

Ni hao! To learn how to write characters from memory, please do the following:

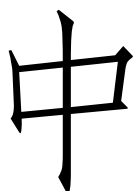
- 1) Get several sheets of scrap paper. Old newspaper is fine.
- 2) Practice writing one character several times. Count the strokes **OUT LOUD** as you write them (saying things out loud helps you remember them). Then say the word. (So for rén below, say, "1, 2, rén")
- 3) Try to come up with your own "story" to help you connect what the character means with how it looks.
- 4) Throw away all your scraps, find a blank piece of paper, and try to write the character from memory. If you can't, do Steps 2 and 3 again.
- 5) Instead of writing, some people prefer to trace the character strokes in the air with their finger. You can do this for practice, but just make sure you can write the character on paper.

 rén - person

Two strokes, one down to the left, one down to the right

A person taking a step forward?

A pair of legs?

 zhong – middle

Four strokes, three to make the box, and one to cut the box in half

A piece of chocolate cut down the middle?