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# Introduction

Learning the characters is one of the most fascinating and fun parts of learning Chinese, and people are often surprised by how much they enjoy being able to recognize them and to write them. Added to that, *writing* the characters is also the best way of *learning* them. This book shows you how to write the second 100 most common characters and gives you plenty of space to practice writing them. When you do this, you'll be learning a writing system which is one of the oldest in the world and is now used by more than a billion people around the globe every day.

# In this introduction we'll talk about:

- how the characters developed;
- the difference between traditional and simplified forms of the characters;
- what the "radicals" are and why they're useful;
- how to count the writing strokes used to form each character;
- how to look up the characters in a dictionary;
- how words are created by joining two characters together; and, most importantly;
- how to write the characters!

Also, in case you're using this book on your own without a teacher, we'll tell you how to get the most out of using it.

Chinese characters are not nearly as strange and complicated as people seem to think. They're actually no more mysterious than musical notation, which most people can master in only a few months. So there's really nothing to be scared of or worried about: everyone can learn them—it just requires a bit of patience and perseverance. There are also some things which you may have heard about writing Chinese characters that aren't true. In particular, you don't need to use a special brush to write them (a ball-point pen is fine), and you don't need to be good at drawing (in fact you don't even need to have neat handwriting, although it helps!).

## How many characters are there?

Thousands! You would probably need to know something like two thousand to be able to read Chinese newspapers and books, but you don't need anything like that number to read a menu, go shopping or read simple street signs and instructions. Just as you can get by in most countries knowing about a hundred words of the local language, so too you can get by in China quite well knowing a hundred common Chinese characters. And this would also be an excellent basis for learning to read and write Chinese.

# How did the characters originally develop?

Chinese characters started out as pictures representing simple objects, and the first characters originally resembled the things they represented. For example:



Some other simple characters were pictures of "ideas":

- one ... two ... three

Some of these characters kept this "pictographic" or "ideographic" quality about them, but others were gradually modified or abbreviated until many of them now look nothing like the original objects or ideas.

Then, as words were needed for things which weren't easy to draw, existing characters were "combined" to create new characters. For example,  $\pm$  (meaning "woman") combined with 子 (meaning "child") gives a new character 好 (which means "good" or "to be fond of ").

Notice that when two characters are joined together like this to form a new character, they get squashed together and deformed slightly. This is so that the new, combined character will fit into the same size square or "box" as each of the

original two characters. For example the character 日 "sun" becomes thinner when it is the left-hand part of the character 时 "time"; and it becomes shorter when it is the upper part of the character 星 "star". Some components got distorted and deformed even more than this in the combining process: for example when the character 人 "man" appears on the left-hand side of a complex character it gets compressed into 1, like in the character 他 "he".

So you can see that some of the simpler characters often act as basic "building blocks" from which more complex characters are formed. This means that if you learn how to write these simple characters you'll also be learning how to write some complex ones too.

#### How are characters read and pronounced?

The pronunciations in this workbook refer to modern standard Chinese. This is the official language of China and is also known as "Mandarin" or "**putonghua**".

The pronunciation of Chinese characters is written out with letters of the alphabet using a romanization system called "Hanyu Pinyin"—or "**pinyin**" for short. This is the modern system used in China. In pinyin some of the letters have a different sound than in English—but if you are learning Chinese you'll already know this. We could give a description here of how to pronounce each sound, but it would take up a lot of space—and this workbook is about writing the characters, not pronouncing them! In any case, you really need to hear a teacher (or recording) pronounce the sounds out loud to get an accurate idea of what they sound like.

Each Chinese character is pronounced using only one syllable. However, in addition to the syllable, each character also has a particular *tone*, which refers to how the pitch of the voice is used. In standard Chinese there are four different tones, and in pinyin the tone is marked by placing an accent mark over the vowel as follows:



The pronunciation of each character is therefore a combination of a syllable and a tone. There are only a small number of available syllables in Chinese, and many characters therefore share the same syllable—in fact many characters share the same sound plus tone combination. They are like the English words "here" and "hear"—when they are spoken, you can only tell which is which from the context or by seeing the word in written form.

Apart from **putonghua** (modern standard Chinese), another well-known type of Chinese is Cantonese, which is spoken in southern China and in many Chinese communities around the world. In fact there are several dozen different Chinese languages, and the pronunciations of Chinese characters in these languages are all very different from each other. But the important thing to realize is that the characters themselves do *not* change. So two Chinese people who can't understand each other when they're talking together, can write to one another without any problem at all!

# Simplified and traditional characters

As more and more characters were introduced over the years by combining existing characters, some of them became quite complicated. Writing them required many strokes which was time-consuming, and it became difficult to distinguish some of them, especially when the writing was small. So when writing the characters quickly in handwritten form, many people developed short-cuts and wrote them in a more simplified form. In the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Chinese decided to create a standardised set of simplified characters to be used by everyone in China. This resulted in many of the more complicated characters being given simplified forms, making them much easier to learn and to write. Today in China, and also in Singapore, these simplified characters are used almost exclusively, and many Chinese no longer learn the old traditional forms. However the full traditional forms continue to be used in Taiwan and in overseas Chinese communities around the world.

Here are some examples of how some characters were simplified:

Traditional		Simplified
見	->	见
飯	$\rightarrow$	饭
號	$\rightarrow$	号
幾	$\rightarrow$	几

Modern standard Chinese uses only simplified characters. But it is useful to be able to recognize the traditional forms as they are still used in many places outside China, and of course older books and inscriptions were also written using the traditional forms. This workbook teaches the full simplified forms. If there is a traditional form, then it is shown in a separate box on the right-hand side of the page so that you can see what it looks like. Where there is no traditional form, the character was considered simple enough already and was left unchanged.

## How is Chinese written?

Chinese was traditionally written from top to bottom in columns beginning on the right-hand side of the page and working towards the left, like this:

幸	觉	来	常	难	幸
幸福呀	到	欢	为	拥	幸福
呀	那	乐	人	有	
!	也	•	着		点
	是	你	想	只	儿
	-	会		要	也
	种	发	带	你	不

This means that for a book printed in this way, you start by opening it at (what Westerners would think of as) the back cover. While writing in columns is sometimes considered archaic, you will still find many books, especially novels and more serious works of history, printed in this way.

Nowadays, though, most Chinese people write from left to right in horizontal lines working from the top of a page to the bottom, just as we do in English.

# Are Chinese characters the same as English words?

Although each character has a meaning, it's not really true that an individual character is equivalent to an English "word". Each character is actually only a single *syllable*. In Chinese (like in English) some words are just one syllable, but most words are made up of two or more syllables joined together. The vast majority of words in Chinese actually consist of two separate characters placed together in a pair. These multi-syllable words are often referred to as "compounds", and this workbook provides a list of common compounds for each character.

Some Chinese characters are one-syllable words on their own (like the

English words "if" and "you"), while other characters are only ever used as one half of a word (like the English syllables "sen" and "tence"). Some characters do both: they're like the English "light" which is happy as a word on its own, but which also links up to form words like "headlight" or "lighthouse".

The Chinese write sentences by stringing characters together in a long line from left to right (or in a column from top to bottom), with equal-sized spaces between each character. If English were written this way—as individual syllables rather than as words that are joined together—it would mean all the syllables would be written separately with spaces in between them, something like this:

If you can un der stand this sen tence you can read Chi nese too.

So in theory, you can't see which characters are paired together to form words, but in practice, once you know a bit of Chinese, you can!

Punctuation was not traditionally used when writing Chinese, but today commas, periods (full stops), quotation marks, and exclamation points are all used along with other types of punctuation which have been borrowed from English.

# Two ways of putting characters together

We have looked at *combining characters* together to make new *characters*, and *pairing characters* together to make *words*. So what's the difference?

Well, when two *simple characters* are combined to form a new *complex character*, they are squashed or distorted so that the new character fits into the same size square as the original characters. The meaning of the new character *may* be related to the meaning of its components, but it frequently appears to have no connection with them at all! The new complex character also has a new single-syllable pronunciation, which may or may not be related to the pronunciation of one of its parts. For example:

女		也		她
nŭ	+	yě	=	tā
woman		also		she
E		月		明
rì	+	yuè	=	míng
sun		moon/month		bright

On the other hand, when characters are *paired together* to create *words*, the characters are simply written one after the other, normal sized, with a normal space in between (and there are no hyphens or anything to show that these characters are working together as a pair). The resulting word has a pronunciation which is *two* syllables—it is simply the pronunciations of the two individual characters one after the other. Also, you're much more likely to be able to guess the meaning of the word from the meanings of the individual characters that make it up. For example:

大十	人 =	大人
dà +	rén =	dà rén
big	person	adult
姐	妹	姐妹
jiě +	mèi =	jiě mèi
older sister	younger sister	sisters
129	月	四月
sì +	yuè =	sì yuè
four	moon/month	April
再	见	再见
zài +	jiàn =	zài jiàn
again	see; meet	Goodbye!

### Is it necessary to learn words as well as characters?

As we've said, the meaning of a compound word is often related to the meanings of the individual characters. But this is not always the case, and sometimes the word takes on a new and very specific meaning. So to be able to read Chinese sentences and understand what they mean, it isn't enough just to learn individual character—you'll also need to learn words. (In fact, many individual characters have very little meaning at all by themselves, and only take on meanings when paired with other characters).

Here are some examples of common Chinese words where the meaning of the overall word is not what you might expect from the meanings of the individual characters:

明 míng bright	+	夭 tiān day/sky	=	明天 míng tiān tomorrow
好 hǎo good	+	在 zài be present at/ live at	=	好在 <b>hǎo zài</b> fortunately

If you think about it, the same thing happens in English. If you know what "battle" and "ship" mean, you can probably guess what a "battleship" might be. But this wouldn't work with "championship"! Similarly, you'd be unlikely to guess the meaning of "honeymoon" if you only knew the words "honey" and "moon".

The good news is that learning compound words can help you to learn the characters. For example, you may know (from your Chinese lessons) that xing qi means "week". So when you see that this word is written  $\mathcal{Z}$ , you will know that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is pronounced xing, and  $\mathfrak{H}$  is pronounced qi —even when these characters are forming part of *other* words. In fact, you will find that you remember many characters as half of some familiar word.

When you see a word written in characters, you can also often see how the word came to mean what it does. For example, **xīng qī** is 星期 which literally means "star period". This will help you to remember both the word *and* the two individual characters.

#### What is a stroke count?

Each Chinese character is made up of a number of pen or brush strokes. Each individual stroke is the mark made by a pen or brush before lifting it off the paper to write the next stroke. Strokes come in various shapes and sizes—a

stroke can be a straight line, a curve, a bent line, a line with a hook, or a dot. There is a traditional and very specific way that every character should be written. The order and direction of the strokes are both important if the character is to have the correct appearance.

What counts as a stroke is determined by tradition and is not always obvious. For example, the small box that often appears as part of a character (like the one on page 32, in the character 名) counts as three strokes, not four! (This is because a single stroke is traditionally used to write the top and right-hand sides of the box).

All this may sound rather pedantic but it is well worth learning how to write the characters correctly and with the correct number of strokes. One reason is that knowing how to count the strokes correctly is useful for looking up characters in dictionaries, as you'll see later.

This book shows you how to write characters stroke by stroke, and once you get the feel of it you'll very quickly learn how to work out the stroke count of a character you haven't met before, and get it right!

## What are radicals?

Although the earliest characters were simple drawings, most characters are complex with two or more parts. And you'll find that some simple characters appear over and over again as parts of many complex characters. Have a look at these five characters:

> 她 she 妈 mother 姐 older sister 好 good 姓 surname

All five of these characters have the same component on the left-hand side:  $\pm$ , which means "woman". This component gives a clue to the meaning of the character, and is called the "radical". As you can see, most of these five characters have something to do with the idea of "woman", but as you can also see, it's not a totally reliable way of guessing the meaning of a character. (Meanings of characters are something you just have to learn, without much help from their component parts).

Unfortunately the radical isn't always on the left-hand side of a character. Sometimes it's on the right, or on the top, or on the bottom. Here are some examples:

Character	Radical	Position of radical
都	ß	right
星	E	top
您	is	bottom
这	i	left and bottom

Because it's not always easy to tell what the radical is for a particular character, it's given explicitly in a separate box for each of the characters in this book. However, as you learn more and more characters, you'll find that you can often guess the radical just by looking at a character.

Why bother with radicals? Well, for hundreds of years Chinese dictionaries have used the radical component of each character as a way of indexing them. All characters, even the really simple ones, are assigned to one radical or another so that they can be placed within the index of a Chinese dictionary (see the next section).

Incidentally, when you take away the radical, what's left is often a clue to the *pronunciation* of the character (this remainder is called the "phonetic component"). For example, 吗 and 妈 are formed by adding different radicals to the character 马 "horse" which is pronounced **mǎ**. Now 吗 is pronounced **ma** and 妈 is pronounced **ma**, so you can see that these two characters have inherited their pronunciations from the phonetic component 马. Unfortunately these "phonetic components" aren't very dependable: for example 也 on its own is pronounced **yě** but 他 and 馒 are both pronounced **tā**.

# How do I find a character in an index or a dictionary?

This is a question lots of people ask, and the answer varies according to the type of dictionary you are using. Many dictionaries today are organized alphabetically by pronunciation. So if you want to look up a character in a dictionary and you know its pronunciation, then it's easy. It's when you don't know the pronunciation of a character that there's a problem, since there is no alphabetical order for characters like there is for English words.

If you don't know the pronunciation of a character, then you will need to use

a radical index (which is why radicals are useful). To use this you have to know which part of the character is the radical, and you will also need to be able to count the number of strokes that make up the character. To look up  $\underline{\#}$ , for example,  $\underline{\bigstar}$  is the radical (which has 3 strokes) and the remaining part  $\underline{\pm}$  has 5 strokes. So first you find the radical  $\underline{\bigstar}$  amongst the 3-stroke radicals in the radical index. Then, since there are lots of characters under  $\underline{\bigstar}$ , look for  $\underline{\#}$  in the section which lists all the  $\underline{\bigstar}$  characters which have 5-stroke remainders.

This workbook has both a Hanyu Pinyin index and a radical index. Why not get used to how these indexes work by picking a character in the book and seeing if you can find it in both of the indexes?

Many dictionaries also have a pure stroke count index (i.e. ignoring the radical). This is useful if you cannot figure out what the radical of the character is. To use this you must count up all the strokes in the character as a whole and then look the character up under that number (so you would look up 4 under 8 strokes). As you can imagine, this type of index can leave you with long columns of characters to scan through before you find the one you're looking for, so it's usually a last resort!

All these methods have their pitfalls and complications, so recently a completely new way of looking up characters has been devised. The *Chinese Character Fast Finder* (see the inside back cover) organizes characters purely by their shapes so that you can look up any one of 3,000 characters very quickly without knowing its meaning, radical, pronunciation or stroke count!

# How should I use this workbook?

One good way to learn characters is to practice writing them, especially if you think about what each character means as you write it. This will fix the characters in your memory better than if you just look at them without writing them.

If you're working on your own without a teacher, work on a few characters at a time. Go at a pace that suits you; it's much better to do small but regular amounts of writing than to do large chunks at irregular intervals. You might start with just one or two characters each day and increase this as you get better at it. Frequent repetition is the key! Try to get into a daily routine of learning a few new characters and also reviewing the ones you learned on previous days. It's also a good idea to keep a list of which characters you've learned each day, and then to "test yourself" on the characters you learned the previous day, three days ago, a week ago and a month ago. Each time you test yourself they will stay in your memory for a longer period.

But *don't* worry if you can't remember a character you wrote out ten times only yesterday! This is quite normal to begin with. Just keep going—it will all be sinking in without you realizing it.

Once you've learned a few characters you can use flash cards to test yourself on them in a random order. You can make your own set of cards, or use a readymade set like *Chinese in a Flash* (see the inside back cover).

## How do I write the characters?

Finally, let's get down to business and talk about actually writing the characters! Under each character in this book, the first few boxes show how the character is written, stroke by stroke. There is a correct way to draw each character, and the diagrams in the boxes show you both the order to draw the strokes in, and also the direction for each stroke.

Use the three gray examples to trace over and then carry on by yourself,drawing the characters using the correct stroke order and directions. The varying thicknesses of the lines show you what the characters would look like if they were drawn with a brush, but if you're using a pencil or ball-point pen don't worry about this. Just trace down the middle of the lines and you will produce good hand-written characters.

Pay attention to the length of each of the strokes so that your finished character has the correct proportions. Use the gray dotted lines inside each box as a guide to help you start and end each stroke in the right place.

You may think that it doesn't really matter how the strokes are written as long as the end result looks the same. To some extent this is true, but there are some good reasons for knowing the "proper" way to write the characters. Firstly, it helps you to count strokes, and secondly it will make your finished character "look right", and also help you to read other people's handwritten characters later on. It's better in the long run to learn the correct method of writing the characters from the beginning because, as with so many other things, once you get into "bad" habits it can be very hard to break them!

If you are left-handed, just use your left hand as normal, but still make sure you use the correct stroke order and directions when writing the strokes. For example, draw your horizontal strokes left to right, even if it feels more natural to draw them right to left. For each Chinese character there is a fixed, correct order in which to write the strokes. But these "stroke orders" do follow some fairly general rules. The main thing to remember is:

• Generally work left to right and top to bottom.

Some other useful guidelines are:

- Horizontal lines are written before vertical ones (see +, page 19);
- Lines that slope down and to the left are written before those that slope down and to the right (see 文, page 41);
- A central part or vertical line is written before symmetrical or smaller lines at the sides (see ,), page 47);
- The top and sides of an outer box are written first, then whatever is inside the box, then the bottom is written last to "close" it (see 国, page 56).

As you work through the book you'll see these rules in action and get a feel for them, and you'll know how to draw virtually any Chinese character without having to be shown.

# Practice, practice, practice!

Your first attempts at writing will be awkward, but as with most things you'll get better with practice. That's why there are lots of squares for you to use. And don't be too hard on yourself (we all draw clumsy-looking characters when we start); just give yourself plenty of time and practice. After a while, you'll be able to look back at your early attempts and compare them with your most recent ones, and see just how much you've improved.

After writing the same character a number of times (a row or two at most), move on to another one. Don't fill up the whole page at one sitting! Then, after writing several other characters, come back later and do a few more of the first one. Can you remember the stroke order without having to look at the diagram?

Finally, try writing out sentences, or lines of different characters, on ordinary paper. To begin with you can mark out squares to write in if you want to, but after that simply imagine the squares and try to keep your characters all equally sized and equally spaced.

Have fun, and remember-the more you practice writing the characters the

easier it gets!

**yī** one; single; a(n)

# common words

一个 yí ge a(n); one (of something)
一次 yí cì once
一同/一起 yī tóng/yī qǐ together
一月 yí yuè January
十一 shí yī eleven
第一 dì yī first
星期一 xīng qī yī Monday

# 1 stroke

radical

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èr two (number)

## common words

二十 **èr shí** twenty 二妹 **èr mèi** second younger sister 二月 **èr yuè** February 二手 **èr shǒu** second hand 十二 **shí èr** twelve 第二 **dì èr** second 星期二 **xīng qī èr** Tuesday

# 2 stroke

radical

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Ξ

sān three

# common words

三十 sān shí thirty 三月 sān yuè March 三个月 sān ge yuè three months 三明治 sān míng zhì sandwich 十三 shí sān thirteen 第三 dì sān third 星期三 xīng qī sān Wednesday

# 3 strokes

radical

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# 四

sì four

# common words

四十 sì shí forty 四百 sì bǎi four hundred 四月 sì yuè April 四处 sì chù everywhere 十四 shí sì fourteen 第四 dì sì fourth 星期四 xīng qī sì Thursday

# 5 strokes

# radical

 $\Box$ 



# 五

wǔ five

## common words

五十 wǔ shí fifty 五月 wǔ yuè May 五年 wǔ nián five years 五本 wǔ běn five (books) 十五 shí wǔ fifteen 第五 dì wǔ fifth 星期五 xīng qī wǔ Friday

# 4 strokes

radical

一丁五五五五



liù six

## common words

六十三 liù shí sān sixty-three 六月 liù yuè June 六个月 liù ge yuè six months 六天 liù tiān six days 十六 shí liù sixteen 第六 dì liù sixth 星期六 xīng qī liù Saturday

# 4 strokes

# radical

<u>`</u>



# 七

qī seven

# common words

 $\pm\pm \mathbf{q}\mathbf{\bar{s}}$  shí q $\mathbf{\bar{s}}$  seventy-seven

七百 qī bǎi seven hundred

七月 qī yuè July

十七 shí qī seventeen

七七八八 qī qī bā bā almost complete

七上八下 qī shàng bā xià worry; anxious

第七 dì qī seventh

# 2 strokes

radical

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bā eight

# common words

ハ十二 bā shí èr eighty-two ハ百零五 bā bǎi líng wǔ eight-hundred and five ハ月 bā yuè August ハ成 bā chéng 80 per cent ハ折 bā zhé 20 per cent discount 十八 shí bā eighteen 第八 dì bā eighth

2 strokes

# radical

八



九

jiŭ nine

# common words

九十八 jiǔ shí bā ninety-eight 九百一十 jiǔ bǎi yí shí nine-hundred and ten 九月 jiǔ yuè September 九号 jiǔ hào number/size nine; ninth (of a month) 九分 jiǔ fēn nine points 十九 shí jiǔ nineteen 第九 dì jiǔ ninth

# 2 strokes

# radical

J



shí ten

+

## common words

十千/一万 shí qiān/yí wàn ten thousand
十月 shí yuè October
十一月 shí yī yuè November
十二月 shí èr yuè December
十分 shí fēn 1. ten points 2. very
十全十美 shí quán shí měi perfect; ideal
第十 dì shí tenth

# 2 strokes

# radical

+



**nĭ** you

# common words

你好 nǐ hǎo How do you do? 你的 nǐ de your; yours 你们 nǐ men you (plural) 你们的 nǐ men de your; yours (plural)

# 7 strokes

# radical

人(亻)





nín you (polite)

# common words

您好 nín hǎo How do you do? (polite) 您早 nín zǎo Good morning! 您贵姓? nín guì xìng your family name?

# 11 strokes

# radical

ŝ


## 好

hǎo/hào 1. good 2. alright 3. like

#### common words

好啊! hǎo a Good!; OK! 好看 hǎo kàn 1. good show 2. good looking 好久 hǎo jiǔ a long time 很好 hěn hǎo very good 还好 hái hǎo still alright 那好 nà hǎo alright then ... (agreeing to a suggestion)

## 6 strokes

#### radical

女





qǐng 1. please 2. to invite

#### common words

请问 **qǐng wèn** May I ask ...? 请坐 **qǐng zuò** Please sit down. 请进 **qǐng jìn** Please come in. 请客 **qǐng kè** play host; treat 请教 **qǐng jiào** seek advice 请假 **qǐng jià** take leave

## 10 strokes

#### radical

ì





## 问

wèn ask

#### common words

问好 wèn hǎo say hello to...

问题 wèn tí question; problem

问答 wèn dá question and answer

学问 xué wèn knowledge

访问 fǎng wèn 1. visit 2. interview

## 6 strokes

## radical

门

## traditional form

問





guì 1. honorable 2. expensive; valuable

#### common words

贵姓 guì xìng your honorable surname? 贵人 guì rén respected person 贵客/贵宾 guì kè/guì bīn distinguished guest; VIP 太贵了 tài guì le too expensive 名贵 míng guì valuable

## 9 strokes

## radical

贝







xìng surname

#### common words

姓名 xìng míng full name

同姓 tóng xìng having the same surname

老百姓 lǎo bǎi xìng common people

## 8 strokes

## radical

女



他

tā he

#### common words

他的 tā de his 他们 tā men they; them (male) 他们的 tā men de their; theirs (male) 他人/其他人 tā rén/qí tā rén other people 其他 qí tā other

## 5 strokes

## radical

人(亻)

ħ 3 2



**tā** she

#### common words

她的 **tā de** hers 她们 **tā men** they; them (female) 她们的 **tā men de** their; theirs (female)

## 6 strokes

## radical





## 머

jiào 1. call; be called 2. shout 3. order

#### common words

叫门 **jiào mén** call at the door 叫好 **jiào hǎo** cheer

叫喊 jiào hǎn shout; yell

叫做 **jiào zuò** be called

叫车 jiào chē order a cab

大叫 dà jiào call out loudly

#### 5 strokes

#### radical

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# 什

shén/shí 1. mixed 2. tenth (mathematics)

#### common words

什么 shén me what

- 什么的 shén me de etc; so on...
- 什么时候? shén me shí hòu when?; at what time?

#### 4 strokes

### radical





## 么

me interrogative particle

#### common words

什么 shén me what

- 怎么 zěn me how
- 那么 nà me in that way; so...
- 多么 duō me no matter how
- 为什么? wèi shén me why?

## 3 strokes

#### radical

ム







míng 1. name 2. fame

#### common words

名字 míng zi name 名叫 míng jiào named 名人 míng rén celebrity; famous person 同名 tóng míng having the same name 出名 chū míng become famous; well-known 第一名 dì yī míng first in position

## 6 strokes

#### radical

夕





zì written character

#### common words

字母 zì mǔ letter (alphabet) 字典 zì diǎn dictionary 十字 shí zì cross 汉字 hàn zì Chinese (Han) character 写字 xiě zì write word 生字 shēng zì new word

### 6 strokes

## radical

ì





wð I; me

#### common words

我的 **wǒ de** my; mine 我们 **wǒ men** we; us 我国 **wǒ guó** our country 我家 **wǒ jiā** my family; my home 自我 **zì wǒ** self

## 7 strokes

#### radical

戈





shì to be; yes

#### common words

是的 shì de yes 是啊 shì a yes; yeah 是不是 shì bu shì to be or not to be 不是 bú shi 1. not to be; no 2. fault 还是 hái shì or 老是 lǎo shì always

## 9 strokes

## radical

日





dà big; great

#### common words

大声点 dà shēng diǎn louder 大家 dà jiā everybody 大不了 dà bu liǎo at the worst 大多/大都/大半 dà duō/dà dū/dà bàn mostly 大小 dà xiǎo size 大概 dà gài probably 自大 zì dà proud; arrogant

#### 3 strokes

#### radical

大





xué learn

#### common words

学会 xué huì learned; mastered 学习 xué xí study 上学 shàng xué go to school 放学 fàng xué finish school for the day 开学 kāi xué school reopens 小学 xiǎo xué primary school 中学 zhōng xué middle/secondary school

## 8 strokes

#### radical

子







shēng 1. give birth; born 2. raw

#### common words

生日 **shēng rì** birthday 生气 **shēng qì** angry 生病 **shēng bìng** fall sick; not well 生吃 **shēng chī** eat raw food 学生 **xué sheng** student 先生 **xiān sheng** 1. Mr 2. husband 医生 **yī shēng** doctor

#### 5 strokes

#### radical

J



## 中

**zhōng/zhòng** 1. among 2. (in the) course 3. hit by

#### common words

中国 zhōng guó China
中文 zhōng wén Chinese language (written)
中间 zhōng jiān between; in the middle
中年 zhōng nián middle-aged
中奖 zhòng jiǎng win a prize
心中 xīn zhōng in one's heart
手中 shǒu zhōng on hand

#### 4 strokes

## radical





yīng 1. related to England 2. hero

#### common words

英国 yīng guó England
英文 yīng wén English language (written)
英语 yīng yǔ English language
英俊 yīng jùn handsome
英明 yīng míng wise
英雄 yīng xióng hero

### 8 strokes

#### radical

₩





wén written language; writing

#### common words

- 文字 wén zì script; writing
- 文具 wén jù stationery
- 文学 wén xué literature
- 语文 yǔ wén language (spoken and written)
- 法文 fǎ wén French (written)
- 日文 rì wén Japanese (written)

## 4 strokes

#### radical

文





kè lesson; class

#### common words

课本 kè běn textbook
课题 kè tí topic (of lessons)
课文 kè wén text
上课 shàng kè attend class
下课 xià kè finish class
功课 gōng kè homework
第一课 dì yī kè first lesson; lesson one

## 10 strokes

#### radical

ì

## traditional form

## 課

1.9	Ĩ.	z"	词	沪	识	识	评
课	课	课	课	课			



lǎo old

#### common words

老师 lǎo shī teacher 老大 lǎo dà 1. eldest sibling 2. gang leader 老婆 lǎo po wife (informal) 老公 lǎo gōng husband (informal) 老婆婆 lǎo pó po old woman 老外 lǎo wài foreigner 古老 gǔ lǎo ancient

#### 6 strokes

#### radical





## 师

shī teacher; master

### common words

师生 **shī shēng** teacher and student 师父 **shī fu** master 老师/教师 **lǎo shī/jiào shī** teacher 律师 **lǜ shī** lawyer 厨师 **chú shī** chef

## 6 strokes

## radical

巾





## 同

tóng the same; together

#### common words

同学 tóng xué classmate

同班 tóng bān same class

同时 tóng shí same time

同样 tóng yàng the same; alike

同事 tóng shì colleague

一同/一起 yī tóng/yī qǐ together

## 6 strokes

## radical

冂





xiào school

#### common words

校长 **xiào zhǎng** principal 校服 **xiào fú** school uniform 校友 **xiào yǒu** schoolmate; alumni 学校 **xué xiào** school 同校 **tóng xiào** same school 上校 **shàng xiào** colonel

## 10 strokes

## radical

木



## シ

xiǎo small; little

#### common words

小姐 **xiǎo jiě** Miss; lady 小时 **xiǎo shí** hour 小时候 **xiǎo shí hou** childhood 小心 **xiǎo xīn** (be) careful 小看 **xiǎo kàn** belittle; underestimate 小便 **xiǎo biàn** urine; urinate

## 3 strokes

## radical

小(\*\*)



## 朋

péng friend

#### common words

朋友 péng you friend 好朋友 hǎo péng you good friend 男朋友 nán péng you boyfriend 女朋友 nǚ péng you girlfriend 老朋友 lǎo péng you old friend 小朋友 xiǎo péng you kid; child

## 8 strokes

## radical

月





yðu friend

#### common words

友人 yǒu rén friend 友谊/友情 yǒu yì/yǒu qíng friendship 好友 hǎo yǒu good friend 男友 nán yǒu boyfriend 女友 nǚ yǒu girlfriend 工友 gōng yǒu fellow worker; caretaker

## 4 strokes

#### radical

叉



# 们

men plural suffix (for persons)

#### common words

你们 nǐ men you (plural) 我们/咱们 wǒ men/zán men we; us 女士们 nǚ shì men ladies 男士们 nán shì men gentlemen 同学们 tóng xué men classmates 人们 rén men people

## 5 strokes

radical 人(亻)

## traditional form

們





ne question particle

#### common words

你呢? nǐ ne How about you? 他(她)呢? tā ne How about him (her)? 我们呢? wǒ men ne How about us? 人呢? rén ne Where's the person?

### 8 strokes

#### radical

 $\Box$ 



## 谢

**xiè** thank

### common words

谢谢 xiè xie thank you 谢词 xiè cí thank you speech 多谢 duō xiè many thanks 不谢 bú xiè don't mention it 答谢 dá xiè express appreciation

## 12 strokes

## radical

ì







**zài** again

#### common words

- 再见/再会 zài jiàn/zài huì Goodbye!
- 再三 zài sān again and again; repeatedly
- 再次 zài cì once more
- 再不 zài bu or; or else
- 一再 yí zài again and again; repeatedly
- 不再 bú zài no longer; never again

## 6 strokes

#### radical





jiàn see; meet

#### common words

见好 jiàn hǎo get better (from an illness) 见面 jiàn miàn meet 不见了 bú jiàn le missing; can't be found 不见得 bú jiàn de not necessarily 看见 kàn jiàn see 少见 shǎo jiàn rare 听见 tīng jiàn hear

#### 4 strokes

#### radical

见



1 见一见十 2



měi beautiful

#### common words

美丽 měi lì beautiful; pretty

美好 měi hǎo wonderful

美食 měi shí delicacy

美女/美人 měi nǚ/měi rén beautiful girl/woman

美国 měi guó the Unites States of America

很美/太美了 hěn měi/tài měi le very beautiful

## 9 strokes

radical

羊(*羊*)





guó country; national

#### common words

国家 guó jiā country

- 国人 guó rén the people in a country
- 国王 guó wáng king
- 出国 chū guó go abroad
- 外国 wài guó foreign country
- 外国人 wài guó rén people from other country

#### 8 strokes

## radical

 $\Box$ 







rén person; people

#### common words

人人/毎人 **rén rén/měi rén** everyone 人口 **rén kǒu** population 工人 **gōng rén** worker 大人/成人 **dà rén/chéng rén** adult 本人 **běn rén** oneself 客人 **kè rén** guest

#### 2 strokes

#### radical

人




ma question particle

#### common words

是吗? shì ma Is that so?; Is it? 好吗? hǎo ma good?; alright? 忙吗? máng ma busy? 行吗? xíng ma Is it okay? 可以吗? kě yǐ ma May I? 有事吗? yǒu shì ma what's up?

# 6 strokes

#### radical

 $\Box$ 







yě also; too

#### common words

也是 **yě shì** is also ... 也好 **yě hǎo** may as well 也许 **yě xǔ** perhaps

# 3 strokes

#### radical

->





**bù** not; no

#### common words

不对 bú duì 1. incorrect 2. something is wrong 不要 bú yào don't want 不会 bú huì don't know 不同/不一样 bù tóng/bù yí yàng it's different 不客气 bú kè qi not at all; don't mention it 不好意思 bù hǎo yì si 1. embarrassed 2. excuse me 对不起 duì bu qǐ sorry

#### 4 strokes

radical

一アア不不不不



shéi/shuí who

#### common words

谁的 shéi de/shuí de whose 谁知道 shéi zhī dào/shuí zhī dào no one knows

# 10 strokes

# radical

ì





# 的

de particle

#### common words

我的 wǒ de my; mine 你的 nǐ de your; yours 他的/她的 tā de his/hers 谁的 shéi de/shuí de whose 有的 yǒu de some 挺好的 tǐng hǎo de quite good

# 8 strokes

# radical

白





jiā family; home

#### common words

家庭 jiā tíng family 家人 jiā rén family member 人家 rén jiā other people 回家 huí jiā return home 每家/家家 měi jiā/jiā jiā every family; every household 一家大小 yī jiā dà xiǎo everyone in a family

# 10 strokes

#### radical

ņ





**bà** father

#### common words

爸爸 bà ba father

爸爸妈妈 bà ba mā ma parents

老爸 lǎo bà father (informal)

# 8 strokes

# radical

父



# 和

**hé** 1. ...and... 2. harmony

#### common words

和好 hé hǎo reconcile 和气 hé qì amiable; friendly 和平 hé píng peace 和事老 hé shì lǎo mediator

# 8 strokes

#### radical

禾





 $m\bar{a}$  mother

#### common words

妈妈 **mā ma** mother 姨妈 **yí mā** aunt (mother's married sister) 姑妈 **gū mā** aunt (father's married sister)

# 6 strokes

# radical

女







 $g\bar{e}$  older brother

#### common words

哥哥 gē ge older brother 大哥 dà gē eldest brother 二哥 èr gē second elder brother 哥儿们 gēr men 1. brothers 2. buddies 帅哥 shuài gē handsome man

#### 10 strokes

#### radical

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# 姐

jiě older sister

#### common words

姐姐 **jiě jie** older sister 姐妹 **jiě mèi** sisters 大姐 **dà jiě** 1. eldest sister 2. older woman 二姐 **èr jiě** second elder sister 小姐 **xiǎo jiě** Miss; lady 空姐 **kōng jiě** air stewardess

# 8 strokes

#### radical

女





dì younger brother

#### common words

弟弟 dì di younger brother 弟妹 dì mèi younger brother and sister 兄弟 xiōng dì brothers 姐弟 jiě dì older sister and younger brother 徒弟 tú dì disciple; follower

# 7 strokes

# radical

入(ソ)





mèi younger sister

#### common words

妹妹 mèi mei younger sister 大妹 dà mèi first younger sister 三妹 sān mèi third younger sister 小妹 xiǎo mèi youngest sister 姐妹 jiě mèi sisters 兄弟姐妹 xiōng dì jiě mèi brothers and sisters

# 8 strokes

#### radical

女



# 住

zhù 1. live; stay 2. stop

#### common words

住家 zhù jiā residence 住址 zhù zhǐ address 住口 zhù kǒu shut up 住手 zhù shǒu Hands off! 站住 zhàn zhù Halt! 记住 jì zhù remember

# 7 strokes

radical

人(1)



在

zài 1. be; at 2. live

#### common words

在吗? zài ma in? 在家里 zài jiā lǐ at home 不在 bú zài not in 现在 xiàn zài now; currently 还在 hái zài still there 好在 hǎo zài fortunately

## 6 strokes

# radical

土





**zhè** this

#### common words

这个 zhè ge 1. this one 2. in this case; in this matter 这儿/这里/这边 zhèr/zhè lǐ/zhè biān here 这些 zhè xiē these 这样 zhè yàng this way; like this 这么 zhè me such, so 这次 zhè cì this time 到儿这来 dào zhèr lái Come here!

# 7 strokes

#### radical

ì

# traditional form

# 這



女

n**ü** female

#### common words

女儿 nǚ ér daughter 女生 nǚ shēng female student; school girl 女性 nǚ xìng female gender 女士 nǚ shì Madam 女人 nǚ rén 1. woman 2. wife 3. mistress 妇女 fù nǚ woman

## 3 strokes

#### radical

女



# 儿

ér/r 1. child 2. suffix

#### common words

儿子 **ér zi** son 儿童 **ér tóng** child 大儿子 **dà ér zi** eldest son 小儿子 **xiǎo ér zi** youngest son 一会儿 **yí huìr** a moment; a short while 一点儿 **yì diǎnr** a little

# 2 strokes

# radical

儿





# 那

nà/nèi 1. that 2. in that case

#### common words

那个 nà ge that 那里/那儿/那边 nà li/nàr/nà biān there 那些 nà xiē those 那样 nà yàng 1. same as 2. that type 那么 nà me 1. in that case; then 2. same way 那么点儿 nà me diǎnr such small amount ...

# 6 strokes

# radical

ß



# 男

**nán** male

#### common words

男孩/男孩子 nán hái/nán hái zi boy

男生 nán shēng male student; school boy

男人 nán rén man

男性 nán xìng male gender

男男女女 nán nán nǚ nǚ boys and girls

男 厕/ 男 厕所 nán cè/nán cè suǒ man's toilet

# 7 strokes

#### radical

田





hái child

#### common words

孩子/小孩 hái zi/xiǎo hái child 孩子气 hái zi qì childish 孩子话 hái zi huà childish words 男孩/男孩子 nán hái/nán hái zi boy 女孩/女孩子 nǚ hái/nǚ hái zi girl

# 9 strokes

#### radical

子





zi/zĭ 1. son 2. seed 3. suffix (noun)

#### common words

子女/儿女 zǐ nǚ/ér nǚ son and daughter; children

儿子 ér zi son

妻子 qī zi wife

桌子 zhuō zi table; desk

车子 chē zi 1. vehicle (small scale) 2. bicycle

一下子 yí xià zi 1. all of a sudden 2. all at once

## 3 strokes

#### radical

子





 $d\bar{o}u/d\bar{u}$  1. all; even 2. big city

#### common words

都有 dōu yǒu all have 都是 dōu shì all are 都会 dōu huì all know how to do 都市/都会 dū shì/dū huì big city 首都 shǒu dū capital city

# 10 strokes

#### radical

ß





méi haven't; without

#### common words

沒有 méi yǒu don't have; haven't 没错 méi cuò correct 没问题 méi wèn tí no question; no problem 没事 méi shì 1. free 2. no problem; alright 没关系/没什么 méi guān xi/méi shén me it doesn't matter 还没 hái méi not yet

# 7 strokes

#### radical

ì







yǒu has; have

#### common words

有的/有些 yǒu de/yǒu xiē some 有学问 yǒu xué wèn knowledgeable 有点儿 yǒu diǎnr a little; somewhat 有没有 (?) yǒu méi yǒu 1. did you? 2. whether or not 只有 zhǐ yǒu there's only ... 还有 hái yǒu moreover; furthermore

# 6 strokes

# radical

月





zuò do; make

#### common words

做好/做完 zuò hǎo/zuò wán finish; complete 做错 zuò cuò do wrongly 做人 zuò rén be an upright person 做饭 zuò fàn cook a meal 做作业 zuò zuò yè do assignment 做工 zuò gōng work

## 11 strokes

# radical

人(亻)





shì matter

#### common words

事事/每事 shì shì/měi shì every matter 事前 shì qián in advance; beforehand 事后 shì hòu afterwards; after the event 小事 xiǎo shì trivial matter 故事 gù shì story 做事 zuò shì 1. work 2. deal with matters

#### 8 strokes

#### radical





liǎng two

#### common words

两个月 liǎng ge yuè two months 两百 liǎng bǎi two hundred 两次 liǎng cì twice 两样 liǎng yàng two types; different 两口子 liǎng kǒu zi a couple; husband and wife 没两样 méi liǎng yàng the same

# 7 strokes

radical







gè most common measure word

#### common words

个个/每个 gè gè/měi ge each one (of something)
个人 gè rén individual
个子 gè zi body size
两个门 liǎng ge mén two doors
那个 nà ge that
这个 zhè ge 1. this one 2. in this case; in this matter

# 3 strokes

# radical

人

# traditional form

個





duō 1. many, much 2. far more

#### common words

多少(?) duō shǎo 1. how many/much? 2. tend to

多大(?) duō dà 1. how old(?) 2. how big(?)

- 多半 duō bàn more often than not
- 多么 duō me no matter how
- 差不多 chà bu duō about; more or less

# 6 strokes

#### radical

夕



# 少

shǎo/shào 1. few; little 2. young

#### common words

少女 shào nǚ teenage girl 少不了 shǎo bu liǎo can't do without 青少年 qīng shào nián teenager 很少 hěn shǎo very little; very few 不少 bù shǎo quite a lot 男女老少 nán nǚ lǎo shào young and old

# 4 strokes

# radical

小



# 时

shí time

# common words

时间 shí jiān time
时期 shí qī period of time
时时/不时 shí shí/bù shí often
一时 yī shí temporarily; momentarily
有时/有时候 yǒu shí/yǒu shí hou sometimes
到时 dào shí when the time comes

# 7 strokes

# radical

日





# 间

jiān 1. between 2. room 3. measure word

#### common words

时间 shí jiān time 中间 zhōng jiān between; in the middle 房间 fáng jiān room 夜间 yè jiān at night; night time 洗手间 xǐ shǒu jiān washroom 一间客房 yī jiān kè fáng a guest room

# 7 strokes

# radical

门

# traditional form

間





jīn now; at present

#### common words

今天/今日 jīn tiān/jīn rì today 今早 jīn zǎo this morning 今晚 jīn wǎn tonight; this evening 今年 jīn nián this year 今后 jīn hòu from now on 至今 zhì jīn up to now; so far 如今 rú jīn now; nowadays

#### 4 strokes

#### radical

人





tiān 1. day 2. sky

#### common words

天天/毎天 tiān tiān/měi tiān every day 天上/天空中 tiān shàng/tiān kōng zhōng in the sky 天气 tiān qì weather 明天 míng tiān tomorrow 昨天 zuó tiān yesterday 白天 bái tiān daytime

#### 4 strokes

#### radical

大



# 几

jǐ/jī 1. how many 2. several 3. almost

# common words

几个(?) jǐ ge 1. how many? 2. several (of something)

几次(?) jǐ cì 1. how many times? 2. several times

几时(?) jǐ shí 1. when? 2. anytime

几天(?) jǐ tiān 1. how many days? 2. several days

几分(?) jǐ fēn 1. how many points? 2. somewhat

几点(?) jǐ diǎn 1. what time? 2. several dots

# 2 strokes

# radical

几



几几几几


hào 1. date 2. size 3. sequence 4. signal

#### common words

号码 hào mǎ number
几号? jǐ hào which number?; what size?; what date?
十号 shí hào number ten; size ten; tenth (of a month)
句号 jù hào full-stop
逗号 dòu hào comma

问号 wèn hào question mark

#### 5 strokes

#### radical

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#### traditional form

號



## 明

míng bright

#### common words

明明 míng míng obviously

明白 míng bai understand

明天/明日 míng tiān/míng rì tomorrow

明亮 míng liàng bright

文明 wén míng civilized; civilization

发明 fā míng invent

#### 8 strokes

#### radical





nián year

#### common words

年年/每年 nián nián/měi nián every year 年纪 nián ji age 明年 míng nián next year 后年 hòu nián year after next year 去年 qù nián last year 前年 qián nián year before last year

#### 6 strokes

#### radical

J



# 月

yuè 1. month 2. moon

#### common words

月亮/月球 yuè liang/yuè qiú moon

- 月光 yuè guāng moonlight
- 这个月 zhè ge yuè this month
- 上个月 shàng ge yuè last month
- 下个月 xià ge yuè next month

#### 4 strokes

#### radical

月



## E

rì day

#### common words

日本 rì běn Japan 日期 rì qī date 日子 rì zi 1. date; day 2. time 3. life 今日 jīn rì today 明日 míng rì tomorrow 昨日 zuó rì yesterday 每日 měi rì every day

#### 4 strokes

#### radical





xīng star

#### common words

星星 xīng xing star 星期 xīng qī week 星座 xīng zuó 1. constellation 2. sign of zodiac 星球 xīng qiú heavenly body; planet 歌星 gē xīng singer 明星 míng xīng star (celebrity)

#### 9 strokes

#### radical





**qī** period

#### common words

期间/时期 qī jiān/shí qī period of time 学期 xué qī school term; semester 假期 jià qī holiday 到期 dào qī expire 早期 zǎo qī earlier time; early stage 上星期 shàng xīng qī last week 下星期 xià xīng qī next week

#### 12 strokes

#### radical

月





zǎo early; morning; Good morning!

#### common words

早安 zǎo ān Good morning!

- 早上 zǎo shang morning
- 早日 zǎo rì (at an) early date; soon

早晚 zǎo wǎn 1. day and night 2. sooner or later

早饭/早点/早餐 zǎo fàn/zǎo diǎn/zǎo cān breakfast

- 一早 yī zǎo early in the morning
- 明早 míng zǎo tomorrow morning

#### 6 strokes

#### radical



## Ŀ

shàng 1. above; go up 2. attend 3. previous

#### common words

- 上面 shàng mian above; top
- 上来 shàng lái come up
- 上去 shàng qù go up
- 上班 shàng bān go to work
- 上厕所 shàng cè suǒ go to the toilet
- 上次 shàng cì last time
- 马上 mǎ shàng immediately

#### 3 strokes

#### radical

ト



## 下

xià 1. under; go down 2. finish 3. next

#### common words

下面 xià mian underneath; below 下来 xià lái come down 下去 xià qù go down 下班 xià bān finish work 下雨 xià yǔ rain 下次 xià cì next time 一下 yí xià 1. one time 2. a short while

#### 3 strokes

radical

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午

w**ǔ** noon

#### common words

午饭/午餐 wǔ fàn/wǔ cān lunch 午觉/午睡 wǔ jiào/wǔ shuì afternoon nap 午夜 wǔ yè midnight 上午/午前 shàng wǔ/wǔ qián morning (a.m.) 中午 zhōng wǔ noon 下午/午后 xià wǔ/wǔ hòu afternoon (p.m.)

#### 4 strokes

#### radical

+



吃

chī eat

#### common words

吃饭 chī fàn have a meal 吃饱了 chī bǎo le eaten; eaten enough 吃不饱 chī bu bǎo not full; not enough to eat 吃不下 chī bu xià not able to eat; have no appetite 小吃 xiǎo chī snack 好吃 hǎo chī tasty; delicious

#### 6 strokes

#### radical

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## 晚

wăn night; late

#### common words

晚上 wǎn shang evening; night 晚安 wǎn ān Good night! 晚饭/晚餐 wǎn fàn/wǎn cān dinner 晚班 wǎn bān evening shift; night shift 晚点 wǎn diǎn be late 起晚了 qǐ wǎn le got up late

#### 11 strokes

#### radical



饭

fàn meal; cooked rice

#### common words

饭前 **fàn qián** before a meal 饭后 **fàn hòu** after a meal 饭菜 **fàn cài** rice and dishes 饭店 **fàn diàn** 1. restaurant 2. hotel 白饭 **bái fàn** cooked white rice 开饭 **kāi fàn** start serving a meal

#### 7 strokes

#### radical

仑

#### traditional form







le/liǎo particle

#### common words

- 了不起 liǎo bu qǐ fantastic; amazing
- 对了 duì le That's right!
- 算了 suàn le forget it
- 都上学了 dou shàng xué le all have gone to school
- 受不了 shòu bu liǎo unbearable
- 吃了 chī le had eaten

#### 2 strokes

#### radical

->



## 哪

nǎ/něi which; any

#### common words

哪个(?) nă ge 1. which? 2. any; anyone

哪里(?) nă li 1. where? 2. not at all

哪样(?) nǎ yàng 1. what kind? 2. whatever

哪天(?) nă tiān 1. which day? 2. anyday; someday

哪些(?) nă xiē 1. which of those? 2. any of those

哪怕 nǎ pà no matter

#### 9 strokes

#### radical

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# **English-Chinese Index**

### A

**a(n)** — yī 10 a(n) (of something)  $-\uparrow y\bar{i}$  ge 10 a couple 两口子 liǎng kǒu zi 85 a guest room 一间客房 yī jiān kè fáng 90 a little 一点儿 yī diǎnr 75; 有点儿 yǒu diǎnr 82 a long time 好久 hǎo jiǔ 22 a moment 一会儿 yí huìr 75 a short while 一会儿 yí huìr 75; 一下 yí xià 103 about 差不多 chà bu duō 87 above 上/上面 shàng/shàng mian 102 address 住址 zhù zhǐ 71 adult 大人/成人 dà rén/chéng rén 57 after a meal 饭后 fàn hòu 107 afternoon (p.m.) 下午/午后 xià wǔ/wǔ hòu 104 afternoon nap 午觉/午睡 wǔ jiào/wǔ shuì 104 afterwards/after the event 事后 shì hòu 84 again 再 zài 53 again and again 再三/一再 zài sān/yí zài 53 age 年纪 nián ji 96 air stewardess 空姐 kong jiě 68 alike 同样 tóng yàng 45 all 都 dōu 80

all are 都是 dou shì 80 all at once 一下子 yí xià zi 79 all have 都有 dou you 80 all have gone to school 都上学了 dōu shàng xué le 108 all know how to do 都会 dōu huì 80 all of a sudden 一下子 yí xià zi 79 almost 几 jī 93 almost complete 七七八八 qī qī bā bā 16 alright 好 hǎo 22; 没事 méi shì 81 alright? 好吗? hǎo ma 58 alright then ... 那好 nà hǎo 22 also 也 yě 59 alumni 校友 xiào yǒu 46 always 老是 lǎo shì 35 ...and... 和 hé 65 amazing 了不起 liǎo bu qǐ 108 amiable 和气 hé qì 65 among 中 zhōng 39 ancient 古老 gǔ lǎo 43 angry 生气 shēng qì 38 anxious 七上八下 qī shàng bā xià 16 any 哪/哪个 nǎ/nǎ ge 109 any of those 哪些 nă xiē 109 anyday 哪天 nă tiān 109 anyone 哪个 nă ge 109 anytime 几时 jǐ shí 93 April 四月 sì yuè 13 arrogant 自大 zì dà 36 ask 问 wèn 24

at 在 zài 72 at home 在家里 zài jiā lǐ 72 at night 夜间 yè jiān 90 at present 今 jīn 91 at the worst 大不了 dà bu liǎo 36 at what time? 什么时候 shén me shí hòu 30 attend 上 shàng 102 attend class 上课 shàng kè 42 August 八月 bā yuè 17 aunt (father's married sister) 姑妈 gū mā 66 aunt (mother's married sister) 姨妈 yí mā 66

# B

**be**在 zài 72 be an upright person 做人 zuò rén 83 be called 叫/叫做 jiào/jiào zuò 29 be late 晚点 wǎn diǎn 106 beautiful 美/美丽 měi/měi lì 55 beautiful girl 美女 měi nǚ 55 beautiful woman 美人 měi rén 55 become famous 出名 chū míng 32 before a meal 饭前 fàn qián 107 beforehand 事前 shì qián 84 belittle 小看 xiǎo kàn 47 below 下面 xià mian 103 between 间/中间 jiān/zhōng jiān 39, 90 bicycle 车子 chē zi 79 **big** 大 dà 36 big city 都市/都会 dū shì/dū huì 80

birthday 生日 shēng rì 38 body size 个子 gè zi 86 born 生 shēng 38 boy 男孩/男孩子 nán hái/nán hái zi 77, 78 boyfriend 男朋友 nán péng you 48; 男友 nán yǒu 49 boys and girls 男男女女 nán nán nǚ nǚ 77 breakfast 早饭/早点/早餐 zǎo fàn/zǎo diǎn/zǎo cān 101 bright 明/明亮 míng/míng liàng 95 brothers 哥儿们 gēr men 67; 兄弟 xiōng dì 69 brothers and sisters 兄弟姐妹 xiōng dì jiě mèi 70 buddies 哥儿们 gēr men 67 busy? 忙吗? máng ma 58

# С

call 퍼 jiào 29 call at the door 叫门 jiào mén 29 call out loudly 大叫 dà jiào 29 can't be found 不见了 bú jiàn le 54 can't do without 少不了 shǎo bu liǎo 88 capital city 首都 shǒu dū 80 careful 小心 xiǎo xīn 47 caretaker 工友 gōng yǒu 49 celebrity 名人 míng rén 32 cheer 叫好 jiào hǎo 29 chef 厨师 chú shī 44 child 小朋友 xiǎo péng you 48; 儿/儿童 ér/ér tóng 75; 孩子/小孩 hái zi/xiǎo hái 78 childhood 小时候 xiǎo shí hou 47 childish 孩子气 hái zi qì 78

childish words 孩子话 hái zi huà 78 children 子女/儿女 zǐ nǚ/ér nǚ 79 China 中国 zhōng guó 39 Chinese (Han) character 汉字 hàn zì 33 Chinese language (written) 中文 zhōng wén 39 civilization/civilized 文明 wén míng 95 class 课 kè 42 classmate 同学 tóng xué 45 classmates 同学们 tóng xué men 50 colleague 同事 tóng shì 45 colonel 上校 shàng xiào 46 come down 下来 xià lái 103 Come here! 到这儿来 dào zhèr lái 73 come up 上来 shàng lái 102 comma 逗号 dòu hào 94 common people 老百姓 lǎo bǎi xìng 26 complete 做好/做完 zuò hǎo/zuò wàn 83 constellation 星座 xīng zuó 99 cook a meal 做饭 zuò fàn 83 cooked rice 饭 fàn 107 cooked white rice 白饭 bái fàn 107 correct 没错 méi cuò 81 country 国/国家 guó/guó jiā 56 (in the) course + zhōng 39 cross 十字 shí zì 33 currently 现在 xiàn zài 72

#### D

date 日期/日子 rì qī/rì zi 98

date (of a month) 号 hào 94 daughter 女儿 nǚ ér 74 day 天 tiān 92; 日/日子 rì/rì zi 98 day and night 早晚 zǎo wǎn 101 daytime 白天 bái tiān 92 deal with matters 做事 zuò shì 84 **December** 十二月 shí èr yuè 19 delicacy 美食 měi shí 55 delicious 好吃 hǎo chī 105 desk 桌子 zhuō zi 79 dictionary 字典 zì diǎn 33 did you? 有没有? yǒu méi yǒu 82 different 两样 liǎng yàng 85 dinner 晚饭/晚餐 wǎn fàn/wǎn cān 106 disciple 徒弟 tú dì 69 distinguished guest 贵客/贵宾 guì kè/guì bīn 25 **do** 做 zuò 83 do assignment 做作业 zuò zuò yè 83 do wrongly 做错 zuò cuò 83 doctor 医生 yī shēng 38 don't have 没有 méi yǒu 81 don't know 不会 bú huì 60 don't mention it 不谢 búxiè 52; 不客气 bú kè qi 60 don't want 不要 bú yào 60

#### E

each one 个个/每个 gè gè/měi ge 86 early 早 zǎo 101 early date 早日 zǎo rì 101 early in the morning 一早 yī zǎo 101 earlier time/early stage 早期 zǎo qī 100 eat 吃 chī 105 eat raw food 生吃 shēng chī 38 eaten/eaten enough 吃饱了 chī bǎo le 105 eight 八 bā 17 eight-hundred and five 八百零五 bā bǎi líng wǔ 17 eighteen 十八 shì bā 17 eighth 第八 dì bā 17 80 per cent 八成 bā chéng 17 eighty-two 八十二 bā shí èr 17 eldest brother 大哥 dà gē 67 eldest sibling 老大 lǎo dà 43 eldest sister 大姐 dà jiě 68 eldest son 大儿子 dà ér zi 75 eleven +- shí yī 10 embarassed 不好意思 bù hǎo yì si 60 England 英国 yīng guó 40 English language 英语 yīng yǔ 40 English language (written) 英文 yīng wén 40 etc 什么的 shén me de 30 even 都 dōu 80 even to the point that 什至 shén zhì 30 evening 晚上 wǎn shang 106 evening shift 晚班 wǎn bān 106 every day 天天/每天 tiān tiān/měi tiān 92; 每日 měi rì 98 every family 每家/家家 měi jiā/jiā jiā 63 every matter 事事/每事 shì shì/měi shì 84 every year 年年/每年 nián nián/měi nián 96

everybody 大家 dà jiā 36 everyone 人人/每人 rén rén/měi rén 57 everyone in a family 一家大小 yī jiā dà xiǎo 63 everywhere 四处 sì chù 13 excuse me 不好意思 bù hǎo yì si 60 expensive 贵 guì 25 expire 到期 dào qī 100 express appreciation 答谢 dá xiè 52

# F

fall sick 生病 shēng bìng 38 fame 名 míng 32 family 家/家庭 jiā/jiā tíng 63 family member 家人 jiā rén 63 famous person 名人 míng rén 32 fantastic 了不起 liǎo bu qǐ 108 father 爸/爸爸/老爸 bà/bà ba/lǎo bà 64 far more 多 duō 87 February 二月 èr yuè 11 fellow worker 工友 gōng yǒu 49 female 女 nǚ 74 female gender 女性 nǚ xìng 74 female student 女生 nǚ shēng 74 few 少 shǎo 88 fifteen 十五 shí wǔ 14 fifth 第五 dì wǔ 14 fifty 五十 wǔ shí 14 finish (attending) 下 xià 103 finish (doing) 做好/做完 zuò hǎo/zuò wán 83

finish class 下课 xià kè 42 finish school for the day 放学 fàng xué 37 finish work 下班 xià bān 103 first 第一 dì yī 10 first in position 第一名 dì yī míng 32 first lesson 第一课 dì yī kè 42 first younger sister 大妹 dà mèi 70 five 五 wǔ 14 five (books) 五本 wǔ běn 14 five years 五年 wǔ nián 14 follower 徒弟 tú dì 69 foreign country 外国 wài guó 56 foreigner 老外 lǎo wài 43 forget it 算了 suàn le 108 fortunately 好在 hǎo zài 72 forty 四十 sì shí 13 four 四 sì 13 four hundred 四百 sì bǎi 13 fourteen 十四 shí sì 13 fourth 第四 dì sì 13 free 没事 méi shì 81 French (written) 法文 fǎ wén 41 friend 朋友 péng you 48; 友人 yǒu rén 49 friendly 和气hé qì 65 friendship 友谊/友情 yǒu yì/yǒu qíng 49 Friday 星期五 xīng qī wǔ 14 from now on 今后 jīn hòu 91 full name 姓名 xìng míng 26 full-stop 句号 jù hào 94

furthermore 还有 hái yǒu 82

# G

gang leader 老大 lǎo dà 43 gentlemen 男士们 nán shì men 50 get better (from an illness) 见好 jiàn hǎo 54 girl 女孩/女孩子 nǚ hái/nǚ hái zi 78 girlfriend 女朋友 nǚ péng you 48; 女友 nǚ yǒu 49 give birth 生 shēng 38 go abroad 出国 chū guó 56 go down 下/下去 xià/xià qù 103 go to school 上学 shàng xué 37 go to the toilet 上厕所 shàng cè suǒ 102 go to work 上班 shàng bān 102 go up 上/上去 shàng/shàng qù 102 good 好 hǎo 22 Good! 好啊! hǎo a 22 good? 好吗? hǎo ma 58 good friend 好朋友 hǎo péng you 48; 好友 hǎo yǒu 49 good looking 好看 hǎo kàn 22 Good morning! 您早 nín zǎo 21; 早/早安 zǎo/zǎo ān 101 Good night! 晚安 wǎn ān 106 good show 好看 hǎo kàn 22 Goodbye! 再见/再会 zài jiàn/zài huì 53 got up late 起晚了 qǐ wǎn le 106 great 大 dà 36 guest 客人 kè rén 57

# Η

had eaten 吃了 chī le 108

Halt! 站住 zhàn zhù 71 Hands off! 住手 zhù shǒu 71 handsome 英俊 yīng jùn 40 handsome man 帅哥 shuài gē 67 harmony 和 hé 65 has/have 有 yǒu 82 have a meal 吃饭 chī fàn 105 have no appetite 吃不下 chī bu xià 105 haven't 没/没有 méi/méi yǒu 81 having the same name 同名 tóng míng 32 having the same surname 同姓 tóng xìng 26 **he**他tā27 hear 听见 tīng jiàn 54 heavenly body 星球 xīng qiú 99 here 这儿/这里/这边 zhèr/zhè lǐ/zhè biān 73 hero 英/英雄 yīng/yīng xióng 40 hers 她的 tā de 28, 62 his 他的 tā de 27, 62 hit by (an arrow) + zhòng 39 holiday 假期 jià qī 100 home 家 jiā 63 homework 功课 gōng kè 42 honorable 贵 guì 25 hotel 饭店 fàn diàn 107 hour 小时 xiǎo shí 47 how 怎么 zěn me 31 How about him/her? 他 (她) 呢? tā ne 51 How about us? 我们呢? wǒ men ne 51 How about you? 你呢? nǐ ne 51

how big(?) 多大(?) duō dà 87 How do you do? 你好 nǐ hǎo 20 How do you do? (polite) 您好 nín hǎo 21 how many 几 jǐ 93 how many (of something)? 几个? jǐ ge 93 how many/much(?) 多少(?) duō shǎo 87 how many days? 几天? jǐ tiān 93 how many points? 几分? jǐ fēn 93 how many times? 几次? jǐ cì 93 how old(?) 多大(?) duō dà 87 husband 先生 xiān sheng 38 husband (informal) 老公 lǎo gōng 43 husband and wife 两口子 liǎng kǒu zi 85

# I

I 我 wǒ 34 ideal 十全十美 shí quán shí měi 19 immediately 马上 mǎ shàng 102 in? 在吗? zài ma 72 in advance 事前 shì qián 84 in one's heart 心中 xīn zhōng 39 in that case 那/那么 nà/nà me 76 in that way 那么 nà me 31 in the middle 中间 zhōng jiān 39, 90 in the sky 天上/天空中 tiān shàng/tiān kōng zhōng 92 in this case/matter 这个 zhè ge 73, 86 incorrect 不对 bú duì 60 individual 个人 gè rén 86 interrogative particle 么 me 31 interview 访问 făng wèn 24 invent 发明 fā míng 95 is also... 也是 yě shì 59 Is it okay? 行吗? xíng ma 58 Is that so?/Is it? 是吗? shì ma 58 it doesn't matter 没关系/没什么 méi guān xi/méi shén me 81 it's different 不同/不一样 bù tóng/bù yí yàng 60

# J

January 一月 yí yuè 10 Japan 日本 rì běn 98 Japanese (written) 日文 rì wén 41 July 七月 qī yuè 16 June 六月 liù yuè 15

#### K

kid 小朋友 xiǎo péng you 48 king 国王 guó wáng 56 knowledge 学问 xué wèn 24 knowledgeable 有学问 yǒu xué wèn 82

#### L

ladies 女士们 nǚ shì men 50 lady 小姐 xiǎo jiě 47, 68 language (spoken and written) 语文 yǔ wén 41 last month 上个月 shàng ge yuè 97 last time 上次 shàng cì 102 last week 上星期 shàng xīng qī 100 last year 去年 qù nián 96 late 晚 wǎn 106 lawyer 律师 lǜ shī 44 learn 学 xué 37 learned 学会 xué huì 37 lesson 课 kè 42 lesson one 第一课 dì yī kè 42 letter (alphabet) 字母 zì mǔ 33 life 日子 rì zi 98 like 好 hào 22 like this 这样 zhè yàng 73 **literature** 文学 wén xué 41 little 小 xiǎo 47 little (amount) 少 shǎo 88 live 在 zài 72 live/stay 住 zhù 71 louder 大声点 dà shēng diǎn 36 lunch 午饭/午餐 wǔ fàn/wǔ cān 104

#### Μ

Madam 女士 nǚ shì 74 make 做 zuò 83 male 男 nán 77 male gender 男性 nán xìng 77 male student 男生 nán shēng 77 man 男人 nán rén 77 man's toilet 男厕/男厕所 nán cè/nán cè suǒ 77 many/much 多 duō 87 many thanks 多谢 duō xiè 52 March 三月 sān yuè 12 master 师/师父 shī/shī fu 44 mastered 学会 xué huì 37 matter 事 shì 84 May 五月 wǔ yuè 14 may as well 也好 yě hǎo 59 May I? 可以吗? kě yǐ ma 58 May I ask ...? 请问 qǐng wèn 23 me 我 wǒ 34 meal 饭 fàn 107 **measure word (most common)** 个 gè 86 measure word (for room) 间 jiān 90 mediator 和事老 hé shì lǎo 65 meet 见/见面 jiàn/jiàn miàn 54 middle 中 zhōng 39 middle school 中学 zhōng xué 37 middle-aged 中年 zhōng nián 39 midnight 午夜 wǔ yè 104 mine 我的 wǒ de 34, 62 Miss 小姐 xiǎo jiě 47, 68 missing 不见了 bú jiàn le 54 mistress 女人 nǚ rén 74 mixed 什 shí 30 momentarily 一时 yī shí 89 Monday 星期一 xīng qī yī 10 month 月 yuè 97 moon 月/月亮/月球 yuè/yuè liang/yuè qiú 97 moonlight 月光 yuè guāng 97 more often than not 多半 duō bàn 87 more or less 差不多 chà bu duō 87 moreover 还有 hái yǒu 82

morning (a.m.) 早/早上 zǎo/zǎo shang 101; 上午/午前 shàng wǔ/wǔ qián 104 mostly 大多/大都/大半 dà duō/dà dū/dà bàn 36 mother 妈/妈妈 mā/mā ma 66 Mr 先生 xiān sheng 38 my 我的 wǒ de 34, 62 my family 我家 wǒ jiā 34 my home 我家 wǒ jiā 34

### Ν

name 名/名字 míng/míng zi 32 named 名叫 míng jiào 32 national 国 guó 56 never again 不再 bú zài 53 new word 生字 shēng zì 33 next 下 xià 103 next month 下个月 xià ge yuè 97 next time 下次 xià cì 103 next week 下星期 xià xīng qī 100 next year 明年 míng nián 96 night shift 晚班 wǎn bān 106 night 晚/晚上 wǎn/wǎn shang 106 night time 夜间 yè jiān 90 nine 九 jiǔ 18 nine points 九分 jiǔ fēn 18 nine-hundred and ten 九百一十 jiǔ bǎi yī shí 18 nineteen 十九 shí jiǔ 18 ninety-eight 九十八 jiǔ shí bā 18 ninth 第九 dì jiǔ 18 ninth (of a month) 九号 jiǔ hào 18

no 不是 bú shì 35; 不 bù 60 no longer 不再 bú zài 53 no matter 哪怕 nă pà 109 no matter how 多么 duō me 31, 87 no one knows 谁知道 shéi zhī dào 61 no problem 没问题/没事 méi wèn tí/méi shì 81 no question 没问题 méi wèn tí 81 noon 午/中午 wǔ/zhōng wǔ 104 not 不 bù 60 not able to eat 吃不下 chī bu xià 105 not at all 不客气 bú kè qi 60; 哪里 nǎ li 109 not full/not enough to eat 吃不饱 chī bu bǎo 105 not in 不在 bú zài 72 not necessarily 不见得 bú jiàn de 54 not to be 不是 bú shì 35 not well 生病 shēng bìng 38 not yet 还没 hái méi 81 November 十一月 shí yī yuè 19 now 现在 xiàn zài 72; 今 jīn 91 nowadays 如今 rú jīn 91 number 号码 hào mǎ 94 number nine 九号 jiǔ hào 18 number ten 十号 shí hào 94

### 0

obviously 明明 míng míng 95 October 十月 shí yuè 19 often 时时/不时 shí shí/bù shí 89 OK! 好啊! hǎo a 22

old 老 lǎo 43 old friend 老朋友 lǎo péng you 48 old woman 老婆婆 lǎo pó po 43 older brother 哥/哥哥 gē/gē ge 67 older sister 姐/姐姐 jiě/jiě jie 68 older sister and younger brother 姐弟 jiě dì 69 older woman 大姐 dà jiě 68 on hand 手中 shǒu zhōng 39 once 一次 yí cì 10 once more 再次 zài cì 53 **one** — yī 10 one (of something)  $-\uparrow$  yí ge 10 one time  $- \top$  yí xià 103 oneself 本人 běn rén 57 or 还是 hái shì 35 or/or else 再不 zài bu 53 order 멕 jiào 29 order a cab 叫车 jiào chī 29 other 其他 qí tā 27 other people 他人/其他人 tā rén/qí tā rén 27 other people 人家 rén jiā 63 our country 我国 wǒ guó 34

# P

parents 爸爸妈妈 bà ba mā ma 64 particle 的 de 62;了 le/liǎo 108 peace 和平 hé píng 65 people 人们 rén men 50 people from other country 外国人 wài guó rén 56 people in a country 国人 guó rén 56 perfect 十全十美 shí quán shí měi 19 perhaps 也许 yě xǔ 59 period of time 时期 shí qī 89, 100; 期间 qī jiān 100 **person/people** 人 rén 57 planet 星球 xīng qiú 99 play host 请客 qǐng kè 23 please 请 qǐng 23 Please come in. 请进 qǐng jìn 23 Please sit down. 请坐 qǐng zuò 23 plural suffix (for persons) 们 men 50 population 人口 rén kǒu 57 pretty 美丽 měi lì 55 previous 上 shàng 102 primary school 小学 xiǎo xué 37 principal 校长 xiào zhǎng 46 probably 大概 dà gài 36 problem 问题 wèn tí 24 proud 自大 zì dà 36

# Q

question 问题 wèn tí 24 question and answer 问答 wèn dá 24 question mark 问号 wèn hào 94 question particle 呢 ne 51; 吗 ma 58 quite a lot 不少 bù shǎo 88 quite good 挺好的 tǐng hǎo de 62

# R

rain 下雨 xià yǔ 103

rare 少见 shǎo jiàn 54 raw 生 shēng 38 reconcile 和好 hé hǎo 65 related to England 英 yīng 40 remember 记住 jì zhù 71 repeatedly 再三/一再 zài sān/yí zài 53 residence 住家 zhù jiā 71 respected person 贵人 guì rén 25 restaurant 饭店 fàn diàn 107 return home 回家 huí jiā 63 rice and dishes 饭菜 fàn cài 107 room 间/房间 jiān/fáng jiān 90

# S

same as 那样 nà yàng 76 same class 同班 tóng bān 45 same school 同校 tóng xiào 46 same time 同时 tóng shí 45 same way 那么 nà me 76 sandwich 三明治 sān míng zhì 12 Saturday 星期六 xīng qī liù 15 say hello to... 问好 wèn hǎo 24 school 学校 xué xiào 46 school boy 男生 nán shēng 77 school girl 女生 nǚ shēng 74 school reopens 开学 kāi xué 37 school term 学期 xué qī 100 school uniform 校服 xiào fú 46 script 文字 wén zì 41 second 第二 dì èr 11 second elder brother 二哥 èr gē 67 second elder sister 二姐 èr jiě 68 second hand 二手 èr shǒu 11 second younger sister 二妹 èr mèi 11 secondary school 中学 zhōng xué 37 see 见/看见 jiàn/kàn jiàn 54 seek advice 请教 qǐng jiào 23 self 自我 zì wǒ 34 semester 学期 xué qī 100 September 九月 jiǔ yuè 18 sequence 号 hào 94 seven 七 qī 16 seven hundred 七百 qī bǎi 16 **seventeen**  $+ \pm$  shí qī 16 seventh 第七 dì qī 16 seventy-seven 七十七 qī shí qī 16 several 几 jǐ 93 several (of something) 几个 jǐ ge 93 several days 几天 jǐ tiān 93 several dots 几点 jǐ diǎn 93 several times 几次 jǐ cì 93 **she** 她 tā 28 shout 叫/叫喊 jiào/jiào hǎn 29 shut up 住口 zhù kǒu 71 sign of zodiac 星座 xīng zuó 99 signal 号 hào 94 singer 歌星 gē xīng 99

**single** — yī 10 sisters 姐妹 jiě mèi 68, 70 six 六 liù 15 six days 六天 liù tiān 15 six months 六个月 liù ge yuè 15 **sixteen**  $+ \Rightarrow$  shí liù 15 sixth 第六 dì liù 15 sixty-three 六十三 liù shí sān 15 size 大小 dà xiǎo 36; 号 hào 94 size nine 九号 jiǔ hào 18 size ten 十号 shí hào 94 sky 天 tiān 92 small 小 xiǎo 47 snack 小吃 xiǎo chī 105 so... 那么 nà me 31 so far 至今 zhì jīn 91 so on... 什么的 shén me de 30 some 有的 yǒu de 62, 82; 有些 yǒu xiē 82 someday 哪天 nǎ tiān 109 something is wrong 不对 bú duì 60 sometimes 有时/有时候 yǒu shí/yǒu shí hou 89 somewhat 有点儿 yǒu diǎnr 82; 几分 jǐ fēn 93 son 儿子 ér zi 75, 79; 子 zǐ 79 son and daughter 子女/儿女 zǐ nǚ/ér nǚ 79 soon 早日 zǎo rì 101 sooner or later 早晚 zǎo wǎn 101 sorry 对不起 duì bu qǐ 60 star 星/星星 xīng/xīng xing 99 star (celebrity) 明星 míng xīng 99

start serving a meal 开饭 kāi fàn 107 stationery 文具 wén jù 41 still alright 还好 hái hǎo 22 still there 还在 hái zài 72 stop 住 zhù 71 story 故事 gù shì 84 student 学生 xué sheng 38 study 学习 xué xí 37 such/so 这么 zhè me 73 such small amount... 那么点儿 nà me diǎnr 76 suffix 儿 r 75; 子 zi 79 surname 姓 xìng 26

#### T

table 桌子 zhuō zi 79 take leave 请假 qǐng jià 23 tasty 好吃 hǎo chī 105 teacher 老师 lǎo shī 43, 44; 教师 jiào shī 44 teacher and student 师生 shī shēng 44 teenage girl 少女 shào nǚ 88 teenager 青少年 qīng shào nián 88 temporarily 一时 yī shí 89 ten + shí 19 ten thousand 十千/一万 shí qiān/yí wàn 19 tend to 多少 duō shǎo 87 tenth 第十 dì shí 19 tenth (mathematics) 什 shí 30 tenth (of a month) 十号 shí hào 94

text 课文 kè wén 42 textbook 课本 kè běn 42 thank 谢 xiè 52 thank you 谢谢 xiè xie 52 thank you speech 谢词 xiè cí 52 that 那 nà 76; 那个 nà ge 76, 86 that type 那样 nà yàng 76 That's right! 对了 duì le 108 the same 同样 tóng yàng 45; 没两样 méi liǎng yàng 85 their (female) 她们的 tā men de 28 their (male) 他们的 tā men de 27 theirs (female) 她们的 tā men de 28 theirs (male) 他们的 tā men de 27 them (female) 她们 tā men 28 them (male) 他们 tā men 27 then 那么 nà me 76 there 那里/那儿/那边 nà li/nàr/nà biān 76 there's only... 只有 zhǐ yǒu 82 these 这些 zhè xiē 73 they (female) 她们 tā men 28 they (male) 他们 tā men 27 third 第三 dì sān 12 third younger sister 三妹 sān mèi 70 thirteen  $\pm \Xi$  shí sān 12 thirty  $\equiv +$  sān shí 12 this 这 zhè 73 this evening 今晚 jīn wǎn 91 this month 这个月 zhè ge yuè 97 this morning 今早 jīn zǎo 91

this one 这个 zhè ge 73, 86 this time 这次 zhè cì 73 this way 这样 zhè yàng 73 this year 今年 jīn nián 91 those 那些 nà xiē 76 three  $\equiv san 12$ three months 三个月 sān ge yuè 12 Thursday 星期四 xīng qī sì 13 time 时/时间 shí/shí jiān 89, 90; 日子 rì zi 98 to be 是 shì 35 to be or not to be 是不是 shì bu shì 35 to invite 请 qǐng 23 today 今天 jīn tiān 91; 今日 jīnrì 91, 98 together 一同/一起 yī tóng/yī qǐ 10, 45 tomorrow 明天 míng tiān 92, 95; 明日 míng rì 95, 98 tomorrow morning 明早 míng zǎo 101 tonight 今晚 jīn wǎn 91 too 也 yě 59 too expensive 太贵了 tài guì le 25 top 上面 shàng mian 102 topic (of lessons) 课题 kè tí 42 treat 请客 qǐng kè 23 trivial matter 小事 xiǎo shì 84 Tuesday 星期二 xīng qī èr 11 twelve  $+ = \sinh er 11$ twenty = + èr shí 11 20 per cent discount 八折 bā zhé 17 twice 两次 liǎng cì 85 two 两次 liǎng 85
two (number) 二 èr 11 two doors 两个门 liăng ge mén 86 two hundred 两百 liăng băi 85 two months 两个月 liăng ge yuè 85 two types 两样 liăng yàng 85

### U

unbearable 受不了 shòu bu liǎo 108 under 下 xià 103 underestimate 小看 xiǎo kàn 47 underneath 下面 xià mian 103 understand 明白 míng bai 95 United States of America 美国 měi guó 55 up to now 至今 zhì jīn 91 urine/urinate 小便 xiǎo biàn 47 us 我们/咱们 wǒ men/zán men 34, 50

#### V

valuable 贵/名贵 guì/míng guì 25 vehicle (small scale) 车子 chē zi 79 very 十分 shí fēn 19 very beautiful 很美/太美了 hěn měi/tài měi le 55 very few/little 很少 hěn shǎo 88 very good 很好 hěn hǎo 22 VIP 贵客/贵宾 guì kè/guì bīn 25 visit 访问 fǎng wèn 24

#### W

washroom 洗手间 xǐ shǒu jiān 90 we 我们/咱们 wǒ men/zán men 34, 50

weather 天气 tiān qì 92 Wednesday 星期三 xīng qī sān 12 week 星期 xīng qī 99 well-known 出名 chū míng 32 what 什么 shén me 30, 31 what's up? 有事吗? yǒu shì ma 58 what date? 几号? jǐ hào 94 what kind? 哪样? nǎ yàng 109 what size? 几号? jǐ hào 94 what time? 几点? jǐ diǎn 93 whatever 哪样 nǎ yàng 109 when? 什么时候? shén me shí hòu 30; 几时? jǐ shí 93 when the time comes 到时 dào shí 89 where? 哪里? nǎ li 109 Where's the person? 人呢? rén ne 51 whether or not 有没有? yǒu méi yǒu 82 which? 哪?/哪个? nǎ/nǎ ge 109 which day? 哪天? nă tiān 109 which number? 几号? jǐ hào 94 which of those? 哪些? nă xiē 109 who 谁 shéi/shuí 61 whose 谁的 shéi de 61, 62 why? 为什么? wèi shén me 31 wife 女人 nǚ rén 74; 妻子 qī zi 79 wife (informal) 老婆 lǎo po 43 win a prize 中奖 zhòng jiǎng 39 wise 英明 yīng míng 40 without 没 méi 81 woman 女人 nǚ rén 74; 妇女 fù nǚ 74

wonderful 美好 měi hǎo 55 work 做工 zuò gōng 83; 做事 zuò shì 84 worker 工人 gōng rén 57 worry 七上八下 qī shàng bā xià 16 write word 写字 xiě zì 33 written character 字 zì 33 written language 文 wén 41 writing 文/文字 wén/wén zì 41

#### Y

yeah 是啊 shì a 35 year 年 nián 96 year after next year 后年 hòu nián 96 year before last year 前年 qián nián 96 yell 叫喊 jiào hǎn 29 yes 是/是的/是啊 shì/shì de/shì a 35 yesterday 昨天 zuó tiān 92; 昨日 zuó rì 98 you 你 nǐ 20 you (plural) 你们 nǐ men 20, 50 you (polite) 您 nín 21 young 少 shào 88 young and old 男女老少 nán nǚ lǎo shào 88 younger brother 弟/弟弟 dì/dì di 69 younger brother and sister 弟妹 dì mèi 69 younger sister 妹/妹妹 mèi/mèi mei 70 youngest sister 小妹 xiǎo mèi 70 youngest son 小儿子 xiǎo ér zi 75 your family name? 您贵姓? nín guì xìng 21 your honorable surname? 贵姓 guì xìng 25

your/yours 你的 nǐ de 20, 62 your/yours (plural) 你们的 nǐ men de 20

# **List of Radicals**

— 1 stroke—

1	`	dot
2	-	one
3	1	down
4	J	left
5	~	"back-turned stroke"
6	フ	"top of ヲ"
7	乙	twist

- 2 strokes-

8	2	ice
9	<b>二</b>	lid
10	ì	(side-) words
11	<u> </u>	two
12	+	ten
13	Г	slope
14	t	"top of 左"
15	Г	basket
16	<b> </b> ►	(上) divine
17	IJ	(side) knife
18	~	crown
19	冂	borders
20	~	"top of 每"
21	1	(side-)man

Г	"top of 后"
人	$(\lambda)$ person (enter)
Л	( `' ) eight
X	"bottom of 义"
勹	wrap
カ	(夕) knife
力	strength
儿	son
几	(八) table
7	"top of 予"
р	seal
ß	(on the left) mound
ß	(on the right) city
又	right hand
Z	march
4	cocoon
Ц	bowl
Ł	ladle
— 3 strokes—	
5 STORES	
ż	"three-dots water"
1	(side-) heart
X	bed
亡	to flee
ſ	lean-to
$   \rightarrow $	roof
ij	gate
	halt
I	work
	$(\pm)$ earth (knight)
++-	grass
	人 八

51	升	clasp
52	大	big
53	九	lame
54	寸	thumb
55	才	(side-) hand
56	弋	dart
57	ф	cloth
58		mouth
59	Ц	surround
60	Ц	mountain
61	Ψ	sprout
62	彳	step
63	多	streaks
64	夕	dusk
65	夂	follow, slow
66	丸	bullet
67	P	corpse
68	仑	(side-) food
69	犭	(side-) dog
70	Э	(크,彑) pig's head
71	弓	bow
72	己	(巴) self
73	女	woman
74	子	(孑) child
75	马	horse
76	幺	coil
77	至	(糸) silk
78	<b>///</b>	river
79	~	(**) small

- 4 strokes-

80	/···	"fire-dots"
81	心	heart
82	부	peck
83	火	fire
84	文	pattern
85	方	square
86	È	door
87	齐	(side-) sign
88	王	king
89	主	"top of 青"
90	天	(夭) heaven (tender)
91	韦	walk off
92	¥	"top of 老"
93	廿	twenty
94	木	tree
95	不	not
96	犬	dog
97	歹	chip
98	瓦	tile
99	牙	tooth
100	车	car
101	戈	lance
102	止	toe
103	日	sun
104	曰	say
105	中	middle
106	贝	cowrie
107	见	see
108	父	father
109	气	breath
110	4	COW
111	手	hand

112	毛	fur
113	攵	knock
114	片	slice
115	斤	ax
116	爪	( ) claws
117	尺	foot (length)
118	月	moon/meat
119	受	club
120	欠	yawn
121	风	wind
122	氏	clan
123	比	compare
124	肀	"top of 聿"
125	水	water

— 5 strokes—

126	Ť	stand
127	Ť	sick
128	穴	cave
129	衣	(side-) gown
130	夫	"top of 春"
131	玉	jade
132	示	sign
133	去	go
134	苎	"top of 劳"
135	甘	sweet
136	石	rock
137	龙	dragon
138	戊	halberd
139	جائم . م	"top of 常"
140	业	business

141	目	eye
142	田	field
143	由	from
144	申	stretch
145	529	net
146	102	dish
147	车	(side-) gold
148	矢	arrow
149	禾	grain
150	白	white
151	瓜	melon
152	鸟	bird
153	皮	skin
154	92	back
155	矛	spear
156	疋	bolt
	— 6 strokes—	
157	— 6 strokes— 羊	(≝, ≸) sheep
157 158		(≝, ≸) sheep roll
	羊	-
158	羊	roll
158 159	羊 火 米	roll rice
158 159 160	羊 火 米 齐	roll rice line-up
158 159 160 161	羊犬米齐衣	roll rice line-up gown
158 159 160 161 162	羊夹米齐衣亦	roll rice line-up gown (亦) also
158 159 160 161 162 163	羊犬米齐衣亦耳	roll rice line-up gown (亦) also ear
158 159 160 161 162 163 164	羊犬米齐衣亦耳臣	roll rice line-up gown (亦) also ear bureaucrat
158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165	羊夹米齐衣亦耳臣共	roll rice line-up gown (亦) also ear bureaucrat "top of 栽"
158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166	羊夹米齐衣亦耳臣戏西	roll rice line-up gown (亦) also ear bureaucrat "top of 栽" (西) cover (west)
158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167	羊夹米齐衣亦耳臣戏西柬	roll rice line-up gown (亦) also ear bureaucrat "top of 栽" (西) cover (west) thorn

170	页	head
171	至	reach
172	光	light
173	虍	tiger
174	虫	bug
175	缶	crock
176	耒	plow
177	舌	tongue
178	竹	(**) bamboo
179	白	mortar
180	自	small nose
181	血	blood
182	舟	boat
183	羽	wings
184	艮	(I) stubborn

- 7 strokes-

185	言	words
186	辛	bitter
187	辰	early
188	麦	wheat
189	走	walk
190	赤	red
191	<u>B</u>	flask
192	束	bundle
193	西	wine
194	豕	pig
195	里	village
196	足	foot
197	采	cull
198	豸	snake

199	谷	valley
200	身	torso
201	角	horn
	— 8 strokes—	
202	青	green
203	t	"side of 朝"
204	雨	rain
205	非	wrong
206	齿	teeth
207	黾	toad
208	住	dove
209	金	gold
210	鱼	fish
	— 9 strokes—	
211	百	tone
212	革	hide
213	是	be
214	骨	bone
215	香	scent
216	鬼	ghost
217	食	food
	10 studios	
	— 10 strokes—	
218	高	tall
219	鬲	cauldron
220	Ę	hair

- 11 strokes-

221	麻	hemp
222	鹿	deer
	— 12 strokes—	
223	黑	black
	— 13 strokes—	
224	鼓	drum
225	鼠	mouse
226	国ア	big nose

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