



## Lesson 79 Characters 235-237 样 美 差

## 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
样 (樣)	yàng	type/ kind/ model/ sample	什么样的? (什麼樣的?)	shén me yàng de	What kind/type of...?
			什么样的菜? (什麼樣的菜?)	shén me yàng de cài	What kind/type of food?
			一样 (一樣)	yí yàng	the same
			怎么样 (怎麼樣)	zěn me yàng	how is....?
			不怎么样 (不怎麼樣)	bù zěn me yàng	not great
美	měi	beautiful	美丽 (美麗)	měi lì	beautiful
			美国 (美國)	měi guó	America
			美发店 (美髮店)	měi fà diàn	hair salon



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美	měi	beautiful	美发师 (美髮師)	měi fà shī	hair stylist
差	chà	poor/ bad/ be short of/ off by	我的英语很差。 (我的英語很差。)	wǒ de yīng yǔ hěn chà	My English is terrible (poor).
			差点儿 (差點兒)	chà diǎnr	almost/nearly (Lit. off by a little)
			我差点儿忘了! (我差點忘了!)	wǒ chà diǎnr wàng le	I almost forgot!
			差五分十点 (差五分十點)	chà wǔ fēn shí diǎn	five minutes to ten/five till ten
Bonus Character			Meaning	Pinyin	
羊			sheep	yáng	

### Bonus Time

Supplementary words that contain the characters covered in this lesson		
Word	Pinyin	Meaning
爱美 (愛美)	ài měi	Like to be well groomed/be fond of fine clothes



## Supplementary words that contain the characters covered in this lesson

Word	Pinyin	Meaning
这样 (這樣)	zhè yàng	this way/such/of this kind/like this
那样 (那樣)	nà yàng	that way/such/of that kind/like that

## 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
样	样	样	样
美	美	美	美
差	差	差	差



## 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. 我听说你去过美国，你 néng 说一下美国是什么样的吗？
2. 我差点儿忘了，你上午九点 yào 见一个朋友！现在差五分九点了，你快去吧！

### 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.

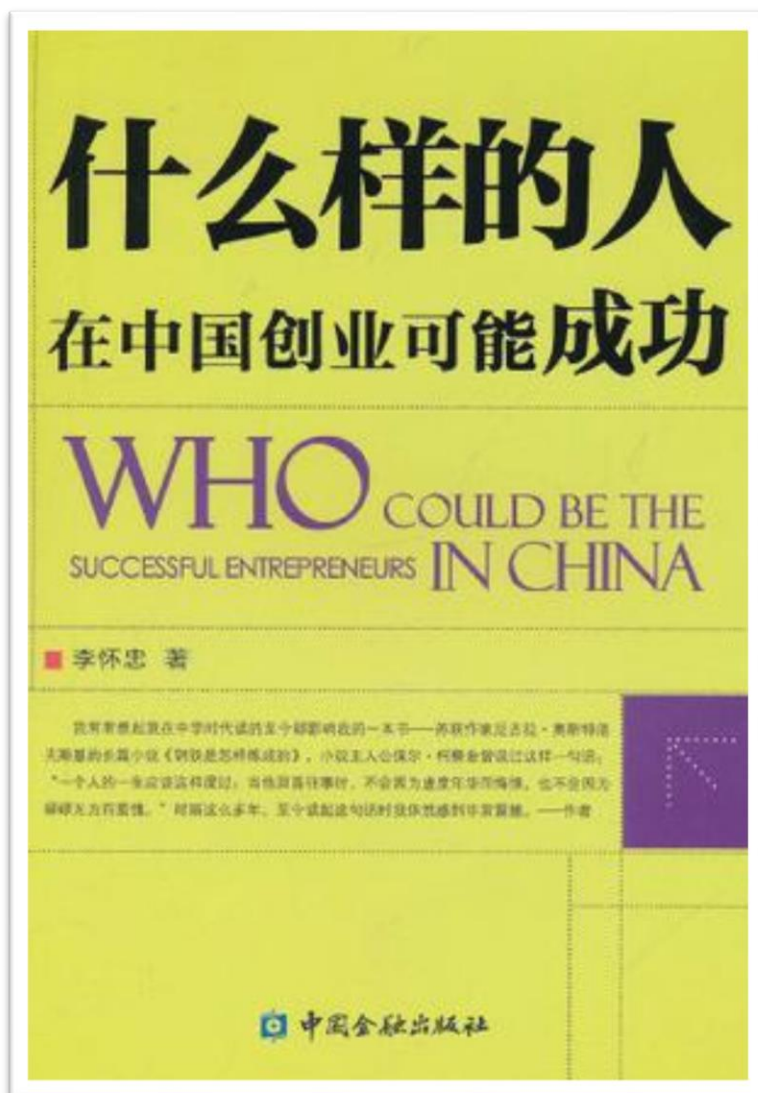
样	一 十 才 木 术 术	样	样	样					
样	样	样							
美	丿 ㇏ ㇏ ㇏ ㇏ ㇏	美	美	美					
美	美	美							
差	丿 ㇏ ㇏ ㇏ ㇏ ㇏	差	差	差					
差	差	差							



## 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. 我听说你去过美国，你 **néng** 说一下美国是什么样的吗？

I heard you've been to the U.S. before. Can you talk a little about what it's like?

(Lit. I hear you go before America, you can speak briefly America is what like (ma)?)

2. 我差点儿忘了，你上午九点 **yào** 见一个朋友！现在差五分九点了，你快去吧！

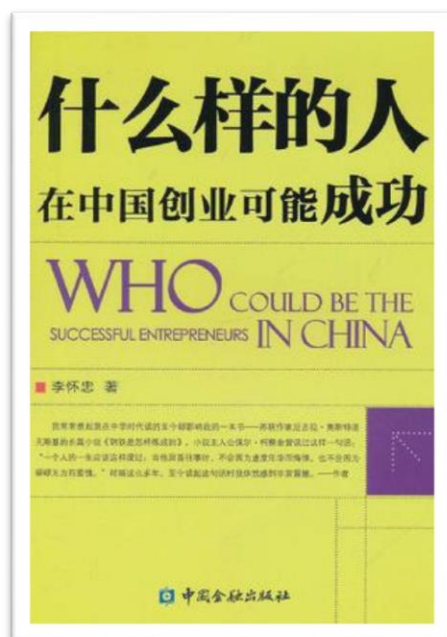
I almost forgot! You have to meet a friend at 9am! It's five till nine now, you'd better go quickly!

(I almost forgot, you morning 9:00 going to see a friend! Now less five minutes 9:00 (le), you quickly go (ba)!)

## Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



**shén me yàng de rén zài zhōng guó chuàng yè kě néng chéng gōng**  
**什 么 样 的 人 在 中 国 创 业 可 能 成 功**

What type of person might succeed in starting a business in China?

(A book analyzing what characteristics a successful entrepreneur should have if they intend to do business in China. Young entrepreneurs are rushing to launch their dream businesses as investors and policy makers enthusiastically encourage a new startup trend in China today.)



Picture 2



ná dào yīng guó

拿到 英国

(conditional offer)

zhī hòu nǐ hái chà shén me

之后

你还差什么

After receiving a British conditional offer, what are you still lacking?

(This is an ad from a company that guides students through the process of applying for British universities. The English word “offer” is often used directly in Chinese in this type of context.)

Picture 3



měi guó duì zhǎng

美国队长 2

American Captain 2

(“měi guó duì zhǎng” is the Chinese name for the *Captain America* superhero films produced by Marvel Studios.)