

# 4. Be a character detective

Chinese, Part 2: Asking name and age

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

character	pinyin	meaning	component 1	component 2
大	dà	large / old		
几	jǐ	how many		
叫	jiào	be called		
多	duō	many / much		
岁	suì	years		
姓	xìng	family name		

Components		
radical: a clue to the meaning	radical: a clue to the sound	character
亻 rén person	心 xīn heart	尔 ěr you
口 kǒu mouth	王 wáng king; surname	卩 jiū to join
女 nǚ woman	夕 xī evening	山 shān mountain
子 zǐ son	几 jǐ table	
日 rì sun		
大 dà large / old		