

Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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没问题

- 你好
- 你好
- 你好吗?
- 我很好, 谢谢你。你好吗?
- 我很好, 谢谢。

你好吗？

我是中国人

中文很好

你是工人

工人很好

你好

中国很好

王很好

她是中国人

谢谢

工人 = worker

文 = wen2 = language

中文 = Chinese (language)

中国人 = Chinese (literally: China person)

中国 = China

英文 = English (language)

英国人 = English

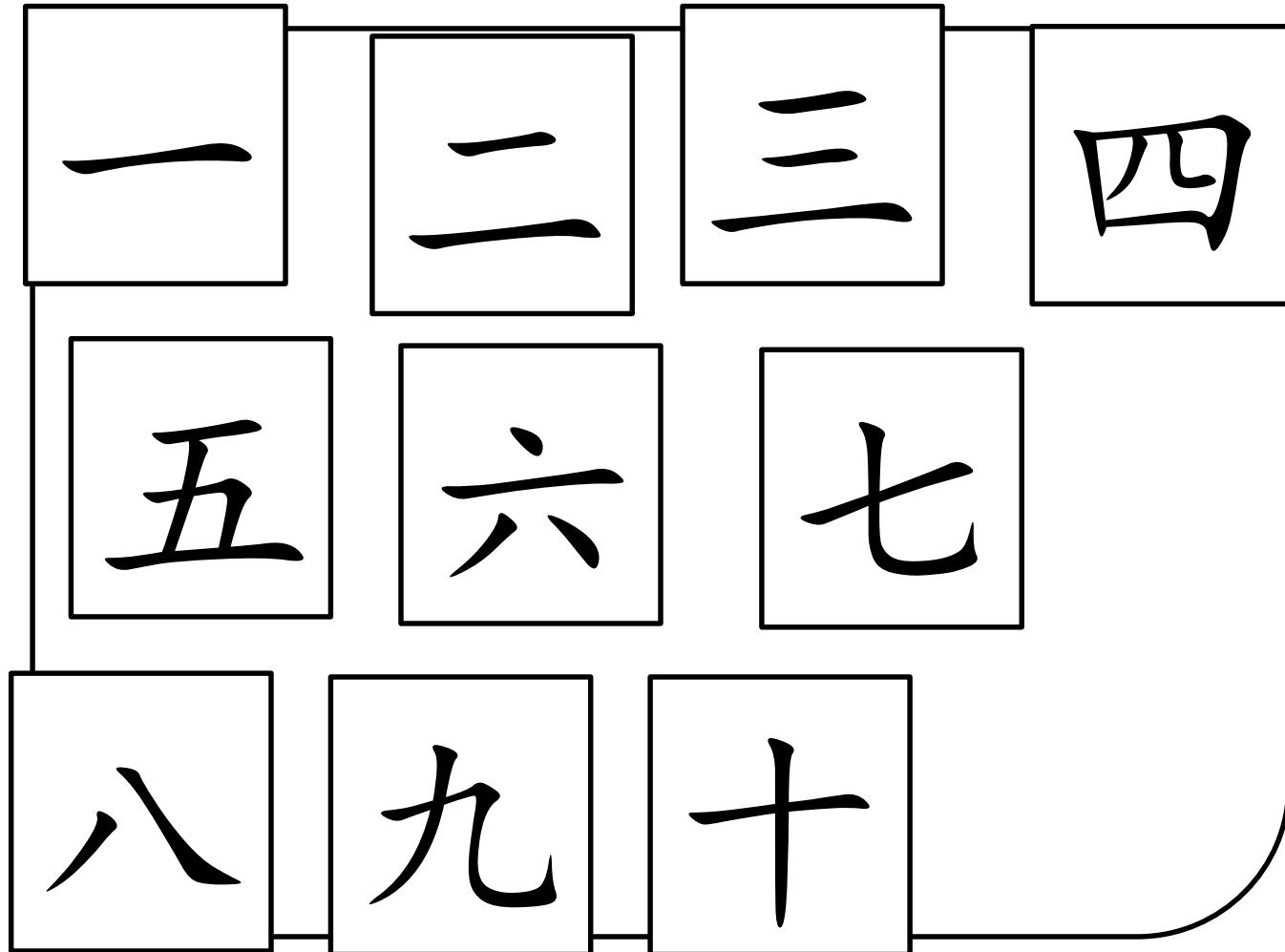
英国 = England/Britain

德文 = German language

意大利文 = yi4 da4 li4 wen2 = Italian

Listen to the 'numbers rap' as many times as you can bear it. It will really help the numbers stick in your memory:

<https://youtu.be/2eLP3FuuEVs>



Another way to practise numbers is to practise using the Chinese system of counting with your hands. There are lots of videos about this. Here's one:

<https://youtu.be/-14YWScyigA>

Note that in this video she demonstrates '10' with a closed fist. But many people in China show this with crossed fingers (to replicate the character for 10).

Practise these sentences:

我是中国人

Wǒ shì zhōng guó rén

我是英国人

Wǒ shì yīng guó rén

不 bù

我不是中国人

wǒ bù shì zhōngguó rén

你是德国人吗？

不。我不是德国人。我是意大利人

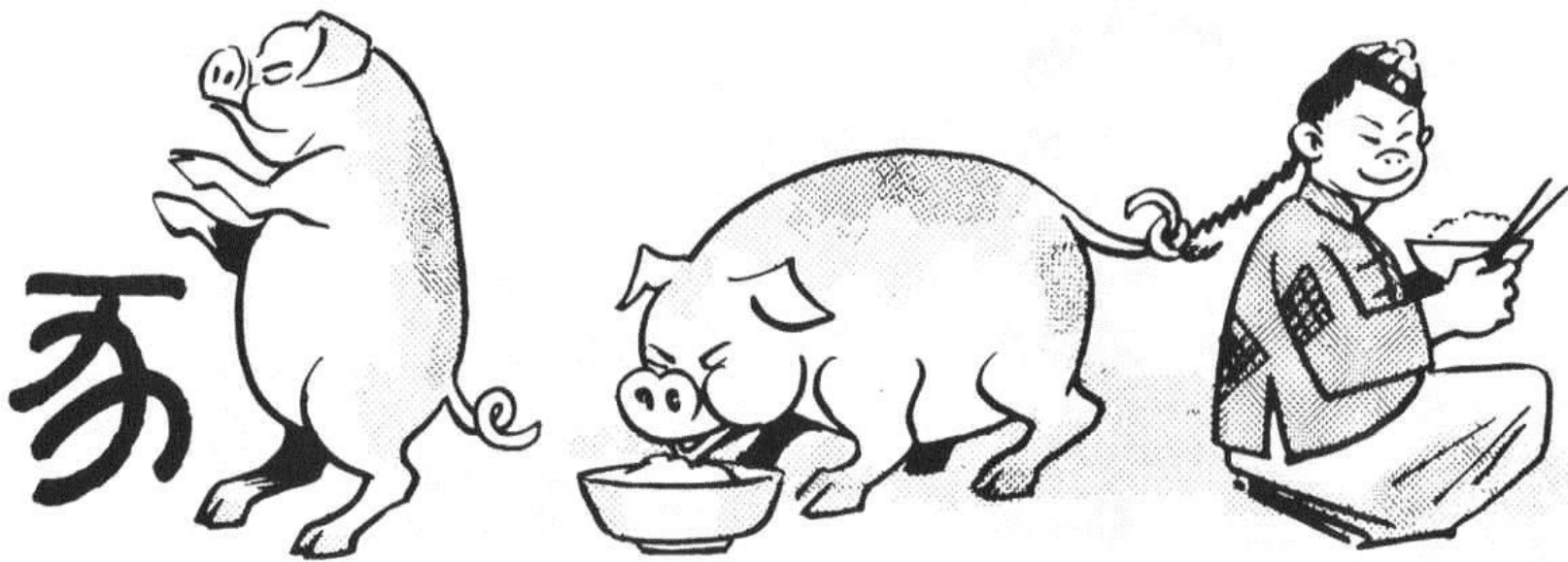
Nǐ shì déguó rén ma? Bù. Wǒ bùshì déguó rén. Wǒ shì yìdàlì rén

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."



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.



PENG

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Remember – no lesson next week (23rd) so I'll see you on the 30th.

Florian – have a good trip and see if you can try out a bit more Chinese this visit 😊