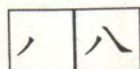




bā

(eight)



“八”字笔划较少，以前用它表示把东西分为两份，所以有“分开”或“分别”的意思。后来“分开”这个意思被用作数字的“八”取代了，这个数字便一直沿用至今。“八”也可做部首，以“八”为部首的字多数包含“分开”的意思。

The character 八 seems very simple. Yet, it is a combined representation which shows one thing being divided or parted into two halves. So originally 八 meant “divide” or “part”. But later the meaning of “divide” was completely lost. 八 came to mean the number “eight”, which has nothing to do with the original meaning. 八 is also a radical. Most Chinese characters formed with 八 have something to do with the meaning of “divide”.

**【部首】** Radical 八(eight)

**【同部首字】** Characters under the radical

兵(soldier), 典(standard)

**【词语】** Words and phrases

八成	bāchéng	eighty percent
八度	bādù	octave
八方	bāfāng	the eight points of the compass; all directions
八卦	bāguà	the “Eight Diagrams” (eight combinations of three whole or broken lines formerly used in divination)









# 白

bái

(white)

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在象形字里，(白)看上去有一个光环正围绕着一团熊熊烈火，给人光亮的感觉，后来它还带有“清澈”、“清晰”、“清楚”的意义。

The original meaning of 白 is brightness. In the oracle bones, it is a picture of a fire burning with a bright ring surrounding it. Later it evolved to mean “clarity” or “clearness”.

【部首】 Radical      白(white)

【同部首字】 Characters under the radical

皇(imperial), 的(a particle), 皎(clear and bright)

【词语】 Words and phrases

白菜	báicài	Chinese cabbage
白痴	báichī	idiocy
白饭	báifàn	plain cooked rice
白费	báifèi	waste
白宫	báigōng	the White House
白色	báisè	white (colour)
白天	báitiān	daytime; day
白银	báiyín	silver