

## CHAPTER 26

### 猜字謎 caai1 zi6 mai4

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猜	caai1	guess
字	zi6	(Chinese) character
謎	mai4	puzzle, riddle
祝枝山	zuk1 zil saan1	A famous Ming Dynasty calligrapher, poet and writer.
唐伯虎	tong4 baak3 fu2	A famous Ming Dynasty Chinese painter, calligrapher, and poet from the.
文徵明	man4 zing1 ming4	A famous Ming Dynasty painter, calligrapher, and poet.
好朋友	hou2 pang4 jau5	good friends
明朝	ming4 ciu4	Ming Dynasty (1368 to 1644)
著名	zyu3 ming4	famous
文人	man4 jan4	scholar, cultured person
<b>Paragraph 2</b>		
有一回	jau5 jat1 wui4	one time

聚	zeoi6	gathered
在一起	zoi6 jat1 hei2	together
一邊…一邊…	jat1 bin1 ...jat1 bin1 ...	doing this... whilst also doing this... simultaneously
吃飯	hek3 faan6	eating
喝酒	hot3 zau2	drinking wine
說笑	syut3 siu3	talking and laughing
謎語	mai4 jyu5	riddles
誰	seoi4	who, whoever
猜不着	caai1 bat1 zyu3	cannot guess it
請客	cing2 haak3	treats the other guests
古代	gu2 doi6	in ancient times
現代	jin6 doi6	current times
無	mou4	does not have
唐朝	tong4 ciu4	Tang Dynasty
宋朝	sung3 ciu4	Song Dynasty

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才思敏捷	coi4 si1 man5 zit6	have a quick imagination
馬上	maa5 soeng5	immediately
謎底	mai4 dai2	solution to the riddle
編成	pin1 sing4	put together, make into
字謎	zi6 mai4	riddle that uses Chinese characters
善人	sin6 jan4	good person, charitable person
惡人	ngok3 jan4	bad person
智者	zi3 ze2	wise person

愚者	jyu4 ze2	stupid person
<a href="#">Paragraph 2</a>		
不甘落後	bat1 gam1 lok6 hau6	didn't want to be left behind
右邊	jau6 bin1	on the right
左邊	zo2 bin1	on the left
這邊	ze5 bin1	this side
那邊	naa5 bin1	that side
熱鬧	jit6 naau6	noisily (in a good way)
互相	wu6 soeng1	each other

This chapter is talking about 口 hau2 (mouth) when it's used as a component in a character. When the component 口 is on the left of a character, the character's meaning often has something to do with the mouth - the mouth itself 嘴, a verb that uses the mouth (吃 eating & 喝 drinking) or a noise made by the mouth, like an exclamation 啊, or to represent the sound that animals make etc. 吱吱。

When the 口 is elsewhere in the character, the 'mouth' meaning is less obvious, but the characters usually still have something to do with people.

The examples given on [Page 55](#) are:

請	cing2	please. 言 This radical is the 'speech radical'. The 口 at the bottom, shows this has something to do with talking.
給	kap1	give
右	jau6	right (opposite of left)
智	zi3	wisdom
名	ming4	name
個	go3	one, one unit of measure word for people
喝	hot3	drinking
嘴	zeoi2	mouth