Character Builder 您好 好

The basic unit of the Chinese language is the zi (字), i.e. a Chinese word. Each zi has a written form (called a character, made up of strokes), a sound (made up of consonant and vowel) and a meaning (or multiple meanings). When we speak or write Chinese, we string zi together to form terms, phrases and sentences.

This week: Words about swindlers

偽 means false: 偽造 (wei zao = false-make = fake), 偽裝 (wei zhuang = false-make-up = pretend/camouflage), 虛偽 (xu wei = pretend-false = pretentious/insincere).

Antique books/paintings may have 偽本 (wei ben = faked-editions/copies). 名牌 (ming pai = famous-brand = brand names) hate 偽冒 (wei mao = false-imitate = being pirated). 偽造證據 (wei zao zheng ju = false-make-proof-basis = faking evidence) is a crime. 偽君子 (wei jun zi = false-honorable-man = hypocrites) wear 偽善 (wei shan = false-good/kind) masks.


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