

## Business profile

ChinaSoft, owned by Paul and Shumang Fredlein and based in Brisbane, is the publisher of the *Ni Hao* series. The series is written by Shumang Fredlein (林淑满) with supporting software developed by Paul Fredlein

The introductory level, *Ni Hao 1*, was first released in 1991. The full series consists of five levels, progressing from Introductory (typically used in Grade 7 or 8) through to Upper Advanced for Grade 12.

The *Ni Hao* series, designed for Australian students, is widely used around the world, the UK, United States, Canada, and numerous international schools across Asia and Europe.

## Ni Hao series

The series is a foundational Chinese language course designed for beginning students. It introduces learners to essential communicative skills in both spoken and written Chinese, with all materials developed using a communicative approach. Language functions and notions are systematically woven into every topic and context to support practical, real-world use.

To strengthen student learning, the series includes a wide range of resources from print to digital. Each level provides a textbook, student workbook, teacher's handbook, audio MP3s, plus free Language Lab software for all levels and free Mini-Games software for *Ni Hao 1* through *Ni Hao 3*.

## Ni Hao Language Lab

Ni Hao Language Lab has all the spoken content of the Ni Hao textbook and allows the student to practise the language at home. It is available for all levels of Ni Hao.

Students can:

- select lessons and items within a lesson
- listen to the dialog, sentence patterns and vocabulary spoken by a native speaker
- record and compare pronunciation with that of a native speaker
- perform Role Play

## Ni Hao Games

The material is spoken by native speakers and has six games.

- Ni Hao Characters guides the students to write characters in the correct stroke order.
- Ni Hao Expressions reinforces students learning of words and expressions.
- Ni Hao Memory familiarizes students with words and terms learnt.
- Ni Hao Construction consolidates students learning of characters and sentence patterns.
- Ni Hao Mahjong is to familiarize students with all the characters to be learnt in each lesson.

- Ni Hao Quick Pick reinforces students understanding of the structure of characters learnt in each lesson.

### **Ni Hao Online:-**

Ni Hao Online is an online learning platform. It is a digital version of the Ni Hao series and is interactive. Currently available for levels 1, 2 and 3 in simplified and traditional characters, it is ideal for schools migrating to digital and/or distance learning. It is perfect for the teacher to use in class on an Interactive Whiteboard.

It also includes some activities from Ni Hao Games.

- Ni Hao Expressions reinforces students learning of words and expressions.
- Ni Hao Construction consolidates students learning of characters and sentence patterns.

### A new activity called Assemble

- Ni Hao Assemble helps students to learn the vocabulary by dragging and dropping audio and characters matching the English meaning to complete a list.

Assemble will soon be available within Ni Hao Vocab which is a free subscription.