Activities to practice Number, Nouns and Classifiers, and Describing Nouns

Activity 1. numbers up to 999 – Have students count to 995 by 5’s. Have students count to 50 by 2’s and then 70-80, 90-100.

Have students count to 30 by 3’s

Activity 2. nouns and classifiers

Bring to class several of each: notebooks, bottles of water, maps, pencils, books (textbooks for several languages) , Chinese character practice notebook

Hold up one item and ask:

这是什么?

Students reply:

那是（书）。

Hold up several of the same item together and ask:

多少（书）? and prompt for number + classifier + noun

Activity 3. Describing nouns with nouns： 一年的 Zhōngwén shū first year Chinese book

Buildup descriptions of nouns by talking about maps (countries, expensive, cheap, small, big), cellphones (prices, owners)

Have students each label one item of theirs with a price (book, cellphone, pen) and put it on the front desk. Pick up each item in turn and have students describe it in 3 steps as follows. The last step is “Whose….?”

手机

八十块钱的手机

谁的八十块钱的手机?

Activity 4: nǎ ge běnzi?

你要买哪个本子?

More on the question word nǎ.
Using the items placed on the desk … Have students work in pairs,

customer: say you want to buy an item (e.g. a cellphone, a map, a book, etc.),
clerk: ask which one, customer: describe the noun by stating the noun and its description.