

Chinese Vocabulary

	Hanzi	Definition	Pinyin	Comments
A	田间	field, farm	Tiánjiān	between fields
A	田	field, farm (& radical)	Tián	picture of field
a	漆	paint, varnish	Qī	water + [tree over join over water (liquid) - resin] = paint, varnish
a	画 (绘画)	painting, drawing, to paint, paint	Huà huìhuà)	field on a canvas [In Japanese, used only in compound words.] (paint a painting)
a	说 (说话)	speak, say	Shuō (shuōhuà)	pictophonetic. Speech suggests (speak words)
a	话 (说话)	words, to talk (speak)	Huà (shuōhuà)	pictophonetic Speech suggests (speak words) Radicals: 1000 mouths speaking
AA	男	male, man	Nán	field over plow (strength)
ab	画笔	paintbrush, brush	Huàbǐ	paint brush
ac	画具	painting utensil	Huàjù	paint tool
adtu	墨絵 [Japanese]	ink (black ink) painting 墨 can mean ink when combined with other kanji but usually black ink when alone	[Sumi-e]	絵 - in Chinese, a radical - not a word. 绘 - "painted," "to paint" in Chinese
adtu	水墨画 [Japanese]	ink wash painting	[Suibokuga]	Name for sumi-e borrowed from China
adtu	水墨画	ink wash painting	Shuǐmòhuà	water ink painting
adtu	绘 (Chinese)	painted; to paint	Huì	Pictophonetic. Before paper, painting was on silk.
adtu	絵 [Japanese]	painting (from kanji for silk)	[E]	Pictophonetic. Before paper, painting was on silk.
At	里	in, inside, village, mile (& radical)	Lǐ	where there are fields and land for living
aㄣ	畫 (trad. form of 画)	painting, drawing	Huà	brush painting a field
b	聿	brush (radical)	Yù {u is ü}	picture of hand holding brush
b	铅	lead {chemistry}	Qiān	radicals: gold, table, mouth
b	笔 (铅笔)	pen, writing brush, pencil (pencil)	Bǐ (qiānbǐ)	bamboo + hair (lead pen)
B1	竹 (^ radical)	bamboo (& radical)	Zhú {u is ü}	picture of bamboo stalks
B2	鸟	bird (& radical)	Niǎo	picture of a bird
B2	羽 (羽毛)	feather (& radical)	Yǔ {u is ü} (yǔmáo)	picture of 2 feathers (feather hair)
B2	毛	hair, wool, feathers (& radical)	Máo	picture of a feather
B2	彡	hair (radical)	Shān	picture of hair
c	具	tool (& radical)	Jù {u is ü}	two hands raising a tripod

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d	浴	bath	Yù {u is ü}	pictophonetic - water suggests meaning
D	远	distant, remote; by far (intensifier)	Yuǎn {u is ü, a pronounced e}	pictophonetic. walk suggests
D	永远	eternity, forever	Yǒngyuǎn	by far forever
D	永	eternity, forever, always (& radical)	Yǒng	perpetually flowing stream
d	风水	Feng Shui <wind water>	Fēngshuǐ	Arranging one's space to achieve harmony
D	法	rule, principle, law	Fǎ	radicals: water, earth, private
D	永字八法	The Eight Principles of Yong	Yǒngzì bā fǎ	Yong character eight rules
d	水 (氵 radical)	water (& radical)	Shuǐ	picture of flowing water
e	又	again, also	Yòu	picture of right hand which is used again and again
e	亚	Asia, Asian; second	Yà	picture of a clan temple
e	骨	bone (& radical)	Gǔ	picture of bones and removed flesh
e	汉	Chinese (language or people)	Hàn (named for a river)	pictophonetic. water suggests
e	甲	first; shell (& radical)	Jiǎ	picture of chest armor
e	文	language, arts, script (& radical)	Wén	picture of tattooed chest (tattoo - former meaning)
e	纹	line, mark, trace	Wén	silk script
e	甲骨文	oracle bone script (1st Chinese writing)	jiǎ gǔ wén	(tortoise) shell & (animal) bone script. 1st characters were carved in shell or bone to tell the future.
e	又	right hand (radical)	Yòu	picture of right hand
ef	汉字, 漢字	Hanzi	Hànzì	“Chinese character”
ef	漢字 [in Japanese]	literally - Chinese character	[kanji]	[Kanji in Japanese]
eJ	中文	Chinese language	Zhōngwén	middle (China) language
f	字	character (written), word	Zì (ér zi)	radicals: child under roof. etymology unclear
g	山	mountain (& radical)	Shān	Picture of mountains
gd	山水	landscape	Shānshuǐ	water mountains
g <sup>K</sup>	山火	forest fire	Shān huǒ	“mountain fire”
h	足	foot, leg [as adverb - enough] (& radical)	Zú	picture of foot and calf of leg
h	走 (辵 or 辵 radical)	walk, run (& radical)	Zǒu	feet on the ground
i	对	correct	Duì	radicals: right hand & thumb
i	是	is, yes	Shì	“speak straight”

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i	正	straight, correct (& radical)	Zhèng	picture of feet marching into town
j	幽玄 [Japanese] one word	Considered untranslatable. A PROFOUND, MYSTERIOUS SENSE OF THE BEAUTY OF THE UNIVERSE that triggers a deep emotional response (often tranquility) that no words can ever fully express. 幽 - pictograph of a very small mountain. (a distant place of peace and tranquility) 玄 - pictograph of tiny (silk thread) in the figurative sense of hard to see or discern with the symbol of a cover on top of it. (mysterious, profound)	[Yugen]	幽玄 - in Chinese (Yōu xuán), is 2 words simply meaning profound tranquility. The Japanese borrowed these kanji to express their more complex concept of Yugen.
j	幽	quiet, secluded, tranquil	Yōu	radicals: small, mountain
jk	幽玄	profound tranquility	Yōu xuán (2 words)	[Yugen in Japanese]
k v φ	玄	mysterious, profound, black	Xuán {u is ü. a pronounced e}	tiny under lid
l	丈夫	husband	Zhàngfū	husband husband
l	夫 (丈夫 - husband)	husband, adult male (& radical)	Fū (zhàng fu)	one over big OR hairpin in big man's hair. (10 ft. male)
l	人 (亻 or 人 as radical)	person (大人 - adult)	Rén	picture of person with 2 legs
l	丈	ten feet; husband (& radical)	Zhàng	picture of a hand with a ruler
ll	人人	everyone	Rén Rén	two people
ll	从	from	Cóng	one man follows another
lll	众	crowd [as adj. - many]	Zhòng	many people
llll	入	enter (& radical)	Rù	picture of arrow point
llll δ	入口	entrance	Rùkǒu	enter mouth
lt	坐	sit	Zuò	radicals: man & ground
l	识 (认识)	knowledge, to know (to know)	Shí (rènshí)	pictophonetic. speech suggests (know know)
l	认 (认识)	recognize, know (to know)	Rèn (rènshí)	radicals: speech & man (know know)
m	大	big (& radical)	Dà	person with arms spread wide
m	大大	greatly, significantly	Dàdà	great great
m Δ	因	because; reason	Yīn	big in enclosure
mmm	头	head	Tóu	pictophonetic
mmp	太	too (& radical)	Tài	emphasized bigness
m τ	大小	size	Dàxiǎo	large small
n	天 (天空)	sky, heaven, day (& radical)	Tiān (tiānkōng)	line points to space above person (sky sky)
o	月	moon, month (& radical)	Yuè {u is ü}	picture of moon
o	用	use (& radical)	yòng	picture of a bell

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oo	朋	friend	Péng	Originally 2 strings of shells. Now two moons.
op	明	bright, clear, next, to understand	Míng	sun and moon
op	明白	obvious, to understand	Míngbái	clear and bright
P	日 (see 太阳 Tàiyáng)	day; sun (usually in compound words) (& radical)	Rì	picture of sun
P	昌	prosperous	Chāng	sun over sun
P	晶	radiant, crystal	Jīng	3 suns
P	太阳	sun (most frequent choice for sun)	Tàiyáng	“too sun”
P	曰 or 曰	to say (& radical)	Yuē {u is ü}	Picture of mouth. Mark points to source of speech. Infrequent in modern Chinese usage.
pp	白天	daytime	Báitiān	bright sky
pp	白白	in vain	Báibái	white white
pp	光	light, brilliant, shine	Guāng	fire shining above man
ppd	原	source, origin, original	Yuán {u is ü. a pronounced e}	a spring under a cliff
ppd	泉	spring, fountain	Quán {u is ü. a pronounced like e}	pure (white) water
ppp	自然	nature, natural	Zìrán	self & like this. We are like this by ourselves.
ppp	自	self; from (prep.)	Zì	picture of a nose (to point to oneself)
ppp	然	thus, like this, yes; however	Rán	pictophonetic, fire suggests. Originally “to burn”
ppΩ	白 (白色)	white, bright, pure (& radical) (white color)	Bái (báisè)	color of mourning
'pp	百	hundred	Bǎi	pictophonetic: 一 suggests meaning [hyaku - Japanese]
pr ㄥ	日本 [Japanese word]	Japan	[Nihon (or Nippon)]	“origin (source) of the sun”
pr ㄥ	日本 Chinese word	Japan	Rìběn	“origin (source) of the sun”
p γ	日出	sunrise	Rì chū	sun comes out
p ε	日	sunset	Gàn	sun emptied
ɣp	生日	birthday	Shēngrì	birth day
p ㄥ	周 (周年)	circumference, week (anniversary)	Zhōu (Zhōu Nián)	originally, planted fields in a box
p ㄥ	星	star, satellite	Xīng	pictophonetic Sun suggests meaning.
p ㄥ	时	time, period, season	Shí	pictophonetic - sun suggests meaning
p ㄥ	星期	week	Xīngqī	“star period”
p ㄥ	年 (周年)	year (& radical) (anniversary)	Nián (Zhōu Nián) {a pronounced like e}	person carrying the harvest (annual event)

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p <sup>ㄣˊ</sup> ㄊ	小时	hour	Xiǎoshí	small time
p <sup>ㄣˊ</sup> ㄩ	星云	nebula	Xīngyún	star cloud
P	立 (站立)	stand (& radical) (stand, stand up)	Lì (zhàn lì)	a man standing on the ground (stand stand)
P	站 (站立)	stand (stand, stand up)	Zhàn (zhàn lì)	pictophonetic. stand suggests
q	不	not (& radical)	Bù	a seed putting roots into ground
qi	不是	no (not is OR not yes)	Bùshì	not is
R	和	and	Hé	radicals: grain & mouth
r	来	come	Lái	picture of wheat plant
R	禾	grain (& radical)	Hé	picture of top-heavy grain stalk
r	米	rice (& radical)	Mǐ	picture of scattered rice grains
rA	果 (水果)	fruit (& radical)	Guǒ (shuǐguǒ)	field on a tree (water fruit)
rl ㄊ	茶	tea	Chá	person harvesting leaves (grass) from a plant (tree)
rr	森森	dense, eerie, ghastly	Sēnsēn	many trees
rr	梦	dream	Mèng	radicals: forest & evening
rr	森林	forest	Sēnlín	many trees
rr	森	forest (usually 森林), dark	Sēn (Sēnlín)	many trees
rr	森林浴 [Japanese phrase]	Forest Bath	[Shinrin ' yoku]	“forest bath” [Senlinyu in Chinese with same meaning]
rr	林	woods, forest	Lín	two trees
r ㄊ	枝	branch, twig	Zhī	radicals: tree, ten, right hand
r ㄊ	木 (see 树)	tree; (usually meaning) wood (& radical)	Mù	picture of a tree with branches
s	兴	excitement; prosper, rise	Xīng	hands lifting something together
s	高兴	happy	Gāoxìng	high eagerness
s	高	high, tall, expensive	Gāo	picture of tall building
t	土	earth, dust, clay (& radical)	Tǔ	picture of a mound on the ground
T	士	scholar, gentleman (& radical)	Shì	picture of an axe
te	圣	sacred, holy	Shèng	radicals: right hand & earth
tt	垚	mound	Yáo	picture of 3 mounds of earth
tt	阜 (阝 radical)	mound (& radical) (阝 on left of character means “mound”; on right means “city.”)	Fù	picture of hill with many steps



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tu	墨 [ 墨 - Japanese]	ink	Mò [Sumi - Japanese]	black dust
tu <sub>LL</sub>	石墨	graphite	Shímò	ink rock
u	乌	dark, black	Wū	picture of a crow
u	面	surface, face	Miàn	picture of a face
v	首	first, chief, head (& radical)	Shǒu	picture of a head
v	部	unit, part	Bù	pictophonetic - city (on right) suggests meaning
Vvf	部首 or 部首字	radical (character)	Bù shǒu, Bù shǒu Zì	“chief unit”
x 一	好 (很好 - very good)	good	Hǎo (hěnhǎo)	“woman with child”
xy	你好	hello	Nǐ hǎo	“you good”
xyz	你好吗	How are you?	Nǐ hǎo ma	“you good is it”
y	我	I	Wǒ	hand holding a spear
y	你 (尔 - ěr)	you	Nǐ	small & man radicals. etymology unclear
z	吗	is it (interrogative particle)	ma	pictophonetic: mouth suggests meaning
α	口	receptacle (& radical)	Qiǎn {a pronounced like e}	picture of a tray
β	屮	sprout (radical)	Chè	picture of a sprout
γ	出 (出口)	go out, exit (& radical)	Chū {u is ü} (chūkǒu)	sprout coming out of container. The traditional character doesn't look like 2 mountains. (exit mouth)
γ δ	出口	exit	Chūkǒu	“go out of opening”
Δ	品	article	Pǐn	originally meant many containers
Δ	口	enclosure, erect, proud (& radical)	Wéi	picture of box
δ	口	mouth (& radical)	Kǒu	picture of open mouth
δ	甘	sweet	Gān	mouth with something in it
δ'	叶	leaf, foliage, (rarely) - page	Yè	originally: many voices in harmony; now: borrowed as “leaf” (phonetic)
δ'	頁 or 页	page, leaf of a book (& radical)	Yè	originally: head of person; later: page
ε	旱 (干旱)	drought	Hàn (gānhàn)	sun over dry (dry drought)
ε	燥 (干燥)	dry, arid	Záo (gānzáo)	pictophonetic. fire suggests. (dry dry)
ε	干 (干燥)	dry, arid (& radical)	Gān (gānzáo)	picture of weapon (dry dry)
ε	平	level, flat; peaceful (& radical)	Píng	picture of a level scale

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ε	干	tree trunk; oppose, offend	Gàn	picture of weapon
ʼε	千	thousand (& radical)	Qiān. {a pronounced like e}	one over a person [sen - Japanese]
ζ	工	work (& radical)	Gōng	picture of carpenter's square
ζ1	工人	worker	Gōngrén	person working
η	门	door, gate (& radical)	Mén	picture of a gate
η	門	door, gate (radical)	Mén	picture of a gate
η δ	门口	doorway, gate	Ménkǒu	“gate opening”
θ	下	down, under, go down (& radical)	Xià	pointing below marker
θ	上	top, above, go up, go to	Shàng	line above the ground
ʼ	情 (爱情)	affection, feeling, passion. (love)	Qíng (àiqìng)	pictophonetic. heart suggests
ʼ	喜	happiness, like, love	Xǐ	picture (archaic) of beating a drum & laughing
ʼ	欢 (欢喜)	joyous, happy	Huān (huānxǐ)	pictophonetic (joyous happiness)
ʼ	喜欢	like	Xǐhuān	“like joyous”
ʼ	爱 (悉 - archaic) (爱情 n.)	love, to love, like (love n.)	Ài (Àiqíng)	pictophonetic. Radicals: claw, cover, left, right hand. Trad. character included “heart” (love feeling)
ʼy	我爱你	I love you.	Wǒ ài nǐ	I love you
ʼθ	可	can, able to be	Kě	pictophonetic. mouth suggests
ʼθ	可爱	cute, adorable	Kě' ài	able to be loved
ʼθ	爱上	fall in love with	Ài shàng	“love upon”
ʼμ	爱心	compassion	Àixīn	love heart
κ	火 (灬 radical)	fire	Huǒ	picture of flames
κ κ	炎	flame, inflammation	Yán {a pronounced like e}	2 pictures of flames
κ κ	焱	flames	Yàn {a pronounced like e}	3 pictures of flames
κ λ	火车	train	Huǒchē	“fire vehicle”
λ	车 (車 traditional)	vehicle, car (& radical)	Chē	pictographic - cart
μ	心 (忄 radical)	heart	Xīn	pictographic
μ v	开心	to feel happy	Kāixīn	“open heart”
v	开	to open, to start (& radical)	Kāi	trad: two hands opening a door

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°	汪	pool, puddle	Wāng	pictophonetic: water
°	江	river (large)	Jiāng	water work
°	河 (河流)	river (water radical on left)	Hé (héliú)	河 rarely used by itself; pictophonetic. (river stream)
°	川	river, plain (& radical)	Chuān	picture of a river
°	流 (河流)	stream, flow (water radical on left) (river)	Liú (héliú)	dragged by water (river stream)
π	理	reason, logic, truth	Lǐ	pictophonetic - “king” suggests meaning
π	真	true, real	Zhēn	adapted from pictograph of delicacy
π	真理	truth	Zhēnlǐ	real truth
ρ	实	real, true, fact	Shí	pictographic - someone with house and money
σ	辛	bitter, laborious (& radical)	Xīn	picture of tool for tattooing slaves
σ	福 (幸福)	happiness, good fortune	Fú (Xìngfú)	radicals: pray, one, mouth, field (lucky good fortune)
σ	幸	lucky, good fortune	Xìng	radicals: earth over eight over dry
τ	古	ancient	Gǔ	ten mouths
τ	老	old	Lǎo	man leaning on a cane
τ	古老	old, ancient	Gǔlǎo	ancient old
τ	小	small, young (& radical)	Xiǎo	(Something divided into pieces by a tool)
υ	绳	rope	Shéng	pictophonetic. silk suggests (see δ & 7)
υ	绸	silk	Chóu	pictophonetic: silk suggests
υ	丝 (丝绸)	silk	Sī	(silk threads)
υ	糸	silk (radical: traditional form of 纟)	Sī	纟 (tiny) over 小 (small)
υ	丝绸	silk, silk cloth	sīchóu	silk silk
υ	幺 (small thread rad)	small, tiny (纟 silk radical)	Yāo	(2 rolls of silk)
φ	庭	courtyard	Tíng	pictophonetic. shelter suggests
φ	家庭	family	Jiātíng	“home garden”
φ	家人	family members, household	Jiārén	“home people”
φ	家 (家人 - family)	home; family (when combined with other characters)	Jiā (jiā rén)	“pigs under roof” pictophonetic
φ	宫	palace, temple	Gōng	radicals: roof mouth mouth



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Φ	宀	roof (radical)	Mián	picture of roof
Φ 亠	全	all, whole	Quán	bring in jade to keep it whole
Φ 亠	安 (安全)	safe, tranquil; to install (safe, safety)	Ān (ānquán)	radicals: roof over woman (all safe)
λ	冫	cover (radical)	Mì	picture of a cover
Φ	丷	lid (radical)	tóu	picture of a lid
Ω	灰褐色	beige	Huīhèsè	gray brown color
Ω	蓝 (蓝色)	blue	Lán (Lánsè)	radicals: grass, dot, dish. Color of trust
Ω	褐 (褐色)	brown <with sè> (most used, but interchangeable with 棕); by itself - coarse woolen cloth, dark, dull	Hè (Hèsè) <OR hé>	pictophonetic. Clothes suggests.
Ω	棕 (棕色)	brown; Palm tree	Zōng (Zōngsè)	pictophonetic. Tree suggests.
Ω	彩	color (bright color)	Cǎi	gather hair
Ω	色	color, hue; form; beauty	Sè	what one hopes for
Ω	金 (金色) (钅 radical)	gold <metal>; gold color	Jīn (Jīnsè)	various objects (arrowheads, axe, ingots) made of metal
Ω	灰 (灰色)	gray, ash	Huī (Huīsè)	radicals: left, fire. Color of humbleness
Ω	绿 (绿色)	green	Lǜ (Lǜsè)	pictophonetic. Silk suggests. radicals: silk, snow, water. Color for clean
Ω	青	green (usually), blue (of sky); (root meaning: color of nature)	Qīng	radicals: grass, dot, dish. Color of trust
Ω	橙 (橙色)	orange (color, tree & fruit)	Chéng (Chéngsè)	pictophonetic- tree suggests meaning. color-good fortune
Ω	粉红 (粉色)	pink	Fěnhóng (Fěnhóngsè)	“red powder”
Ω	粉 (粉色)	powder; pink <with sé>	Fěn (Fěnsè)	pictophonetic: rice suggests meaning. 分 fēn knife - sound
Ω	紫 (紫色)	purple	Zǐ (Zǐsè)	pictophonetic: silk suggest meaning. color of immortality
Ω	红 (红色)	red, revolutionary	Hóng (Hóngsè)	radicals: silk, work. Color of joy
Ω	赤 (赤色)	scarlet red; naked	Chì (Chìsè)	person on fire
Ω	白银	silver <metal>	Báiyín	bright silver
Ω	黄褐色	tan	Huánghèsè	yellow brown color
Ω	巴 (almost always as a radical)	wish, hope for, desire, be close to (& radical)	Bā, ba	a kneeling figure
Ω	巳	year of the snake (& radical)	Sì	picture of a snake
Ω	黄 (黄色)	yellow	Huáng (Huángsè)	color of good luck pictophonetic. Field suggests.
Ω <sup>d</sup>	水彩	watercolor	Shuǐcǎi	water color

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Ωu	黑 (橙色) [黒 - Japanese]	black, dark; evil, sinister	Hēi [Kuro - Japanese]	Ancient glyph was a person with face blackened by fire. Color of bad luck.
Ω†	银 (银色)	silver <metal>; silver color	Yín (Yínsè)	pictophonetic. Gold suggests.
κ	每	every	Měi	pictophonetic
κ	每天	every day	Měi tiān	every sky
κ	多	many	Duō	“night (after) night”
κ	今	this, now (& radical)	Jīn	open mouth above something about to be eaten
κ	今天	today, now	Jīntiān	This sky
κ	很	very	Hěn	pictophonetic. step suggests meaning
㇇	只	(Measure word for birds and some animals)	Zhī	breath blowing out of the mouth
㇇	条	article (Measure word for long, thin objects)	Tiáo	pictophonetic. tree suggests
㇇	个	individual, single (& radical) (measure word)	Gè	picture of single bamboo
㇇	件	item (Measure word for events, things, clothes)	Jiàn	person dividing a cow
㇇	张	open up, stretch; (measure word for flat or rectangular objects)	Zhāng	pictophonetic. bow suggests
㇇	双	pair, double (Measure word for “a pair of”)	Shuāng	2 又 (right hands)
㇇dq	杯 (杯子)	cup, glass (Measure word for things that come in glass)	Bēi. (bēizi)	“not water”
λ	八	eight (& radical)	Bā	[hachi - Japanese]
λ	五	five (& radical)	Wǔ	[go - Japanese]
λ	四	four (& radical)	Sì	[yon - Japanese]
λ	九	nine (& radical)	Jiǔ	[ku - Japanese]
λ	一	one, a (& radical) (in speaking number list, replaced with 幺-yāo to avoid misunderstanding)	Yī	[ichi - Japanese]
λ	七	seven (& radical)	Qī	[nana - Japanese]
λ	六	six (& radical)	Liù	[roku - Japanese]
λ	十	ten (& radical)	Shí	[juu - Japanese]
λ	三	three (& radical)	Sān	[san - Japanese]
λ	二	two {used in counting} (& radical)	Èr	[ni - Japanese]
λ	两	two, two of, both of {with measure words - use 两, not 二}	Liǎng	
λ	零	zero	Líng	pictophonetic

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ㄩ	儿	son, child (& radical)	Ér (er - diminutive suffix)	In trad. character: picture of baby with ossification not closed.
ㄩ	与	and, with. to; to give	Yǔ {u is ü}	picture of a spoon holding something
ㄩ	间 (之间)	between; (n) room (between)	Jiàn (zhī jiān)	gap in door with sunlight between (of between)
ㄩ	之 (之间)	of, it (between) {modifier marker}	Zhī (zhī jiān)	foot above line
ㄩ	阴 (陰)	yin, negative principle of yin/yang, feminine, moon	Yīn	pictophonetic. Place suggests
ㄩ	阳	sun	Yáng	pictophonetic. radicals: sun, mound.
ㄩ	阳 (陽)	yang, positive principle of yin/yang, male	Yáng	sunny side of hill
丿	匕	dagger, ladle	Bǐ	picture of spoon
丿	它	it	Tā	radicals: roof & dagger
丿	刀 (刂 radical)	knife (& radical)	Dāo	picture of a knife
丿	力	power, force (& radical)	Lì	picture of a plow (which requires strength)
丩	朵 (耳朵)	blossom, flower, earlobe (ear)	Duǒ (Ěrduǒ)	flower growing on a plant (tree)
丩	耳 (耳朵)	ear (& radical)	Ěr (Ěrduǒ)	picture of ear (ear blossom)
丩	目 (眼睛)	eye (& radical) (eye, eyeball)	Mù (yǎnjīng)	picture of an eye (now on its side) (eye eye)
丩	睛 (眼睛)	eye, eyeball	Jīng (yǎnjīng)	pictophonetic. eye suggests. (eye eye)
丩	眼 (眼睛)	eye, small hole	Yǎn (yǎnjīng)	pictophonetic. eye suggests. (eye eye)
ㄩ	看	see, look	Kàn	pictophonetic. eye suggests
ㄩ	看见	see, look	Kànjiàn	look see
ㄩ	見 (traditional)	see, look (& radical)	Jiàn	eye over child
ㄩ	见 (simplified)	see, look, meet (& radical)	Jiàn	“person (child) with a big eye” (in traditional character)
ㄩ	贝 (貝 traditional)	shell, money (& radical)	Bèi	Picture of a shell - used as money in ancient China
ㄩ	手 (扌 or 廾 radical)	hand	Shǒu	picture of a hand
ㄩ	水手	sailor	Shuǐ shǒu	water hand
ㄩ	手工	handicraft	Shǒu gōng	hand work
ㄩ	中	center, middle, China (& radical)	Zhōng	Picture of circle on flagpole
ㄩ	串	string, to string together (& radical)	Chuàn	two objects strung on rod
ㄩ	钟	clock	Zhōng	pictophonetic. gold suggests

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㇀	中国	China	Zhōngguó	middle kingdom
㇁	国	country, kingdom	Guó	proud gem
㇂	主	host, master, main (& radical)	Zhǔ {u is ü}	picture of lamp with flame on top
㇃	玉	jade, (rarely) (& radical)	Yù {u is ü}	picture of string of jade pieces. Not derived from 王
㇄	王	king (& radical)	Wáng	picture of axe (symbol of power)
㇅	宝	treasure, precious	Bǎo	jade under lid
㇆	生	life, raw, birth, to exist (& radical)	Shēng	sprout from the earth
㇇	一生	lifetime	Yì shēng	one life
㇈	电	electricity (& radical)	Diàn	trad. - stormy clouds with lightning below
㇉	闪	flash	Shǎn	person peeking through door
㇊	闪电	lightning	Shǎndiàn	electricity flash
㇋	电话	telephone	Diànhuà	electric speech
㇌	乍	first, suddenly (& radical)	Zhà	overlapping garments
㇍	昨	past, yesterday	Zuó	pictophonetic Sun suggests meaning.
㇎	昨天	yesterday	Zuótiān	past sky
㇏	明天	tomorrow	Míngtiān	next sky
㇐	舟	boat (& radical)	Zhōu	picture of a boat
㇑	船	ship	Chuán	pictophonetic. radicals: boat, son, mouth
㇒	羊	sheep (& radical)	Yáng	picture of a sheep
㇓	丽 (美丽)	beautiful, pretty	Lì (měilì)	pictophonetic - traditional form shows deer to suggest meaning (pretty pretty)
㇔	美 (美丽)	beautiful, pretty	Měi (měilì)	person decorated by ram's horns (pretty pretty)
㇕	雨 (雨天)	rain (& radical)	Yǔ {u is ü} (yǔtiān)	drops of water falling from clouds under sky (rain sky)
㇖	雪 (ㄣ also snow radical)	snow (& radical)	Xuě {u is ü}	rain & snow radicals
㇗	名 (名字)	name, reputation (name word)	Míng (míngzì)	associative: what is needed to call someone in the dark. radicals: evening & mouth
㇘	晚	night, evening (7 - 10 pm)	Wǎn	pictophonetic. sun suggests
㇙	夕	night, evening, sunset, (5-7 pm) (& radical)	Xī	picture of early evening half moon
㇚	框	frame, box	Kuāng	“wooden great box”

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㇀	镜	glass, mirror	Jìng	“gold at last”
㇀	镜框	picture frame	Jìngkuāng	“glass frame”
㇁	左	left	Zuǒ	picture of left hand holding a tool
㇁	ナ	left (radical)	Zuǒ	picture of left hand
㇂	右	right (vs. left)	Yòu	Left hand with mouth
㇂	风暴	storm	Fēngbào	“violent wind”
㇂	暴 (暴力)	violent	Bào (bàolì)	originally, antler of a buck (violent power)
㇂	风	wind (& radical)	Fēng	pictophonetic in traditional form
㇂㇂	有	have	Yǒu	hand holding meat
㇃	空气	air, atmosphere	Kōngqì	“sky (empty) gas”
㇃	气 (天气 - weather)	air, breath, spirit, energy (& radical)	Qì (tiān qì)	steam {rising from bowl of rice in trad. character} (sky air)
㇃	空 (天空)	sky, air, empty (sky, heaven)	Kōng (tiānkōng)	pictophonetic. cave suggests meaning (sky sky)
㇄	市 (冫 - radical)	city	Shì	“a place where cloth is sold”
㇄	冉	slowly (& radical)	Rǎn	archaic radical meant “hairy”
㇄	那	that	Nà	“city of the bearded people”
㇄	巾	towel, scarf (& radical)	Jīn	picture of towel hanging from rack
㇅	熟	baked, cooked	Shú {u is ü}	pictophonetic. fire suggests
㇅	書道半紙 [Japanese]	calligraphy paper (half-sized)	[Shodō hanshi]	calligraphy (the way of writing) half paper
㇅	書 (trad form of 书)	calligraphy, book, to write	Shū	brush writing words
㇅	牛	cow (& radical)	Niú	picture of ox head
㇅	半	half	Bàn	originally: bank between fields
㇅	半熟宣	half-baked xuan	Bànshú xuān	half baked xuan - half sized xuan paper
㇅	楮纸	kozogami (Japanese Mulberry paper)	Chǔ zhǐ	Mulberry paper
㇅	长 (長 - trad.)	long (& radical)	Cháng	picture of person with long hair and walking stick
㇅	長卷書畫紙 (长卷书画纸)	long roll (scroll) calligraphy & painting paper	Chángjuàn shūhuà zhǐ	traditional characters
㇅	午	noon (& radical)	Wǔ	picture of a pestle



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㇀	纸 (紙- trad.)	paper	Zhǐ	pictophonetic “in the silk family”
㇀	楮	paper mulberry; (infrequent) paper	Chǔ {u is ü}	pictophonetic - tree suggests meaning
㇀	生宣	raw xuan	Shēng xuān	raw xuan
㇀	米纸	rice paper (for food, not drawing)	Mǐ zhǐ	rice paper
㇀	宣纸	rice paper (xuan paper)	Xuānzhǐ {u is ü. a pronounced e}	Xuan paper
㇀	卷	roll, rolled; (長卷 - scroll)	Juǎn {u is ü. a pronounced like e}	pictophonetic. seal suggests
㇀	卮, 卮	seal (radical); 卮 at bottom of character	Xiān	picture of kneeling person
㇀	宣	Xuan (Xuancheng region in China); proclaim	Xuān {u is ü. a pronounced e}	pictophonetic. roof suggests meaning of palace (of the Yuancheng region)
㇁	的	[ownership or attribution] of	De	pictophonetic
㇁	在	at, in [present action marker]	Zài	pictophonetic - earth suggests meaning
㇁	于	in, to, on (& radical)	Yú {u is ü}	picture of breath exhaling
㇁	只	only, just, but	Zhǐ	air blowing out of mouth
㇂	艺术	art (paintings, sculpture, etc.)	Yìshù	“art technique”
㇂	术	art (skill, technique, method) (& radical)	shù	pictophonetic
㇂	艺	art (talent, skill)	yì	pictophonetic
㇂	雕塑	sculpture	Diāosù	“carved shape”
㇂ ㇃ m	美术	art, fine arts (activity of drawing, painting)	Měishù	“beautiful technique”
㇃	忙	busy	Máng	(heart radical) pictophonetic
㇃	快 (快乐)	fast (happy)	Kuài (kuàilè)	(heart radical) pictophonetic (happy happy)
㇃	慢	slow	Màn	(heart radical) pictophonetic
㇄	脸	face	Liǎn {a pronounced like e}	pictophonetic
㇄	面	face (radical)	Miàn	picture of a face
㇅	书 (书本)	book; calligraphy (book)	Shū (shūběn)	picture of a mark written by a brush (book origin)
㇅ r	末	end, final, last (& radical)	Mò {o like aw}	A tree with mark pointing to top. Inverse of 本.
㇅ r	未	not yet (& radical)	Wèi	A tree with many leaves. Originally - abundant.
㇅ r	本	origin, source, this, root (book) (& radical) Measure Word for books & magazines.	Běn	a tree with mark pointing to roots
㇅ r	根	root	Gēn	pictophonetic - tree suggests meaning
㇆	草草	carelessly	cǎocǎo	straw straw

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艹	花 (花儿) (开花)	flower (flower + diminutive suffix) (open + flower)	Huā (huā er) (kāihuā)	pictophonetic - 艹 grass suggests meaning
囗	园	garden	Yuán {u is ü. a pronounced e}	pictophonetic - enclosure suggests
艹	艸, 艹	grass radical	cǎo	picture of grass
艹	草	grass, straw	cǎo	pictophonetic - 艹 suggest meaning. [cào is vulgar]
木	枫	maple	Fēng	tree wind
日	早 (早上)	morning, early; long ago (morning)	Zǎo (zǎoshang)	sun at the beginning (morning go up)
囗	公园	park	Gōngyuán {u is ü. a pronounced e}	public garden
木	李	plum	Lǐ	tree with child under it
木	梅	plum	Méi	pictophonetic - tree suggests meaning
木	梅花	plum blossom	Méihuā	plum flower
木	李子树	plum tree	Lǐzǐ shù	plum tree
公	公	public, equitable	Gōng	associative compound
木	树	tree	Shù	pictophonetic - tree suggests meaning
木 艹	枫叶	maple leaf	Fēngyè	maple leaf
亠	银河系	Milky Way galaxy	Yínhé	“silver river system”
人	会	be able to; group; understand	Huì	radicals: man on a cloud
人	云	cloud (n); say, speak (v) (& radical)	Yún {u is ü}	picture of clouds (radicals two over private)
人	去	go	Qù {u is ü}	picture of person leaving home (厶 private space)
人	厶 (radical)	private, I, self	Sī	picture of silk cocoon
人	止	stop; only (adv.) (& radical)	Zhǐ	picture of a foot
亠	了	[past tense marker]	Le	picture of baby wrapped in blanket
亠	们	[plural marker]	Men	pictophonetic. person suggests
亠	么	[question suffix]	Me	picture of silk strands
亠	子 (儿字 - son)	child, son, seed (& radical)	Zǐ (ér zi) (Zi - also a noun suffix)	picture of baby with outstretched arms (son word)
亠	女 (女人 - woman) (女儿 - daughter)	woman, female (& radical) (female person) (female child)	Nǚ (nǚ rén) (nǚ ér)	picture of seated woman
山	厂	cliff, slope, factory (& radical)	Chǎng	picture of a cliff

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宀	广	house on cliff (radical)	Yǎn {a pronounced like e}	picture of a house on cliff
宀	令	order, command	Lìng	picture of kneeling person under a roof
宀	沙	sand	Shā	small water
宀	砂	sand	Shā	small stone
宀	石	stone, rock (& radical)	Shí	picture of a stone beneath a cliff
宀	广	wide (& radical)	Guǎng	picture of a house on cliff
ㄚ	丰 (丰富)	rich, abundant (& radical)	Fēng (fēngfù)	picture of tree with abundant leaves (abundantly wealthy)
ㄚ	富 (丰富)	rich, wealthy	Fù (fēngfù)	wine in a house (abundantly wealthy)
ㄚA	丰田	Toyota (brand)	Fēngtián	“rich field”
ㄚ	方	direction; square (adj.) (& radical)	Fāng	picture of knife handle
ㄚ	东方	East	Dōngfāng	“east direction” 东 - sun rising behind tree
ㄚ	东	East (& radical)	Dōng	radicals: one & small
ㄚ	乐 (快乐)	happy (& radical)	Lè (kuàilè)	musical instrument on a stand (fast happy)
ㄚ	北方	North	Běifāng	“north direction”
ㄚ	南方	South	Nánfāng	“south direction”
ㄚ	西方	West	Xīfāng	“west direction”
ㄚ	西	west, western (& radical)	Xī	picture of nest where bird returns when sun sets in west
ㄚ	西安	<b>Xi’an</b> (city in China)	Xī’ ān	peaceful west
丨	言 (讠 radical)	word, speech	Yán {a pronounced like e}	pictophonetic - mouth suggests meaning
丨1	信	trust, believe; letter	Xìn	a “person’s word” is to be believed
丨P	音	sound, voice (& radical)	Yīn	word with something in mouth
一	寸	inch, thumb (& radical)	Cùn	hand with indicator mark
一	鉴 (反射)	reflection, mirror, warning; to view (reflection)	Jiàn (fǎnshè)	pictophonetic. primary radical - gold (send out opposite)
一	反射	reflection; to reflect	Fǎnshè	send out opposite
一	印鑑	seal stamp (Chinese for hanko)	Yìnjiàn	“seal reflection”
一	印	seal, stamp (Chinese for inkan)	Yìn	person pressing down
一	影	shadow, image, picture; reflection	Yǐng	pictophonetic. bristle suggests

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三	尘 (灰尘)	dust, dirt	Chén (huīchén)	radicals: small over earth (gray-dust dirt)
三	灰尘	dust, dirt	huīchén	gray dirt
三	尖	point, sharp	Jiān	small on top of big
丨	热	fervent, to heat up	Rè	pictophonetic. fire suggests
丨 ㄨ	热爱	adore	Rè-ài	hot love
丨 ㄇ	热心	enthusiasm	Rèxīn	hot heart
丶	经	through	Jīng	pictophonetic
丶	德	virtue	Dé	“walk with a straight heart”
丶	息	virtue (radical)	Dé	“straight heart”
丶	道 道德经	way, path; way of virtue	Dào; Dàodé jīng Laozi (Lao Tzu)	man walking on a road
丶	短暂的	ephemeral, short-lived	Duǎnzàn de	“really temporarily short”
㇇	相相	camera	Xiàngxiàng	picture picture
㇇	照片	photograph, photo	Zhàopiàn	shine film
㇇	相	picture, portrait	Xiàng	looking at a tree
㇇	片	sheet, piece, film (& radical)	Piàn	picture of half piece of wood
㇇	照	shine, reflect, take (a photograph)	Zhào	pictophonetic. fire suggests
丩	同	same, with	Tóng	all speaking with same voice
㇇	显	clear, evident	Xiǎn	traditional: pictophonetic. leaf suggests
㇇	器	instrument, device	Qì	dog guarding several vessels
㇇	显示器	monitor (for computer)	Xiǎnshìqì	show reveal device; clear demonstrate instrument
㇇	示	show, demonstrate	Shì	picture of sacrificial altar
一	秋天; 秋	fall, autumn	Qiū	autumn sky. picture: “season when crop fields are burned”
一	春天	spring (season)	Chūntiān	springtime sky
一	春	springtime	Chūn	“when plants grow with sun”
一	夏天; 夏	summer; summertime	Xiàtiān	summertime sky. picture of person’s head and feet
一	冬天; 冬	winter; wintertime	Dōngtiān	wintertime sky.
丨	回	return, go back	Huí	Originally, picture of a swirl
丨	皿	dish (& radical)	Mǐn	picture of a dish

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扌	买	buy	Mǎi	radicals: second over head
扌	卖	sell	Mài	radicals: ten over second over head
勹	弯	curved down left character stroke	Wān	pictophonetic
丶	点	dot, dot character stroke	Diǎn	pictophonetic
扌	捺	downward right concave character stroke	Nà	pictophonetic. hand suggests
勹	钩	hook, hook on character stroke	Gōu	pictophonetic. gold suggests
勹	横	horizontal character stroke	Héng	pictophonetic. tree suggests
扌	撇	left-slanting downward character stroke	Piē	pictophonetic. hand suggests
扌	提	upward character stroke	Tí	pictophonetic. hand suggests
丨	竖	vertical character stroke	Shù	pictophonetic. stand suggests
讠	数 (数数)	COUNT, to enumerate {数一数 to count (diminutive)}	Shǔ	pictophonetic. radicals: rice, woman, knock
匕	死	death, to die	Sǐ	person kneeling over dead body
鱼	鱼	fish (& radical)	Yú {u is ü}	pictographic of fish
青	青蛙	frog	Qīngwā	(green frog)
虫	蛙 (青蛙)	frog	Wā (Qīngwā)	pictophonetic. insect suggests (green frog)
冫	洞 (洞洞)	hole, cave	Dòng	pictophonetic. water suggests
山	岚	mountain mist	Lán	radicals: mountain, air
讠	数	number	Shù	pictophonetic. radicals: rice, woman, knock
口	唉	Oh! Alas!	Āi	pictophonetic. mouth suggests
艹	兰	orchid	Lán	pictophonetic. grass suggests
口	叹 (叹气)	sigh	Tàn (tànqì)	pictophonetic. mouth suggests. (breathe a sigh)
亻	奇	strange, wonderful	Qí	associative
讠	谢 (谢谢)	thanks, to thank (thanks)	Xiè	pictophonetic. speech suggests
女	妙 (奇妙)	wonderful	Miào	pictophonetic. woman suggests (wonderful wonderful)