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CHINESE WRITING SYSTEM



6 WRITINGS

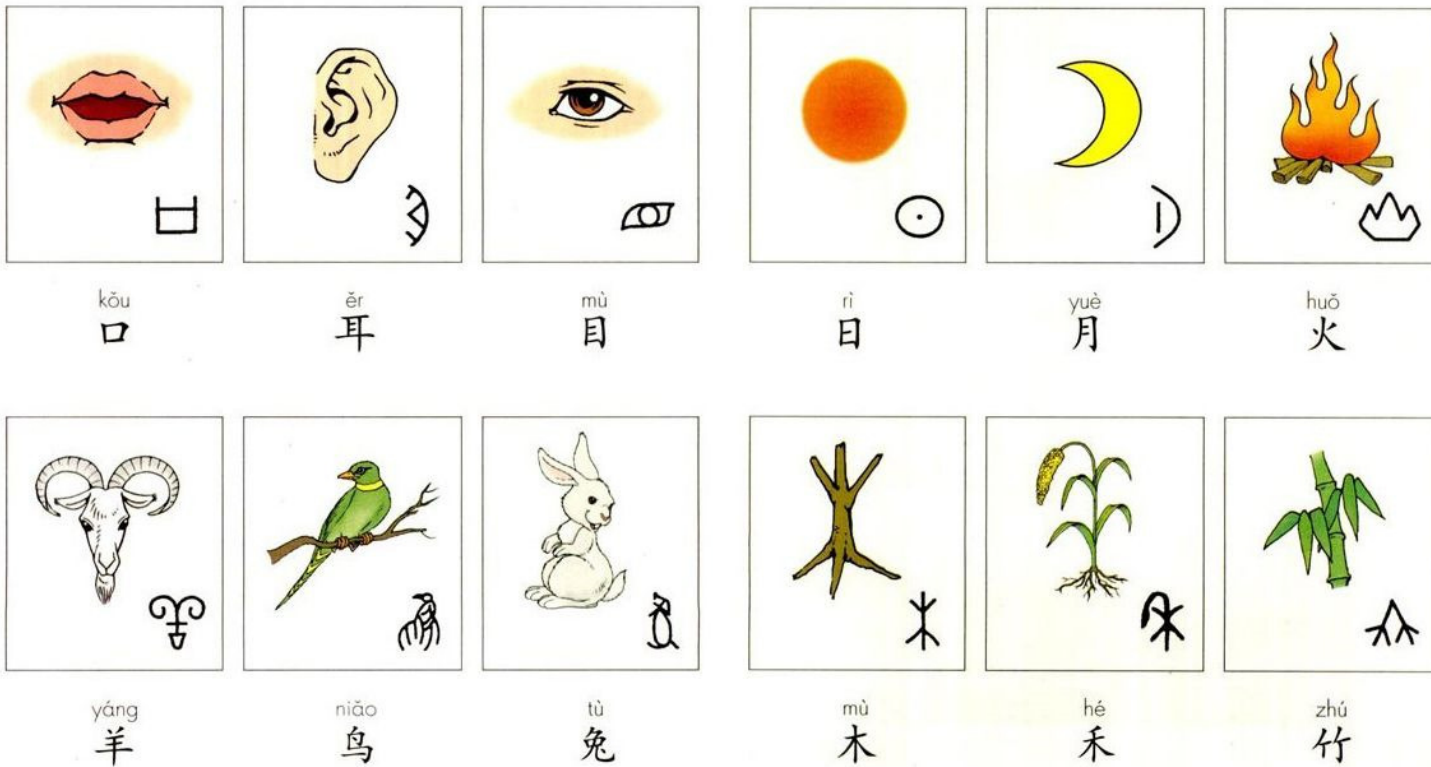
Traditional Chinese lexicography divided Chinese characters into 6 categories, known as Liù shū (六书, '6 writings').

象形 (xiàngxíng)	Pictograms
指事 (zhǐshì):	Ideograms
会意 (huìyì):	Associative compounds
形声 (xíngshēng):	Semantic-phonetic compounds
假借 (jiǎjiè):	Phonetic loan characters
转注 (zhuǎnzhù):	Mutually explanatory characters



PICTOGRAMS

Pictograms: a pictorial depiction of the objects they denote.



IDEOGRAMS

Ideograms



IDEOGRAPHIC CHARACTERS

Ideograms express an abstract idea through an iconic form, including iconic modification of pictographic characters.



“亦”是“腋”字的初文。在人的两腋加短划指示部位。

“日”字在口上标出短横代表口中发出的言语声音。

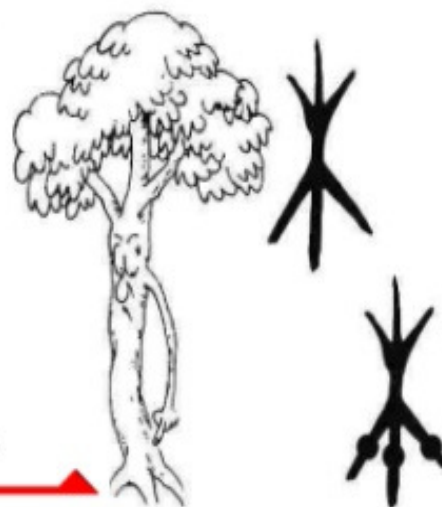


IDEOGRAPHIC CHARACTERS

- **本(běn)** ("root")
- a tree (木 mù) with the base indicated by an extra stroke.



- **末(mò)** ("apex")
- the reverse of 本 (běn), a tree with the top highlighted by an extra stroke.



ASSOCIATIVE COMPOUNDS

Associative compounds refer to graphemes in which two or more pictographic or ideographic characters are combined to suggest a third meaning.

木（林，森）

Wood (grove, forest)

人，言（信）

man, word (trust)

日，月（明）

sun, moon (bright)



SEMANTIC-PHONETIC COMPOUNDS

Semantic-phonetic compounds refer to graphemes in which one part indicates the general semantic category of the character (such as water-related or eye-related), and the other part is another character, used for its phonetic value.

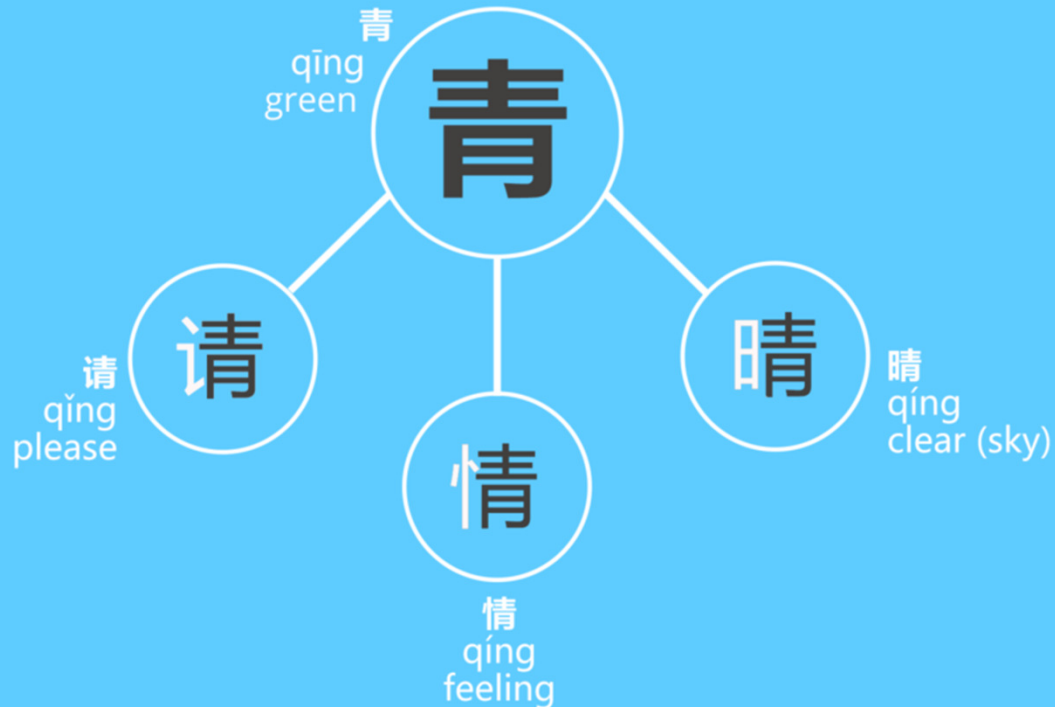
女 + 马 → 妈
female mǎ



SEMANTIC-PHONETIC COMPOUNDS

Chinese Component 青

青 is a **phonetic component** you'll often find in characters pronounced "qing".



6 WRITINGS

Question 1:

Which category forms the majority of Hanzi in Chinese?



Unlock the secret to
pronouncing 80% of all
Chinese characters



QUIZ

Q2: What Category do the following Hanzi belong to?



人

man,
person



女

woman



目

eye,
see



日

sun,
day



+



沐 (to shower)

water

mù

mù



QUIZ



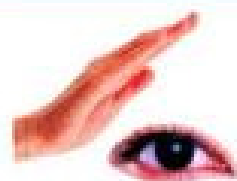
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xiū 'to rest'

kàn 'to look'

看

kàn 看见 看上 看书 看法 看望 看扁



会意

9画

手部

从手置于目上，表示远望看见
(kān 看门 看守 看管 看护 看家 看押)

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