



Lesson 83 Characters 247-249 男 系 累

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
男	nán	male	男人	nán rén	man
			男朋友	nán péng you	boyfriend
			男生	nán shēng	boy/young man
系	xì/jì	to connect/ relate/ academic department/ to fasten/tie	没关系 (沒關係)	méi guān xi	it's okay/alright
			关系 (關係)	guān xi	relation(ship)
			关系网 (關係網)	guān xi wǎng	network of contacts
			中文系	zhōng wén xì	Chinese department
			系安全带 (繫安全帶)	jì ān quán dài	fasten seat belt
			系鞋带 (繫鞋帶)	jì xié dài	tie shoe lace



Characters Review

Character	Pinyin	Meaning	Words / Phrases that Contain this Character		
			Character	Pinyin	Meaning
累	lèi/lěi	tired/ tiring	太累了	tài lèi le	too tired
			累死了	lèi sǐ le	exhausted
			做饭很累。 (做饭很累。)	zuò fàn hěn lèi	Cooking is tiring.

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
男	男	男	男
系	系	系	系
累	累	累	累



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. A: 对不起，因为 jiā 里有点事，我来 wǎn 了！ B: 没关系！

2. A: 你是哪个系的学生？ B: 我是中文系的。

3. 今天早上运动了两个小时，累死了！

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.

系	一 丿 ㇏ ㇏ ㇏ ㇏	系	系	系					
系	系	系							
累	1 冂 冂 田 田 田	累	累	累					
累	累	累							
男	1 冂 冂 田 田 男	男	男	男					
男	男	男							



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. A: 对不起，因为 jiā 里有点事，我来 wǎn 了！ B: 没关系！

A: Sorry, something came up at home, so I'm late! B: That's ok!

(Lit. A: Sorry, because at home have a little issue, I come late (le)! B: That's ok!)

2. A: 你是哪个系的学生？ B: 我是中文系的。

A: You're a student of which department? B: I'm in the Chinese department.

(Lit. A: You are which department's student? B: I am Chinese department's.)

3. 今天早上运动了两个小时，累死了！

I exercised for two hours this morning. I'm exhausted!

(Lit. Today morning exercised two hours, tired to death (le)!)

Answer Key for Real Life Reading Practice

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

Picture 1



běi jīng dà xué zhōng wén xì

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Picture 2



nán rén bāng

男人 帮

Men's Clique

(Men's Clique was a very popular drama TV series in China, portraying love-related affairs from an amusing masculine angle.)

Picture 3



shēng huó bú yào tài lèi

生 活 不 要 太 累

Life shouldn't be too tiring

(A book that advocates a relaxing lifestyle and features short, inspiring stories)