



Lesson 26 Characters 76-78 水 火 休

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
水	shuǐ	water	一杯水	yì bēi shuǐ	a cup/glass of water
			水果	shuǐ guǒ	fruit
			大力水手	dà lì shuǐ shǒu	Popeye (lit. strong sailor)
火	huǒ	fire	火车 (火車)	huǒ chē	train (lit. fire vehicle)
休	xiū	to rest	休息	xiū xi	to rest
			休息一下	xiū xi yí xià	rest for a moment
			午休	wǔ xiū	mid-day break/nap



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
水	水	水	水
火	火	火	火
休	休	休	休

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. A. 你 shì 明天几 diǎn 的火车? B. 我 shì 明天下午四 diǎn 三十六的火车。
2. 你明天 zài jiā 休 xi 一下, duō hē diǎn 水!



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.

水	丿 ㇀ ㇀ ㇀ 水	水	水	水					
水	水	水							
火	丶 丶 丶 火	火	火	火					
火	火	火							
休	ノ イ 亻 亻 休 休	休	休	休					
休	休	休							



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. A. 你 shì 明天几 diǎn 的火车?

What time is your train tomorrow?

(Lit. "You are tomorrow what time's train?"

B. 我 shì 明天下午四 diǎn 三十六的火车。

My train is at 4:36 tomorrow afternoon.

(Lit. "I am tomorrow afternoon 4:36's train."

2. 你明天 zài jiā 休 xi 一下, duō hē diǎn 水!

Rest at home tomorrow and drink lots of fluids!

(Lit. "You tomorrow at home rest quickly, more drink a little water!")

Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



qǐng jié yuē **yòng shuǐ**

请 节 约 **用 水**

Please use water sparingly!

(A sign that is commonly found in public restrooms to remind people to conserve water.)



Picture 2



tóu děng cāng **xiū** xī shì

头 等 舱 **休** 息 室

First class lounge (Lit. "First Class Resting Room")

(Train stations in China often have waiting lounges for passengers with first-class tickets, similar to airports.)

Picture 3



tóu tiáo píng lùn **shuǐ huǒ** wú qíng **rén yǒu** qíng

头 条 评 论 **水 火** 无 情 **人 有** 情

Headline news coverage: Nature Shows No Mercy, Humans Show Compassion

(Lit. "Headline review: water and fire have no feeling, people have feelings")

(You hear this phrase used a lot when natural disasters strike.)