Topic: How children can better grasp the learning of Chinese



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Outline

1. Potential difficulties of learning Chinese.

- 2. How to tackle the learning difficulties?
- a. Principles of learning Chinese
- b. Ways of learning Chinese
 - Listening and Speaking
 - Reading and Writing

Potential difficulties of learning Chinese

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What is it?

Clues

- Do you know the meaning?
- Do you know how to read it?
- Do you know how to write it?

What do you need to learn?

- If you say you know the Chinese characters, you should know all three following aspects:
- 1. meaning
- 2. pronunciation
- 3. written form





1. Potential difficulties

- If you want to get help, either you ask (say it) or you show the word.
- If you don't know how to write it, you can't get help.
- If you don't know how to say it, you also can't get help.
- Results: When you get no help, you will start to feel hopeless...finally... you may give up

Help and Hope

- This is the dilemma you and your kids may face.
- Suggestions: Learn how to speak or recognize
 Chinese characters first
- Once you can speak or recognize those Chinese characters, you can get more help and learn more!

2a. How to tackle the learning difficulties?

Principle 1: Believe or not?

Learn → Practice (Use) → improve



2a. How to tackle the learning difficulties?

Principle 2: Live it

Learn and use it in your daily life



Set Lunch Specials

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| 星期一 | | 星期二 | | | 星期三 | | |
|-----|-------------------|--------|---|----------------------------|------|--------|------------|
| A. | 土魷馬蹄蒸肉餅飯 | A. | 蒜香南瓜蒸排骨飯 | | A. | 梅菜扣肉飯 | |
| B. | 白汁栗米魚扒飯 | В. | 菠蘿咕嚕雞球飯 | | B. | 冬瓜炆火腩飯 | |
| C. | 中式牛柳拼腸仔飯\$50 | C. | 豉汁煎釀: | B. Sweet and sour 粒蛋白炒飯 \$ | | | 粒蛋白炒飯 \$50 |
| D. | 菠蘿雞粒炒飯 | D. | か多キ chicken balls with pineapple served | | 茄雞扒飯 | | |
| E. | 燒鵝燻舞 D. Fried ric | e with | | | | 燒燒鴨飯 | |

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| A. | 梅子麵醬豆卜蒸排骨 |
| В. | 豉椒凉瓜牛肉飯 |
| C. | 黑椒汁豬手飯 \$50 |
| D. | 干炒雞絲烏冬 |
| E. | 燒肉咸蛋飯 |

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| A. | 梅菜蒸肉餅飯 |
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| B. | 西芹雞柳飯 |
| C. | 咖喱薯仔牛筋牛腩飯 \$50 |
| D. | 生炒蝦醬牛肉飯 |
| E. | 燻蹄切雞飯 |

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| 星期 | 星期六 | | | | |
|----|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| A. | 金針雲耳蒸雞飯 | | | | |
| В. | 洋蔥豬扒腸仔飯 | | | | |
| C. | 魚香茄子炆伊麵 \$50 | | | | |
| D. | 冰梅排骨飯 | | | | |
| E. | 招牌乳豬四寶飯 | | | | |

2a. How to tackle the learning difficulties?

Principle 3: With fun!

- Learn it with fun in different ways
- Games, songs, videos.....

Songs



Have fun!



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Learn → Practice (Use) → improve



- 1. Listening and Speaking
- Listening (input)
- Speaking (output)

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Mou Dak Ding

• It is a systematic way.....

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Listening and Speaking

Listening and Speaking



- 2. Reading and Writing
- Reading (input)
- Writing (output)

Kids' favourite



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHP7gIjxp7o

From watching to reading (1)



From watching to reading



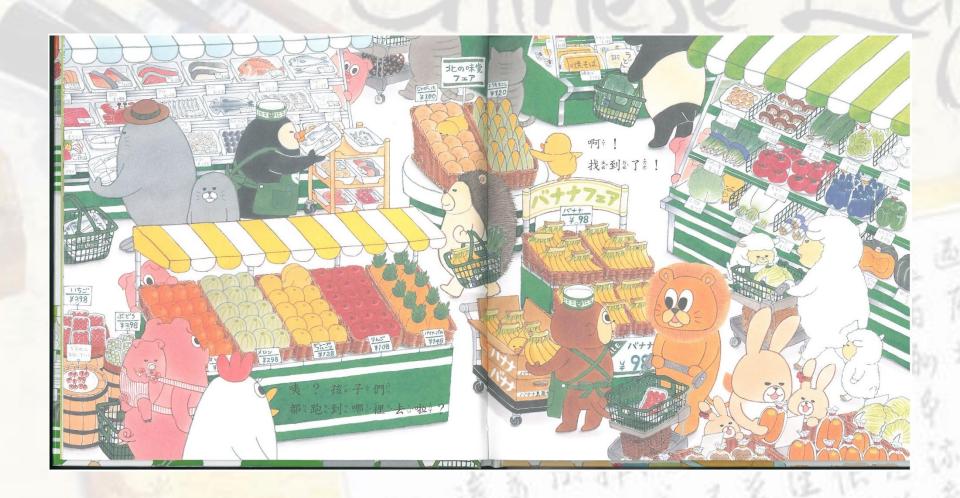
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From watching to reading (2)



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From watching to reading (2)



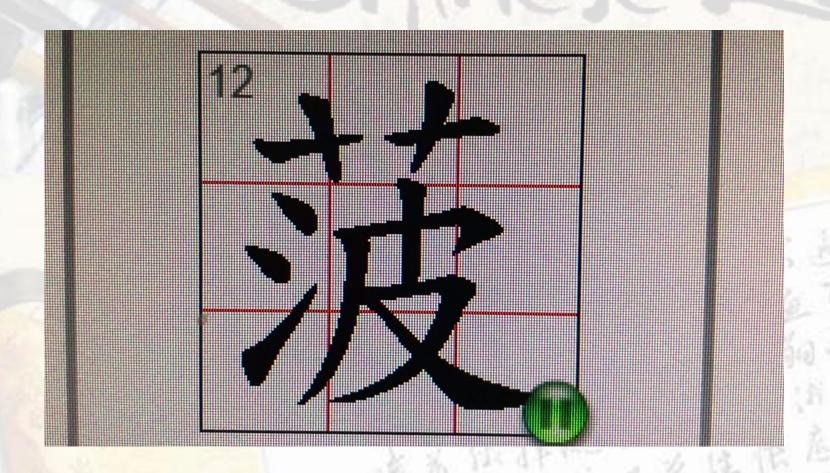
Writing

- Hong Kong Chinese Lexical Lists for Primary Learning (香港小學學習字詞表)
- https://www.edbchinese.hk/lexlist/

- Mobile application:
- Type or draw香港小學學習字



Stroke order



Recommendations

- Make use of IT (apps, youtube, websites.....)
- Let your kids learn with fun (games, cartoons, stories.....)
- Build up their Chinese learning on their strengths

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(Listening? Speaking? Reading? Writing?
Music? Drama?.....)
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The End Thank you!