

◆ EXERCISES on Single-Unit characters: (for traditional and simplified characters):

On the following exercise some characters are *simple* single units (completely united), some are *more complex* Single Units (they contain gaps but are considered “virtually integrated”).

◆ EXERCISE 1:

		Write Codes & Signs	Pinyin	English	ANSWERS
1	艮		gèn	tough (of food); straightforward, blunt	AV 日 艮
2	具		jù	utensil; tool; to possess; furnish	BMMC 冂 一 一 八
3	甩		shuǎi	to swing arms; to move backwards and forwards; throw	BQU 冂 丰 乚
4	弟		dì	younger brother; junior	CNLH 丩 弓 丨 丿
5	肖		xiào	resemble	FB 丩 月
6	冉		rǎn	gradually; slowly (literary)	GB 土 冂
7	赤		chì	red, bare; loyal, sincere; single-hearted	GLNC 土 丨 冂 八
8	梟★		xiāo	an owl	HAYD 丿 日 卜 木
9	裊★		niào	slender, delicate	HAYV 丿 日 卜 艮
10	乖		guāi	quiet, well behaved, clever; perverse, to oppose	HJLP 丿 十 丨 匕
11	垂		chuí	to hang down	HJTM 丿 十 卅 一
12	斤		jīn	a weight measure of about 1/2 kilogram	HML 厂 一 丨
13	几		jǐ	a small table	HN 丿 乚
14	凡		fán	ordinary	HNI 丿 乚 丶
15	牛		niú	cattle	HQ 丿 丰
16	生		shēng	to give birth, produce, life	HQM 丿 丰 一
17	毛		máo	hair, feather, wool; little; a dime 1/10 of a Yuan	HQU 丿 丰 乚

★ [梟, 裊: the corresponding simplified shapes of these two characters is [梟, 裊] and their respective code in the Guobiao environment is: PYSD and PYSV.]

	Write Codes & Signs	Pinyin	English	ANSWERS
18	乍	zhà	first, for the first time; suddenly, abruptly; spread;	HS ノ ㄟ
19	瓜	guā	melon or squash	HVIO ㄣレ ㄣ ㄣ
20	求	qiú	to request, to look for; to try; to strive for	IJE ㄣ 十 *
21	犬	quǎn	a dog	IK ㄣ 大
22	尤	yóu	most outstanding, especially; wrongdoing	IKU ㄣ ナ し
23	真	zhēn	true; real; truly	JBMC 十 月 一 へ
24	由	yóu	the cause, because, by, to allow, follow the wishes of...	LW 丨 田
25	申	shēn	to state or explain; the ninth of the twelve Earthly Branches	LWL 丨 田 丨
26	玉	yù	jade; fair beauty	MGI 一 土 ㄣ
27	原	yuán	primary; original; to forgive; a source; a plain;	MHAF 一 ノ 日 小
28	干	gān	dry; hollow; free;	MJ 一 十
29	雨	yǔ	rain	MLBY 一 丨 冂 ㄣ
30	歹	dǎi	evil; vicious; crooked	MNI ㄟ フ ㄣ
31	魚★	yú	fish	NWF 夕 田 ㄣ ㄣ
32	矢	shǐ	arrow; to vow; swear	OK ㄣ 大
33	表	biǎo	surface, exterior	QMV 丰 ㄟ 氏
34	耳	ěr	ear, something like a ear	SJ ㄟ 十
35	業★	yè	a business, employment, property; to engage in	TCTD ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ 木
36	叢★	cóng	to collect, crowd, grove	TCTE ㄣ ㄣ ㄣ 又
37	羊	yáng	a sheep	TQ ㄣ 丰

★[魚=>鱼 NWM; 業=>业 TC; 叢=>丛 OOM]

	Write Codes & Signs	Pinyin	English	Correction
38	井	jǐng	a well	TT + 井
39	幽	yōu	secluded, deep	UVII 山くムム
40	甲	jiǎ	number one; indefinite person; first of the Heavenly Stems;	WL 田
41	卓	zhuó	tall, erect, eminent	YAJ ト 田 +
42	貞★	zhēn	loyal	YBUC ト 月 口 へ
43	商	shāng	discussion	YCBR → ∨ 冂 口
44	交	jiāo	to join; to cross; to hand over; relationship;	YCK → へ 又
45	主	zhǔ	master; owner; to manage; advocate	YG → 土
46	方	fāng	square	YHS → ノ 冂
47	止	zhǐ	to stop; suppress, prohibit; only, merely	YLM ト 一
48	步	bù	a step, go on foot, a stage of development; to tread	YLMH ト 一 ノ
49	卡	kǎ	calorie; card; check post; guard- house; to block; check; strangle;	YMY ト 一 ト
50	辛	xīn	hard working; suffering, bitter, hot, pungent,	YTJ → 辛 +
51	离	chī	(related to evil spirits)	YUKB → 冂 又 冂
52	亡	wáng	to die; flee; lose; destroy; deceased	YV → 亡

★ [貞 ⇒ 贞 YBO (which is not a single unit character)]

◆ EXERCISE 2: ✂ Reconstruct the characters using the Signs as building blocks!

Look at the codes and signs in the last column of the tables above, and try to remember what character they represent; then, write the characters in the margin of the book or on a different sheet of paper.

You should hide the second and third column.

You can get hints from the English meaning column.

This exercise is highly effective for learning the signs, AND will help increase your Chinese vocabulary.