

Basic Components and Radicals

Components found in commonly used characters.

1. ナ → 友、有、在、左、右
2. 丨 → 用
3. 丿 → ~ 自、么、少
4. ヹ → 说、金
5. 冂 → 用、内
6. 夕 → 你
7. 厶 → 能、去、么、公
8. 乞 → 吃
9. 亡 → 忙、忘
10. 勹 → 的
11. 戈 → 找
12. 戋 → 钱
13. 乍 → 作、怎、昨
14. 未 → 妹
15. 艮 → 很、跟
16. 兑 → 说、脱
17. 昔 → 错、借
18. 隹 → 谁
19. 曷 → 渴、喝

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Prompts

1. [yǒu] friend, [yǒu] have, [zài] at, [zuǒ] left, [yòu] right
2. [yòng] use
3. [zì] self, [me] shenme=what, [shǎo] = few
4. [shuō] speak, [jī] gold
5. [yòng] use, [nèi] inner
6. [nǐ] you
7. [néng] able, [qù] go, [me] shenme=what, [gōng] = public
8. [chī] eat
9. [máng] busy, [wàng] forget
10. [de] wǒ de, nǐ de, etc.
11. [zhǎo] look for
12. [qián] money
13. [zuò] do-work, [zén] how, [zuó] yesterday
14. [mèi] younger sister
15. [hěn] very, [gēn] with
16. [shuō] speak, [tuō] undress
17. [cuò] wrong, [jiè] borrow-lend
18. [shéi] who
19. [kě] thirsty, [hē] drink

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Very basic radicals which are not independent characters.

1. 亻 → 你、他、们、但
2. 彳 → 很、行
3. 冫 → 冰
4. 氵 → 河、汤
5. 扌 → 挺
6. 辶 → 这
7. 宀 → 宝、字、家
8. 扌 → 找
9. 亻 → 忙
10. 钅 → 饭
11. 钅 → 钱
12. 纟 → 经
13. 竹 → 笔、第
14. 艹 → 美

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1. person/*dānrén páng* → [ní] you, [tā] he, [men] *nǐmen*, [dàn] *dànshi*
2. double person/*shuāngrén páng* → [hěn] very, [xíng] okay
3. ice/*liǎng diǎn shuǐ* → [bīng] ice
4. three dots water/*sān diǎn shuǐ* → [hé] river, [tāng] soup
5. middle of *tǐng* → as in "*tǐng hǎo*" = very good
6. bottom of "zǒu"/*zǒu zhī dī* → [zhè] this
7. top of "bǎo"/*bǎo gaitóu* → [bǎo] precious, [zì] character, [jiā] home
8. hand on the side/*tíshǒu páng* → [zhǎo] look for
9. heart *shùxīn páng* → [máng] busy
10. eat/*shí páng* → [fàn] rice
11. gold → [qián] money
12. silk on side/*sī páng* → [*yǐjīng*] already
13. bamboo on top/*zhú zìtóu* → [bǐ] pen, [dì] first etc.
14. sheep on top/*yáng zìtóu* → [yáng] sheep

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Similar looking characters

1. 人 ≠ 入
2. 刀 ≠ 力
3. 廴 ≠ 讠
4. 大 ≠ 丈
5. 上 ≠ 下
6. 土 ≠ 士
7. 才 ≠ 寸
8. 小 ≠ 少
9. 己 ≠ 巳 ≠ 已
10. 尗 ≠ 犳
11. 内 ≠ 肉
12. 午 ≠ 牛 ≠ 年
13. 太 ≠ 犬 ≠ 尢 (as in 就)
14. 支 ≠ 文 ≠ 父
15. 手 ≠ 毛
16. 王 ≠ 壬
17. 只 ≠ 兄
18. 比 ≠ 北 ≠ 兆
19. 未 ≠ 末
20. 𦰃 ≠ 竹
21. 𦍋 ≠ 羊
22. 四 ≠ 西 ≠ 𠂇 (as in 要)
23. 我 ≠ 找
24. 户 ≠ 所

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Prompts

1. person≠enter
2. knife≠strength
3. *tǐnghǎo*≠this
4. big≠zhàngfu
5. up≠down
6. earth≠shì
7. until≠inch
8. small≠few
9. remember≠already≠miànbāo
10. food≠gold
11. inner≠meat
12. noon≠cow≠year
13. too≠canine≠jiù
14. yì zhī bǐ≠language≠father
15. hand≠fur
16. Wáng≠Rén (Common Surnames)
17. only≠elder brother
18. compare≠north≠omen
19. wèilái≠zhōumò
20. zhú zìtóu≠bamboo
21. Měiguó≠sheep
22. four≠west≠yào bú yào (top part)
23. I≠look
24. hù≠suǒyǐ

* hù = household