



## Lesson 2 Characters 4-6 大 天 太

## 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.

## Basic Components Review

Basic Component	Component Meaning	Characters that Use the Component		
		Character	Character Pinyin	Character Meaning
大	big	大	dà	big
		天	tiān	heaven
		太	tài	too

## Characters Review

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Words / Phrases that Contain this Character		
			Character	Pinyin	Meaning
大	dà	big	大人	dà rén	adult
			大学 (大學)	dà xué	university
天	tiān	sky	天气 (天氣)	tiān qì	weather
		day	今天	jīn tiān	today
		day	昨天	zuó tiān	yesterday



## Characters Review

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Words / Phrases that Contain this Character		
			Character	Pinyin	Meaning
天	tiān	day	明天	míng tiān	tomorrow
		day	星期天	xīng qī tiān	Sunday
太	tài	'too' as in 'too much'	太大了	tài dà le	too big
		'too' as in 'too much'	太多了	tài duō le	too much
		N/A	太太	tài tai	Mrs. or wife

## 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
大	大	大	大
天	天	天	天



Kai ti	Song ti	Hei ti	Handwriting
太	太	太	太

## 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. 一个大人

2. jīn 天天 qì 太 hǎo le!

3. wáng 太太, zhè shì wǒ de 太太。

4. 三个人太 shǎo le!



## 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.

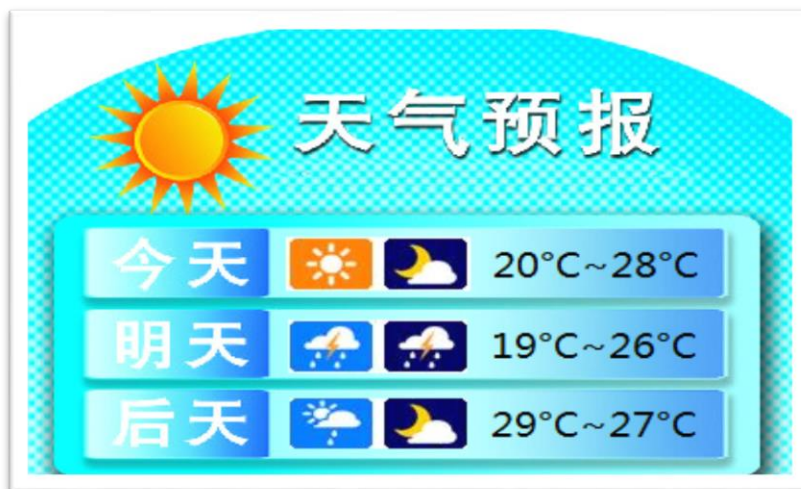
大	一	ナ	大	大	大	大	大	大	大
大	大	大							
天	一	二	子	天	天	天	天	天	天
天	天	天							
太	一	ナ	大	太	太	太	太	太	太
太	太	太							



## 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:

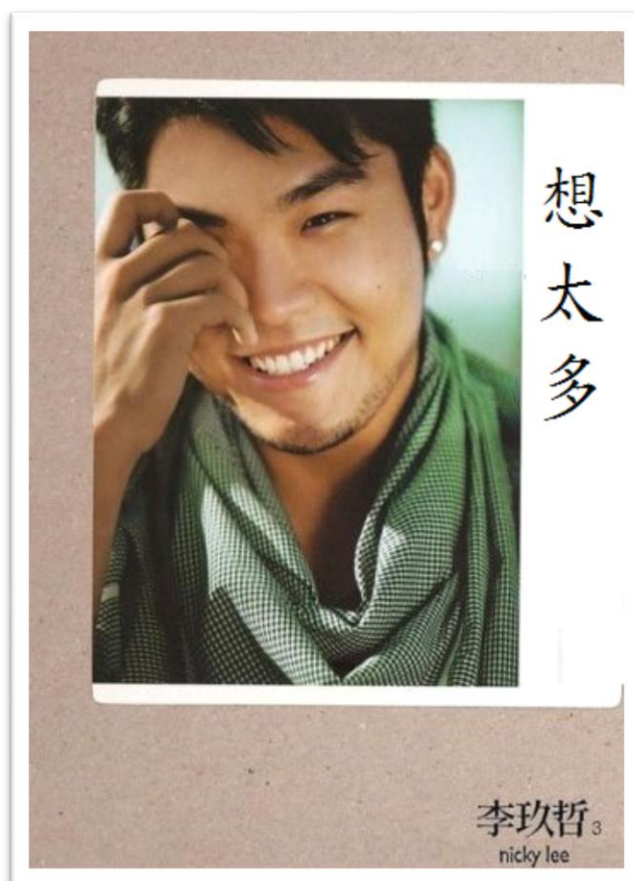


Picture 2





Picture 3



### 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. 一个大人

an (or "one") adult

2. jīn 天天 qì 太 hǎo le!

What a nice day today! (Lit. "Today's weather is too nice/good!")

3. wáng 太太, zhè shì wǒ de 太太。

Mrs. Wang, this is my wife. (Lit. "Wang Mrs., this is my wife.")

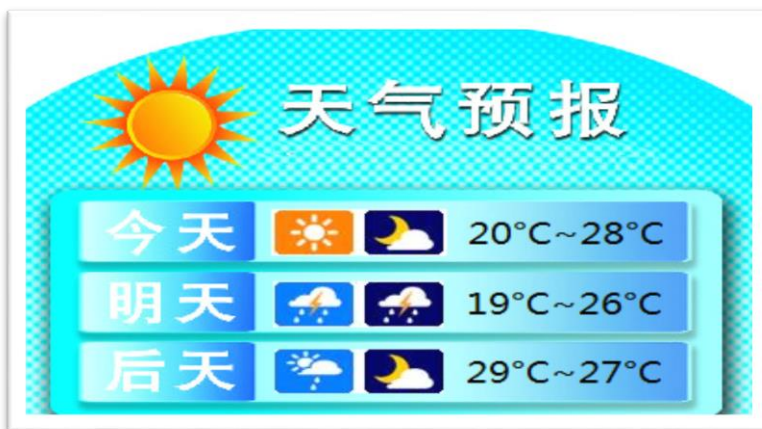
4. 三个人太 shǎo le!

Three people aren't enough. (Lit. "Three people too few!")

## Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1:



**tiān** qì yù bào

**天** 气 预 报

Weather forecast

(You will see the character “天” a lot in weather forecasts)





Picture 2



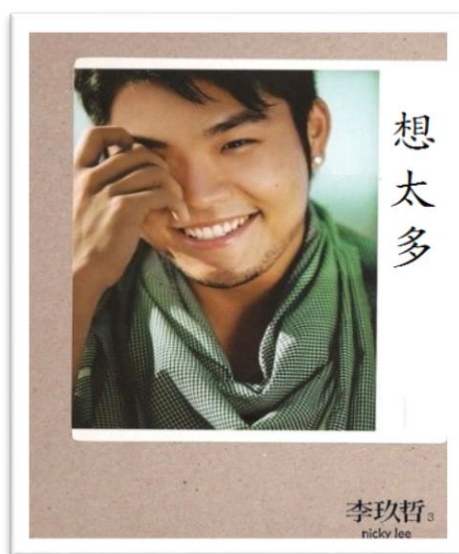
běi jīng **dà** xué sī tǎn fú zhōng xīn

北 京 **大** 学 斯 坦 福 中 心

Stanford Center at Beijing University

(Peking University is one of the top universities in China. The Stanford Center at Peking University is Stanford's headquarters for faculty and students engaged in research, teaching, training and outreach activities in China.)

Picture 3



xiǎng **tài** duō

想 **太** 多

Think too much

(A song by Nicky Lee. Nicky Lee was raised in Los Angeles and now lives in Taipei. His music was used in the movie The Forbidden Kingdom that starred Jackie Chan and Jet Li.)