

100 Most Common Chinese Characters | Bubble Tea Island©

In this document you will find a curated list of the 100 most common Chinese characters, complete with their traditional Chinese characters, Bopomofo and Pinyin pronunciation, and English meaning.

No.	Character	Bopomofo	Pinyin	Meaning
1	的	ㄉㄜˊ	de	(possessive particle), of / truly and really / aim, clear
2	一	ㄟˊ / ㄟˋ / ㄟˊ	yī / yì / yí	one / single / a(n)
3	是	ㄕㄞˋ	shì	is, are, am, affirmative to be
4	不	ㄅㄨˋ	bù	(negative prefix) no, not
5	了	ㄌㄞˊ / ㄌㄞˋ	le / liǎo	(modal particle intensifying preceding clause), (past tense marker) / to know, to understand
6	人	ㄖㄣˊ	rén	person, individual, people
7	我	ㄨㄛˇ	wǒ	I, me, myself
8	在	ㄗㄞˋ	zài	at, in, exist
9	有	ㄩˇ	yǒu	to have, there is, there are, exist, be
10	他	ㄊㄚ	tā	he, him
11	這	ㄓㄜˋ	zhè	this, these
12	為	ㄨㄟˊ / ㄨㄟˋ	wéi / wèi	act as, take...to be, be, do, serve as, become / because of, for, to
13	之	ㄓ	zhī	marks preceding phrases as modifier of following phrase
14	大	ㄉㄞˋ	dà	big, huge, large, major, great, wide, deep, oldest, eldest / doctor
15	來	ㄌㄞˊ	lái	to come
16	以	ㄩˇ	yǐ	to use, take, according to, because of, in order to
17	個	ㄍㄜˋ	gè	(a measure word), individual
18	中	ㄓㄨㄥ	zhōng	within, among, in, middle, center, while (doing something), during
19	上	ㄕㄞˋ	shàng	above, on, over, top, go up, last, previous

20	們	ㄇㄣˊ	men	(plural marker for pronouns and animate nouns)
21	到	ㄉㄠˋ	dào	to reach, until, up to, to go, to arrive
22	說	ㄕㄨㄛ	shuō	to express, to communicate
23	國	ㄍㄨㄛˊ	guó	country, state, nation
24	和	ㄏㄜˊ / ㄏㄨㄛˋ	hé / huò	and, together, with, peace, harmony
25	地	ㄉㄧˊ	de / dì	-ly, earth, ground, field, place, land
26	也	ㄧㄝˇ	yě	also, too, as well
27	子	ㄗˇ	zǐ	child, son
28	時	ㄕㄨˊ	shí	time, when, hour, period, season
29	道	ㄉㄠˋ	dào	way, path, method, road, principle, truth, reason, skill, Tao (of Taoism), to say, to speak, to talk
30	出	ㄔㄨ	chū	to go out, to come out, to emerge, to appear, to happen
31	而	ㄦˊ	ér	and, as well as, but (not), yet (not), shows causal relation, shows change of state, shows contrast
32	要	ㄧㄠˋ	yào / yāo	important, to want, to be going to, must, demand, ask, request
33	於	ㄩˊ	yú	at, in, regarding
34	就	ㄐㄧㄡˋ	jiù	just, then, only, right away
35	下	ㄒㄧㄚˋ	xià	below, under, down, next
36	得	ㄉㄜˊ	dé / de / děi	to obtain, to get, to need to, must, have to
37	可	ㄎㄜˇ	kě	can, may, able to, certain, particle used for emphasis
38	你	ㄋㄧˇ	nǐ	you
39	年	ㄋㄧㄢˊ	nián	year
40	生	ㄕㄨㄥ	shēng	to be born, to give birth, life, to grow
41	自	ㄗˋ	zì	self, oneself, from, since
42	會	ㄏㄨㄟˋ	huì	able, capable, to meet, meeting, society, union, party
43	那	ㄋㄚˊ	nà	that, those
44	後	ㄏㄠˋ	hòu	later, afterwards, after, back, behind
45	能	ㄋㄥˊ	néng	can, may, capable, able, energy

46	對	ㄉㄨㄟˋ	duì	towards, facing, to oppose, to answer, to direct, couple, pair, correct, right
47	著	ㄓㄨㄛˊ / ㄓㄨㄛˋ / ㄓㄠˊ / ㄓㄠˋ	zhe / zhuó / zhāo / zháo	indicating ongoing action/state
48	事	ㄕˋ	shì	matter, thing, item, work, affair
49	其	ㄎㄟˊ	qí	its, their, his, her, that, such, referring to preceding subject
50	裡	ㄌㄩˇ	lǐ	within, inside
51	所	ㄙㄨㄛˇ	suǒ	actually, place
52	去	ㄑㄩˋ	qù	to go, to leave, to depart
53	行	ㄒㄩㄥˊ	háng / xíng	a row, profession, professional / all right, capable, competent, okay, to do, to travel, to walk, behavior, conduct
54	過	ㄍㄨㄛˋ	guò	(past tense marker), to cross, to pass, to live, to experience
55	家	ㄐㄩㄞ	jiā	home, family, person engaged in a certain art or profession
56	十	ㄕˊ	shí	ten
57	用	ㄩㄥˋ	yòng	to use
58	發	ㄈㄚˊ	fā	to send out, to express (one's feelings), to issue, to develop 去一馬
59	天	ㄊㄩㄢ	tiān	day, sky, heaven
60	如	ㄖㄨˊ	rú	as (if), such as
61	然	ㄖㄢˊ	rán	indeed, right, so, thus, like this, -ly
62	作	ㄗㄨㄛˋ	zuò	to consider, to take (someone) as, to do, to create
63	方	ㄈㄤ	fāng	square, quadrilateral, direction, just
64	成	ㄔㄩㄥˊ	chéng	accomplish, achieve, complete, become, transform, win, succeed
65	者	ㄓㄥˇ	zhě	-ist, -er (person), person (who does something)
66	多	ㄉㄨㄛ	duō	many, much, numerous, a lot of, multiple
67	日	ㄖˋ	rì	day, sun, date, day of the month
68	都	ㄉㄡ	dōu	all, both (if two things are involved), entirely, every, even, already

69	三	厶 𠂇	sān	three
70	小	丿 一 幺 丶	xiǎo	small, tiny, few, young
71	軍	冫 冫 冫	jūn	army, military, armed forces
72	二	儿 丶	èr	two
73	無	ㄨ 丶	wú	without, not to have, no, none, not, lack of, un-
74	同	去 ㄨ 厶 丶	tóng	like, same, similar, together, in unison
75	麼	冂 ㄗ 丶	me	(interrogative suffix)
76	經	冫 一 厶	jīng	classics, scripture, pass through, experience, undergo
77	法	冂 ㄚ 丶	fǎ	law, method, way, principle, doctrine
78	當	勹 尢 / 勹 尢 丶	dāng / dàng	to be, to act as, manage, withstand, when, during, ought to, should, equal, right at, on the spot, just at / at or in the very same..., to handle, to replace
79	起	勹 一 丶	qǐ	qǐ: to rise, to get up, to start, to initiate
80	與	冫 丶 / 冫 丶 / 冫 丶	yú / yǔ / yù	(interrogative particle) / and, with, to give, together with / participate in
81	好	厂 幺 丶 / 厂 幺 丶	hǎo / hào	excellent, fine, great / to like, to be fond of
82	看	勹 𠂇 / 勹 𠂇 丶	kān / kàn	to take care of, to attend to, to observe, to gaze / it depends, to consider, to perceive, to watch
83	學	丿 冫 卩 丶	xué	to acquire knowledge, to learn, academic, learning
84	進	冫 一 冫 丶	jìn	to advance, to enter, to move forward
85	種	艹 ㄨ 厶 丶 / 艹 ㄨ 厶 丶	zhǒng / zhòng	kind, species, variety / to cultivate, to grow, to plant
86	將	冫 一 尢 / 冫 一 尢 丶	jiāng / jiàng	(will, shall, future tense), to be about to, to handle, to lead / a military general
87	還	厂 𠂇 丶 / 厂 ㄨ 𠂇 丶	hái / huán	also, furthermore, moreover, still, yet, additionally / (surname), to repay, to return
88	分	冂 冫 / 冂 冫 丶	fēn / fèn	to divide, to separate, minute, (a measure word), (a unit of length = 0.33 centimeter) / part, portion

89	此	㇏	cǐ	this, these, this (referring to something nearby)
90	心	㇏	xīn	heart, mind, innermost feelings
91	前	㇏	qián	before, in front, ahead, previous, former, frontward
92	面	㇏	miàn	face, surface, aspect, side, appearance
93	又	㇏	yòu	(once) again, also, moreover, furthermore
94	定	㇏	dìng	to determine, to fix, to set, to establish, definite
95	見	㇏ / ㇏	jiàn / xiàn	to see, to meet, to perceive, to appear / to appear, to manifest
96	只	㇏	zhǐ	only, merely, just, but
97	主	㇏	zhǔ	to own, to host, master, principal, main
98	沒	㇏ / ㇏	méi / mò	(negative prefix for verbs), not have, not, haven't / to sink, to disappear
99	公	㇏	gōng	fair, just, public, common, honorable
100	從	㇏	cóng	from, since, to follow, to obey, to undertake, to pursue

