

CHAPTER 18

魔法識字 mo1 faat3 sik1 zi6

Using magic to recognize characters

Chapter 18 consists of 2 songs. The song on Page 8 is about the component 馬 maa5 the 'horse component'. The song on Page 9 is about the component 青 cing1.

Quizlet flashcards for the text can be found here:

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魔法	mo1 faat3	magic
識字	sik1 zi6	recognise characters
馬	maa5	horse
字	zi6	Chinese character
歌	go1	song
愛	ngoi3	love to
畫	waak6	draw
白	baak6	white
騎	ke4	to ride (a horse)
着 騎着	zoek6 ke4 zoek6	Grammatical: shows a continuous state, action in progress. Here: riding
走	zau2	walk
天下	tin1 haa6	under the sky - the world
走天下	zau2 tin1 haa6	venture out, go on an adventure
螞蟻	maa1 ngai5	ants

忙	mong4	busy
搬家	bun1 gaa1	moving house
媽媽	maa1 maa1	Mum
她	taa1	her
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青	cing1	The Chinese character 青 Means 'green'
河水	ho4 seoi2	the river water
清清	cing1 cing1	clear
天氣	tin1 hei3	the weather
晴	cing4	fine, clear
青蛙	cing1 waa1	frogs
心情	sam1 cing4	mood, state of mind
呱	gu1	the noise a frog makes 'croak' 'rimmit'
叫 叫不停	giu3 giu3 bat1 ting4	to call calling without stopping
忽然間	fat1 jin4 gaan1	suddenly
瞪	dang3	to stare
大眼睛	daai6 ngaan5 zing1	big eyes
安靜	ngon1 zing6	calm
小朋友	siu2 pang4 jau5	children
請	cing2	please
猜猜	caai1 caai1	guess
發生	faat3 saang1	to happen
什麼	sam6 mo1	what
事情	si6 cing4	thing
發生什麼事情	faat3 saang1 sam6 mo1 si6 cing4	what's happening? what happened?

This chapter introduces some more components.

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The component 青 cing1.

On its own, the Chinese character 青 cing1 means ‘green’. But when it’s used as part of a character, it’s often a phonetic component and tells us something about how the character is pronounced.

Phonetic components are not 100% reliable! But they give us some clue to the pronunciation.

The examples on Page 10 are:

睛	zing1	eye
清	cing1	clear (water)
晴	cing4	fine, clear (weather)
情	cing4	feelings