

Lesson 31 Using the verb "xing": Subj. + 姓 + [Surname]

In this lesson, we will focus on the grammatical structure of "Subj. + 姓(xìng) + [Surname]" and how to use it to introduce yourself and others. We will explore the meaning of "xing", its usage, and discuss various scenarios for using this structure in everyday conversation.

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand the meaning of "Subj. + 姓(xìng) + [Surname]" and its usage
- Introduce yourself and others using "xing"
- Understand how to respond to an introduction in Chinese

Let's dive in now 😊!

Overview

"Subj. + 姓(xìng) + [Surname]" is a structure used to introduce yourself or others by providing the family surname. The word "姓 (xìng)" means "surname" or "family name" in Chinese. This grammatical structure is often used in introductory conversations and is considered a basic form of etiquette in Chinese culture.

Examples

- 我姓王。(wǒ xìng wáng.) - My surname is Wang.
- 你贵姓?(nǐ guì xìng?) - What's your surname?
- 他姓张。(tā xìng zhāng.) - His surname is Zhang.

Workbook

Practice 1

Introduce yourself using "xing" and your Chinese surname.

Practice 2

Ask someone their surname using "xǐng".

Practice 3

Ask someone's surname and respond with your own surname.

Practice 4

Role play with a friend or tutor, introduce yourself and your friend and ask for their surname, such as:

A: 你好，我姓王。

B: 你好，我姓李。你贵姓？

Answer 1

我姓李。(wǒ xìng lǐ.)

Answer 2

你贵姓？(nǐ guì xìng?)

Answer 3

你姓什么？(nǐ xìng shén me?)

我姓刘。你呢？(wǒ xìng liú. nǐ ne?)

Answer 4

A: 你好，我姓张。

B: 你好，我姓李。你贵姓？

Conclusion

Congratulations! You have learned how to use "Subj. + 姓(xìng) + [Surname]" to introduce yourself and others by providing your family surname in Chinese. You've also learned how to respond to introductions in Chinese. By practicing the exercises and scenarios, you can strengthen your ability to use this basic yet important grammatical structure in context. 加油! (jiāyóu) - Keep up the good work! 🚀