

Linguistic feature	Chinese (Mandarin)	Examples of L1→L2 transfer
Adjectives	Noun-adjective word order	soup hot (hot soup)
Articles	No articles; may use masculine marker for his/her	I ate (an) apple. I go to (the) store.
Auxiliary	Auxiliaries are not used	Where (did) you go ? He (is) very tall.
Plural	Not marked	I have many cat (cats).
Prepositions	May differ or be less distinct, so often difficult	
Pronouns	No distinction between subject and object pronouns	I love he (him).
Verb tenses	Verbs are not conjugated to show tense	She talk (talks or talked) a lot. I go (went) with my mom.
Word order	Time and location (adverbs) in specific order	Tomorrow, I see you. (I will see you tomorrow.)

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