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KEY WORDS AND PHRASES: MANDARIN

WORD	TRANSLATION IN SIMPLIFIED CHINESE	PRONUNCIATION IN MANDARIN
Banana	香蕉	xiāng jiāo
Be careful	小心	xiǎo xīn
Bottle (baby)	奶瓶	nǎi píng
Come here	来这边	lái zhè biān
Daddy	爸爸	bà ba
Don't cry	不要哭	bú yào kū
Don't worry	不用怕	bú yòng pà **
Don't move	别动	bié dòng
Drink (noun)	饮料	yǐn liào
Drink (verb)	喝	hē
(you) Eat	(你)吃	(nǐ) chī
Food	食物	shí wù
Fruit	水果	shuǐ guǒ
Goodbye	再见	- zài jiàn; or - bye bye
Hat	帽子	mào zi
Hello	你好	- nǐ hǎo; or - hello (<i>some kids may know</i>)
Lunch	- 中饭 - 午饭	- zhōng fàn; or - wǔ fàn
Milk	牛奶	niú nǎi
Mummy	妈妈	mā ma
Nappy	尿布	niào bù
No	不 不要 不行	- bù - bú yào (<i>refusal by child</i>) - bù xíng (<i>command given to child not to do something</i>)
Orange	橘子	jú zi
Play	玩	wán
Please	请 谢谢	- qǐng; or - xiè xie
Shoes	鞋子	xié zi
Sick	病了	bìng le
Sit down	坐下	zuò xià
Sleep (noun)	睡觉	shuì jiào
Sleep (verb)	睡觉	shuì jiào
Sunscreen cream	防晒油	fáng shài yóu
Teeth	牙齿	yá chǐ
Thank you	谢谢	xiè xie
Thirsty?	口渴吗?	kǒu kě ma?

Toilet	厕所	cè suǒ
Walk	走路	zǒu lù
Wash hands	洗手	xǐ shǒu
Water	水	shuǐ
Wee-wee	尿尿	Niào niao
Yes	对啦	duì la

Cultural and pronunciation Tips:

1	<p>Mandarin has 4 tones. Each tone is represented by one of the following tone marks above the vowel of a word:</p> <p>“ - ” first tone “ ´ ” second tone “ ˇ ” third tone “ ` ” fourth tone</p> <p>No tone mark above a word means neutral(light) tone. Words, with same spelling but with different tone marks, will have different meanings. For example, nǐ = you; nì = oily/greasy.</p> <p>For people who haven't learned Mandarin before, it may be hard for them to say the word accurately.</p> <p>However, I remember the young lady who looked after the child on my first visit told me that she had learned Mandarin in high school. Hopefully, she will be able to teach other workers.</p>
2	<p>Chinese seldom say “don't worry” to little kids, we tend to say “no need to be afraid” when we try to comfort/settle them, so I translated it as “no need to be afraid” .</p>
3	<p>“please” is “qǐng” in Mandarin, In Chinese society, when an adult asks a child to do something, the word “please” is rarely used. You can say “thank you” after the action. “Please” is only used between adults.</p>
4	<p>I have added “wee-wee” to the list, cause it is more often used at home than the word “toilet”.</p>
5	<p>I have also added “sit down”, “don't move” to the list, which I think may be useful.</p>