Chinese Dating Culture

Although this is slowly beginning to change, there is a huge emphasis on women to marry early in Chinese culture. According to Chinese traditions, if you’re a woman of 28 and you’re still not married, you might as well give up and accept the title of [剩女](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/shengnv/11509/2/1) (shèng nǚ).While men have a few extra years to settle down, once you hit your late twenties and you’re still single, mom might have a friend whose daughter is [很漂亮](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E5%BE%88%E6%BC%82%E4%BA%AE&svt=pinyin) (hěn piào liang). Since there’s lots of pressure to get married from parents and family members, dating is an important part of Chinese culture.

For many young Chinese people, the ‘M’ word is already on their mind when going on a date. ‘Compatibility’ is a big issue when choosing a partner, and it can be said that even in the modern day, marriage can often be a pragmatic decision rather than once based on love or romance. For many Chinese women, a man needs to have good prospects and be able to buy an apartment and a car.

Here are some useful vocabulary words for going on a date, telling someone you like them, and maybe fancying a little bit more…

## Language of Love

[来电](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/laidian/5909/2/1) (lái diàn) Chemistry

[打情骂俏](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%89%93%E6%83%85%E9%AA%82%E4%BF%8F&svt=pinyin) (dǎ qíng mà qiào) to flirt

[暗恋](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/anlian/16252/3/1) (àn liàn) To have a crush on

[明恋](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%98%8E%E6%81%8B&svt=pinyin) (míng liàn) to love

[痴迷](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/chimi/2530/3/1) (chī mí) Infatuated / obsessed

[痴情](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/chiqing/9761/3/1) (chī qíng) infatuated

[表白](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/biaobai/7770/3/1) (biǎo bái) / [告白](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/gaobai/16595/2/1) (gào bái) to express feelings

[确定关系](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E7%A1%AE%E5%AE%9A%E5%85%B3%E7%B3%BB&svt=pinyin) (què dìng) to confirm a relationship

[专一](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/zhuanyi/27012/2/1) (zhuān yī) one-track mind (focused on one thing)

[暧昧](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/aimei/7712/3/1) (ài mèi) and [暧昧关系](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%9A%A7%E6%98%A7%E5%85%B3%E7%B3%BB&svt=pinyin) (ài mèi guān xì) were previously used in the negative sense, of having an affair or shady relationship, however it is not more commonly used to describe a relationship that hasn’t begun yet and the couple have yet to confirm their relationship ‘status’.

[爱人](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/airen/2914/3/1) (ài ren) / [情人](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/qingren/2264/3/1) (qíng rén) Lover

[宝贝](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/baobei/4124/3/1) (bǎo bèi) / [北鼻](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/beibi/215979/2/1) (běi bí)  Baby

[宝宝](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/baobao/8489/3/1) (bǎo bǎo) Darling

[亲爱的](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BA%B2%E7%88%B1%E7%9A%84&svt=pinyin) (qīn ài de) Darling / dear / honey

[小甜甜](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E5%B0%8F%E7%94%9C%E7%94%9C&svt=pinyin) (xiǎo tián tián) Sweetie / sweetheart

[老公](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/laogong/70219/2/1) (lǎo gōng) Husband (Woman call their boyfriend or husband)

[老婆](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/laopo/790/3/1) (lǎo pó) / [媳妇](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/xifu/954/3/1) (xí fù) Wife (Man call their girlfriend or wife)

[女朋友](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E5%A5%B3%E6%9C%8B%E5%8F%8B&svt=pinyin) (nǚ péng you) Girlfriend

[男朋友](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E7%94%B7%E6%9C%8B%E5%8F%8B&svt=pinyin) (nán péng you) Boyfriend

[太太](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/taitai/264/3/1) (tài tai) / [妻子](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/qizi/657/3/1) (qī zi) / [老婆](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/laopo/790/3/1) (lǎo pó) Wife

[先生](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/xiansheng/101/3/1) (xiān sheng) / [丈夫](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/zhangfu/596/3/1) (zhàng fu) / [老公](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/laogong/4736/3/1) (lǎo gong) Husband

[美女](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/meinv/2811/3/1) (měi nǚ) Beautiful girl

[帅哥](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/shuaige/14515/3/1) (shuài ge) Handsome guy

Flirting in Chinese

[我喜欢你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E5%96%9C%E6%AC%A2%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ xǐ huan nǐ) I like you.

[我想你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E6%83%B3%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ xiǎng nǐ) I miss you.

[我爱你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E7%88%B1%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。 (wǒ ài nǐ) I love you.

[我好想你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E5%A5%BD%E6%83%B3%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ hǎo xiǎng nǐ) I miss you so much.

[你最好了](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E6%9C%80%E5%A5%BD%E4%BA%86&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ zuì hǎo le) You are the best.

[我为你疯狂](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%B8%BA%E4%BD%A0%E7%96%AF%E7%8B%82&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ wèi nǐ fēng kuáng) I’m crazy about you!

[你看起来真棒](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E7%9C%8B%E8%B5%B7%E6%9D%A5%E7%9C%9F%E6%A3%92&svt=pinyin)！(nǐ kàn qǐ lái zhēn bàng) You look amazing!

[我想更了解你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E6%83%B3%E6%9B%B4%E4%BA%86%E8%A7%A3%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ xiǎng gèng liǎo jiě nǐ) I want to get to know you better.

[我很高兴](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E5%BE%88%E9%AB%98%E5%85%B4&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ hěn gāo xìng) I’m so happy!

[你很可爱](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E5%BE%88%E5%8F%AF%E7%88%B1&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ hěn kě ài) You’re very cute.

[你很漂亮](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E5%BE%88%E6%BC%82%E4%BA%AE&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ hěn piào liang) You’re very pretty.

[你很美](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E5%BE%88%E7%BE%8E&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ hěn měi) You’re very beautiful.

[很迷人](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E5%BE%88%E8%BF%B7%E4%BA%BA&svt=pinyin)。(hěn mí rén) Very charming

[你很性感](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E5%BE%88%E6%80%A7%E6%84%9F&svt=pinyin)！(nǐ hěn xìng gǎn) You’re so sexy!

[你的身材很美](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E7%9A%84%E8%BA%AB%E6%9D%90%E5%BE%88%E7%BE%8E&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ de shēn cái hěn měi) You have a beautiful body!

[你的眼睛很美](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E7%9A%84%E7%9C%BC%E7%9D%9B%E5%BE%88%E7%BE%8E&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ de yǎn jing hěn měi) Your eyes are beautiful!

[我喜欢你的.](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E5%96%9C%E6%AC%A2%E4%BD%A0%E7%9A%84&svt=pinyin)..(wǒ xǐ huan nǐ de) I like your..

[眼睛](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/yanjing/119/3/1) (yǎn jing) eyes

[头发](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/toufa/781/3/1) (tóu fa) hair

[声音](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/worddetail/shengyin/205/3/1) (shēng yīn) voice

[你变发型了](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E5%8F%98%E5%8F%91%E5%9E%8B%E4%BA%86&svt=pinyin)。(nǐ biàn fà xíng le) You changed your hair.

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[我买单](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%B9%B0%E5%8D%95&svt=pinyin)！(wǒ mǎi dān) Let me pay!

[我们AA制吧](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%BB%ACAA%E5%88%B6%E5%90%A7&svt=pinyin)！(wǒ men AA zhì ba) Let’s go dutch! (split the bill)

[你想跳舞吗](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%BD%A0%E6%83%B3%E8%B7%B3%E8%88%9E%E5%90%97&svt=pinyin)？(nǐ xiǎng tiào wǔ ma) Would you like to dance?

[陪我好吗](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E9%99%AA%E6%88%91%E5%A5%BD%E5%90%97&svt=pinyin)？(péi wǒ hǎo ma) Would you accompany me?

[我送你回家](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E9%80%81%E4%BD%A0%E5%9B%9E%E5%AE%B6&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ sòng nǐ huí jiā) I’ll see you home.

[我今天晚上过得很开心](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%BB%8A%E5%A4%A9%E6%99%9A%E4%B8%8A%E8%BF%87%E5%BE%97%E5%BE%88%E5%BC%80%E5%BF%83&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ jīn tiān wǎn shang guò de hěn kāi xīn)  I had a really nice night.

## Proposing

[我不想离开你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%B8%8D%E6%83%B3%E7%A6%BB%E5%BC%80%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ bù xiǎng lí kāi nǐ) I don’t want to leave you!

[我不能没有你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%B8%8D%E8%83%BD%E6%B2%A1%E6%9C%89%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)。(wǒ bù néng méi yǒu nǐ)  I can’t live without you.

[我们结婚吧](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E4%BB%AC%E7%BB%93%E5%A9%9A%E5%90%A7&svt=pinyin)！(wǒ men jié hūn ba) Let’s get married!

[我想嫁给你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E6%83%B3%E5%AB%81%E7%BB%99%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)！(wǒ xiǎng jià gěi nǐ) I want to marry you! (for women only)

[我想娶你](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E6%83%B3%E5%A8%B6%E4%BD%A0&svt=pinyin)！(wǒ xiǎng qǔ nǐ) I want to marry you! (for men only)

[我愿意](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%88%91%E6%84%BF%E6%84%8F&svt=pinyin)！(wǒ yuàn yì) I do.

[一见钟情](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E4%B8%80%E8%A7%81%E9%92%9F%E6%83%85&svt=pinyin) (yī jiàn zhōngqíng) fall in love at first sight

[日久生情](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%97%A5%E4%B9%85%E7%94%9F%E6%83%85&svt=pinyin) (rì jiǔ shēng qíng) Love will come in time.

[执子之手，与子偕老](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%89%A7%E5%AD%90%E4%B9%8B%E6%89%8B%EF%BC%8C%E4%B8%8E%E5%AD%90%E5%81%95%E8%80%81&svt=pinyin)。(zhí zǐ zhī shǒu, yǔ zǐ xié lǎo) To stay together till death.

[未婚夫](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%9C%AA%E5%A9%9A%E5%A4%AB&svt=pinyin) (wèi hūn fū) fiancé

[未婚妻](https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/#sk=%E6%9C%AA%E5%A9%9A%E5%A6%BB&svt=pinyin) (wèi hūn qī) fiancée