# Dì Yī Kè Wŏ jiào Xú WénCháng

Wŏ jiào Xú WénCháng。

Wŏ shì ZhōngGuó rén。

Wŏ huì jiàng gùshì。

Wŏ huì jiǎng Huā MùLán de gùshì。

My name is XU WenChang.

I am from China.

I am good at story-telling.

I can tell [you] stories about HUA MuLan.

### **Text**

## Wŏ jiào Xú WénCháng 第一课 我叫徐文长

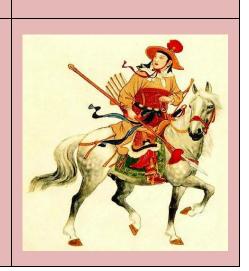


Wŏ jiào Xú WénCháng 我叫徐文长。

Wŏ shì ZhōngGuó rén 我是中国人。

Wŏ huì jiảng gùshì 我会讲故事。

Wŏ huì jiǎng Huā MùLán de gùshì 我会讲花木兰的故事。



## **Anatomy of Scripts**

卡

#### 我 I or me.



meaning weapon to the right. Think about don't kill ME!

是 Verb to be. Since there is no form change in Chinese, it can mean am, is, are, or even was, were.

With the sun radical  $\exists$  ( $\bigcirc$ ) right on top.

# 说文解字(Shuō Wén Jiĕ Zì)

叫[To be] called.

Radical to the left is  $\square$  ( $\square$ ), meaning mouth, which is certainly needed when you call somebody. The right part provides the sound.

中 Central or middle.

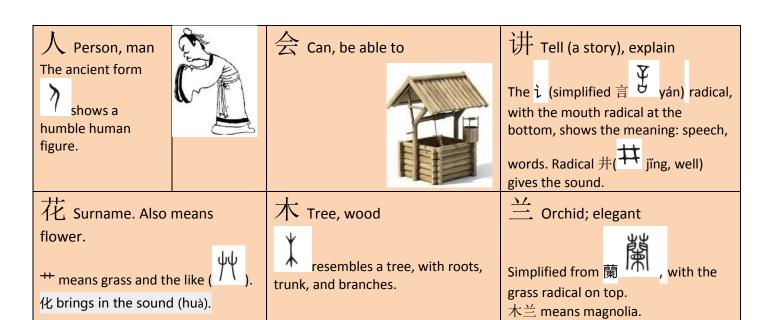
is indicative: the vertical stroke (shù) goes right in the middle of the circle.

文 Symbol formed with crossing

to be used as (building blocks of) scripts.

## 国 Country.

With radicals \( \text{(w\,eq)} \) (w\,eq), meaning boundary) and 玉 (yù, meaning jade). The latter shows  $\pm$  (wáng, meaning king) + 、 (diǎn, dot). Think about a country has a king with some money in his pocket.



Pattern Drills	句型练习(Jùxíng Liànxí)	
我叫花木兰。		
我叫。 (Say your name)		
MíngCháo 我是明朝 <sup>1</sup> 人。我是 MěiGuó 我是美国人。	ZhèJiāng 浙江人。	
我是人。		Beautiful lamb big
我会讲美国故事。		
我会讲华盛顿 <sup>2</sup> 的故事。		
我会讲的	故事。	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The *Ming* Dynasty (AD1368—1644). *XU* was born in 1521 in nowadays *ZheJiang* Province, and died in 1593.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> George Washington, first President of the USA.

Write the Scripts	书写练习(Shūxiě Liànxí)	
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