 2nd, 3rd = ZH: 第一, 第二, 第三			
Date format:	2005年1月1日 (written); yyyy年mm月dd日, yyyy/mm/dd (standards)			
Calendar:	Gregorian and Lunar, both should be shown.			
Time format:	Both 12- and 24-hour clock can be used. If using 12-hour clock, translate "am" and "pm" to “上午”and“下午”(Placed on the left of the number) e.g. 13:34 pm, 下午1点34分			
Measurements:	Metric; Traditional Chinese measurements still used commonly in daily life			
Address format:	Leave as is in target.			
Currency:	¥, RMB (Placed on the right of the number)			
People's names:	EN: First, middle, last ZH-CN: Last, first (no middle name); some non-Chinese people might have a proper Chinese name. e.g. Kamala Harris, 贺锦丽. Do some research before you finalize the translation.			
Helpful links				
Chinese Numbers – The Ultimate Guide				
https://www.omniglot.com/chinese/mandarin.htm				
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simplified_Chinese_characters				