

Unit 3

Lesson 9

What do you call a dead man?

Radical/Character/Word	Pronunciation	Sound part	Building Blocks	Translation
叫	Jiào		口 + 4	To call, to be called
十	Shí			10
十二	Shíèr		10+2	12
二十	Èrshí		2+10	20
什	Shén	十 (shí)	亅 + 十	What (not used alone)
么	Me			Me (question particle)
什么	Shénme		What + Question part.	What
Extra Words				
名字	Míngzi			Name
你叫什么名字	Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?			What is your name?
饺子	Jiǎozi			Dumplings
教	Jiāo			To teach
你叫什么?	Nǐ jiào shénme?			What are you called?/What's your name?
你教什么?	Nǐ jiāo shénme?			What do you teach?
为什么	Wèishénme?			Why?
因为	Yīnwèi			Because
所以	Suóyǐ			So, therefore
意思	Yìsi			Meaning, to mean
什么意思	Shénme yìsi?			What does it mean?
不好意思	Bùhǎoyìsi			Sorry, Excuse me

Notes

- 叫 can mean to call or to be called.
- Numbers are bigger on the left side and smaller on the right
- 什 can't be used alone
- 什么 is at the end of sentences. Unless there's an object at the end, ie 名字 (míngzi – name). IE 你叫什么 (Nǐ jiào shénme) You be called what? / OR / 你叫什么名字 (Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi) You be called what NAME.