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| Differences between the Chinese and English Languages |
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**(A) No prepositions**

**(B) Tenses**

**(C) No articles**

**(D) Word Order/ Sentence Structure**

1. I took the bus yesterday.

昨天我搭巴士。  
yesterday I take bus

2. I take the bus everyday.

我每天搭巴士。  
I everyday take bus

3. I am taking the bus afterwards.

我待一会搭巴士。  
I afterwards take bus

4. I will take the bus later.

我等一下搭巴士。  
I later take bus

In Chinese the time marker is not reflected in tense. There is a verb and is written in the same way regardless of tense.

**(E) Subject- Verb Agreement**

Singular and Plural Agreement

She 她  
He 他  
The boy 男孩子

Sings 唱

I 我  
You 你  
They 他们  
We 我们  
The boys 男孩子们

Sing 唱

Again in Chinese there is no subject-verb agreement. Both singular and plural subjects have the same form of verb.

***(F) Question Order***

Can we go?

We can go question marker?

Where are you going?

You go where?

What are you doing?

You do what?

Why are you doing this?

You why this do?

***(G) What is valued in writing?***

In English, simplicity and directness are valued.

In Chinese, it is valued to be indirect and to beat around the bush. Traditional writing especially in the North (Beijing) values complexity and layers of hinting instead of direct comments.