



Most Popular Chinese Nursery Rhymes (Volume I)





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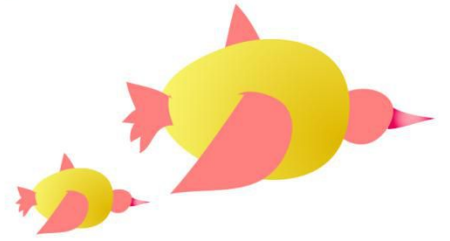


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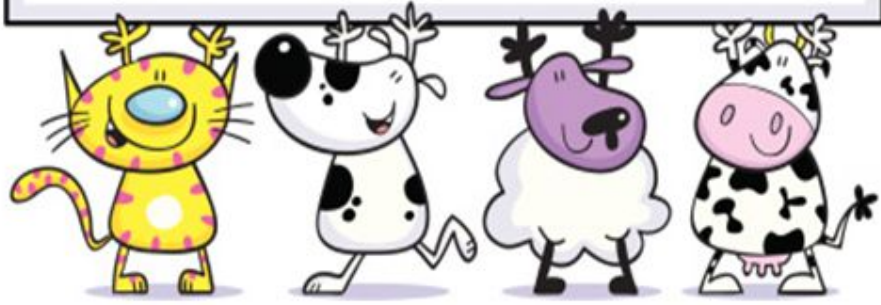


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1. 小燕子(Xiǎo yànzi)
The Little Swallow





小燕子(Xiǎo yànzi) The Little Swallow

Xiǎo yànzi, chuān huāyī,

小燕子，穿花衣，

The little swallow, brightly dressed,

Niánnián chūntiān lái zhèlǐ.

年年春天来这里。

Comes every spring to visit us.

Wǒ wèn yànzi nǐ wèishá lái?

我问燕子你为啥来？

I ask the swallow: "Why do you come here?"

Yànzi shuō: "Zhèlǐ de chūntiān zuì měilì!"

燕子说：“这里的春天最美丽！”

She replies: "Spring is the most beautiful here!"



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小燕子(Xiǎo yànzi) The Little Swallow

Xiǎo yànzi, gàosu nǐ,

小燕子，告诉你，

Little swallow, let me tell you,

Jīnnián zhèlǐ gèng měilì,

今年 这里 更 美丽，

This year things here are prettier still,

Wǒmen gài qǐ le dà gōngchǎng,

我们 盖起了 大 工厂，

We've built large factories,

Zhuāng shàng le xīn jīqì.

装 上 了 新 机器。

With new machines.



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小燕子(Xiǎo yànzi) The Little Swallow

Huānyíng nǐ,

欢迎 你,

Welcome,

Chángqī zhù zài zhèlǐ.

长期 住 在 这里。

And please stay for a long time.



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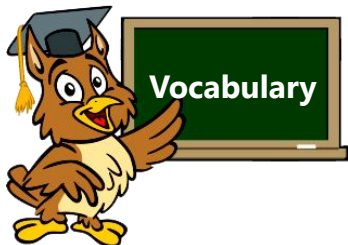
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小燕子(Xiǎo yànzi) The Little Swallow



1. 燕子 (yànzi): n. swallow

Yànzi de wěiba xiàng jiǎndāo.

燕子的尾巴像剪刀。

The swallow's tail is like a pair of scissors.

2. 衣 (yī): n. clothes

We always put 服 (fu) or 裳 (shang) directly after 衣(yī); but the meaning remains the same.

Tā de yīfu hěn hǎokàn.

她的衣服很好看。

Her clothes are beautiful.



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小燕子(Xiǎo yànzi) The Little Swallow

3. 美丽 (měili): adj. beautiful

Tā yǒu yīshuāng měilì de dà yǎnjīng.

她 有 一 双 美 丽 的 大 眼 睛。

She has big, beautiful eyes.

4. 你 (nǐ): pron. you

Nǐ shì wǒ de péngyou.

你 是 我 的 朋 友。

You are my friend.

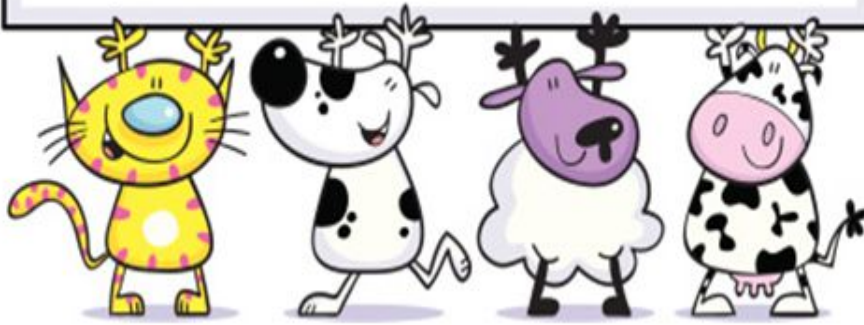


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2. 数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi)
Counting Ducks





数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi) Counting Ducks

Mén qián dàqiáo xià,

门 前 大 桥 下，

Under the bridge and in front of the gate,

Yóu guò yìqún yā.

游 过 一 群 鸭。

A team of ducks are swimming by.

Kuài lái kuài lái shǔyìshǔ,

快 来 快 来 数 一 数，

Hurry, hurry, come count,



Èr sì liù qī bā.

二 四 六 七 八。

Two, four, six, seven, eight.



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数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi) Counting Ducks

Gāga gāga,

嘎嘎 嘎嘎,

Quack quack,

Zhēn ya zhēn duō ya.

真 呀 真 多 呀。

So many ducks.

Shǔ bù qīng dào dǐ duō shao yā,

数 不 清 到 底 多 少 鸭,

We can't count them all,

Shǔ bù qīng dào dǐ duō shao yā.

数 不 清 到 底 多 少 鸭。

We can't tell how many ducks there are.



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数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi) Counting Ducks

Gǎn yā lǎoyéye,

赶 鸭 老爷爷,

Grandpa overtakes the ducks,

Húzi bái huā huā,

胡子 白花花,

Beard shining white,

Chàng ya chàng zhe jiā xiāng xì,

唱 呀 唱着 家乡戏,

Singing a local song,

Hái huì shuō xiào huà,

还 会 说 笑话,

And he jokes,



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数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi) Counting Ducks

Xiǎoháir, xiǎoháir,

小孩儿，小孩儿，

Little ones, little ones,

Kuàikuai shàng xuéxiào,

快快 上 学校，

Go to school, quick,

Bié kǎo ge yādàn bào huí jiā,

别 考 个 鸭蛋 抱 回家，

And don't bring home a duck egg,

Bié kǎo ge yādàn bào huí jiā.

别 考 个 鸭蛋 抱 回家。

And don't bring home a duck egg.



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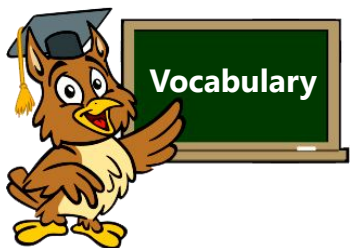


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数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi) Counting Ducks



1. 鸭 (yā): n. duck

Xiǎo yāzi hěn kě'ài.

小 鸭子 很 可爱。

The ducklings are cute.

Yāzi huì yóuyǒng.

鸭子 会 游泳。

The duck can swim.

2. 八 (bā): num. eight

Zhèr yǒu bāge júzi.

这儿 有 八个 桔子。

There are eight oranges here.



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数鸭子(Shǔ yāzi) Counting Ducks

Xiànzài shì bā diǎn zhōng.

现在 是 八 点 钟。

It is eight o'clock.

3. 花 (huā): n. flower

Zhè duǒ huā hěn piàoliang.

这 朵 花 很 漂 亮。

The flower is very beautiful.

4. 家 (jiā): n. home/family

Wǒ jiā yǒu sān kǒu rén.

我 家 有 三 口 人。

There are three people in my family.



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