

4. Be a character detective

Chinese, Part 3: Family members

► **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
她	tā	she		
姓	xìng	family name		
妈妈	māma	mum		
奶奶	nǎinai	grandmother		
姐姐	jiějie	older sister		
妹妹	mèimei	younger sister		
爸爸	bàba	father		
爷爷	yéye	grandfather		

Components

radical or character: a clue to the meaning			radical or character: a clue to the sound		
口	koǔ	mouth	心	xīn	heart
也	yě	also	乃	nǎi	be
女	nǚ	woman	马	mǎ	horse
子	zǐ	son	且	qiě	also
日	rì	sun	尸	jī	seal
父	fù	father	巴	bā	hope
			未	wèi	not yet
			生	shēng	life

