**Chinese Character Writing Rules**

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| **Writing Rules** | **Examples** |
| **Radicals in a Chinese character are written in order of “top to bottom” and “left to right.”** | 高gāo (tall)—top to bottom  Stroke sequence for gāo你nǐ (you)—left to right  Stroke sequence for nǐ |
| **Write horizontal strokes, then vertical ones.** | 十shí (ten)  Stroke sequence for shí |
| **Write left-falling strokes, then right-falling ones.** | 八bā (eight)  Stroke sequence for bā |
| **For “inside and outside” characters, the outside frame is closed last.** | 国guó (nation)  Stroke sequence for guó |
| **For a symmetrical character, draw the middle first, then left, then right.** | 水shuǐ (water)  Stroke sequence for shuǐ |