



# Lesson 6 Characters 16-18 日 月 明

## 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 |
| 日               | sun               | 日                                 | rì               | sun / day         |

### Characters Review

| Character | Pinyin | Meaning | Words / Phrases that Contain this Character |          |          |
|-----------|--------|---------|---|----------|----------|
|           |        |         | Character                                   | Pinyin   | Meaning  |
| 日         | rì     | sun/day | 生日  | shēng rì | birthday |
|           |        | N/A     | 日本  | rì běn   | Japan    |
| 月         | yuè    | month   | 一月  | yí yuè   | January  |
|           |        |         | 二月  | èr yuè   | February |
|           |        |         | 三月  | sān yuè  | March    |



## Characters Review

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|-----------|--------|---------|---|--------------|--|
|           |        |         | Character                                   | Pinyin       | Meaning  |
| 月         | yuè    | month   | 上个月   | shàng ge yuè | last month                                     |
|           |        |         | 下个月   | xià ge yuè   | next month                                     |
| 明         | míng   | clear   | 明白  | míng bái     | to understand<br>to be clear (about something) |
|           |        | bright  | 明天  | míng tiān    | tomorrow                                       |

## Bonus Time

| Supplementary words that contain the characters covered in this lesson |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
| Word   | Pinyin | Meaning                                  |
| 日子   | rì zi  | date or<br>life as in 'live a ____ life' |



## 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 |
|--------|---------|--------|-------------|
| 日      | 日       | 日      | 日           |
| 月      | 月       | 月      | 月           |
| 明      | 明       | 明      | 明           |

## 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. 明天 shì jǐ yuè jǐ rì?

2. wǒ tài tai shàng ge yuè qù zhōng guó 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.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 日 | 1 | 日 | 日 | 日 | 日 | 日 |   |   |  |
| 日 | 日 | 日 |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 月 | 1 | 月 | 月 | 月 | 月 | 月 |   |   |  |
| 月 | 月 | 月 |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 明 | 1 | 日 | 月 | 日 | 目 | 明 | 明 | 明 |  |
| 明 | 明 | 明 |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |



## 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:

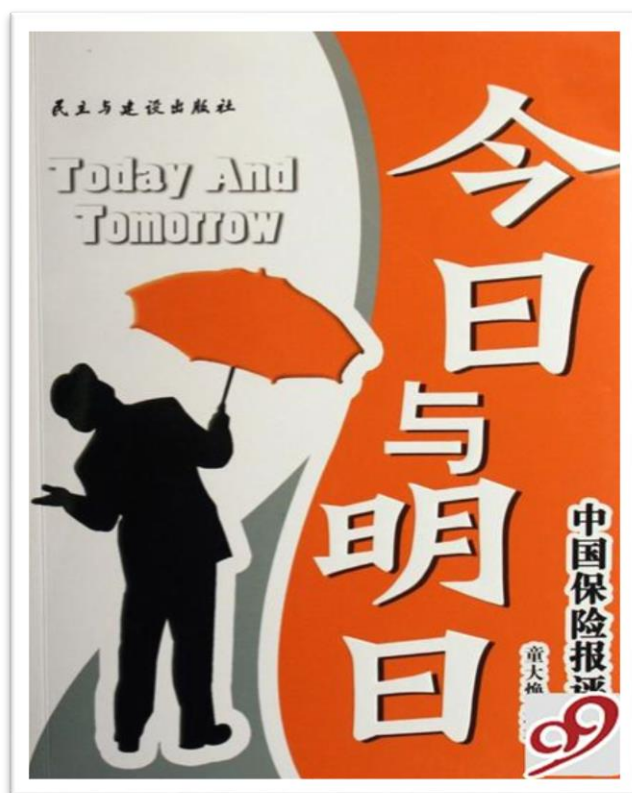


Picture 2:





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. 明天 shì jǐ yuè jǐ rì ?

What is tomorrow's date? (Lit. "Tomorrow is how many month how many day?")

2. wǒ tài tai shàng ge yuè zhōng guó le 。

My wife went to China last month. (Lit. "My wife last month go China le.")

## Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



zhōng qiū yuè bǐng

中 秋 月 饼

Mid-autumn Festival moon cake

(Mooncakes are offered between friends or on family gatherings while celebrating the festival. Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the most important Chinese holidays.)





Picture 2



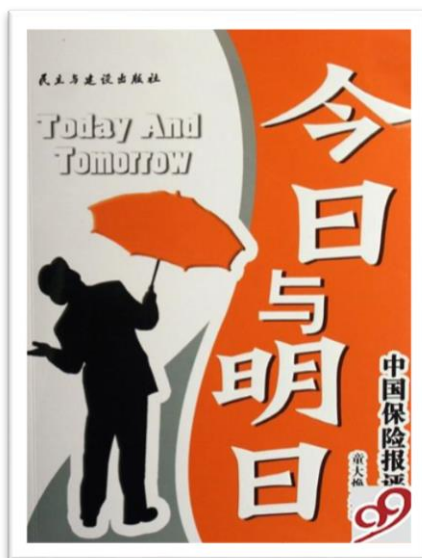
shēng **rì** kuài lè

生 **日** 快 乐

Happy birthday

(An expression of goodwill offered on a person's birthday in Chinese. You always see this on birthday cakes.)

Picture 3



jīn **rì** yǔ **míng rì**

今 **日** 与 **明** **日**

Today and tomorrow

(A book about the development of China.

The author, Tong Dahuan, is a well-known commentary writer in China.)