

MOST COMMON CHINESE CHARACTERS (1-25)

#	HANZI S / T	PINYIN / ENGLISH	OTHER PRONUNCIATIONS	SIMILAR HANZI	RADICAL
1	的	(de) possessive particle, used after an attribute, used to form a nominal expression, used at the end of a declarative sentence for emphasis	(dī) seen in the compound words (dì) aim, clear (dí) really and truly		#106 白 (bái) white
2	一	(yī) one	(yí) used before 4th & 5th tones in compound words (yì) used before 1st, 2nd & 3rd tones in compound words.	壹(yī) one (banker's anti-fraud numeral) 幺 么 (yāo) one or ace on dice or dominoes	#1 一 (yī) one
3	是	(shì) to be			#72 日 (rì) sun
4	不	(bù) not	(bú) used before 4 th tone in compound words		#1 一 (yī) one
5	了	(le) verb particle marking a new situation or a completed action	(liǎo) to finish, achieve, understand clearly, (of eyes) bright, clear-sighted (liào) variant of 瞭 (liào) to watch from a height or distance, to survey		#6 丿 (jué) hook
6	人	(rén) person			#9 人 - 亻 (rén) man

7	我	(wǒ) I, me, my			#62 戈 (gē) halberd
8	在	(zài) (located) at, to exist			#32 土 (tǔ) earth
9	有	(yǒu) have, there is			#74 月 (yuè) moon
10	他	(tā) he, him, used for either sex when sex is unknown or not important			#9 人 - 亻 (rén) man
11	这(這)	(zhè) this			#162 辵 - 辵 - 辵 - 辵 (chuò) walk
12	中	(zhōng) middle, center, among	(zhòng) hit the mark, suffer, win a (prize, etc.)		#2 丨 (gǔn) line
13	大	(dà) big, huge	(dài) seen in the compound words		#37 大 (dà) big
14	来(來)	(lái) to come, to arrive			#75 木 (mù) tree
15	上	(shàng) on top, above, upon	(shǎng) seen in the compound words		#1 一 (yī) one
16	国(國)	(guó) country, state, nation, family name			#31 匚 (wéi) enclosure
17	个(個)	(gè) general and non- specific classifier	(gě) seen in the compound words		#2 丨 (gǔn) line

18	到	(dào) to, towards, until, arrive, reach			#18 刀 - 刀 - 刀 ~ (dāo) knife
19	说(說)	(shuō) to speak, to say, explain, scold	(shuì) to persuade		#149 言 - 言 (yán) speech
20	们(們)	(men) plural marker for pronouns and nouns referring to individuals.			#9 人 - 人 (rén) man
21	为(為)	(wèi) because of, for, to	(wéi) as (in the capacity of), to take something as, to act as		#3 、 (zhǔ) dot
22	子	(zǐ) child, son	(zi) noun suffix		#39 子 (zǐ) child
23	和	(hé) and, together, with, family name, Japanese (food, clothes, etc.)	(hè) join in singing, to chime in with others (huó) to combine powdery substance with water (huò) mix, blend (hú) complete a set in Mahjong or playing cards		#30 口 (kǒu) mouth
24	你	(nǐ) you (informal)		您 (nín) you (formal) 妳 (nǚ) you (female) 祢 (nǐ) you, thou (of deity)	#9 人 - 人 (rén) man
25	地	(de) -ly, structural particle: used before an adjective, linking it to the preceding modifying	(dì) earth, ground, field		#32 土 (tǔ) earth

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