

**** The Extended Ideographic Description Language (IDLx) ****

	Unicode Name	A	Name	B	B	Examples
a-1	left to right	☐	left-right	①	●	潰: ① 彳 貫
a-2	above to below	☐	top-down	②	●	稟: ② 畝 木
a-3	surround from bottom left	☐	L-shaped, left first	③	●	毯: ③ 毛 炎
a-4	L-shaped, top first	④	●	廷: ④ 壬 廴
a-5	surround from upper left	☐	Γ-shaped	⑤	●	慮: ⑤ 虍 思
a-6	surround from upper right	☐	package	⑥	●	截: ⑥ 戈 隹
a-7	/	/	surround from bottom right	⑦	●	弋: ⑦ 一 弋
a-8	surround from below	☐	plug	⑧	●	函: ⑧ 𠂇 口
a-9	surround from left	☐	C-shaped	⑨	●	玉: ⑨ 王 、
a-10	surround from top	☐	surround from top	⑩	●	閒: ⑩ 門 月
a-11	/	/	reverse C-shaped	⑪	●	𠂇: ⑪ 弓 工 工
a-12	full surround	☐	surround	⑫	●	函: ⑫ 白 夕
a-13	overlaid	☐	crossover	⑬	⑬	夫: ⑬ 二 人
a-14	/	/	no operator		●	丿: ●
a-15	/	/	geta mark		■	𠂇: ⑮ 严 ■
a-16	/	/	rotate 180°	⑯	⑯	𠂇: ⑯ 予
a-17	/	/	horizontal flip	⑰	⑰	玉: ⑰ 正
a-18	/	/	similar	⑱	⑱	𠂇: ⑱ 从 ⑱ 电
a-19	/	/	parentheses; group	()	()	峯: (山 水 土)

Notes:

a-1, a-2: The left-right operator ① and the top-down operator ② are the most basic analytical operators of IDLx.

a-3: The L-shape, ③, is the only binary relationship that occurs in both of its realizations, ● and ④; this case is well known to learners of Kanji, as there are many common glyphs with either type of operator.

The choice between ● and ④ depends on the element that occupies the left and bottom of the character in question: only 廴 and 辶 (廴, 辶) are written *after* the top right and hence need ④, as in 這: ④ 言 辶 (observe that using standard Unicode IDL, we are forced to write this as 這: ☐ 辶 言, which, crucially, does not preserve the order in which the factors are normally written).¹ All other elements (i.e. except for 廴 and 辶) that enclose another one from the left and from below in an L-shape take precedence; hence, in e.g. 𠂇, 走 comes first and 力 comes second, so its formula is 𠂇: ● 走 力.² **a-11:** XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX the reversed C-shape: lowest frequency, missing from Unicode IDCs, erroneously replaced by ● in formula 𠂇: ☐ ☐ 弓 工 工 for which we write 𠂇: ● ● 弓 工 工.

a-15: The symbol ■ originated in Japanese manual typesetting. When a composer couldn't clearly read a character in the manuscript or was unable to find a certain kanji

in the type cases, they'd instead pick any sort and put it wrong side first onto the composing stick. When galley proofs were printed, that upside-down sort would leave a mark similar to ■, making it visually clear that something was still missing. In the same way, we use ■ to stand in for an unresolved element in the formulas. For example, we know the upper left part of 𠂇 is 严, a fairly common element, but the lower right part is seemingly not encoded in Unicode, so we write out the formula 𠂇: ● 严 ■; this is a syntactically valid way of stating what we can and what we cannot say about that glyph. In other words, ■ represents the unspecified element as much as an x in a mathematical formula represents the unknown quantity.

a-13: The crossover operator ⑬ is to operators what the geta mark ■ is to elements; it represents an unspecified or underspecified operation. Most of the time, ⑬ really represents an element being overlaid onto another one, as in 夫: ⑬ 二 人, but more generally, it may be used in any place where no other operator fits, as, for example, in ■ ■ ■ ■ ■.

Notes

1) — see <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/cjkvi/cjkvi-ids/master/ids.txt> for actual examples

2) — see <https://xxxxxxxxx.com/xxxxx/xxxxx/xxxxx/ids.txt> xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx

徵: (○彳 (●山一壬) 攴)

毳: (●毛炎 as 毳: (○●●) 毛炎)

廷: (○壬乚 as 廷: (○●●) 壬乚)

玉: (●王、 as 玉: (○●●●) 王、)

囟: (○※□ as 囟: (○●●●) ※□)

國: (○囙或 as 國: (○●●●●) 囙或)

	Name	B	Examples	X
a-1	left-right	○	潰: (○彳 貫	
a-2	top-down	●	稟: (●尙木	
a-3	L-shaped, left first	○	毳: (○●●) 毛炎	毳: (○●●) 毛炎
a-4	L-shaped, top first	○	廷: (○壬乚	廷: (○●●) 壬乚
a-5	Γ-shaped	○	慮: (○虍思	慮: (○●●) 虍思
a-6	package	○	截: (○戔佳	截: (○●●) 戔佳
a-7	surround from bottom right	○	弋: (○一弋	弋: (○●●) 一弋
a-8	plug	○	囟: (○※□	囟: (○●●●) ※□
a-9	C-shaped	○	玉: (○王、	玉: (○●●●) 王、
a-10	surround from top	○	閒: (○門月	閒: (○●●●) 門月
a-11	reverse C-shaped	○	𠂔: (○弓工工	𠂔: (○●●●) 弓工工
a-12	surround	○	囟: (○白々	囟: (○●●●●) 白々
a-13	crossover	⊗	夫: (⊗二人	
a-14	no operator	●	丿: (●	
a-15	geta mark	≡	廉: (●严 ≡	
a-16	rotate 180°	☺	𠂔: (☺予	
a-17	horizontal flip	⇄	王: (⇄正	
a-18	similar	≈	𠂔: (●从 ≈ 电	
a-19	parentheses; group	()	𠂔: (○一□一土九)	

	Used	G	B	Op	L	T	R	B	l	t	r	b
c-1	Yes	○	●									
c-2	Yes	○	●									
c-15	No	○	●	↗	●							
c-16	No	○	●	↗		●						

	Used	G	B	Op	L	T	R	B	l	t	r	b
c-7	Yes	○	●	↗	○	●	●		+	+		
c-4	Yes	○	○	↗	○	●	●	○	-	+	+	
c-3	Yes	○	○	↗	○	●	●	○	+	-	+	+
c-5	Yes	○	○	↗	○	●	●	○	+	+		+
c-6	Yes	○	○	↗	○	●	●	○	+	+	+	
c-19	No	○	○	↗	○	●	○	○	-	-	+	+
c-17	No	○	○	↗	○	●	○	○	-	-	+	+
c-18	No	○	○	↗	○	●	○	○	+	-		+

	Used	G	B	Op	L	T	R	B	l	t	r	b
c-12	Yes	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○	-	+	+	+
c-8	Yes	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○	+	+	+	
c-9	Yes	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○	+	+		+
c-10	Yes	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○	+	+	+	
c-25	No	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○	+	+		+
c-20	No	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○				
c-22	No	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○				
c-24	No	○	●	↗	○	●	○	○				

	Used	G	B	Op	L	T	R	B	l	t	r	b
c-14	Yes	☉	●	U	◐	◑	◒	◓				
c-26	No	☉	●	∩	◐	◑	◒	◓				

	Name	B	E
b-1	left/right	◐	◑
b-2	top/down	◒	◓
b-3	surround from bottom left	◑	/
b-4	surround from upper left	◒	◑
b-5	surround from upper right	◒	◓
b-6	surround from bottom right	◑	◓
b-7	surround from below	◑	◓
b-8	surround from left	◒	◑
b-9	surround from top	◒	◓
b-10	surround	☉	●
b-11	any operator		○
b-12	vertical flip		⤵

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4						廷:◑ 壬 廴
5	surround from upper left	◻	surround from upper left	◒	◑	慮:◒ 虍 思
6	surround from upper right	◻	surround from upper right	◒	◓	截:◒ 戔 隹
7	/	/	surround from bottom right	◑	◓	弋:◑ 一 弋
8	surround from below	◻	surround from below	◑	◓	囟:◑ 兂 口
9	surround from left	◻	surround from left	◒	◑	玉:◒ 王、
10	surround from top	◻	surround from top	◒	◓	閒:◒ 門 月
11	/	/	surround from right		◑	
12	full surround	◻	surround	●	●	囟:● 白 夕
13	overlaid	◻	crossover	⊗		夫:⊗ 二 人
14	/	/	any operator	○		
15	/	/	no operator	●		丿:●
16	/	/	unspecified element	≡		廉:● 严 ≡
17	/	/	rotate 180°	☹		𠂇:☹ 予
18	/	/	horizontal flip	↔		王:↔ 正
19	/	/	vertical flip		⤵	
20	/	/	similar	≈		𠂇:● 从 ≈ 电
21	/	/	parentheses; group			𠂇:(● 一 口 一 土 九)
22	left to middle and right	◻	/			衍:(● 彳 彳 子)
23	above to middle and below	◻	/			衰:(● 一 艹 衣)

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3	surround from bottom left		surround from bottom left				毯: 炎 廷: 王
4	surround from upper left		surround from upper left				慮: 思
5	surround from upper right		surround from upper right				截: 佳
6	/	/	surround from bottom right				弋: 一
7	surround from below		surround from below				函: 必
8	surround from left		surround from left				玉: 王
9	surround from top		surround from top				閒: 門
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13	left to middle and right		/	/			寔: 口
14	above to middle and below		/	/			衰: 衣