

Unit 5 homework sheet

1. Practise writing the character and the radical

Female radical	女	レ	女	女							
kǒu measure word	口	丨	冂	口							
gè measure word	个	ノ	人	个							
jiā family/home teulu/cartref	家	丶	丶	宀	宀	宀	宀	宀	宀	家	家

2. Translate the following sentences into English or Welsh.

nǐ jiā yǒu jǐ kǒu rén

1) 你家有几口人？

How many people do you have in your family?

wǒ jiā yǒu wǔ kǒu rén

2) 我家有五口人。

I have five people in my family.

tā yǒu yí ge gēge

3) 他有一个哥哥。

He has one big brother.

tā yǒu sān ge dìdì

4) 她有 三个弟弟。

She has three little brothers.

wǒ yǒu liǎng ge jiějie

5) 我有两 个姐姐。

I have two big sisters.

wǒ yǒu liǎng ge gēge hé sān ge dìdì

6) 他有 两个哥哥和三个弟弟。

I have two big brothers and three little brothers.

tā méi yǒu mèimei

7) 他没有 妹妹。

He does not have any little sisters.

3. Answer the following questions in pinyin or in Chinese character. Then recording yourself reading it afterwards.

- 你叫什么名字?

wǒ jiào Alex.

- 你是哪国人?

wǒ shì yīnggélán rén.

- 你多大?

wǒ èr shí liù suì.

- 你的生日是几月几号?

wǒ de shēngrì shì jiǔ yuè èr shí sān hào.

- 你家有几口人?

wǒ jiā yǒu sān kǒu rén. wǒ méiyǒu gēge, dìdì, jiějie, hé mèimei.

4. Cultural study

<https://youtu.be/raQWpGGeWOA>

Research questions:

1. Why is Confucius still relevant in today's world?
2. What influences did Confucius or Confucianism post upon Chinese Family Culture?
3. Is Chinese culture Confucian Culture?
4. Is Confucius a good educator?
5. Why did lots of Chinese emperors love Confucianism?

1. Confucius' sound bites of wisdom became China's handbook on government and its code of personal morality for thousands of years, and these ideals are still an influence in today's society. Confucianism teaches that a ruler should rule by virtue, but not by force, with a complete system established to constrain imperial power. With a practical philosophy focusing on the relationship between individual and society, Confucianism found its way deep into the hearts of the people.

2. The structure of Chinese society and its focus on rituals, familial respect and obligation, worship of ancestors, and self-discipline, remains greatly influenced by Confucius and his teachings.

3. Traditional Confucian culture is a common base of social culture in the mainland of China, Taiwan and Vietnam. It is a complex system of moral, social, political, and religious thought with regard to individual's relationships with others and appropriate conduct. It laid the foundation for much of Chinese culture. That being said, China is a multi-religious country. Taoism, Islam, Buddhism, Protestantism, and Catholicism have all grown into culture-shaping neighborhoods during Chinese history. Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism are considered as "three pillars" of ancient Chinese society. The majority of Buddhist believers are Han Chinese.

4. "A true teacher is one who, keeping the past alive, is also able to understand the present." "The Analects". Book by Confucius (Book Two, Section 2.11), Reviewing what you have learned and learning anew, you are fit to be a teacher. Based on this principle, I believe Confucius is a good educator because his views are somewhat relevant in today's society, in both Chinese and Western education systems. Teachers, especially those who are new to the practice, are constantly reflecting in order to improve every time they have to teach.

5. Filial Piety - Confucius maintained that there were five critical relationships in Chinese society. The Five Relationships were emperor and subject, father and son, husband and wife, elder brother and younger brother, and friend and friend. They play the role of maintaining harmony between people but also that certain values such as loyalty, trustworthiness and respecting elders were paramount. The main idea of Confucianism is the importance of having a good moral character, which can then affect the world around that person through the idea of "cosmic harmony." If the emperor has moral perfection, his rule will be peaceful and benevolent.