

CHINESE LITERACY LEVEL 1 汉字读写

OBJECTIVES

Chinese Literacy Level 1 starts with the brief knowledge of Chinese character, including its origin and development history, 4 methods of constructing characters, 28 basic strokes, 7 rules of stroke order, 3 main character structures, and continues to teach single characters, most of which are also used as important radicals to construct complex characters, and practice the radicals by writing and reading the words and phrases made from them. Chosen by high frequency, all the characters rank the first top 140 and they altogether cover 50% of all Chinese reading materials.

When completing the course, learners will be able to:

- (1) know the basic knowledge of characters, including constructing methods, strokes, stroke orders, and character structures;
- (2) recognize and write 55 basic radicals;
- (3) recognize and write 105 single characters;
- (4) recognize and write 90 complex characters and recognize the common words made from them.

LEARNERS

Learners interested in learning Chinese characters.

Text Book referenced:

Experiencing Chinese Characters 体验汉字（入门篇）

Session 1 Brief knowledge of Chinese character 1

Chinese characters' origin and development history;

Methods of constructing characters: pictographic (象形);

7 rules of stroke order;

Single characters (15): 一、二、三、八、十、人、个、大、太、女、子、也、口、日、月;

Writing and reading practice.

Session 2 Brief knowledge of Chinese character 2

28 basic strokes;

Methods of constructing characters: explanatory (指事) and associative (会意);

Single characters (15): 目、自、木、土、不、又、白、千、立、山、中、小、少、儿、几;

Writing and reading practice.

Session 3 Common radicals 1

Common radicals (11): 人(以、会、全、从)、亻(他、们、你、什、作、但、位、使)、大(因、美)、女(要、她、好、如)、口(后、可、知、名)、土(在、地)、木(样、亲)、日(是、时、最)、门(问、间)、囗(国、回、困)、冂(用、同);

Single characters (15): 门、云、文、寸、羊、王、力、西、去、心、手、见、白、巴、了;

Writing and reading practice.

Session 4 Common radicals 2

Main character structures: Left-right; Top-bottom; Enclosure structure;

Common radicals (11): 八(分、只、公)、宀(家、它)、艹(着、样)、讠(说、话)、舌(话、活)、目(着、看)、辶(这、过、还、道、进)、月(有、期)、匕(比、能、此)、彳

(得、很、行)、止(此、正)；

Single characters (15) : 又、匕、夕、牛、午、头、刀、力、页、与、主、才、米、斤、水；
Writing and reading practice.

Session 5 Common radicals 3 and phonetic radicals

Common radicals (11) : 也(他、她、地)、又(对)、立(位、亲)、禾(和、种)、小(学、当、常)、走(起)、云(会、动)、耂(老、者)、王(现、全)、冫(没、法、活)、灬(然)；

Single characters (15) : 万、己、己、上、下、来、车、夫、天、元、无、于、工、干、士；
Methods of constructing characters: Pictophonetic (形声)；

Common phonetic radicals (12) : 中(种)、禾(和)、门(们)、己(起)、羊(样)、相(想)、巴(把)、青(情)、见(现)、旦(但)、其(期)、井(进)；
Writing and reading practice.

Session 6 Common radicals 4 and phonetic radicals

Common radicals (11) : 第(第)、亠(京、高)、刂(到)、力(动、加、边)、心(想、意、感)、手(看、拿)、见(现、觉)、白(百、的)、巴(把)、夕(多、名)、学(学、常)；

Single characters (15) : 我、为、年、四、五、六、七、九、本、用、开、无、面、两、身；
Writing and reading practice.

Session 7 Common radicals 5 and phonetic radicals

Common radicals (11) : 其(期、斯)、阝(都、那)、己(起)、衤(被)、纟(给、经)、爰(爰)、斤(所、斯)、忄(情)、厶(么、能)、文(这)、寸(过、对、时)；

Single characters (15) : 平、而、么、田、长、东、雨、气、出、生、世、方、水、火、里；
Writing and reading practice.

Session 8 复习和考试 Revision & Exam

1. Know the meanings of the basic single characters and how to right them:

一、二、三、八、十、人、个、大、太、女、子、也、口、日、月；目、自、木、土、不、又、白、千、立、山、中、小、少、儿、几；门、云、文、寸、羊、王、力、西、去、心、手、见、白、巴、了；又、匕、夕、牛、午、头、刀、力、页、与、主、才、米、斤、水；万、己、己、上、下、来、车、夫、天、元、无、于、工、干、士；我、为、年、四、五、六、七、九、本、用、开、无、面、两、身；平、而、么、田、长、东、雨、气、出、生、世、方、水、火、里；

2. Know the meanings of basic radicals and the common complex characters made from them:

人(以、会、全、从)、亻(他、们、你、什、作、但、位、使)、大(因、美)、女(要、她、好、如)、口(后、可、知、名)、土(在、地)、木(样、亲)、日(是、时、最)、门(问、间)、冂(国、回、因)、冂(用、同)；八(分、只、公)、宀(家、它)、艹(着、样)、讠(说、话)、舌(话、活)、目(着、看)、辶(这、过、还、道、进)、月(有、期)、匕(比、能、此)、彳(得、很、行)、止(此、正)；也(他、她、地)、又(对)、立(位、亲)、禾(和、种)、小(学、当、常)、走(起)、云(会、动)、耂(老、者)、王(现、全)、冫(没、法、活)、灬(然)；第(第)、亠(京、高)、刂(到)、力(动、加、边)、心(想、意、感)、手(看、拿)、见(现、觉)、白(百、的)、巴(把)、夕(多、名)、学(学、常)；其(期、斯)、阝(都、那)、己(起)、衤(被)、纟(给、经)、爰(爰)、斤(所、斯)、忄(情)、厶(么、能)、文(这)、寸(过、对、时)；

3. Know the common phonetic radicals and common complex characters made from them:

中(种)、禾(和)、门(们)、己(起)、羊(样)、相(想)、巴(把)、青(情)、见(现)、旦(但)、其(期)、井(进)；

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