

4. Be a character detective

Chinese, Part 1: Greetings

► **Instructions:** For each character listed, write the components (up to three) that form part of the character, choosing from the table below.

character	pinyin	meaning	component 1	component 2	component 3
你	nǐ	you			
好	hǎo	good; well			
我	wǒ	I			
您	nín	you (polite)			
他	tā	he			
她	tā	she			
吗	ma	question word			
早	zǎo	morning			

Components

radical: a clue to the meaning	radical: a clue to the sound	character
亻 rén person	心 xīn heart	尔 ěr you
十 shí ten	马 mǎ horse	也 yě also
口 kǒu mouth		
女 nǚ woman		
子 zǐ son		
日 rì sun		
手 shǒu hand		
戈 gē spear		