

You don't freeze because you don't know Mandarin.

You freeze because it's
happening now.

No script.

No pause.

No time to think it through.

You know the
words.

You understand
the structure.

Given time, you're fine.

But real conversations don't wait.

So you freeze—

not because you don't know,

but because **everything** hits at once.

This isn't motivation.

It isn't confidence.

It's what happens when a fast, analytical
mind meets a language that won't slow
down.