



Lesson 3 Characters 7-9 上 下 中

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
上	shàng	top up above over last	早上	zǎo shàng	morning
			晚上	wǎn shàng	night
			上个星期 (上個星期)	shàng ge xīng qī	last week
			上个月 (上個月)	shàng ge yuè	last month
下	xià	bottom down under below next	下午	xià wǔ	afternoon
			看一下	kàn yí xià	take a quick look
			下个星期 (下個星期)	xià ge xīng qī	next week
			下个月 (下個月)	xià ge yuè	next month
中	zhōng	middle center	中国 (中國)	zhōng guó	China
			中文	zhōng wén	Chinese



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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
上	上	上	上
下	下	下	下
中	中	中	中



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 zǎo 上

2. 上 个 yuè

3. 从 下 wǔ dào wǎn 上

4. 中 guó 人

5. kàn 一 下 jǐ diǎn le.

6. nǐ de 中 wén 太 hǎo 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.

上	丨 丿 上			上	上	上			
上	上	上							
中	丨 冂 口 中			中	中	中			
中	中	中							
下	一 丅 下			下	下	下			
下	下	下							



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. jīn 天 zǎo 上

this morning (Lit. “today morning”)

2. 上 个 yuè

last month

3. 从 下 wǔ dào wǎn 上

from afternoon to night

4. 中 guó 人

Chinese people/person

5. kàn 一 下 jǐ diǎn le.

Take a quick look and see what time is it. (Lit. “Look real quick what time le.”)

6. nǐ de 中 wén 太 hǎo le!

Your Chinese is very good! (Lit. “Your Chinese too good le!”)

Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



xiān **xià** hòu **shàng** wén míng chéng chē
先 **下** 后 **上** 文 明 乘 车

Off first, then on. Have a courteous ride.

(A reminder to let passengers get off the train before trying to get on the train, to avoid overcrowding at the subway train door. This is a single journey ticket for the Shanghai Metro, the longest subway/rail system in the world. On a normal weekday, over 8 million people use the Shanghai Metro.)

Picture 2



zhōng guó hǎo shēng yīn
中 国 好 声 音

The Voice of China (Literally, “China Good Voice”)

(“The Voice of China” is a Chinese reality talent show based on the original Dutch version of the show “The Voice.” It’s a huge hit in the world’s biggest TV market.)

Picture 3



From Guangzhou to Chengdu

Train Number: K192

Departure date and time: Jan 1st, 2010 09:08 AM

Seat/Sleeper: Car 12, Number 1, Bottom bunk

Fare: 409 RMB

Class: New Air---Conditioned Hard Sleeper Valid

only on the specified date and train. The journey must be completed by the end of day 3.

(This is a sample ticket for the China Railway High---speed [known as CRH]. The fastest train, model CRH380BL, has a maximum test speed of 487.3 km/h [302.8 mph]).