

CHAPTER 1

提手旁歌 tai4 sau2 pong4 go1

The hand radical song

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This chapter is introducing a component called ‘the hand radical’.

Hand is written 手 shǒu. In its contracted form it becomes 扌.

Chinese characters that have a 扌 in them usually have something to do with a movement that uses the hand.

扌 is always found on the left hand side of a character.

Examples of these words can be found in the text and are highlighted in blue, below.

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提手	tai4 sau2	raise hand
旁	pong4	radical component on the side of a character
歌	go1	song
動作	dung6 zok3	movements
多	do1	many
指	zi2	point
摸	mo2	touch, feel
高興	gou1 hing1	happy

拍手	paak3 sau2	clap your hands
反對	faan2 deoi3	oppose, disagree
搖手	jiu4 sau2	shake/wave your hand – when you disagree/not happy
見面	gin3 min6	meet, see each other
握手	aak1 sau2	shake hands
再見	zoi3 gin3	bye bye
擺手	baai2 sau2	wave

Grammar point

The verbs are repeated in this song. Chinese does this a lot. Repeating the verb lightens the tone – making the sentence sound softer... more casual.

Sometimes a ‘一’ is placed in between the two verbs. Sometimes not.

指	zi2	point
指一指	zi2 jat zi2	
摸	mo2	touch, feel
摸一摸	mo2 jat mo2	
拍手	paak3 sau2	clap your hands
拍拍手	paak3 paak3 sau2	

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