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## Chinese Characters

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# Evaluation in Character

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Table of basic strokes

| Name<br>(pinyin, trad./simp.) | CJK stroke                                                                          | Translation<br>of Chinese name | Additional<br>description                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Simple strokes</b>         |                                                                                     |                                |                                              |
| <i>Diǎn</i> , 點/点             |    | "Dot"                          | Tiny dash, speck                             |
| <i>Héng</i> , 横               |    | "Horizontal"                   | Rightward stroke                             |
| <i>Shù</i> , 豎/竖              |    | "Vertical"                     | Downward stroke                              |
| <i>Tí</i> , 提                 |  | "Rise"                         | Flick up and rightwards                      |
| <i>Nà</i> , 捺                 |  | "Press down"                   | Falling rightwards (fattening at the bottom) |
| <i>Piě</i> , 撇                |  | "Throw away"                   | Falling leftwards (with slight curve)        |



1. Top before bottom



2. Left before right



3. Left vertical stroke (usually) before top horizontal stroke



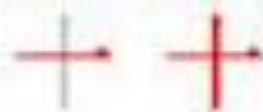
4. Bottom horizontal stroke last



5. Center stroke before wings



6. Horizontal strokes before intersecting vertical strokes



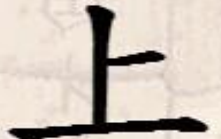
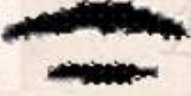
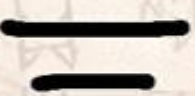
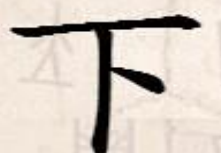
7. Left-falling strokes before right-falling strokes



8. Minor strokes (often) last

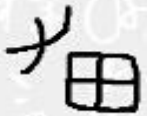


# 指事字 *zhǐ shì zì* (point-thing characters)

| 圖片或說明                                                                               | 甲骨文                                                                                 | 金文                                                                                    | 小篆                                                                                    | 隸書                                                                                    | 楷書                                                                                    |
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# 会意字 *huì yì zì* (assemble-thought characters)

| 圖片或說明                                                                               | 甲骨文                                                                                 | 金文                                                                                    | 小篆                                                                                    | 隸書                                                                                    | 楷書                                                                                    |
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