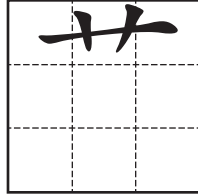


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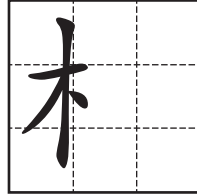
Chinese writing is complex, but there are many repeated parts of characters that can help you guess a word's meaning. Using just the components pictured below and a bit of deductive reasoning, try to match all the Chinese and English words on this page.



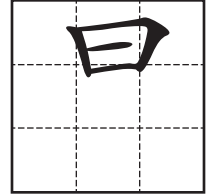
mountain



grass



tree



sun

- The meanings given here are loose associations, think creatively!
- The positions indicated here are common, but not absolute. Sometimes they move around.
- Do **not** try to learn all the words, just practice using components to guess meanings.

(一)

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| 1. 草 ___ | a. morning |
| 2. 树 ___ | b. grass |
| 3. 早 ___ | c. coast |
| 4. 岸 ___ | d. tree |

(二)

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|----------|---------------|
| 1. 柴 ___ | a. flower |
| 2. 明 ___ | b. hillock |
| 3. 岗 ___ | c. firewood |
| 4. 花 ___ | d. brightness |

(三)

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| 1. 岩石 ___ | a. sesame seed |
| 2. 森林 ___ | b. sunlight |
| 3. 阳光 ___ | c. forest |
| 4. 芝麻 ___ | d. rock |

(四)

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| 1. 桌子 ___ | a. planet |
| 2. 行星 ___ | b. mango |
| 3. 芒果 ___ | c. island |
| 4. 岛屿 ___ | d. desk |

Moving parts: Circle the four components from above in each character below

屿 树 桌 星 岭 岩 时
 阳 宋 岗 明 椅 岛 岔 晨
 暂 峨 样 昏 晃 杏 呆