

Week	Topic	Online listening	Assignments
Week 1	Course introduction		Learning strategies
Week 2	Phase 1: The urban-rural divide	Book 2 U5	
Week 3		Book 2 U7	
Week 4		Book 3 U3	
Week 5		Book 3 U4	Prepared speech (20 students)
Week 6		Quiz 1	
Week 7	Phase 2: Me and my society	Book 2 U8	
Week 8		Book 2 U6	
Week 9		Book 3 U2	
Week 10		Book 3 U5 Quiz 2	Prepared speech (20 students)
Week 11			
Week 12	Phase 3: Then and now	Book 3 U1	
Week 13		Book 3 U6	
Week 14		Book 3 U7 Quiz 3	
Week 15		Book 3 U8	Prepared speech (20 students)
Week 16			
Week 17	Summary		
Week 18	Oral Test		

## 1. Prepared speech

Each student is expected to select *two* phases and give prepared speeches. Each speech shall last ~3min, visual aids *not* required. After each speech, there will be a Q&A session.

【The urban-rural divide】 Speech topics

- Challenges elderly people face in modern society
- Stranger society and social credit system
- China's villages vanish amid rush for the cities
- ...

【Me and my society】 Speech topics

- Can positive psychology make us happier?
- What factors are used to explain the Happiness Index?
- Is employer monitoring of employee social media justified?
- ...

【Then and now】 Speech topics

- We learn from history that we do not learn from history.
- “Iron rice bowl” versus the gig economy
- Does social media bring us together or push us apart?
- ...

## 2. Written assignment

- One *listening journal* commenting on “learning strategies” and reflecting on your strengths/weaknesses (hardcopy due on \_\_\_\_\_ in Week 6)
- One essay on the topics being discussed (to be done in the phase *without* public speaking assignments)