

## A Guide to Supportive Parenting:

Children need to be nurtured and loved. So be sure to talk to them and ask questions. Show genuine concern and engagement for best results: how was your day; have you been having troubles at school lately; is there anything we should talk about? While this might seem strange behavior at first, in time you will grow accustomed to this sort of conversation and may even be able to engage with your children while mentally occupied elsewhere.

While we usually avoid talking about grammar at the absolute beginner level, sometimes there is a dialogue that demands it. This podcast is one of them. It may be a bit tough if you're totally new to Chinese, but it covers a key point that you'll use all the time. So take a listen. And if you have any questions, contact us anytime either via email, or by leaving a comment in our discussion section below.

### Text :

妈妈:	小宝，你的中文课怎么样？ Xiǎo Bǎo , nǐ de zhōngwénkè zěnmeyàng ? <i>Darling, how is your Chinese class?</i>
小宝:	我学的不是中文！ wǒ xué de bù shì Zhōngwén ! <i>What I study isn't Chinese!</i>
妈妈:	啊，是吗？ a , shì ma ? <i>Oh, is that so?</i>
小宝:	妈妈！ māma ! <i>Mother!</i>

## Vocabulary :

妈妈	māma	mother
中文	zhōngwén	Chinese language
英文	yīngwén	English language
课	kè	class
是	shì	to be
学	xué	to study
吃	chī	to eat
的	de	(subordinating particle)
怎么样	zěnmeyàng	how is it
汉堡	hànbǎo	hamburger
东西	dōngxi	thing