

大家好

For those of you who couldn't make the last 课

We looked at 书法 ('book method' or calligraphy).

Here are the videos that I had in the background:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppZWlwZsRdU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYC5pDjlhsg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHBAJ4GwGcA>

Helpful here is the term: 毛笔

The first character, mao2, means hair or fur. (It's also a surname – as in Chairman Mao).

毛

The second character is bi3 . We've met this before and it means 'pen'.

笔

The top part of bi3 (the bit that looks like a pair of demonic eyebrows) is a radical for bamboo.



So the top of this character is bamboo and the bottom is hair. In other words, a writing brush.

Now that people normally don't write with brushes and ink, bi3 is used to mean 'pen' so you use 'mao2bi3' when you specifically mean a writing brush.

We practised the expression:

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Sheng4 dan4 jie2      kuai4 le4

Saint – birth – festival    happy

作业

I suggest you try out some of the free online lessons that are out there. Some of them are very good – and there's something for those of you who like using the internet/smartphones and for those of you who prefer stuff printed out.

On this website, I suggest you try out lessons 4 and 5. Scroll down until you find them.

<https://www.melnyks.com/site-map/>

Or look at this lesson: which helps you practise the question saying that you can (or can't) speak a particular lesson. The advantage of this site is that you can use the icons to get the tapescripts too – in pinyin or in characters.

<http://www.chinesearnonline.com/lessoncontent/lesson-004-complete/>

In the meantime, I'll try to make a new Quizlet.

Hope that keeps you 忙

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1月4日见！