

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	ㄉㄔ	de	(possessive particle), of / truly and really / aim, clear
2	一	ㄧ / ㄧˋ / ㄧˊ	yī / yì / yí	one / single / a(n)
3	是	ㄕ	shì	is, are, am, affirmative to be
4	不	ㄅㄨˋ	bù	(negative prefix) no, not
5	了	ㄌㄉㄕ / ㄌㄧㄉㄕ	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	ㄧㄡˇ	yǒu	to have, there is, there are, exist, be
10	他	ㄊㄚ	tā	he, him
11	這	ㄓㄔ	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	ㄉㄚˋ	dà	big, huge, large, major, great, wide, deep, oldest, eldest / doctor
15	來	ㄌㄞˊ	lái	to come
16	以	ㄧˇ	yǐ	to use, take, according to, because of, in order to
17	個	ㄍㄕ	gè	(a measure word), individual
18	中	ㄓㄨㄥ	zhōng	within, among, in, middle, center, while (doing something), during
19	上	ㄕㄤˋ	shàng	above, on, over, top, go up, last, previous

20	們	ㄇㄣˊ	men	(plural marker for pronouns and animate nouns)
21	到	ㄉㄤˋ	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	ㄏㄜˋ / ㄏㄨㄛˋ	hé / huò	and, together, with, peace, harmony
25	地	ㄉ一ˋ	de / dì	-ly, earth, ground, field, place, land
26	也	一ㄝˇ	yě	also, too, as well
27	子	ㄗˇ	zǐ	child, son
28	時	ㄕˊ	shí	time, when, hour, period, season
29	道	ㄉㄤˋ	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	一ㄩˋ	yào / yāo	important, to want, to be going to, must, demand, ask, request
33	於	ㄩˊ	yú	at, in, regarding
34	就	ㄩ一ㄡˋ	jiù	just, then, only, right away
35	下	ㄒㄧㄚˋ	xià	below, under, down, next
36	得	ㄉㄜˋ	dé / de / děi	to obtain, to get, to need to, must, have to
37	可	ㄉㄜˇ	kě	can, may, able to, certain, particle used for emphasis
38	你	ㄉㄧˇ	nǐ	you
39	年	ㄉㄧㄢˊ	nián	year
40	生	ㄉㄥ	shēng	to be born, to give birth, life, to grow
41	自	ㄉˋ	zì	self, oneself, from, since
42	會	ㄏㄨㄟˋ	huì	able, capable, to meet, meeting, society, union, party
43	那	ㄉㄚˋ	nà	that, those
44	後	ㄏㄡˋ	hòu	later, afterwards, after, back, behind
45	能	ㄉㄥˊ	néng	can, may, capable, able, energy

46	對	ㄉㄨㄝˋ	duì	towards, facing, to oppose, to answer, to direct, couple, pair, correct, right
47	著	ㄓㄢˋ / ㄓㄨㄛˊ / ㄓㄠˋ / ㄓㄠˊ	zhe / zhuó / zhāo / zháo	indicating ongoing action/state
48	事	ㄕˋ	shì	matter, thing, item, work, affair
49	其	ㄑㄧˊ	qí	its, their, his, her, that, such, referring to preceding subject
50	裡	ㄌㄧˇ	lǐ	within, inside
51	所	ㄉㄨㄛˇ	suǒ	actually, place
52	去	ㄑㄩˋ	qù	to go, to leave, to depart
53	行	ㄒㄧㄥˊ	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	ㄐㄧㄚ	jiā	home, family, person engaged in a certain art or profession
56	十	ㄕˊ	shí	ten
57	用	ㄩㄥˋ	yòng	to use
58	發	ㄈㄚ	fā	to send out, to express (one's feelings), to issue, to develop去一馬
59	天	ㄊㄧㄢ	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	ㄔㄥˊ	chéng	accomplish, achieve, complete, become, transform, win, succeed
65	者	ㄓㄢˋ	zhě	-ist, -er (person), person (who does something)
66	多	ㄉㄨㄛ	duō	many, much, numerous, a lot of, multiple
67	日	ㄉㄧˋ	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	厃 马	sān	three
70	小	丁一乚	xiǎo	small, tiny, few, young
71	軍	彳 口 亼	jūn	army, military, armed forces
72	二	儿`	èr	two
73	無	乂`	wú	without, not to have, no, none, not, lack of, un-
74	同	大 乂 ㄥ`	tóng	like, same, similar, together, in unison
75	麼	口 ㄔ`	me	(interrogative suffix)
76	經	彳 一 ㄥ	jīng	classics, scripture, pass through, experience, undergo
77	法	匚 ㄚ`	fǎ	law, method, way, principle, doctrine
78	當	ㄉ ㄉ / ㄉ ㄉ`	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	ㄑ 一 ˇ	qǐ	qǐ: to rise, to get up, to start, to initiate
80	與	ㄩ / ㄩ / ㄩ`	yú / yǔ / yù	(interrogative particle) / and, with, to give, together with / participate in
81	好	厂 乚 / 厂 乚`	hǎo / hào	excellent, fine, great / to like, to be fond of
82	看	ㄎ ㄎ / ㄎ ㄎ`	kān / kàn	to take care of, to attend to, to observe, to gaze / it depends, to consider, to perceive, to watch
83	學	丁 ㄉ ㄉ`	xué	to acquire knowledge, to learn, academic, learning
84	進	ㄉ 一 亼`	jìn	to advance, to enter, to move forward
85	種	ㄓ ㄨㄥ ˇ / ㄓ ㄨㄥ ㄥ`	zhǒng / zhòng	kind, species, variety / to cultivate, to grow, to plant
86	將	ㄉ 一 ㄉ / ㄉ 一 ㄉ`	jiāng / jiàng	(will, shall, future tense), to be about to, to handle, to lead / a military general
87	還	厂 ㄞ ˊ / 厂 ㄨ ㄞ`	hái / huán	also, furthermore, moreover, still, yet, additionally / (surname), to repay, to return
88	分	匚 亼 / 匚 亼`	fēn / fèn	to divide, to separate, minute, (a measure word), (a unit of length = 0.33 centimeter) / part, portion

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

