

Radical Trumps Part 1 and Part 2

Instructions

A radical is part of a Chinese character which can give you a clue about the meaning of a character.

Playing Radical Trumps Part 1 and Part 2 will not only help you to learn 68 of the most common radicals (out of a total of 189) but it will also help you to understand how they appear in other words and characters. This makes the process of recognising and remembering new words quicker, easier and a whole lot more fun.

Deck content:

34 cards



2-6 players

Aim:

Win all the cards in the deck.



Setup:

Shuffle the deck and deal the cards evenly between all the players.

Hold your cards face up in a pile so you can only see the top card.

How to play:

1. The youngest player starts by choosing the best statistic from their top card eg: Frequency 91. The other players then read out their statistic from the same category. Whoever has the best score wins and places all the top cards, including their own, to the bottom of their pile. They then chose the statistic for the next round.
2. If two or more cards share the same best score or data is not available (n/a), then all the cards are placed to one side and the same player choses again from their next card. The winner of this hand also takes the cards that were placed to one side.
3. The first player to win all 34 cards is the winner of the game.

face
miàn

FREQUENCY	96
NUMBER OF STROKES	9
WORDS	24
COMPONENT	1
PRONOUNCEABILITY	14

面 can mean face, side, aspect, surface, area, flour or noodle! It appears in far more words than characters and most of the words you'll find it in have something to do with one of its various definitions:

面目 appearance	面色 complexion
对面 opposite	前面 in front
上面 above	下面 below
里面 inside	外面 outside
面包 bread	面条 noodle

Categories explained:

Frequency: Highest statistic wins

Characters which appear most often have the highest frequency score. A score of 0 signifies that this character only ever appears as part of another character.

Highest score: 100

Number of strokes: Lowest statistic wins

Find out how many strokes it takes to write the character.

Lowest score: 1

Words: Highest statistic wins

How many 2, 3 or 4 character words does this appear in? The more words, the higher the score.

Highest score: 70

Component: Highest statistic wins

Characters can be built of between 1 and 6 components or parts. In how many characters does this appear as a component part?

Highest score: 100

Prononcibility: Highest statistic wins

How easy is the pinyin pronunciation? If a score isn't available (n/a), that's because you'll never need to know the pronunciation of this character because it's only ever used as part of another character.

Highest score: 20