

## Mnemonics for basic characters

### Writing Practice One

1. Be able to write the numbers 1-10.
2. Be able to write the names of the months (Yíyuè, Èryuè, Sānyuè, etc.)

### Writing Practice Two

3. Monday – Sunday
4. Nǐ de shēngri jǐ yuè jǐ hào? = When is your birthday?
5. February 29, March 8, April 1, May 4, July 1, October 7.  
(Use Chinese numbers – Èr Yuè Èrshíjiǔ rì/hào ... etc.)

### Writing Practice Three

6. Wǒ zhǎo nǐ, tā yě zhǎo nǐ. = I'm looking for you, he's also looking for you.
7. Wǒ Xīngqītiān yīge rén zhǎo. = I'll look for it myself Sunday.

### Writing Practice Four

8. Wǒ de, nǐ de, tā de, bái de. = mine, yours, his, the white one.
9. Sān bǎi ge rén, yì qiān ge rén. = 300 people, 1000 people.
10. Wǒ yòng bái de, tā yòng xiǎo de. = I'll use the white one, he'll use the small one.

### Writing Practice Five

11. Hǎo le! = Okay!
12. Dà de hǎo, xiǎo de yě hǎo. = The big one is good, the small one is good too.
13. Duōshǎo nǚrén? = How many females?

### Writing Practice Six

14. Nǐ shàngqu háishi xiàqu? = Are you going up or down?
15. Wǒ de shēngri shì 8 yuè 8 rì. = My birthday is August 8.
16. Nǐ shì Xīngqījǐ shēng de? = Which day of the week were you born?

### Writing Practice Seven

17. Wáng nǚshì shì Zhōngguó rén háishi Fǎguó rén? Is Mrs. Wang Chinese or French?
18. Měiguó rén chī yáng ròu ma? = Do Americans eat lamb?
19. Měiguó rén kǒu duō shǎo, Zhōngguó rén kǒu duō shǎo?  
What's the population of America, and what's the population of China?
20. Guónèi de yù mǐ hǎo chī ma? Is domestic corn good?  
Literally: Does domestic corn taste good?

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### Writing Practice Eight

21. Wáng Tàitai yǒu le. = Mrs. Wáng is expecting.  
22. Wáng Tàitai yòu yǒu le = Mrs. Wáng is expecting again!

### Writing Practice Nine

23. Tā zuǒshǒu yǒu dāozi. = He has a knife in his left hand.  
24. “Měi” zì de shàngbiān shì “yáng” zì, xiàbian shì “dà” zì. = The top part of the character “beautiful” is “sheep” and the bottom part is “big”.  
25. Wǒ zài nǚ nǚ péngyou de zuǒbian. = I’m to the left of your girlfriend.  
26. Nǐ bù cúnzài! = You don’t exist!

### Writing Practice Ten

27. Wǒ yǐjīng zìjǐ qù le. = I already went myself.  
28. Wǒmen zìjǐ, nǐmen zìjǐ, tāmen zìjǐ = We ourselves, etc.

### Writing Practice Eleven

29. Tā zuótiān qù shānshang gōngzuò. = Yesterday he went to the mountain to work.  
30. Dāozi cái liù cùn cháng. = The knife is only 6 inches long.

### Writing Practice Twelve

31. Tā jīntiān huì qù fēngōngsī. = Today he’ll go to the branch office.  
32. Jīntian huì duōyún, yě huì xià dà yǔ. = Today it will be cloudy, and it will also rain hard.

### Writing Practice Thirteen

33. Nǐ yǒu shénme yòng! = (Literally) “What use are you, which means “You’re useless!”  
34. Nǐ zài gàn shénme? = What are you doing?

### Writing Practice Fourteen

35. Nèirén de péngyou fǎnduì wǔfàn chī niúròu. = My wife’s friend is opposed to eating beef at lunch.  
36. Wǒ è le. = I’m hungry.

### Writing Practice Fifteen

37. Mǎ Tàitai tiāntian mà zhàngfu ma? = Does Mrs. Ma scold her husband everyday?  
38. Duì le. = That’s right.  
39. Nǐ yǒu hàomǎ ma? = Do you have a number?  
40. -Nǐ hǎo ma? = How are you?

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- Mǎmǎ hǔhu = Pretty average.

### Writing Practice Sixteen

41. Nǐ yǒu duōshǎo qián? = How much money do you have?

42. Mā, wǒ míngtiān xiǎng qù hé biān, kěyǐ ma? = Mom, I would like to go to the riverside tomorrow, may I?

43. Nǐ xiāngxìn ma? = Do you believe that?

### Writing practice Seventeen

44. Qǐng chīfàn. = Please eat.

45. Wǒ kě xiǎng hē bīng shuǐ. = I'm thirsty and would like to drink ice-water.

46. Qǐng zài huǒshān shàng bú yào chōuyān (or xīyān). = Please don't smoke on the volcano.

47. Wǒ xiǎng qù hé biān = I'd like to go to the river.

### Writing Practice Eighteen - A

48. -Nǐ yǒu xiōngdìjiěmèi ma? = Do you have siblings?

-Yǒu, wǒ yǒu gēge. = Yes, I have an elder brother.

49. Dìyī ge rén shuō: "wǒ xìng Zhāng – gōng cháng Zhāng."  
= The first person said, "I am surnamed Zhang: as in gong-chang-Zhang."

50. Wǒ shuō bù tuō le! = I say I will not disrobe!

### Writing Practice Eighteen B

51. Dìyī ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Zhāng – gōng cháng Zhāng.

Dì'èr ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Wáng – guówáng de Wáng.

Dìsān ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Lǐ – mù zǐ Lǐ.

Dìsì ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Hǔ – gǔ yuè Hǔ.

Dìwǔ ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng He – rén kě Hé.

Dìliù ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Shí – shítóu de shí.

Dìqī ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Lǚ – shuāngkǒu lǚ.

Dìbā ge rén shuō: wǒ xìng Lín – shuāngmù Lín.

The first person said, I am surnamed Zhang: as in bow-long Zhang."

... Wang: as in "king".

... Li: tree and son.

... Hu: old and moon.

... He: person and "kě".

... Shi: shi as in "rock"

... Lǚ: double-mouth Lǚ.

... Lín: double-tree Lin.

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### Writing Practice Nineteen

52. Fùmǔqīn bù chī yùmǐpiànr. = Mom and Dad don't eat corn flakes.

53. Érzi shuō fùqīn de Zhōngwén búcuò. = The son said that his father's Chinese didn't suck.

### Writing Practice Twenty

54. Tā jiù qù Běijīng jiànjian fùmǔqīn le. = He has gone to Beijing to see his parents.

55. Tā mǔqīn shì hùzhǎng. = His Mom is head of the household.

56. Tā de fángzi bǐ wǒ de fángzi dà. = His house is bigger than my house.

### Writing Practice Twenty-one

57. Wǒ hěn máng. Yóuqí shì zhè ge xīngqī, suǒyǐ wǒ wàng le. I'm busy, especially this week, so I forgot.

58. Tā chōu-le sān zhī yān.

### One

1. 一、二、三、四、五、六、七、八、九、十

2. 一月、二月、... 十二月

### Two

3. 星期一、星期二、... 星期天/星期日

4. 你的生日几月几号?

5. 二月二十九日/号、三月八日/号、四月一日/号、五月一日/号、十一月七日/号.

### Three

6. 我找你, 他也找你.

7. 我星期天一个人找.

### Four

8. 我的、你的、他的、白的.

9. 三百个人、一千个人.

10. 我用白的, 他用小的.

### Five

11. 好了!

12. 大的好, 小的也好.

13. 多少女人?

### Six

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14. 你上去还是下去?
15. 我的生日是八月八日.
16. 你是星期几生的?

### Seven

17. 王女士是中国人还是法国人?
18. 美国人吃羊肉吗?
19. 美国人口多少, 中国人口多少?
20. 国内的玉米好吃吗?

### Eight

21. 王太太有了.
22. 王太太又有了!

### Nine

23. 他左手有刀子.
24. “美”字的上边是“羊”字, 下边是“大”字.
25. 我在你女朋友的左边.
26. 你不存在!

### Ten

27. 我已经自己去了.
28. 我们自己, 你们自己, 他们自己.

### Eleven

29. 他昨天去山上工作.
30. 刀子才六寸长.

### Twelve

31. 他今天会去分公司.
32. 今天会多云, 也会下大雨.

### Thirteen

33. 你有什么用!
34. 你在干什么?

### Fourteen

35. 内人的朋友反对午饭吃牛肉.
36. 我饿了.

### Fifteen

37. -马太太天天骂丈夫吗?
38. -对了!
39. 你有号码吗?

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40. -你好吗?  
-马马虎虎.

### Sixteen

41. 你有多少钱?  
42. 妈,我明天想去河边,可以吗?  
43. 你相信吗?

### Seventeen

44. 请吃饭.  
45. 请喝冰水.  
46. 请在火山上不要抽烟(吸烟).  
47. 我想去河边.

### Eighteen A

48. -你有兄弟姐妹吗?  
-有,我有哥哥.  
49. 第一个人说:“我姓张:弓长张.”  
50. 我说不脱了!

### Eighteen B

51.  
第一个人说:“我姓张:弓长张.”  
第二个人说:“我姓王:国王的王.”  
第三个人说:“我姓李:木子李.”  
第四个人说:“我姓何:人可何.”  
第五个人说:“我姓石:石头的石.”  
第六个人说:“我姓吕:双口吕.”  
第七个人说:“我姓林:双木林.”

### Nineteen

52. 父母亲不吃玉米片.  
53. 儿子说父亲的中文不错.

### Twenty

54. 他就去北京见见父母亲了.  
55. 他母亲是户长.  
56. 他的房子比我的房子大.

### Twenty-one

57. 我很忙.尤其是这个星期,所以我忘了.  
58. 他抽了三支烟.