

Mandarin Chinese Beginners

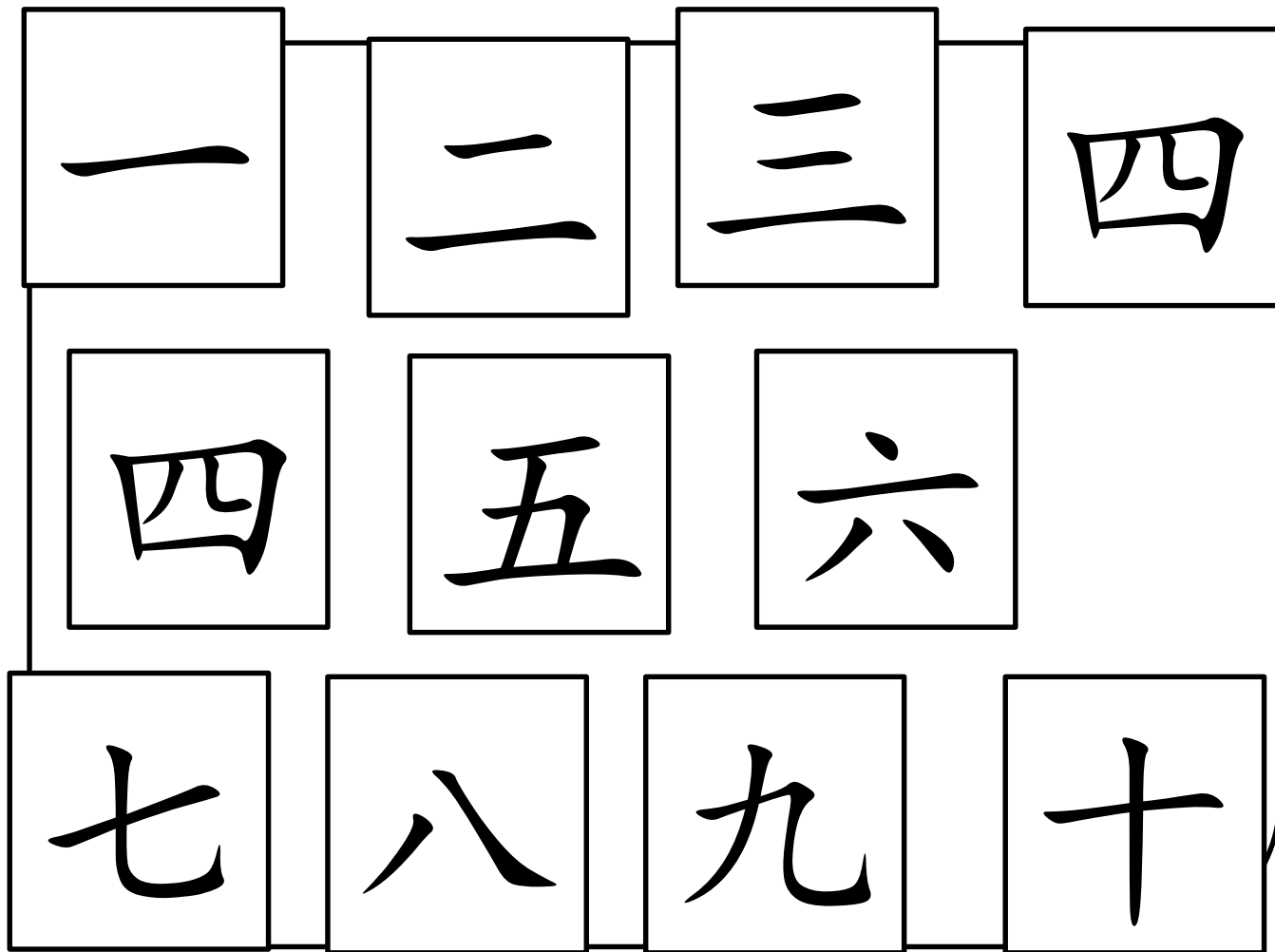
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Really important to revise numbers – especially the pronunciation.
The ‘rap’ video link is at the bottom of this page.



[Quizlet](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eLP3FuuEVs&t=16s>

We looked at a new character today – a very important one:
Pronounced Nǎ


On its own it means ‘which’ – the question word. However, it
is a very versatile character – as we’ll see soon.

哪

Nǎ looks a bit like a couple of other characters so it's particularly important to get the stroke order right with this one. Learning to write it will really help you to read it and distinguish it from other, similar characters.

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哪

nǎ 

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哪 nǎ means 'which'

To ask about someone's nationality we ask:

You are which country person?
你 是 哪 国 人 ?

Nǐ shì nǎ guó rén?

Now we can extend our dialogue to ask about nationality

- 你好吗？
- 我很好，谢谢。你呢？
- 我也很好。你是哪国人？
- 我是英国人。再见。
- 再见

Nǐ hǎo ma?

Wǒ hěn hǎo, xièxiè. Nǐ ne?

Wǒ yě hěn hǎo. Nǐ shì nǎ
guó rén?

Wǒ shì yīngguó rén. Zài jiàn.

Zài jiàn

Vocabulary extension – building on what you know

- Big 大
- Too much 太 tài
- Wife 太太 tàitài
- Heaven 天 tiān
- Peace 安 Ān
- Home, family 家 jiā
- Family members 家人 jiā rén
- Country 国家 guójiā
- Door, gate 门 mén
- The gate of heaven's peace 天安门 Tiān'ānmén

For homework, revise all the vocabulary in these notes. Practise the dialogue out loud (if you have the house to yourself). Muttering Chinese out loud is the best way to really focus on getting those tones right – exaggerating them to start with – and ‘conducting’ yourself.