

Writing with Symbols

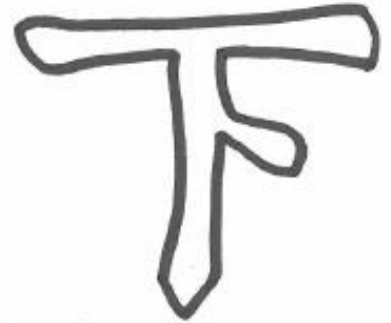
Chinese characters aren't as strange and complicated as they might first appear. The first characters started as pictures. As time went on they have been simplified.



shān – mountain



shàng – above



xià – below



mù – wood



yuè – month/moon



tǔ – soil



shuǐ – water

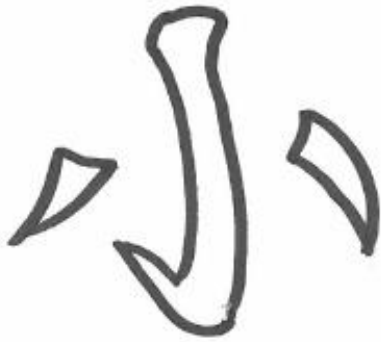


tián – field



tiān – sky/day

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xiǎo – small



dā – big



niú – ox



yáng – sheep/goat



māo – cat



gǒu – dog



mǎ – horse



rén – person/people



cóng – from/follow