

Mandarin Chinese

Beginners

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没问题

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中文

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很好

中国

王

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家人

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英国

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大

你

他们

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|----|-------|--------------|
| 我 | wǒ | I |
| 你 | nǐ | you |
| 他 | tā | he |
| 她 | tā | she |
| 我们 | women | we |
| 你们 | nǐmen | you (plural) |
| 他们 | tāmen | they |
| 她们 | tāmen | they |

人

rén

person, people

大

dà

big

天

tiān

sky, heaven, day

门

mén

door

们

men

the plural

marker

天安门

Tiān'ānmén



The verb 'to be'

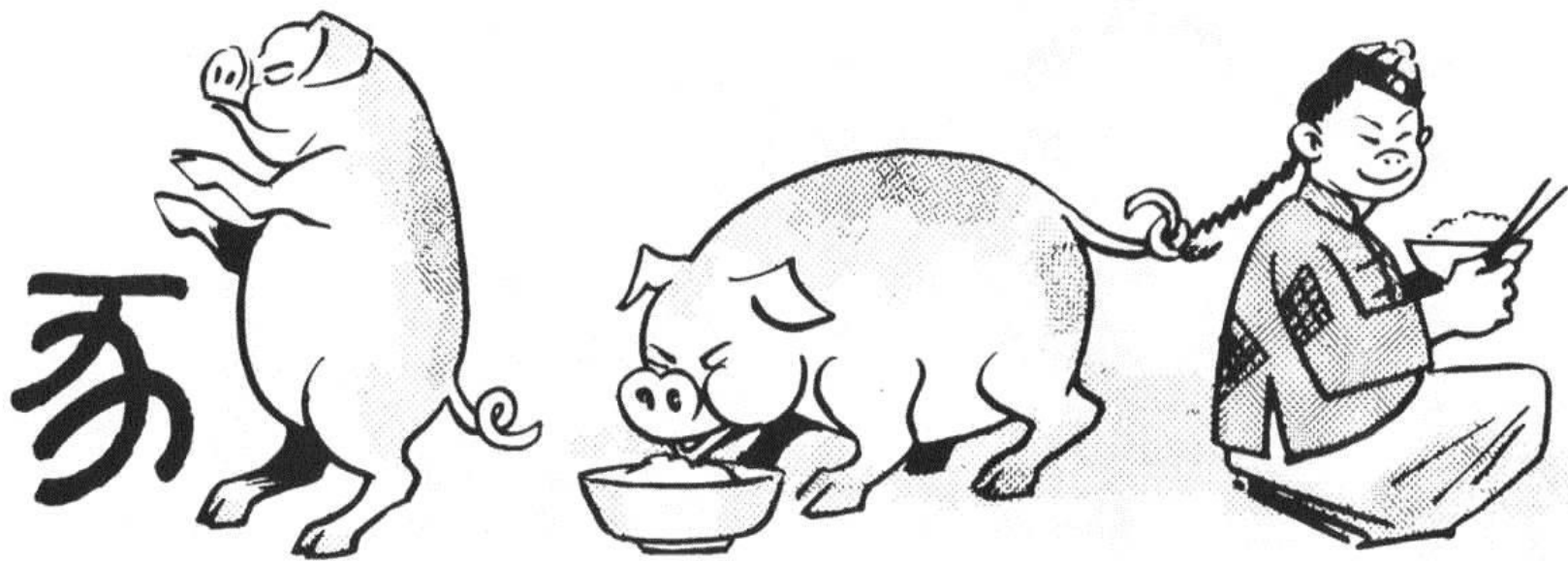
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豕

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 (乚). 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."



PENG

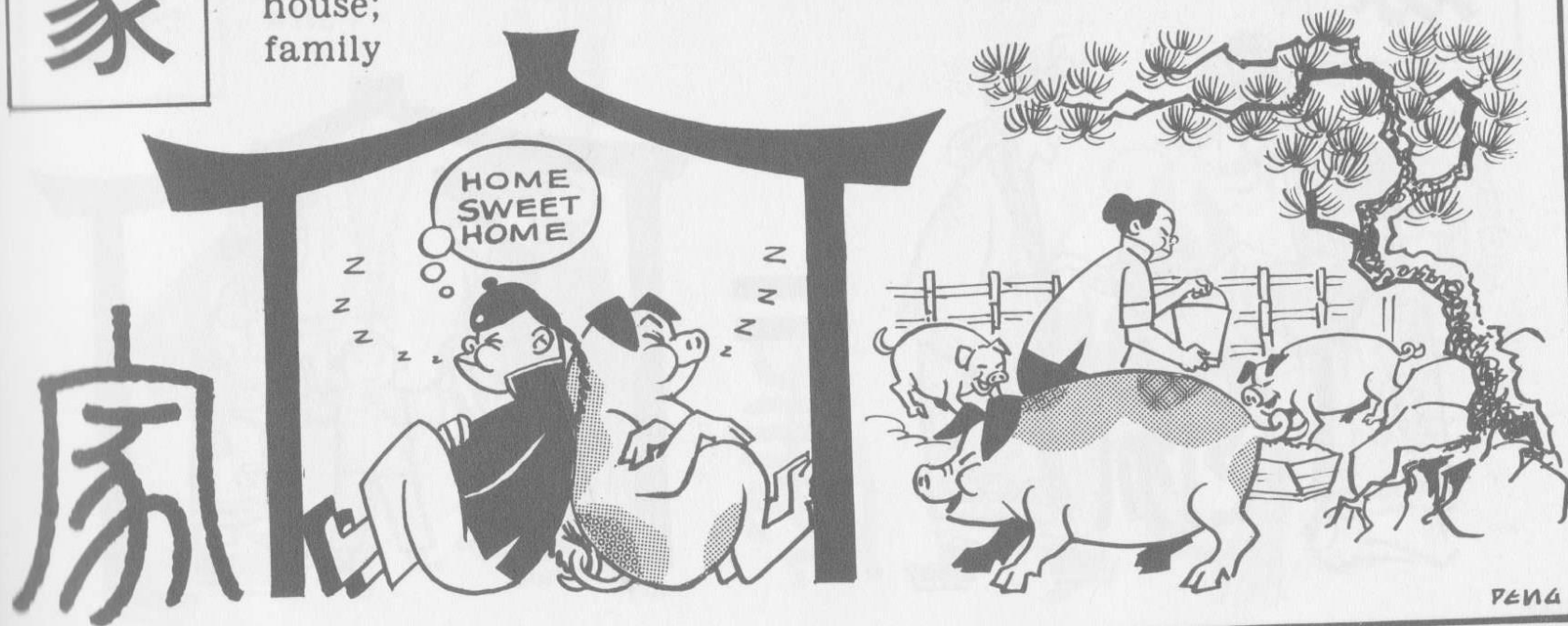
一 丿 丿 丿 丿 豕 豕

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.



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| 丶 | 丩 | 宀 | 豕 | 宀 | 豕 | 家 | 家 | 家 | | | | |
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My family (wǒ yī jiā)

- Zhè shì wǒ yījiā. Zhè shì wǒ māmā, zhè shì wǒ bàba, zhè shì wǒ gēgē, zhè shì wǒ érzi, zhè shì wǒ lǎolao, zhè shì wǒ lǎogōng, zhè shì wǒ.
- 这是我一家。这是我妈妈，这是我爸爸，这是我哥哥，这是我儿子，这是我姥姥，这是我老公，这是我。
- This is my family (literally: 'I one family'). This is my mother, this is my dad, this is my older brother, this is my son, this is my maternal grandmother, this is my husband, this is me.

Introductions

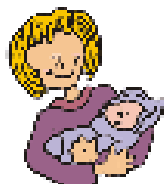
- 这是 = zhè shì = this is
- 谁? = shéi = who?
- 这是谁?

- Although normally you add 'de' to show possession
- (wǒ = I but wǒ de = my or mine
- mǎlì = Mary but mǎlì de = Mary's)

when we're talking about family, friends or things close to you, the 'de' is usually dropped as the meaning is clear without it.

wǒ māma wǒ bàba

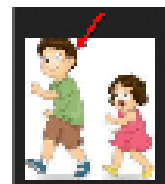
Here's the family vocab we looked at. Try to remember how they were pronounced.



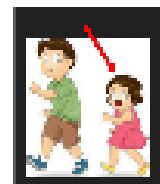
妈妈



爸爸



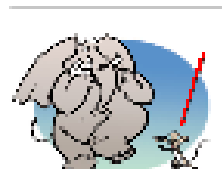
哥哥



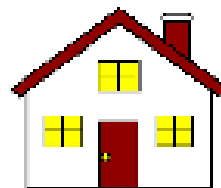
妹妹



大



小



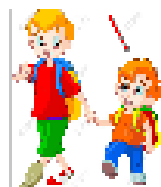
我家



谢谢



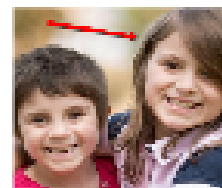
老师



弟弟



北京



姐姐

In pinyin

妈妈

māma

爸爸

bàba

哥哥

gēge

妹妹

mèimei

大

dà

小

xiǎo

我家

wǒ jiā

谢谢

xièxie

老师

lǎoshī

弟弟

dìdi

北京

běijīng

姐姐

jiějie

The complicated Chinese family: a video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCFRoILS1jY&t=8s>
- Homework:
- Prepare to talk about your own family – using the vocab you've got and keeping things REEAAALLLy simple