

Mandarin Chinese Beginners

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没问题

How many adjacent characters can you connect to form 'words' or phrases?

老	师	人	妈
中	国	英	妈
文	美	你	好
名	子	吗	很

Can you remember the 'root' meaning of these common radicals? The most important thing is you know what this meaning is – it may or may not be helpful to know how to pronounce them.

月

本

日

工

人

土

手

口

目

见

天

生

水

下

羊

牛

木

大

王

小

Reading practice

Remember:

姓 – to be surnamed

李 – plum (common
surname)

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我姓李。

我叫李山。

我是中国人。

我住在北京。

The super-
useful
character zai4

Best translated
as 'to be
located' but
can often be
more naturally
translated as
'at' or 'in'.

It can act as a
verb though,
as in the
sentence:

他们不在家。 他们在中国。 They aren't at home. They're in China.



Note the
'earth
radical'
土



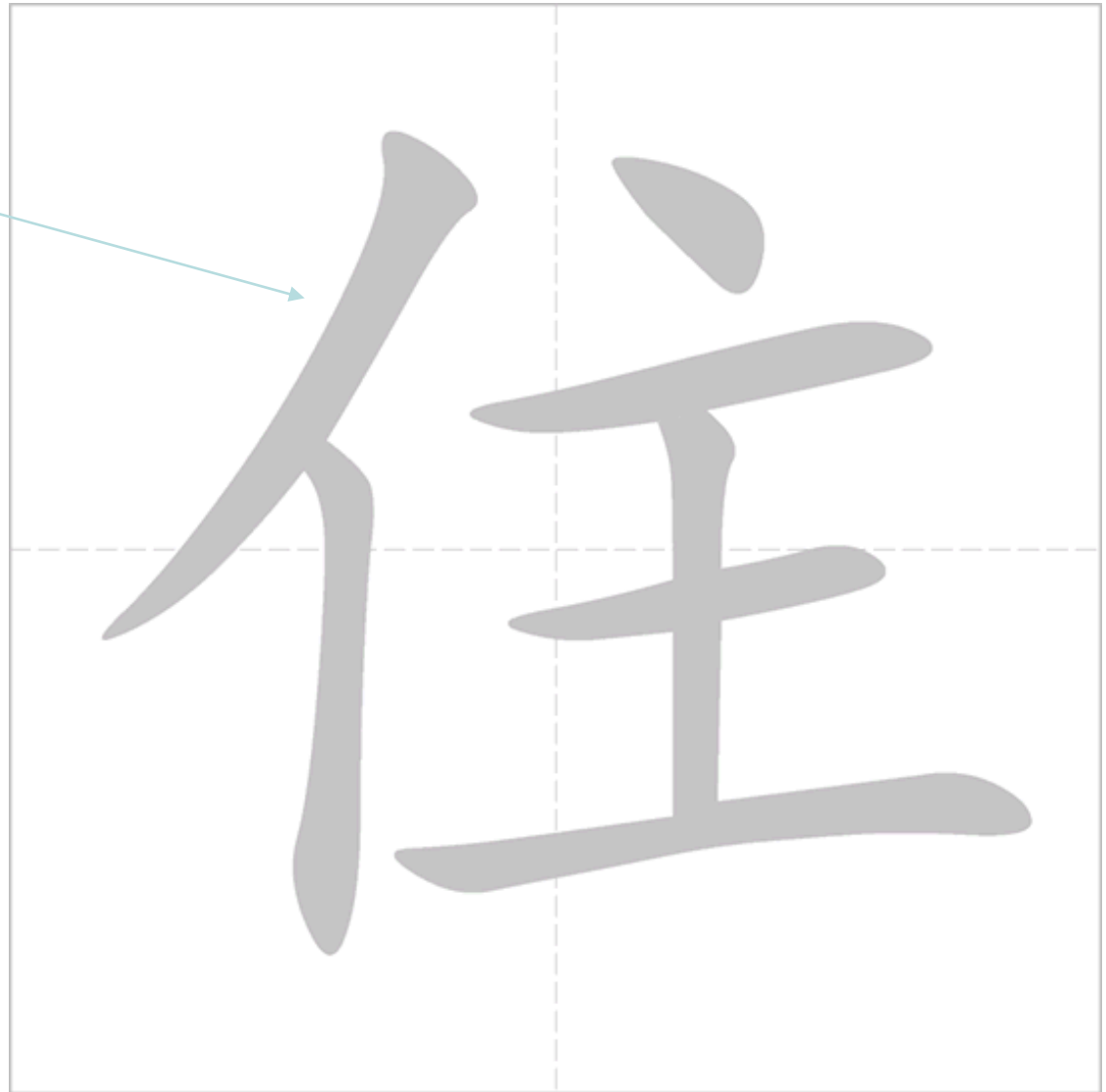
The 'person' radical

王 = king

主 = master

住 = where a person is

master = to live



我姓王。

我叫王月。

我也是中国人。

我住在上海。



New Words

- 1 住 zhù live; reside
- 2 在 zài in; on
- 3 哪 nǎ which; what
- 4 儿 (兒) ér child; son 哪儿 nǎr where
- 5 中 zhōng middle; centre
- 6 国 (國) guó country; kingdom
- 7 人 rén person; people
- 8 北 běi north
- 9 京 jīng capital 北京 běi jīng Beijing
- 10 上 shàng up; previous; attend
- 11 海 hǎi sea 上海 shàng hǎi Shanghai
- 12 西 xī west
- 13 安 ān safe 西安 xī ān Xi'an
- 14 本 běn root; origin
- 15 香 xiāng fragrant
- 16 港 gǎng harbour 香港 xiāng gǎng Hong Kong
- 17 哪国人 nǎ guó rén what nationality



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[Redacted]
我姓王。

[Redacted]
我叫安一。

[Redacted]
我也是中国人。

[Redacted]
我住在香港。

作业 (Homework)

- As ever, review the notes and vocab of the lesson, particularly the vocab list on page 8 above.
- Complete the task handed out in class. If you weren't in the lesson, you'll find this on page 26 (ex 12) of the workbook. If you don't have the workbook, now is the time to buy one. The details are on the next page. *Just make sure you get the 2nd edition, that it's the workbook and that it's the 'simplified characters' edition.*

