

## CHAPTER 5

### 郊外風光好 gaau1 ngoi6 fung1 gwong1 hou2 At the outskirts of town, the scenery is lovely.

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Count the number of animals you can see on these 2 pages and write the number in the box.

郊外	gaau1 ngoi6	On the outskirts of town, it usually means 'the countryside on the outskirts of town'.
風光	fung1 gwong1	scenery
好	hou2	good
風	fung1	wind
兒	ji4	This is a little sound that makes the poem sound more sing-songy & suitable for children
吹	ceoi1	to blow
花	faa1	flowers
搖	jiu4	shake – sway
草	cou2	grass
點頭	dim2 tau4	nods its head
笑	siu3	smiles, laughs
鳥	niu5	bird
飛	fei1	flies
魚	jyu4	fish
游	jau4	swim
狗	gau2	dog
追	zeoi1	chases
小	siu2	little
牛	ngau4	cow

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Have you seen these ancient characters?  
Guess what characters they are?

### Bubble

I find that these characters are all related to:

植物 zik6 mat6 plants

動物 dung6 mat6 animals

## Page 25

In groups of two, look at the illustrations and ancient characters. Recognize and read the characters (in the right hand column.)

禾 wo4 grain of rice

米 mai5 rice (uncooked grains)

竹 zuk1 bamboo

瓜 gwaa1 melon, gourd type of veg.

果 gwo2 fruit

The characters in the right hand column have evolved from the ancient characters shown in the middle column. These are commonly used characters, which are sometimes used as stand alone characters and sometimes are a component within a character. So it's really worth learning these 'pictographs' as they can often help us understand the meaning of a character.

For example:

西瓜 sai1 gwaa1 watermelon

哈密瓜 haa1 mat6 gwaa1 Hami melon (cantaloupe type)

蛋糕 = cake. (Literally, in Chinese it's 'egg cake'). The second character 糕 has got a 米 on the left hand side. In China, cakes would be made with rice flour.

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I think these characters are all related to:

植物 zik6 mat6 plants

貓	maau1	cat
鳥	niu5	bird
馬	maa5	horse
花	faa1	flower
羊	joeng4	sheep, goat
蟲	cung4	insect, bug
兒	ji4	a noun ending that makes the words sound more soft and cutesy for small children.

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Some basic strokes.

There are no fixed English name for these strokes.

提	tai4	小手往上提	siu2 sau2 wong5 soeng5 tai4	The little hand rises up. (This stroke looks like a hand making an upwards motion – and the stroke is written, left to right, with the pen rising up through the stroke).
鈎	ngau1	豎鈎像魚鈎	syu6 ngau1 zoeng6 jyu4 ngau1	Vertical hook looks like a fishing hook
折	zit3	橫折像拐棍	waang4 zit3 zoeng6 gwaai2 gwan3	horizontal bend looks like a walking stick