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CHAPTER 3

從觀察中識字 cun4 gun1 caat3 zung1 sik1 zi6

Recognising characters from observation

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This chapter introduces two more radicals the bamboo radical and the grass radical.

竹字頭 zuk1 zi6 tau4 bamboo radical

草字頭 cou2 zi6 tau4 grass radical

The character for bamboo is: 竹 zuk1. This contracted and the radical became: 𪔐

The character for grass is: 草 cou2. This contracted and the radical became: 艹

or 艹

The radicals in Chapters 1 & 2 (扌 and 艹/艹) are found on the left hand side of the character. But the ‘bamboo radical’ and the ‘grass radical’ appear at the top of the character.

We often use the word ‘radicals’. Actually, these are ‘semantic components’ – they are a part of the character that give us an idea of what the character means.

Characters using the ‘bamboo radical’ often refer to items currently or previously made in bamboo.

Characters using the ‘grass radical’ are often plants – fruits and vegetables. They are not exactly ‘grass’ – but the grass radical shows a relationship with plants.

Vocabulary on Page 9

管	gun2	straw
笆	baa1	fence

籃	laam4	basket
筒	tung2	tube, cylinder shaped object
筆	bat1	pen
筷 (筷子)	faai3	chopsticks
菊花	guk1 faa1	chrysanthemum
葡萄	pou4 tou4	grapes
蘿蔔	lo4 baak6	radish type vegetable The picture in the book is of carrots as they are part of the 蘿蔔 lo4 baak6 family.
荷花	ho4 faa1	lotus flower
草莓	cou2 mui4	strawberry
菠菜	bo1 coi3	spinach