

12 月 7 日

This lesson we did lots of revision of how to say day and date.

We 'took apart' a number of characters to become more familiar with the components. Many of these components give a hint about meaning and some give a hint about pronunciation.

For example the characters:

星期

The first character is made up of:

- 1) 日 = sun
- 2) 生 = produce, a being, an entity

Together these mean 'star'

In 期

1) The first component is

其 - a phonetic component which is often pronounced 'qi' like 'cheese'

2) 月 - moon (moon or month)

Together these components mean 'a period of time'

So 星期 means 'star period' or 'week'.

I gave out a handout with a collection of some of the more common 'radicals' in Chinese – the components that you see in characters that can help you work out the meaning. I'll call this 'handout 1' and put it on the website. It can be useful for reference

I also gave out 'handout 2' which has your homework on it (exercise 2). I'll also try to make a 'Quizlet' of some more recent vocab.

I also suggested you buy a book:

Chinese Made Easy: WORKBOOK (only)

2<sup>nd</sup> edition

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