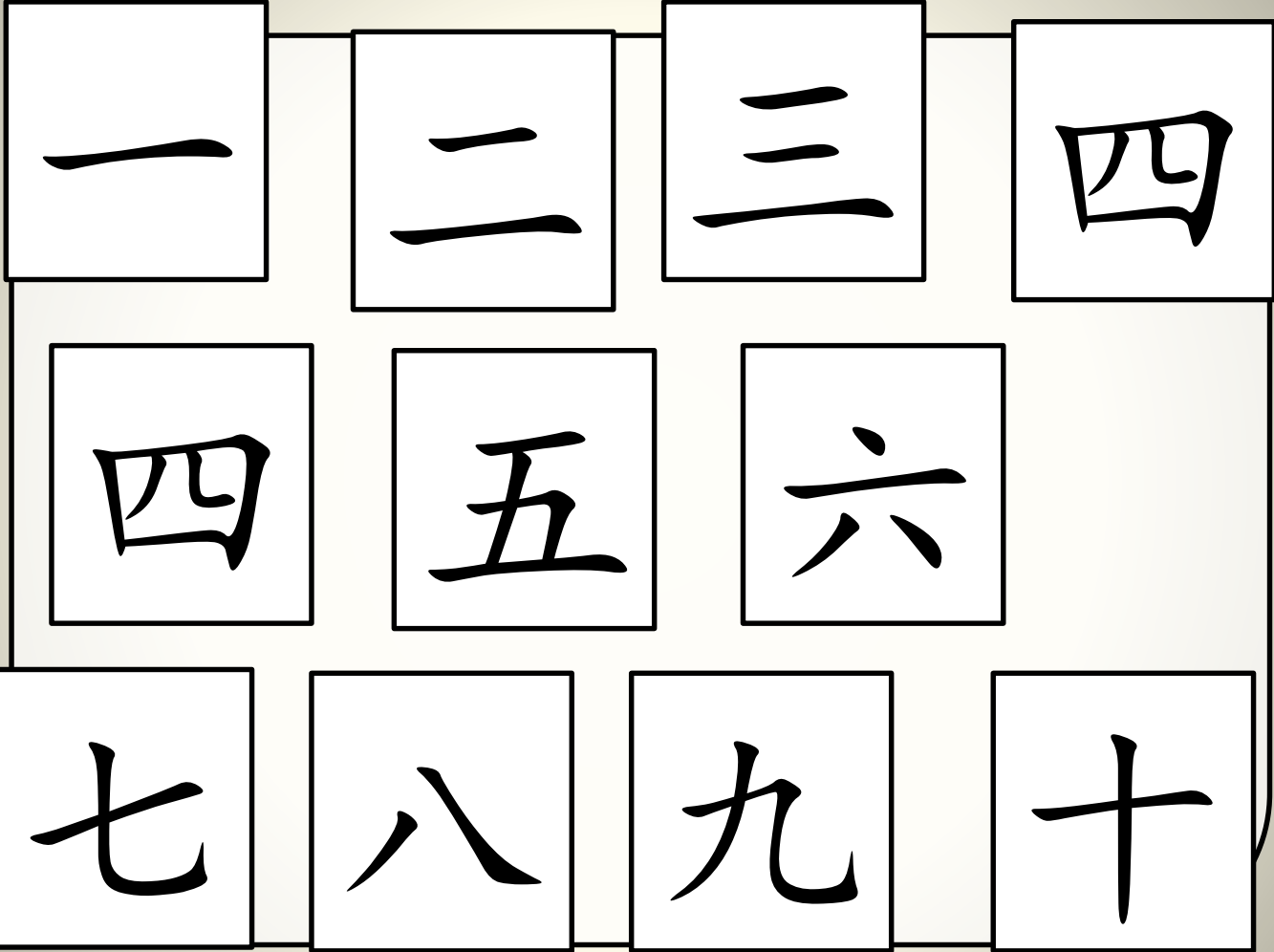


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The answers to last week's homework task:

tā shì měiguó rén 他是美国人

nǐ hǎo ma? 你好吗?

hěhǎo 很好

nǐ shì nǎ guó rén? 你是哪国人?

yīngwén 英文

yīngguó rén 英国人

tā shì zhōngguó rén háishì rìběn rén?

他是中国人还是日本人?

- This lesson we spent most of the time revising what we have covered so far. The only new language was regarding family.
- The next pages show the ‘roof’ component of characters, as we saw in 安 last lesson.
- The old-fashioned word for ‘pig’ put under a roof is how the character shows ‘house, home’ : jia1 家
- 家人 = family 我的家 = my home

安

ĀN

peace;
contentment

The character for peace and contentment is made up of woman (女) and roof (宀). Man conceived the idea that to attain peace he should have only one woman under the roof or confine her within the house.

安



PENG

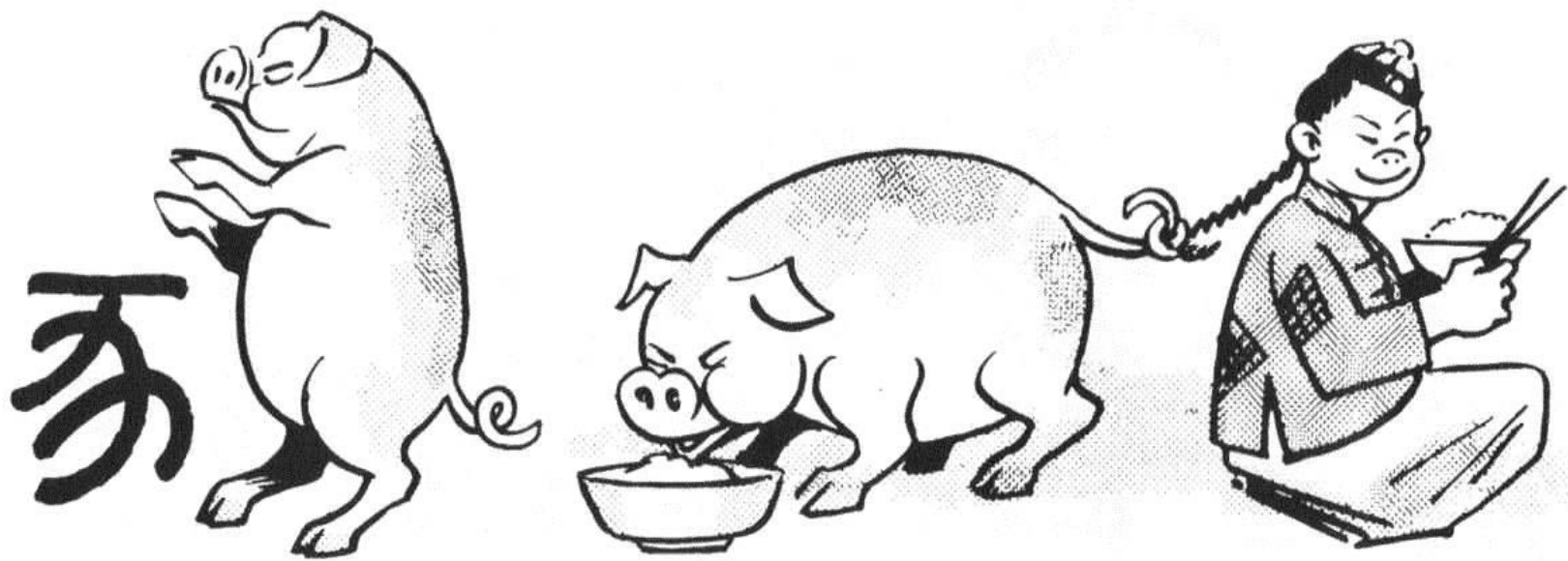
' 宀 女 安 安

豕

shǐ

pig

In this pictograph of pig the head is replaced by a line (一). On the left are the belly and paws (彡) and on the right the back and tail (彡). The domestic pig might well symbolise prosperity to man, so closely knit and tied together were their lives. This interdependence probably gave rise to the proverbial saying: "The schoolmaster should not leave his books, nor the poor man his pig."



PEN 4

一 丿 彡 彡 彡 豕 豕

家

jiā

house;
family

A pig (豕) under the roof (宀) gave man his concept of home (家).
Domesticated, the pig brought man no domestic trouble and was allowed
freedom to wander about in the house.



'	丩	宀	宀	宀	豕	豕	豕	豕	豕	豕						
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- Here are the Chinese characters for the points of the compass:

North:	北	as in	北京 (bei3jing1 – North capital)
South:	南		南京 (nan2jing1 – South capital)
East:	东		东京 (dong1jing1 – Tokyo)
West:	西		西安 (xi'an) – 'West Peace' (where you'll find the Terracotta Army)

- <http://www.phrasebotgames.com/#/quizgame/155284207>

作业 - homework

Translate the following into English. (The same sentences are on the next slide but in characters)

- 1) nǐmen shì rìběn rén ma?
- 2) tāmen shì nǎ guó rén?
- 3) měiguó hěn dà. Zhōngguó yě hěn dà
- 4) nǐ de yīngwén hěn hǎo
- 5) wǒmen bùshì zhōngguó rén
- 6) běijīng de tiān'ānmén hěn dà hěn dà

(Just for reference)

1. 你们是日本人吗？
2. 他们是哪国人？
3. 美国很大。中国也很大
4. 你的英文很好
5. 我们不是中国人
6. 北京的天安门很大很大