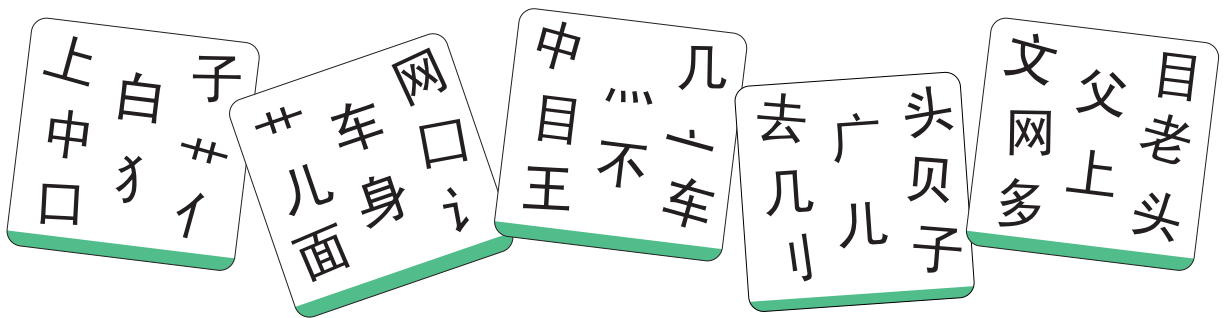# Kànkan看看

Instructions

In English, words are made up of letters. In Chinese, characters are made up of between 1 and 6 components (or parts) and learning to recognise the most commonly used character components can really help you learn to read and write Chinese.

This deck can be used to play 3 different games, all of which will familiarise you with the more angular shape of characters and encourage you to look at character components really carefully.
These character components all have a meaning in Chinese. Look below if you're curious to know what they mean.

Deck content:

55 cards

Game 1: Tǎ 塔 Tower

2-6 players

Aim:

Collect as many cards as you can by spotting the matching component between two cards.

Setup:

No need to shuffle this deck! Deal one card facedown to each player. Place the remaining cards faceup in the middle of the table to form the stack.

How to play:

1. Players simultaneously flip their cards faceup and try to find the one component that appears on both the stack and their own card.

2. As soon as they find the match, they point to the matching component on their card.

3. If players all agree this is a match, the winning player takes the centre card and puts it faceup on top of their first flipped card.

4. They now use their new top card to find a match with the new stack card.

5. Play continues until the stack runs out of cards.

6. The player with the most cards at the end is the winner.

Game 2: Jǐng 井 Well

Aim:

Be the first player to get rid of all your cards.

Setup:

Place a card faceup in the middle of the table and deal the rest of the deck out facedown among the players. These cards are the players personal stacks.

How to play:

1. Players simultaneously flip the top card of their stack and try to find a matching component with the card in the middle of the table.

2. The first player to find a match places their card faceup on top of the card in the middle of the table and players now try to find a match between this card and the card on the top of their personal stack.

3. Play continues until a player runs out of cards in their personal stack.

4. The winner is the first person to run out of cards.

Game 3: Sān 三 Three

2-6 players

Aim:

Collect as many cards as you can by spotting matching components between 3 cards.

Setup:

Place the cards facedown in a pile. Take the top 9 cards and place them in a grid with 3 rows of 3.

How to play:

1. Players all look at the cards and try to find a matching component on any 3 cards. As soon as a player has connected 3 cards with a matching component, they take the cards and replace them in the grid with 3 new cards from the stack.

2. Players then repeat this process until there are less than 9 cards left and the player who has collected the most cards is the winner.

Character components which appear on the cards:

口	kǒu	mouth	囗	wéi	enclosure
八	bā	eight	儿	ér	legs
几	jǐ	table	力	lì	power/strength
贝	bèi	shell	见	jiàn	to see
天	tiān	day/sky	禾	hé	grain
米	mǐ	rice	头	tóu	head
门	mén	gate	广	guǎng	shelter
中	zhōng	middle	虫	chóng	insect
王	wáng	king	子	zǐ	child/son
上	shàng	above	工	gōng	work/worker
日	rì	sun/day	白	bái	white
目	mù	eye	面	miàn	face/flour/noodles
多	duō	many	网	wǎng	net
父	fù	father	文	wén	language/writing
也	yě	also/too	去	qù	to go
不	bù	not/no	今	jīn	today
是	shì	is/are/am	早	zǎo	early/morning
车	chē	vehicle	气	qì	weather/gas/air
鼻	bí	nose	身	shēn	body
星	xīng	star	生	shēng	to be born
老	lǎo	old	灬	huǒ	fire
氵	shuǐ	water	冫	bīng	ice
辶	chuò	walk	讠	yán	speech
亻	rén	person	彳	chì	step
扌	shǒu	hand	犭	quǎn	animal
亠	tóu	lid	宀	mián	roof
艹	cǎo	grass	⺮	zhú	bamboo
忄	xīn	heart	刂	dāo	knife
饣	shí	eat/food			

Components in black can appear as standalone characters as well as component parts of other characters.