

Differences between Chinese and English Grammar – Each item is a lesson

Time	Rules
Past	1.No tense, use adverbs to denote time. 2. Verbs do not change according to subject.
Present	No forms to mark tense, adverbs used to convey when
Future	verb stays the same, use time markers

Tense	Rules
Conditional	1. Is a direct word for if. 2. For conditions, requires two markers, for if..then this works, but for others *Although I studies, but I failed the exam.

Component	Rules
Clause a group of words with both a subject and a verb	1-Adjective clauses before the noun. 2-Clause reduction not possible. 3- Will usually avoid and make two sentences.
Non-Count Nouns	No plural form, no definite and indefinite articles, but does have word to express this and that
Word Forms - Overview	1. Chinese uses compound words rather than suffixes, Hong Kong - fragrant harbor
Passive Voice - Overview	1. Passive formed completely differently 2. agent marked by bei, so understand by

Verb	Rules
Be - Core Verb	In Chinese, to be only exists for nominative, i.e. Mary is a student