

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
十	shí	ten	马	mǎ	horse
口	koǔ	mouth			
女	nǚ	woman			
子	zǐ	son			
日	rì	sun			
手	shǒu	hand			
戈	gē	spear			
尔	ěr	you			
也	yě	also			