



Lesson 56 Characters 166-168 自 息 道

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
自	zì	self	自行车 (自行車)	zì xíng chē	bicycle (Lit. self-propelled vehicle)
			自动 (自動)	zì dòng	automatic (Lit. self move)
			自来水 (自來水)	zì lái shuǐ	tap water (Lit. self come water)
息	xī	to rest	休息	xiū xi	to rest
道	dào	way/path/ road	知道	zhī dào	to know
			地道	dì dào	authentic /genuine
			下水道	xià shuǐ dào	drain/sewer (Lit. down water path)
			道	dào	the Tao/Dao the Way/natural rules



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
自	自	自	自
息	息	息	息
道	道	道	道

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.)

- 你 zhī 道 中 guó 有多少人口吗?
- 这个月我 hěn máng, zhōu 末也没有 shí 间休息。
- 你的中文 shuō 的太地道了! 你 shì 自 xué 的吗?



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.

白	'	丨	冂	白	白	白	白	白	白	白				
白	白	白												
息	'	丨	冂	白	白	白	白	息	息	息				
息	息	息												
道	'	丨	艹	艹	艹	艹	道	道	道					
道	道	道												



Real life reading practice

1. Look at the picture and circle or write down the character(s) you recognize. You should be able to type the characters you recognize directly onto the pdf file below the image 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. 你 zhī 道 中 guó 有多少人口吗?

Do you know what is the population of China?

(Lit. You know China has how many population?)

2. 这个月我 hěn máng, zhōu 末也没有 shí 间休息。

I'm very busy this month. I don't even have time to rest on the weekends.

(Lit. This month I very busy, weekend also don't have time to rest.)

3. 你的中文 shuō 的太地道了! 你 shì 自 xué 的吗?

Your Chinese is really authentic! Did you learn on your own?

(Lit. Your Chinese speak de too authentic! You are self studied ma?)

Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



dào lù shī gōng chē liàng màn xíng

道 路 施 工 车 辆 慢 行

Road Under Construction, Vehicles Moving Slowly

(A common traffic sign in China)



Picture 2



yín lián chí kǎ rén VIP xiū xi shì

银 联 持 卡 人 休 息 室

Unionpay Cardholder V.I.P. Lounge

(China Unionpay is the only domestic bank card organization in Mainland China. It was founded on March 26, 2002.)

Picture 3



dì èr shí yī jiè zhōng guó guó jì zì xíng chē zhǎn lǎn huì

第 二 十 一 届 中 国 国 际 自 行 车 展 览 会

China's 21st International Bicycle Show

(With the theme "Happy Ride, Happy Life", this is one of the most well-known cycle shows around the world.)