



Lesson 12 Characters 34-36 几 儿 九

Review Sheet

Note 1: Read the following material as review for this lesson.

Note 2: Traditional characters are shown in parentheses.

Note 3: Characters that are also components are listed both in the “Basic Components Review” section and again in the “Characters Review” section.

Characters Review

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Words / Phrases that Contain this Character		
			Character	Pinyin	Meaning
几	jǐ	how many (less than 10)	几个人	jǐ gè rén	How many people?
			几月几日	jǐ yuè jǐ rì	Which date? (month and day)
			星期几	xīng qī jǐ	Which day of the week?
儿	ér	son	儿子	ér zi	son
			女儿	nǚ ér	daughter
		suffix	一点儿 (一點兒)	yì diǎnr	a little
			好玩儿	hǎo wánr	fun
九	jiǔ	nine	九月九日	jiǔ yuè jiǔ rì	September 9th
			九点二十分 (九點二十分)	jiǔ diǎn èr shí fēn	9:20
			明天九点 (明天九點)	míng tiān jiǔ diǎn	9:00 tomorrow



Font Comparison

Here is how the characters look in various commonly used fonts. You will notice some subtle differences. Your computer will probably already contain some of these fonts, so try them out for yourself as you type!

Note: "ti" as in "Kai ti" means "style" or "font." Among these fonts, "Song" is the most commonly used printing font. Almost all Chinese books printed in Mainland China use "Song ti."

Kai ti	Song ti	Hei ti	Handwriting
几	几	几	几
儿	儿	儿	儿
九	九	九	九

Worksheet

Note: Please feel free to print the next few pages if you want (especially if you're doing the handwriting practice). Otherwise, answer the questions directly in this PDF.

Reading Comprehension

Without looking at the material above, please translate the following phrases and sentences into English. You can type directly onto the PDF file below the Chinese. (You will find the answer key below the "real life reading practice" section.)

1. jīn 天 shì 几月几日?

2. wǒ 儿子的生日 shì 九月十二日。



Handwriting Practice (optional)

After you print this page, please follow these steps to learn to handwrite the characters from this lesson.

1. Trace the character in the first box following the stroke order demonstrated in the box to the right.
2. Repeat the step for the rest of the boxes, tracing over the grey lines when provided.

几	丿 几			几	几	几			
几	几	几							
儿	丿 儿			儿	儿	儿			
儿	儿	儿							
九	丿 九			九	九	九			
九	九	九							



Real life reading practice

1. Look at the picture and circle or write down the character(s) you recognize. You should be able to do this directly onto the pdf file if you prefer not to print.
2. Write down the character's Pinyin above it.
3. Check your answer against the Answer Key on the next page

Picture 1:



Picture 2:



When You've Finished Reviewing...

Please go back to the webpage for this lesson to DOWNLOAD and take the self-quiz so you can make sure you've really mastered the material from this lesson!



Answer Key for Reading Comprehension

1. jīn 天 shì 几月几日?

What's the date today? (Lit. "Today is which month which day?")

2. wǒ 儿子的生日 shì 九月十二日。

My son's birthday is September 12th.

Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

The **RED** character(s) are the ones you should recognize.

Picture 1



jiǔ jiǔ chóng yáng jié

九 九 重 阳 节

September 9th Chongyang Festival

(It's also called 'Double Ninth Festival. The Double Ninth Festival is observed on the ninth day of the ninth month of the Chinese calendar. On this holiday some Chinese people visit the graves of their ancestors to pay their respects.)



Picture 2



jiā yǒu **ér** nǚ
家 有 **儿** 女

Home with Kids

(The literal name of this Mainland Chinese TV sitcom is “Family has son and daughter.” It is considered to be an equivalent to the 1980s American sitcom “Growing Pains.”)