



Lesson 4 Characters 10-12 了 子 字

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
宀	roof	字	zì	(Chinese) character

Characters Review

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Words / Phrases that Contain this Character		
			Character	Pinyin	Meaning
了	le	sentence particle	太大了	tài dà le	Too big.
			我吃了	wǒ chī le	I ate.
			太好了	tài hǎo le	Great (Lit.: too good)
	liǎo	understand as in 'liǎo jie'	了解	liǎo jiě	understand
		N/A(used in conjunction with '不', after a verb)	做不了	zuò bù liǎo	Cannot do it.
子	zǐ	son baby young child	儿子 (兒子)	ér zi	son



Characters Review

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Words / Phrases that Contain this Character		
			Character	Pinyin	Meaning
子	zǐ	N/A (as a suffix)	杯子	bēi zi	cup
		N/A (as a suffix) character	箱子	xiāng zi	box
字	zì	character	汉字 (漢字)	hàn zì	Chinese character
			三个字 (三個字)	sān ge zì	Three characters.
			十二个字 (十二個字)	shí èr ge zì	Twelve characters.

Bonus Time

Supplementary words that contain the characters covered in this lesson		
Word	Pinyin	Meaning
个子 (個子)	gè zi	height (body)



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
了	了	了	了
子	子	子	子
字	字	字	字



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. zhè 个 bēi 子太 hǎo 了！

2. tā 个子太 gāo 了！

3. wǒ chī 了一个大 píng guǒ。

4. tā yǒu 三个 ér 子。

5. hàn 字太 nán 了！



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.

了	了			了	了	了				
了	了	了								
子	了	子		子	子	子				
子	子	子								
字	字	字		字	字	字				
字	字	字								



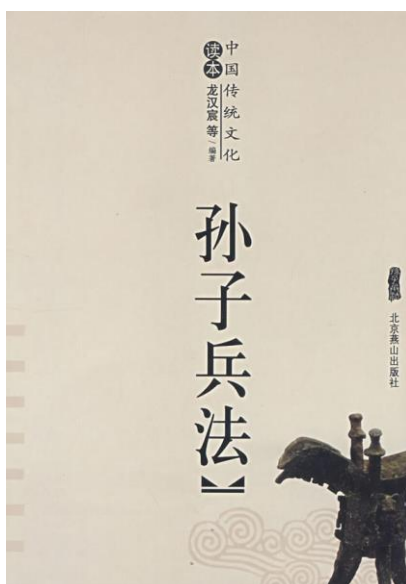
Real life reading practice

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. zhè 个 bēi 子太 hǎo 了!

This glass/cup is great! (Lit. "This glass/cup too good le!")

2. tā 个子太 gāo 了!

He is so tall! (Lit. "His height too tall le!")

3. wǒ chī 了一个大 píng guǒ。

I ate a/one big apple.

4. tā yǒu 三个儿子。

He/she has three sons.

5. hàn 字太 nán 了!

Chinese characters are too difficult!

Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



zhōng huá dà zì diǎn

中 华 大 字 典

Chinese Character Dictionary (Lit. China Big/'Great' Character Dictionary)

(There are two types of Chinese dictionaries. One is the character dictionary, like the one above, which focuses on the details of individual characters. There are also word dictionaries, which focus on words [often made of more than one character] and their meanings.)



Picture 2



sūn zǐ bīng fǎ

孙 子 兵 法

The Art of War (lit. Sun Zi military method)

(The Art of War is an ancient Chinese military treatise attributed to Sun Zi. It has had a deep influence on Eastern and Western society. 'Zi' as in 'Sun Zi' used to be a respectful title in ancient China for knowledgeable or virtuous noble men. It doesn't mean 'son' here.)

Picture 3



shí sān suì shàng qīng huá bù zǐ tài dà le

十 三 (13) 岁 上 清 华, 步 子 太 大 了

Going to Tsinghua (university) at 13 years old, he took a huge step.

(The picture shows a child prodigy named Fàn Shūkǎi who started attending Tsinghua, one of the very best and elite universities in China, at only 13 years old in 2013. The "child prodigy" topic used to be very controversial in China. A prodigy program was first set up at the University of Science and Technology of China [USTC] in 1978.)