

The 100 Most Common Chinese Radicals 部首

| SC | TC | Variant | Meaning | Pinyin | Examples | Comments | Colloquial |
|----|----|---------|-----------------------|--------|----------|---|----------------------------------|
| 人 | 人 | 亻 | human, person, people | ren2 | 今仁休位他 | Note similarity to 八, which means <i>eight</i> . | 单人旁 (亻), 人字头 (人) |
| 口 | 口 | | mouth, opening | kou3 | 古可名告吃 | Note similarity to 凵, which always encloses characters, and means <i>enclosure</i> . | 口字旁 |
| 土 | 土 | | earth | tu3 | 在地型城地 | Note similarity to 士, which has a longer upper stroke and shorter bottom one, and means <i>scholar</i> . | 提土旁 |
| 女 | 女 | | woman, female | nv3 | 好妾始姓她 | | 女子旁 |
| 心 | 心 | 忄, 小 | heart | xin1 | 必忙忘性想 | | 竖心旁 (忄), 心字底 (心), 竖心底 (小) |
| 手 | 手 | 扌, 𠂇 | hand | shou3 | 持掌打抱押 | | 提手旁 (扌), 看字头 (𠂇), 手字旁 (手) |
| 日 | 日 | | sun, day | ri4 | 早是明时晚 | Note similarity to 曰, which is broader and lower, and means <i>to say</i> . Also note 白 which means <i>white</i> . | 日字旁 |
| 月 | 月 | | moon, month | yue4 | 有服青朝能 | This radical is actually two: <i>moon</i> 月 and <i>meat</i> 肉, but in modern Chinese, they look the same in most cases. | 月字旁 |
| 木 | 木 | | tree | mu4 | 板根本林来 | Note similarity to 禾, which means <i>grain</i> . | 木字旁 |
| 氵 | 氵 | 水, 氷 | water | shui3 | 永泳海洋沙 | Note similarity to 冫, which means <i>ice</i> . | 水字旁 (水), 三点水 (氵), 泰字底水 (氷) |

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| 火 | 火 | 灬 | fire | huo3 | 灯炎点燃炸 | | 火字旁 (火), 四点底 (灬) |
| 纟 | 糸 | 糸 | silk | (mi4) | 纪纸累细绩 | | 绞丝旁 (纟), 独立绞丝(糸) |
| 艹 | 艹 | 艸 | grass | cao3 | 花英苦草茶 | Note that when the radical is on top, the traditional variant has four strokes. | 草字头 (艹) |
| 讠 | 言 | 言 | speech | yan2 | 说讲识评试 | | 言字旁 (讠) |
| 辶 | 辵 | 辵 | walk | (chuo4) | 迎通道这近 | | 走之旁 (辶) |
| 钅 | 金 | 金 | gold, metal | jin1 | 银针钱铁钟 | | 金字旁 (钅) |
| 刂 | 刀 | 刀 | knife, sword | dao1 | 分切别利刻 | Note similarity to 力, which means <i>force</i> . | 立刀旁 (刂), 刀字旁 (刀) |
| 宀 | 宀 | | roof | (mian2) | 守家室字宅 | Note similarity to 冖, which means <i>cover</i> , and to 宀, which means <i>lid</i> . | 宝盖头 |
| 贝 | 貝 | | shell | bei4 | 财贪货贸负 | Note similarity to 见, which means <i>to see</i> . | 贝字旁 |
| 一 | 一 | | one | yi1 | 三上下不两 | | 横 |
| 力 | 力 | | power, force | li4 | 力加助勉动 | Note similarity to 刀, which means <i>knife</i> . | 力字旁 |
| 又 | 又 | | right hand | you4 | 反取受友发 | | 又字旁 |
| 犴 | 犴 | 犬 | dog | (quan3) | 犯狂狗猷猪 | Note similarity to 大, which means <i>big</i> . | 反犬旁 (犴), 犬字旁 (犬) |
| 禾 | 禾 | | grain | (he2) | 私科秒秀秘 | Note similarity to 木, which means <i>tree</i> . | 禾木旁 |
| 竹 | 竹 | 竹 | bamboo | zhu2 | 笑第简篾算 | | 竹子头 (竹字头) |

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| 虫 | 虫 | | insect | chong2 | 強独蛇蛋蚊 | Even though this radical means <i>insect</i> , it's used for many organisms which aren't insects according to our taxonomy. | 虫字旁 |
| 阝: | 阝: | 阜 | mound, dam | (fu4) | 防阻陆院陈 | Note that there are two radicals which look like this. On the left, it means <i>mound, dam</i> , and on the right, it means <i>city</i> . | 双耳刀 (左耳刀) |
| 大 | 大 | | big, very | da4 | 天尖因奇美 | | 大字旁 (头) |
| 广 | 广 | | house on cliff | guang3 | 店府度座庭 | Note similarity to 厂, which means <i>cliff</i> (i.e. without the house). | 广字旁 |
| 田 | 田 | | field | tian2 | 思留略番累 | | 田字旁 |
| 目 | 目 | 四 | eye | mu4 | 眼睛看相省 | Note that the horizontal version can also mean <i>net</i> . | 目字旁 (目), 四字头 (四) |
| 石 | 石 | | stone | shi2 | 砂破碑矿码 | | 石字旁 |
| 衤 | 衤 | 衣 | clothes | yi1 | 初被裁裤袜 | Note similarity to 示, which means <i>sign, show</i> or <i>spirit</i> . | 衣字旁 (衤) |
| 足 | 足 | 足 | foot | zu2 | 跑跨跟路距 | | 足字旁 |
| 马 | 馬 | | horse | ma3 | 码驾骂驻妈 | | 马字旁 |
| 页 | 頁 | | leaf | ye4 | 顺须领预顶 | | 页字旁 |
| 巾 | 巾 | | turban, scarf | (jin1) | 市布帝帐帽 | | 巾字旁 |
| 米 | 米 | | rice | mi3 | 类粉迷粗糖 | | 米字旁 |
| 车 | 車 | | cart, vehicle | che1 | 轮软军较输 | | 车字旁 |

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| 八 | 八 | | eight | ba1 | 公分趴兵共 | Note similarity to 人, which means <i>human, person</i> . | 八字旁 (头) |
| 尸 | 尸 | | corpse | shi1 | 尺局尾居展 | Note similarity to 户, which means <i>door, family</i> . | 尸字头 |
| 寸 | 寸 | | thumb, inch | cun4 | 寺尊对射付 | | 寸字旁 |
| 山 | 山 | | mountain | shan1 | 岩岛岁岗岔 | | 山字旁 (头) |
| 攴 | 攴 | 攴 | knock, tap | (pu1) | 收改攻做政 | Note similarity to 攴, which means <i>to walk (slowly)</i> . | 反文旁 (攴), 旧反文旁 (攴) |
| 彳 | 彳 | | (small) step | (chi2) | 彼很律微德 | Note similarity to 亻, which means <i>human, person</i> . | 双人旁 |
| 十 | 十 | | ten | shi2 | 什计古叶早 | | 十字旁 (头) |
| 工 | 工 | | work | gong1 | 左江红巧功 | | 工字旁 |
| 方 | 方 | | square, raft | fang1 | 放旅族仿房 | Note similarity to 万, which means <i>ten thousand</i> . | 方字旁 |
| 门 | 門 | | gate | men2 | 间闲问闭闻 | | 门字框 |
| 饣 | 食 | 食 | eat, food | shi2 | 饭饿饮馆饱 | | 食字旁 |
| 欠 | 欠 | | lack, yawn | qian4 | 欢欧欲次歌 | | 欠字旁 |
| 儿 | 儿 | | human, legs | er2 | 元四光兄充 | Note similarity to 人, which means <i>human, person</i> , and to 八 which means <i>eight</i> . | 儿座底 |
| 冫 | 冫 | | ice | bing1 | 冬冷冻况净 | | 两点水 |
| 子 | 子 | | child, seed | zi3 | 字学存孩季 | | 子字旁 |
| 疒 | 疒 | | sickness | (ne4) | 病痛疗疯瘦 | | 病字旁 |

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| 隹 | 隹 | | (short-tailed) bird | (zhui1) | 雀集难雅谁 | | 隹字旁 |
| 斤 | 斤 | | axe, pound | (jin1) | 所新听近析 | | 斤字旁 |
| 冫 | 冫 | | lid | (tou2) | 亡交京产亮 | Note similarity to 宀, which means <i>roof</i> , and 冫 which means <i>cover</i> . | 点横头 |
| 王 | 王 | 玉 | jade, king | yu4, wang2 | 主弄皇理现 | This radical is 玉, but when in composition, it looks like 王, <i>king</i> , and is probably more easily remembered like that. | 王字旁 |
| 白 | 白 | | white | bai2 | 的皆皇怕迫 | Note similarity to 日, which means <i>sun</i> . | 白字旁 |
| 立 | 立 | | stand, erect | li4 | 音意端亲位 | | 立字旁 |
| 羊 | 羊 | 𦍋, 𦍌 | sheep | yang2 | 着样洋美鲜 | | 羊字旁 |
| 艮 | 艮 | | stopping | (gen4) | 很恨恳根眼 | | 艮字旁 |
| 冂 | 冂 | | cover | (mi4) | 写军农深荣 | | 秃宝盖 |
| 厂 | 厂 | | cliff | (han4) | 厚原厉厅厕 | Note similarity to 广, which has a house on top (the dot). | 厂字旁 |
| 皿 | 皿 | | dish | (min3) | 盆监盟盛盖 | | 皿字底 |
| 礻 | 礻 | 示 | sign, spirit, show | shi4 | 社神视祝祥 | Note similarity to 衤, which means <i>clothes</i> . | 示字旁 |
| 穴 | 穴 | | cave | xue4 | 空突穷究窗 | | 穴宝盖 |
| 走 | 走 | | run, walk | zou3 | 起超越赶徒 | | 走字旁 |
| 雨 | 雨 | | rain | yu3 | 雷雪霜需露 | | 雨字头 |
| 口 | 口 | | enclosure | (wei2) | 回国因图团 | Note similarity to 口, which does not enclose other components and means <i>mouth</i> . | 国字框 |

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| 小 戈 | 小 戈 | 尪 | small halberd, spear | xiao3 (ge1) | 少肖尚尖尘 成式战感我 | Note similarity to 戈, which means <i>catch, arrest</i> . | 小字旁 (头) 戈字旁 |
| 几 舌 | 几 舌 | 牛, 牜 | table | ji1 | 朵机风凡凤 | | 几字旁 |
| 干 干 | 干 干 | | tongue | she2 | 乱适话舍活 | | 舌字旁 |
| 殳 殳 | 殳 殳 | | dry | gan1 | 平刊汗旱赶 | | 干字旁 |
| 夕 夕 | 夕 夕 | | weapon | (shu1) | 段没投般设 | | 殳字旁 |
| 止 牛 | 止 牛 | 邑 | evening, sunset | xi1 | 外多夜名岁 | Note similarity to 歹, which means <i>bad, vicious</i> . | 夕字旁 |
| 止 皮 | 止 皮 | | stop | zhi3 | 正此步歪址 | | 止字旁 |
| 耳 耳 | 耳 耳 | | cow | niu2 | 告物解特件 | | 牛字旁 (头) |
| 辛 辛 | 辛 辛 | | skin | pi2 | 披彼波破疲 | | 皮字旁 |
| 卩 卩 | 卩 卩 | | ear | er3 | 取闻职聪联 | | 耳字旁 |
| 酉 青 | 酉 青 | 弓 | bitter | xin1 | 辜辟辣辨辨 | Note that there are two radicals which look like this. On the left, it means <i>mound, dam</i> , and on the right, it means <i>city</i> . | 辛字旁 |
| 酉 青 | 酉 青 | | city | (yi4) | 那邦部都邮 | | 双耳刀 (右耳刀) |
| 酉 青 | 酉 青 | | wine | (you3) | 醉酒醒酸尊 | | 酉字旁 |
| 青 青 | 青 青 | | green/blue | qing1 | 清清情晴猜 | | 青字旁 |
| 青 青 | 青 青 | | bird | niao3 | 鸦鸣鸭岛鸡 | | 鸟字旁 |
| 弓 弓 | 弓 弓 | | bow | gong1 | 引张弱第强 | Note similarity to 乌, which means <i>crow, black</i> . | 弓字旁 |

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| 厶 | 厶 | 戶 | private | si1 | 公勾去私云 | Note similarity to 尸, which means <i>corpse</i> . | 私字旁 |
| 户 | 户 | | door, house | hu4 | 所房炉护启 | | 户字旁 |
| 羽 | 羽 | | feather | yu3 | 习翻翅塌扇 | | 羽字旁 |
| 舟 | 舟 | | boat | chuan2 | 般船航盘艇 | | 舟字旁 |
| 里 | 里 | | village, mile | li3 | 野重量理埋 | | 里字旁 |
| 匕 | 匕 | 网 | spoon | (bi3) | 匙比北呢旨 | Note similarity to 攴, which means <i>to knock, to rap</i> . | 匕字旁 |
| 攴 | 攴 | | go (slowly) | (sui1) | 各條复备夏 | | 折文旁 |
| 见 | 見 | | see | jian4 | 观规视现觉 | | 见字旁 |
| 尸 | 尸 | | seal | (jie2) | 卷印却即危 | | 单耳刀 |
| 𠃊 | 𠃊 | | net | wang3 | 罗罚罢罪罟 | | 四字头 (𠃊) |
| 士 | 士 | | scholar | shi4 | 吉壺志声壮 | Note similarity to 土, which means <i>earth</i> . | 士字旁 |
| 勹 | 勹 | | embrace, wrap | (bao1) | 包勿勾勺勺 | | 包字头 |

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